

From the July, 2011 NBOD Proposed Rule Changes for 2012

Proposed change in bold italics.

1. Page 5-2, Section 5.F.1. *Reads:* 1. Riders must use a saddle. The type of saddle and other equipment is at the discretion of the rider within the bounds of good horsemanship. ***Change to read:*** Riders must use a saddle ***and headgear with attached reins.*** The type of saddle, ***headgear with reins*** and other equipment is at the discretion of the rider within the bounds of good horsemanship.

Purpose: To clarify that some sort of headgear is required during participation in a CTR. Approved to continue as proposed change for 2012

Rationale FOR: This rule would prevent someone from riding with just a neck strap.

Rational AGAINST: The effectiveness of headgear is a safety issue that can and should be dealt with by the horsemanship judge.

2. Page 1-1 *Reads:* 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. Adult Membership: Any person 18 years of age or over.
 - b. Junior Membership: Any person under the age of 18 as of the beginning of the ride year.
 - c. Family Membership: A household of one or two adults and children under the age of 18 as of January 1.
 - d. Associate Membership: Any firm, partnership, group, or any other business sufficiently interested in the promotion of the horse and horse-back riding, upon proper application and the annual payment of dues.
 - e. Single Lifetime Membership: Any person of any age.
 - f. Family Lifetime Membership: A household of one or two adults at time membership is obtained and any children under the age of 18 as of January 1.
2. Each membership, except lifetime, shall be for a period of twelve months commencing January 1 each year regardless of the month in which payment of dues is received. All membership fees are due on January 1 each year.
3. Each Senior and Single Lifetime Membership is entitled to one vote. Each Family and Family Lifetime Membership is entitled to two votes.

Change to read:

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
 - 1) Adult Membership: Any person 18 years of age or over.
 - 2) Junior Membership: Any person under the age of 18 as of the beginning of the ride year.
 - 3) Family Membership: A household of one or two adults and children under the age of 18 as of January 1.

- 4) Associate Membership: Any firm, partnership, group, or any other business sufficiently interested in the promotion of the horse and horse-back riding, upon proper application and the annual payment of dues.
- b. Lifetime Membership (**NOTE: new lifetime memberships are no longer offered after March 2011**)
 - 1) Single Lifetime Membership: Any person of any age.
 - 2) Family Lifetime Membership: A household of one or two adults at time membership is obtained and any children under the age of 18 as of January 1.
2. Each membership, except lifetime, shall be for a period of twelve months commencing January 1 each year regardless of the month in which payment of dues is received. All membership fees are due on January 1 each year.
3. Each Senior and Single Lifetime Membership is entitled to one vote. Each Family and Family Lifetime Membership is entitled to two votes.

Purpose: To have the Rule Book match changes made to the dues structure, i.e. the elimination of Lifetime Membership March 2011.

Approved to continue as proposed change for 2012.

Rational FOR: Due to financial constraints, no new Lifetime memberships are offered after March 1, 2011. The income from a Lifetime membership does not cover the member benefits it confers.

Rationale AGAINST: This rule should have been changed before the dues structure was changed.

Change to read:

1. a. 3) ***Family Household*** Membership: A household of one or two adults and children under the age of 18 as of January 1.

Purpose: to remove the political slant of re-defining the word family as equivalent to any household.

Approved to continue as proposed change for 2012.

Rationale FOR: Requested change.

Rationale AGAINST: This would be contrary to the bylaws which names *family* members: Membership/ Section 2. There shall be Junior Members, Senior Members, Family Members, Senior Lifetime Members, Family Lifetime Members and Associate Members.

3. Page 6- 3, Section 6.D.1.:

Currently Reads: Time penalty points will be assessed for time violations (See Section V.J.7).

Change to Read: Time penalty points will only be assessed for time violations (See Section 5.J.7)

Purpose: *To clarify that time penalty points only can be assess for time violations and nothing else.*

Deleted. Not approved to continue as propsed change for 2012.

Rationale: Not necessary; time penalty points already specify what kind of penalty.

4. Add to Section 7. E. Violations and Enforcement Procedures:

1. Any rider/owner violating these rules at an NATRC ride shall forfeit any completion or placing for the ride. NATRC may impose additional penalties for violation of these rules on any person responsible for the violation. Normally, the rider and owner shall be considered the persons responsible for the custody and care at a ride. Accordingly, the rider and owner shall avoid liability for additional penalties for violation of this rule only by showing by clear and convincing evidence that:

(a) some other person outside of the rider or owner's control was responsible for the violation and

(b) the rider or owner bore no fault for the violation.

Purpose: Include a penalty portion to the section dealing with Prohibited Substances and Treatments.

Approved to continue as proposed change for 2012.

Rationale FOR: This wording was originally recommended by the AD Hoc Drug Committee appointed to design a comprehensive drug rule and policy for NATRC. This wording was based on that developed by AERC with professional and legal input. We need latitude to be able to handle violations on a case by case basis.

Rationale AGAINST: Not specific enough.