

PHBA NATIONAL DIRECTORS ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES APRIL 10, 2021

A meeting of the PHBA National Board of Directors was held on Saturday, April 10, 2021 at the Marriott Southern Hills Hotel in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The meeting was called to order at 8:09 by President Lowanda McDowell. She asked that the members observe a moment of silence in memory of the members lost in the past two years. Ken McDowell gave the Invocation. Butch Watson will serve as the Parliamentarian.

Roll call attendance sheets were to be completed by each APA in attendance. Each National Director present signed the sheet. Completed sheets were turned in to Terri Green. A quorum was established.

President Lowanda McDowell brought the Minutes from the March 16, 2019 National Board of Directors meeting to the table for approval. Thomas Coon made a Motion to Approve the Minutes. Motion was seconded by Bill Parker and passed.

President Lowanda McDowell asked Mimsi Coon, Treasurer to give the Financial Report. She gave highlights in all areas for the year. Her full written report will follow the Minutes in the next Convention Book.

President McDowell asked each committee Chairperson to give their Committee Report.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

APA & Membership: Martha Hoff, Chairperson of the Committee, read the report and moved that the report be received by the National Board of Directors. Motion seconded and passed.

Amateur Committee: Marleen Cowie, Chairperson of the Committee, read the report and moved that the report be received by the National Board of Directors. Motion was seconded and passed.

Benefit Auction: Debbie Wall, Chairperson of the Committee, read the report and moved that the report be received by the National Board of Directors. Motion was seconded and passed.

By-Laws & General Rules: Patria Maulden, Chairperson of the Committee, read the report and moved that the report be received by the National Board of Directors. Motion was seconded and passed.

Financial Management & Resources: Bill Parker, Chairperson of the Committee, read the report and moved that the report be received by the National Board of Directors. Motion was seconded and passed.

Hall of Fame: Vicki Parker, Chairperson of the Committee, read the report and moved that the report be received by the National Board of Directors. Motion was seconded and passed.

Judges: Mary Ann Fielitz, Vice Chairperson of the Committee, read the report and moved that the report be received by the National Board of Directors. Motion was seconded and passed. 4 new judges were Approved for 2021.

Marketing & Public Relations: Diane Kutz, Chairperson of the Committee, read the report and moved that the report be received by the National Board of Directors. Motion was seconded and passed.

Nominating: Vicki Parker, Chairperson of the Committee, read the report and moved that the report be received by the National Board of Directors. Motion was seconded and passed.

Chairperson Vicki Parker presented the Nominating Committee's slate of officers for 2021-2022. They are as follows:

President	Mimsi Coon	Seconded and passed
President Elect	Tom Craun	Seconded and passed
Vice President	Dave Remus	Seconded and passed
Vice President	Gene Ray Stewart	Seconded and passed
Secretary/Treasurer	Lynn Rohwedder	Seconded and passed

Mary Ann Fielitz announced the judges committee had no vacancies or turnover at this time.

P3 (Palomino Performance Program): Amanda Victor, Chairperson of the Committee read the report and moved that the report be received by the National Board of Directors. Motion was seconded and passed.

Professional Horseman/Trainers Crisis Fund: Steve Tidwell, Chairperson of the Committee read the report and moved that the report be received by the National Board of Directors. Motion was seconded and passed.

Public Policy & Animal Welfare: Lynn Rohwedder, Chairperson of the Committee read the report and moved that the report be received by the National Board of Directors. Motion was seconded and passed.

Recreational Riding Programs: Helen Bryson, Chairperson of the Committee read the report and moved that the report be received by the National Board of Directors. Motion was seconded and passed.

Registrations/Transfer/Breeders: Bill Parker, Chairperson of the Committee read the report and moved that the report be received by the National Board of Directors. Motion was seconded and passed.

Show Management Seminar & Web/Computer: Debbie Wall, Chairperson of the Committee read the report and moved that the report be received by the National Board of Directors. Motion was seconded and passed.

Show Rules: Bev Armstrong, Chairperson of the Committee read the report and moved that the report be received by the National Board of Directors. Motion was seconded and passed.

Working Horse and Ranch Versatility: Gene Ray Stewart, EB liason of the Committee read the report and moved that the report be received by the National Board of Directors. Motion was seconded and passed.

World Championship Horse Show Advisory: Mary Ann Fielitz, Chairperson of the Committee read the report and moved that the report be received by the National Board of Directors. Motion was seconded and passed.

Youth Committee: Tia Koehler, Chairperson of the Committee read the report and moved that the report be received by the National Board of Directors. Motion was seconded and passed.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Handbook Review: Bev Armstrong, Chairperson of the Committee read the report and moved that the report be received by the National Board of Directors. Motion was seconded and passed.

Long Range Planning: Vicki Parker, Chairperson of the Committee read the report and moved that the report be received by the National Board of Directors. Motion was seconded and passed.

Palomino Bred: Shawn Budke, Chairperson of the Committee read the report and moved that the report be received by the National Board of Directors. Motion was seconded and passed.

RELATED ASSOCIATIONS REPORTS

PHBA Youth Association: Jenna Glidden, Youth President read the report and moved that the report be received by the National Board of Directors. Motion was seconded and passed.

PHBA Amateur Association: Marleen Cowie, Amateur President read the report and moved that the report be received by the National Board of Directors. Motion was seconded and passed.

Challenged Rider Program: Debbie Wall, Secretary/Treasurer of the Committee read the report and moved that the report be received by the National Board of Directors. Motion was seconded and passed.

PHB Heritage Foundation: Floyd Branson, Vice President of the Committee read the report and moved that the report be received by the National Board of Directors. Motion was seconded and passed.

Youth Scholarship & Education Fund: Shelly Rystrom, Secretary of the Committee read the report and moved that the report be received by the National Board of Directors. Motion was seconded and passed.

President Lowanda McDowell announced that the Committee and Association Reports were complete. The next order of business will be for the National Board of Directors to vote on the proposed rule changes for 2019 & 2020. Each Committee will present the rule change proposals voted on by their Committee and give their Committee's recommendation.

A brief break was taken before resuming with Committee Reports being read.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by
Amanda Hersom Recording Secretary

RULE CHANGE SUMMARY

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 7

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 4. In addition to those elected officers set forth in Section 3 of this Article 7 along with the three (3) Presidential Appointees, the current Amateur Board President shall have a seat on the Executive Board. If for any reason the Amateur President is unable to sit on the Executive Board, the Immediate Past President shall fill the seat designated for the Amateur Board President.

- **Committee: Rejected**
- **National Directors: Rejected**

ARTICLE 8

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 9. The elected officers, President, President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, ~~and~~ Immediate Past President, ~~and~~ three presidential appointed members along with the current Amateur Board President shall constitute the Executive Board of PHBA.

Section 9A. The Amateur Board President shall consecutively serve as Amateur Board President and fill the Amateur Board seat on the Executive board as a member of the Executive Board. The Amateur Board President shall act as the voice of the Amateurs within PHBA and shall represent the amateur's position on matters before the Executive Board.

- **Committee: Rejected**
- **National Directors: Rejected**

GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

AMENDING REGISTRATION AND STANDING RULES

31. Amending Rules by Executive Board. The rules and regulations, except those pertaining to By-laws and Constitution and those pertaining to registration of horses, may be amended at any time by change, addition, or repeal, by majority vote of the Executive Board, but only after the proposed changes shall have been submitted to an appropriate committee. This limitation may be waived by the Executive Board upon finding extraordinary circumstances which:

A. Concerns the safety, health or well-being of a horse and/or rider;

B. Materially benefits PHBA's programs or its financial stability, or;

C. Involves other compelling circumstances.

- **Committee: Accepted the amendment; accepted the amended proposal**
- **National Directors: Accepted amended proposal**

AMATEUR ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 3

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 3. National Directors. The PHBA-A Board of Directors shall consist of those members of PHBA-A delegated as National Directors by the APA-As.

A. Only states and provinces having APA-As will be entitled to elect National Directors and an equal number of Alternate National Directors.

B. A person may serve as a National or Alternate National Director for only (1) APA-A.

C. All Past Presidents shall have lifetime tenure on the Amateur Board of Directors as Directors at large.

D. Amateur Board members will not be included in the APA-A National Director allotment.

- **Committee: Accept**
- **National Directors: Tabled**

ARTICLE 6

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. Officers. The officers of PHBA-A shall be a President, President-Elect, two (2) Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Correspondent Reporter, and Immediate Past President.

- **Committee: Accept**
- **National Directors: Accept**

Section 2. Duties.

