

POAC Rules Committee Minutes Feb. 18, 2022
POAC National Convention, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind.

The meeting was called to order by Rules Committee Chair Allen Killion at 2:00pm.

Committee members present: Tracy Keen, Pam Klein, Kendi Kamps, Charlene Shingleton, Tracy Filla, Rikki Clark, Diana Peaton, Shawn Wiest. Committee member Rebecca Solberg joined the meeting by phone at 3:01pm.

Absent: Jordan Gardner, Charlene Astin, Michelle Tauson.

Please note: The rule numbers referenced in these minutes are the rules in the 2018 rulebook, since the proposals were submitted before the 2022 rulebook was printed. For the longer proposals, the full text is included in a separate pdf and the proposal is summarized below. Any changes/amendments to the wording in the proposals are included in the minutes below.

Some voices were hard to hear on the recording of the meeting as to who made motions or seconded them, so some names may be left out. I worked from Charlene's initial minutes to get some missing information as to who made or seconded motions.

Rule proposal #1

Proposed changes to Rule 9, Rules Violations - Rights, Procedures and Penalties, Sec. B.4 and C.1. The full text of the original proposal is included separately, in the attached pdf. Proposal adds a timeframe for the CEO to review complaints when determining whether to transfer the complaint to the Show Committee for a hearing. It also ensures that the charging party is informed during the process. The proposal adds a process to appeal the Show Committee's decision to the POAC Executive Committee.

Motion to discuss made by Keen, second by Klein. We need short timeframes, particularly for show issues, when an exhibitor may be headed to a show the following weekend. But is 15 days realistic for the CEO to decide whether a hearing is warranted and to transfer the complaint to the Show Committee? How quickly should the Show Committee respond? Having a way to appeal the Show Committee's decision is important, because you may be protesting a decision that the Show Committee had made.

The proposal was amended as follows: *change "charging person" to "**charging party**" throughout to match wording elsewhere in the rulebook; use "by mail or **email**" instead of "by mail or electronically"; and use the wording "These hearings may be **held** in person and/or may be **held** virtually or electronically."*

Motion by Keen to accept the proposal as amended, second by Klein. In favor: Keen, Klein, Clark, Filla, Killion. Opposed: Shingleton, Peaton, Kamps, Wiest.

Motion passes, 5-4

Rule proposal #2

Proposed changes to Rule 71.C.8, Judge's Responsibilities. This proposal changes the word "his" to "*their*" in the first sentence in Rule 71.C.8. Additional changes as follows: If clerical corrections are made, they must be initialed by the judge *by each correction. If there are no initials by each correction, national points will not be given for that class.*

Motion to discuss made by Keen, second by Wiest. Most judges do initial next to corrections. Other breeds require initials next to changes and the initials must be in the same color ink. The announcer or show secretary should check cards as they're turned in to make sure that the cards are correct. When results are radioed in from the arena, the announcer may not see the cards. It's critical that the info is entered into the show program correctly from the judges cards and that the person entering the info is reliable.

Motion to accept the proposal as written. In favor: Clark. Opposed: Keen, Klein, Filla, Wiest, Peaton, Kamps, Shingleton.

Motion fails, 7-1

Rule proposal #3

Proposed change to Rules 53.B, 58.C, 62.E, 66.E, 83, and 178.C.1. Since we now have the rule on Certified LP-Tested Ponies, this proposal suggests adding the following sentence to clarify the information in each of the rules listed above: *Ponies with Certified LP status will not be inspected for color, but must be measured for proper height for their age.*

Motion to discuss made by Peaton, second by Wiest. The inspection information currently in these rules is probably not needed, particularly in the show rules, and the information could actually be deleted (which would require a new proposal next year).

Motion to accept the proposal as written. In favor: Klein. Opposed: Keen, Clark, Filla, Peaton, Kamps, Shingleton, Wiest.

