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C-1	Recreational Rider Membership
Rule Proposal Will Change	Article 3 Section 4 Page 25
State the Proposed Rule	<p>Change rule as follows: Move 4.B.2 to 4.A.5</p> <p><i>5. Recreational Rider Membership: Persons who desire participation in all Recreational Rider Programs only. It will allow transfer of horse but does not include registration of horses, Stallion Breeding Reports or PFHA shows. It does not include a subscription to PFHW nor voting privileges. It can be upgraded at any time to a full membership by paying the additional fee.</i></p> <p>State: Move Sect 4, B. 2. to Section A. 1. 5. Change 3rd sentence to read: "It does not include a subscription to PFHW. (deletes "nor voting privileges.")"</p>
Rationale for the Proposed Rule	Chapter Seven covers multiple recreational rider programs. RR members deserve the right to vote on these programs as well as items that affect all PFHA members.
Financial Impact	None – Loss in membership revenue if allowed to vote, full memberships will go down.
PFHA Staff Comments	<p>Concern with discounted rate, but they should have the ability to vote on Rec-Rider programs.</p> <p>Will need to start including birth dates on the membership application for Recreational riders for voting purposes (since both juniors and adults can technically sign up for a rec rider membership).</p> <p>All other limitations should apply to the rec-rider membership, for example, not being able to register a horse, or being able to participate in PFHA Shows. We hope that this will deter the loophole.</p>
Committee Comments	<p>Proposed by Rec Rider Committee</p> <p>Rules Committee - Loop hole for people to join at a lower rate</p>
C-2	Executive Director
Rule Proposal Will Change	Article VI. Section 1. Executive Director – Page 30
State the Proposed Rule	<p>Section 1. Executive Director.</p> <p>The Board shall hire or contract an Executive Director to run the day-to-day operations of the Association. Selection of candidate shall be through a hiring committee chaired by the Chair of the Personnel Committee. The recommended candidate would then be ratified by the Board, or the Executive Committee. The Executive Director shall be appointed Assistant Treasurer and as such will conduct the routine operations of the office of Treasurer upon his or her direction. The other duties of the Executive Director are as follows:</p> <p>A. Maintain the physical facilities and records of the Association including, but not limited to, the registry of horses, the membership, shows and show points and the normal correspondence of the Association.</p> <p>B. Keep the Board of Directors and Officers informed on the conditions and operations of the Association. He/she shall be a non-voting, ex-officio member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee and attend all meetings of the Board.</p> <p>C. Upon the direction of the President, shall be a non-voting member of any standing committee.</p> <p>D. Cooperate with the Finance Committee to develop the budget and operate the Association within the budget as approved by the Board.</p> <p>E. Establish a sound organizational structure for the Association office.</p> <p>F. Recruit, hire, train, promote, set working conditions and hours for and terminate personnel, as required, for the smooth operation of the Association</p>

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	<p>office.</p> <p>G. Recommend salary levels for the above personnel to the Board.</p> <p>H. Be responsible for the Association's official publications, in both print and electronic mediums, and other general communications with the membership as directed by the Board.</p> <p>I. Plan the annual Membership Convention.</p> <p>J. Carry out such other responsibilities as may be delegated to him/her by the Board.</p> <p>Adding the following language at the end of the section: <i>Should the Executive Director position become vacant, the President with the approval of the BOD or Executive Committee, may hire or contract a Business Administrator/Manager/Acting Executive Director on a temporary basis to run the day-to-day operations of the Association and the office until such time as a replacement is secured. The Business Administrator/Manager/Acting Executive Director may be assigned those duties necessary to maintain a sound office and Association operations.</i></p>
Rationale for the Proposed Rule	It provides the BOD a mechanism/ option to hire and recruit a Business Manager during ED's transitional periods to ensure continuity of operations while the ED position is filled or based on the needs of the organization.
Financial Impact	Dependent upon the situation - could be small if Executive Director salary is no longer being paid.
PFHA Staff Comments	<p>Agree, add to paragraph in Section 1 after Executive Director. We still believe this needs to be clarified to know what their day-to-day operations are if they are not defined in our Rulebook?</p> <p>We also need to know the terms of the Acting ED before they are made permanent. It does not specify if the acting ED can even be made into a permanent one.</p>
Committee Comments	None
C- 3	Voting
Rule Proposal Will Change	Constitution, XII, 9 A – Page 33
State the Proposed Rule	<p>Change 2nd paragraph to read:</p> <p><i>"Each regional group affiliated with the association and in good standing shall have the right to send one (1) director to the meetings of the association. Such director shall be entitled to 10 votes plus 1 vote for every 100 people who are designated as voting members of the regional group and who:</i></p> <p><i>1. are, as of the date of the meeting, members in good standing of the association, and have been members of the association in good standing thirty (30) days before the meeting; and</i></p> <p><i>2. are in good standing with the regional group. The member tally for each regional group is determined by the number of designated voting members of that regions on record in the association office thirty (30) days prior to the meeting. No member shall be represented by a Director of more than one Regional Group. The Regional Director must have been a designated voting member of the Regional Group represented and of the Association for thirty (30) days prior to the meeting. Substitute may be authorized.</i></p>
Rationale for the Proposed Rule	Our smaller regions have no voting impact which makes their participation in PFHA negligible. This proposal would help equalize the voting overall but still give the larger regions a weighted vote. This will allow our members around the country to have an impact on issues which affect the entire membership of the United States.
Financial Impact	None

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PFHA Staff Comments	Agree with rationale
Committee Comments	None
C - 4	Membership Meetings
Rule Proposal Will Change	Constitution, VII, 9 B and C – Page 33-34
State the Proposed Rule	<p>State: B. Membership Meetings. - change to read:</p> <p><i>Any matters to be decided at membership meetings, such as and including voting on officers and rule changes, will be tabulated by certified absentee ballots or by the member vote in the case of members attending the meeting in person. Certified and numbered absentee ballots for any votes to be taken will be sent to each PFHA member in good standing as of 30 days before the meeting. Only ballots properly completed and returned as specified by PFHA will be counted for the vote tally for that specific meeting. In the case of a member attending the meeting in person, that member may vote in person at the meeting which will supersede any vote that member may have sent in by absentee ballot. For membership meetings, regional group directors and executive committee members will only vote their personal votes. In no case will any one person cast more than one vote for any matter to be decided at a membership meeting.</i></p> <p>(delete entire section) C. Absentee and Proxy voting 1. An Absentee Ballot may be used only for the election of officers. Official notification of the meeting, including agenda and the form for the Absentee Ballot, must be made to the membership at least three (3) weeks prior to the meeting. All Absentee Ballots shall be completed according to the requirements stated on the ballot, shall be filed with the Association at least ten (10) days before the meeting and shall show the member's Regional Group affiliation. 2. A Proxy vote may be used by a member in good standing for a period of thirty (30) days prior to the Membership Meeting to vote on any motions made at the annual Membership meeting. Such proxies shall be in a form designated by the Board, shall show the member's Regional Group Affiliation and shall be on file with the Association at least ten (10) days before the meeting. Proxy forms will be available on request from the Association office. Proxies shall not be used for the election of officers.</p>
Rationale for the Proposed Rule	Members who are actively involved in the association should be the ones to make the decisions. This allows any member, whether they are members of a region or not, to voice his or her opinion on the important matters of the officers and rule changes for our association.
Financial Impact	some for mailing of ballots, unless a secure electronic method can be used
PFHA Staff Comments	<p>Sounds very convoluted and confusing.</p> <p>Keep in mind when members call the office, we read them the rule book so if we were to read this to a member, we think they would get more confused than they were when they first called.</p>
Committee Comments	The BOD may vote on additional items that come up at the meeting- how would members not present vote?
C - 5	Use of PFHW magazine in rule book
Rule Proposal Will Change	Article VII Section 10 Pages 34-35

