

# RULE CHANGE PROPOSALS CARRIED FORWARD – February 8, 2018

## 1. ADDITION OF A NON-COMPETING ADULT SUPPORTING MEMBERSHIP

### SECTION 1 - GENERAL

#### A. Membership

1. Any person interested in the purposes of this organization may be eligible for membership upon proper application and payment of the required dues.
  - a. Yearly Membership
    - (5) Supporting Membership: Any person 18 years of age or over. Only eligible for individual ride awards if non-member rider fee paid at the ride. Only eligible for year-end and mileage awards if adult membership fee paid before the end of the ride season.
2. Each membership, except lifetime ...
3. Each Adult, **Supporting**, and Single Lifetime Membership is entitled to one vote. Each Family and Family Lifetime Membership is entitled to two votes.

ONLY NATRC MEMBERS (~~INDIVIDUAL~~, ADULT, JUNIOR, FAMILY AND LIFETIME) ARE ELIGIBLE FOR YEAR END AND MILEAGE AWARDS. (SEE SECTION 9)

#### **Rationale:**

Older riders who quit competing can easily be lost to NATRC membership. Other members who have joined, even for a year or two, and are not competing may not renew for other reasons, economic, family changes, horse issues, etc. A less expensive membership could encourage them to remain. Many equestrian organizations offer a similar membership, which our members often take advantage of. Suggest \$40 for supporting membership with \$10 returned to the regions, or \$35 with \$5 to regions.

## 2. DELETE OPTION FOR SENIOR AND JUNIOR CLASSES IN THE NOVICE DIVISION IN R1A

### SECTION 4 – DIVISIONS, CLASSES AND ELIGIBILITY

#### A. Divisions

2. Novice
  - e. Classes
    - (1) ~~This division in horse may be divided into Heavyweight, Lightweight and Junior Classes or Senior (combined Heavyweight & Lightweight) and Junior Classes as defined in Section 4 B.~~
    - (1) This division will offer Heavyweight, Lightweight and Junior Classes in horse as defined in Section 4 B.

#### B. Classes

3. Junior
  - b. Juniors may compete in ~~Open or Novice Division~~ Heavyweight or ~~Novice~~ Lightweight, ~~or Senior~~ Classes if weight requirements are met. ~~Juniors may compete in Open Heavyweight or Open Lightweight Classes if weight requirements are met.~~
4. ~~Senior, Region 1A only (See Section 10 for year end awards for Region 1A): The Novice Division may be divided into Heavyweight, Lightweight and Junior Classes or into Senior and Junior Classes at the discretion of management.~~
4. Weigh In
5. Helmets

#### **Rationale:**

For the Novice Division, the Rule Book offers the usual weight classes (heavyweight, lightweight and junior) or senior and junior as far back as the 1965. When we recognized AK as R1A, we gave them that option. The AK rides haven't used the option for senior/junior classes since 1991. Using weight classes is more advantageous as it gives more competitors an opportunity to place.

## 3. ANY DAY DO

### SECTION 4 – DIVISIONS, CLASSES, AND ELIGIBILITY

#### C. Distance Only (DO) (not in competition)

6. One-day option: only available if both horse and rider are riding DO.
  - a. The DO team has the option of riding one or two days of an 'A' CTR. When choosing to ride one day only, the team must ride the first day, **or at ride management's discretion, they may start the second day.** A DO rider must notify ride management of their intent not to ride a second day after post ride examination, but before 8:00p.m. **To start on the second day, the second day's ride distance must also meet 'B' ride minimum requirements.**

#### **Rationale:**

Region 3 would like to make a motion to make a rule change to allow DO riders to start their ride on the second day of an "A" competition. After discussions with ride managers lamenting poor attendance at rides and having to turn away DO riders, offering more flexibility to DO riders on what days they can attend the competition seems to have little downside, and could help make rides more profitable for ride managers and NATRC in general. The burden is mainly on ride management, and potentially the judges requiring a Saturday afternoon check-in. If ride management is unconcerned about the extra effort, why is National concerned?