Motion fails, 7-1

Rule proposal #4

Proposed change to Rule 59.A, Inter-breed Competition with Halter – IBC, adding the following: IBC shows are required to offer a minimum of five 19 & Over classes, *the five corresponding 18 & Under classes, five performance classes, and five gymkhana classes.*

Motion to discuss made by Keen, second by Filla. While many state clubs hold IBC shows with a full slate of classes, the proposal was intended to spell out some minimum requirements for IBCs. POAs are versatile, but should IBCs have some leeway? Different clubs might want to have some different classes if, for example they don't have a lot of people who do games.

Motion to accept the proposal as written. In favor: Keen, Clark, Filla, Kamps. Opposed: Klein, Wiest, Peaton, Shingleton, Killion.
Motion fails, 5-4

Rule proposal #8 *(This proposal was discussed at this point because, like proposal #4, it would also make changes to IBC shows.)*

Proposed changes to Rules 59, 89, 101, 108, 110-113, 116, 118, 122-124. The full text of the original proposal is included in the attached pdf. The proposal would allow for fewer height categories in halter at IBC shows (Rule 59). It would add the option of 10-18 as one of the age group breakdowns in Rules 89, 101, 108, 110-113, 116, 118, 122-124.

Motion to discuss by Keen, second by Filla. Discussion as to how the show program would work with the 10-18 age group. It would be nice to combine age groups that have small classes to get more points in a larger class. The proposal was submitted by Rikki Clark, and the committee requested that it be rewritten and resubmitted as two separate proposals for age groups and heights.
Tabled.

At 3:01pm, Rebecca Solberg joined the meeting by phone.

Rule proposal #5

Proposal would add Youth Halter to the rulebook and make other changes to Rule 93, Group Halter Classes and Others. This proposal would also make changes to Rule 66.

Motion to discuss made by Keen, second by Klein. *Proposal was divided into two parts: 5A to discuss adding Youth Halter to Rule 93; and 5B to discuss the other changes in Rule 93 and Rule 66.*

5A. Proposal to add Youth Halter to the rulebook. Youth Halter would be added as Rule 93.B.3.

Proposal: *3. Youth Halter. These classes are optional at Regional and National-level shows. a. Classes are for exhibitors 18 & Under and any age pony. Classes will be split into three divisions. i. Youth Halter Stallions ii. Youth Halter Geldings iii. Youth Halter Mares. b. Class to be judged as described in Rule 91.A-E. c. Exhibitors may show in open Halter and Youth Halter at the same show. d. This class is optional at Regional or above level shows only. e. This class does not count toward National Year-End Awards, ROMs or any High Point Awards.*

Motion to discuss made by Keen, second by Solberg. Youth Halter is already held at Congress, and this proposal would just put it in the rulebook. Probably don't have enough ponies to worry about state-level shows.

Proposal was amended to remove the word "open": *Exhibitors may show in ~~open~~ Halter and Youth Halter at the same show.*

Motion to accept the proposal as amended. In favor: Kamps, Wiest, Peaton, Filla, Clark, Keen, Solberg. Opposed: Shingleton, Klein.
Motion passes, 7-2

5B. Proposed change to Rule 93, Group Halter Classes and Others. The full text of the original proposal is included in the attached pdf.

Motion to discuss made by Filla, second by Kamps. Proposal was amended so that Rule 93.B.1 will now include a. Get of Sire, b. Produce of Dam, c. Mare and Foal. Most Colorful will be separate as 93.B.2. For Get of Sire, Produce of Dam, Mare and Foal, and Most Colorful, remove part "b." to take out this sentence: ~~This class is optional at all show levels.~~

The rule will now read: *Rule 93. Additional Halter Classes. A. General. 1. No discrimination should be made by the judge on the age of the ponies. 2. Only Tentative or Permanent POAs are eligible for these classes. B. Classes. 1. Group Halter Classes. Classes to be judged 75% on conformation and 25% on uniformity of the animals. See Rule 91.B-E for additional judging criteria. These classes do not count toward National Year-End Awards, ROMs or any High Point Awards. a. Get of Sire. Sire must be Tentative, Permanent or ID registered POA (alive or deceased). Three ponies of any age and of any sex are to be shown (by same sire, but may be out of different dams). Can be of combined ownership. ID foals cannot enter. Sire is not to be shown. b. Produce of Dam. Dam must be Tentative, Permanent or ID registered POA (alive or deceased). Two ponies of any age and of any sex are to be shown (of same dam, but may be by different sires). Can be of combined ownership. ID foals cannot enter. Dam is not to be shown. c. Mare and Foal. Tentative or Permanent registered mare, of proper height, and Tentative registered foal of any sex, of proper height, of current year. ID dams or foals cannot enter. 2. Most Colorful. May be divided by sex or age of pony, or combined in one class. Must be Tentative or Permanent registered POAs. a. Ponies to be judged 80% on color, 20% on conformation, action, substance, quality and manners. See Rule 91.B-E for additional judging criteria. b. See Rule 151 regarding ROMs for Most Colorful. c. See Rule 146 regarding Year-End Awards for Most Colorful.*

