The 2020 POAC Rules Committee Meeting was called to order at 3:02pm by Rules Chairman Rebecca Solberg. Roll Call was taken in attendance were Allen Killion, Charlene Astin, Tracy Dowd Filla, Diana Peaton, Beverly Tabor, Jordan Gardner, Janette Arends, Tracy Keen. Absent were Pam Klein, Karen Meyer and Mamie Wheeler.

The 2019 Rules Committee Meeting minutes were reviewed. Diana Peaton made a motion to approve the 2019 Rules Committee Meeting Minutes and Allen Killion second the motion. Minutes approved.

1.) 2020 Rule Change Proposal Adding a rule specifying that nationally sponsored shows in addition to the Congress may be held, that exhibitors and owners must be national members, and that these points count for the national show point requirements for ROMs.

Why this rule is needed: Nationally sponsored shows (such as the West World and East World Shows) are currently being held, and they are approved after review of bids by the POAC board and CEO.

When revisions were made to take out the Classic Shows in the 2018 rulebook, this process was not done well, and critical information was removed about other such nationally sponsored shows. For example, technically only the Congress and Regionals now count for the national show point requirements for ROMs, which is a glaring omission. Also, there is no longer anything in the rulebook that says exhibitors and owners must be national members to show at these nationally sponsored shows. If someone wanted to participate at the World Shows without being a national member, it would be difficult for the POAC to argue otherwise when the information is not in the rulebook.

These shows are important in supporting the POAC and, since they are nationally sponsored shows, information should be included in the rulebook.

Add somewhere around RULE 65. ADDITIONAL NATIONALLY SPONSORED POA SHOWS In addition to the National Congress, the POAC may approve other nationally sponsored shows whose purpose is to showcase the POA breed as well as to be profitable in support of the national club. A. These shows are high quality, highly competitive POA shows with one judge and ten placings. 1. The judge must be POAC carded and approved by the POAC. Once a judge has judged one of these national shows, they may not judge that show again for a period of two years. B. The Board of Directors/CEO will approve the dates and locations of these shows. C. To participate in these national shows, the owner and the exhibitor must be active members of the...
D. All POAs, except those with Permanent Height Cards, will be inspected and measured by persons designated by the Board of Directors/CEO. Ponies with Certified LP status will not be inspected for color but must be measured for proper height for their age. E. These shows must offer classes similar to Regionals or the National Congress Show. 1. All halter classes listed in Rule 92, plus Grand, Junior, Senior and Reserve Championships in each sex. 2. Horsemanship/equitation patterns shall be mandatory (except for Leadline), with walk, trot (jog) (9 & Under and Walk-Trot division), lope (canter) both leads with either a simple or flying lead change (10-13, 14-18, 13 & Under or 18 & Under, and 19 & Over). All horsemanship/equitation patterns shall be included in the show packets, if possible, or posted at least one hour prior to the class. F. Points earned at such a nationally sponsored show will count toward Regional-level and higher point requirements for ROMs. G. No other shows within a 500-mile radius will be approved by the POAC on the date(s) on which a nationally sponsored show is held. H. Such a nationally sponsored show may be held as a standalone show, or it may be held in conjunction with one other show, including a Regional Show or Promotional Show. However, Show Managers should keep in mind that the National Congress is intended to be the premier show for the POA breed; therefore, the point total received by winning a class at such a nationally sponsored show and at any show held in conjunction with it should be fewer points than exhibitors would receive by winning the class at Congress.

I. Point Tabulation. For less than a full class, award tenth place points to the lowest placing in class, ninth place points to the next placing, etc. These are Congress type points, with NO set of A points. For larger classes, see bonus points chart, Rule 67. Grand Champion – 5 points Reserve Champion – 4 points Senior Champion – 3 points Reserve Senior Champion – 2 points Junior Champion – 3 points Reserve Junior Champion – 2 points 1st place – 30 points 2nd place – 29 points 3rd place – 28 points 4th place – 27 points 5th place – 26 points 6th place – 25 points 7th place – 24 points 8th place – 23 points 9th place – 22 points 10th place – 21 points

The following rules should also be changed to reflect these nationally sponsored shows, and to require that exhibitors and owners are national members. Wording would be changed in each of these rules to include these other nationally sponsored shows (similar to the first example below).