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State the Proposed Rule	<p>Section 10. Elections.</p> <p>At the annual Membership Meeting in the appropriate year, elected officials and members of a Nominating Committee shall be elected by a majority of those voting.</p> <p>Nominating Committee.</p> <p>The Nominating Committee, consisting of not less than five (5) members, shall be elected by the membership at the annual Membership Meeting in the year preceding the election of officers. It shall be the responsibility of this Committee to actively solicit and encourage qualified candidates and make, as well as receive nominations (preferably at least two (2) nominees per office) for officers for the ensuing term. They must ascertain that each person nominated is willing and able to perform the duties of the office (prior written or verbal approval of the candidate must be obtained.)</p> <p>The Committee shall, at least thirty (30) days prior to the election at the Annual meeting, publish the election announcement and list of each offices' candidate(s) in the Association's print publication PFHW, and publish the list of candidates for each office on the Association's electronic publication(s) website(s). At least 30 days prior to the election at the Annual Meeting, the election announcement and list of each offices' candidate(s) shall be published on the Association's electronic publication(s) and website(s).</p> <p>Nominations for officers of the Association shall be received by the Committee Chair by certified mail. In addition, nominations for any officer may be made by any member in good standing from the floor at any meeting or by letter to the President of the Association. Voting for officers shall be by ballot as provided herein. (See Article VII. Section 9. C.) A Nominating Committee member will voluntarily resign from the Nominating Committee if he or she is nominated for an office of the Association. The Nominating Committee shall remain in force until its recommendations are presented to the Presiding Officer at the annual Membership Meeting.</p> <p>Remove: The Committee shall, at least thirty (30) days prior to the election at the Annual meeting, publish the election announcement and list of each offices' candidate(s) <i>in the Association's print publication PFHW</i>, and publish the list of candidates for each office on the Association's electronic publication(s) website(s).</p> <p>Replace with: At least 30 days prior to the election at the Annual Meeting, the election announcement and list of each offices' candidate(s) shall be published on the Association's electronic publication(s) and website(s).</p>
Rationale for the Proposed Rule	Standardize use of the title of the magazine PFHW. Use electronic publication methods instead of the magazine in rules where deadlines did not match publications.
Financial Impact	None
PFHA Staff Comments	We would like the language to be added "The PFHA Office shall publish..." so it would read <i>At least 30 days prior to the election at the Annual Meeting, the PFHA Office shall publish the election announcement and list of each offices' candidate(s) on the Association's electronic publication(s) and website(s).</i> or <i>At least 30 days prior to the election at the Annual Meeting, the election announcement and list of each offices' candidate(s) on the Association's electronic publication(s) and website(s) by the PFHA Office.</i>
Committee Comments	Rules Committee proposal Added office suggestion by clarifying sentence
C - 6	Use of PFHW magazine in rule book
Rule Proposal Will Change	Article XI. Amendments, Section 1. At Regular Meetings, page 44
State the Proposed Rule	<p>Change 1.A as follows:</p> <p>Section 1. At Regular Meetings.</p> <p>The Constitution may be amended at any meeting of the Association provided that:</p>

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	A. Notice of intention to amend the Constitution shall first be published in the official Association publication on the electronic publication(s) and website(s) or mailed to the membership at least thirty (30) days prior to the convening of the meeting at which the amendment shall occur; and
Rationale for the Proposed Rule	Eliminate " in the official Association publication"
Financial Impact	None
PFHA Staff Comments	Agree
Committee Comments	Rules Committee proposal
C - 7	Clinic Extensions for Judges and Stewards
Rule Proposal Will Change	Constitution Article X.6.B Page 40
State the Proposed Rule	<p>Change 6.B as follows:</p> <p>B. Cooperate with the Education and Clinic Committees in the execution of the Association Judges and Stewards Clinic. A Senior Certified Judge or Steward is required to attend a clinic at least once every three (3) years. A Certified Judge or Steward is required to attend a clinic at least once every two (2) years. A Judges and Stewards Clinic will be held annually. Any official who fails to fulfill clinic requirements or who fails to meet officiating requirements will not be eligible to have his/her license renewed and will have to apply for an extension <i>in advance of the clinic date.</i> The Judges and Stewards Committee has the option of allowing a one year clinic extension with officiating restriction or a one year officiating extension. All requests must be received in writing via mail, email, or fax. This committee will also develop such materials as is necessary for the upgrading of the judging of the breed as outlined in the Constitution.</p>
Rationale for the Proposed Rule	Add the requirements to request an extension prior to the clinic date to provide the Committee time to approve or disapprove the request
Financial Impact	None
PFHA Staff Comments	We agree with this, however we think it should be more specific and have a time-line set. For example, 30 days or 60 days in advance of the clinic. The hope for this is that if the committee decides to disapprove the request, it gives the licensed official time to make travel arrangements if necessary.
Committee Comments	Proposed by Judges and Stewards Committee

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1 - 2	Effective Date of Approved Rule Changes
Rule Proposal Will Change	Chapter 1 Section(s) I, add new section F. Page 50
State the Proposed Rule	New Section F <i>F: "Rule changes that are approved by the membership will take effect on March 1st following the meeting in which the rule changes are approved, or as soon as possible thereafter. Members should be notified by electronic means of any new rules which have been approved, and the online rule book will be changed to reflect the new rules."</i>
Rationale for the Proposed Rule	if rules need to be changed, the new and better rule should become effective as soon as possible after approval
Financial Impact	none
PFHA Staff Comments	Concerns with rule changes going into effect mid-show year. Not only would this rule change affect the membership and shows, it would also affect our computer system, potentially messing up points for that entire show year. Changing rules in the middle of the show year may cause strife between members because it would be unfair in one way or another.
Committee Comments	Rules would be different within show year, this can be a concern. Language is vague "as soon as possible". Opening ourselves up to controversy over when things should happen and confusion by members. Rule book changes would be very difficult to get ready if we need to do multiple copies of paper rule books.
1 - 3	Yellow Warning Cards
Rule Proposal Will Change	Chapter 1 Section(s) VII.C Page 55
State the Proposed Rule	Adding "Yellow Card Issued by Competition Officials" – this would be C and D would be "Penalties for Unpaid Amounts" and E would be "Violation Involving Certification of Registration". State: <i>C. Yellow Card issued by Competition Officials</i> <i>A Yellow Card may be issued by a Steward, Judge, or other Competition Official at the competition to any competitor, spectator or participant for improper conduct, or for noncompliance with the rules, provided the issuer considers the conduct not severe enough to cause the issuer to submit the matter to the Association for a Charge.</i> <i>1. To issue a Yellow Card, the Official must complete and sign the Yellow Card.</i> <i>2. A copy of the signed Yellow Card must be provided to the alleged offender at the competition, either in person or by any other suitable means. A copy of the Yellow Card must then be sent to the Association with the Steward's Report and noted in the report.</i> <i>3. Upon receipt of the Yellow Card, the Association will send an acknowledgment of its receipt to the alleged offender advising of the provisions of this Rule. This copy will be kept on file.</i> <i>4. Immediately following receipt by the Association of a second Yellow Card indicating that a competitor, spectator or participant has been issued two Yellow Cards within a 12-month period, the Executive Director or their designee shall</i>

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	<i>either levy a fine ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 or issue a formal Charge and determine if sufficient cause exists for the violation to warrant a hearing.</i>
Rationale for the Proposed Rule	Provides a tracking system for warnings given to exhibitors, spectators or other participants for offenses that might not warrant a charge unless they are repeat offenders.
Financial Impact	None
PFHA Staff Comments	Agree with the Yellow Card proposal
Committee Comments	<p>This is proposed by the Rules Committee</p> <p>Licensed officials are not there the entire show - competition management is, therefore it seems appropriate that they have a mechanism to report issues.</p> <p>These are for minor offenses - dog off leash repeatedly, etc. - not for major offenses.</p> <p>Comments from pilot program vote which were considered for modification :</p> <p>1 - these cards should only be issued by licensed officials</p> <p>2 - call "yellow" card, as that is "more friendly"</p>

