

OHSET State Board Meeting – November 5, 2011

In Attendance (underline denotes voting): Denise John, Wendy Bernards (W), Chris Dinsmore (NE), Glen Sparkman, Todd Gary (TRV), Pam Steinke, Anne Geser (C), Don Pack, Karen Harang, Sydney Morgan (NV), Scott Chauncey, Donna Espelien, Jan Harer (NW), Bill Weir (Co-ops), Karren Cholewinski (Treasurer), Val Hackett (S), Karissa Dishon (Vice Chair), Candi Bothum (Chair), Joann Oswald (Judge's Chair), Mandi Hanson, Lori Grimmatt (SV), Debi Ferrer (Secretary)

Rule Change Proposals

It was moved to approve all rule changes as recommended by the Rules Committee at their October meeting. Motion was seconded.

The motion was amended to exclude the rule proposals regarding In-Hand Trail (removing restrictions on horses entered) and Individual Flags (carrying a flag across the finish line. Motion was seconded.

Vote on Amendment: In favor – unanimous

Vote on Motion: In favor - unanimous

Rule Changes for In- Hand Trail

The proposal as submitted was to change rule to remove limitations on horses for in-hand trail (current rule requires that a horse in In-Hand Trail may not be entered in any riding event).

Discussion:

- What is the problem we're trying to fix?
- Denise said it's hard to monitor. She also said that sometimes an athlete isn't ready to ride in meet 1 and so does in-hand trail at meet 1, but then this same athlete is ready to ride in meet 2. The current rule does not allow for the same horse to be entered in any riding event because they used the horse in In-Hand Trail.
- A parent from SV district submitted this rule change proposal because her athlete has just one horse and does well in In-Hand Trail but is limited because then she can't use her horse in riding events.
- Karissa said that In-Hand Trail currently gives an advantage to athletes or teams that have extra horses and are able to pay for extra stalls. This is the only class that handicaps the athletes without two horses.

Denise moved to approve rule change as proposed – In favor: 11 Opposed: 3 Abstentions: 0

Individual Flags

The proposal is to change rule so that if an athlete carries the flag across the finish line it is an elimination. Current rules make it a 5 second penalty

- Rationale is that some athletes don't even try to put flag in, just go as fast as they can and take the 5-second penalty, and sometimes win with that strategy.

- Donna said that she thinks we shouldn't change the rule just because some athletes can get away with this in years when the competition isn't tough enough to beat this strategy.
- Pam said if the athlete doesn't make an attempt to complete the course correctly there should be a different penalty, maybe 10 seconds.
- Bill said the problem with this is that athletes will just drop the flag before the finish line and call it an attempt. The only way we could enforce the 10 second penalty is that judges would have to decide if intent was shown. Judges at the training were reluctant to judge this.
- Donna said that gaming judges would be less likely to want to do judge intent.
- Chris suggested having 10-second penalty for everything because having two different penalties will be a problem.
- Mandi said we should be able to rely on our judges to judge intent. That's why we train them and hire them.
- Candi said if kids just drop the flag, it may end up right in the path of their horse.
- Chris said if the problem is that a 5 second penalty is not enough to keep the kids who don't make an effort why not make it a 10-second penalty?

Denise moved to not change the existing rule, Scott seconded. Vote – in favor 11, opposed 2, abstention – 1

Insurance

- We inadvertently forgot to renew our DNO insurance. That is now renewed.
- Our regular liability insurance is renewing shortly, so as teams plan their practice locations, they need to send in the names and addresses of those places and if those places want to be a "named" insured. (This does not give additional coverage, but it is something that some facilities want, making them feel more secure.)
- Parents are not insured under our \$2 medical policy. If there are parents who are doing volunteer jobs for the districts, such as volunteer coordinator, or gaming coordinator, they should sign on the "Volunteer" form (we need to remove the "Unattached" from the form) and they would be covered. But, in general, parents doing standard parent volunteer duties are not covered. Claims have been coming into Candi. To expedite the process, receipts must have patient's name on it. There is a form for making these claims on the state website.