F. Reporter. ~~The Reporter shall maintain a scrapbook of all the activities of PHBA A. The Reporter shall have and perform such duties, authorities, and responsibilities as may be prescribed from time to time by the Amateur Board of Directors or the Amateur President.~~ Multi Media/Public Relations Correspondent. The Correspondent shall maintain communication and be vigilant of the amateur social media platforms, along with any other forms of communications concerning the Amateur Association. To communicate and document the activities and events of the Amateur Association to its membership and vice versa. To bring membership questions on social media to the attention of the Amateur Executive Board. The Correspondent shall have and perform such duties, authorities, and responsibilities as may be prescribed from time to time by the Amateur Board of Directors or the Amateur President.

- **Committee: Accepted the amendment; accepted the amended proposal**
- **National Directors: Accepted amended proposal**

Section 7. Vacancies in Office. Any vacancy on the Amateur Executive Board shall be filled by appointment by the Amateur President and approved by the other members of the Amateur Executive Board.

A. Amateur Executive Board members missing two (2) or more consecutive or intermittent meetings, face to face and/or tele conference, without prior notification, shall be removed from the Board for the balance of that term year, except where excused for just cause.

- **Committee: Accept**
- **National Directors: Accept**

Section 8. The officers included in Section 2 A-H above are subject to the same disciplinary procedures for all members and non-members.

- **Committee: Accept**
- **National Directors: Accept**

PHBA REGISTRATION & TRANSFER RULES

QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION

MARKINGS

512. WHITE MARKINGS.

A. Palomino Horses may have any white markings and be eligible for registration provided the white markings and pink skin underlying the white markings do not extend beyond the lines described as follows:

- ~~1) A line parallel with the ground drawn around the front leg at the point of the elbow.~~
- ~~2) A line parallel with the ground drawn around the gaskin on the hind legs.~~
- ~~3) A line around the horse's neck immediately behind the poll and through the midpoint of the throat latch;~~
- ~~4) Within an area described as cumulative four inch spot on either side of the ventral midline, beginning at the point midway between the front legs and extending to, and including the sheath and udder;~~

~~5) Additionally, there is allowed areas of white marking with underlying light skin, such that it can be completely covered with a disk four inch in diameter, either free standing, or being a portion of white marking extending past the above prescribed lines. B. When a registration application shows the horse to be registered which has white markings beyond the prescribed lines, excessive white markings or white spot or spots, pictures of the horse shall be required and the horse may be inspected before its eligibility is determined and the application is processed.~~

~~C. The registration certificate of any horse having white markings beyond the prescribed lines, excessive white markings, or spot(s) may be subject to cancellation where the registration application fails to indicate or misrepresents the horse's actual markings.~~

~~D. Once registered, should a horse develop such marking conditions, the registration may be revoked. In determining eligibility for registration or revocation of registration, the burden lies with the registration applicant. Absence of reproductive capabilities as a gelding or a spayed mare shall not lessen the standard by which the horse's markings are evaluated. Areas of white, pink, or mottled skin located on the horse's genitalia, including the sheath or udder, in the axillary region (armpits), or inside the hind legs including the inner surface of the hindquarters up to and including the ventral surface of the tail and which are not readily visible when the horse is in a standing position are not considered white markings as described in (A) above.~~

~~E. No horse is eligible for regular registration which possesses all three characteristics: light (or pink) skin over the body; white or cream-colored hair over the body; and eyes of a blush cast.~~

~~**513. MISREPRESENTATION OF WHITE MARKINGS.** The registration of any horse having white markings beyond the prescribed lines shall be subject to cancellation if the registration application or any other registration documentation fails to indicate, or misrepresents, the horse's actual markings.~~

~~Eligible White Markings All Sexes~~

~~This diagram is an approximate illustration of eligible white markings, according to the Association's rule. The actual provisions of the rule take precedence in its effect on a particular registration matter, as conformation of a particular horse does not, in each case, coincide with the dimensions of this diagram.~~

- ~~• Committee: Rejected~~
- ~~• National Directors: Rejected~~

ELIGIBLE HORSES

521. PHBA recognizes the following breed registries, relative to the registration of Palomino horses. Horses registered in these associations must meet the appropriate qualifications including but not limited to body coat, skin, mane, and tail, ~~and white markings~~ as stated elsewhere in the Registration and Transfer Rules.

- Committee: No Action**
- National Directors: No Action**

PHOTOGRAPHS

557. Photographs

A. Current color photographs are required by PHBA. Photographs should include one of each side showing body, head and all of the legs, a direct face view showing front of body and all of the front legs, rear view showing body and all of the two hind legs;

B. Additional photographs may be requested ~~submitted to show the horse's head only if white markings could be questionable;~~

C. PHBA may require the horse to be clipped or wet down with water to determine the white markings in the photographs;

~~**D.** Photographs may need to include the PHBA color circle which is available from PHBA;~~

- Committee: No Action**
- National Directors: No Action**

~~GELDINGS OR SPAYED MARES COLOR~~ UNREGISTERED PALOMINO COLORED HORSES (COWIE PROPOSAL)

545. If a Palomino horse is not eligible for registration with one of the recognized breed associations listed above, it may be considered for registration strictly on color characteristics for the body, skin, eyes, markings and mane and tail.

546. The ancestry or bloodline of these horses will not be shown on the registration certificate, unless it can be verified in fact. Methods of verifying facts should include, but not be limited to, recognized breed breeder certificates, stallion breeding reports, and methods through genetic testing via PHBA recognized laboratories.

A. Any resulting offspring, other than palomino in color, are not eligible for registry in the Palomino Bred program, unless parentage can be verified in fact by methods listed above.

547. Its sire or dam is pinto or cremello or perlino may be registered. Pedigree on the certificate of registration will reflect only recognized breed associations sires and dams, if it can be verified in fact.

548. The owner must ~~supply~~ submit

A. Four (4) color photographs (front, back, and each side of the horse). These pictures become the property of PHBA.

B. A written letter, or electronic transmission, from a licensed veterinarian on their official letterhead, stating proof of age, sex, and current ownership. Must be submitted at time of application and signed by submitting veterinarian.

549. PHBA reserves the right to require the horse pass inspection and/or DNA type prior to registration.

550. All documents, specimens, photographs, etc. become property of PHBA.

- **Committee: Accept**
- **National Directors: Accept**

GELDINGS OR ~~SPAYED~~ MARES COLOR (PARKER PROPOSAL)

545. If a Palomino horse is not eligible for registration with one of the recognized breed associations listed above, it may be considered for registration strictly on color characteristics for the body, skin, eyes, markings and mane and tail.

546. The ancestry or bloodline of these horses will not be shown on the registration certificate, unless it can be verified in fact. Methods of verifying facts should include, but not be limited to, breeder certificates, stallion breeding reports, and methods through genetic testing via PHBA recognized laboratories.

547. Its sire or dam is pinto or cremello or perlino may be registered. Pedigree on the certificate of registration will reflect only recognized breed associations sires and dams, if it can be verified in fact.

548. The owner must supply four (4) color photographs (front, back, and each side of the horse). These pictures become the property of PHBA.

549. PHBA reserves the right to require the horse pass inspection and/or DNA type prior to registration.

550. All documents, specimens, photographs, etc. become property of PHBA.

- **Committee: No Action**
- **National Directors: No Action**

PALOMINO BRED

551. Palomino Bred (PB) is a horse of any color and may exhibit any characteristics (such as, but not limited to, Paint, Appaloosa), that cannot meet the PHBA registration guidelines as stated in the current year PHBA Official Handbook, rules 503-512. A PB must also be produced from the breeding of at least one PHBA registered parent (not including the PB registry), and the other parent is required to be from the list of PHBA recognized breed registries.

A. Offspring from an unregistered (not registered with a recognized breed association) PHBA parent, are not eligible for registry in the Palomino Bred registry, unless parentage can be verified in fact by listed above by Rule

546. (COWIE PROPOSAL)

- **Committee: Accepted the amendment; accepted the amended proposal**

- **National Directors: Accepted amended proposal**

Proposed rule addition either rule 551A or 554C (S. RYSTROM PROPOSAL)

Palomino Bred Additional Eligible Horses. Horses with a Palomino base coat and other qualifying characteristics as required in Rule(s) 503-506 but are ineligible for regular registration due to excessive body white as outlined in Rule(s) 503. B 3 and Rule 512 A-D may be eligible for Palomino Bred registration under this clause, regardless of sire/dam color when both sire and dam are ineligible for regular registry. Registration requirements for Additional Eligible Palomino Bred registry that must be met are Rule(s) 521, 552, 553, 555 and 556.

