

## Action Items

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## Minutes for OHSET State Rules Committee Meeting #1 September 20, 2014

**In Attendance:** Marty Hopper (Central), Donna Espelien (North West), Paulanna Wiklinson (Tri-River), Angela Martin (Southern), Sue Lowe (South Valley), Chris Dinsmore (North East), Teresa Hoffman (North Valley), Wendy Bernards (Willamette), Scott Chauncey (North West), Sherri Henry (South Valley), Dave Haring (North Valley), Isaac Wilkinson (Tri-River) – Youth, Danell Graziano (Tri-River) – Youth, Rebecca Lynn Martin (Southern) – Youth, Tyler Wright (South Valley) – Youth, Karen Bragg (Rules Chairperson), Candi Bothum (State Chairperson), Karissa Dishon (Vice Chairperson), Jan Harer (State Secretary)

**Voting Members – 8**

## Minutes for OHSET State Rules Committee Meeting #2 October 25, 2014

**In Attendance:** Marty Hopper (Central), Donna Espelien (North West), Nick Meuret (Tri-River), Angela Martin (Southern), Sue Lowe (South Valley), Chris Dinsmore (North East), Michelle Michelson (North Valley), Wendy Bernards (Willamette), Scott Chauncey (North West), Catrina Avalon (North West) – Youth, Sherri Henry (South Valley), Kari Salzberg (North Valley), Isaac Wilkinson (Tri-River) – Youth, Rebecca Lynn Martin (Southern) – Youth, Katie Renner (Willamette), Melanie Atchinson (Willamette) – Youth, Lauren Walley (Central) – Youth, Beverly Timm (Central), Jenny Byrne (North East), Allie Byrne (North East) – Youth, Karen Bragg (Rules Chairperson), Karissa Dishon (Vice Chairperson), Bill Weir (Co-ops and Eligibility), Denise John (State Treasurer), Jan Harer (State Secretary)

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### PROPOSED RULE CHANGES:

**#1** Page 15 Rule 3.1.2 Submitted: by Coach

**Add:** The coaches, **assistant coaches**, and advisors. . . . (Add *assistant coaches* to all "lists")

**Reasoning:** If the head coach is unable to participate the assistant coach is supposed to step up and take said coaches place. A coach is a coach, regardless if they are a head coach or assistant coach. Doesn't make much sense and this would also bring more credibility to the program.

**Rule Book References:** None

**Additional Resource:** None

**Rules Chair Comment:** None

**Discussion:**

This is not necessary.

Vote – Yes – 0, No - 8

**Rule Committee Meeting #1 Recommendation: No.**

**Rule Committee Meeting #2 Recommendation: No. No rule change.**

**#2** Page 15 Rule 3.1.1.4 Submitted by: Coach

**Add:** Take the OSAA Coaches Test

**Reasoning:**

**Rule Book References:**

**Additional Resource:** None

**Rules Chair Comment:** None

**Discussion:**

None

Vote – Yes – 0, No – 8

**Rules Committee Meeting #1 Recommendation: No.**

**Rule Committee Meeting #2 Recommendation: No. No rule change.**

**#3** Page 19 Rule 3.5.1

**Change:** To allow an alternate for two person teams.

**Discussion:** What is the history behind not allowing alternates for two person teams?

Would be easier to make “more competitive” teams. Breaking up two teams to create a better team. Why can’t we do it the same way for other alternates? Put someone on the team that has not competed on another team.

Vote – Yes to allow at the state meet – 6, No – 0 (There were two districts that had to leave when this rule was discussed.)

**Rules Committee Meeting #1 Recommendation: Yes to allow at the state meet.**

Can we make this at the district level too? As well as at the state level?

Vote – 7 Yes to allow at both district and state meets, 1 No.

**Rules Committee Meeting #2 Recommendation: Yes to allow at both the district and state meets. Yes rule change.**

**#4** Page 19 Rule 3.5.5.1

**Change:** Athletes must be declared before the start of the event.

**Reason:** This is currently how the state meet handles this.

**Discussion:**

Can be used for both the state meets and the districts meets.

Vote – Yes – 6, No – 0 (There were two districts that had to leave when this rule was discussed.)

**Rules Committee Recommendation: Yes change to declare before the start of the event.**

This rule applies to the state meet. We have been allowing the declaration of an athlete up to an hour before the event starts. Can we change to before the first horse enters the gate of the event?

