

## Action Items

## Motions Voted On

### Minutes for OHSET State Board Zoom Meeting November 19, 2017 7:00 PM

**In Attendance:** Candi Bothum – State Chair, Scott Chauncey – State Vice Chair, Jan Harer – State Secretary, Bill Weir – Co-Ops and Eligibility, Karen Bragg – State Rules Chair

Heather Zumwalt – C, Christina Bates – C, Barb Walley – C, Wendy Bernards – WILL, Robin Lemerande – WILL, Melissa Walker – WILL – Youth, Corinne Dimick – NW, Sue Lowe – SV, Sherri Henry – SV, Abigail Fugate – SV – Youth, Melissa Bates – SV, Ann Rusk – S, Kelly Porter – S, Denise Greif – TRV, Kelly Van Baggen – TRV, Caitlin Caffery – TRV – Youth, Michelle Michelson – NV, Kari Lazure – NV, Chris Dinsmore – NE

Vote Count – 17 (Those underlined above are voting members for this meeting.)

Central – 2  
 Willamette – 3  
 Northwest – 1  
 South Valley – 3  
 Southern – 2  
 Tri-River Valley – 3  
 North Valley – 2  
 Northeast – 1

#### Standard Co-op –

- Bill emailed out information prior to the meeting.
- NW –
  - Beaverton and Southridge
  - Corinne motioned to allow this co-op for the 2017-2018 season. Sue seconded the motion.
  - No discussion.
  - Vote: 17 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain. Motion passed.

#### Non-Standard Co-Op –

- Bill emailed out information prior to the meeting.
- SV –
  - Thurston and Mohawk
  - Sue motioned to allow this co-op for the 2017-2018 season pending SV district approval. Sherri seconded the motion.
  - No discussion.
  - Vote: 17 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain. Motion passed pending SV district approval and all paperwork turned into Bill.

### Eligibility –

- Bill emailed out all information related to the two eligibility exceptions.
- SV –
  - Student will be a 5<sup>th</sup> year athlete.
  - All coaches and school personnel approve the exception.
  - The AD would also approve and request the exception if it was an OSAA sport.
  - Sue motioned to allow this student to participate and accept this eligibility exception for the 2017-2018 season. Ann seconded the motion.
  - No discussion.
  - Vote: 17 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain. Motion passed. Sue will let the student know.
- C –
  - Student attends a private school and wants to ride for a school outside her curb address.
  - Was granted an exception last year.
  - Another rider at the private school is riding for the school the student is requesting to ride for.
  - Heather motioned to allow this student to participate at the school requested and accept this eligibility exception for the 2017-2018 season. Ann seconded the motion.
  - Discussion –
    - Private schools can't co-op.
    - Student is a senior.
    - There is a freshman at the school who will also ride for the requested school – but will be moving next year.
    - The school doesn't want to start a team if nobody will be riding next year.
  - Vote: 16 Yes, 1 No, 0 Abstain. Motion passed. Barb will let the student know.

### Proposed Rule Changes –

- **Page 23** Rule 3.3.7 Submitted by Parent

**Change:** The student athlete must meet the scholastic requirements and/or athletic guidelines of the OSAA or their school to be eligible to participate in OHSET. *Charter and/or home school students shall be held to the same standards.*

**Reasoning:** A past situation has proven the standards to be different. Place the responsibility on the team advisor to provide the scholastic requirements to the charter school and ask for confirmation that the athlete is eligible to participate under those guidelines.

**Judge's Committee Comments:** None

**State Board Motion and Vote:** This can't be added to the rule book per state law. No vote.

- **Page 24** Rule 3.3.12 Submitted by Coach, District Officer

Non-Competing Athlete: Student in 9 - 12 grade

**Change:** Students in 8 - 12 grade

**Reasoning:** This would help us in recruiting new athletes as well as help those incoming athletes get a better idea of what exactly equestrian team is and what will be expected of them. It would get the program out to more potential athletes. In addition, it would provide the team with more help and involvement.

**Judge's Committee Comments:** None

**State Board Motion:** Ann motioned to add the above in the rule book. Wendy seconded the motion.

**State Board Discussion:**

- This is a varsity sport.
- No lettering for these 8<sup>th</sup> graders.
- Will be grooms only.
- Non-competing.