## 4. ALLOW GREATER USE OF EXISTING STABLING OPTIONS

### SECTION 5 – THE RIDE

#### B. Stabling

3. The stabling options used by CTR management and/or the CTR facility must be available to all competitors in a division.

**Rationale:**

*Permanent pens at a CTR facility should be allowed to be used by competitors when possible. Though often there are not sufficient pens for all entrants, there may be enough to allow all horses in a certain division, such as Novice, to use them.*

## 5. ADD A METHOD TO FORGIVE TIME PENALTIES FOR GOOD SAMARITAN ACTS

### SECTION 5 – THE RIDE

#### J. Timing and Time Penalty Points

10. In the case of an emergency/extenuating circumstance where a competitor's assistance is required, ride management and/or judges may agree to credit part or all of time lost to the rider's maximum time.

**Rationale:**

*Being a good sport/ exhibiting good sportsmanship implies willingness to sacrifice your time to help another. If a horse is held at a P&R stop, that horse must have extra time added to its minimum and maximum, but the friend who courteously waits does not get that extra time. If a rider is injured on the trail, and another rider stops to assist and subsequently comes in overtime, should the assisting rider get time back for being a good Samaritan?*

## 6. POINT DISTRIBUTION FOR SWEEPSTAKES

### SECTION 9 – AWARDS

#### C. Point Distribution

4. ~~The Open Sweepstakes winner will receive points equal to the highest points awarded in any of the three Open Classes. The Novice Sweepstakes winner will receive points equal to the highest points awarded in any of the three Novice Classes.~~ The Open, Competitive Pleasure and Novice Sweepstakes winners will receive the highest points possible based on the number of starters in the largest class of their respective division.
5. The Sweepstakes winner will receive points, in addition to other points won for horse, as follows: 3 points for a Type AA ride, 2 points for a Type A, one point for a Type B.

**Rationale:**

*This change allows consistency with the first rule of point distribution that points shall be based on the number of starters. This would eliminate the circumstance that can arise when an entire larger class is pulled, and sweepstakes ends up being based on the points awarded in the smaller class.*

## 7. DIVIDING THE COMPETITIVE PLEASURE DIVISION

### SECTION 4 – DIVISIONS, CLASSES, AND ELIGIBILITY

#### A. Divisions

##### 3. Competitive Pleasure

##### e. Class

- (1) This division will offer ~~Adult (combined Heavyweight & Lightweight)~~ Heavyweight, Lightweight and Junior Classes as defined in Section 4 B.
- (2) This division will offer identical classes in horsemanship as offered in horse-

### SECTION 9 – AWARDS

#### A. Ride Awards

4. The horses with the highest ~~total points scores~~ from the Open, Competitive Pleasure & Novice Divisions shall be the recipients of the Open, Competitive Pleasure & Novice Sweepstakes Awards.

#### B. Annual Awards

##### 2. National Awards

- n. HIGH POINT COMPETITIVE PLEASURE HORSE: Points shall be credited to horses for the purposes of determining annual high score awards in each Competitive Pleasure Class, (i.e., HWT, LWT, JR), first through sixth place. Only the first 12 rides officially started will count. Type A rides count as 1 ride. Type B rides count as ½ ride. The horse and rider will be considered officially started when timed out on the first day of the ride.
- o. HIGH POINT COMPETITIVE PLEASURE HORSEMANSHIP: Points shall be credited to riders for the purposes of determining annual high score awards in each Competitive Pleasure Class, (i.e., HWT, LWT, JR), first through sixth place. Only the first 12 rides officially started will count. Type A rides count as 1 ride. Type B rides count as ½ ride. The horse and rider will be considered officially started when timed out on the first day of the ride.

#### C. Point Distribution

4. The Open Sweepstakes winner will receive points equal to the highest points awarded in any of the three Open Classes. ~~The Competitive Pleasure Sweepstakes winner will receive points equal to the highest points awarded in any of the three Competitive Pleasure Classes.~~ The Novice Sweepstakes winner will receive points equal to the highest points awarded in any of the three Novice Classes.