Vote – 7 Yes to allow at the state meet only before the first horse enters the gate of the event, 1 No.

**Rules Committee Meeting #2 Recommendation: Yes to allow at the state meet only before the first horse enters the gate of the event. Yes rule change.**

**#5** Page 20 Rule 4.2 and 4.2.1 Submitted by: District Chair

**Add:** Or solid color long sleeved button up shirt

**Reasoning:** Solid color button up shirts have many more color and size options. Allows for better fitting shirts.

**Rule Book References:** None

**Additional Resource:** None

**Rules Chair Comment:** None

**Judges Comment:** Leave the uniform alone. Not the most important thing judges have to look at. Does not impact performance. Too many rules changes about uniforms over the last few years.

**Discussion:**

A youth representative from the North East district suggests to leave the uniforms as is.

The North West district suggests that this ONLY an option. The polo shirt can still be worn. Athletes would have a choice of two different styles of uniforms.

Button down shirts may give slight advantage over the polo shirts because they look better than the polo.

Vote – Yes – 3, No – 5

**Rules Committee Meeting #1 Recommendation: No.**

Vote – 1 Yes to allow long sleeved, button up shirts as an option for a uniform shirt, 7 No.

**Rules Committee Meeting #2 Recommendation: No. No rule change.**

**#6** Page 23 Rule 6.1 and 6.2

**Change:** OHSET season would begin on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Reason:** Some districts are having their first meets in late January. This doesn't give enough time to practice before the first meet.

**Discussion:**

Leave all other dates the same except for start of practice. Patterns would not come out until December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Other sports have practices outside of their season.

There are restrictions for OSAA sports and when they can hold practices.

Start practices 6 weeks prior to the first district meet.

When would registration begin? Would insurance cover?

Vote – Yes – 4, No – 1, Abstention – 1 (There were two districts that had to leave when this rule was discussed.)

**Rules Committee Meeting #1 Recommendation: Yes, change the OHSET season start date to November 1<sup>st</sup>.**

The patterns would still come out on December 1<sup>st</sup>. The annual meeting will still be in December for this year. This is only an option – don't have to start on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Coaches and advisors need to have had all the required training in order to start on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Could be confusion and possible abuse.

Need to make sure the teams have all the required paperwork and fees in.

Can be a safety issue – making sure teams are ready to compete.

Some WAHSET practices start in September.

Is OHSET ready to handle the early registration?

Vote – 5 Yes to start the OHSET season on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 3 No.

**Rules Committee Meeting #2 Recommendation: Yes to start the OHSET season on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Yes rule change.**

**#7** Page 33 Rule 12.1.2 Submitted by: Parent

**Add:** Team high point winners will be determined by taking the total points earned by all team riders and dividing by the total number of team riders.

**Reasoning:** Larger teams have a built in advantage for team points versus smaller teams in the same classification (Large, Medium, Small, and Mini) based on how team points are accumulated by the rider. I think it would be more equitable to award the team high point winner to the team that generates the most points per rider by taking the total team points generated and dividing by the number of team riders to get the team score. This would make it harder to win just because your team has the most riders.

**Rule Book References:** None

**Additional Resource:** None

**Rules Chair Comment:** None

**Discussion:**

Teams only get placing points for their top placing team.

What about those teams that field a team of 4 for an event (team penning)? Or those that only have 3 on an IHOR team?

Vote – Yes – 0, No – 8

**Rules Committee Meeting #1 Recommendation: No.**

**Rules Committee Meeting #2 Recommendation: No. No rule change.**

**#8** Page 40 Rule 14.6.2.3

The 60 seconds should not include the re-check by the Line Judge.

**Discussion:**

Will correct in this year's rule book.

**Rules Committee Meeting #1 Recommendation: Will be corrected in this year's rule book.**

**Rules Committee Meeting #2 Recommendation: Will be corrected in this year's rule book. No rule change.**

**#9** Page 41 Rule 15.5.1 and 16.2.3.1

Needs to be removed for both Break Away Roping and Steer Daubing.

**Discussion:**

Will correct in this year's rule book.

**Rules Committee Meeting #1 Recommendation: Will be corrected in this year's rule book.**

**Rules Committee Meeting #2 Recommendation: Will be corrected in this year's rule book. No rule change.**

**#10** Page 42 Rule 15.9.1 and 16.9.2

The backup timer should watch the nose of the cow and start the timer when the nose crosses the cow barrier line. Not watch the judge with the flag.

