2021 SUPPLEMENT
to 2018 POAC OFFICIAL HANDBOOK

♦ Rule 2.A.2, p. 20. Add Ranch Riding to the list of classes in which adults may exhibit.
♦ Rule 28, Types of Inspectors, pp. 57-58. Add to 28.B.2.a: To inspect all ponies submitted to them for Tentative, Permanent or ID registration.
♦ Rule 38, Types of Inspectors, pp. 57-58. Add to 38.B.2 (b) A licensed veterinarian is also able to inspect ponies submitted to them for Tentative, Permanent or ID registration. Change 28.C to read: Licensed Veterinarians. For members where a National Inspector, State Inspector or an approved POAC event is not within a 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 preliminary registration applications are subject to POAC approval before registration is official.
♦ Rule 42, Permanent Card - PC, pp. 62-63. Change the wording in Rule 42 from PHC to PC (Permanent Card), to reflect that when a pony is measured for height, a final color inspection is also conducted. Add to 42.I: Ponies with a Permanent Card do not have to be measured or inspected for color at any POAC activity.
♦ Rule 82, Official Height Chart, p. 85. Change 82.B: Yearling – not over 52-1/2” (effective January 1, 2023)
♦ Rule 86, High Point Awards, pp. 86-87. Change 86.A, 86.C.1, 86.C.2, and 86.C.4: Remove Hunter In Hand from the list of classes that are excluded from high points.
♦ Rule 97, Walk-Trot Division, p. 96. The Walk-Trot Division has been moved to permanent status. Current Walk-Trot rules are on the POAC website.
♦ Rule 98, Adult Non-Pro Division, p.96. The Adult Non-Pro Division has been moved to permanent status. Current Adult Non-Pro rules are on the POAC website, to include the following additions: IV.a. National Non-Pro points are based on one pony/one rider.
VI.a. Exhibitor must specify Adult Non-Pro Walk-Trot or 3-Gait Division each calendar year.
1. The Walk-Trot Division includes the following classes: Non-Pro Western Pleasure W/J, Non-Pro Hunter Under Saddle W/T, Non-Pro Trail W/J, Non-Pro Showmanship W/T, Non-Pro Hunt Seat Equitation W/T, Non-Pro Horsemanship W/J
2. The 3-Gait Division includes the following classes: Non-Pro Western Pleasure W/I/L, Non-Pro Hunter Under Saddle W/T/C, Non-Pro Trail W/I/L, Non-Pro Showmanship W/I/L, Non-Pro Hunt Seat Equitation W/T/C, Non-Pro Horsemanship W/I/L
♦ Rule 125.I.2. Youth Pleasure Driving, p.155. Change age of driver: An adult (19 & Over) is required to accompany any driver 13 years old and under.
♦ Rules 173 and 174, Yearling and Two-Year-Old Futurities, pp. 188-189. Add Rule 173.A.7.c and Rule 174.A.6.b: 2-Year-Old Futurity Open Slot. This is a nomination without declaring whether the pony will be ridden or shown in-hand. However, if a pony is nominated to the JPF 2-year-old open slot, once ridden in a JPF 2-year-old class, designation has been made, and the pony may not be shown in-hand at the 2-year-old Futurity. Fees and deadlines are on the nomination form.
♦ Rule #TBD. Additional Nationally Sponsored POA Shows. Add: 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. Note that nationally sponsored shows are not Specialty Shows, as Specialty Shows are put on by an organization other than the POAC.
A. These nationally sponsored 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 National POAC. See Rule 2.
D. All POAs, except those with Permanent 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 may 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/equtation 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/equtation patterns shall be included in the show packets, if possible, or posted at least one hour prior to the class.
F. Points earned at these shows 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 or Promotional Show. However, the total points 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 that class at Congress.

Wording in the following rules will also be changed to include these nationally sponsored shows, to require that exhibitors and owners are national members, and to reflect that these shows count toward national point requirements for ROMs. Wording changes for these rules will be similar to the first example below.
Rule 1.B.1.a and 1.B.3.a, POA Membership/Junior Membership: “...and to show at the following shows: Regional Shows, the National Congress, National Futurities, and any other nationally sponsored shows.”
Rule 52.C and put 52.C.1 back in the rulebook: 1. Any other nationally sponsored show will be honored within a 500-mile radius, with the exception of state fair shows.
Rule 63 (and remove reference to “Classic”).
Also include nationally sponsored shows in the Show Fees in the Appendix.

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