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2 - 1	Association Sanctioned Shows
Rule Proposal Will Change	Chapter 2 Sections I. – Page 68 - 70
State the Proposed Rule	<p>State: ASSOCIATION SANCTIONED SHOWS CHAPTER TWO</p> <p>Competition Statement. A knowledge of the rules of any sport is required of each participant and the exhibitor at a licensed competition is in no way exempt from the responsibility. A complete knowledge of and compliance with the rules are essential and the exhibitor must be fully cognizant of all the rules as well as class specifications in the divisions in which he or she shows. It is obvious that however complete rules may be, they can never cover all possible situations which may arise. If a matter cannot be solved by interpreting the rules to the letter, the solution to be adopted by those responsible should lie in a principle which follows as nearly as possible the spirit of the rules.</p> <p>I. REGIONAL GROUP SPONSORED SHOWS. A. Classification. These shows must be sponsored by a recognized Regional Group, except as noted in Section 6. These do not include the Association Grand National Championship Show. In USEF-PFHA sanctioned shows when any PFHA Rule conflicts with an USEF Rule, the USEF Rule will prevail. Thus, even if class specifications differ, USEF Rules will be followed and PFHA points will be recorded for that class. Refer to Ch.2.VIII. General Rules. B. Rules Not Found in the Association Rule Book.</p> <p>1. All Paso (AP) Shows. An All Paso (AP) show shall have at least thirty (30) Association recognized classes taken from Chapter Three. AP Shows may also be sanctioned by USEF. USEF sanctioned AP shows shall be judged by a USEF/PFHA Certified Judge. USEF-PFHA sanctioned shows shall be stewarded by one Steward with both USEF and PFHA certification or by one USEF Steward and one PFHA Steward.</p> <p>2. All Paso International (AP – I) Shows. All Paso International (AP-I) shows shall follow the same guidelines as an AP show except the Classic Fino classes will follow the rules for International Fino Chapter 3. Section III. C. International Fino.</p> <p>3. PFHA-USEF All Breed (AB) Shows. PFHA-USEF All Breed Shows shall have association sponsored classes which are part of an All Breed USEF regular member show. The co-sponsoring regional group is responsible to make sure that all the required paperwork is received by the association office in the required time. A USEF Licensed Steward may fulfill the requirements and duties at a PFHA/USEF AB Sanctioned Show with thirty-five (35) or fewer horses. The count is to be determined by the previous year's steward's report. This steward must enforce all applicable PFHA</p>

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	<p>rules and submit a PFHA Stewards Report to the Association. A Guest Steward Card is required; application must be made at least ninety (90) days before the show.</p> <p>4. All Breed (AB) Shows. An All-Breed (AB) show shall be:</p> <p>a. A show with no more than twenty (20) Association recognized classes, or</p> <p>b. A show which is part of an AB show with the majority of the classes being non-Paso Fino classes and said AB show shall not be a USEF sanctioned show.</p> <p>5. Local (L) Show. A Local (L) show shall be either:</p> <p>a. A show with (i) no more than twenty (20) Association recognized classes, (ii) which is part of an All-Breed show which the majority of classes are non-Paso Fino classes and (iii) which is not a USEF Regular Member show; or</p> <p>b. A show held in conjunction with a Regional Group clinic, an Association Judges and Stewards clinic or a training clinic. There is no limit on the number of classes. There will be no USEF affiliation.</p> <p>c. A show with a maximum of thirty (30) Association recognized classes and which is not a USEF sanctioned show. There is no requirement for other breed classes or a clinic to be held in conjunction with this show, although those would be optional. There will be no limit to the number of this type of L show which a region may hold in a given year.</p> <p>6. Local (L) and All-Breed (AB) Shows may be sponsored by an individual, club, group, association or PFHA Regional Group. A steward is not required. A PFHA judge may be used or a judge sanctioned by any recognized horse organization may be used with approval as a guest judge under these rules. All other show requirements must be met for points to be awarded for these shows.</p> <p>7. All PFHA sanctioned shows will be judged with one of the following procedures to derive at one decision per class:</p> <p>a. One (1) judge/one decision</p> <p>b. Two (2) or more conferring judges for one decision</p> <p>c. Three (3) averaged score with 3 or 5 judges deriving at one decision.</p> <p>8. All PFHA sanctioned shows with 250+ horses, based on the previous year's count, must provide 2 Certified Stewards.</p>
Rationale for the Proposed Rule	To clarify this section and eliminate contradictions and redundancies
Financial Impact	None
PFHA Staff Comments	Agree, it clarifies it more
Committee Comments	Proposed by Events Committee to clarify section Rules Committee supports
2 -2	Delete International Classification – page 69

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Rule Proposal Will Change	Chapter 2 & 3, Sections 1.A.3 III.C – Page 69
State the Proposed Rule	<p>State: Delete in its entirety.</p> <p>3. AP – I Shows. All Paso International (AP-I) shows shall follow the same guidelines as an AP show except the Classic Fino classes will follow the rules for International Fino Chapter 3. Section III. C. International Fino.</p> <p>This will change the numbering in the rule book and remove Chapter 3. Section III.C. International Fino.</p>
Rationale for the Proposed Rule	International shows are not adhering to the rules for the International Fino classes.
Financial Impact	None
PFHA Staff Comments	None
Committee Comments	Proposed by Events Committee to eliminate confusion and assist shows with time schedules Rules Committee support - this classification can lengthen show schedules greatly
2 - 3	AB Shows
Rule Proposal Will Change	Chapter 2 Section(s) 1,A Page 70
State the Proposed Rule	<p>State: Delete 5 and renumber thereafter</p> <p>5. AB shows. An All-Breed (AB) show shall be:</p> <p>a. A show with no more than twenty (20) Association recognized classes, or</p> <p>b. A show which is part of an AB show with the majority of the classes being non-Paso Fino classes and said AB show shall not be a USEF sanctioned show.</p>
Rationale for the Proposed Rule	Duplicate of Chapter 2, 1, A, 1
Financial Impact	None
PFHA Staff Comments	This is duplicate wording.
Committee Comments	Proposed by Events Committee:If 2-1 passes this is unnecessary, but it is needed if 2-1 does not pass Rules Committee - the information is duplicate wording, probably in error from previous change
2 - 4	Local (L) and All Breed (AB) Shows VOTE WITH 5-6, must both be yes or both no
Rule Proposal Will Change	Chapter 2 Sections I. A. 6. – Page 70
State the Proposed Rule	<p>State:</p> <p>Local (L) and All Breed (AB) Shows may be sponsored by an individual, club, group, association or PFHA Regional Group. A steward is not required.</p> <p>a. A PFHA judge may be used.....with approval as a guest judge under these rules.</p>

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	<p>b. All other show...for these shows. A clinic may be held in conjunction with a L or AB show. To maximize the benefit of a clinic, the judge may be present on the showgrounds the day prior to the show to conduct the clinic.</p>
Rationale for the Proposed Rule	Some regions do not have access to trainers. This would provide members the benefit of a clinic before a show, without incurring the additional expense of judge & clinician.
Financial Impact	None
PFHA Staff Comments	Agree
Committee Comments	Proposed by Events Committee Rules Committee supports. Tied to Chapter 5 - must allow judge for clinic at show grounds prior to show - put together for membership
5 - 6	Judge's Obligation of Separation VOTE WITH 2-4, must both be yes or both no
Rule Proposal Will Change	Chapter 5 Sections X J – Page 175
State the Proposed Rule	<p>New rule will state:</p> <p>J. Judge's Obligation of Separation. Judges should make every effort to separate themselves from exhibitors and handlers, and aid Show Management and the Steward by complying with the Association rules in this regard. Judges may conduct a question and answer forum with exhibitors prior to a show as long as the show Steward is present except a Judge may not be present on the show grounds at any time before the day he or she officiates. <i>The only exception is when a judge is conducting a clinic in conjunction with a L or AB show as noted in Chapter Two., I., A.</i></p> <p>Add as last sentence: The only exception is when a judge is conducting a clinic in conjunction with a L or AB show as noted in Chapter Two., I., A.</p>
Rationale for the Proposed Rule	Some regions do not have access to trainers. This would provide members the benefit of a clinic before a show, without incurring the additional expense of judge & clinician.
Financial Impact	None
PFHA Staff Comments	Agree
Committee Comments	Events Committee proposed this rule change. Vote with Ch 2 proposal that relates to it - put them together for the membership Rules Committee supports.
2 - 5	Conferring Judges
Rule Proposal Will Change	Chapter 2 I.A.7 Page 70

