

POAC Rule Change Proposal Form

1. Proposed Change (select only one):
 Add new rule
 Delete existing rule Reference Rule as it appears in the Current Official Handbook & Subsequent Supplements: Rule # _____ Page# _____

Change existing rule Reference Rule as it appears in the Current Official Handbook & Subsequent Supplements: Rule # 124 Page# 154-155

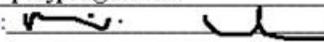
2. Proposed Effective Date: January 1, 20 22 Other: _____

3. Is this proposal changing a rule that was implemented within the last two years: Y 

4. Explain why this rule change is needed: (Use attachments if needed)

These rules need updated to add more information and give more guidance for judging. It is also organized better.

5. Contact Information of person submitting/proposing change:

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6. Writing proposed rule changes:

- Define the problem and develop as many possible solutions as you can by asking others for input.
- Choose one possible solution that appears to be the most appropriate and that fits the mission and goals of POAC.
- Determine if any other rules would be affected if your proposal were to be adopted, and specify the rule numbers.
- Submit proper wording for a proposed rule change by typing or neatly printing the exact wording being proposed. If you propose changes to existing language, strike-through the words you propose to delete. Type in bold and italics the words you propose to add.
- Meritorious proposed rule changes submitted with sufficient documentation and specific explanations detailing reasons for the change will be assigned to the respective committee(s). Rule changes submitted without sufficient documentation and specific explanations detailing reasons for the change will not be assigned to a committee

Return completed form to: POAC/Stacey Stewart/Office Manager – 3828 S. Emerson Avenue – Indianapolis IN 46203.

RULE 124. HUNTER HACK

A. The Hunter Hack should move in the same style as a working hunter *in Hunter Over Fences (see Rule 123.)* Light contact with the pony's mouth is required. Ponies should be obedient, alert, responsive, and move freely. The class will be judged on an even pace and style over fences, flat work, manners, and way of going. ***The purpose of hunter hack is to give ponies an opportunity to show their skill over low fences and on the flat. The poll should be level with, or slightly above the withers, to allow proper impulsion behind. The head should not be carried behind the vertical, giving the appearance of intimidation, or be excessively nosed out, giving a resistant appearance.***

B. **Hight of Fences *Fence Heights:*** Ponies are first required to jump two fences. ***Obstacles must be measured in the center of the jump.***

1. 9 & Under – 12" (cross rails are encouraged)
2. 10-13, 13 & Under – 18"
3. 14-18, 18 & Under – 24" (measured at the center of the jump) in height.
3. A ground line is required for each obstacle.

C. **Judging**

1. ***In Hunter Hack, the over fences portion shall be judged under guidelines similar to Hunter Over Fences, with faults as in Rule 123.I. Ponies eliminated in the over fence portion of the class shall be disqualified.***
2. ***Placing of the class shall be determined by allowing a minimum of 70% for individual fence work and a maximum of 30% for work on the flat.***
3. ***Ponies considered for an award are to be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring with light contact.***
4. ***See Scoresheets on POAC website for further judging criteria.***

D. **Course Diagrams & Obstacles**

1. ***Ponies are first required to jump two fences.***
2. ***The course will not contain combinations such as one or two stride elements, oxers, or spread jumps.***
3. ***If the obstacles are set in a straight line, they must be set a minimum of 40' apart, ~~or~~ but 60' apart is recommended.***
4. ***A ground line is required for each jump.***
5. ***After completing the two jumps, the competitor shall hand gallop around a turn, halt **at a marker**, back, and then stand quietly. **At the judge's signal**, they then should exit the ring or return to the line-up on a loose rein.***

E. **Disobediences, Faults and Eliminations.**

1. ***Eliminations. The following result in elimination. Also refer to Rule 122.H-K, (Disobediences, Falls, Knockdowns, Off Course)***
 - a. ***Three cumulative refusals.***
 - b. ***Fall of pony and/or rider.***
 - c. ***Off course.***
 - d. ***Bolting from the arena.***
 - e. ***Failure to wear ASTM/SEI approved headgear, failure to fasten chinstrap, or loss of headgear (must remain in place on top of the head) anywhere on course (rider must stop course immediately).***
2. ***Disobediences and Faults Over Fences. Refer to Hunter Over Fences, Rule 123.I.1.***
3. ***Faults During Rail Work. Faults to be scored accordingly, but not necessarily cause disqualification during the rail work, include:***

- a. Being on wrong lead at the canter and/or wrong diagonal at the trot*
- b. Excessive speed (any gait)*
- c. Excessive slowness (any gait)*
- d. Breaking gait*
- e. Failure to take gait when called*
- f. Head carried too low or too high*
- g. Nosing out or flexing behind the vertical*
- h. Opening mouth excessively*
- i. Stumbling*

F. Tack and Attire. Hunt Seat Tack and Attire are required. See Rules 106 and 107.

G. Disqualifications. Also see Rule 102.

~~G. Disobediences. See Rule 123, Hunter Over Fences~~