AYHC Youth Presentations

Two youth applied for funding and the opportunity to attend the AYHC Conference this year.

- Chris Janeck, a sophomore at Corbett High School, said he feels he would be a good choice because he has a strong background in leadership and presentations from his 4H experience. He is willing to make presentations at OHSET meetings and write letters.
- Sydney Morgan, a sophomore on Canby OHSET team, said she has done some extensive research about AYHC and is very interested in the opportunities the symposium will provide and that she could share with her team members and district, many of whom have helped her a great deal through her first year. She would be willing to present

what she learns at other district's events and the state general meeting, or in writing on the state website.

Consensus was to split the \$1500 we budgeted for youth to attend the AYHC between these two young people, both of whom the board felt both made excellent presentations and would be outstanding candidates. We will also ask the youth who attended last year to present at the state annual meeting.

Clarification – State Annual Meeting is at Benton County Fairgrounds (Saturday, Dec. 3)

Uniform SOG

Karissa has removed the rules from the SOG to avoid confusion. She also noted that in performance classes, violations will be reflected in overall horsemanship score but in timed events, violation will result in athlete being asked to change attire.

Mandi reminded group that if the intent is to level the playing field by keeping all uniforms not attention-getting. What about teams that have new uniforms that don't meet these standards? Candi suggested implementing it a year from now so that teams aren't penalized if they have new uniforms that don't meet guidelines.

Suggested changes to proposed SOG

- On back of shirt – Required athlete number 4" to 5"; Optional school name 2" to 3" school name ; the number may also be in other places, but must be on the back so judges can see.
- On Sleeves – Optional sponsor logo 2 sq. in.; one American flag 2" x 3" (either sleeve)
- On front – Optional on either or both sides athlete name, school name, school or team logo maximum of 4 sq. in. on each side

Consensus was to leave the text regarding garments worn underneath polo shirt in the SOG as is. Coaches and district chairs need to be more proactive about enforcing the uniform guidelines. Other school sports have to send their uniforms in for approval. We don't want to go there, but if coaches are unsure, they should check before ordering uniforms.

There was considerable discussion about bling on pants. The current rule says no adornments that are "artificially attached" and the final overwhelming consensus was that the rules should stand as they are. In both performance and timed events, having any adornments on pants other than what is shown on the top row of pictures in the proposed SOG. This is already a rule, we just need to enforce it.

Do we want to put the polo shirt part of the uniform rule into effect beginning Dec. 1?
Or do we want the rule to go in the rule book but allow a 1-year grace period to allow teams and athletes come into compliance?

Vote – 7-6 to allow a 1-year grace period.

Patterns

General

- Chris asked that the committee consider what equipment districts already have when designing patterns to help keep costs down. Candi suggested that districts send her a list of what equipment they have so it can be used in the future.
- Bill suggested we may want to consider getting rid of some of our events and adding new ones in the future. We haven't made any significant changes to our events in quite some time. Something to think about for next year.

Driving – Note that all dimensions are from inside to inside, even though they don't appear to be in the diagram.

Working Rancher

- Would the herd need to be changed every 5-10 athletes? This would be more expensive and time-consuming.
- It was suggested we do a draw numbered cattle. If an athlete draws a more difficult cow, they can demonstrate skills, even if the element is not executed perfectly because of the cow drawn. Drawing seems to be the most equitable to all.
- We could put a time limit on the cow element. It was suggested that judges allow two attempts and then ask athlete to move on.

It was moved and seconded to approve the patterns as presented, including the discussion about Working Rancher.

Co-ops

Bill explained that it is the responsibility of each District to consider whether or not a co-op is fair, and to make sure teams are not simply trying to manipulate the system to build their teams. The spirit of the rule is to allow for a team that doesn't have support from a school to co-op with an existing team. The goal is for every high school to have their own team, so co-ops are not intended to be permanent. They must be approved each year, and each year an effort must be made to create a school team before a co-op should be approved. Districts should try to maintain the competitive balance within their districts as they consider and approve co-ops. (Highlight Key: Yellow – approved pending paperwork; Green – approved; Red – not approved)

Standard Co-Ops --- State Board approval as one group

Northeast

Host School: Wilson HS with appx 2 riders

Co-Op School: Grant HS with 1 rider (Central Catholic student riding at curb address in Grant HS District)

Co-Op Forms not completed yet.

