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### Proposed Rule Changes Due January 1<sup>st</sup> of the Current Convention Year

Proposed Rule Changes to be brought before the National Convention must be sent to the Director of Operations to send to the Rules Committee who will review the submissions for duplication, clarity and conflict with existing rules.

All submissions must be postmarked on or before January 1 of the current Convention year so that they may go through the appropriate process and be able to be printed in the October issue of *The Journal*. All items **MUST BE** submitted on the following proposal form. All copies must be signed and must include the submitter's ASPC/AMHR membership number.

#### **NO ITEMS WILL BE INTRODUCED FROM THE FLOOR AT CONVENTION!**

Proposed ASPC/AMHR Rule Change (Please type or print – Must include Section, Article Part & Item Info)  
Section, Article, Part & Item Number: Part 6 - Rule Changes Page # 78

Indicate: Add or Delete: Remove entire section and replace

Proposed Rule Change (provide desired language and intent of rule):

Remove entire section and replace with new (see attached).

Reason/Justification for Rule Change (provide brief description of why this needs changed/added)

The rule change process currently is in agreement with the By-Laws, however, the full process is not defined in the rule book in a way that is transparent and clear to the membership. This proposal will clarify the process. Additionally, it states the purpose and availability of the rule book, and adds a non-amendment period. This change is being proposed as extraordinary to ease a hardship on the association and membership regarding the rule change process.

Proposed Effective Date: January 2021

Committees/Rules that will be effected by change: Rules committee

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## SECTION III

### GENERAL RULES - RULE BOOK

#### Part 6 – Rule Book

##### 6.1. Official Rule Book

The ASPC/AMHR/ASPR/NSPPR rule book is maintained by the association and contains the current rules for the organization. The most current version of the rulebook is posted on the association website. Printed rulebooks may be made available as agreed by the Board of Directors and distributed to members by request.

##### 6.2. Rule Changes

A. **Period of Non-Amendment.** A rule or regulation may not be changed, added to, or repealed until it has been in effect for at least two competition years. That limitation may be waived by the Board of Directors upon finding of extraordinary circumstances that (1) concerns the safety, health or wellbeing of a horse and/or rider, (2) materially benefits the association's programs or its financial stability or (3) involves other compelling circumstances.

##### B. Rule Change Requests

Rule changes may be requested by any member of the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR for consideration at the annual meeting. Rule changes may also be requested by any member of the Board of Directors during a meeting of the Board of Directors.

##### C. Member Proposed Rule Changes

- Rule Change Forms are available from the Registry Office. These are completed by the proposer of the change. They must be submitted to the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR Director of Operations by March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The proposer must submit proposed wording for the rule change, section being changed or created, reason for the change, and, if proposer is asking for the change to be extraordinary, the reason for extraordinary change (see Section 1.11).
- The Rule Change proposals may be reviewed by office staff and/or the Rules Committee following submission, and changes may be requested of the proposer to ensure rule book requirements are met, and to identify any additional or related rule changes required.
- If the proposal requires amendment, or additional related changes are identified, those proposals are submitted, even if the January 1<sup>st</sup> date has passed.
- After review and agreement on terminology / identification of additional related changes, the proposals, are published in the The Journal, and are posted on the Website - [www.shetlandminiature.com](http://www.shetlandminiature.com).
- ASPC/AMHR/ASPR Director of Operations will ensure distribution to appropriate Committee Chair(s)
- Rule Changes proposals will be discussed within their appropriate Committee(s) prior to the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR National Convention; held in November. Committee recommendations are forwarded to the Rules Committee.
- The Rules committee will present the proposals at convention. Members at convention will be allowed to discuss each proposal. Proposals may only be amended at convention if the proposer is available in person or by telephone to approve the

amendment.

- Following discussion, members will vote on each proposal. If there is a quorum of members at the meeting, the membership vote is the final vote on the rule change. If there is no quorum, the membership vote is a recommendation vote only, with the recommendation to be sent to the Board of Directors for action.
- Proposals recommended for approval at convention are discussed by the Board of Directors at their next scheduled meeting. The Board of Directors will act on each of the proposals. The Board may approve, approve as extraordinary, not approve or table each proposal.
- Following the Board of Directors decision, the proposals and final action (approve, approve extraordinary, not approve, tabled), as well as the effective date of approved and extraordinary approved proposals, are communicated to the membership.
- Except in case of extraordinary rule changes, changes presented at convention do not go into effect for one year after convention where they were presented.
- The rule book is changed per the proposals prior to the effective date, such that it is current for each competition year.

#### D. Board of Directors Rule Change

The Board of Directors may propose rule changes at any meeting of the board, in furtherance of the business of the association.

Rule Change proposals at Board of Directors meetings must be documented in the minutes, including the text of the proposal, motion to approve, second, vote, final disposition, and effective date (for approved changes). Effective date must be at least 30 days after the Board votes on the proposal, to ensure time for the post-approval review.

Proposals approved by the Board will be reviewed by staff and the Rules Committee prior to becoming effective, to ensure rulebook requirements are met, and to ensure consistency in the rule book. If further changes are needed to ensure consistency, clarity, or eliminate conflicts, these are identified by the Rules Committee and submitted to the Board for action.

The rule book is changed as closely as possible to the effective date, such that it is current for each competition year.