

ApHC Rules Committee Meeting – September 1, 2016

Committee Members Present: Debby Letham, Ray Burchett, Deb Dyer, Jim Jirkovsky, Diane Rushing, Terie Clark

Also Present: Dena Raggio, Steve Taylor, Keri LeForce

Motions from Rules Committee:

RC Motion 01-09-16

The rules committee recommends to the Board to make the following changes to Rule 420. APPALOOSA COMPETITIVE ALL-BREED ACTIVITIES PROGRAM (ACAAP):

- Delete cutting (420.N.3), judged trail riding (420.N.10), roping (420.N.13) and working cow horse (420.N.20) due to lack of participation in these categories.
- Add a category for Western Dressage – to be awarded merits like the Dressage category.
- Add a category for Ranch Competition – to include ranch riding, ranch rail, ranch trail and ranch conformation classes. All ranch classes would be included in this category from open and/or ranch association sanctioned shows.

Motion made by Jim Jirkovsky, Seconded by Deb Dyer. Motion passed unanimously.

RC Motion 02-09-16

The rules committee recommends to the Board to make the following changes to Rule 45:
45. DEVICES AND APPLIANCES

A. PROHIBITIONS

2. The use of earplugs and/or cotton in the horse's ears ~~is not prohibited by this rule~~ **are acceptable.**

Motion made by Ray Burchett, Seconded by Deb Dyer. Motion passed unanimously.

RC Motion 03-09-16

The rules committee recommends to the Board to make the following changes to Rule 500.B.3:

500. GENERAL RULES FOR JUDGES

B. The Judge's Committee, in addition to any other valid ground or reason, may refuse to issue a card or may revoke the judge's card of any person:

3. Who is suspended from or has been denied judging privileges in USEF, AQHA, NCHA, NRHA, APHA, ApHC, or any other recognized **equine association breed registry**;

Motion made by Diane Rushing, Seconded by Ray Burchett. Motion passed unanimously.

RC Motion 04-09-16

The rules committee recommends to the Board to make the following changes to Rules 608 and 609:

608. ENTRIES

C. 2. ~~Cruel and~~ Inhumane treatment.

609. SHOW VIOLATIONS

3. Treating horses inhumanely or ~~cruelly~~, the discovery of which by a show official shall be reported to show management and show management may immediately disqualify the horse and report the same to the ApHC for disciplinary proceedings.

Motion made by Deb Dyer, Seconded by Diane Rushing. Motion passed unanimously.

RC Motion 05-09-16

The rules committee recommends to the Board to make the following changes to Rule 713:

713. HALTER CLASSES

2. Equipment:

b. Lip chains are allowed. Unsecured keepers may be used as long as at least two links of chain remain outside of halter before attachment of keeper or leather part of lead shank. Violation of this minimum restriction shall result in disqualification from the class at the discretion of the judge(s).

Horses may not be shown with any chain through the mouth.

Motion made by Deb Dyer, Seconded by Jim Jirkovsky. Motion passed unanimously.

RC Motion 06-09-16

The rules committee recommends to the Board to make the following changes to Rule 713:

713. HALTER CLASSES

A.

3. Attire:

a. In halter, it is mandatory to wear appropriate western attire, which includes long-sleeved shirt with collar (band, standup, tuxedo, etc.), western hat, cowboy boots, and pants (slacks, jeans, trousers, etc.). **A jacket or blazer may be worn but does not fulfill the requirement of collar.** No skirts or dresses. Chaps and spurs are prohibited.

Motion made by Deb Dyer, Seconded by Diane Rushing. Motion passed unanimously.

RC Motion 07-09-16

The rules committee recommends to the Board to make the following changes to Rule 715:

715. WESTERN PERFORMANCE

A. EQUIPMENT

2. References to a bit in western performance classes mean the use of a curb bit that has a solid or broken mouthpiece, has shanks and acts with leverage. All curb bits must be free of mechanical device and should be considered a standard western bit.

A description of a legal, standard, western bit includes:

e. Spring-loaded bits are approved as long as they meet all bit specifications outlined in this handbook.