- **Committee: Accepted**
- **National Directors: Accepted**

TITLES AND AWARDS

PHBA SUPREME CHAMPION

1031. The title PHBA Supreme Champion is hereby, from this date and in the future, reserved by PHBA for its express use and shall be awarded to PHBA registered horse which meet the designated requirements. Proper notation shall be made in the records of PHBA.

1032. At such time as any horse meets the point requirements for the PHBA Supreme Champion title, a special and proper award shall be prepared and presented to the owner of said horse at the next PHBA National Convention.

1033. The title of PHBA Supreme Champion will be awarded providing said horse has earned a minimum of two hundred and ninety (290) PHBA points in halter, color, performance, and racing.

1034. At least ~~twenty (20)~~ thirty (30) of these points must have been earned in halter classes, other than Color, at Class "A" shows.

~~1035. The horse must have won at least two (2) Grand Championships at Class "A" shows.~~

1036. At least ~~twenty (20)~~ thirty (30) of these points must have been earned in color classes, with a minimum of ten (10) points earned in Class "A" shows.

~~1037. The horse must have two (2) color class wins at Class "A" shows.~~

- **Committee: Rejected**
- **National Directors: Rejected**

1021 C. PHBA will prepare a special award and it will be presented to the owner of said horse, at the next annual meeting of PHBA to those horses earning the most points in one calendar year in the following categories:

High Point Horse. The horse earning the most total open points.

Reserve High Point Horse. The second highest point earning horse.

High Point Performance Horse. The horse earning the most total open performance points. The performance horse must show in five (5) classes and at least 3 of the following categories earning a minimum of fifty (50) points in three (3) categories to qualify for high point performance horse.

Category I – Color, Halter

Category II – Trail, Western Pleasure, Ranch Riding

Category III – Hunter Under Saddle, Pleasure Driving, Road Hack

Category IV – Ranch Horse, Reining, Western Riding

Category V – Barrel Racing, Flag Race, Pole Bending

High Point Color/Halter Horse. The horse winning the most halter and color points.

High Point Stallion. The stallion earning the most total open points.

High Point Mare. The mare earning the most total open points.

High Point Gelding. The gelding earning the most total open points.

1203. Points earned in amateur, novice amateur, amateur select or amateur walk trot classes will be tabulated toward each respective division's awards. Points earned in Amateur or Amateur Select classes can be designated by the Amateur/Amateur Select as to where the points for that calendar year are placed.

A) This designation must remain in place for the entire calendar year.

B) This designation must be received in the PHBA Office by January 1st each year.

C) If designation is signed, an Amateur Select cannot earn points in both divisions in the same class at the same show.

- **Sent to committee is 2019**
- **Died in Committee**

1211. The year end high point and reserve high point overall amateurs, earning the most amateur points in one calendar year, shall receive an award at the next PHBA National Convention.

A. High Point Amateur horses must show in five (5) classes and at least 3 of the following categories earning a minimum of fifty (50) points in three (3) categories to qualify for high point amateur award.

1) Category I – Color, Halter, Showmanship

2) Category II – Trail, Western Pleasure, Ranch Riding

3) Category III – Hunter Under Saddle, Pleasure Driving, Road Hack, Hunt Seat Equitation

4) Category IV – Western Horsemanship, Ranch Horse, Reining, Western Riding

5) Category V – Barrel Racing, Flag Race, Pole Bending, Stake Race

1265 E. The year end high point overall amateur select and horse earning the most amateur select points in one calendar year, shall receive an award at the next PHBA National Convention.

A. High point amateur select are to receive the same award as high point amateur. B. Reserve high point amateur select are to receive the same award as reserve high point amateur.

C. Points earned in amateur halter and amateur color shall count toward these awards provided that the amateur has earned at least fifty (50) points in two (2) or more amateur select performance events.

D. The top ten year end high point amateur select and horse earning the most amateur select points in one calendar year, given honorable mention in the Amateur Issue of *Palomino Horses Magazine* and/or the PHBA website.

E. High Point Amateur Select horses must show in five (5) classes and at least 3 of the following categories earning a minimum of fifty (50) points in three (3) categories to qualify for high point amateur select award.

1) Category I – Color, Halter, Showmanship

2) Category II – Trail, Western Pleasure, Ranch Riding

3) Category III – Hunter Under Saddle, Road Hack, Hunt Seat Equitation

4) Category IV – Western Horsemanship, Ranch Horse, Reining, Western Riding

5) Category V – Barrel Racing, Flag Race, Pole Bending, Stake Race

1283 A. The year end high point overall amateur and horse earning the most amateur walk-trot points in one calendar year, shall receive an award at the next PHBA National Convention.

A. High Point amateur Walk-trot horses must show in three (3) classes and at least two (2) of the following categories earning a minimum of twenty (20) points in two (2) categories to qualify for high point amateur select award.

1) Category I – Color, Halter, Showmanship

2) Category II – Trail, Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship

3) Category III – Hunter Under Saddle, Hunt Seat Equitation

1305 A. The year end high point overall novice amateur and horse earning the most novice amateur points in one calendar year, shall receive an award at the next PHBA National Convention.

A. High Point Novice Amateur horses must show in five (5) classes and at least 3 of the following categories earning a minimum of fifty (50) points in three (3) categories to qualify for high point novice amateur award.

- 1) Category I – Color, Halter, Showmanship
- 2) Category II – Trail, Western Pleasure, Ranch Riding
- 3) Category III – Hunter Under Saddle, Road Hack, Hunt Seat Equitation
- 4) Category IV – Western Horsemanship, Ranch Horse, Reining, Western Riding
- 5) Category V – Barrel Racing, Flag Race, Pole Bending, Stake Race

1407 C. The year end high point overall youth earning the most youth points in one calendar year, shall receive an award at the next PHBA Youth Association National Convention in the following categories:

A. High Point Youth 13 & under,

B. High Point Youth 14-18,

C. High Point youth horse must show in five (5) classes and at least 3 of the following categories earning a minimum of fifty (50) points in three (3) categories to qualify for high point youth award.

- 1) Category I – Color, Halter, Showmanship
- 2) Category II – Trail, Western Pleasure, Ranch Riding
- 3) Category III – Hunter Under Saddle, Road Hack, Hunt Seat Equitation
- 4) Category IV – Western Horsemanship, Ranch Horse, Reining, Western Riding
- 5) Category V – Barrel Racing, Flag Race, Pole Bending, Stake Race

1450 A. PHBA will recognize annually the Youth Walk-Trot Honor Roll Horse, earning the most youth walk trot points in one calendar year in each of the Stock Type and Pleasure Type division classes.

A. High Point youth walk-trot horses must show in three (3) classes and at least two (2) of the following categories earning a minimum of twenty (20) points in two (2) categories to qualify for high point amateur select award.

- 1) Category I – Color, Halter, Showmanship
- 2) Category II – Trail, Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship
- 3) Category III – Hunter Under Saddle, Hunt Seat Equitation

1474 A. PHBA will recognize annually Novice Youth Honor Roll Horse, earning the most points in one calendar year in novice youth classes in each of the Stock Type and Pleasure Type division classes.

A. High Point youth horse must show in five (5) classes and at least 3 of the following categories earning a minimum of fifty (50) points in three (3) categories to qualify for high point youth award.

- 1) Category I – Color, Halter, Showmanship
- 2) Category II – Trail, Western Pleasure, Ranch Riding
- 3) Category III – Hunter Under Saddle, Road Hack, Hunt Seat Equitation
- 4) Category IV – Western Horsemanship, Ranch Horse, Reining, Western Riding
- 5) Category V – Barrel Racing, Flag Race, Pole Bending, Stake Race

- **Postponed definitely in 2019**
- **National Directors: Died**

MEDICATIONS; ARTIFICIAL APPLIANCE; HUMANE TREATMENT

THERAPEUTIC MEDICATION ADDENDUM (DOES NOT APPLY IF PROHIBITED BY GOVERNMENTAL REGULATIONS)

2526. Forbidden drugs or substances:

A. Any drug or substance considered a Class I or Class II substance as defined in the ARCI's Uniform Classification Guidelines for Foreign Substances, Revised Edition, February 14, 1995. Any product that contains an ingredient or is a drug which might affect the performance of a horse as a stimulant, depressant, tranquilizer, analgesic, local anesthetic or psychotropic (mood and/or behavior altering) substance. Stimulants and depressants are defined as substances that stimulate or depress the cardiovascular, respiratory or central nervous system.

