

Rule Changes Effective September 2024

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C-2	Executive Director- Adding language at the end of the section in the event of vacancy
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 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:</p> <p><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>

C - 5	Use of PFHW magazine in rule book - Modifying use of magazine due to fewer issues and stronger online presence
Rule Proposal Will Change	Article VII Section 10 Pages 34-35
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). <i>At least 30 days prior to the election at the Annual Meeting, the election announcement and list of each</i></p> <p><i>offices' candidate(s) shall be published on the Association's electronic publication(s) and website(s).</i></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>

C - 6	Use of PFHW magazine in rule book - Modifying use of magazine due to fewer issues and stronger online presence
Rule Proposal Will Change	Article XI. Amendments, Section 1. At Regular Meetings, page 44
State the Proposed Rule	<p>Change 1.A as follows: Section 1. At Regular Meetings. The Constitution may be amended at any meeting of the Association provided that:</p> <p>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</p>
C - 7	Clinic Extensions for Judges and Stewards - Change 6.B as follows: add "in advance of the clinic date"
Rule Proposal Will Change	Constitution Article X.6.B Page 40
State the Proposed Rule	<p>Change 6.B as follows: 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>

1 - 3	Yellow Warning Cards - Adding "Yellow Card Issued by Competition Officials"
Rule Proposal Will Change	Chapter 1 Section(s) VII.C Page 55
State the Proposed Rule	<p>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".</p> <p>State:</p> <p><i>C. Yellow Card issued by Competition Officials</i></p> <p><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></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <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 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>

2 - 1	Association Sanctioned Shows - Rewrite for Clarity
Rule Proposal Will Change	Chapter 2 Sections I. – Page 68 - 70
State the Proposed Rule	<p>State: ASSOCIATION SANCTIONED SHOWS CHAPTER TWO 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 (cont. on next page)</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.

4. All Breed (AB) Shows. An All-Breed (AB) show shall be:

a. A show with no more than twenty (20) Association recognized classes, or

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.

5. Local (L) Show. A Local (L) show shall be either:

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

8. All PFHA sanctioned shows with 250+ horses, based on the previous year's count, must provide 2 Certified Stewards.

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Delete International Classification – page 69 - Delete in its entirety to remove Chapter 3. Section III.C. International Fino.

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Chapter 2 & 3, Sections 1.A.3 III.C – Page 69

State the Proposed Rule

State:

Delete in its entirety.

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.

This will change the numbering in the rule book and remove Chapter 3. Section III.C. International Fino.

2 - 4	Local (L) and All Breed (AB) Shows - Judge may be present on the showgrounds the day prior to the show to conduct the clinic.	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: 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 quest judge under these rules. b. All other show...for these shows. A clinic may be held in conjunction with a L or AB show.</p> <p>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>	
5 - 6	Judge's Obligation of Separation - Judge may be present on the showgrounds the day prior to the show to conduct the clinic.	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: 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> 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>	
2 - 5	Conferring Judges - 2-1 passed, so this will not be needed	
Rule Proposal Will Change	Chapter 2 I.A.7 Page 70	
State the Proposed Rule	<p>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</p>	
2 - 6	Compliance with Show Requirements - Clarifies statement	
Rule Proposal Will Change	Chapter 2 Sections I, D., 8 – Page 74	
State the Proposed Rule	<p>State: 8. Use an Association Certified Judge and Steward; except as noted in Chapter Two., I. A. (page 70)</p>	

2 - 7	Show Secretary Responsibilities – disk submission - Eliminate “e” completely.
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.
2 - 8	Eligibility - Change "Section IV.A.1" to "Section IV.B.1"
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.
2 - 9	Dogs on Competition Grounds - Add Letter G requiring dogs to be restrained
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.

2 - 12	Shoeing - "Aluminum shoes are allowed."
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>
2 - 13	Shoeing - "Rim shoes are allowed"
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>
2 - 17	Soreing - Clarification of Artificial Devices - Additional wording for clarification
Rule Proposal Will Change	Chapter 2 IV E – Page 80
State the Proposed Rule	<p>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.</p>

2 - 22	Calling Class Placement - Championship classes placements clarified
Rule Proposal Will Change	Chapter 2 Section(s) VIII, H Page 94
State the Proposed Rule	<p>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. "</p> <p>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.</p>
2 - 23	Same Rider on Two Horses/Two Different Riders on Same Horse Prohibited - Reworded for clarity
Rule Proposal Will Change	Chapter 2 Section(s) VIII, L Page 96
State the Proposed Rule	<p>L. Same Rider on Two Horses/Two Different Riders on Same Horse Prohibited. 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. In any saddle class, the rider may not be changed during the class.</p>
2- 25	Schooling Class Sections - Reworded for clarity
Rule Proposal Will Change	Chapter 2 Section(s) IX, B Page 96
State the Proposed Rule	<p>State: B. Schooling Class Sections. 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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Horses that are 36-48 months old; 2. Horses that are 49-60 months old. <p>In addition, classes may be split according to the respective divisions. 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>

2 - 26	Restriction on Schooling Status - Reworded for clarity
Rule Proposal Will Change	Chapter 2 Section(s) IX, D Page 96
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.
3 - 1	International Paso Equitation - Appointments - Applies to only International Equitation, both youth and adult
Rule Proposal Will Change	Chapter 3.1 Section(s) B.7.h Page 113
State the Proposed Rule	Change h. Appointments. as follows: 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>
3 - 2	International Paso Equitation – Class Separations - Revise the existing class separations for International Paso Equitation
Rule Proposal Will Change	Chapter 3 Section B.7.i Page 113
State the Proposed Rule	Revise the existing class separations for International Paso Equitation State: 1) May be offered as an Open class or may be divided into age groups as follows: 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. 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. ** -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. **

3 - 5	Adult International Equitation - Add to section
Rule Proposal Will Change	Chapter 3 Section add D Page 143
State the Proposed Rule	Add to section: <i>D. Amateur Adult International Equitation Class.</i> <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> <i>A. Class Separations</i> <i>1 . May be offered as Adult Open 18 & Older</i>
4 - 2	Selection of Judges - Divisional Judging for Nationals
Rule Proposal Will Change	Chapter 4.1. B – Page 154
State the Proposed Rule	New rule would state 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. 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>
4 - 3	Costume Rule Change - Remove eligibility requirement for Nationals
Rule Proposal Will Change	Chapter 4.II.B Page 155
State the Proposed Rule	Insert in place of existing Letter B as follows: <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> Re-letter existing B to E to follow.

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 Stew ards 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>
5 - 4	Monitor Entry Forms - Remove section J in entirety.
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.</p> <p>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.
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</p> <p>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>

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>

6- 2	Hall of Fame Nomination Criteria - Include the requirements now found only on the application
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>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, <i>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> <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 1 st 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:</p> <p><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></p> <p><i>2 . If deceased, the nominee must have been in good standing at the time of death.</i></p> <p><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>

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>