**Discussion:**

There can be a very slight lag time with the above way. Backup timer would have to turn to face the judge to see when dropped at end of successful run.

Need to email out to the judges to see what their comments are to changing and/or giving the option to the backup timer.

Give the option to the backup timer – watching the flag drop or watching the cow's nose.

**Rules Committee Meeting #1 Recommendation: Give the option to the backup timer.**

The way we do it now is that the backup timer watches the judge's flag.

There are only several events where the backup timer watches the judge's flag. Most backup timers are watching the nose of the horse.

Need to be watching the judge's flag in both Break Away Roping and Steer Daubing.

Vote – 1 Yes to having the backup timer watch the cow, 6 No, 1 Abstain

**Rule Committee Meeting #2 Recommendation: No, have the backup timer watch the judge's flag. No rule change.**

**#11** Page 42 Rule 15.11.1.1

Need to remove this. An athlete could lose a finger/thumb.

**Rules Committee Meeting #1 Recommendation: Remove from rule book.**

Need to let the judges fix this?

Rule listed above this says an athlete can't touch the rope.

The two rules contradict each other.

Vote – 7 Yes to remove rule 15.11.1.1, 1 No.

**Rule Committee Meeting #2 Recommendation: Yes to remove rule 15.11.1.1. Yes rule change.**

**#12** Page 44 Rule 16.4.2

Who can be in the arena?

Do they need to be a registered volunteer?

Is this a district decision?

**Need to check with our insurance. What is the risk? Who can be in the arena?**

**Rules Committee Meeting #1 Recommendation: Need to discuss with Insurance Company.**

This rule is specific to an event. The rules states that any adult can help.

Vote – 7 Yes to leave rule as it is, 1 No.

**Rule Committee Meeting #2 Recommendation: Yes, leave rule as it is. No rule change.**

**#13** Page 45 Rule 16.11 Submitted by: Judge

**Add:** 16.11.1.1 Re-runs will be done at the end of the go, in order of the original draw, with the next available cow.

**Reasoning:** This rule is in the Roping section 15.12.1.1 and was intended to be added to the daubing section as well.

**Rule Book References:** None

**Additional Resource:** None

**Rules Chair Comment:** Rules change from last year, missed placement in the book.

**Discussion:**

Will correct in this year's rule book.

**Rules Committee Meeting #1 Recommendation:** Will be corrected in this year's rule book. No rule change.

**Rules Committee Meeting #2 Recommendation:** Will be corrected in this year's rule book. No rule change.

**#14** Page 48 Rule 17.8.2.1 Submitted by: Judge

**Delete:** Penalties incurred in the first go will not carry over to the re-ride.

**Reasoning:** There are no penalties in Team Penning

**Rule Book References:** None

**Additional Resource:** None

**Rules Chair Comment:** Correction of rules change from last year

**Discussion:**

Will correct in this year's rule book.

**Rules Committee Meeting #1 Recommendation:** Will be corrected in this year's rule book. No rule change.

**Rules Committee Meeting #2 Recommendation:** Will be corrected in this year's rule book. No rule change.

**#15** Page 53 Rule 18.4 (new paragraph, renumber remaining) Submitted by: Judge

**Add:** Dressage set up requirements – dressage court needs to be consistent from district to district pertaining to height. A set minimum height for the court of possibly 6" from top of pole/pipe/rail to the ground (average height for chain and stake courts).

**Reasoning:** Some districts place poles on the ground while others have elevated poles, pipes or chain giving an advantage to riders in those districts from not being eliminated by stepping out of the court. Poles on the ground are easier for a horse to "skip" over where an elevated court makes known the horses with control issues. Also it is difficult for a judge at C to see all 4 hooves of a horse between K-A-F stepping out, when the course is elevated it becomes more evident. Other OHSET events have standards for equipment used; poles, daubers, jumps, trail course, etc. Keeping equipment consistent from district to district helps insure a level playing field for our athletes.

**Rule Book References:** USEF DR 126.1.f.3 (page DR 48, 2014 rule book) The enclosure itself must consist of a low fence .3 meters high (1 foot) and must be completely enclosed except for the entrance at A. The entrance at A must be at least 2 meters (6 1/2 feet).