~~B. Any stimulant, depressant, tranquilizer, or sedative which could affect the performance of a horse (stimulants and depressants are defined as substances which stimulate or depress the cardiovascular, respiratory or central nervous system).~~

~~C. Any substance, regardless of how harmless or innocuous it might be, which might interfere with the detection or quantitation of any substance defined in A, B or C with drug testing procedures.~~

~~D. Any anabolic steroid in halter classes, **Rule 2527** does not apply.~~

~~E. Any non steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) other than those listed in **Rule 2528 C 1-8** below allowed by PHBA at the proper therapeutic dosage as contained in these Guidelines.~~

~~F. Clenbuterol~~

~~G. Albuterol~~

~~H. Any metabolic and/or analog of any of the above described forbidden drugs or substance~~

~~**2528. C 8) Eltenac** (an NSAID) (PENDING FDA APPROVAL — SEE BELOW) The maximum permitted plasma concentration of Firocoxib (Equioxx) is 0.240 micrograms per milliliter. Guidelines: When Eltenac is administered, the dose should be accurately calculated according to the actual weight of the animal. Each 24 hours, not more than 0.25 milligram per pound of body weight should be administered, preferably less. For a 1,000 pound animal, the maximum daily dose is 250 milligrams, which equals 5.0 cc of the injectable (50 milligrams per milliliter). No part of a dose should be administered during the 12 hours prior to competing. Eltenac should not be administered for more than five successive days. ELTENAC HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR USE PENDING FDA APPROVAL. THIS MEDICATION MAY NOT BE USED UNTIL PHBA HAS NOTIFIED MEMBERS AND EXHIBITORS OF THE FDA APPROVAL. PLEASE WATCH FOR STATEMENTS IN PHBA'S PUBLICATIONS AND ON PHBA'S WEB SITE AT WWW.PALOMINOHBA.COM~~

~~**2528 C 13. Methocarbamol** - The maximum permitted plasma concentration of methocarbamol is 0.5 micrograms per milliliter. Guidelines: Whenever methocarbamol is administered, the dose should be accurately calculated according to the actual weight of the horse. Each 24 hours, not more than 5.0 mg per pound of body weight should be administered, preferably less. For a 1000 pound animal, the maximum dose each 24 hours is 5.0 grams, which equals ten 500 milligram tablets or 50 cc of the injectable (100 milligrams per milliliter). No dose should be administered during the 24 hours immediately following the prior dose. No part of a dose should be administered during the 12 hours prior to competing. Any medicated feed must be consumed and/or removed at least 12 hours prior to competing. Methocarbamol should not be administered for more than five successive days.~~

PROHIBITED MEDICATION, DRUG AND SUBSTANCE RULE VIOLATIONS AND DISCIPLINE

Any laboratory report resulting from random testing conducted by the PHBA that indicates the presence of any prohibited substance, the presence of any permitted medication in levels that exceed those allowed under these rules and guidelines or the presence of more than one NSAID, all of which are violations of these medications rules, will constitute prima facie evidence that the substance(s) was administered to the horse either internally or externally in violation of the PHBA medications rules.

If it is determined that the use of any drug or medication was not allowed by the medications rules or was not within the guidelines in the PHBA Rulebook, the responsible party or parties will be subject to disciplinary action. The initial determination of whether a medication rule violation has occurred will be based upon the laboratory results.

The following disciplinary actions may be considered by PHBA, or PHBA Executive Committee in addressing a violation of the medications rules. The following are general guidelines only. The PHBA Executive Committee may assess discipline (including fines, probations and suspensions) that is equal to, less than or greater than the discipline provided in the following guidelines based upon the nature of the violation and the severity of the circumstances presented in each case. The horse may also be disqualified from all classes in which it participated at the show for any violation of the medications rules. If disqualified, all awards and monies must be returned.

Category I - overages of a permitted medication or the presence of more than one NSAID

- First offense for overage of one permitted medication - \$500 fine; DQ

- First offense for more than one NSAID (if each NSAID is within allowed therapeutic levels - \$1,000 fine; DQ; 60 day probation

- Second offense – \$2,500 fine; DQ; 60 day suspension

- Third offense - \$5,000 fine; DQ; 6 month suspension

- If do not commit a violation for 24 months, violation slate is wiped clean

- Hearing Committee may assess discipline (including fines, probations and suspensions) that is equal to, less than or greater than the above disciplinary actions

Category II - Failure to Timely File Required Medication Reports For Conditionally Permitted Therapeutic Medication if Lab Results and Scenario Presented SUPPORT Legitimate Therapeutic Use

- First offense – warning/reprimand

- Second offense – \$1,000 fine; DQ; 60 day suspension

- Third offense – \$2,000 fine; DQ; 6 month suspension

- Violations do not count as first, second or third offenses for other Categories

- If do not commit a violation for 24 months, violation slate is wiped clean

- Hearing Committee may assess discipline (including fines, probations and suspensions) that is equal to, less than or greater than the above disciplinary actions

Category III - Failure to Timely File Required Medication Reports For Conditionally Permitted Therapeutic Medication if Lab Results and Scenario Presented DO NOT Support Legitimate Therapeutic Use

- First offense – \$1,000 fine; DQ; 60 day suspension

- Second offense – \$3,000 fine; DQ; 180 day suspension

- Third offense – \$5,000 fine; DQ; 1 year suspension

- Violations do count as first, second or third offenses for other Categories

- Offenses for use of a prohibited substance do not expire like those described in Categories I and II above and shall permanently remain on the responsible parties' record.

- Hearing Committee may assess discipline (including fines, probations and suspensions) that is equal to, less than or greater than the above disciplinary actions

Category IV - Prohibited

- First offense – \$2,500 fine; DQ; 3 month suspension

- Second offense – \$5,000 fine; 1 year suspension

- Subsequent offenses – \$10,000 fine; DQ; 5 year suspension;

- Hearing Committee may assess discipline (including fines, probations and suspensions) that is equal to, less than or greater than the above disciplinary actions

- Offenses for use of a prohibited substance do not expire like those described in Categories I and II above and shall permanently remain on the responsible parties' record.

- **Committee: Accept**

- **National Directors: Accept**

ANIMAL WELFARE & HUMANE TREATMENT

2993. Inhumane treatment of any horse (whether registered with PHBA or not) or any other animal on the grounds is strictly prohibited. Treatment of any horse will be considered inhumane if a person, educated or experienced in accepted equine training techniques, would perceive the conduct of an individual to be inhumane. Inhumane treatment includes but is not limited to:

A. Placing an object in a horse's mouth so as to cause undue discomfort or distress;

B. Leaving bit or any foreign object in a horse's mouth for extended periods of time so as to cause undue discomfort and distress; left tied with a bit or foreign object in their mouth for greater than 30 minutes

C. Tying a horse's head up (above withers), back or around in a stall or anywhere at an PHBA event;

D. Tying a horse in a manner as to cause undue discomfort or distress in stall, trailer, or when lounging or riding;

E. Letting blood from a horse;

F. Use of inhumane training techniques or methods;

G. Use of inhumane equipment, including but not limited to, unprotected lip chains, saw tooth bits, hock hobbles, tack collars, or tack hackamores;

H. Any item or appliance that restricts movement or circulation of the tail;

I. Intentional inhumane treatment which results in bleeding;

J. It is prohibited to pour any substance into a horses ears unless it is for a therapeutic purpose, which must be documented in a properly completed Medication Report Form.

- **Committee: Accepted the amendment; accepted the amended proposal**
- **National Directors: Accepted amended proposal**

HORSE SHOW RULES

SHOW RESULTS AND FEES

HORSE SHOW APPROVALS

3001. Any APA organization or individual wishing to stage or sponsor Palomino horse shows or contests must obtain the approval of PHBA if the results of such shows are to be entered into PHBA's records and points are to be awarded to the horses as outlined in the Show Rules.

B. For horse show approval, any APA, organization, or individual shall send a current properly completed show application to PHBA with appropriate fees postmarked at least ninety (90) ~~one hundred twenty (120)~~ days prior to the date or entry dates of the horse show. If two applications are received for the same numbered weekend, the horse show application with the earlier postmark will be eligible for approval of that date.

