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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 shirley@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.
X CHANGE EXISTING RULE. Reference rule as it appears in the 26/27 official Handbook.
Rule Number 2022/2023 ??? Page Number 61

2. **PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE:** _____January 1, 2028 _____Other _____

3. **Is this proposal changing a rule that was implemented within the last two years?** _____YES _____NO
(Refer to PHBA Rule 33, page 13 of 2026/2027 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)**

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

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

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

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8. **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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4. **Proposed Rule Language:***(Proposed new additions typed in* ***bold and italics****)*

RULE [3015 / RECIPROCAL APPLICANT CERTIFICATION & TESTING]: RECIPROCAL JUDGE CERTIFICATION VIA ONLINE PHBA RULE EXAMINATION

A. Reciprocal Eligibility: An applicant holding valid, current judging credentials in good standing with at least two (2) recognized partner stock horse breed associations (including, but not limited to, AQHA, APHA, ApHC, PtHA, ARHA, or NSBA) may apply for reciprocal PHBA card certification without being required to attend an in-person PHBA testing seminar or live judging session.

B. Online Rulebook Testing: Eligible reciprocal applicants must complete and pass an online open-book examination covering PHBA-specific rules, color standards, registration guidelines, and class requirements administered through the PHBA National Office website or approved digital testing portal. A passing score of 85% or higher is required.

C. Application Review & Approval: Upon verification of good standing with partner registries and successful completion of the online PHBA rule examination, the Judges Committee shall review the application and recommend the applicant for card issuance at the next scheduled meeting of the Executive Committee.

D. Maintaining Credential: Judges approved through reciprocal online testing are subject to standard annual PHBA judges dues, membership requirements, and regular PHBA re-certification cycles.

5. **Explain why this rule change is needed (Justification):**
   - **Expanding the Judging Pool:** Affiliated Palomino Associations across the country face increasing difficulty hiring qualified judges due to travel costs and scheduling constraints. Creating an accessible pipeline significantly expands the available judge pool for regional and multi-affiliate shows.
   - **Respect for Established Industry Credentials:** Judges holding multiple major stock horse cards (such as AQHA, APHA, PtHA, or ApHC) have already demonstrated professional judging competency, live placing acumen, and ethics in the arena. Repeating live judging sessions is an unnecessary financial and logistical barrier.
   - **Focus on Association-Specific Distinctions:** The primary operational distinction in judging a PHBA show lies in Palomino-specific color standards, white markings, coat requirements, and association administrative rules. An online rulebook examination rigorously tests and ensures comprehension of these exact nuances without requiring unnecessary cross-country travel.
   - **Modernization & Cost Efficiency:** Offering a secure digital testing portal aligns PHBA with modern professional testing practices and encourages talented, active judges to add the PHBA card to their credentials.
6. **Determine if any other rules would be affected and specify rule numbers:**
   - Rules governing Judge Seminars, applicant testing fees, and in-person schooling requirements.
   - PHBA Fee Schedule (to establish an online testing/processing fee for reciprocal

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applicants).

7. **Financial Impact on PHBA:**
   - **Estimated Income Impact:** Positive. Generates new revenue through reciprocal application fees, testing fees, judge card renewal dues, and mandatory annual judge memberships from judges who would not otherwise pay to travel to an in-person academy.
   - **Estimated Expense Impact:** Minimal. One-time setup or configuration of a standardized online digital exam form through the existing PHBA administrative portal.

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