10. A bit cannot be physically or mechanically altered to increase the severity of its use and may be eliminated at the discretion of the judge. ~~Spring-loaded bits are approved as long as they meet all bit specifications outlined in this handbook.~~ The judge may prohibit the use of bits or equipment he/she may consider ~~severe~~ *inhumane*.

Motion made by Deb Dyer, Seconded by Terie Clark. Motion passed unanimously.

RC Motion 08-09-16

The rules committee recommends to the Board to make the following changes to Rule 715:

C. PROHIBITED EQUIPMENT

8. Any equipment the judge may consider to be inhumane. ~~or severe.~~

Motion made by Deb Dyer, Seconded by Ray Burchett. Motion passed unanimously.

RC Motion 09-09-16

The rules committee recommends to the Board to make the following changes to Rule 715:

716. REINING

C. SCORING

6. The following will result in a score of 0:

e. the inclusion of maneuvers not specified, including, but not limited to: (1) backing more than 2 strides; (2) turning more than 90 degrees (Exception: a complete stop in the 1st quarter of a circle after a ~~lope center~~ departure is not to be considered an inclusion of maneuver; a 2 point break of gait penalty will apply).

n. when going to and coming out of a rollback in a pattern requiring a run-around, a rollback that crosses the center line.

Motion made by Deb Dyer, Seconded by Ray Burchett. Motion passed unanimously.

RC Motion 10-09-16

The rules committee recommends to the Board to make the following changes to Rule 717.D to become D.1 and then to re-number the rest of D:

D. For the pattern

1. A cone shall be placed along the wall or rail of the arena to designate where the exhibitor should initiate the walk. On Pattern 1, the cone should be placed a minimum of 15 feet before the first pylon. On

patterns 2, 3, 4 and 5, the cone should be placed even with the first pylon. The on-deck exhibitor should not go to the start cone until the contestant on pattern has cleared the working area by the start cone for the final time.

Motion made by Deb Dyer, Seconded by Ray Burchett. Motion passed unanimously.

RC Motion 11-09-16

The rules committee recommends to the Board to update Working Cow Horse patterns to make them consistent with other breed association working cow horse patterns.

Motion made by Ray Burchett, Seconded by Deb Dyer. Motion passed unanimously.

RC Motion 12-09-16

The rules committee recommends to the Board to make the following clarification to Rule 746:

746. TIMED TIE-DOWN ROPING

E. There will be a 35-second time limit in open tie-down roping and a 60-second time limit on Youth and Non-Pro tie-down roping. In either case the calf must be roped and tied within the time limit. The timer at the end of the 35-second or 60-second span shall blow a whistle indicating no time. A broken barrier will not count against the time limit. **The rider must remount and ride the horse forward at the completion of the run and this shall not count against the time limit.**

Motion made by Jim Jirkovsky, Seconded by Terie Clark. Motion passed unanimously.

RC Motion 13-09-16

The rules committee recommends to the Board to make the following clarification to Rule 747:

747. JUDGED TIE-DOWN ROPING

C. The roper may throw a maximum of two loops and this must be done within a one-minute time limit from time calf leaves the chute. If more than one loop is thrown, the roper may recoil the rope and build the additional loop or may carry a second rope tied to the saddle in which case, this rope must be used for the second loop. If the roper fails to catch, he will retire from the arena with no score. Any catch that holds is legal, but rope must remain on calf until tie is completed and roper has mounted horse.

- 1. Although the time limit stops when the roper signals the tie is complete, the horse will continue to be judged until the rider has remounted the horse and ridden forward. This shall not count against the time limit.**

Motion made by Jim Jirkovsky, Seconded by Terie Clark. Motion passed unanimously.

RC Motion 14-09-16

The rules committee recommends to the Board to make the following change to Rule 751:

751. BREAKAWAY ROPING

I. It is recommended, whenever possible, to have a flagger on horseback and to flag the class. The flagger should be positioned on the roper's right side for this event.

