

2009 POAC Rule Changes

Rule 11. Protests, Charges and Hearings (Page 28), Paragraph 3.d. “If made to a Show Committee, it must be received by the show manager, or a member of the Show Committee within 48 hours of the alleged violation. If made to the Hearing Committee, it must be received by the POAC office within a reasonable time.”

Passed: First sentence same. “If made to the Hearing Committee, it must be received by the POAC office within thirty (30) days and sent by registered mail with return receipt.”

Passed: Add on Page 28, Paragraph 3.d. “All protests and charges be sent to the POAC certified with return receipt requested.”

Rule 16. General (Page 40) Paragraph F. “Membership in the POAC is required to conduct registry business.”

Passed: “Membership in the POAC is required to conduct registry business, except in the transfer of ownership with the \$15 transfer fee paid by the seller and no requirement of membership for the buyer.”

Rule 18, POA Coat patterns (Page 41), Paragraph H. “Roan—basic roan body color (including neck). A more or less uniform mixture of white and red or black hairs. May have varnish marks. Strong sclera and mottled skin required.”

Passed: “Roan—is a color with a mixture of base color and white hairs that are on places other than the flanks and tail head with hairs that can be seen from 40 feet. Two of the three characteristics must be present—Sclera, striped hooves, mottling. Mottling must be present in 3 or more separate locations.”

Rule 27. Advancement to Permanent (Page 49), Paragraph A “Owners are not notified that they need to have their Tentative POA transferred to Permanent registry.”

Passed: “A letter will be sent to the current owner of a Tentative POA who needs to be inspected for Permanent registry.”

Rule 50. Approved (Recognized) Breed Associations for Crossbreeding to POA’s, Paragraph A. Remove the following breeds: American Buckskin Registry Ass., Galiceno Horse Breeders Assn., International Buckskin Assn., Palomino Horse Breeders of America, and American Shetland Pony Club, and Spanish Mustang Registry Inc.

Rule 53(d)1a – “The three show maximum may be extended to four (4) if one of the days is a state or national holiday.”

Passed: “The three (3) show maximum may be extended to four (4) if the shows are in a week or weekend of a state or national holiday.”

Rule 60, Inter-breed Competition with Halter (IBC) – “This show allows POAs to combine with all other breed associations in order to produce a profitable show. All classes, including halter, will be offered with all breeds showing together. Classes will be divided by age group of rider, by height of animal in halter (51” and under; over 51-54”; and over 54”). POAC show posting fees (only for POAs), points and placings are as in B&P shows. Each state will allow six (6) IBC Shows per year.”

Passed: Second sentence will be: “IBC shows are required to offer a minimum of five (5) 19&Over classes.” Third sentence would then start with: “All classes.....” and finish paragraph.

Rule 63. Regional Shows, Paragraph F.1.b. (Page 62) states: “Equitation patterns (except Leadline) shall be mandatory”

Passed: “Equitation patterns (except Leadline) shall be mandatory with walk, trot (jog) (8 & Under), lope (canter) both leads with either a simple or flying lead change (9-12, 13-18, 12 & Under, or 18 & Under).”

Rule 64. Promotional Shows. Add as second sentence: “The POAC may sponsor a Promotional show in conjunction with the Classic Shows.”

Page 64, Rule 66, Classic Show(s), Paragraph H. 2. “Equitation patterns (except Leadline) shall be mandatory”

Passed: "Equitation patterns (except Leadline) shall be mandatory with walk, trot (jog) (8 & Under), lope (canter) both leads with either a simple or flying lead change (9-12, 13-18, 12 & Under, or 18 & Under)."

Page 65, Rule 67. International Show, Paragraph G. "Equitation patterns (except Leadline) shall be mandatory"
Passed: "Equitation patterns (except Leadline) shall be mandatory with walk, trot (jog) (8 & Under), lope (canter) both leads with either a simple or flying lead change (9-12, 13-18, 12 & Under, or 18 & Under)."

Add: Rule 67, Paragraph N. 12. Oldest Pony Award to be presented at the International Show starting in 2008. This pony must be exhibited in either halter or a performance event at the show.

