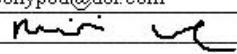


POAC Rule Change Proposal Form

1. Proposed Change (select only one):
____ Add new rule
- ____ Delete existing rule Reference Rule as it appears in the Current Official Handbook & Subsequent Supplements: Rule # _____ Page# _____
- x Change existing rule Reference Rule as it appears in the Current Official Handbook & Subsequent Supplements: Rule # 102 Page# 99
2. Proposed Effective Date: x January 1, 2023 Other: _____
3. Is this proposal changing a rule that was implemented within the last two years: Y N
4. Explain why this rule change is needed: (Use attachments if needed)
Riders are currently using rubberbands in Gymkhana. With our current rules, this would be a DQ, as our rules don't
allow any tying to the saddle. This is a common practice in the Barrel Racing
world, and poses no safety concerns.
5. Contact Information of person submitting/proposing change:
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6. Writing proposed rule changes:
- Define the problem and develop as many possible solutions as you can by asking others for input.
 - Choose one possible solution that appears to be the most appropriate and that fits the mission and goals of POAC.
 - Determine if any other rules would be affected if your proposal were to be adopted, and specify the rule numbers.
 - Submit proper wording for a proposed rule change by typing or neatly printing the exact wording being proposed. If you propose changes to existing language, strike-through the words you propose to delete. Type in bold and italics the words you propose to add.
 - Meritorious proposed rule changes submitted with sufficient documentation and specific explanations detailing reasons for the change will be assigned to the respective committee(s). Rule changes submitted without sufficient documentation and specific explanations detailing reasons for the change will not be assigned to a committee
- Return completed form to: POAC/Stacey Stewart/Office Manager – 3828 S. Emerson Avenue – Indianapolis IN 46203.

RULE 102. DISQUALIFICATIONS

A. Use of prohibited appointments. See under rules of Western Tack and Attire, Hunt Seat Tack and Attire, Gymkhana and Reining.

B. Failure to wear ASTM/SEI approved headgear in youth classes on the flat in which hunt seat attire is worn, and for all ages in classes over fences and gymkhana. Disqualification also results from failure to fasten chinstrap or the loss of headgear (must remain in place on top of the head) in any class where it is worn (rider must stop immediately).

~~Failure to wear protective headgear (meeting ASTM/SEI standards) or failure for it to remain in place on top of the head with chinstrap fastened in jumping and gymkhana classes.~~

~~C. Loss of protective headgear anytime during jumping or gymkhana classes (or any class where it is worn).~~

C. Loss of lead shank from handler's hand in Leadline 6 & Under classes.

D. Falling of pony or rider. (Exception: See Reining, Rule ~~117~~ **119**.)

1. A rider is considered to have fallen when ~~he is~~ **they are** separated from ~~his~~ **their** pony (that has not fallen) in such a way as to necessitate remounting or vaulting into the saddle, except in gymkhana before or after the finish line.

2. A pony is considered to have fallen when the shoulders and the haunches on the same side have touched the ground or an obstacle and the ground.

E. Split reins shall not be tied together except in games.

F. Tying of stirrups or tying of rider to tack or pony in any event. **Exception: in gymkhana classes, exhibitors may use rubber bands on each foot (maximum width ¼ inch) during competition, but may not be tied, buckled, or fastened by any other means.**

G. Off Course: Loss of course includes negotiating obstacles in other than specified order or in the wrong direction, except in Reining.

H. Having more than one person in the ring with one pony or more than one pony in the arena with one entrant. Exceptions: Youth Pleasure Driving (an adult may ride along to help only if an emergency arises) and all Leadline classes.

I. No other animals are allowed in the arena while ponies are being exhibited, e.g., dogs, cats, goats, calves, etc. (Exception: Livestock classes.)

J. Failure to complete the class as outlined by the rules. Judge's interpretation is final. (Also see Reining, Rule 117.) Riders may be disqualified for not following the judge's instructions.

K. **In classes in which western tack and attire is used**, reins shall be held in one hand and cannot be changed during performance. (Exception: Trail, when changing hands is needed to work an obstacle.) Position of free hand is optional but should be clear of pony and equipment. (Exception: See Reining.) Free hand may be used to adjust the rider's length of rein while working except in Reining, and then adjustment may be made only when pony is completely stopped.

L. **In classes in which western tack and attire is used**, use of two hands on reins to be penalized at judge's discretion. (Exception: ~~games~~ **gymkhana classes**, riding with a snaffle bit, also see Reining.)

M. A pony or rider whom the judge feels is unsafe and a threat to other exhibitors and show personnel. A judge may order an exhibitor from the ring for bad conduct.

N. Having the wrong pony/rider number on the exhibitor's back (or on both sides of saddle pad or costume).

O. Failure of tack or equipment used on the pony or exhibitor during any class if the failure prevents successful completion of the class pattern. ~~(Exception: Hunter Over Fences—failure of equipment may be corrected with a penalty of 3 faults. see Rules 122 and 123).~~ This rule does not apply to failure of arena equipment used for a class.

P. Running into the arena directly into the starting line before the gate is closed in gymkhana classes or any other classes judged on individual workouts.

Q. At the discretion of the judge, any rider receiving assistance from outside the ring (e.g., coaching a rider through a pattern) may be disqualified from the class.