~~I. The judge should be mounted on a horse and serve as field flagman to judge when the string breaks and time stops.~~

Motion made by Jim Jirkovsky, Seconded by Deb Dyer. Motion passed unanimously.

RC Motion 15-09-16

The rules committee recommends to the Board to make the following change to rule 795:

795. BAREBACK HORSEMANSHIP

B. Individual work must be comprised of any of the following:

10. In equitation classes, for reasons of safety, exhibitors will not be required to mount and dismount **except in the event the judge(s) wish to check equipment.**

Motion made by Deb Dyer, Seconded by Ray Burchett. Motion passed unanimously.

RC Motion 16-09-16

The rules committee recommends to the Board to make the following change to rule 796:

796. WESTERN HORSEMANSHIP

~~C. An exhibitor is penalized if he or she loses a stirrup, uses two hands on the reins except when riding a junior horse in an acceptable snaffle bit or hackamore/bosal, changes hands on the reins, or touches any part of the saddle with his or her free hand. **Illegal use of hands on reins is a disqualification.**~~

D. Individual work must be comprised of any of the following:

11. In equitation classes, for reasons of safety, exhibitors will not be required to mount and dismount **as part of the individual patterns except in the event the judge(s) wish to check equipment.**

Motion made by Deb Dyer, Seconded by Terie Clark. Motion passed unanimously.

RC Motion 17-09-16

The rules committee recommends to the Board to make the following change to rule 797 and 798:

797. HUNT SEAT EQUITATION

D. Individual work must be comprised of any of the following:

12. In equitation classes, for reasons of safety, exhibitors will not be required to mount and dismount **as part of the individual patterns except in the event judge(s) wish to check equipment.**

798. SADDLE SEAT EQUITATION

E. Individual work must be comprised of any of the following

7. In equitation classes, for reasons of safety, exhibitors will not be required to mount and dismount **as part of the individual patterns except in the event judge wishes to check equipment.**

Motion made by Deb Dyer, Seconded by Ray Burchett. Motion passed unanimously.

RC Motion 18-09-16

The rules committee recommends that the Judges' committee review the scoring system for showmanship, horsemanship and equitation classes and provide changes to the rules committee prior to the spring ApHC Board of Directors meeting.

Motion made by Deb Dyer, Seconded by Terie Clark. Motion passed unanimously.

RC Motion 19-09-16

The rules committee recommends that the Board of Directors change Rule 60 as follows:

60.

C. WAIVER

To prevent hardship to an innocent person, the Chief Executive Officer, **upon receiving convincing proof of such hardship or innocence and with the approval of the Disciplinary Committee that adjudicated the case in question, has the discretion** to waive any suspension restriction regarding registration matters if all other ApHC registration or transfer requirements under these rules are met.

Motion made by Jim Jirkovsky, Seconded by Deb Dyer. Motion passed unanimously.

RC Motion 20-09-16

The rules committee recommends that the Board of Directors eliminate Rules 717.G.6, 718.P.5, 724.K.7 and 772.N.5 to allow for green classes to be held at the World Show if the Board chooses to do so in the future.

Motion made by Ray Burchett, Seconded by Diane Rushing. Motion passed unanimously.

In addition to the motions passed by the Rules Committee, the committee also reviewed proposals concerning mandatory scribes for judges at regional shows, changes to the minimum class requirements at regional shows, the addition of non-pro and youth performance halter classes and the approval of lip cords to be allowed in halter classes. These proposals failed due to lack of motion.

Further, the rules committee discussed several additional proposals and is working on rule language for those to be considered at the upcoming spring ApHC Board meeting. These proposals involve artificial color, changes to definitions in western pleasure, changes to obstacle requirements in trail, changes to games rules for multi-judge shows, equipment and class procedure changes for working cow horse, fence heights and class descriptions for hunter hack, rules concerning belly bands, rules eliminating the use of show attire/clothing magnets, guidelines to be used by the show steward in addressing inhumane treatment issues at ApHC shows, ranch class divisions and language concerning blood disqualifications.

Meeting was adjourned.