Rule 81 (page 76), Paragraph A.5. last sentence "Any pony found to be over 56" shall be reported immediately to the POAC office and the Registrar shall react within 15 days of receipt of notification."
Also add: "If pony is not able to be measured three (3) times, it is up to the Executive Secretary to establish a time and date for the pony to be inspected."

Rule 84. Inspection for Color., Paragraph G. At the end of this paragraph, add "Any pony found to be lacking necessary color or characteristics shall be immediately reported to the POAC office and the Registrar shall react within 15 days of receipt of notification." Also add: "If another inspection for color is needed, it is up to the Executive Secretary to establish a time and date for the pony to be inspected."

Rule 98, Approved POAC Performance Classes for National Points, New Paragraph

D: Adult; 19&over points awarded to pony for ROM (Adult)

1. Any rider 19 & over riding any age pony
2. May show in one or more of the four classes offered for National points
 - a) Western Pleasure
 - b) Hunter under Saddle
 - c) Trail
 - d) Reining
3. These classes to be offered at the option of State show committee.
These classes MUST be offered at Regional, Classic & International shows.
4. Year-End Points to be published in the POA Magazine.
High Point year-end awards to be given out if sponsored.
This program will be for a trial period of five years and during that time, no additional classes from the four listed in the above proposal be added to this program.

Old Paragraph D will be changed to E. and old Paragraph E will be changed to F.

Rule 99 (Page 87) Approved Class Breakdowns: Add to "F. Any one exhibitor is not allowed to participate in both the traditional 3-gait 8&Under Pleasure and the W/T Pleasure during the same show. However, it would be possible for an exhibitor to show 3-gait Western Pleasure and W/T English Pleasure or vice versa.

Rule 100 (Page 88) Disqualifications. Add as "Q. At the discretion of the judge, any rider receiving assistance from outside the ring (i.e. coaching a rider through a pattern) may be disqualified from the class."

Rule 114 Trail, Paragraph A. "Trail class may be run at a separate location and concurrently with other classes. The Show Committee or judges may designate a qualified person(s) to assist the judge.

New Paragraph A. "Trail class may be run at a separate location and concurrently with other classes. The Show Committee or judge may designate a qualified person(s) over the age of 18 to judge the trail class. Judges cards MUST be signed by person judging the class. A Ponyrama is two judges judging simultaneously.

Rule 116 Western Riding, Paragraph A. Add: "In 9-12, 13-18 and 18 & Under Western Riding, the pony must do a minimum of four (4) flying lead changes at Classic, Regional and International Shows."

Rule 116 (Page 118), Add to Paragraph F..."Score sheets will be made available for the judges to use, but are not mandatory."

Add as Rule 146, POAC HALL OF FAME

The Hall of Fame for POAC was established in 1989 with a committee of 6 long-time POA members who nominated and then voted on the first inductees into HOF. The winners were announced at the POAC Convention held in Indianapolis in February of 1990. After that first year, the committee remained the same but nominations for ponies and people were then taken from the membership and carefully considered. The six members of the committee were chosen because of their long association with the breed of at least 30 years. Membership on the committee was to be replaced only upon a member's death. However, a few years after its inception, the committee was enlarged to 12 to include a wider representation of the country and in 2007 was increased to a 14-member committee.

POAC Hall of Fame Award For People:

- A. Candidates for this award may be nominated by POAC members. The candidate must have had great and favorable impact on the POA industry or regional and national distinction, or have rendered outstanding service to the Pony of the Americas Club.
- B. Procedure and Presentation of Award. Nominations will be submitted to the POAC. Inductees into the POAC Hall of Fame will be chosen by the POAC Hall of Fame Committee Members. The recipient will then be honored at the Annual POAC Convention Awards Banquet. An engraved plaque with a photograph and biography of each Hall of Fame inductee will be placed on permanent display at the POAC office. An identical plaque will be awarded to the inductee.
- C. A Nomination Application can be obtained from the POAC office or off the POAC website. Please use the application to nominate an individual who has contributed to the POAC or POA industry through personal, professional, or volunteer achievements. To assist the POAC Hall of Fame Committee in evaluating the candidate, please provide as much detailed information as possible. Include significant personal history, service to the Pony of the Americas Club, regional activities, professional achievements and other pertinent data. Attach additional sheets as necessary. Please keep nominations to the 2-page form and no more than five (5) additional pages and confidential. Deadline for nomination is November 1 of current year and should be sent to the POAC office.
- D. Inductees into the POAC Hall of Fame get a lifetime membership in POAC.

