

Rule Change Proposal Form

Must be received by November 10, 2023

120 days prior to the Board of Directors meeting

Date: <u>11/8/24</u>

1. Proposed Change (select one): (Add new rule Delete existing rule. Reference rule as it appears in the 2023 Official Handbook. Change existing rule. Reference rule as it appears in the 2023 official Handbook. Rule # New 25 High Point Rule _____ Page # ___ 2. Proposed Effective Date: Other Immediately)January 1, 2025 3. Is this proposal changing a rule that was implemented within the last two year (X) Yes (No 4. Explain why this rule change is needed: (Use attachments if needed) Please see attached-5. Contact Information of person submitting/proposed change: **PHBA ID#** 107120 Name: Laura Simmons Address: 539 Panola Rd City: Lapine State: AL Email: avalonacreslic@yahoo.com Phone: 334-508-2700

6. Writing proposed rule changes:

Signature: __

- Define the problem and develop as many positive solutions as you can.
- Determine if any other rules would be affected if your proposal were to be adopted, and specify the rule numbers.
- Submit proper wording for a proposed rule change by typing or neatly printing the exact wording being proposed. If you
 propose changes to existing language, strike through the words you propose to delete. Type in bold and italics the words you
 propose to add.
- Determine the financial impact (both income and expense) your proposal could have on PHBA.

The PHBA President will assign proposed rule changes to specific committees for their recommendations. Some committees may be asked to review a proposed rule change and report their recommendations to another committee that ultimately reports to the Board of Directors. Committee Chairs will need to coordinate that input. Committees are free to discuss other proposed rule changes but the assigned committee's recommendation is that which will be used during voting at the Board of Directors Meeting.

To adequately discuss the rule change, I have taken the time to compile data available directly from the PHBA website to create a spreadsheet for the shows held prior to September 2024 (please see the attached Google workbook). The workbook is divided into the following sheets based on show category: Open, Youth, and Amateur. Each individual row is a single horse. Rows highlighted in blue are horses that ONLY competed at World. Columns in red are shows where there were NO Palomino Bred horses in that division. I will also break down that data here for your convenience. This data is Palomino Bred only. (If you would like to fully view the spreadsheet, please email me and I can send you a fully viewable document, as I realize space is limited with submission here.)

Open- 36 horses total. 14 of those horses showed only at World. Of the 21 shows, excluding World, only 6 shows had PB horses in Open classes.

Youth- 20 horses total. 14 of those horses showed only at World. Of the 21 shows, excluding World, only 4 shows had PB horses in Youth Classes.

Amateur- 37 horses total. 21 of those horses showed only at World. Of the 21 shows, excluding World, only 7 shows had PB horses in Amateur Classes.

There is an assumption that some data may be inadvertently excluded, due to human error and/or how the show results are reported and posted on the website; however, there is an obvious trend present. Given the current structure for how riders receive points and with the lack of participation in these classes, it is near impossible to reach 25 points in a show season for those that do not compete at World, where the class sizes are almost always larger.

While there was much discussion behind the point change, and that it was meant in good faith, there may be unforeseen consequences for PBs in the future, as well as PHBA on a whole. While this endeavor supports reducing costs for PHBA, there is significant risk to continue the inclusion of PBs in PHBA. Now there is an inherently increased risk of bringing a PB horse to PHBA, which tends to be arguably more expensive than local open shows, and not having enough horses to make classes and a chance for enough points per class. Whereas, one can spend less money (such as \$50) at a local open show, and qualify for their year end awards, taking away profits and interest in PHBA.

Please consider the above, attached, and following information. For many others like me, this is a reality which the numbers support.

- 31. Amending Rules by Executive Board. The rules and regulations, except those pertaining to Bylaws 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. Concern 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.
- 33. Period of Non Amendment. A rule or regulation is not subject to amendment by change, addition or repeal, until it has been in force for at least two calendar years, which 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.

I would like to suggest, as possible alternatives to also help reduce costs, that PB year end awards be "cumulative" (One plaque with all 1st/2nd place accomplishments listed) for the year. All other placings should still receive a certificate, should they qualify for one. There are several other chances for cost savings, which can be considered, not only by board feedback, but the others in the membership as well. Or changing the rule to 15 points for PB ONLY.

Thank you for the time and consideration.

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