This proposal was submitted by Pam Klein. Janette Arends made a motion to approve this proposal with the wording “National Events” and removal of the strike through items. Tracy Keen Second the motion. Motion passed Unanimous

2.) Change existing rule. Rule 100.C. Page 97-98
Rule 100.C - Add “Nine” regular 19& Over classes
Rule 100.C.2. – Add “Points awarded to the pony are for ROM (Adult) Adult ROMs (as listed in Rule 151) ...”
“Ranch Riding and Adult Pleasure Driving are missing from the adult class performance list and need to be included as they receive National Points.” This proposal was submitted by Rikki Whitby Clark. Tracy Keen made a motion to approve this proposal and Tracy Dowd Filla second the motion. Motion passed Unanimous

3.) Change existing rule. Rule 86 A., Rule 86 C.1., Rule 86 C.2., Rule 86.C.4. Page 86
“Remove Hunter In Hand from list of classes excluded from High Points.”
“Hunter In Hand is currently excluded from High Points. Hunter In Hand is currently a pointed class so the 19& Over and 18& under divisions could now be included in youth and/or adult High Points. Allowing this class to be counted with High Points calculations could increase entries in both Hunter In Hand classes”. This proposal was submitted by Cindi Hoffman. Tract Keen made a motion to approve this proposal and Diana Peaton second the motion. Motion passed Unanimous.

Rule 78.C.1.a. – Remove “This also includes 19& Over riders”
Rule 78.C.1.b. – Add “and 19& Over riders”
Rule 86.C.1. – Remove “If a pony is ridden by a youth in a class and also by an adult in the 19& Over class, a point designation must be also made, or no points will count for either rider toward any high point.”
“With the expense or horse ownership and rising costs of showing, families should not be penalized for sharing horses. Our club could be more inclusive in allowing adults and youth to share a horse and encourage participation in divisions instead of punishing it.” Tracy Keen made a motion to accept this proposal and Diana Peaton second the motion. The motion to accept this proposal was unanimously opposed. Proposal was not passed.
5.) Change existing rule. Rule 2.A. Page 20
   Rule 2.A.2. – Add “Ranch Riding” to the list.
   “Ranch Riding needs to be added to the list.” (Added to the Adult Class List of eligible classes).
   This proposal was submitted by Rikki Whitby Clark. Tracy Keen made a motion to approve this proposal and Tracy Dowd Filla second the motion. In Favor: Killion, Arends, Peaton, Gardner, Solberg, Keen, Dowd Filla, Astin. Abstain: Tabor. Motion Passed.

   Rule 151.G.1. – Add “1. To earn an ROM in a Specific Event, a pony must accumulate 500 points, with 75 points being earned at a Regional level or higher. in each class applied for and pay the appropriate fee (see appendix).
   Rule 151.G.2. – Remove a.e.m.
   Rule 151.G.3. – Add “3. Awards Available to Adults and Youth:
   a. ROM in Most Colorful – ROM(MC)
   b. ROM in Hunter In Hand - ROM(HIH)”
   Rule 151.J. Add “YOUTH Equitation ROM – ROM(EQ)
   Rule 151.J.2. Add “2. Must accumulate 500 points with 75 points being earned at a Regional level or higher. To earn the award, appropriate fee must be paid (See Appendix). and pay appropriate fee with application...
   “JPFC & In Hand ROM’s already require Regional and above points. The current ROM rules allow someone to show open shows and receive a ROM award without supporting and POA shows. ROM awards should be impressive and adding a requirement of Regional and above points would give a higher level of achievement to winning these awards and would encourage exhibitors to show at these shows, which would give added revenue to clubs. I’ve also adjusted the list to #2 only showing Youth ROM’s and adding #3 to show ROM’s that can be awarded to youth and adult. I’ve removed the ROM (Adult) & ROM (APD) as I’ve addresses those in another rule change. This proposal was submitted by Rikki Whitby Clark. Jordan Gardner made a motion to approve this proposal and Diana Peaton second the motion. In Favor: Astin, Dowd Filla, Keen, Gardner, Arends, Solberg, Killion, Peaton. Opposed: Tabor. Motion passed.