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State the Proposed Rule	State: 7. All PFHA sanctioned shows will be judged with one of the following procedures to derive at one decision per class: a. One (1) judge/one decision b. Two (2) or more conferring judges for one decision c. Three (3) averaged score with 3 or 5 judges deriving at one decision
Rationale for the Proposed Rule	Add the words "or more" to allow shows to have more than two Judges confer if they wish. (As they have been doing) This is the way it is stated in USEF rule book which should mirror ours.
Financial Impact	None – increase money for PFHA
PFHA Staff Comments	Agree
Committee Comments	If 2-1 passes this would not be needed Rules Committee supports
2 - 6	Compliance with Show Requirements
Rule Proposal Will Change	Chapter 2 Sections I, D., 8 – Page 74
State the Proposed Rule	State: 8. Use an Association Certified Judge and Steward; except as noted in Chapter Two., I. A. (page 70)
Rationale for the Proposed Rule	Add the exception to mandatory use of a judge and steward for L and AB shows.
Financial Impact	None
PFHA Staff Comments	Agree
Committee Comments	Proposed by Events Committee Rules Committee supports - clarifying language
2 - 7	Show Secretary Responsibilities – disk submission
Rule Proposal Will Change	Chapter 2. 1.D.14.e Page 75
State the Proposed Rule	State: Eliminate "e" completely. Reletter "f" through "i" e. If submitting show results on disk use one disk for each show. Each show consists of one set of Judge's results even if classes are split between two (2) days.
Rationale for the Proposed Rule	Unnecessary language, show secretaries report that they have never used disks, can email files or submit results on PasoTracker
Financial Impact	None
PFHA Staff Comments	Agree - outdated
Committee Comments	Rules Committee proposal

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2 - 8	Eligibility
Rule Proposal Will Change	Chapter 2 Sections II.A.1 – Page 77
State the Proposed Rule	State: Change "Section IV.A.1" to "Section IV.B.1" 1. A cloned horse, as defined in Chapter Eight. Section IV. B. 1. , is not eligible for participation in any PFHA sanctioned show or event.
Rationale for the Proposed Rule	Reference to Chapter 8 section is incorrect.
Financial Impact	None
PFHA Staff Comments	Agree
Committee Comments	Events Committee Proposal Rules Committee supports
2 - 9	Dogs on Competition Grounds
Rule Proposal Will Change	Chapter 2 Section III. G – Page 79
State the Proposed Rule	State: Add Letter G as follows: G. Dogs are not permitted to be loose on competition grounds and must be held on a leash or otherwise restrained. Individuals must not lead dogs on a leash while mounted. Dog owners are solely responsible for any damages, claims, losses or actions resulting from their dogs' behaviors. Dog owners failing to comply with this rule will be issued a warning.
Rationale for the Proposed Rule	Safety issue for humans and horses.
Financial Impact	None
PFHA Staff Comments	Agree – Show managers need to add this language to Vendor Contracts as vendors are not always members and know the rules.
Committee Comments	Rules Committee supports
2 - 10	Shoeing
Rule Proposal Will Change	Chapter 2, IV C – Page 80
State the Proposed Rule	under the Shoeing Rule, remove the following line: "All horses showing in Classic Fino must be shown shod." C. Shoeing. If a horse is shown unshod, hooves will be neatly trimmed to a short natural length, not to exceed four (4) inches. The length of the shod hooves is not to exceed four and one-half (4-1/2) inches, including shoes.
Rationale for the Proposed Rule	Trainers feel like the shoeing rules should be consistent for all horses and that owners should not be forced to shoe their horses. Horses that look sore in feet and body may have shoes on - so the shoes are not preventing soreing.

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Financial Impact	None
PFHA Staff Comments	We do not have enough background to see the benefit of having to have shoes if the horse has healthy hooves, agree to the removal of the line.
Committee Comments	None
2 - 12	Shoeing
Rule Proposal Will Change	Chapter 2, IV C – Page 80
State the Proposed Rule	<p>STATE: after the first sentence in the 2nd paragraph, add this sentence: "Aluminum shoes are allowed."</p> <p>C. Shoeing. If a horse is shown unshod, hooves will be neatly trimmed to a short natural length, not to exceed four (4) inches. All horses showing in Classic Fino must be shown shod. The length of the shod hooves is not to exceed four and one-half (4-1/2) inches, including shoes. All four (4) feet must be shod with the same type of shoe of the same material, weight and thickness, although front and back hooves may be shod in different sizes. "Aluminum shoes are allowed." Each shoe cannot exceed ten (10) ounces. Weighted shoes, trailers, heel caulks, and any style of pads are prohibited. Toe and/or side clips drawn from the shoe are allowed as long as the clips are an integral part of the plate shoe. Any horse found to have illegal shoe weight (10 ounces) or material will be disqualified from the class.</p>
Rationale for the Proposed Rule	This type of shoe is currently allowed, so this change makes that clear to exhibitors.
Financial Impact	None
PFHA Staff Comments	None
Committee Comments	If both these pass, need to make certain that the first paragraph gets changed appropriately. Fino shod.
2 - 13	Shoeing
Rule Proposal Will Change	Chapter 2, IV C – Page 80
State the Proposed Rule	<p>STATE: After the first sentence in the 2nd paragraph, add the following: "Rim shoes are allowed. "</p> <p>C. Shoeing. If a horse is shown unshod, hooves will be neatly trimmed to a short natural length, not to exceed four (4) inches. All horses showing in Classic Fino must be shown shod. The length of the shod hooves is not to exceed four and one-half (4-1/2) inches, including shoes. All four (4) feet must be shod with the same type of shoe of the same material, weight and thickness, although front and back hooves may be shod in different sizes. Rim shoes are allowed. Each shoe cannot exceed ten (10) ounces. Weighted shoes, trailers, heel caulks, and any style of pads are prohibited. Toe and/or side clips drawn from the shoe are allowed as long as the clips are an integral part of the plate shoe. Any horse found to have illegal shoe weight (10 ounces) or material will be disqualified from the class.</p>
Rationale for the Proposed Rule	it is common practice for many of our farriers to use rim shoes so this sentence clarifies that these are allowed

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Financial Impact	None
PFHA Staff Comments	Agree
Committee Comments	Important to change first sentence if 2-10 passes
2 - 17	Soreing - Clarification of Artificial Devices
Rule Proposal Will Change	Chapter 2 IV E – Page 80
State the Proposed Rule	STATE: E. Soreing of a horse is prohibited. Any physical evidence, including but not limited to scars or blisters, of training with heavy shoes or artificial devices or soreing shall disqualify the horse for the remainder of the competition. Examples - Artificial Devices include, but are not limited to Leg/fetlock ankle chains (leather, string, plastic, rubber, chain, wood, etc), of any weight. These are illegal on the show grounds and exhibitors using devices are subject to charges, fees and expulsion from the show grounds.
Rationale for the Proposed Rule	Artificial devices have been illegal all this time, this just moves it to an appropriate location and easily readable by an exhibitor/trainer/owner.
Financial Impact	none
PFHA Staff Comments	Agree
Committee Comments	Rules Committee feels this rule needs to be more specific about other types of artificial devices. This is too open ended. Originator chose not to make amendments.
2 - 18	Schooling Headgear
Rule Proposal Will Change	Chapter 2, VII, C – Page 85
State the Proposed Rule	STATE: in section C, 2nd paragraph, change the first sentence to read: In a schooling class in any division, or in pleasure when schooling headgear is used on an older horse , metal may be used if covered in a nosepiece or under the chin, but it must not be considered cruel or inhumane by the Judge or show committee and be sufficiently covered to ensure comfort to the animal.
Rationale for the Proposed Rule	Trainers feel that all horses are trained the same way and that if metal can be used for fino and performance, it should also be legal in pleasure division.
Financial Impact	None
PFHA Staff Comments	Concerns: refer to page 132 #2 The horse's head carriage is natural and relaxed for pleasure.
Committee Comments	Requires changes in other sections - Page 84 A Except.....need to add schooling pleasure and adult with schooling headgear Change in tack guide
2 - 19	Crops and Spurs