**Rationale:**

*Region 3 would like to make a motion to make a rule change to divide the Competitive Pleasure Division. After much discussion and listening to many NATRC members, as well as outside horsemen, on this issue dividing the division in the same classes (Heavyweight,*

Lightweight, and Junior) as the Novice and Open divisions makes the most sense. Seasoned CP riders to look at the riders which they competed with this past year and to record which classes they felt riders would fall in if this proposal was in effect. The consensus was that there would be a fairly even division of riders into Heavyweight and Lightweight. The juniors could then decide to ride as juniors or more experienced, more mature juniors could choose to enter Heavyweight or Lightweight if they chose.

## 8. REDUCE POINTS REQUIRED FOR JUNIORS TO EARN A NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP IN THE CP DIVISION

### SECTION 9 – AWARDS

#### B. Annual Awards

##### 2. National Awards

- k. COMPETITIVE PLEASURE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: In the Competitive Pleasure Division a horse shall be declared a National Champion when all the following requirements are met within the first 12 rides officially started in the same year. For ride count, points, and first or second placings,
  - (3) Accumulated 75 points (60 points for Juniors).

#### **Rationale:**

Requiring 60 points for the Junior Class in Competitive Pleasure would parallel the requirements in the Open Division. Data show this is a reasonable requirement.

## 9. CP NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AND HIGH POINT AGE REQUIREMENT

### SECTION 9 – AWARDS

#### B. Annual Awards

##### 2. National Awards

- k. COMPETITIVE PLEASURE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: In the Competitive Pleasure Division a horse shall be declared a National Champion when all the following requirements are met within the first 12 rides officially started in the same year. For ride count, points, and first or second placings,
  - ~~(4) Horses competing for a National Championship Competitive Pleasure award must be at least 60 months of age.~~
  - ~~(a) Registered horses are considered 60 months of age as of actual foaling date on the registration papers.~~
  - ~~(b) Unregistered horses are considered to be of eligible age if they have a "full mouth" (all permanent incisors having erupted and are in wear) as determined by the veterinary judge.~~
- n. HIGH POINT COMPETITIVE PLEASURE HORSE: Points shall be credited to horses for the purpose of determining annual high score awards in Competitive Pleasure first through sixth place. Only the first 12 rides officially started will count. ...

#### ~~Age of Horses-~~

- ~~(1) Horses competing for High Point Competitive Pleasure Horse awards must be at least 60 months of age.~~
- ~~(a) Registered horses are considered 60 months of age as of actual foaling date on the registration papers.~~
- ~~(b) Unregistered horses are considered to be of eligible age if they have a "full mouth" (all permanent incisors having erupted and are in wear) as determined by the veterinary judge.~~

#### **Rationale:**

REMOVE the age requirements on CP National Championships and High Point CP horse. The division has age requirements (48 months as found in Section 4 A.3.b.). Leave it at that. I suspect the rule was written because the BOD felt they were "protecting" young horses from riders doing what they felt were too many rides chasing points. The minimum number of rides a National Championship can be achieved is 5, if the horse won every ride, with full classes. So if a good 4-year-old, did 5 or 6 rides, and managed his National Championship, should it not be honored?

We have an age requirement for Open that a 5-year-old horse can compete, and do so for ALL awards. We do not state they cannot try for Presidents Cup, which could potentially be 16 rides. Yet some would argue a 5-year-old should not be asked to do 16 rides. We have left it to the good sense of the owner/rider, to do what they feel is right for their horse. Just as we should in the CP division.

## 10. REMOVE REQUIREMENT OF CP IF NOVICE IS OFFERED

### SECTION 4 – DIVISIONS, CLASSES, AND ELIGIBILITY

#### A. Divisions

##### 2. Novice

- ~~a. A ride offering a Novice Division must also offer a Competitive Pleasure Division.~~
- Paragraphs b - f now become a - e.