   K. REGISTER OF MERIT – Adult 19& Over
   1. Adult 19& Over ponies will be eligible to earn the following ROMs:
   a. Western Pleasure 19& Over – Adult ROM (WP)
   b. Trail 19& Over – Adult ROM (TR)
   c. Ranch Riding 19& Over – Adult ROM (RR)
   d. Reining 19& Over – Adult ROM (R)
   e. Hunter Under Saddle 19& Over – Adult ROM (HUS)
   f. Adult Pleasure Driving 19& Over – Adult ROM (APD)
2. **Point requirements are as follows:** 500 points for each class, with at least 75 points being earned at Regional level or higher. To earn the award, appropriate fee must be paid (see appendix). A POA may earn only one ROM in each class.

3. **ROM stickers will be available for the back of the registration papers.**

**L. Register Of Merit – Adult 19& Over Non-Timed Award- Adult ROM (NT)**

1. This award may be earned by accumulating the required number of points in Adult events.

   a. Non-Timed events do not include any equitation events, which are judged on the rider, not the pony.

   b. Ponies are required to earn 1000 points from classes listed in Rule 151.K. 25% of which (250 points) must be earned at a Regional level or higher.

**M. REGISTER OF MERIT – Adult 19& Over Ultimate Champion Award- Adult ROM (UC)**

1. Ponies are advanced to the Adult Register Of Merit Ultimate Champion division when they have previously been awarded the Adult ROM (NT) and ROM (H) titles.

2. **Ultimate Champion Award certificate and plaque will be presented to the owner of the pony at either the next annual membership meeting at the POA National Convention, the National Congress Show, or the International Futurity & Sale, provided that the owner is a member in good standing of the POA and all ROM fees have been paid in full. Plaque may also be shipped to the owner if shipping fees are paid in full.**

**N. REGISTER OF MERIT – Adult Equitation 19& Over- Adult ROM (EQ)**

1. Points may be accumulated in horsemanship and equitation classes only.

2. **Must accumulate 500 points with 75 points being earned at a Regional level or higher. To earn the award, appropriate fee must be paid (see Appendix). Points may be earned over more than one year and on more than one pony.**

Currently, Adults can only receive one Adult ROM. Adults should have ROM’s split into individual classes just like the youth, to give Adults more goals to work towards with their ponies. This will also add revenue for the Home Office, as owners can apply for multiple ROM awards instead of just one.

“With the addition of more adult classes, they should be rewarded with a point system similar to the youth. The Supreme Champion Award should stay the most prestigious award for a pony to earn with a youth, but the adults should be able to earn an award with their pony that is also significant. As we move towards becoming the Versatile Family Breed, we need to include adults in the awards system.” This proposal was submitted by Rikki Whitby Clark. Tracy Keen made a motion to approve this proposal and Charlene Astin second the motion. During discussion Tracy Keen amended her motion to strike Section N from the proposal. Amendment passed. In favor
8.) Move Non-Pro Program to Permanent Status  
Current Non-Pro Program rules are on the POAC website with consideration to the additions submitted.

Addition being:
IV. Non-Pro Points
   a. National Non-Pro points will be cumulative with all points being awarded to the rider.

VI. Non-Pro Class Divisions
   a. Exhibitor must specify between Walk-Trot Division or 3-Gait Division each calendar year.
      1. Walk-Trot Division includes the following classes
         - Non-Pro Western Pleasure W/T
         - Non-Pro Hunter Under Saddle W/T
         - Non-Pro Trail W/T
         - National Non-Pro Showmanship W/T
         - National Non-Pro Equitation W/T
         - National Non-Pro Horsemanship W/T
      2. 3-Gait division includes the following classes
         - Non-Pro Western Pleasure WJL
         - Non-Pro Hunter Under Saddle WTC
         - Non-Pro Trail WJL
         - National Non-Pro Showmanship WJL
         - National Non-Pro Equitation WTC
         - National Non-Pro Horsemanship WJL

This proposal was submitted by Rebecca Solberg. Tracy Keen made a motion to approve this proposal and Diana Peaton second the motion. In favor: Killion, Gardner, Astin, Dowd Filla, Keen, Solberg. Opposed: Arends, Peaton, Tabor. Motion passed.