As part of this proposal, changes will also be made to the National Congress Show, Rule 66.I: The minimum classes to be offered are listed below. The class list must be approved by the POAC **National Board of Directors**. 1. All halter classes listed under Rule 92 shall be

offered. In addition, the show may offer Mare and Foal, Get of Sire **and** Produce of Dam. Post entries are permitted in these **additional** halter classes if the ponies have been entered in at least one other class in the show at the time entries closed.

Keen made the motion to accept the proposal as amended, second by Filla. In favor: Keen, Solberg, Klein, Clark, Filla, Wiest, Peaton, Kamps, Shingleton.

Unanimous in favor. Motion passes.

Rule proposal #6

Proposal would delete Rule 76, Postponed Shows and make changes to Rule 75, Rescheduled Shows.

Motion to discuss made by Keen, second by Filla. There was a question as to why the rulebook restricts entries when a show is postponed, as we'd like to encourage people come to the show. Input from a club member in the audience that Rule 76 was added due to a specific instance in which a show was postponed, and one exhibitor who was point-chasing was able to show at another show on the original show date, as well as on the new show date, and so was able to earn more points than their competitor.

No action.

Rule proposal #7

Proposed change to Rule 62 and 66, removing Costume from required classes/high point consideration at Regionals and Congress.

Motion to discuss made by Keen, second by Clark. A concern was that exhibitors who are going for high point would put together a costume at the last minute and the pony would not be used to the costume. The pony could spook and this would be dangerous for everyone in the class. However, parents should consider safety before they put their child in the class if they haven't practiced costume. Judges and show personnel should also keep an eye out. Consider having spotters in the ring to watch for trouble, but this would require a rule change.

Motion to accept the proposal as written. Opposed: Keen, Klein, Clark, Filla, Wiest, Peaton, Kamps, Shingleton, Solberg.

Unanimous opposed. Motion fails.

Rule proposal #8 discussed above.

Rule proposal #9

Proposed changes to Rule 116, Trail to allow Leadliners to work a rope gate and to allow Leadliners to jog in Trail.

The proposal was divided in two parts: 9A to discuss the gate in Leadline Trail; and 9B to discuss adding the jog to Leadline Trail.

9A. Proposal to allow Leadliners to work a rope gate in Trail. Motion to discuss made by Keen, second by Clark. If the rope gate is added for Leadliners, they'd have to be able to both open and close the gate, and would be penalized if they couldn't do it. The gate can be a safety issue, as handlers may not see if a child has pulled the rope up under the stirrup on the other side, which has happened. There are differences in the abilities of younger Leadliners vs. Leadliners who are about to move up to 9 & U. The handler could guide a child through the process of working the gate—but this would add a lot of time to the pattern.

Motion to accept 9A as written. In favor: Kamps, Peaton, Wiest, Solberg. Opposed: Shingleton, Filla, Klein, Keen, Clark.

Motion fails, 5-4

9B. Proposal would allow Leadliners to jog in Trail. Motion to discuss made by Clark, second by Keen. Leadliners would gain experience so they'll be ready when they move up to 9 & U. But, there's a lot of choreography to jogging through a course over obstacles with a handler and Leadline rider.

Proposal was amended and the last sentence in Rule 116.G will read: Leadline riders will show at a walk *and may be asked to show at a jog between obstacles, but not over obstacles.*

Motion to accept the proposal as amended. In favor: Klein, Clark, Solberg, Filla, Wiest, Peaton, Kamps. Opposed: Keen, Shingleton.