Standard Co-Op

Recommend approval, pending Co-Op paperwork, confirmed Grant HS canvassed and approval by North East District. (Note – also confirm no Co-Ops at Central Catholic)

Northeast

Host School: Wilson HS with appx 2 riders

Co-Op School: Gladstone HS with 1 rider

Co-Op Forms not completed yet. Closest HS (Clackamas) will not accept Co-Op Standard Co-Op

Recommend approval pending Co-Op paperwork and approval by North East District

Northwest - approved

Host School: Beaverton HS with 2 riders

Co-Op School: Westview HS with 2 rider

Co-Op Forms signed by both schools. Westview has been canvassed. Westview has only 2 riders and will not approve a team. Approved by Northwest District.

Standard Co-Op

Recommend approval

Northwest - approved

Host School: Beaverton HS with 2 riders

Co-Op School: Aloha HS with 2 rider

Co-Op Forms signed by both schools. Aloha has been canvassed. Aloha has only 2 riders and will not approve a team. Approved by Northwest District.

Standard Co-Op

Recommend approval

Willamette - approved

Host School: Toledo HS with 8 riders

Co-Op School: Eddyville Charter School HS with 2 riders

Co-Op Forms signed by both schools. Eddyville Charter School has been canvassed. Eddyville Charter School has only 2 rider; has no school approval or advisor. Approved by Willamette District.

Standard Co-Op

Recommend approval

Willamette - approved

Host School: Harrisburg HS with 5 riders

Co-Op School: Harris Private School HS with 2 riders

Co-Op Forms signed by both schools. Harris Private School has been canvassed. Harris Private School has only 2 riders and has no school approval or advisor. Approved by Willamette District.

Standard Co-Op

Recommend approval

Non- Standard Co-Ops --- State Board approve individually

Northeast

Host School: Sam Barlow HS with appx 20 riders

Co-Op School: Gresham HS with 3 riders

Co-Op Forms not complete

Gresham will not sign, but has been notified. Gresham has been canvassed.?

Gresham will not approve a team, or sign off on any documentation. They feel as both schools are in the Gresham/Sam Barlow School District school district, that their students can ride with Sam Barlow. Gresham HS takes the same stance with other club sports.

Non Standard Co-Op (20 riders at Sam Barlow)

Recommend approval pending paperwork and approval by North East District

Northeast - Not approved

Host School: Sam Barlow HS with appx 20 riders

Co-Op School: Springwater Trail HS with 1 rider.

Co-Op Forms not complete

Springwater Trail HS has been canvassed. They do not have parental support or an advisor for the one rider that wants to compete this year. Springwater Trail HS is a Charter school in the Gresham/Sam Barlow School District.

Non Standard Co-Op (20 riders at Sam Barlow)

Recommend approval pending paperwork and approval by North East District

Motion to approve failed. Send back to NorthEast to confirm canvassing, possibly find a small school to have Springwater Trail Co-Op, and complete Co-Op paperwork process.

Willamette - approved

Host School: Lebanon HS with 10 riders

Co-Op School: South Albany HS with 2 riders

Co-Op Forms signed by both schools. South Albany has been canvassed. South Albany has only 2 riders and will not approve a team. Closest HS (Scio & Jefferson) will not accept Co-Op.

Approved by Willamette District.

Non Standard Co-Op (10 riders at Lebanon)

Recommend State Board approval

Standard Co-Ops --- State Board approval as one group (Added at Nov 5 meeting)

Northwest - approved

Host School: Vernonia HS with 2 riders

Co-Op School: Jewell HS with 1 rider

Co-Op Forms signed by both schools. Jewell has been canvassed. Jewell has only 1 riders and *will not approve a team*. Approved by Northwest District.