9.) Change existing rule. Rule VI.A. Page 1 of Trial Handout. Non-Pro Adult Trial Period.  
"Non-Pro Riders want the following classes offered, as many states have already added them. Non-Pro is a rider award and should offer Rider class which is Equitation. Non-Pro Showmanship, Non-Pro Hunt Seat Equitation WT & WTL, Non-Pro Horsemanship WT & WTL, Non-Pro Ranch Riding WTL." This proposal was submitted by Scott Shingleton. Jordan Gardner made a motion to approve this proposal. Proposal failed due to lack of second.
An Adult (19 & Over) is required to accompany and drive 9 13 years old and under.
“Young Youth Drivers need an adult 19 & Over Driver with them due to multi ponies in classes
and safety. The age needs to be changed to 13 & under.” This proposal was submitted by Scott
Shingleton. Charlene Astin made a motion to accept this proposal and Diana Peaton second the
motion. In Favor: Gardner, Tabor, Killion, Peaton, Astin, Solberg, Arends. Opposed: Keen, Dowd
Filla. Motion passed.

11.) Add a New Program. Novice Youth Program.
I. Purpose a. The purpose of the POA Novice Youth Program, also referred to as NYP, is to
provide youth having minimal or no show experience the opportunity to exhibit their POAs in a
fitting environment that promotes growth, development of horsemanship skills, and confidence.
b. The NYP is open to any POAC youth member who meets program eligibility requirements.
II. NYP Eligibility Requirements a. The total number of POA points earned in any Equitation or
Performance classes on any and all ponies exhibited by a program applicant must meet the
following requirements: i. less than 1500 points if applying for a card for the 9 & Under age
division. ii. less than 1000 points if applying for the 10-18 age division. iii. less than 20 points
earned total from AQHA, APHC, APHA, PTHA, etc. Points earned in any Small Fry program will
not count towards the 20 points. iv. Leadline, Hunter in Hand, Longe Line, In-Hand Trail, Timed
Events, Youth Driving, Costume, Most Colorful, and Halter will not count toward eligibility
requirements. b. A program applicant must not have won a Non-Novice Congress
Championship in any Performance or Equitation classes for any breed. c. Program applicants
must be 18 years and under as of January 1 of the current calendar year and be a national
member in good standing. d. Program applicants will complete and submit the Novice Youth
Status Agreement annually to the POAC National Office and be approved prior to exhibiting for
points in any NYP class. i. A parent/guardian signature is required on all applications. e. The
POAC Novice Youth Membership Card will denote Novice Youth status and will indicate the
classes the youth is no longer eligible to compete in. This card may be required for status
verification by any show management at any time. Allow two weeks processing from the time
the application is received in the National Office until the time the card is mailed back from the
office. Applications will not be processed at any shows; they must go through the POAC Office to
verify status. f. NYP class eligibility requirements pertain to each NYP class. i. All approved NYP
classes will be offered at national shows. ii. Exhibitors participating in NYP classes may exhibit
in Non-NYP classes at the same show, with the exception that if an exhibitor enters Novice
walk/jog (walk/trot) classes, they cannot enter any class that requires walk/jog/lope
(walk/trot/canter) in the same riding discipline (i.e., Western or English). iii. Exhibitors may not
cross enter classes. If exhibiting in a Novice w/t or w/j class, they cannot enter the
Corresponding Novice w/t/l or w/t/c class. Example: an exhibitor that enters Novice Western
Pleasure w/j cannot enter Novice Western Pleasure w/j/l, but this does not preclude them from
entering the Novice Hunter Under Saddle w/t/c class. iv. NYP participants who earn 400 points
per individual NYP class will not be eligible to show in that NYP class the following calendar year
or in subsequent years. Novice Youth eligibility status the second year and beyond is based on
400 points per NYP class. To be eligible at the time of annual application, a youth cannot have
earned more than 400 points per NYP class. v. To point out of a Novice class, an exhibitor must
earn 400 points (in that individual class). vi. An NYP class winner at the POA National Congress will not be eligible to participate in that NYP class at any show after December 31 of the current calendar year, even if fewer than 400 points have been accumulated through the end of the year. g. At state level shows, any exhibitor deemed a Novice by the show committee may enter a Novice class. Only those exhibitors that hold a Novice Youth Membership Card will be awarded national points. A novice card is required to participate at Specialty Shows, Regional Shows, and any nationally sponsored show. State clubs are encouraged to have written guidelines specifying the criteria used to determine the novice status for their state club shows.

