

## Minutes for OHSET State Rules Committee Meeting October 29, 2016 9:00 AM

**In Attendance:** Wendy Bernards – Willamette, Chris Dismore – Northeast, Nick Meuret – TriRiver Valley, Sherri Henry – South Valley, Sue Lowe – South Valley, Corinne Dimick – Northwest, Kelly Porter - Southern, Deann Fettig - North Valley, Kelly Van Baggen – TriRiver Valley, Ann Rusk - Southern, Adrienne Yenne – Central – Youth, Barb Walley – Central, Karen Bragg – Rules Chair, Bill Weir – Co-ops & Eligibility, Denise John – State Treasurer, Scott Chauncey – State Vice Chair, Candi Bothum – State Chair.

Vote Count – 8 (One vote per district for Rules Committee Meeting) Willamette – 1 Northeast – 1 Tri-River Valley – 1 Central – 1 Northwest – 1 Southern – 1 South Valley – 1 North Valley – 1

Page 26 Rule 8.2.2 Submitted by Judge

**Add:** Split reins must be held with one finger between the reins with the bight of the rein falling on the same side as the rein hand. They may also be held like romel reins with all fingers wrapped around the reins and with the bight held in the opposite hand. With romal or split reins there can be no fingers between the reins when held romal style. Athlete will be disqualified if found to be holding the reins incorrectly.

**Reasoning:** There needs to be the uniformity throughout the state as to the proper use of hands on the reins. There is no consistency regarding proper rein handling. The coaches, athletes and judges will now have a set rule to reference.

**Rule Book References:** USEF rule EQ 122.1

**Additional Resource:**

**Rules Chair Comment:** Perhaps better to be placed under Western Horsemanship

**Judge's Committee Comments:** Suggests in rule book.

**Rules Committee Comments:** Do we want to add to our rule book or continue referencing USEF? Should be under reining as well. There was concern we are acting towards a couple isolated instances and need to be careful what we put in our rule book. Need to train judges and coaches to reference USEF rules. This rule solved a lot of issues when clarification was sent out mid-season so would be nice to have in our rule book.

**Rules Committee Recommendation:** 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain Add the new wording to the rule book under western classes and reining.

Page 44 Rule 15.7 Submitted by Coach

**Change:** Two (2) loops will be permitted. ~~Two loops are allowed only if the athlete is carrying a second loop. Rebuilding the loop is not allowed.~~ Athletes may rebuild their loop if carrying one rope.

**Reasoning:** It seems safer than letting the rope drag behind if the athlete has a second rope to try to rope the cow again.

**Rule Book References:** none

**Additional Resource:** none

**Rules Chair Comment:** none

**Judge's Committee Comments:**

**Rules Committee Comments:** Not a safety issue if they are safe to rope. Looked up High School Rodeo rules – carry 2 loops, do not rebuild; only one at Nationals and no rebuild. Used to allow to rebuild but it was decided it wasn't safe so now they carry 2<sup>nd</sup> rope. Industry offers either. Important to stay with industry but need to remember in some areas we are progressive and should consider that.

**Rules Committee Recommendation:** 3 Yes, 5 No, 0 Abstain Do NOT change.

Page 45 Rule 15.12.2 Submitted by Judge

**Change:** Rule should be moved to “Timing” under the cattle section of add it to “Steer Daubing” as well. Both have the possibility of the cattle leaving the arena or re-entering the box but we only have this rule listed in what to do under Breakaway Roping.

**Reasoning:** I think in there somewhere we also need to add that if the cattle enters the box due to a breakout the athlete will be granted a re-ride.

**Rule Book References:** none

**Additional Resource:** none

**Rules Chair Comment:** none

**Judge's Committee Comments:** Housekeeping issue – cleaning up rulebook.

**Rules Committee Comments:** None

**Rules Committee Recommendation:** 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain Add the new wording to the rule book “Steer Daubing”.

Page 47 Rule 17 Submitted by Coach

**Change:** Consider changing this event from Penning to 2 man sorting.

**Reasoning:** I witnessed 2 near accidents at our 2016 state competition. We would also have less cost due to less cattle being needed.

**Rule Book References:** none

**Additional Resource:** none

**Rules Chair Comment:**

**Judge's Committee Comments:**

**Rules Committee Comments:** Would not be less cost – would need additional panels. Pen size can vary in sorting. Might be able to rent pens from Matt. How do you make sure cow rotation is fair? Feel kids with less skill can pen – encourages kids to pen and if go to sorting would reduce our field. One district was in favor at their district meeting but when did a Facebook poll of all athletes it was about 2/3 keep penning and 1/3 go to sorting. Some safety issues can be handled with judge’s putting a stop to unsafe runs. Would be hard to start. WAHSET does sorting and this would put us on the same page. Did not think Matt could provide panels for all. This is a great thing that all riders, English and Western, can try and don’t need the perfect horse for the event.