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Rule Proposal Will Change	Chapter 2, VII, J – Page 90
State the Proposed Rule	STATE: J. Crops and Spurs Spurs that are blunt or blunt rowels may be used in any classes. Spurs with sharp, pointed rowels are not allowed in any classes. A riding crop not exceeding thirty (30) inches in length may be used.
Rationale for the Proposed Rule	Spurs are a training aid and should be allowed within reason.
Financial Impact	None
PFHA Staff Comments	Agree, more clear
Committee Comments	Replaces the current rule which only allows these in specialty classes and causes confusion.
2 - 21	Horse's Age
Rule Proposal Will Change	Chapter 2, VIII, C – Page 92
State the Proposed Rule	STATE: change rule to read: C. Horse's Age. A horse's age will be counted in years. Each horse will become a year old on January 1 following the its actual birth, and will age by one year each subsequent January 1. A horse's age for show ring classes will be determined by the age it will become on January 1 during that specific show year. NOTE: this will also need to be replaced in section IX, B, last paragraph, worded as above. ALL RELATED SECTIONS OF THE RULE BOOK REFERENCING AGE WOULD NEED TO BE REPLACED AS FOLLOWS: 36-48 months would become 3 years 49-60 months would become 4 years 61-84 months would become 5-6 years 85 months and older would become 7 & older Bella Forma classes would switch back to 1 yr, 2 yr, 3 yr, and 4 years & over.
Rationale for the Proposed Rule	<p>For example, if a horse is born in 2023, it automatically becomes a year old on January 1, 2024, regardless of actual date foaled. It would be 2 years old on 1/1/ 2025 and 3 years old on 1/1/2026, so will be 3 years old for the 2026 show season. It can start showing in the younger schooling class before January 1 2026 if there are late shows in 2025 when the horse is technically 3 years old, as long as it meets the requirement of section IX. A. which states that a horse has to be 30 months old to be ridden in a saddle class.</p> <p>For Bella Forma, a horse born in 2023 would be 1 year old during the 2024 show year, 2 year old during the 2025 show year, etc.</p> <p>For an older horse, if the horse is born in 2023, it will be 5 years old as of 1/1/28 and would show in the 5-6 year old class starting in late 2027 (when the show year starts Sept 1 each year).</p> <p>Changing our system from years to months totally eliminated the ability to provide high point awards by classes, since horses are changing classes mid-show season. Changing back to age calculation by years would keep a group of horses in the same class all year long. It also provides more equitable competition because the horses are in the same age range (most would be within 3-4 months of each other by birthdates), when in the 36-48 months, for example, we sometimes have a 36 month old competing with a 48 month old who has an entire year of maturity and experience more than the 36 month old. Competition is not as fair for a younger horse who has to move into the older category in late summer or right before</p>

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	nationals. Having the age by months also hurts our early shows, because many of the horses cannot show in the April, May, June shows because they have not reached 36 months old by our calculation method.
Financial Impact	revision of computer system to reflect the change back to years all affected rules that list age by months would have to be changed back to years
PFHA Staff Comments	Concerns - Disadvantage for horses born in Southern Hemisphere (second half of the year) are younger, competing against older horses. Horses born in December really aren't the next year older based on a January 1 birth date. Horses may not be 36 month/3 years competing when born later in the year
Committee Comments	No comment
2 - 22	Calling Class Placement
Rule Proposal Will Change	Chapter 2 Section(s) VIII, H Page 94
State the Proposed Rule	State: after the 3rd sentence, add this sentence: "For Championship classes, placements are called starting with honorable mention (5th), then fourth (4th) place through first (1st) place. " H. Calling Class Placement. After a class has been pinned and the Judge's card turned in, any non-placing horses shall be excused from the ring. Non-winners of ribbons in any class should remain in the ring until excused. The placement of the class shall be called starting with honorable mention, seventh (7th) place, and proceeding sixth (6th) place through first (1st) place. For Championship classes, placements are called starting with honorable mention (5th), then fourth (4th) place through first (1st) place. The first (1st) place horse shall have the option of making a victory ride once around the ring. The first (1st) and second (2nd) places shall have the option of going down the sounding board.
Rationale for the Proposed Rule	to make it clear what the placements are for championship classes
Financial Impact	none
PFHA Staff Comments	Agree – break out or 2 nd paragraph. Its confusing if added in the middle of the paragraph
Committee Comments	None
2 - 23	Same Rider on Two Horses/Two Different Riders on Same Horse Prohibited
Rule Proposal Will Change	Chapter 2 Section(s) VIII, L Page 96

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State the Proposed Rule	<p>L. Same Rider on Two Horses/Two Different Riders on Same Horse Prohibited.</p> <p>A rider may not show more than one horse in a class, with the exception of trail class. For trail class, a rider may show more than one horse as long as there is a handler for each horse. When accepting awards for trail class, the rider with multiple horses should ride one horse into the arena and the other horses may be led in by a handler for each horse.</p> <p><u>In any saddle class, the rider may not be changed during the class.</u></p>
Rationale for the Proposed Rule	reworded for clarity
Financial Impact	none
PFHA Staff Comments	Agree
Committee Comments	None
2- 25	Schooling Class Sections
Rule Proposal Will Change	Chapter 2 Section(s) IX, B Page 96
State the Proposed Rule	<p>State:</p> <p>B. Schooling Class Sections.</p> <p>Schooling classes may be offered in the Fino, Performance, and Pleasure divisions, including amateur classes. There may be open Schooling classes for horses 36-60 months old. Alternatively, there may be two (2) schooling age sections within a division for:</p> <p>1. Horses that are 36-48 months old;</p> <p>2. Horses that are 49-60 months old.</p> <p>In addition, classes may be split according to the respective divisions.</p> <p>For show purposes, a horse's age is determined in months from the foaling date to the last day of the month preceding the month of the show.</p>
Rationale for the Proposed Rule	our rules didn't state all the possible classes that we currently use in our shows, so this addition will fix that omission and clarify the classes that we already use
Financial Impact	none
PFHA Staff Comments	Agree
Committee Comments	If years passes this would also need to be changed
2 - 26	Restriction on Schooling Status
Rule Proposal Will Change	Chapter 2 Section(s) IX, D Page 96

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State the Proposed Rule	State: replace section D with the following: D. Restriction on Schooling Status. A schooling horse (36-60 months) must be shown in classes appropriate for its age, with the exception of championships or open classes that have no age restrictions. If a show does not offer schooling age classes, a schooling horse may show in open classes at that show without losing its status as a schooling horse.
Rationale for the Proposed Rule	It was necessary to reword this section based on the new system we have, which won't allow a horse to show in the wrong schooling class. The Paso Key system makes sure horses are in the right class. The previous rule was a holdover from early years when we didn't have the same computer system and horses were entered in the wrong classes for their ages.
Financial Impact	None
PFHA Staff Comments	No
Committee Comments	None