3006. Late Horse Show Approvals. Horse show approval applications postmarked less than ninety (90) ~~one hundred and twenty (120)~~ days, but more than sixty (60) days prior to the date of the horse show shall require an additional \$100.00 per judge late penalty fee. **Any show application received in the PHBA Office less than 60 days prior to show date shall be denied.**

Committee: Accepted

National Directors: Accepted the amendment; accepted the amended proposal

3057. And the following information per show:

A. The total number of entries;

B. The total number of horses;

C. A list of all horses' names, registration numbers back numbers, class/classes entered, exhibitor in each class and exhibitor PHBA id number that participated;

D. All original signed judges' cards, including classes with no entries; and

E. All original signed judges score sheets.

F. All original signed Timed Events – Roll Over Sheets (see support document for the sheet)

G. If a CFI (Conflict of Interest) is noted on a judge's card then the following **MUST** be noted and sent in with show results:

- **Committee: Accept**
- **National Directors: Accept**

HORSE SHOW CLASSIFICATION

3065. Shows shall be classified according to the number of horses entered and shown in all PHBA approved classes.

A. A Class "A" show shall have sixty (60) or more different horses shown at and/or three hundred (300) entries or more shown in halter or in performance classes.

B. A Class "B" show shall have fifty-nine (59) or less different horses shown at and/or less than three hundred (300) entries shown in halter or in performance classes.

C. Horses entered in group halter classes, rule(s) 3365-3369, only will be included in determining the classification of a show.

- **Committee: Accept**
- **National Directors: Accepted the proposal; accepted the amended proposal**

MISCELLANEOUS

3183. Exhibiting Multiple Horses. In individual working events (Barrel Racing, Breakaway Calf Roping, Calf Roping, Cutting, Dally Team Roping Heading, Dally Team Roping Heeling, Jumping, Ranch Horse, Ranch Riding, Reining, Pole Bending, Steer Stopping, Trail, Working Cow Horse, Western Riding, Working Hunter) a rider may:

- A. Exhibit ~~three (3)~~ one (1) horses in a junior class;
- B. Exhibit ~~three (3)~~ one (1) horses in a senior class;
- C. Exhibit a maximum (total) of ~~four (4)~~ two (2) horses in an all ages class.

There is no requirement for the number of junior horses and number of senior horses in an all age class.

- **Committee: Rejected**
- **National Directors: Rejected**

3202. In any halter or performance class, an open leg wound may be covered by a bandage of vet wrap or simple material. The bandage shall be below the hock/knee and above the coronet band. not to exceed 1 1/2 wraps of vet wrap or similar materials and not over four (4) inches in width.

- **Committee: Accepted the amendment; accepted the amended proposal**
- **National Directors: Accepted amended proposal**

3307. Commencing the day the PHBA show starts and for the duration of the show, horses in approved classes shall not show in or enter the designated warm up areas with any kind of training device, tack, or equipment not permitted by PHBA equipment rules. Stewards should check horses and equipment and make certain that only approved equipment is used. All inhumane/prohibited equipment as listed in PHBA Rule 2993 A-J is illegal for use at any time on the grounds at an AQHA PHBA approved event.

- **Committee: Rejected**
- **National Directors: Corrected the proposal; accepted the corrected proposal**

STOCK TYPE DIVISION WESTERN CLASSES

3325. PROHIBITED EQUIPMENT.

B. Any curb strap narrower than one-half (1/2") inch (15 mm); belly bands, unprotected lip chains, saw tooth bits, hock hobbles, tack collars, tack curb straps or tack hackamores, whips used for showmanship, war bridles or like device; riding in a curb bit without a curb strap; wire or solid metal curb straps no matter how padded, wire cavesson; wire or cable tie downs; bumper bits; metal bosals (no matter how padded); chambons; headstalls made of metal (no matter how wrapped or padded), twisted rawhide, or rope may not be used on a horse's head (3/8 inch rope may be used with a slip/gag bit or bonnet); running martingales used with curb bits used without rein stops; draw reins attached between or around the front legs will not be allowed at PHBA-approved events;

- **Committee: Accepted**
- **National Directors: Accepted**

PERFORMANCE HALTER

3360. Performance Halter

C. To be eligible to compete in the performance halter class, a Register of Merit in performance class must be earned and recorded on the horse's record. Register of Merits in Showmanship at Halter and/or Western Parade will not apply in any division. Refer to Rule 3384 for a list of approved performance classes. Proof of Register of Merit must be provided to show management.

- **committee: Committee: Accepted the amendment; accepted the amended proposal**

- **National Directors: Rejected**

ST DIVISION ENGLISH CLASSES

3334. Optional Equipment.

A. Spurs of the unrowelled type that are blunt, round, or that include a smooth rolling rubber or stainless steel ball no longer than one inch; Slip on spurs are prohibited;

- **Committee: Accepted**
- **National Directors: Accepted**

HALTER CLASSES

3353. Procedure for judging.

C. Judges should disqualify and excuse from the ring prior to final placing a horse that:

8) fails to complete the prescribed pattern correctly in three (3) attempts.

- **Committee: Accepted**
- **National Directors: Accepted**

3352. Faults, to be judged according to severity:

A. Major Faults in Balance:

Steep shoulder

Long back

Weak loin

Short croup

Steep croup

Weakness behind the withers

Shallow heart girth

Extremely short legs or long legs in relation to the heart girth

Extremely unlevel from withers to croup

Extremely unproportional with the shoulder, back or stifle being greatly different in lengths when viewed from the side

B. Minor Faults in Balance:

Moderate slope to the shoulder

Slightly long in the back

Slightly weak in the loin

Slight steepness to the croup

Slight rounding of the croup

Slight weakness or dip behind the withers

Slightly shallow in the heart girth

Shorter legs or longer legs than depth of heart girth

Slightly unlevel from withers to croup

Slightly unproportional with the shoulder, back or stifle being different lengths when viewed from the side

C. Major Faults in Structural Correctness:

Steep shoulder that only allows for 4 or less inches of depth of chest

Long back that gives the appearance of being much longer than the shoulder length and hip length when viewed from the side

Weak back that gives the appearance of being much more than two inches from the top of the withers

Front legs from the front when the knee joint is obviously to the inside or outside of a straight line

Front legs from the front when the fetlock joint is obviously deviated to the inside or outside of a straight line

Front legs from the front when the hoof is severely deviated to the inside or outside of a straight line possibly causing interference when tracking

Front legs from the side when the knee is forward of a straight line and can never come close to locking into a straight line

Front legs from the side when the knee is anywhere behind a straight line or referred to as calf-kneed

Front legs from the side when the pastern is directly above and runs straight from the pastern joint to the hoof with little or no angle

Rear legs from the rear when the point of the hock is obviously to the inside or outside a straight line running from the point of the hip

Rear legs from the rear when the hooves are obviously deviated to the inside or outside of the straight line from the point of the hip

Rear legs from the side when the hock joint itself (only looking at the hock joint) is anything greater than a 160-degree angle or less than 130 degrees

Rear legs from the side when the pastern joint is directly above and runs straight from the pastern joint to the hoof with little or no angled

D. Minor Faults in Structural Correctness:

Steep shoulder that allows for some depth of chest but not at the proper 45-degree angle

Long back that is longer than the shoulder or hip lengths when viewed from the side

Weak back that is less than two inches from the top of the withers to the back, but still shows

Weakness Front legs from the front where there is a slight deviation of the knee joint to the inside or outside of a straight line

Front legs from the front where the fetlock joint is deviated to the inside or outside of a straight line

Front legs from the front when the hoof is deviated to the inside or outside of a straight line, but not severe enough to interfere when tracking

Front legs from the side when knee is slightly forward of a straight line and can lock into a straight line

Front legs from the side when the knee is only slightly behind the vertical or slightly calf-kneed

Front legs from the side when the pastern has some angle from the pastern joint to the hoof, but not enough angle to give proper concussion

Rear legs from the rear when the point of the hock is to the inside or outside of a straight line running from the point of the hip

Rear legs from the rear when the hooves are deviated to the inside or outside of a straight line from the point of the hip

Rear legs from the side when the hock joint itself (only looking at the hock joint) is slightly outside the boundaries of ideal which vary from 135 degrees to 150 degrees

Rear legs from the side when the pastern joint has some angle, but lacks the correct angle to give proper concussion

E. Severe Fault in Quality, Gender or Breed-Type Characteristics:

The horse shall be heavily penalized, so as to not be placed over a horse in a point-earning placing:

Horses 14 hands or less for horses ages 3 and over

Horses that are gaited (rack or pace) *in Stock Type division*

F. Major Fault in Quality, Gender or Breed-Type Characteristics:

Excessively long head

Roman nose

Pig eyed

Excessively long ears

Excessively narrow between the eyes

Excessive bulge between the eyes

Floppy ears

Poor set ears or ear with bad expression

G. Minor Faults in Quality, Gender or Breed Type Characteristics:

Long head

Small bulge between the eyes

Pin eared

Narrow between the eyes

Small eyes

Long ears

Offset ears

Excessively small nostrils

H. Major Faults in Muscling:

Chest muscling that appears as a wide flat or no V

Chest muscling that appears to be less than 6 inches from the neck/chest junction to the floor of the chest when viewed from the front