##### 3. Competitive Pleasure

- ~~a. May be offered alone but must be offered if Novice Division is offered.~~
- ~~b.a. Age of Horses~~
- ~~b.b. Mileage~~
- ~~b.c. Pace~~
- ~~b.d. Classes~~

#### **Rationale:**

This requirement was more important when Competitive Pleasure (CP) started, but not now. Though we currently allow B rides to be Novice Only as long as the A ride offered that weekend includes CP, many ride managers do not realize this. Due to this misunderstanding, they will choose to only allow CP in the one-day event as they feel forced to include too many divisions if they want to offer Novice in the B ride. This rule change would remove that confusion. Since CP is the biggest class in most regions, we do not have to make this class mandatory if Novice is offered. Ride chairs will already be including CP to make ends meet.

## 11. COMBINE DIVISION CLASSES BASED ON RIDE DAY DIVISION SIZE

### SECTION 4 – DIVISIONS, CLASSES, AND ELIGIBILITY

#### B. Classes

7. If any Division (Open, Competitive Pleasure, Novice) has SIX or fewer Heavyweight and Lightweight competitors (DO, Junior and Senior riders are not included in count), and neither class is full (six competitors), the Heavyweight and Lightweight Classes for that division MAY be combined into a single class for that event AT MANAGEMENT'S DISCRETION.
  - a. The number of competitors in the division is determined by the number of starters on the first day.
  - b. If classes are combined, awards for both horse and horsemanship are combined.
  - c. Regardless of whether division classes are combined, competitors must weigh in. This is to properly define their weight class for year-end awards.
  - d. If division classes are combined,
    - (1) first through sixth place awards will be presented for horse and horsemanship.
    - (2) points will be assigned to each rider based on the combined class placing.
    - (3) the same points assigned in the combined class will be applied to the competitors' Heavyweight or Lightweight Classes for year-end awards.
  - e. The Junior and Senior classes will not be combined with the Heavyweight and Lightweight Classes.
  - f. For the purposes of Sweepstakes Awards, the combined class is split into the traditional Heavyweight and Lightweight Classes, and Sweepstakes is awarded for the highest scoring division horse.
  - g. Awards rules other than as described above, follow rules defined in Section 9.

#### **Rationale:**

The rule is proposed to make class competitions more meaningful. In a class of 2 Heavyweights, a 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> is guaranteed and counts towards a National Championship, even though the 2<sup>nd</sup> place finisher finished last. Even assuming both riders were very good, the maximum points awardable for year-end awards is 8 (A ride). If there were, for example, 4 Lightweights attending the ride, they also would not be able to get full points for the ride. If the classes were combined though, the full 16 points would be available and all competitors would place.

Competitors for year-end awards would still collect points in their Heavyweight and Lightweight Classes, and their points would be based on the combined class results. The advantages are:

- Placings are more meaningful.
- Strong competitors earn more points for end-of-year awards.
- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes are more meaningful in small divisions.
- Management does not need to distribute as many awards (they may have to purchase them anyway though)

There are some disadvantages:

- Heavyweight is probably at a disadvantage, but this is only true at small rides.
- Competitors may not know if a division is combined until the last division competitor has timed out on the first day.
- Management and judges have to deal with this flexibility. It is a bit confusing.
- This may make year-end point calculations somewhat more complicated.
  - Management could still report Heavyweight and Lightweight results using existing forms. There would just be blanks for places won by the alternate weight class.

Examples comparing if a class is or is not combined.

**Example 1:** At a CTR including 3 lightweight riders and 3 heavyweight riders.

- At a traditional ride, every competitor would place.
  - Lightweight points would range from 6 - 10.
  - Heavyweight points would range from 6 - 10.
- In the worst case, no rider from either class will lose points, though half the riders will gain points.