**Additional Resource:** None

**Rules Chair Comment:** None

**Judges Comment:** District issue. Currently the court we use at state is raised. Perhaps suggest we work for this at the district level by 2017.

**Discussion:**

Currently there are only 2 districts that do not use a raised court.

Was suggested that buckets with holes drilled for the poles – be used to form a raised court.

Vote – Yes, make it a requirement of the raised court at the state meets – 7, Yes, make it a requirement at the district meets – 1, No, do not add – 0

**Rules Committee Meeting #1 Recommendation: Yes, add the requirement of a raised Dressage court at the state meet.**

Raised Dressage courts should be consistent within all districts.

Vote – 3 Yes for all district meets and the state meet, 5 No.

Vote – 8 Yes for the state meet only, 0 No.

**Rules Committee Meeting #2 Recommendation: Yes, a raised Dressage court will be used at the state meet. Yes rule change.**

**#16** Page 75 Rule 22.4.1 Submitted by: Judge

**Add:** At the state championships, only the athlete will be allowed to walk the course.

**Reasoning:** At state I noticed that walking the course became a bit time consuming due to too many coaches/trainers, fielding complaints about distances, etc. to the set up crew and judges. By the time an athlete gets to state they should have an understanding of walking the course.

**Rule Book References:** None

**Additional Resource:** None

**Rules Chair Comment:** Why not make this at the district level as well? By the time a rider is competing in over fence events, they should know how to evaluate a course and plan their ride without coaches' directions.

**Judges' Comments:** Suggested a time limit to walk the course. Only registered volunteers (defined as having filed out the form and have a badge) allowed on course.

**Discussion:**

At the state meet it should just be the athlete.

Set a time limit at the state meet for the walk through.

Leave it to the meet management to set the time limit for walking the course.

In Roping and Daubing – for instance – only registered volunteers can lead an athlete into the box.

Vote – Yes – 0, No – 6 (Several voting members had to leave)

**Rules Committee Meeting #1 Recommendation: No. However, the meet management can limit the time allowed for a walk thru can take. AND only those registered volunteers will be allowed on the course.**

Vote – 0 Yes, 7 No to allowing only athletes walking Over Fences course at the state meet, 1 Abstain.

**Rules Committee Meeting #2 Recommendation: No to allowing only the athletes walk the Over Fences course at the state meet. No rule change.**

**#17** Page 112 Rule 29.3.1.1 Submitted by: Judge

**Change:** Failure to switch flags and place them in the appropriate cans, in the correct order, and go around second barrel will result in a ~~penalty~~. *an elimination*.

**Reasoning:** The result of breaking this rule is not a time penalty. It is an elimination and the rule book should reflect that.

**Rule Book References:** None

**Additional Resource:** None

**Rules Chair Comment:** None

**Discussion:**

Most agree that the wording needs to be cleaned up. Rule needs to be rewritten to define. **Candi will rewrite.**

**Rules Committee Meeting #1 Recommendation:** Candi will rewrite and define rule.

**Rules Committee Meeting #2 Recommendation:** Candi will rewrite and define rule.

**#18** Page 112 Rule 29.3.1.1.4 Submitted by: Judge

**Delete:** Failure to place the first flag in the second barrel will be an elimination.

**Reasoning:** Eliminate this rule, it is covered in 29.3.1.1 (See above)

**Rule Book References:**

**Additional Resource:**

**Rules Chair Comment**

**Discussion:**

Most agree that the wording needs to be cleaned up. Rule needs to be rewritten to define. **Candi will rewrite.**

**Rules Committee Meeting #1 Recommendation:** Candi will rewrite and define rule.

**Rules Committee Meeting #2 Recommendation:** Candi will rewrite and define rule.

**#19** Page 113 Rule 29.4 Submitted by: Coach, District Chair

**Change:** Event to Key Race

**Reasoning:** There are many judging inconsistencies in Keyhole. It is very time consuming to be fair and accurate in judging and resetting the line. By changing to Key race, it would be clear and non-controversial whether the pole is knocked over or not. Key Race takes away the judgment call for stepping on or over the line.

**Rule Book References:** None

**Additional Resource:** None

**Rules Chair Comment:** What does Washington State do? Might consider being consistent with them (would the change do that, or does staying Key Hole do that?) Thinking in terms of Regional competitions.

**Discussion:**

Several athletes in the room were split on changing the event from Key Hole to Key Race.

There is the perception that there is less judgment in the Key Race.