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3 - 1	International Paso Equitation - Appointments
Rule Proposal Will Change	Chapter 3.1 Section(s) B.7.h Page 113
State the Proposed Rule	<p>Change h. Appointments. as follows:</p> <p>h. Appointments. The tack shall be English type. Schooling tack is not acceptable. <i>The stirrup leathers are not to exceed 5 centimeters (5 cm.) or two inches (2 inches) in width. The stirrups can be metal or leather. These should be symmetrical in all parts, including the footrest.</i> <i>The attire shall be:</i> - <i>black leather boots</i> - <i>black trousers of which the length does not surpass the heel of the boot while the rider is mounted.</i> - <i>black jacket</i> - <i>the hat should be white or cream with black or white ribbon. Any other type of hat is prohibited.</i></p>
Rationale for the Proposed Rule	In order for our youth to be at a competitive level in accordance to the youth Mundial standards.
Financial Impact	There will be a positive financial impact allowing our youth to compete in more classes, therefore allowing our regions to grow in entries and horses registered. N/A
PFHA Staff Comments	Agree
Committee Comments	Applies to only International Equitation, both youth and adult (if approved)
3 - 2	International Paso Equitation – Class Separations
Rule Proposal Will Change	Chapter 3 Section B.7.i Page 113
State the Proposed Rule	<p>Revise the existing class separations for International Paso Equitation</p> <p>State: 1) May be offered as an Open class or may be divided into age groups as follows:</p> <p>a) International Paso Equitation Mini - from 4 to 5 years. **, International Paso Equitation - from 6 to 8 years. **, International Paso Equitation - from 9 to 11 years, International Paso Equitation - from 12 to 14 years, International Paso Equitation - from 15 to 17 years.</p> <p>b) International Paso Equitation Mini - from 4 to 8 years. **, International Paso Equitation - from 9 to 12 years, International Paso Equitation - from 13 to 17 years.</p> <p>** -The "mini" categories must use a protective riding vest. These should not include any posture aids. In the 4 – 5 & 6 – 8 age group, there should be a minimum of 4 helpers in the arena for safety. These persons will be designated by the Technical Committee. To provide safety, it is recommended music be kept low. **</p>

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Rationale for the Proposed Rule	In order for our youth to be at a competitive level in accordance to the youth mundial standards we need to provide opportunities at the correct age groupings.
Financial Impact	There will be a positive financial impact allowing our youth to compete in more classes, therefore allowing our regions to grow in entries and horses registered.
PFHA Staff Comments	We would like this rule clarified. We are not against adding these age groups so that we can help our youth, however we do not believe that we should take away the class separations that we use for every other class. We believe, if anything, that it should be added as another subsection. Do we need to add these new age groups as PFHA Championship classes? Does this affect the High Point award for the International Equitation division? We ask this because pg. 181 defines it for junior and sub-junior, however does not mention anything about these proposed class separations. We just believe that there is a lot that would need to be changed for this to work, and if this rule goes through, we believe this would cause more confusion for members in the future with the way it is written now.
Committee Comments	Rules Committee and Events - Adds a lot of classes - in order to support smaller regions that want to offer this, but really can't afford all the prizes - we need combinations - sent back to Youth Committee. Youth Committee added combinations to assist shows in time saving and financial concerns. This alleviates our concerns. The Youth Committee is trying hard to match this section to the Mundial requirements to improve practice for our youth riders.
3 - 3	Additional Test/Work Offs – Remove Dismount from Pleasure Amateur
Rule Proposal Will Change	Chapter 3, V, B Page 133
State the Proposed Rule	Add the words "and Amateur" to the existing rule. STATE: At the Judge's discretion, riders may be asked to perform individually. The required test should show the submissive manners, willingness, and quiet temperament. Some of the requests may be as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dismount and remount from the left side, except in Youth and Amateur classes. Rider's style of dismount and mount is not to be emphasized; rather emphasis is placed on horse's willingness to stand quietly. 2. Perform a serpentine at the Paso Corto gait. 3. Perform the Paso Corto gait over the sounding board. 4. Back on the board 5. Back on the rail. Any combination of the above may be used for a work-off.
Rationale for the Proposed Rule	Remove the dismount as an option for pleasure amateur class work offs. The mount and dismount is one of the most dangerous aspects of riding. Removing it as an option for a work off would increase the safety for our amateur competitors. There are also some riders who have significant difficulty remounting not because of the horse, but because of physical limitations. Removing the dismount from the workoff option list may increase participation in these classes. If a rider has a documented limitation that would exempt them from the dismount workoff, this would increase class time to do a separate workoff versus just eliminating this workoff as an option in amateur classes.
Financial Impact	Potential increase class revenue from more competitors
PFHA Staff Comments	The office believes that dismounting and mounting show off a skill that can be evaluated, and all exhibitors and horses should be able to perform <i>if</i> physically able. If they are not, they should have to provide documentation from a medical practitioner to be excused from this work-off. We allow

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	those with documented limitations to be excused from that work off or make the judge use a work-off that is accessible to those with a documented complication. It is our responsibility to make it accessible, but also remember that this is a for competition, so we must show who is the "best".
Committee Comments	None
3 - 4	Country Pleasure – Procedures – Remove Mount/Dismount
Rule Proposal Will Change	Chapter 3 Section VI, A 3 – Page 137
State the Proposed Rule	<p>Remove the mount and dismount in Country Pleasure and add the following language as a test.</p> <p>STATE:</p> <p>3. Procedures.</p> <p>Exhibitors shall enter the ring to the right on the rail at a Paso Corto and circle the arena in a counterclockwise manner. Sequence of gaits will be Paso Corto, Paso Largo, Flat Walk, reverse, repeat and then line up. When the Judge requests, each participant will corto to the right of the board away from the line up, turn left around the end of the board at a corto until reaching the cone at the midpoint of the board length, flat walk from the cone towards the lineup, halt at the end of the board, back 5 steps, stand 5 seconds, proceed to flat walk back to the lineup. Emphasis is placed on the horse's willingness to back in a calm and controlled manner, calmly leave the other horses in the lineup, and to stand quietly. While executing all gaits, entries should space themselves from other exhibitors to avoid bunching up and maintain their relative positions on the rail except to pass. When western style tack is used, the rider may use either one or two hands.</p>
Rationale for the Proposed Rule	<p>Remove the dismount and opposite side remount from the Country Pleasure Class description. Mounting and dismounting are one of the most vulnerable moments of riding a horse and can pose significant safety risks to our riders, especially our amateurs. Removing this task would improve our safety. There are also riders with physical limitations that are unable to dismount and remount well even with the use of a block, especially from the off side. Even though the class description states that the style of mount/dismount is not emphasized, these riders may still feel self conscious and anxious performing this task in front of an audience. Removing this task and replacing it with another task to show the horse's calm willing demeanor may significantly increase participation in this class as well as increase the safety of our amateur competitors.</p>
Financial Impact	Class participation increase leading to increased revenues.
PFHA Staff Comments	Already states a rider's style of dismount and mount is not to be emphasized. – See page 90 K. Special Tack, Attire or Considerations for mounting blocks.
Committee Comments	None
3 - 5	Adult International Equitation
Rule Proposal Will Change	Chapter 3 Section add D Page 143

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State the Proposed Rule	<p>Add to section:</p> <p><i>D. Amateur Adult International Equitation Class.</i></p> <p><i>Regional Group shows may offer this class at their discretion. The class specifications, judging criteria, procedures and appointments will follow International Equitation, Ch 3.B.7. a through k.</i></p> <p><i>A. Class Separations</i></p> <p><i>1. May be offered as Adult Open 18 & Older</i></p>
Rationale for the Proposed Rule	There will be a positive financial impact allowing our youth to compete in more classes, therefore allowing our regions to grow in entries and horses registered.
Financial Impact	None
PFHA Staff Comments	Would this be better placed on page 142 in between Adult Amateur Equitation and Amateur Adult Horsemanship making this new section C and moving horsemanship to D, not including the class separations unless you take out the Adult and just make it Amateur International Equitation, and then offer it as an adult and youth.
Committee Comments	Placement is correct as it follows same sequence as Youth Int. Eq. In rule book. Basically this addresses the office concerns.
3 - 6	Paso Western Pleasure - Procedures
Rule Proposal Will Change	Chapter 3, VII, B 2 – Page 146
State the Proposed Rule	<p>STATE:</p> <p>under procedures, change the 2nd-4th sentences to read: "Horses under the age of five (5) years may be ridden with a snaffle, bosal, or curb bit and may be ridden with 2 hands. Horses five (5) and over must use a curb bit. Only one hand may be used on the reins when using a curb bit on a horse five years and over, and hands must not be changed."</p> <p>2. Procedures.</p> <p>The exhibitor will enter the ring to the right on the rail at a Paso Corto and circle the arena in a counterclockwise manner. Horses under the age of five (5) years may use a snaffle, bosal or curb bit and may be ridden with two (2) hands. Horses five (5) and over must use a curb bit. Only one hand may be used on the reins when using a curb bit on a horse five years and over, and hands must not be changed. If hands are changed or if two (2) hands are used with a curb bit, the exhibitor shall be penalized. If the left hand is used with reins, the bight must drape to the left side of the withers. The only exception to this is if long reins or a romal are used. In that case, one hand may be used to carry the excess rein, but the hands must be at least twelve (12) inches apart. All horses being considered for an award are required to back in a straight line for placement. Refusal to back disqualifies the horse from placement.</p> <p>The sequence of the gaits shall be Paso Corto, flat Walk, Lope, flat Walk, reverse and repeat.</p>
Rationale for the Proposed Rule	younger horses are often ridden in curb bits and allowed a schooling age horse to use a curb bit with 2 hands allows an easier transition to one hand and neck reining.
Financial Impact	None