Motion passes, 7-2.

Rule proposal #10

Proposed changes to Rule 113, Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences. The full text of the original proposal is included in the attached pdf. The proposal would change the wording to specify that there must be one judge for each show being held, add information on the purpose of the class and judging criteria, and reorganize the information in the rule.

Motion to discuss made by Keen, second by Filla. The proposal will clarify information in the rule and help the exhibitor know more of what the judge is looking for. Some description was used from AQHA. This additional information should help judges who want to become POA carded understand what we expect.

Proposal amended to clarify 113.E.3 (new numbering in the proposal): *A ground line is required for each **take-off side** of an obstacle that will be jumped in the course.*

Motion to accept the proposal as amended. In favor: Keen, Solberg, Klein, Clark, Filla, Wiest, Peaton, Kamps, Shingleton.
Unanimous in favor. Motion passes.

Rule proposal #11

Proposed changes to Rule 123, Hunter Over Fences. The full text of the original proposal is included in the attached pdf. The proposal would change the wording to specify that there must be one judge for each show being held, clarify judging information, add information about obstacles, and better organize the information in the rule.

Motion to discuss made by Solberg, second by Keen. Changes in this proposal will help clarify what's expected in the class. An additional note is that scoresheets should be looked at, too, whenever proposed changes are made to scoring.

The proposal was amended as follows. (Note: numbering/lettering in this rule changed when the information was reorganized in the proposal—will not quite match 2018 rulebook.) Amend proposal wording in 123.F.5 to read: *A ground line is required for each **take-off side** of an obstacle that will be jumped in the course.* Change title of G. to: *Disobediences, Faults and **Eliminations**.* Amend D.1.b in proposal to read: *Circling once on a loose rein for soundness at the trot, after jumping the last fence while still mounted and prior to leaving the arena is required; failure to do so **may** result in elimination.* Amend proposal to remove G.2.h (so it's not an elimination): ~~*Not circling once on a loose rein for soundness at the trot, after jumping the last fence, while still mounted and prior to leaving the arena.*~~

Motion to accept the proposal as amended. In favor: Keen, Solberg, Klein, Clark, Filla, Wiest, Peaton, Kamps, Shingleton.
Unanimous in favor. Motion passes.

Rule proposal #12

Proposed changes to Rule 124, Hunter Hack. The full text of the original proposal is included in the attached pdf. The proposal adds details on the purpose of the class, judging, faults for the rail portion of the class, and better organizes the information in the rule. Motion to discuss made by Keen, second by Solberg. Some additional information in this rule was added from AQHA rules.

Amended 124.D.4 to read (new numbering in the proposal is different from 2018 rulebook): *A ground line is required for the **take-off side** of each jump.* Also, amend E.1. to read: *Eliminations. The following result in elimination. Also refer to Rule 122 (Disobediences, Falls, Knockdowns, Off Course) **for a description of these.***

Motion to accept the proposal as amended. In favor: Keen, Solberg, Klein, Clark, Filla, Wiest, Peaton, Kamps, Shingleton.
Unanimous in favor. Motion passes.

Rule proposal #13

Proposed changes to Rule 102, Disqualifications. The full text of the original proposal is included in the attached pdf. The proposal combines current 102.B and C for failure to wear protective headgear and loss of headgear. It clarifies that reins shall be held in one hand when using western tack. It would also allow an exception in gymkhana for exhibitors to use rubber bands on each foot.

Motion to discuss made by Wiest, second by Shingleton. A lot of people already use rubber bands—it's common in barrel racers. If you use a thinner rubber band, it will break if needed. But people may push the limits of the rule and use a thicker rubber band.

Motion to accept the proposal as written. In favor: Solberg, Clark, Filla, Kamps. Opposed: Klein, Keen, Wiest, Peaton, Shingleton.
Motion fails, 5-4.

Rule proposal #14

Proposed change to Rule 129, General Gymkhana Rules. This proposal would add "loss of forward motion" to the first sentence of Rule 129.N: Any deviation in the line of travel, *loss of forward motion*, or going off course will result in disqualification.