**State Board Vote:** 11 Yes, 5 No, 1 Abstain. Motion passed. Rule will be ADDED to the rule book.

- **Page 26** Rule 3.6.5.2.1 Submitted by Athlete

**Remove:** *Teams may not apply for combination status on any event for which they have enough athletes on their team to participate regardless if athletes choose to participate in the event of not.*

**Reasoning:** The matrix is illogical and defeats the purpose of the co-op which is to allow an athlete to do any event. For example, the Banks Team has a rider who wants to do all the team events but can't since one of her members will only ride English and the other comes for one day and is not very safe. Another case is that on Westview, we have one athlete that has a yearling and is very new to horses and riding. You cannot force someone to lease or buy a horse to ride because they may not be able to afford it. Athlete amount should not dictate participation.

**Judge's Committee Comment:** None

**State Board Motion:** Sue motioned to remove the above from the rule book. Wendy seconded the motion.

**State Board Discussion:**

- This will be going back in the right direction.
- Should there be limits?
  - Already have a limit on number that can do a combo team.
  - Will open up and allow someone to ride on a combo team if someone from the applying team doesn't want to ride (example – Bi-Rangel, Working Pairs, Team Penning).

**State Board Vote:** 12 Yes, 5 No, 0 Abstain. Motion passed and the above will be REMOVED from the rule book.

- **Page 26** Rule 3.6 Submitted by Parent

**Add:** The sponsoring team may combine with one applying team only.

**Reasoning:** Allowing more than one team to combine has the potential to create an unfair points advantage over other teams within the district. It also raises questions about

recruitment and whether a school is actively promoting their team within their own walls and seeking to expand numbers to form their own team.

**Judge's Committee Comments:** None

**State Board Motion:** Sue motioned to add the above in the rule book. Sherri seconded the motion.

**State Board Discussion:**

- Exceptions would come to the state board?
- Can Co-Op with more than one team.
- Combo teams do not have to be brought before the state board for review.
  - Would like to see brought before the state board for review.
- Will this make a team a "super team"?
  - Will probably be stopped at the district level as they know the teams.

**State Board Vote:** 7 Yes, 10 No, 0 Abstain. Motion failed. Will NOT be added to rule book.

- **Page 28** Rule 4.1.2 Submitted by: Coach

*No decorated (adornments of any kind) helmets allowed.*

**Change:** Allow rhinestones on helmets

**Reasoning:** Helmet covers are already allowed, which are different colors and designs. Helmets with rhinestones should also be allowed.

**Judge's Committee Comment:** Judges voted NO.

**State Board Motion:** Sue motioned to add the change above in the rule book. Caitlin seconded the motion.

**State Board Discussion:** None

**State Board Vote:** 9 Yes, 8 No, 0 Abstain. Motion passed. The above WILL be changed in the rule book.

- **Page 37** Rule 10 Submitted by State Officer

**Add:** Once awards are announced, no changes can be made.

**Reasoning:** There needs to be a finish line

**Judge's Committee Comment:** None

**State Board Motion:** No motion was made. Will NOT be added to the rule book.

- **Page 46** Rule 13.12.1 Submitted by State Officer

**Remove:** *No refund will be given once campsites have been reserved.*

**Reasoning:** Not how we operate.

**Judge's Committee Comment:** None

**State Board Motion:** Corinne motioned to remove the above from the rule book. Sherri seconded the motion.

**State Board Discussion:** None

**State Board Vote:** 17 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain. Motion passed. The above will be REMOVED from the rule book.

- **Page 51** Rule 15.7 Submitted by Parent

**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.*

**Reasoning:** To give the athlete a chance to catch with their original rope and not have to carry a second rope while having the original rope drag behind them. If they are allowed to carry a second rope why not let them rebuild with the original rope?

**Rule Book References:** None

**Judge's Committee Comment:** Judges voted NO

**State Board Motion:** Sue motioned to change the above in the rule book. Kelly seconded the motion.

**State Board Discussion:** None

**State Board Vote:** 2 Yes, 14 No, 0 Abstain. (There were only 16 voting members for this vote.) Motion failed. The above will NOT be changed to the rule book.

- **Page 61** Rule 18.3.4 Submitted by Athlete

**Add:** 18.3.4.2. Rhinestones on tack is acceptable.

**Reasoning:** Rhinestones on tack are allowed in USDF, USEF, and ODS rules. Many dressage riders have tack that has rhinestones on it and to find alternate pieces of equipment to replace what they already have in fear of disqualification is expensive and unnecessary. Also, rhinestones are allowed, if not encouraged in Western Horsemanship.

