

OHSET Meetings held during State Championships 2011

State Board Meeting, Thursday May 19 @ 9:30 am

In Attendance (underline denotes voting): Mandi Hanson, Troy Hanson, Linda Sundberg, Megan Burnette, Kevin Burnette, Dawn Keeney, Jill Burnette (SV), Lynley Burns, Dru Sloop, Todd Gary, Kayla Hemmert, Jessica Graf (TRV), Don Pack, Laurie Pack Sandy Kralovec, Karen Haring, Teresa Hoffman (NV), Chris Dinsmore, Phil Armstrong (NE), Jan Harer, Scott Chauncey (NW), Anne Geser, Pam Steinke (Central), Wendy Bernards, Emily Bernards, Denise John (W), Peggy Smith, Val Hackett (S), JoAnn Oswald (Judges' Chair), Karissa Dishon (Vice Chair), Candi Bothum (Chair), Debi Ferrer (Secretary)

Clarification for Alternate Rule

According to Rule 2.7.2, one alternate is allowed for a 3-4 person team. A new rule added last year allowed for teams to choose one new alternate for State. There are two interpretations of this.

Interpretation 1 – Only one alternate total is allowed but the pool for state may include athletes who were on other teams during the season that did not qualify for State.

Interpretation 2 – An additional alternate may be used, even if the team already had an alternate during the season. This could result in teams ending up with 6 athletes on a 4-person team during the season.

An poll was taken to see how the board interpreted the new rule, with 10 indicating the first interpretation and 7 indicating the second interpretation. The situation that prompted this question is that Sisters had a designated alternate who did not ride during the season. Now, at the state meet, that alternate is not available and the team needs an alternate. They'd like to use one that rode on a different team during the season which didn't qualify for State.

Discussion:

- We need to be sensitive to the current EHV-1 situation. A number of athletes decided not to bring their horses, leaving teammates in the lurch.
- Denise moved to allow a non-precedent-setting exception to our rules, due to the extraordinary circumstances, that teams of 3 or 4 may have a total of two alternates, regardless of prior participation on teams. The vote was unanimously in favor.

Potential Conflicts with Schedule

Scott put a sheet with potential conflicts for athletes in two or more simultaneous events in each District Chairs folder. If you have a conflict, work it out within your district first, by rearranging individuals or teams, and second, work it out with another district chair. If you need to switch one athlete or an entire district, it's okay. Please don't just move an athlete or district to the end because that messes up the schedule timing for everyone.

Volunteer Coordination

Karen has instruction sheets for volunteers. Please provide experience volunteers for your events. They need to check in right outside the office, and Karen will go over expectations with them. If you have volunteers who don't show up, please let Karen know ASAP.

EHV-1 Update

- We are down about 60-65 riders, which means that 90% of our athletes decided to attend.
- Dilligently remind riders to practice biosecurity measures. This includes not hanging around on horseback, visiting with horses nose to nose. Athletes should do their events, then put their horses away. Veterinarians will be walking the grounds, looking for any signs of illness. Stall cards MUST be on all stalls.

Nominations for State Chair and Vice Chair

- Denise nominated Candi and Karissa. Both accepted.
- Nominations will be accepted also at the June board meeting.
- Elections will be held at the June board meeting.

Other Announcements and Reminders

- Veterinarian Forms – If athletes have vet forms allowing for exceptions to our equipment or other rules, they need to be turned in to the office prior to events so judges can be informed.
- Senior Bios - Please hang them on the lattice display in the Event Center.
- Silent Auction - Place items on table in front entry of Event Center so people can start bidding. Tickets can be purchased for \$1 or 6 tickets for \$5. Names go on ticket backs and they may be placed in containers in front of various items at the buyer's discretion.
- Music for drill and pairs – turn in CDs or thumb drives by 5 pm on Thursday. For practice time music, teams are on their own. Candi will provide a microphone.
- Horse trailers – need to go up on the hill, not near the barns.
- Dogs – Please pick up after dogs and keep them away from barns, arenas, and the Event Center.
- Radios – will be on Channel 1 for normal communication. If there is an emergency, or something that needs to be discussed more privately, we'll switch to Channel 2.
- Haul-ins – park in the parking lot by Juniper Arena.
- Practice equipment – Must get permission from State Officials for setting up equipment anywhere on the grounds. If equipment is in an arena, any athlete may use it.
- Grand Entry – Only the main flags will stay in the arena. Seniors and/or flags from each school will ride in and then immediately back out.
- No horses allowed in spectator areas. Horses need to go out the back of their barns.
- Bicycles are only allowed in spectator areas.
- Do people want music played during gaming events? Consensus was YES.
- If there is a need for a stewardship committee meeting – it will consist of the Rules Chair, the District Chair (or designee) and a youth representative from each district, the Judges' Chair, State Chair, State Secretary.