**Rules Committee Recommendation:** 2 Yes, 6 No, 0 Abstain Do NOT change.

Page 62 Rule 19.2 Submitted by Coach

**Change:** Freestyle 6+ 5+ - Teams with 6 5 or more riders.

**Reasoning:** This would be fair so that if a team may not have a 6<sup>th</sup> athlete but have 5 should be able to participate in drill. This would be great so athletes do not have to make a choice of working 4s and alternates.

**Rule Book References:** none

**Additional Resource:** none

**Rules Chair Comment:**

**Judge's Committee Comments:**

**Rules Committee Comments:**

**Rules Committee Recommendation:** 7 Yes, 1 No, 0 Abstain Add the new wording to the rule book under drill.

Page 81 Rule 22.2.7 Submitted by Athlete

**Remove:** (Prohibited) Side Pulls

**Reasoning:** I think side pulls and bitless bridles should be allowed because my horse and I only ride bitless and we jump and would like to be able to compete in hunt seat over fences.

**Rule Book References:** USEF EQ 105.5 a. In Hunter Seat Equitation, snaffles, pelhams and full bridles, all with cavesson nose bands are required.

**Additional Resource:** none

**Rules Chair Comment:** This would not be consistent with USEF rules.

**Judge's Committee Comments:**

**Rules Committee Comments:** This is specifically a medical reason and we allowed athlete to compete at district but not state last year. This would not be allowed in any Equitation jumping class (but is allowed in Jumper classes but that is not what we are offering).

**Rules Committee Recommendation:** 0 Yes, 8 No, 0 Abstain Do NOT change

Page 49 Rule 17.7.8 Submitted by Coach

**Add:** Change from and 3 cows may be over the line to 4.

**Reasoning:**

**Rule Book References:**

**Additional Resource:**

**Rules Chair Comment:**

**Judge's Committee Comments:**

**Rules Committee Comments:** CTPA and other competitions allow this. National Industry standard is the way we do it. Opens door to more racing around and accidents.

**Rules Committee Recommendation:** 1 Yes, 7 No, 0 Abstain Do NOT change.

Page 118 Rule 29.2 Submitted by Coach, District Officer

**Change:** Figure 8 to the Figure 8 like Washington (Idaho Figure 8)

**Reasoning:** No reason to reset timer eyes so less time with set ups. Judges won't have to make decisions on whether a rider rides too close to the first pole in figure 8. Possible less 30 second rules called since no reason to go to the opposite end of arena. Takes less time at meets. Be the same as Washington.

**Rule Book References:** none

**Additional Resource:** none

**Rules Chair Comment:**

**Judge's Committee Comments:**

**Rules Committee Comments:** Horses are patterned for what we do. We hire judges to make judgement call. They are going black/white and not putting common sense into the 30 second rule. Could allow 45 seconds if keep same.

**Rules Committee Recommendation:** 4 Yes, 4 No, 0 Abstain Remain the same.

Page 118 Rule 29.3 Submitted by Judge's Chair

**Add:** Athlete can signal ring crew and ask for left or right placement in barrel.

**Reasoning:** This is a housekeeping issue. We currently allow it but should be in rule book.

**Rule Book References:** none

**Additional Resource:** none

**Rules Chair Comment:**

**Judge's Committee Comments:**

**Rules Committee Comments:**

**Rules Committee Recommendation:** 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain Add the wording to the rule.

Page 51 Rule 17-13

**Change:** Placing will be determined by the total number of cattle penned over three goes (regardless whether the team pens any cattle in each go) in the least amount of time.

**Reasoning:** The rule change is being requested because the kids are being put at a disadvantage from the start by the condition of the cattle being provided. This is not meant to be negative towards the cattle contractor. I understand the hardship placed on OHSET to find somebody willing to provide the stock in the way Matt does. However, he is not providing "fresh cattle". In reading the rules its easy to see that the language, or parts of, were most likely taken from USTPA or CTPA.

**Rule Book References:** none

**Additional Resource:** none

**Rules Chair Comment:**

**Judge's Committee Comments:**

**Rules Committee Comments:** One complaint is quality of cows and sorting out sour cows. Tired of seeing kids just coached to get 1. Districts could have conversation with Matt to rotate cows better. In the long run (over all three meets) hopefully, the most competitive teams will qualify for state, but sometimes not the case and that is part of the competition – 9 pens and 9 cows over 3 meets will almost always qualify for state.

**Rules Committee Recommendation:** 0 Yes, 8 No, 0 Abstain Do NOT change.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.