Motion to discuss made by Keen, second by Klein. The club has discussed this many times over the years. You're already being penalized by the clock if you stop. And in Handy Horse, for example, you do have to stop.

Motion to accept proposal as written. Opposed: Keen, Solberg, Klein, Clark, Filla, Wiest, Peaton, Kamps, Shingleton.
Unanimous opposed. Motion fails.

Rule proposal #15

Proposed change to Rule 129, General Gymkhana Rules. The proposal consolidates the DQs in the General Gymkhana Rules, moving current 129.B and 129.J and adding them to the DQ section of this rule. It also adds the following as section L: *In gymkhana, exhibitors may use rubber bands on each foot (maximum width 1/4 inch) during competition, but may not be tied, buckled or fastened by any other means during competition.*

Motion to discuss made by Keen, second by Shingleton. This proposal was amended to remove L (to not allow rubber bands).

With information about rubber bands removed, the rule is re-lettered and DQs are now in section L: *L. Disqualifications. 1. Any deviation in the line of travel or going off course. 2. Running into the arena directly to the starting line before the gate is closed. 3. Passing the electric timer/finish line before completion of the course. 4. Failure to wear ASTM/SEI-approved headgear, failure to fasten chinstrap or loss of headgear (must remain in place on top of the head) in any gymkhana class (rider must stop immediately). 5. Failure to wear assigned pony/rider number on the exhibitor's back or on either side of the saddle pad, if two numbers were issued by the Show Committee. 6. Refer to rules for each class for specific disqualifications. 7. Also see Disqualifications, Rule 102.*

Motion to accept proposal as amended. In favor: Keen, Solberg, Klein, Clark, Filla, Wiest, Peaton, Kamps, Shingleton.

Unanimous in favor. Motion passes.

Rule proposal #16

Proposal to make several administrative corrections to the rulebook: Add Adult Non-Pro Division classes to Rule 2.A.2 and add Ranch Riding, Adult Pleasure Driving to Rule 100.C.2.

Motion to discuss made by Keen, second by Klein. These corrections have been taken care of for the upcoming 2022 rulebook, when Adult Non-Pro classes were added, and for Ranch Riding in 100.C.2. Adult Pleasure Driving is currently listed in 100.E.

No action.

Rule proposal #17

Proposed addition to Rule 98, to add *Adult Non-Pro Ranch Riding* and *Adult Non-Pro Reining* to the classes in the ANP W/J/L Division.

Motion to discuss made by Filla, second by Keen. Proposal would add classes in order for riders to be eligible for better high point awards. But, ANP W/T would not have these additional classes.

Motion to accept proposal. In favor: Solberg, Clark, Wiest, Peaton, Shingleton. Opposed: Keen, Klein, Filla, Kamps.

Motion passes, 5-4.

Rule proposal #18

Proposal would add a 3-gait 45 & Over Division to Rule 100 and Rule 101. Classes would include Showmanship, Western Horsemanship, English Equitation, Western Pleasure, Hunter Under Saddle, Trail, Reining and Ranch Riding. This proposal would make 45 & Over classes required at Regional-level and higher shows, and optional at other shows.

Motion to discuss made by Shingleton, second by Kamps. Can still get points in 19 & Over if 45 & Over class not offered. Decide which high point you're going for.

Proposal was amended: *Change "English Equitation" to "Hunt Seat Equitation." Change Reining and Ranch Riding to "Reining 19 & Over" and "Ranch Riding 19 & Over," with points designated to age group for high point.*

(So, for Reining and Ranch Riding, 45 & Over will just show in 19 & Over classes.)

Motion to accept proposal as amended. In favor: Keen, Filla, Wiest, Peaton, Kamps, Shingleton. Opposed: Solberg, Klein, Clark.

Motion passes, 6-3.

Rule proposal #19

Proposed change to Rule 119, Reining and Rule 177, JPFC Reining Futurity. With the new POAC Reining patterns and more spins in some of the patterns, the pattern requirements in the rulebook for 9 & Under and JPFC may no longer be appropriate. The proposal suggested changing the patterns used for 9 & U Reining, and removing 119.Q, since the information in Q is redundant. The proposal also would look at changing JPFC pattern requirements in Rule 119.R and 177.B.2.