III. NYP Points a. National NYP points are restricted for use within the Novice Youth Program and may not be combined or considered when determining: i. POA National Congress or Classic show awards, high points not specific to the NYP. ii. National Year-End Awards or high points not specific to the NYP. A Novice Youth Participant is eligible for a National Year End Award and/or Show High Point award that does not involve the 8 classes that are included in the NYP. The following classes can be entered by a Novice card holder and receive National Year End Awards and/or show High Point Awards: Halter, Trail, In Hand Trail, Longe Line, Driving, Costume, Showmanship, Most Colorful, Hunter In Hand and the Timed Events. Example for a Show High Point Award; a Novice Youth Participant can be eligible for a Timed High Point Award if offered. A Novice Youth Participant would not be eligible to receive a One Pony/ One Rider High Point Award, a Non-Timed High Point Award or an Equitation High Point Award. iii. National Top Ten Awards, ROM, or Lifetime Pony Points not specific to the NYP. b. Only National NYP points will be used when determining i. NYP National Year-End Awards or high points. c. Regional/state clubs are not obligated but are encouraged to offer some or all of the POA Novice Youth Program classes. d. If a Novice rider participates in any Novice Non-Timed class, they are eligible only for a Novice Non-Timed High Point award; they are not eligible for any Non-Novice Non-Timed High Point award at that show/event. If a Novice rider participates in any Novice Equitation class, they are eligible only for Novice Equitation awards; they are not eligible for any Non-Novice Equitation awards at that show or event. If a Novice competes in a Novice class and the corresponding age group class, the age group class will not count toward any overall high point awards. e. A point designation form must be filled out if the pony is ridden by a Novice and by another rider in the same class but different division. It must be specified on a POAC point designation form before the show begins from which division the pony will receive points, or all points will be forfeited. The designation form must include the pony’s name, the riders' names and the name of each class entered. Only one set of points will count on the pony toward high point or toward national points when the pony is exhibited in the same class, but in different divisions (i.e., Novice, 9 & Under, 10, 11-13, 14-18, 19 & Over). Example: If the pony is ridden in Novice Western Pleasure and 19 & Over Western Pleasure at the same show, the exhibitor must designate (prior to the start of the show) which points will count on the pony or no points will count.

IV. POA Novice Youth Program Performance ROM a. NYP exhibitors who achieve a combined total of 400 NYP performance points are eligible to receive an NYP Performance ROM. b. 25% of performance points earned (100 points) must be earned at a Regional Show, Classic Show, and/or the POA National Congress Show.
V. Nationally Approved POA Novice Youth Program Classes  
a. Novice Youth Hunter Under Saddle w/t/c  
b. Novice Youth Hunt Seat Equitation w/t/c  
c. Novice Youth Hunter Under Saddle w/t  
d. Novice Youth Hunt Seat Equitation w/t  
e. Novice Youth Western Pleasure w/j/l  
f. Novice Youth Western Horsemanship w/j/l  
g. Novice Youth Western Pleasure w/j  
h. Novice Youth Western Horsemanship w/j

VI. The rules for the corresponding classes in the current version of the POAC Official Handbook will be followed for the NYP classes.

“A Novice Youth Program would provide our youth with minimal or no show experience the opportunity to exhibit their POA in a fitting environment that would promote growth, development of horsemanship skills and confidence.” This proposal was submitted by Rebecca Solberg. Allen Killion made a motion to accept this proposal and Tracy Keen second the motion. In Favor: Killion, Tabor, Gardner, Peaton, Astin, Keen, Dowd Filla, Solberg. Opposed: Arends. Motion passed.

12.) Change existing rule. Rule 42.I. Page 63
Clarity the Rule – ponies with a Permanent Height Card do not have to be measured at any POAC activity. ADD: measured or inspected for color…. This proposal was submitted by Diana Peaton. Tracy Keen made a motion to accept this proposal and Charlene Astin second the motion. Motion passed Unanimous.