Standard Co-Op

Recommend approval

South Valley - approved

Host School: Cottage Grove HS with 6 riders

Co-Op School: Al Kennedy School HS with 2 rider

Co-Op Forms signed by both schools. Al Kennedy has been canvassed. Al Kennedy has only 2 riders and has no parent/advisor. Approved by South Valley District.

Standard Co-Op

Recommend approval

South Valley - approved

Host School: Cottage Grove HS with 6 riders

Co-Op School: Drain School HS with 1 rider

Co-Op Forms signed by both schools. Drain has been canvassed. *Drain has only 1 rider and has no parent/ advisor*. Approved by South Valley District.

Standard Co-Op

Recommend approval

South Valley - approved

Host School: Siuslaw HS with 8 riders

Co-Op School: Mapleton HS with 5 riders

Co-Op Forms signed by both schools. Mapleton has been canvassed. *Mapleton has only 1 rider and has no parent/ advisor*. Approved by South Valley District.

Standard Co-Op

Recommend approval

Southern - approved

Host School: Grants Pass HS with 2 riders

Co-Op School: North Valley HS with 2 riders

Co-Op Forms signed by both schools. North Valley has been canvassed. North Valley *has only 2 rider and has no parent/ advisor*. Approved by Southern District.

Standard Co-Op

Recommend approval

Southern - approved

Host School: South Medford HS with 6 riders

Co-Op School: St Mary's HS with 3 riders

Co-Op Forms signed by both schools. St Mary's has been canvassed. St Mary's will not give *school approval for a team*. Approved by Southern District.

Standard Co-Op

Recommend approval

Southern - approved

Host School: Klamath Union HS with 7 riders

Co-Op School: Mazama HS with 1 riders

Co-Op Forms signed by both schools Mazama has been canvassed. Mazama *has only 1 rider and has no parent/ advisor*. Approved by Southern District.

Standard Co-Op

Recommend approval

Southern - approved

Host School: Klamath Union HS with 7 riders

Co-Op School: Triad HS with 2 riders

Co-Op Forms signed by both schools Triad has been canvassed. Triad *has only 2 riders and has no parent/ advisor*. Approved by Southern District.

Standard Co-Op

Recommend approval

Central - approved

Host School: LaPine HS with 8 riders

Co-Op School: Gilchrist HS with 1-2 riders

Co-Op Forms signed by both schools. Gilchrist has been canvassed. Gilchrist has only 1-2 riders. Approved by Central District.

Standard Co-Op

Recommend State Board approval

Central - approved

Host School: Madras HS with 3 riders

Co-Op School: Culver HS with 1 rider

Co-Op Forms signed by both schools. Culver has been canvassed. Culver has only 1-2 riders, *no parent/ advisor* and cannot get school approval for a team. Approved by Central District.

Standard Co-Op

Recommend State Board approval

Central - approved

Host School: Pendleton HS with 2 riders

Co-Op School: Hermiston HS with 1 rider

Co-Op Forms signed by both schools. Hermiston has been canvassed. Hermiston has only 1 rider. Approved by Central District.

Standard Co-Op

Recommend State Board approval

Non- Standard Co-Ops --- State Board approve individually (Added at Nov 5 meeting)

Central/WASHET District - 1 approved

Host School: Golden Dale (WASHSET) HS with 6 riders

Co-Op School: Sherman HS with 1 riders

Co-Op Forms signed by both schools. Sherman has been canvassed. Sherman has only 1 riders. Closest HS is in WASHET. Approved by Central District (OHSET), District 1 (WAHSET) and WASHET State Board.

Non Standard Co-Op (cross district & cross state)

Recommend State Board approval

South Valley - Not approved

Host School: Sheldon HS with 3 riders

Co-Op School: Marist HS with 3 riders

Co-Op Forms signed by both schools. Marist has been canvassed. Marist can not school approval for a team. Approved by South Valley District.

Non-Standard Co-Op (not the closest school, possible 10 riders at Sheldon)

Motion passed to not approve, send back to South Valley to confirm Sheldon registrations number, now believed to be in the 10 range, and find closer small school to have Maris Co-Op with. Candi to contact Portland Archdiocese on status of having a team at Marist.