Shoulder muscling that appears to be less than half the length of the back or stifle when viewed from the side

Forearm muscling that has little or no bulge or definition

Forearm muscling that fails to tie in high with no blending to the chest or knee

Stifle muscling that appears more narrow than the top of the hip when viewed from the rear giving an appearance of being “apple butted”

Stifle muscling that appears flat with little or no definition

Stifle muscling that appears to be less than half the length of the back or extremely short with no length when viewed from the side

Gaskin muscling that has little or no bulge. Gaskin muscling that fails to tie in high with no blending to the stifle or hock

I. Minor Faults in Muscling:

Chest muscling that appears to have an inverted V, but lacks the depth of high quality muscling

Chest muscling that appears more than 6 inches in depth from the neck/chest junction, but lacking true high quality depth of chest

Shoulder muscling that is proportional in length when viewed from the side, but not equivalent to the back and stifle

Forearm muscling that has definition, but lacks the bulge of high quality muscling

Forearm muscling that ties in and blends into the chest and knee, but lacks the bulge and definition of true high quality muscling

Stifle muscling that appears to have definition, but lacks the bulge and width of true high quality muscling

Stifle muscling that appears shorter when viewed from the side in comparison to the back and chest, but is still proportional. Gaskin muscling that has definition, but lacks the bulge of high quality muscling

Gaskin muscling that ties in and blends into the stifle and hock, but lacks the bulge and definition of true high quality muscling

- **Committee: Accepted the amendment; accepted the amended proposal**
- **National Directors: Accepted amended proposal**

APPROVED ST PERFORMANCE CLASSES

3384. Approved Classes

Barrel Racing

Breakaway Roping

Cutting

Dally Team Roping Heading

Dally Team Roping Heeling

Flag Race
 Hunter Hack
 Hunter Under Saddle
 Jumping All Ages
 Yearling Longe Line (~~June 1-December 31~~) (May 1-December 31)
 Two Year Old Longe Line (January 1-May 31)
 Pleasure Driving All Ages
 Pole Bending
 Ranch Horse
 Ranch Rail Pleasure
 Ranch Riding
 Ranch Reining
 Ranch Sorting
 Ranch Trail
 Reining
 Road Hack
 Steer Stopping
 Team Penning All Ages
 Tie Down Roping
 Trail
 Western Parade
 Western Pleasure
 Two Year Old Western Pleasure (June 1-December 31)
 Versatility Ranch Horse
 Western Riding
 Working Cow Horse
 Working Hunter
 Working Ranch Horse

STOCK TYPE PERFORMANCE CLASS RULES

LONGE LINE

3385. The Longe line class will be approved for

- A.** Yearlings. This class will be approved on or after ~~June 1~~ May 1 through December 31;
B. Two Year Olds. This class will be approved January 1 through May 31

- **Committee: Accepted**
- **National Directors: Accepted**

3396. EQUIPMENT. Horses are to be shown in a halter. Either a regular or a show type halter is acceptable.

A. For the longeing demonstration, the only attachment allowed to the halter is a longe line. The longe line may not exceed 30 feet with a snap attached to the halter. The longe line must hang free from the halter without touching any part of the horse. It is permissible to use a longe whip however, disqualification will occur if anytime the exhibitor ~~blatantly~~ strikes the horse with the whip to cause forward or lateral movement at any time during the longeing demonstration;

3403. The horses are to be judged on Movement (~~34 points~~), Manners/Expression/ Attitude (~~14 points~~), Conformation (~~6 points~~) suitable to their purpose and use of circle (~~6 points~~). Judges should evaluate the movement of the horse as defined in the PHBA rules for gaits.

3408. Scoring. The official PHBA Longe Line Scoring sheet must be used in each approved class by each judge. Use of a scribe for each judge is strongly recommended. The score sheet or a copy will be posted at the end of the

class. These sheets will be returned with the PHBA show results. The horses with the highest scores are the winners, scoring will be on a basis of 0-infinity with 70 denoting an average performance. Each evaluated element will receive a score that will be added or subtracted from 70 and is subject to a penalty that should also be subtracted. The score reflects the horse's performance on that day. Conformation, Jog/Trot, Lope/Canter and Manners/Attitude will be scored on the following basis ranging from +3 Excellent, +2 Very Good, +1 Good, 0 Correct, -1 Poor, -2 Very Poor, -3 Extremely Poor and the Walk and Use of Circle will be scored on the following basis ranging from +1½ Excellent, +1 Very Good, +1/2 Good, 0 Correct, -1/2 Poor, -1 Very Poor, -1½ Extremely Poor. with the maximum possible total score of 60 and 30 being average. The judge(s) have the sole discretion to use their own personal preference to break any ties in total points.

3410. ~~Movement will count for 34 points of the total score.~~ Judges are to evaluate movement based on the gait descriptions.

A. Walk. The walk will be scored on a scale of +1 ½ to -1 1-3 in each direction, with 0 2 being average. The horse must be walked long enough for the judge to have sufficient time to evaluate and score the walk. Lower gait scores should reflect stumbling in the gait;

B. Jog or Trot. The jog/trot will be scored on a scale of + 1 ½ to -1 1-7 in each direction. Using a 25' radius, the horse should jog or trot a minimum of 1/2 circle both directions of the ring. Lower gait scores should reflect stumbling in the gait;

C. Lope or Canter. The lope/canter will be scored on a scale of +1 ½ to -1 1-7 in each direction. Using a 25' radius, the horse should lope or canter a minimum of one full circle both directions of the ring. Lower gait scores should reflect stumbling in the gait;

3411. Manners/Expression/Attitude will be scored on a scale of +3 to -3 in each direction, with 0 being average/correct. count for up to 14 points of the total score. Horses will be penalized for obvious signs of overwork and sourness such as ear-pinning, head-throwing, striking, tail-wringing, or a dull, lethargic manner of going. They will also be penalized for dangerous behavior such as excessive bucking, cutting into the circle, or running off. Additionally, incidental touching the horse with the whip, cross-cantering, balking, backing up on the longe line and excessive urging from the exhibitor should be penalized accordingly.

3412. Conformation will be scored on a scale of +3 to -3 in each direction, with 0 being average/correct. count for up to 6 points of the total score. The horse will be judged on conformation suitable to future performance as a Western Pleasure or Hunter Under Saddle competitor. The judges should look for a total picture, emphasizing balance, structural correctness, and athletic capability. ~~Performance conformation will be judged on a scale of 1-6.~~

3413. Use of the circle. Consideration will be given to how well or how poorly the horse/exhibitor team uses the 25' radius of the longeing circle. A separate box on the scorecard is available to indicate an overall score (from +1 ½ to -1 with 0 being average/correct from 1-3 points) for use of the circle.

3414. Circle Scores. As described earlier, the PHBA has determined that a 25' radius is the appropriate size of circle in which to show a longe liner. It is the judge's responsibility to evaluate the circles and incorporate use of the circle in the gait scores based on the following scale:

A. +1/2 to + 1 ½ points +3 points (Good to Excellent Use of the Circle)

1) Horse consistently stays on the perimeter of the circle with slight looseness in the line. Horse turns around on the circle perimeter;

B. 0 points +2 points (Average use of the circle)

1) Horse is only slightly inconsistent in using the 25' radius of the circle;

C. -1/2 to -1 ½ points +1 point (Adequate use of the circle)

1) Horse is shown in a circle radius of less than 25';

D. 0 points (General use of the circle)

2) Potentially dangerous slack in the line;

3) Horse pulls exhibitor out of the circle.

- **Committee: Accepted; effected immediately**

- **National Directors: Accepted**

WORKING HUNTER

3477. A variation of three (3") inches (75 mm) in fence height, down from official heights listed, may be instituted if show management and the official judges feel circumstances warrant, i.e. footing, weather, etc.

A. If select amateurs are required to combine to regular amateur classes because of Rule 5316, the resulting all-age amateur class fence height should be set as 2'9" (84 cm).

B. In and outs are not allowed in any novice class.

- **Committee: Accepted**
- **National Directors: Accepted**

TRAIL

3571. Judging Emphasis

B. Credit will be given to those horses negotiating the obstacles with style and some degree of speed, positive expression, and minimal visible or audible cueing, providing carefulness is not sacrificed;

3574. Penalties. Maneuver evaluations and penalty applications are to be determined independently. The following penalties will be applied to each occurrence and be deducted from the final score:

- **Committee: Accepted**
- **National Directors: Accepted**

RANCH HORSE

(Rule 3601 in 2019 rulebook)

3608. Tack. A neck rope is required in this event. EXCEPTION: All Amateur and All Youth classes. The use of a keeper is prohibited. Closed reins are recommended. Split reins may be tied together prior to beginning the class.