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PFHA Staff Comments	The wording might be confusing to some members since we are supposed to go by the month to determine the age, not the year.
Committee Comments	None
3 - 7	Use of Sounding Board
Rule Proposal Will Change	Chapter 3.IV.A.3 Page 129 and B Page 130 - Performance Chapter 3.V.A.3 Page 133 and B page 133 - Pleasure
State the Proposed Rule	<p>Change last paragraph page 129: remove "when available" This class shall be judged 30% on the collected Paso Corto; 30% on the collected Paso Largo; 10% on the collected Walk; 20% on appearance, conformation, manners and way of going and 10% on the sounding board <i>if used</i>.</p> <p>Change in third paragraph of B on page 130: change "shall be used when available" A solid, continuous surface, allowing no more than a one-half inch of space between the boards, ground level, hard surface sounding board 48-feet or longer may be used when available.</p> <p>Change last paragraph of A, top of page 133: remove "when available" This class shall be judged 20% on the Paso Corto; 20% on the Paso Largo; 20% on the Flat Walk; 5% on the Back, 25% on appearance, conformation, manners and way of going and 10% on the sounding board <i>if used</i>.</p> <p>Change in the second paragraph of B page 133: delete "and traverse the sounding board when available" The sequence of gaits shall be Paso Corto, Paso Largo to demonstrate the marked difference in speed, flat Walk, reverse and repeat.</p>
Rationale for the Proposed Rule	Return to judging the horses on the rail; especially in Performance and Pleasure classes.
Financial Impact	none
PFHA Staff Comments	none
Committee Comments	None

4 - 1	Selection of Judges - Judging for Nationals
Rule Proposal Will Change	Chapter 4. 1. B – Page 154
State the Proposed Rule	<p>New rule will state:</p> <p>B. Selection of Judges. The selection of the National Show's judging system shall be made for the next National Show at the January Board of Director's meeting and the Judges shall be selected at the Spring Board of Director's meeting. The selection of Judges shall be made from a list of qualified Judges supplied by the Judges and Stewards Committee. <i>At least 60% of the Judges selected for the GNS will have Judged in at least 3 different regions within the last 3 years.</i> Conferencing of Judges shall be allowed if desired by the Board of Directors. However, Judges will individually present their placements on a Judge's card. Each Judge shall be a Certified Judge of the Association and hold a USEF recorded "r," registered "R" or a Guest Judge card.</p>
Rationale for the Proposed Rule	this would allow us to pick judges that are specially suited for certain divisions at the national show
Financial Impact	None specific. Could change national show budget depending on scheduling and number of judges picked.
PFHA Staff Comments	Supports with new verbiage. This will help judges potentially get more shows as they will HAVE to go to different regions, and right now they may not be reaching out to those regions.
Committee Comments	<p>Rules Committee has concerns that many judges will not be able to meet this requirement, especially if they have training or exhibiting roles that they also fulfill. Therefore it may limit choice of GNS judges even more.</p> <p>GNS Committee agrees that pool of judges would improve, but financial impact seems too great.</p> <p>J/S Committee - Strongly supports this proposal as we need a well-rounded mix of knowledge and experience.</p> <p>Events Committee believes this limits pool of Judges so cannot give their support.</p>
4 - 2	Selection of Judges - Divisional Judging for Nationals
Rule Proposal Will Change	Chapter 4.1. B – Page 154
State the Proposed Rule	<p>New rule would state</p> <p>B. Selection of Judges. The selection of the National Show's judging system shall be made for the next National Show at the January Board of Director's meeting and the Judges shall be selected at the Spring Board of Director's meeting. The selection of Judges shall be made from a list of qualified Judges supplied by the Judges and Stewards Committee. Conferencing of Judges shall be allowed if desired by the Board of Directors. However, Judges will individually present their placements on a Judge's card. Each Judge shall be a Certified Judge of the Association and hold a USEF recorded "r," registered "R" or a Guest Judge card.</p> <p>No Judge shall be eligible to judge two, consecutive, National Shows. Those Judges selected must be in good standing with the Association at the time of selection and at the time of the National Show. Judges that submit their names for consideration to officiate at the Grand National Championship Show will provide a resume for the Board of Directors through the Judges and Stewards Committee. <i>Divisional judging may be used for the National Show if approved by the Board of Directors.</i></p>

Rationale for the Proposed Rule	this would allow us to pick judges that are specially suited for certain divisions at the national show
Financial Impact	None specific. Could change national show budget depending on scheduling and number of judges picked.
PFHA Staff Comments	Believes that this change would be showing favoritism.
Committee Comments	<p>Rules Committee believes that the current system is hard on people and our judges are exhausted. However we acknowledge that some individuals are better at some divisions. This would open pool of judges. We have concerns about how to division schedule, but think this is worthy of consideration as a good option provided there is a good plan.</p> <p>GNS Committee is very concerned about expense involved in this, as well as the scheduling of show would need to be very different. We recognize it would increase pool of judges.</p> <p>J/S Committee believes we may not be ready to implement this, but is not a bad plan. We have concerns about money, and scheduling. We feel our judges should be certified to judge all classes, but recognize that everyone does have strengths and weaknesses.</p> <p>Events Committee has mixed feelings, with concerns about the financial and logistical aspects. Don't think the association can afford it now, good idea for future to have more options and it might be beneficial to the exhibitors to have judges with more experience in other divisions.</p>
4 - 3	Costume Rule Change
Rule Proposal Will Change	Chapter 4.II.B Page 155
State the Proposed Rule	<p>Insert in place of existing Letter B as follows:</p> <p><i>B. Paso Costume Class.</i> <i>This class shall be offered at the National Show. There is no eligibility requirement for this class at the National Show.</i></p> <p>Re-letter existing B to E to follow.</p>
Rationale for the Proposed Rule	There is no championship, no rewards other than a ribbon that is earned. High point could still be earned. I believe participation at the National level would increase. People look forward to seeing this class.
Financial Impact	No added finances for PFHA, added participation – increase money in show
PFHA Staff Comments	Agree
Committee Comments	<p>Rules Committee - no comments</p> <p>GNS Committee has some concerns as they feel that the GNS should require qualification, however they also see that this is a special type of class, similar to driving and by allowing it to be open without eligibility it could increase interest and participation.</p>

4- 4	International Paso Equitation
Rule Proposal Will Change	Chapter 4.2.D Page 156
State the Proposed Rule	<p>Replace rule with:</p> <p><i>D. International Equitation:</i> <i>This class shall be offered at the National Show. There is no eligibility requirement for this class at the National Show.</i></p>
Rationale for the Proposed Rule	There will be a positive financial impact allowing our youth to compete in more classes, therefore allowing our regions to grow in entries and horses registered.
Financial Impact	None
PFHA Staff Comments	Believes regions should make them pointed classes so they qualify. The GNS is a championship show, need eligibility requirements.
Committee Comments	<p>Rules Committee - Concerns about need for practice prior National Show for safety</p> <p>GNS Committee feels that this class should remain with an eligibility requirement as it is more similar to our regular Equitation classes.</p>

