

**2020 SUPPLEMENT  
to 2018 POAC OFFICIAL HANDBOOK**

**Rule 49.B, Breed Associations for Crossbreeding, p. 64-65**  
Add the Welsh Pony & Cob Society of Canada.

**Rule 99, General Performance Rules, p. 96-97.** *Add Rule 99.H: In classes requiring western tack and attire, Junior ponies have specific requirements for biting. Refer to Rule 104.I.1.a-e.*

**Change Rule 102.B (DQs) to correspond to Rule 107.B (Hunt Seat Attire).** *Addition to Rule 102.B:* 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 **all youth classes on the flat in which hunt seat attire is worn, in all classes over fences**, and in all gymkhana classes.

**Rule 114, Showmanship, p. 113, 116**

*Remove Rule 114.B* – The percentage scoring is obsolete.

*Remove Rule 114.E* – Remove patterns from the rulebook.

*Change Rule 114.H.5* – ~~Delete first sentence: When turning the pony to the left 90 degrees or less, the pony should be turned to the left.~~ *Then change the next sentence: “On turns of 90 degrees or greater, the ideal turn...”*

*Rule 114.F. Class Routine. Change to read:*

1. All exhibitors may enter the ring and then work individually, or each exhibitor may be worked from the **designated** gate individually.
2. The following maneuvers are considered acceptable:
  - a. Lead the pony at a walk, trot or extended trot.
  - b. Stops
  - c. Turns of 90 (1/4), 180 (1/2), 270 (3/4), 360 (full turn) degrees or any combination or multiple of these turns. (Exception: Leadline will not have combinations or multiples of these turns.)
  - d. Back in a straight line or curved line.
3. The judge must have exhibitors set up the pony squarely for inspection at some time during the class.

**Rule 118.A., Western Riding, p. 131** *Remove age groups, and change to: “...In 10-13, 14-18 and 18 & Under Western Riding, The pony must do a minimum of four flying lead changes at the National Congress and Regional Shows.”*

**Correction to Rule 119.L, Reining, p. 137** *Change to:* Deduct 1/2 point for over or under spinning up to **1/8** turn; deduct 1 point for over or under spinning up to 1/4 turn.

**Rule 129.D, General Gymkhana Rules, p. 161.** *Add at the end of paragraph D: Judges cards must be signed by the person officiating the class.*

**Rule 146.B.1, National Year-End Awards, p. 170**

*Change to:* The exhibitor or pony must have placed in the class for which each was in contention in approved POAC classes in at least **one state other than the exhibitor’s state of residence. The exhibitor must also show in one open**

*show in their state of residence in place of a required POA show in that state if there is no active state POA club. This is only to meet the requirement of showing in two different states. An Open Show Affidavit and the required fees must be submitted and approved by the POAC National Office.* In addition, the exhibitor or pony must have shown in at least one Regional Show or the National Congress Show.

**Certified LP Fee.** A fee of \$200, which includes DNA testing, LP testing and parentage verification, is required to have Certified LP Tested noted on a pony's registration papers. Individuals may also have the testing done at the current rates listed on the POA Genetic Testing form if they do not wish to have Certified LP Tested noted on the pony's papers.

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**Join us at these national POA events in 2020!**

**POA National Convention**

February 20-23, Indianapolis, IN

**West World POA Show**

June 19-20, Spanish Fork, UT

**POA National Congress**

July 11-18, Tulsa, OK

**POA International Sale & Futurity**

September 23-26, Gordyville USA/Rantoul, IL

**East World POA Show**

October 9-11, Cloverdale, IN



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