- **Committee: See 2021 proposal**

3608. Tack. A neck rope is required in this event. EXCEPTION: All Amateur and All Youth classes the neck rope and a rope are not required. The use of a keeper is prohibited. Closed reins are recommended. Split reins may be tied together prior to beginning the class.

Ranch Horse Patterns 1, 2 & 3 – (9) Execute a sliding stop as coiled rope is pitched out and horse works rope. EXCEPTION: See Rule 3608 for all amateur and youth classes **See Rule 3608. (10)** Recoil rope. Not required in all amateur and youth classes **See Rule 3608.**

- **Committee: Accepted the amendment; accepted the amended proposal**
- **National Directors: Accepted amended proposal**

RANCH RIDING

3618. For horses three years of age and older, offered as junior, senior or all-aged open division, and as an all aged class for Novice Youth, 13 & Under, 14-18, or all-age Youth, Novice Amateur. Select Amateur and Amateur.

- **Committee: No Action**
- **National Directors: No Action**

3621. Ranch Riding Penalties. Maneuver evaluations and penalty applications are to be determined independently. The following penalties will be applied to each occurrence and be deducted from the final score:

~~A contestant shall be penalized each time the following occur:~~

3621. RANCH RIDING PENALTIES.

B. Three (3) point penalties

Break of gait at walk or trot for more than 2 strides

Break of gait at lope; except when correcting an incorrect lead

Wrong lead or out of lead

Draped reins

Out of lead or cross-cantering more than two strides when changing leads

Trotting more than three strides when making a simple lead change

Severe disturbance of any obstacle

D. (OP) PLACED BELOW HORSES PERFORMING ALL MANEUVERS

Eliminates maneuver

Incomplete maneuver

Repeated blatant disobedience

Use of two hands (except junior or novice horses shown in a snaffle bit/hackamore), more than one finger between split reins or any finger between romal reins (except in the two rein).

- **Committee: Accepted**
- **National Director: Accepted**

RANCH TRAIL

3633. See Trail Rule(s) 3571–3597. The following are in addition to these rules.

~~Obstacles should be task related to work on a ranch; natural or realistic obstacles are recommended. Horses should receive credit for showing attentiveness to the obstacles. Quality of movement and cadence should be considered as part of the maneuver score.~~

~~Additional Mandatory Obstacles~~

~~One of the following~~

~~3634. Stationary Steer. This obstacle is used to show the willingness of the horse to have a rope thrown from its back. Exhibitor must carry rope into the class. Fast and efficient loop build and put away after roping should be rewarded. Only one loop will be allowed. If the rope is dropped before the stationary steer obstacle, the competitor will be disqualified. The judge shall give credit to the horse that stands quietly while the competitor makes the swing and throws at the steer. Shying from rope will be penalized as to severity. The rider shall not be penalized for a miss but shall receive credit for pulling slack, and dallying the rope and the horse being in correct position and standing quietly.~~

~~3635. Log Drag. Rider will be handed or pick up rope and drag log according to posted pattern to show horse's willingness and ability to pull. Once the maneuver is completed, the rider will drop the rope or return it to its original position as instructed and continue to next obstacle. Not to be used in youth classes.~~

~~Additional Optional Obstacles~~

~~3636. Hobble or ground tie~~

~~3637. Crossing obstacle. While mounted the horse would walk over item no more than eighteen (18) inches in height.~~

~~3638. Live or stuffed animals which would normally be encountered in an outdoor setting;~~

~~3639. Cross natural ditches or ride up embankments;~~

~~3640. Dismount and remount;~~

~~3641. Open gate on foot;~~

~~3642. Pick up feet;~~

~~3643. Walk through brush;~~

~~3644. Lead at a trot;~~

~~3645. Loading and unloading in trailer.~~

~~Additional Prohibited Obstacles~~

~~3646. Tarps~~

3633. RANCH TRAIL This class should test the horse's ability to cope with situations encountered while being ridden through a pattern of obstacles generally found during the course of everyday ranch work. The horse/rider

team is judged on the correctness, efficiency, and pattern accuracy with which the obstacles are negotiated, and the attitude and mannerisms exhibited by the horse. Judging emphasis is on identifying the well broke, responsive, and well-mannered horse which can correctly navigate and negotiate the course. The ideal ranch trail horse should have a natural ranch horse appearance from head to tail in each maneuver.

3636. CLASS REQUIREMENTS/PROCEDURES:

A. The ranch trail course will include no less than six and no more than nine obstacles. It is mandatory that the horse be asked to walk, trot and lope during the course. Walk can be part of obstacle score or be scored with the approaching obstacle. Trot must be at least 35 feet and score with approaching obstacle. Lope must be lead-specific, at least 50 feet and score with approaching obstacle. Care must be exercised to avoid setting up any obstacles that may be hazardous to the horse or rider.

B. When setting courses, management will be mindful that the idea is not to trap a horse/rider team or eliminate it by making an obstacle too difficult. All courses and obstacles are to be constructed with safety in mind so as to reduce the risk for accidents. Show committee shall have the option of setting up the trail course to best fit the arena conditions. An outdoor course is recommended if appropriate terrain is available. Each single-performance event can be time consuming, especially with large classes, so it is imperative that time restrictions are placed on this class. The show committee, either through a pilot run or estimation, shall select a course that has a continuous and positive flow that can be negotiated in four minutes or less.

C. Judges must walk the course and have the right and duty to alter the course if it is not in keeping with the intent of the class. Judges may remove or change any obstacles they deem unsafe, non-negotiable or unnecessarily difficult. Any time a trail obstacle becomes unsafe during a class, it shall be repaired or removed from the course. If the course cannot be repaired and some horses have completed the course, the score for that obstacle shall be deducted from all previous draws in that class.

D. The course must be designed using the mandatory obstacles and maneuvers plus optional obstacles. Combining two or more of the obstacles is acceptable.

E. PROHIBITED OBSTACLES: Tarps, water obstacles with slick bottoms, PVC pipe used as a jump or walk over, tires, rocking or moving bridges, logs elevated in a manner that permits such to roll in a dangerous manner.

F. MANDATORY OBSTACLES AND MANUEVERS.

1. Ride over obstacles on the ground (usually logs). Walk, trot or lope may be used but only one gait is required. - Walk-overs: Walk over no more than five logs no more than 10 inches high and spacing between 26 – 30 inches. The formation may be straight, curved, zigzagged or raised. - Trot-overs: Trot over no more than five logs no more than 10 inches high. The space between logs or poles should be 36-42 inches. The formation can also be straight, curved, zigzagged or raised. - Lope-overs: Lope over no more than five logs no more than 10 inches high. The space between logs should be 6 to 7 feet. The formation can also be straight, curved, zigzagged or raised.

2. Opening, passing through and closing a hinged swinging gate (not a rope gate): Use gate that will not endanger horse or rider and requires minimum side-passing.

3. Ride over wooden bridge: Bridge should be sturdy, safe and negotiated at a walk only. Heavy plywood lying flat on the ground is an acceptable simulation of a bridge. Suggested minimum width shall be 36 inches wide and at least 6 feet long.

4. Backing obstacles: Backing obstacles are to be spaced at a minimum of 28 inches. If elevated, 30 inch spacing is required. Back through and around at least three makers. Back through L, V, U or straight or similarly shaped course which may be elevated no more than 24 inches.

5. Side-pass obstacle: Any object which is safe and of any length may be used to demonstrate responsiveness of the horse to leg signals. Raised side pass obstacles should not exceed 12 inches.

6. Drag an object: For open and amateur classes ONLY. The drag is not to be used in youth classes. Drag may be a complete figure eight and may begin in either direction. The exhibitor must have the rope dallyed on the saddle horn (half or full dally) for the duration of the drag.

G. OPTIONAL OBSTACLES. Optional obstacles may be used provided the obstacles can be found in everyday ranch work. Optional obstacles from which selections can be made include, but are not limited to:

- A jump obstacle whose center height is not less than 14 inches high or more than 25 inches high. Holding the saddle horn is permissible for this obstacle.
- Only live or stuffed animals which would normally be encountered in an outdoor setting may be used but not to be used in an attempt to spook a horse.
- Carry object from one part of the arena to another.
- Remove and replace materials from a mailbox.
- Trot through cones spaced a minimum of 6 feet apart.
- Cross natural ditches or ride up embankments.
- Swing rope or throw rope at a dummy steer head.
- Step in and out of obstacle.
- Put on slicker or coat.
- Stand to mount with mounting block.
- Walk through water obstacle.
- Open gate on foot.
- Pick up feet.
- Walk through brush.
- Ground tie (hobbles are allowed).
- Lead at the trot.