Stewardship Meeting, Thursday May 19 – South Valley IHOR Teams

Situation – After the decision was made to go forward with the State Championships amidst concerns about EHV-1, Dawn and the SV District Registrar called to find out which athletes were not coming in order to contact alternates for replacements. An error was made during the hectic scramble to fill all the state slots which resulted in an extra IHOR team coming to the state meet. Elmira's first alternate team was overlooked and Sheldon's second alternate team was called up.

Discussion

- It's not the athletes' fault, and it's not the volunteer's fault. There was a lot of confusion and not very much time to make changes.
- If this extra team beats another team and pushes them down in the rankings, would that be fair?
- Three athletes, all competing in IHOR for other districts, said they would prefer making an exception and allowing both teams to participate, under the circumstances.
- When in doubt, we should err on the side of the athletes.
- If only one team is to be allowed to compete, it should be Elmira, since they were the first alternate.
- If both teams are allowed to participate, South Valley will have four IHOR teams.

Vote

- Allow both teams to compete – 13 in favor
- Allow only Sheldon – 0
- Allow only Elmira – 1
- Abstentions – 1

State Board Meeting, Thursday afternoon

In Attendance (underline denotes voting): Anne Geser, Pam Steinke, Megan Hopper (C), Dawn Keeney, Ethan Keeney, Jill Burnette (SV), Denise John, Wendy Bernards, Emily Bernards (W), Don Pack, Teresa Hoffman, Angie Eichler (NV), Peggy Smith, Val Hackett (S), Todd Gary, Kayla Hemmert (TRV), Scott Chauncey, Donna Espelien (NW), Chris Dinsmore, Phil Armstrong (NE), Karissa Dishon (Vice Chair), Candi Bothum (Chair), Debi Ferrer (Secretary)

Back-up Timer Problem with Potential State Record

According to the electronic timer, there was a state record run in a gaming event today. However, the back-up timer was not within the required 10/100s of a second, so according to our rules, this cannot qualify as a state record. The electronic time was 10.07 sec and the back-up time was 10.19 sec. We have had similar situations at district meets at least two other times this year and have voted not to allow the records. Discussion:

- People who saw the run said it was a great one and deserves the state record.
- The back-up timer, who was a judge, said she knew she was late hitting stopping the clock.
- If we vote for this now when we've voted against it in the past, it may damage the board's credibility.
- If we acknowledge that this rule has failed us several times this year and that it is now clear that our previous decisions were in error due to the problems with this rule, that can bolster our credibility. We are doing the right thing, rather than sticking to a rule, just because it is a rule.
- If the judge knew she was late, it isn't fair to withhold this record from this athlete.
- Back-up times should not be used to provide the time, they are only needed to make sure that, in the event of an electronic eye failure, the athlete gets some time. In this case, if we don't award the record, we're basing the athlete's time on the back-up time, instead of the electronic time.
- Does it make a difference that it was a judge who made the mistake, as opposed to non-certified volunteer timers at other meets who made similar mistakes? It shouldn't, because we don't have a rule requiring that a certified timer or a judge do the back-up timing.
- Other high school sports don't change their rules during State Championship events.

It was moved and seconded to suspend the rule requiring back-up time to be within 10/100s second and to make the decision retroactive for this season, provided that all other criteria for a district or state record were met.

- In favor – 17
- Opposed – 3
- Abstained – 1

As a result, this state record will stand, as will the record from North Valley District. If there are others, please let Candi and Scott know. Candi will draft an explanation as to why the board made this decision and post it on the website.

Negative Posting on OHSET Facebook Page

As a result of our decision to go forward with the State Meet amidst concerns about an outbreak of EHV-1, our Facebook page is getting a lot of very negative posting. Should we shut down the Facebook page for a while?

- Karissa said she thinks this would be the wrong thing to do. Maybe we can remove some of the more offensive and personal comments.
- The consensus of the group was to leave it up, and encourage people who are here to post positive comments the great State Championship we're having so far.

District Chairs Briefing – EHV-1 Update and Concerns, Friday May 20

Sick Horse on Grounds

Candi saw a rider with a horse that had just been worked pretty hard with mucus coming out of nose and some coughing. She called the vet and the horse was found to have an elevated temperature. The athlete said the horse had been treated for an upper respiratory ailment recently. The vet swabbed the horse for a rush test, the total cost of which will be \$80. Candi said OHSET will pay for this testing. The vet said if the temperature isn't down within an hour, to watch very closely. This horse and another that was riding with it were moved to a separate area away from the others. The vet does not believe this is a case of EHV-1, but test results will be available by the next day.*

Another Confirmed Case of EHV-1 in Oregon

There has been an additional confirmed case in Oregon – a horse that had direct contact with a horse that had been to the NCHA show in Ogden, Utah, where the outbreak originated.

*The test results came back negative for EHV-1.