POAC Hall of Fame Award for POAs

- A. Candidates for this award may be nominated by POAC members. The candidate must have had great and favorable impact on the POA industry, received breeding, regional and national distinction or have rendered outstanding performance. Candidates need not be deceased.
- B. Procedure and Presentation of Award. Nominations will be submitted to the POAC. Inductees into the POAC Hall of Fame will be chosen by the POAC Hall of Fame Committee. The recipient will then be honored at the Annual POAC Convention Awards Banquet. An engraved plaque with a photograph and a biography of each Hall of Fame inductee will be placed on permanent display at the POAC office. An identical plaque will be awarded to the owner of the inductee.
- B. Nomination Application can be obtained from the POAC office or off the POAC website. Please use the two-page application form to nominate a POA who has contributed to the POAC or POA industry through breeding, showing or other achievements. To assist the Hall of Fame Committee in evaluating the candidates, please provide as much detailed information as possible. Include significant historical data, owner/trainer information and any other pertinent data. Attach additional sheets as necessary. Please keep nominations to the two-page form and no more than five (5) additional pages and confidential. Deadline for nomination is November 1 of current year and should be sent to the POAC office.

Hall of Fame Ballot Voting Procedure:

- A. The POAC Hall of Fame Committee selects the inductees into the POAC Hall of Fame by vote using a rating sheet ballot with a rating scale of 0 (not recommended) to 5 (highly recommended). The total votes received by a Hall of Fame nominee shall be calculated by tabulating the votes cast for each nominee.
- B. To be inducted into the POAC Hall of Fame, a nominee must receive at least 47 points (of a possible 70). All nominees receiving 47 or more votes shall be inducted. Unsuccessful nominees who receive at least 33 points shall be automatically nominated for the succeeding year. Failure to be inducted the second year will require the nominee to wait 3 years to again be nominated through the regular nomination process in order to be considered in subsequent years.
- C. Information on each nominee provided by the nominator is listed and the office does not verify the information for accuracy or content and no additional information is added.

Add as New Rule 147: Family of the Year.

This award honors a family that has helped above and beyond at the state level and, if they could, at the national level. It is an award that honors a family not for how many first places they had received showing ponies, but for working together as a family and how their membership has benefited the state club as well as the national..

Every organization is unique in some way. The Pony of the Americas Club is unique among horse organizations because of the special relationship it enjoys with its families. The purpose of this award is to recognize and honor an individual POA family each year. By annually awarding a POA family, our organization formally recognizes the contributions that family makes to the success of the POA breed and its organization.

You must request an official award form from POAC or off the website (no copies) to be used for your nomination. We suggest you make a copy of the forms to practice on, then type your good copy. Please make a copy of the final forms for your club files. Please read the following rules regarding the forms:

- A. The forms **MUST BE** typed.
- B. Each state club or chapter may nominate only one family per year.
- C. At least one member of the nominated family must be available to attend the annual convention in February. Please check with them.
- D. Information not specifically requested will be discarded.
- E. All parts of the form, including essays and letters, must be sent in together.

Please send all forms and information to:

Pony of the Americas Club
Family of the Year Award
3828 South Emerson Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46203

Add as New Rule 148: THE GOLDEN LEGACY AWARD

In memory of "Kootenai's Spring Fever" an ordinary pony that was a champion to her humans, but was never a "Supreme Champion".

This award recognizes a registered POA that has made a significant impact on the lives of others or who has been a positive image for the POA breed.

Judging Criteria

1. may be **any** Pony of the Americas (POA) in the U.S. registry
2. must have enriched the life of one or more persons through exceptional contributions or accomplishments
3. show ring accomplishments are not necessary to qualify

Your nomination must include:

1. ONE (1) clear photo of the pony
2. An essay of **up to 1500 words**
3. Include: Pony's Name & Registration Number, Nominator's name, address, phone Number/email and relationship to Pony
4. **DO NOT** include video tapes or letters of recommendation.

Nominations judged by a panel of five from across the country

Nomination deadline is November 30 of current year.