H. At show management option the competition trail course may be made available to exhibitors or posted prior to the day of competition. It must be posted at least one hour prior to competition. Printed handouts for exhibitors are helpful and encouraged.

3637. CREDITS AND PENALTIES. All runs begin upon entering the area of competition and any infractions are subject to penalty at that time (such as two hands on the reins, using either hand to instill fear or praise, etc.). The rider has the option of eliminating any obstacle, however this will result in being off pattern (OP) and the horse/rider team may not place above others who have completed the pattern correctly. A judge may ask a horse to pass on an obstacle after three refusals or at any time for safety concerns.

A. Credit is given to horse/rider teams who negotiate the obstacles correctly and efficiently. Horses should receive credit for showing attentiveness to obstacles and ability to negotiate through the course when the obstacles warrant it while willingly responding to rider's cues on more difficult obstacles. Quality of movement and cadence should be considered part of the maneuver score for the obstacle. Maneuver evaluations and penalty applications are to be determined independently. The following penalties will be applied to each occurrence and be deducted from the final score:

1. One (1) point

over-bridled (per maneuver)

out of frame (per maneuver)

each hit, bite or stepping on a log, cone plant or any component of the obstacle

incorrect or break of gait at walk or trot for two (2) strides or less

both front or hind feet in a single-stride slot or space at a walk or trot

skipping over or failing to step into required space

split pole in lope-over

incorrect number of strides, if specified

one to two steps on mount/dismount or ground tie except shifting to balance

2. Three (3) points

wrong lead or out of lead

draped reins break of gait at lope, except when correcting an incorrect lead

break of gait at walk or trot for more than two (2) strides

three to four steps on mount/dismount on ground tie

3. Five (5) points

spurring in front of cinch

blatant disobedience

use of either hand to instill fear/praise

knocking over, stepping out of, or falling off an obstacle dropping an object required to be carried

1st or 2nd cumulative refusal

letting go of gate

five or more steps on mount/dismount or ground tie

4. Ten (10) points

Unnatural ranch horse appearance (Horse's tail is obvious and consistently carried in an unnatural manner in every maneuver)

5. Off-Pattern (OP)

- exhibitors cannot place above others who complete pattern correctly

incomplete maneuver

eliminating or adding a maneuver

3rd refusal

repeated blatant disobedience, and failure to dally and remain dallied

use of two hands (except junior shown in a snaffle bit/hackamore), more than one finger

between split reins or any fingers between romal reins (except in the two-rein)

failure to open and shut gate, or failure to complete gate

6. Disqualified 0 – Score

lameness

abuse

leaving working area before pattern is complete

illegal equipment

disrespect or misconduct

improper western attire

fall of horse/rider

- **Committee: Accepted the amendment; accepted the amended proposal**
- **National Directors: Accepted amended proposal**

WESTERN RIDING

3658. Pattern. The judge will select one of the 15 five patterns to be performed. The judge is responsible for the pattern being correctly set. The 6 novice western riding patterns may be used for novice classes.

3663. PENALTIES. Maneuver evaluations and penalty applications are to be determined independently. The following penalties will be applied to each occurrence and be deducted from the final score:

3663. Disqualification, Score 0

G. Failure to start lope prior to the end cone in pattern 1 and 6

J. Failure to start lope beyond 30 feet of designated area in pattern 2, 3, 4, ~~and~~ 5, 7, 8, 9 and novice patterns 1, 2, 4, 7 and 9 (except for novice classes)

3666. One (1) point penalties

F. Non-simultaneous lead change (including front to hind, hind to front, front or hind legs coming together during the change) ~~(front to hind or hind to front)~~.

- **Committee: Accepted**
- **National Directors: Accepted**

All western riding was accepted

AMATEUR PROGRAMS

NOVICE AMATEUR PROGRAM

5002. NOVICE AMATEUR ELIGIBILITY.

F. competed on an NCEA equestrian team on a scholarship, or ride as a starting exhibitor.

- **Committee: Rejected**
- **National Directors: Rejected**

AMATEUR WALK-TROT PROGRAM

5101. The exhibitor may either show in this division or in one of the other amateur programs at the same show. The exhibitor may not show in both the walk-trot division and a division that requires a lope/canter at the same show. EXCEPTION: a walk-trot exhibitor may show in halter, color, driving, hunter in hand, longe line, parade and showmanship.

- **Committee: Rejected**
- **National Directors: Rejected**

5101. The exhibitor may either show in this division and/or in one of the other amateur programs at the same show. The exhibitor may ~~not~~ show in both the walk-trot division and a division that requires a lope/canter at the same show with a different horse (may not cross enter with the same horse). EXCEPTION: a walk-trot exhibitor may show in halter, color, hunter in hand, longe line, parade and driving.

- **Committee: Rejected**
- **National Directors: Rejected**

WALK TROT (Both Amateur and Youth 5-9 and 10-18)

5102. ~~The horse(s) shown in the Amateur Walk-Trot Division may be used in other divisions as permitted.~~

5104. Amateur W/T Western Pleasure. To be judged the same as Amateur Western Pleasure, omitting the lope. See Rule(s) 3511-3523. No horse may cross enter walk trot western pleasure and ranch riding or walk trot western pleasure and VRH ranch riding at the same show regardless of division.

5108. Amateur W/T Trail. To be judged the same as Amateur Trail omitting the lope. See Rule(s) 3571-3597. No horse may cross enter walk trot trail and ranch trail or walk trot trail and VRH ranch trail at the same show regardless of division.

- **Committee: Rejected**
- **National Directors: Rejected**

5103. Amateur W/T Showmanship at Halter. To be judged in the same manner as Amateur Showmanship at Halter. ~~Pattern must be a walk-only pattern.~~ See Rule(s) 6201-6208.

- **Committee: Accepted**
- **National Directors: Rejected**

5111. Stallions may not be exhibited in Amateur Walk Trot classes.

- **Committee: Accepted**
- **National Directors: Accepted**

AMATEUR PROGRAM

5207. Exhibiting Multiple Horses. An amateur may not show more than one (1) horse in any class. ~~; however, in individual working events, an amateur may show three (3) horses. EXCEPTION: Showmanship; and were it prohibits such as longe line.~~

- **Committee: Rejected**
- **National Directors: Rejected**

YOUTH PROGRAMS

~~C. Youth Walk Trot five (5) through nine (9) years: Youth Walk Trot eighteen (18) years through five (5) years may split into the following age groups:~~

~~1) Youth five (5) years through nine (9) years~~

~~2) Youth ten (10) through (18) years IF youth five (5) through nine (9) years does not make a class and wishes to combine. Only at the request of the first youth group with all regards for exhibitor safety taken in account can these be combined.~~

- **Committee: Accepted the amendment; accepted the amended proposal**
- **National Directors: Accepted amended proposal**

6009. Exhibiting Multiple Horses. A youth may not show more than one (1) horse in any class; ~~however, in individual working events, a youth may show three (3) horses. EXCEPTION: Showmanship; and were it prohibits such as longe line.~~

- **Committee: Rejected**
- **National Directors: Rejected**

NOVICE YOUTH PROGRAM

6021. NOVICE YOUTH ELIGIBILITY.

~~F. competed on an NCEA equestrian team on a scholarship, or ride as a starting exhibitor.~~

- **Committee: Rejected**
- **National Directors: Rejected**

YOUTH SHOWMANSHIP AT HALTER

6208. An exhibitor should be penalized in the pattern independent of maneuver scores and deducted from the final score as follows:

C. TEN (10) POINTS

Exhibitor is not in required position during presentation

Exhibitor touching the horse or kicking or pointing their feet at the horse's feet during set up

Standing directly in front of the horse

Loss of lead shank or holding chain or two hands on shank

Blatant disobedience including biting, kicking, rearing or pawing; horse kicking at other horses, exhibitors or judge; or horse continuously circling the exhibitor

- **Committee: Accepted**
- **National Directors: Accepted**

HUNT SEAT EQUITATION ON THE FLAT

6233. Basic Position. Judges should not ask exhibitors to mount or dismount. ~~To mount, take up reins in left hand and place hand on withers. Grasp stirrup leather with right hand and insert left foot in stirrup and mount. To dismount, rider may either step down or slide down. The size of rider must be taken into consideration.~~

- **Committee: Accepted**
- **National Directors: Accepted**