

BYLAW OR RULE CHANGE PROPOSAL FORM

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USE TO SUBMIT A BYLAW OR RULE CHANGE PROPOSAL (MUST BE POSTMARKED 120 DAYS PRIOR TO CONVENTION
FORMS CAN BE MAILED TO THE PHBA OFFICE, EMAILED TO assist@palominohba.com, OR FAXED TO (918)438-1232

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. Such limitation may be waived by the PHBA Executive Board upon finding extraordinary circumstances: A. Concerns the safety, health or well being of a horse and/or rider; B. Materially benefits PHBA's programs or it's financial stability; or C. Involves other compelling circumstances.

The PHBA President will assign proposed bylaw or 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.

Instructions for writing a proposed rule change:

- Define the problem and develop as many positive solutions as possible.
- 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 wish to add
- Determine the financial impact (both income and expense) your proposal could have on PHBA.
- You must get signature of three (3) PHBA members who support this proposal.

1. PROPOSED CHANGE (select one):

☒ ADD NEW RULE

☐ DELETE EXISTING RULE. Reference rule as it appears in the _____ official Handbook.

☐ CHANGE EXISTING RULE. Reference rule as it appears in the _____ official Handbook.

Rule Number _____ Page Number _____

2. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: _____ January 1, 2027

☒ Other **IMMEDIATELY**

3. Is this proposal changing a rule that was implemented within the last two years? _____ YES ☒ NO
(Refer to PHBA Rule 33, page 23 of 2025 Handbook)

4. If adding a new rule or changing an existing rule, write rule as it should appear in the Handbook: (use attachment if needed)

Add Ranch Ground Handling to Amateur and Youth divisions (including w/t).
Please see attached for rules.

*(Verbiage & Rule Numbers to be adjusted to
fit in their correct placement in Handbook)*

5. Justification for change and impact if not passed: (use attachment if needed)

With the increase in popularity of Ranch Classes, this should increase entries
for those classes.

6. How will this rule change affect PHBA financially if adopted:

TBD

7. Estimated expense to PHBA if rule change is adopted:

TBD (Cost of additional awards)

8. Contact information of person submitting proposed change:

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REFERENCES:

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SIGNATURE Richard Brown
2. PRINTED NAME Vanessa Simmons PHBA ID# 106478
SIGNATURE Vanessa Simmons
3. PRINTED NAME Pat Brown PHBA ID# 90531
SIGNATURE Pat Brown

THIS FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY. INCOMPLETE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED; THEY WILL BE RETURNED TO SUBMITTER, NOTING WHAT IS INCOMPLETE. IF TIME ALLOWS BEFORE SUBMISSION DEADLINE, PROPOSAL MAY BE RESUBMITTED WITH CORRECTIONS. NO PROPOSAL WILL BE CONSIDERED IF RECEIVED AFTER DEADLINE.

Ranch Ground Handling

Equipment

1. Halters only. Halters and leads may be rope, nylon, or plain leather (no silver). Lead ropes may not have chain. Lead ropes which are permanently attached to halters are allowed. No training sticks or aids are permitted.
2. Braided/banded manes, fake tails and hoof polish/black are not allowed.
3. To assist with event scheduling, the horse may or may not be saddled, as arena schedules permit.

Attire:

Clothing should be neat and clean. Shirts/jackets with collar and long sleeves are required, along with western boots. Chinks/chaps and spurs are allowed.

Procedures:

1. This class tests the handler's ability to communicate with the horse from the ground by judging a series of maneuvers that require the horse to yield to pressure – forward, backward, and laterally. Maneuvers are selected to be realistic in their application to everyday training. Exhibitor movements should be workmanlike and efficient and the horse should be obedient and cooperative. Evaluating safe and effective ground handling will take priority to the quality of attire or tack.
2. Each exhibitor will perform a pattern that will consist of no less than seven (7) of the maneuvers listed below.
3. Exhibitors may be asked to work from both the left and right side of the horse during any of the listed maneuvers (switching hands on the lead is permitted).
 - A. Square horse for inspection, proper quartering of exhibitor is expected.
 - B. Lead the horse at a walk, jog/trot (or favorite gait for gaited horses only), or back in a straight or curved* line, or a combination of straight and curved* lines.
 - C. Extension of walk or trot.
 - D. Stop
 - E. Pivots, moving the forehand
 - F. Move the hindquarters (turn on forehand)
 - G. Step away from the horse to the end of the lead while horse remains still
 - H. Lower the horse's head (pulling down on the lead or pressure on the poll)
 - I. Demonstrate a sidepass
 - J. Back the horse while handler remains stationary
 - K. Send horse in a circle (either direction), around a marker, or over a pole.
 - L. Ground tying (handler may be asked to move an object)(*Curve = any non-straight line including, but not limited to: any change of direction from gradual turns to distinct turns, circles or portions of circles, or multiple curves to create a shape.)
4. Poles, barrels, and cones may be used as markers to define maneuver locations and/or parameters. However, the pattern should not take on the appearance of an "In-hand Trail" class. Hitting/touching/moving these objects will not be scored as penalties, but taken into account when scoring the handler's abilities.
5. Exhibitors may be asked to work from both the left and right side of the horse during any of the listed maneuvers (switching hands on the lead is permitted). Exhibitors may touch the horse to initiate any lateral movement and when asked to lower the horse's head. The judge will recognize added degree of difficulty of not touching the horse and this will be reflected in the maneuver score.

Scoring

Scoring will be on the basis of 0 to 100 with 70 denoting an average performance.

Judges will assess each maneuver on a scale from -1 ½ to +1 ½ with ½ point increments in between. Points will be added or subtracted from the maneuvers on the following basis, -1 ½ extremely poor, -1 very poor, -1/2 poor, 0 correct or average, +1/2 good, +1 very good, +1 ½ excellent

6. 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. One-half (½) point
 - (1) Break of gait (walk or trot) up to 1 full stride
 - B. One (1) point
 - (1) Touching horse other than when allowed. It is acceptable to touch the horse to sidepass, move the hindquarters, and lower the head.
 - C. Two (2) points
 - (1) Freeze up: complete loss of forward, backward or lateral movement within a maneuver
 - (2) Break of gait (walk or trot) for more than 1 full stride
 - (3) Use of hand on halter in any manner
 - (4) Touching horse with lead (first offense)
 - (5) Incorrect or incomplete answer to the judge's question
 - (6) Artificial or overdone showing
 - D. Five (5) points
 - (1) Inappropriate Body condition score: Clearly below a 4 or clearly above a 7
 - (2) Balking, continued spooking, kicking, biting, rearing, striking
 - (3) Failure to complete a maneuver
 - (4) Leaving out a maneuver
 - (5) Touching horse with end of lead (second offense)
 - E. Zero (0) score/DQ
 - (1) Consistent Lameness of AAEP lameness score of 3 or more
 - (2) Illegal attire
 - (3) Illegal tack
 - (4) Abuse
 - (5) Performing obstacles in incorrect order