Key Hole is more challenging.

Vote – Keep the event as Key Hole – 3, Change to the event to Key Race – 3, Abstentions – 2

**Rules Committee Meeting #1 Recommendation:** The committee is split on this.

Both the youth and district officers are mixed on this rule change.

Vote – 3 Yes to change to the Key Race, 4 No not change the event, 1 Abstain.

**Rules Committee Meeting #2 Recommendation:** No, leave the event as Key Hole. No rule change.

**#20** Page 130 Rule 32 Submitted by: Judge

**Change:** No two hands on curbs; no martingales or tie downs etc.



**Reasoning:** Make this class a true performance class. Timed events has 2 team classes, cattle has a team class, and we have drill that allows two handing the curb, tie downs, martingales etc. Performance truly has no mounted team event. Pairs should be that class for performance riders. Rules should revert to rules for Horsemanship, Hunt seat, Dressage, Saddle Seat.

**Rule Book References:** None

**Additional Resource:** None

**Rules Chair Comment:** None

**Judges Comment:** No Changes

**Discussion:**

Vote – Change to a performance event – 1, Leave event as it is – 7

**Rules Committee Meeting #1 Recommendation:** Leave Working Pairs the way it is.

Vote – 0 Yes to change, 8 No to leave rule as it is.

**Rules Committee Meeting #2 Recommendation:** No, leave rule as it is. No rule change.

**#22** Page 183 Refund SOG

Remove the amount of the state fee. Just list “state fee”.

**Rules Committee Meeting #1 Recommendation:** Remove from rule book.

**Rules Committee Meeting #2 Recommendation:** Remove from rule book.

#### CATTLE:

**#23** Longer Score (head start for the calf) in Daubing -

**Reason:** Would improve horsemanship. Doing this would require new records.

Would improve horsemanship

**Judges’ Comments:** No not necessary

**Discussion:**

This is not necessary.

In some arenas this would be hard to do.

Vote – Make the change to the longer score – 1, Leave the same – 7

**Rules Committee Meeting #1 Recommendation:** Leave the same – no change.

Currently the cow has a 6 foot start. Want to move it out to 8 – 10 feet.

Vote – 0 Yes to make change, 8 No change.

**Rules Committee Meeting #2 Recommendation:** No, leave rule as it is. No rule change.

**#24** Roughing could be called ONLY if contact with calf is made by the horse or the horse is completely out of control.

**Judges’ Comments:** Consensus is no. Need to have the right to call roughing if they run a calf hard into the fence.

**Discussion:** None

Vote – Yes – 0, No – 8

**Rules Committee Meeting #1 Recommendation:** No leave the same.

**Rules Committee Meeting #2 Recommendation:** No, leave the same. No rule change.

**#25** Would like to have penning scored by total cows first, followed by total pens.

**Reason:** Change would get rid of teams trying only for one calf.

**Judges' Comments:** Consensus is no.

**Discussion:** The way it is now lends itself to consistency and strategy – perhaps better horsemanship, although not necessarily.

**Discussion:** None

Vote – Yes – 0, No change – 8

**Rules Committee Meeting #1 Recommendation:** No change.

**Rules Committee Meeting #2 Recommendation:** No, leave as it is. No rule change.

## OTHER

In 2013 we passed a rules change authorizing the change to USDF Rider's tests, to take effect in the 2015 season, allowing time to announce the change and to train judges. However, due to the advent of Regional Competition, it is suggested that we over turn or post pone this rule change in the interest of remaining as compatible with Washington State rules as we can for the time being. The 2014 Judges Clinic did not train on the Riders Tests.

### **Discussion:**

Add to next times agenda – not part of the rule process.

NOT Really Rules Change – Working Rancher Pattern Suggestions –

**Reason:** Need to trade out cow herds. Leave trail obstacles in the Trail event. Have athletes build their loop in the class – will demonstrate they can really handle a rope. Don't just move a few/one cow(s) from pen to pen – instead hold a cow out of the herd, work it on the fence, and put it back.

### **Discussion:**

Higher cost to run more cows.

Patterns suggestions need to be sent to JoAnn and/or Karissa before the end of the summer.

Rule book suggestions:

Take out sketches of riders without helmets.

Reason for these extra “pictures” is to make it so pattern and score sheet are opposite when rule book opened to pattern.

Will try to find different pictures.

Check with Kris Stalnaker for more photos.