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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):**
   - X **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, 2028** X **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 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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   SIGNATURE /s/ Britanie Whitmer

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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1. Add Ranch Walk-Trot to World

AFFECTED RULE(S): PHBA World Championship Show Class List / Rule Book Sections governing World Show Eligible Classes, Ranch Horse Division, and Palomino Bred (PB) Division (Rules 3401–3470 & 6000+ Series)

1. Title / Subject of Proposal

Addition of All Approved Ranch Walk-Trot Classes (Amateur, Youth, and Palomino Bred Divisions) to the Annual PHBA World Championship Show Schedule.

2. Specific Rule Wording & Action Requested

ACTION: Add New Rule / Amend Existing World Show Class Scheduling Mandates

Proposed Wording:

"The PHBA World Championship Show shall offer all officially recognized Walk-Trot/Walk-Jog Ranch Horse classes in both Palomino (Regular Registry) and Palomino Bred (PB) divisions, effective for the next World Championship Show. This shall include, but is not limited to:

1. Amateur Walk-Trot Ranch Riding
2. Amateur Walk-Trot Ranch Rail Pleasure
3. Amateur Walk-Trot Ranch Trail
4. Youth Walk-Trot (5–9 & 10–18, or designated Youth WT divisions) Ranch Riding
5. Youth Walk-Trot Ranch Rail Pleasure
6. Youth Walk-Trot Ranch Trail
7. Palomino Bred Amateur Walk-Trot Ranch Riding
8. Palomino Bred Amateur Walk-Trot Ranch Rail Pleasure
9. Palomino Bred Amateur Walk-Trot Ranch Trail
10. Palomino Bred Youth Walk-Trot Ranch Riding
11. Palomino Bred Youth Walk-Trot Ranch Rail Pleasure
12. Palomino Bred Youth Walk-Trot Ranch Trail

All exhibitors, eligibility restrictions, and equipment requirements shall mirror existing PHBA Walk-Trot and Ranch Horse divisional rules. Points, World Championship titles, and awards shall follow standard PHBA World Championship Show procedures."

3. Intent & Purpose of the Change

To expand entry participation, maximize arena revenue, and meet the growing exhibitor demand for ranch performance disciplines by offering full Walk-Trot Ranch offerings at the premier national event for both Regular Registry and Palomino Bred exhibitors.

4. Justification & Rationale

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- **Rapid Growth of Ranch Disciplines:** The Ranch Horse division continues to be the fastest-growing discipline across stock horse breed registries (AQHA, APHA, PtHA, and PHBA). At regional weekend shows, Walk-Trot Ranch Riding and Walk-Trot Ranch Rail consistently generate some of the largest class counts.
- **Inclusivity & Rider Retention:** Walk-Trot exhibitors (novice competitors, youth stepping into performance events, and aging or returning adult amateurs) frequently travel with trainers and family to the World Show. Omitting these classes leaves core exhibitors sitting in the stands or deciding against hauling to the World Show entirely.
- **Palomino Bred (PB) Parity:** PHBA has made monumental strides in welcoming and promoting Palomino Bred horses across Amateur and Youth divisions. Providing complete class parity for PB exhibitors in the Ranch Walk-Trot ranks directly incentivizes PB registrations, transfers, and World Show class entries.
- **Financial & Logistical Viability:** Ranch classes utilize existing ranch patterns, trail obstacles, and rail formats already set up during the World Show schedule. Adding walk-trot splits incurs negligible additional operational cost while significantly increasing stall rentals, drug inspection fees, and entry revenues.

5. Proposed Effective Date

January 1, 2027 (to be implemented at the 2027 PHBA World Championship Show).

2. Answers for Items 5–7 on the PHBA Form

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

The Ranch Horse division is the fastest-growing sector across stock horse breed registries, with Walk-Trot Ranch Riding and Rail consistently drawing peak weekend entry counts. Currently, excluding Walk-Trot Ranch classes from the World Championship Show leaves beginner, youth, and aging/novice amateur exhibitors sitting in the stands or choosing not to attend the show at all. Adding these classes supports exhibitor retention, fosters grass-roots participation, and aligns Palomino Bred (PB) divisions with Regular Registry offerings.

Impact if not passed: PHBA loses entry fees, stall rentals, and drug inspection revenues to competing breed associations that already provide comprehensive Walk-Trot Ranch slates at their world/national championship events. It also discourages PB registrations and leaves a vital segment of amateur and youth members without a culminating national championship target.

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

This proposal represents a **net positive financial gain** for PHBA. Adding these classes directly increases:

- **Class entry fees:** Multiple entries across 12 newly offered Walk-Trot Ranch classes.
- **Facility & administrative fees:** Additional stall reservations, RV hookup reservations, office charges, and mandatory drug inspection/testing fees from new exhibitors hauling

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- **Association revenue:** Indirect growth in PHBA memberships, amateur/youth cards, and Palomino Bred horse registrations required to compete.

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

Minimal to negligible expense. Because the World Championship Show already sets up ranch trail obstacles, utilizes existing ranch judges, and runs rail/pattern formats on scheduled ranch days, operational arena costs remain virtually unchanged. The primary direct costs are limited to standard award fulfillment (ribbons, buckles, or trophies for 12 classes), which will be fully offset and exceeded by the entry fees and stall revenues generated by the new classes.

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