Please mail your entry to: Jeanette M. Krueger, P. O. Box 913, Forsyth, MT 59327 (406) 356-7047

Winner will be announced at the next POA Convention.

Renumber Rule 146 to Rule 149 Register of Merit

Rule 147 to Rule 150 Proven Producer Award

Rule 148 to Rule 151 Premier Sire Award (PrS)

Rule 149 to Rule 152 Premier Dam Award (PrD)

Rule 150 to Rule 153 Golden Premier Sire Award (GPrS)

Rule 151 to Rule 154 Golden Premier Dam Award (GPrD)

Rule 152 to Rule 155 Breeder Awards

Rule 153 to Rule 156 Medallion Awards

Rule 154 to Rule 157 Endurance & Competitive Trail Riding Distance Medallion

Rule 155 to Rule 158 POA Horseback Riding Program

Rule 156 to Rule 159 Dressage Medallion
Rule 157 to Rule 160 Handicapped Riding Medallion
Rule 158 to Rule 161 International Futurity 18 & Under
Rule 159 to Rule 162 Leonard Lewis Memorial Youth Futurity
Rule 160 to Rule 163 The McClaren Junior Pony Open Training Futurity

Add Rule 164 Daniels Hunter Under Saddle Futurity

Renumber Rule 161 to Rule 165 International Pleasure Driving Futurity
Rule 162 to Rule 166 POA Select Sire Futurity
Rule 163 to Rule 167 Yearling, Two, Three and Four-Year Old Halter Futurities
Rule 164 to Rule 168 Most Colorful Futurity Class
Rule 165 to Rule 169 Yearling and Two Year Old Longe Line Futurities
Rule 166 to Rule 170 Yearling and Two Year Old In-Hand Trail Futurities
Rule 167 to Rule 171 Junior Pony Futurity Classic

Rule 171 Junior Pony Futurity Classic, Paragraph G.5. "Warm up time for JPFC ponies. This will be left to the discretion of the show committee but not mandatory for all events.

Renumber Rule 168 to Rule 172 19 & Over Reining Futurity
Renumber Rule 169 to Rule 173 International POA Sale

Rule 173 International POA Sale, Paragraph A. 5. "Geldings of riding age must be ridden under saddle in the sale ring or driven outside of sale ring in designated area"
Proposed change: "Paragraph A. 5. Geldings 3 years and older must be ridden under saddle in the sale ring or driven outside of sale ring in designated area."

Rule 173 (Page 186), Paragraph A.10: "All owners, exhibitors and agents of a Futurity entry must sign an agreement to pay the 10% commissions to POAC for any pony sold during Sale and Futurity week at the grounds of the Sale locations as a result of the Sale and/or Futurity. If an agreement is in place, prior to arrival on said grounds, for the sale of such a pony, that agreement must be put in writing and a copy of same must be provided to the Sale Chair or Vice Chair. Violators will be dealt with according to POAC rules. This must list the specific pony and specific person of interest."

Rule 173, Add: Paragraph C. 4. "All inspections for the Sale and Futurities will be done at the prescribed place and times by members of the Inspection Committee. This includes the correct number of inspectors, viewing the inspection and signing the forms."

Rule 173. International POA Sale, Paragraph C. Inspection Committee, 1. Add a. "If a pony has been measured two (2) previous times, when it is presented for its third (3rd) measurement, one of the inspectors who measured it previously will be present to observe the measuring process and it must be within the inspection times published."

Rule 173. International POA Sale, Paragraph E.7 (Page 188), Add b. "No pony may sell in the barn for less than the highest last bid in the Sale ring."

Renumber Rule 170 to Rule 174 POAC Recognized Sales
Rule 171 to Rule 175 Magazines Available
Rule 172 to Rule 176 Books Available
Rule 173 to Rule 177 Scholarships Available

Rule 177 (Page 188) Scholarship Availability. "Applications must be postmarked by March 1 and received by March 10 of each current year." Also add at the end of the same paragraph "No one will be able to win a POAC Scholarship more than one time."

Runumber Rule 174 to Rule 178 Forms Available

Rule 175 to Rule 179 Fees – All fees are subject to change without notice

Add to back cover of Handbook: “Try Hard...Win Humbly...Lose Graciously... Protest with Dignity.