Placing	Lwt Placing	Hwt Placing	Traditional Points	Combined Points	Point Change
1	1		10	16	+6
2	2		8	14	+6
3	3		6	12	+6
4		1	10	10	0
5		2	8	8	0
6		3	6	6	0

**Example 2:** At a CTR including 4 lightweight riders and 2 heavyweight riders.

- At a traditional ride, every competitor would place.
  - Lightweight points would range from 6 - 12.
  - Heavyweight points would range from 6 - 8.
- In a combined class, 4 - 16 points will be awarded to each rider.

Placing	Lwt Placing	Hwt Placing	Traditional Points	Combined Points	Point Change
1	1		12	16	+4
2		1	8	14	+6
3	2		10	12	+2
4	3		8	10	+2
5		2	6	8	+2
6	4		6	6	0

## 12. TYPE C RIDE – ENTRY LEVEL DIVISION

### SECTION 2 - SANCTIONED RIDES AND CLINICS

#### A. Rides.

##### 4. Ride Types

- d. Type C: Consists of one day of riding.

### SECTION 4 - DIVISIONS, CLASSES, AND ELIGIBILITY

#### A. Divisions

##### 4. Entry Level

- a. May be offered alone or concurrent with a Type AA, A, or B ride.
- b. Age of horses: Horses entered in this division must be at least 48 months of age.
  - (1) Registered horses are considered 48 months of age as of actual foaling date on registration papers.
  - (2) Unregistered horses are considered of eligible age when the central and intermediate permanent incisors have erupted and are in wear as determined by the veterinary judge.
- c. Mileage
  - (1) Daily and total mileage will range between 8 and 12 miles for the day. Mileage shall not be less than 8 miles and shall not exceed 12 miles.
- d. Pace
  - (1) The average pace for a ride in this division shall be in the range of 3-4 miles per hour; and when determining the timing of the ride, management must consider, among other relevant factors: weather, terrain, season of the year and footing on the trail.
  - (2) "Riding time" used to compute the pace shall not include lunch and P&R stops.
- e. Class
  - (1) This division will offer Adult and Junior Classes as defined in Section 4 B.
  - (2) This division will offer identical classes in horsemanship as offered in horse. For purposes of awards, the horse and horsemanship scores will be combined and averaged for team awards.

- 5. Additional divisions may be added at the discretion of the board of directors.

#### B. Classes

- 5. Adult Class: (Type C ride only) riders age 18 or over that do not meet the Junior criteria as defined in Section 4B. There are no weight requirements.
- 6. Weigh In
- 7. Helmets

### SECTION 5 - THE RIDE

#### B. Stabling

- 4. Competitors in the Type C ride are excluded from stabling judging and may use pens if space permits per management discretion. All other stabling rules apply.
- 5. Stabling options **not allowed** during competition as primary containment: ...
- 6. Stallions: ...

#### E. Hoof Protection/ Leg Protection

- 4. Competitors in the Type C ride are permitted to use all types of hoof boots with no strap, keeper, gaiter or accessory restrictions. Protective devices such as bell boots, splint boots or wraps are also permissible.

### SECTION 6 - JUDGING

#### B. Veterinary Judging: Judges shall not discriminate against any animal due to conformation or type as long as the animal performs satisfactorily. Horses are to be evaluated on the following three criteria: condition, soundness and trail ability/manners.

- 1. Condition 40%: ....
  - b. There will be a minimum of two P&R recovery readings taken during each day's ride; Type C rides require one P&R. The planned number of P&Rs for the day's ride will be announced by management to riders. Unannounced P&R stops may be added but minimum and maximum ride time must be adjusted.

