

## **2019 SUPPLEMENT to 2018 POAC OFFICIAL HANDBOOK**

**Note:** The current Adult Non-Pro and Walk-Trot Division guidelines (poac.org) supersede the information in the POAC Handbook.

**Rule 66.N.1-12, pp. 73-74 -- Congress Special Awards** Remove from the rulebook the list of Congress special awards in Rule 66.N.1-12.

**Rule 86.A, p. 86.** Correct to read as in previous rulebook: "Youth Pleasure Driving will not count toward any *National Congress* high point awards."

**Rule 86.A, 86.C.4, 96.A -- Ranch Riding** Ranch Riding is now included for high points and for non-timed ROM.

Remove "Ranch Riding" from the last sentence of Rule 86.A and 86.C.4. Delete indicated text in Rule 96.A: "...ROM Ranch Riding. ~~only. This class will not count toward any other Year-End or High Point Awards.~~" (Delete strikethrough.)

**Rule 118.J.5.h, p. 132 -- Western Riding** Corrected wording: "Failure to start lope prior to end cone in *Pattern 1 and 4.*"

**Rule 119.Q, p. 137 -- Reining** Corrected wording: "...*Pattern 1, 4, or 5 only.*" (Note: 119.Q now matches the patterns listed in 119.A.)

**Rule 125.I.3, p. 155 -- Pleasure Driving** Current wording: "The handlers shall position themselves squarely 2' to 3' in front of the pony's head. They shall stand still with hands behind their backs." Replace with the following: "*The header shall position themselves at arm's length squarely in front of the pony's head with hands crossed in front of body.*"

**Rule 146.D.1, p. 171 -- Leadline High Point** Should read: "For the rider compiling the most points in all Leadline 6 & Under classes."

**Rule 146.D.21, p. 171 -- JPFC Year-End Award** Should read: "For the JPFC pony accumulating the most points at all shows during the current year."

**Rule 176.D.1, p. 190 -- JPFC Year-End Award** Should read: "Given to the pony that accumulates the most points in the current year at all shows."

**Rule 147, pp. 172-174 -- POAC Hall of Fame**

Rule 147.A Correct last sentence: "... and in 2008 was increased to a 14-member committee." Add sentence to the end of paragraph A: "*In 2016, the committee was reduced back to 12 members.*"

Move C.2 (no nominees held over/must be nominated each year) to Hall of Fame Ballot Voting Procedure, paragraph B, to replace the sentences in the second half of the paragraph (which say unsuccessful nominees will automatically be nominated the following year). With these changes and the reduction to 12 members, paragraph B of HOF Ballot Voting Procedure now reads: "*To be inducted into the POAC Hall of Fame, a nominee must receive at least 40 out of a possible 60 points (67%). Nominees receiving more than 40 points shall be inducted. An unsuccessful candidate will not be 'held over.' All candidates must be nominated each year, and may be nominated in subsequent years without limit.*"

**Add new rule (rule number TBD): CERTIFIED LP-TESTED PONIES**

A. Members with ponies that lack color and/or characteristics or that have minimal color and/or characteristics may benefit from submitting samples for LP testing to establish color genetics.

1. Forms, fees, and sample (hairs with roots attached) must be submitted to the UC Davis Veterinary Genetics Laboratory for testing.
2. A National Inspector or a licensed veterinarian must pull the hairs and submit the sample. In no circumstance should the hair be pulled by the owner of the pony.
3. All registration requirements and fees must be met prior to having an LP test submitted to the National Office.

B. LP Test Results

1. Results of the LP test will be reported to the POAC Registrar. The Registrar will then issue the appropriate papers for that pony. Ponies with test results either LP/LP or LP/lp will have "Certified LP Tested" noted on their papers.

- a. LP/LP – Homozygous. Positive for dominant LP gene. Indicates the pony carries two copies. Homozygous LP ponies will pass the gene to 100% of their progeny, and their foals will be either LP/LP or LP/lp.
- b. LP/lp – Heterozygous. Positive for dominant LP gene, carrying a single copy. Heterozygous LP ponies are statistically likely to pass the gene to 50% of their progeny.
- c. lp/lp – Negative, non-LP or non-spotted pony.
- C. All ponies age 6 and up must be inspected for color and height when applying for Permanent registration or PHC. Certified LP ponies do not need to pass the color inspection.
- D. Violation of LP Status
  1. Persons found guilty of violating or falsifying any of the LP documentation or genetic material shall be responsible to the disciplinary judgment and actions of the Hearing Committee.
  2. Protest of a pony's Certified LP status must be filed in accordance with the rules and regulations of the National POAC.
  3. The fee for protesting Certified LP status is \$100.

*Additional changes:*

**Rule 15.D, p. 45.** Add at the end of paragraph: "Owners must submit DNA testing to prove parentage as directed by the Registrar or CEO."

**Rule 16, p. 46.** Add as **C.3:** "Ponies 5 years and younger not exhibiting a POA-approved coat pattern may be LP tested by the UC Davis Veterinary Genetics Laboratory, the POAC-approved testing lab, to determine if they carry the LP gene. A pony with test results LP/LP or LP/lp will then be eligible for a Tentative Registration Certificate. Such a pony will be considered Certified LP Tested."

a. Ponies must be DNA tested and parentage verified before submitting the LP test.

b. Genetic material for the LP test will be collected by a POAC National Inspector appointed by the CEO or President. If no inspector is available, an approved veterinarian may be substituted, per the CEO or President. Genetic material will be submitted by the inspector or the veterinarian to UC Davis. The owner is responsible for paying all fees associated with testing. LP test results will be sent to the POAC.

c. The test results will be noted on the pony's registration certificate, and the Registrar will issue the appropriate papers. Ponies testing lp/lp will be issued ID papers. Ponies testing LP/LP or LP/lp will be issued a Tentative Registration Certificate with the words "Certified LP Tested" on the certificate, and are eligible to show. The owner is responsible to submit all materials and pay all fees associated with registering the pony before issuance of the registration certificate."

**Rule 16.D, p. 46.** Add text: "(Also see Rule 24, sections A.5, C and D.)"

**Rule 24, p.53.** Add as **A.5:** "Ponies 5 years and younger not exhibiting a POA-approved coat pattern may submit LP testing as in Rule 16.C.3."

**Rule 24.B.3, p. 53.** Change/add: "Must have matured within the 46" to 56" height limits. *Must also have acceptable POA coat pattern and POA characteristics, or be Certified LP Tested.*"

**Rule 24, p. 54.** Add as **E.1.a:** "The Certified LP option is not allowed for Hardship purposes, regardless if pedigree is known or not."

**Rule 27.C, p. 56.** Add text: "Individuals cannot inspect their own ponies or the ponies of any family members. (See Rule 28.D.)"

**Rule 27, p. 57.** Add as **G:** "Certified LP-Tested ponies will not be inspected for color at shows or sales. (Also see Rule 16.C.3.)"

**Rule 32, p. 59.** Add as **D:** "For members requesting a Tentative Registration Certificate for a pony that lacks a visible coat pattern, the pony must be DNA tested and parentage verified prior to LP testing."

**Rule 42.B, p. 62.** "The final color inspection will be conducted by the three inspectors who are measuring for the PHC. *A Certified LP-Tested pony will not be required to pass the color inspection to receive a PHC.*"

**Rule 51, p. 66.** Add **E.1:** "A Certified LP-Tested pony will not have to pass color inspection, but will be measured for proper height for its age."