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5 - 2	Learner Judge Requirements Clarified
Rule Proposal Will Change	Chapter 5. II.C.2 Page 158-159
State the Proposed Rule	<p>Replace the existing rule as follows:</p> <p>2. If the test administered in 1a and 1b, above, is not met with a satisfactory score of eighty-five percent (85%) or better, the applicant is denied and will be required to reapply. If the tests referred to in number 1a and 1b, above, are passed satisfactorily, then the applicant becomes a Learner Judge candidate. The candidate is required to serve as a "Learner Judge" with a minimum of three (3) Senior Certified Judges <i>in three (3) different regions</i> within twenty-four (24) months of attending a certified clinic. The Learner Judge candidate <i>must</i> pass all three learner-sessions with excellent or good in all categories. <i>All sessions will be approved in advance by the Judges and Stewards Committee.</i> The applicant is encouraged to learner judge as much as possible in order to gain experience and may request additional assignments. <i>All Learner expenses are the responsibility of the individual and not the region providing the learner opportunity.</i></p>
Rationale for the Proposed Rule	Rewritten/reorganized for clarity of requirements
Financial Impact	None
PFHA Staff Comments	100% agree. More education/experience
Committee Comments	Rules Committee supports Judges and Stewards Committee proposed the rule change.
5 - 4	Monitor Entry Forms
Rule Proposal Will Change	Chapter 5 VIII. J – Page 171
State the Proposed Rule	<p>Remove section J in entirety.</p> <p>J. Monitor Entry Forms. The Steward also is responsible for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Seeing that each entry form has been signed by a trainer (owner in absence of a trainer). 2. Seeing that each membership number appears on the entry form. 3. Observing and reporting that Show Management has required each participant or his or her agent to sign each entry form or paid the appropriate fee.
Rationale for the Proposed Rule	This is archaic and not necessary.
Financial Impact	none
PFHA Staff Comments	This should not be the Steward's job.

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Committee Comments	None
5 - 5	Judge Allowed on Grounds
Rule Proposal Will Change	Chapter 5. X. J Page 175
State the Proposed Rule	<p>Remove: "except a Judge may not be present on the show grounds at any time before the date he or she officiates."</p> <p>J. Judge's Obligation of Separation Judges should make every effort to separate themselves from exhibitors and handlers, and aid Show Management and the Steward by complying with the Association rules in this regard. Judges may conduct a question and answer forum with exhibitors prior to show as long as the show Steward is present.</p>
Rationale for the Proposed Rule	This is not a "problem" in USEF or many other breeds such as Arabians. Judges must sign a code of ethics annually that should cover "issues".
Financial Impact	None
PFHA Staff Comments	Agree
Committee Comments	Rules Committee Supports

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6 - 1	Correct title for HP Trail Awards
Rule Proposal Will Change	Chapter 6 Section(s) II.E Page 181
State the Proposed Rule	<p>Change to: <i>Chapter 6, II Awards, E. High Point Trail Horse Awards of the Year.</i> <i>Three High Point Trail Horse of the Year awards will be offered in each of the following categories:</i> <i>1. High Point Competitive Trail Riding Horse of the Year,</i> <i>2. High Point Endurance Trail Riding Horse of the Year and</i> <i>3. High Point Pleasure Trail Riding Horse of the Year.</i> <i>The winners shall be the horses that accumulated the highest total number of points in the designated category in Association approved rides during the course of the event year.</i></p> <p>ALSO Table of Contents and Index will also need to reflect changes.</p>
Rationale for the Proposed Rule	This provides clarity in these awards by listing each award in a numbered list. Adding the word "Awards" in the title indicates there is more than one award in this category. The original listing implies there is only one.
Financial Impact	None
PFHA Staff Comments	Agree – plus breakdown E into 1, 2, 3 etc.
Committee Comments	Rewrite proposed by Rules Committee and breakdown provided as suggested by staff.
6- 2	Hall of Fame Nomination Criteria
Rule Proposal Will Change	Chapter 6 Section II.J.6 Page 183
State the Proposed Rule	<p>Change rule to read as follows:</p> <p><i>6. Hall of Fame Awards may be given annually to a horse and to a member. Nominations may be submitted by any PFHA member in writing on or before the date established by the board of directors, on the official Nomination form and comply with the following requirements as listed on the form. This includes a written biography to be submitted at the time of the nomination form.</i></p> <p>HORSE BIOGRAPHY: <i>Nomination should be accompanied by a list of horse's eligible show offspring and/or accomplishments in the show ring or competitive trail competition. Also include a narrative on how this horse has influenced the breed in a positive manner as well as any other supporting information. Please attach a separate page for this information.</i></p> <p>HORSE CRITERIA:</p>

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	<p><i>1. The horse must be registered with the Paso Fino Horse Association, Inc. and have been inactive in PFHA sanctioned events and breeding activities for a period of FIVE years; inactive in competitive trail riding or Sport Horse program for TWO years; OR must be age 20 or older as of September 1st of the nominating year. Breeding activities will be tracked using stallion breeding reports.</i></p> <p><i>2. The horse and recorded owner(s) must be in good standing with the Paso Fino Horse Association, Inc. and if deceased, must have been in good standing at the time of death.</i></p> <p><i>3. A horse must meet at least one of the following criteria:</i></p> <p><i>a. Must have produced eligible show offspring.</i></p> <p><i>b. Demonstrated outstanding prowess in PFHA sanctioned events or in competitive trail competition or Sport Horse competition.</i></p> <p><i>4. The horse must have influenced the breed in a positive manner.</i></p> <p>MEMBER BIOGRAPHY: <i>Nominee's biography should accompany this nomination that lists accomplishments and contributions to the breed. It should include PFHA related activities, offices, and honors, civic activities and honors, and other supporting information. Please attach a separate page for this information.</i></p> <p>MEMBER CRITERIA: <i>1. A nominee must be in good standing with the Paso Fino Horse Association and must have been inactive in PFHA sanctioned events for a period of FIVE years OR must be age 60 or older as of September 1 of the nominating year.</i> <i>2. If deceased, the nominee must have been in good standing at the time of death.</i> <i>3. Nominee must have invested a minimum of FIVE years, regionally or nationally, in helping to promote the Paso Fino breed. (e.g., National and/or Regional Officer, Delegate, Trainer, Exhibitor, or Committee Chair)</i></p> <p>Winners will receive an appropriate award and be listed on the PFHA website.</p>
Rationale for the Proposed Rule	Requirements for submission are only found on the nomination form. This will help ensure that members understand the established criteria.
Financial Impact	None
PFHA Staff Comments	Agree
Committee Comments	Rules Committee submitted this proposal as no criteria were in rule book

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8-2	Sire, Dam, or Foaling Date clarification
Rule Proposal Will Change	Chapter 8 Sections XII A 4 – Page 216
State the Proposed Rule	<p>Change #4 as follows:</p> <p><i>4. Foaling Date</i> <i>Foaling Date change will only be permitted if:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>a. The horse has not been shown.</i> <i>b. The horse has no registered offspring.</i> <i>c. The horse has not been registered with or homologated with another registry.</i> <i>d. A properly completed Registration Application must be submitted.</i> <i>e. A properly completed Breeders Certificate must be submitted.</i> <i>f. A properly completed Stallion Breeding Report must be submitted.</i> <i>g. A statement from the owner of the dam at the time of foaling, or from the person applying for registration, giving details as to why the horse was incorrectly registered must be submitted.</i> <i>h. The genetic information of the subject horse, its sire and dam must be placed on permanent record with the Association and the foal must be qualified genetically as the offspring of the reported sire and dam.</i> <i>i. The original Certificate of Registration is returned along with foaling date change request and applicable fee.</i> <p><i>Move current 4. Sire, Dam, to #5 and so forth with the rest of the numbers in that section.</i> <i>Relabel the new 5 "Change of Sire or Dam."</i> <i>Remove from part a. "or foaling date"</i></p>
Rationale for the Proposed Rule	I believe we need to clean up or clarify the requirements that allow a foaling date change according to our rule book and use the requirements for a name change. Once a horse has a "record" (points, offspring, etc) in our database we should not change it.
Financial Impact	None
PFHA Staff Comments	Proposed by Advisory Committee
Committee Comments	Agree foaling date should be in its own section