#### C. Horsemanship Judging: ...

- 3. 30%:

- c. Stabling: The evaluation of stabling shall include, but not be limited to, the following: feed and water, container security; blanket; tie (height, length, quick release knot and security); safety, choice of location, tack and gear placement; horse care. **Type C competitors are exempt from stabling evaluation.**

## SECTION 9 - AWARDS

### A. Ride Awards

1. A sanctioned ride having an Open Division will offer Lightweight, Heavyweight, and Junior Classes in horse and horsemanship.
2. A sanctioned ride having Novice and Competitive Pleasure Divisions will offer the identical classes in horsemanship as offered in horse.
3. **Horse and horsemanship scores for Type C competitors will be added together and averaged to determine placing teams for both Adult and Junior Classes. First through sixth place teams in both classes will be awarded. Former paragraphs 3-9 become numbered as 4-10.**

### B. Annual Awards

1. General
  - a. Ride Types:
    - Type C: Consists of one day of riding.**
3. Regional Awards
  - a. **Team Awards**
    - (1) These regional awards are given for combined horse and horsemanship.
    - (2) All points for rides in which the same horse and rider combination competed, will be added together and the placings determined by the most points
  - b. **Regional Championships**
    - (1) These awards are given for horse and for horsemanship in all divisions and classes (See Section 4), first through sixth place.
    - (2) Will be awarded annually on the basis of points awarded *within the designated region* of the horse and rider (See Section 1 B5).
    - (3) **Type C rides are only eligible for regional championship awards. They do not qualify for nationally sponsored team awards.**

### C. Point Distribution

6. Points earned in one class will not be added to points earned in another class by the same horse or rider.

POINTS DISTRIBUTION TABLE		
TYPE AA	TYPE A RIDE	TYPE B AND C RIDES
Number of starters	Number of starters	Number ...

### D. Cumulative Mileage Awards:

1. **Mileage will count as defined in this mileage table:**

DIVISION	MILEAGE TABLE (miles)			
	AA	A	B	C
Open	90	60	30	n/a
Novice	n/a	40	20	n/a
Competitive Pleasure	n/a	40	20	n/a
Entry Level	n/a	n/a	n/a	10

2. 1000-Mile Horse: This award is presented to horses completing 1000 miles.
  - a. **Mileage in Open, Novice and Competitive Pleasure Divisions will count as follows: Open: Type AA ride=90 miles, Type A ride=60 miles, Type B ride=30 miles; Novice and Competitive Pleasure: Type A ride=40 miles, Type B ride=20 miles. Former paragraphs b – e become numbered as a - d**
3. Rider: Mileage chevrons in increments of 250 miles will be awarded to riders.
  - a. **Mileage in Open, Novice and Competitive Pleasure Divisions will count as follows: Open: Type AA ride=90 miles, Type A ride=60 miles, Type B ride=30 miles; Novice and Competitive Pleasure: Type A ride=40 miles, Type B ride=20 miles. Former paragraphs b – d become numbered as a – c**
4. Mileage medallions will be ...

### **Rationale:**

*The C ride will meet the demand for rides that are shorter mileage, less time consuming and more affordable. It is an entry level ride for beginners or a way to stay involved and competing for experienced competitors with time, physical or financial barriers.*

## 13. CLARIFY HOW POINTS ARE CALCULATED FOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS R1A

## SECTION 10 – REGION 1A AWARDS

### B. Annual/Year-end Awards

2. National Awards
  - a. National Championship: ...
    - (2) Accumulated 36 points.
      - b) **When classes are combined for the purpose of establishing points, the points earned by the same horse and rider must be from the same class (Heavyweight, Lightweight or Junior) in which the horse was entered at the ride. Points from one weight class cannot be combined with those earned in a different weight class during any given three-year period.**
      - c) When the entire Open Di...
  - b. National Championship: In the Competitive Pleasure Div ...
    - (2) Accumulated 36 points.

- b) When classes are combined for the purpose of establishing points, the points earned by the same horse and rider must be from the same class (Adult or Junior) in which the horse was entered at the ride. Points from one class cannot be combined with those earned in a different class during any given three-year period.
- c) When the entire Competitive ...

**Rationale:**

*To clarify that Rule Section 9 C.6 applies to R1A rides even when classes are combined for the purpose of establishing points: "Points earned in one class will not be added to points earned in another class by the same horse or rider."*