

PALOMINO HORSE BREEDERS OF AMERICA

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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

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.

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 4715 Page Number 208

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2027 Other _____

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)

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

See Attached

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(If you are changing this proposal in the process, just attach a new one.)

Western Dressage is the fastest growing equine discipline and there are many unregistered and registered Palominos competing in Western Dressage. Adding it to PHBA would encourage owners to register non-stock type Palominos with PHBA. If not passed, these horses will continue to show in non-PHBA shows and not register with PHBA.

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

To add Western Dressage to PHBA would generate revenue for PHBA in three ways:

1. This would encourage Western Dressage Riders to register their non-stock type Palominos.
2. Existing Western Dressage shows would pay show approval fees to PHBA for points to count.
3. USEF Western Dressage Judges would have to become PHBA members in order to judge PHBA Western Dressage

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

Add Western Dressage to year-end high point and add it to the rule book, but revenue would far surpass cost.

3. Contact information of person submitting proposed change:

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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.

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PHBA Western Dressage

The term “dressage” means “training.” As a discipline, dressage develops the horse through systematic and progressive training aids that are used by riders of all backgrounds. Tests include a prescribed series of movements that sequentially follow a horse’s training level. Tests are the means by which horses and riders are judged in competition. Riders choose their level, and are allowed to move freely between levels as they choose. They receive a score as a percentage of the total possible points in the test. For more information regarding tests and Western Dressage discipline specifics rules please read the links below:

- [United States Equestrian Federation website](#)
- [Western Dressage Association of America website](#)

PHBA/WDAA Eligibility Requirements

Western Dressage

- Horse must be registered with PHBA.
- Exhibitor must be a member of PHBA.
- For PHBA-approved events at WDAA shows, horse and exhibitor must also comply with Western Dressage Association of America licensing.

Hosting a PHBA Western Dressage Show

Western dressage may be offered at a PHBA-approved show or special event and must be judged by an PHBA approved judge. USEF/WDAA “R” or “r” licensed judges with a current PHBA membership can be added to the PHBA-approved list as specialty judges for Western Dressage. Western dressage show management is responsible for submitting results to PHBA.

Once a show is approved the show secretary noted on the show approval application will receive a show approval letter verifying the show details and classes being offered. The event will then appear on the PHBA show calendar.

Western dressage show management is responsible for submitting results to PHBA. This includes any reports needing to be provided to PHBA such as memberships sold at the show, Judge evaluations and/or rule violations , as well as the excel spreadsheet of roster and judge card results, also required are the WDAA test reports.

Awards and Points

- PHBA points earned in western dressage count towards Register of Merits and other PHBA awards.
- Points are based on percentage scoring, and the number of horses in a class does not determine points earned.

Level Score	60.00-64.99%	65.00-69.99%	70.00-74.99%	75.00%+
Introductory	1	2	3	4
	1.5	3	4.5	6
Level 1	2	4	6	8
Level 2	2.5	5	7.5	10
Level 3	3	6	9	12
Level 4	3.5	7	10.5	14
Level 5	4	8	12	16

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PHBA Western Dressage Approval Application

WESTERN DRESSAGE EVENTS APPROVED BY PHBA MUST BE JUDGED BY A LICENSED USEF JUDGE, also approved by PHBA

PHBA will accept USEF/WDAA licensed judges from the approved judges list with PHBA membership current at time of show. PHBA will also accept USEF "r" judges for Intro, Basic and Level 1 western dressage classes.

Please provide the Judge's details below to have them listed on the PHBA show calendar.

PHBA Western dressage shows that are not WDAA licensed will be operated under USEF Western Dressage Rules.

Shows can also be offered as PHBA Shows/Special Events.

Application with fees can be submitted at any time. **Applications must be received at least 30 days in advance of show.**

Show Application Approval Fee = \$50 USD

Upon submission of this application, if requested, an electronic invoice will be sent to the email address provided. Show will not be approved without payment.

Show Information

Application Date*(required)

Which type of levels are you offering? Intro, Basic, Level 1, Level 2, Level 3, Level 4, Level 5

USEF or AQHA Licensee if Applicable:

PHBA Special Event/Show Number(s)

Show Manager/Host Information

Applicant Name*(required)

PHBA ID, if applicable

Address*(required)

Phone*(required)

Email*(required)

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Additional PHBA Show Rules: (Edited per AQHA Rulebook)

WESTERN DRESSAGE is designed to develop a partnership between a happy equine athlete working in harmony with its rider and to demonstrate training based on the principles of classical dressage that produces a horse that is physically strong, balanced, supple, and flexible. Lightness and unity with its rider are the hallmark of a western dressage horse. Western dressage uses a progressive training scale demonstrated through western dressage patterns or “tests.” USEF/WDAA rules will be used for conducting and judging western dressage. Competition occurs in a regulation size arena with specific apparel and equipment all regulated by USEF and/or PHBA. Open, amateur and youth eligibility, including horse ownership requirements for amateur and youth, will be based on PHBA criteria. PHBA will recognize these levels of western dressage competition starting with Intro Level, Basic Level, Level 1, Level 2, Level 3, Level 4, Level 5 and Level 6. Western dressage may also be offered at a PHBA-approved show or special event and must be judged by a licensed USEF/WDAA judge. A list of qualified judges will be available on the PHBA website. Rules of the USEF/WDAA are available at www.usef.org.

Freestyle, Suitability, Hack and Dressage Seat Equitation are also recognized for PHBA competition and can be judged by any PHBA approved judge.

Show approval as well as horse and exhibitor eligibility requirements must be met.

POINTS. The percentage score will be converted into a point value. Points will be awarded in each division and recorded on horse's records. PHBA points can be earned starting at Intro Level and going through Level 5.

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