Motion to discuss made by Kamps, second by Wiest. Pattern 4 now has 4 spins, which may no longer work for 9 & U riders.

Discussed deleting JPFC pattern requirements entirely and allow the Show Committee to decide appropriate patterns for JPFC.

The proposal was amended as follows. Delete 119.Q since the information is redundant: ~~9 & Under exhibitors shall do Pattern 1, 4, and 5 only.~~ Amend so Rule 119.A will read: *Exception: 9 & Under must use Pattern 1 or 5 unless entering a 13 & Under or 18 & Under class.* Delete 119.R: ~~Junior or JPFC ponies (with the exception of the Futurity Show, see Rule 175), shall use Pattern 1, 2, 3 or 4 only.~~

Delete 177.B.2: ~~POAC Reining Patterns 6, 7, 8 and 9, which also appear in the NHRA rulebook, shall be used.~~

Motion to accept proposal as amended. In favor: Keen, Klein, Clark, Filla, Wiest, Peaton, Kamps, Shingleton, Solberg.

Unanimous in favor. Motion passes.

Rule proposal #20

Proposal would add Ranch classes: Ranch Riding (with modifications to the current Ranch Riding class), Ranch Pleasure, Ranch Trail, Ranch Reining, and Ranch Conformation.

Motion to discuss made by Kamps, second by Filla. This is a good proposal and Ranch classes could be huge. Pattern classes are time-consuming; might be nice to have Ranch classes as a separate, standalone show. To add all of these classes to Congress would add an extra day. Maybe clubs could have a few of these classes, not all, at a show. This proposal should be a longer discussion. It would be helpful to have Jodi Thompson and Bob Carr available to answer questions.

Tabled until a meeting could be set up with some of the folks who wrote the proposal.

Rule proposal #21

Proposal would remove incorrect information about points at the International Futurity. In 176.E.2, delete the last part of sentence: *...with at least 50 points being earned at a Regional, the National Congress or other nationally sponsored show.* ~~to include the International Futurity.~~

Delete all of 176.E.3: ~~The International Futurity will be pointed at the same level as the National Congress Show.~~

Motion to discuss made by Clark, second by Keen. International Futurity is not pointed.

Motion to accept proposal. In favor: Keen, Klein, Clark, Filla, Wiest, Peaton, Kamps, Shingleton, Solberg.

Unanimous in favor. Motion passes.

Rule proposal #22

Proposed changes to Rule 167, POA Select Sire Futurity. Proposal would add a Live Auction option to SSF. The full text of the original proposal is included in the attached pdf. Motion to discuss made by Filla, second by Clark. Very short discussion.

Proposal sent to Breeders Committee.

Rule proposal #23

Proposed changes to Rule 167, POA Select Sire Futurity and to Rule 168, International Sale Futurities. The full text of the original proposal is included in the attached pdf. Parts of this proposal related to JPFC Reining are included in Rule proposal #24, below.

Motion to discuss made by Kamps, second by Shingleton. This proposal would remove references to the Pleasure Driving Futurity.

Some of the other proposed changes are already in the upcoming 2022 rulebook, as they had been voted on previously by the board, including changing the deadline to August 18, minimum fee to \$300. Open slot info will also be included in the 2022 rulebook.

Amend proposal to make slight changes: *Keep "CEO" and not change to "Board of Directors." Change "his/her" to "their."*

Motion to accept proposal as amended. In favor: Keen, Klein, Clark, Filla, Wiest, Peaton, Kamps, Shingleton, Solberg.

Unanimous in favor. Motion passes.

Rule proposal #24

Proposal would make changes to JPFC Reining. The full text of the original proposal is included in the attached pdf. This proposal could open the class up to 19 & Over riders with any age POA, as we have few 3-5 year old ponies who do JPFC Reining. It would also change to just one go in Reining at the Futurity instead of two go's.

Proposal sent to Futurity Committee.

Keen made a motion to adjourn, second by Filla. Meeting adjourned at 5:36pm.

Respectfully submitted by Pam Klein.