PHC stands for Permanent Height Card. During the measuring process for PHC a final color inspection is also conducted. Members feel once a pony has permanent registration papers, the pony no longer needs to be inspected for color at POAC events requiring inspection of ponies without proof of the Permanent Height Card. A Permanent Card (PC) is final of all height, color, characteristics and LP certification. The option of PHCC can be considered if it is felt this would be an easier change (Permanent Height Color Card). The wording Permanent Height Card would also change to Permanent Card or Permanent Height Color Card. Change wording from PHC to PC or PHCC. “PHC stands for Permanent Height Card. A final color inspection will be conducted at the time of measuring for PHC.” This proposal was submitted by Diana Peaton. Charlene Astin made a motion to accept this proposal and Janette Arends second the motion. Motion passed unanimous.

To clarify what types of Inspection State Inspectors can do. This will also follow the format of the Ntl Inspector duties in Rule 28.A.2.a.

Rule 28 Types Of Inspections
B. State Inspectors

2. Duties

a. To inspect all ponies submitted to him from inspection. Tentative, Permanent or ID registration.

This proposal was submitted by Diana Peaton. Tracy Keen made a motion to approve this proposal and Janette Arends second the motion. Motion passed unanimous.

15.) Change existing rule. Rule 28.C. Page 58

Remove:
C. Licensed veterinarians are also able to inspect ponies submitted to them for Tentative, Permanent or ID registration.

To Read:
C. Licensed Veterinarians

For members where a National Inspector, State Inspector or an approved POAC event is not within reasonable distance, a licensed veterinarian, who must be approved by the CEO and registrar, may inspect ponies submitted to them for preliminary application of Tentative, Permanent and ID registration. All applications of registration are subject to POAC approval before registration is official. This proposal was submitted by Diana Peaton. Tracy Keen made a motion to approve this proposal and Janette Arends second the motion. In Favor: Killion, Arends, Peaton, Astin, Keen, Dowd Filla, Solberg. Opposed: Gardner, Tabor. Motion passed.

16.) Move Walk Trot Program to Permanent Status

Current Walk Trot Program rules are on the POAC website. This proposal was submitted by Rebecca Solberg. Tracy Keen made a motion to accept this proposal with Janette Arends second the motion. In Favor: Arends, Peaton, Tabor, Astin, Keen, Solberg. Opposed: Gardner, Dowd Filla. Abstain: Killion. Motion passed.

17.) Add New Rule

2yr olds entering Futurity can decide with final payment if they are shown In-Hand or under saddle. Some 2yr olds do not mature and handle the riding as well as others (Some are late 2yr olds also) This will keep the pony at the show while protecting its mental and Physical wellbeing. This proposal was submitted by Jackie Devine-Pertzborn and was forwarded from the Futurity Committee. The Futurity Committee amended the proposal to include a $50 per class slot fee. If a pony does not designate and attend the Futurity, the fees will be split evenly into the in-hand and riding pots and once a pony has been ridden it must be ridden the rest of the year if participating in the slot program.

An owner of a JPFC 2 year old may elect to purchase an open slot for $20 nomination fee plus $50 fee per class (two classes) at the March nomination deadline to postpone the decision to longe or ride until the September payment when a decision to longe or ride must be made. The option to enter a third riding class can also be paid at the September payment.
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7.c. If a pony is nominated to the JPFC 2-year-old open slot nomination, once ridden in a JPFC 2-year-old class, designation has been determined, the pony may not be shown in 2-year-old Futurity In-Hand. Allen Killion made a motion to accept this proposal and Janette Arends second the motion. Motion passed unanimous.

18.) Change existing rule. Rule 81. Page 84

Rule 81.G.1.

One hand to be used to hold scaled measurement stick vertical. Second hand to remain between scaled measurement stick and pony grasping bubbled level arm from underside only to guide to high point of withers. This proposal was submitted by Cliff Thomas. Diana Peaton made a motion to accept this proposal and Charlene Astin second the motion. In Favor: Astin. Opposed: Killion, Tabor, Gardner. Abstain: Keen, Dowd Filla, Peaton, Arends, Solberg. Motion failed.


Removal from the POAC Rulebook of all Boy/Girl class splits to algin with the changing standards in the world today. Bev Tabor made a motion to approve this proposal and Tracy Keen second the motion. Motion passed unanimous.

Tracy Keen made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Allen Killion second the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:36pm.