**Rule Book References:** USEF DR 121.6." .. At any level of competition, a browband may be multicolored and *may be decorated with metal, beads, gemstones, and crystals.* Non-metal decoration on the surface of the noseband is permitted."

**Judge's Committee Comment:** Judges voted YES.

**State Board Motion:** Sherri motioned to allow rhinestones on brow bands only. Corinne seconded the motion.

**State Board Discussion:**

- Just on the brow bands.
- Need to add metal, beads, gemstones, and crystals.
- Add the non-metal decoration on the surface of the nose band permitted.

**State Board Vote:** 17 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain. Motion passed. The above motion (along with the other changes and additions mentioned in the discussion) will be ADDED to the rule book.

- **Page 67** Rule 19.7.7.4 Submitted by Rules Chair

**Add:** When teams are allowed a 2-minute warm up in the competition arena before their ride and run over the 2-minute limit, the amount of time over the limit will be added to their time for their actual drill performance to determine their final ride time.

**Reasoning:** To ensure that teams are respectful of the request to leave the arena when their warm up time is over and not take advantage of the lack of penalty to extend their warm up time.

**Judge's Committee Comment:** Judges voted YES.

**State Board Motion:** Wendy motioned that at the state meet when a team fails to exit the arena before their 2-minute warm up time has ended, a penalty deduction of 10 points will be made for each full or partial portion of 30 seconds they are in overtime. Sue seconded the motion.

**State Board Discussion:**

- This is to be at the state meet only. Although districts can use it.
- Make sure a 30 second warning is given before the 2-minutes is up.
- Make a -10-point penalty for each 30 second over the warm up time.
- Will need to make sure timer keeps track of the warm up time on the score sheet.
- Will need to add this to the state score sheet.

**State Board Vote:** 17 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain. Motion passed. The above motion will be ADDED to the rule book.

- **Page 68** Rule 19.10.2. Submitted by State Officer

**Changing:** All references of 6+ to 5+

**Reasoning:** Housekeeping

**Judge's Committee Comment:** None

**State Board Motion and Vote:** None – housekeeping issue. Will be CHANGED/UPDATED in the rule book.

- **Page 92 - 93** Rule 23.10.2 & 23.10.4 Submitted by Pattern Committee

**Change:** 23.10.2 Time starts when the first *part of the* handler/equine breaks the plane of the starting line.

23.10.4 Time shall end when the *last part of the* fourth handler/equine ~~rear end~~ crosses the start/finish line.

**Reasoning:** This allows more flexibility in designing patterns for this class. Athletes may be asked to start a or finish a pattern backing their equine, without confusion over when the time starts or ends.

**Judges Committee Comments:** Judges voted YES.

**State Board Motion:** Sue motioned to change the above in the rule book. Sherri seconded the motion.

**State Board Discussion:** None.

**State Board Vote:** 17 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain. Motion passed. The above will be CHANGED in the rule book.

- **Page 119** Rule 28.6. Submitted by State Officer

**Remove to SOG:** Arena Safety.

**Remove 28.6.2** - Athletes must enter and leave the arena demonstrating control

**Reasoning:** It occurs elsewhere

**Move: 28.6.4 and 28.6.5** Equine that constitute a safety hazard may be eliminated and NO athletes, may be coached from the inside of the arena during an event.

**Move to** 28.9 Eliminations

**Judges Committee Comments:** None.

**State Board Motion:** Wendy motioned to remove and move the above in the rule book. Sue seconded the motion.

**State Board Discussion:**

- Remember – a SOG is not a rule.
- Maybe these were meant to be moved to the elimination?

**State Board Vote:** 17 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain. Motion passed. The above will be REMOVED and MOVED (as stated) in the rule book.

- **Rule 28.6.6** – Coaching inside the arena – REMOVE this from the rule book

**State Board Motion:** Wendy motioned to remove all mention of coaching inside the arena from the rule book. Sherri seconded the motion.

**State Board Discussion:**

- It is only mentioned in the timed section.
- Making it the same across the board for all events.
- Should not be allowed in performance events.

**State Board Vote:** 15 Yes, 2 No, 0 Abstain. Motion passed. All mention of coaching inside the arena will be REMOVED from the rule book.

- **Page 138** Rule 31.1.2 Submitted by Coach

**Change:** ~~Snaffle bits and~~ rawhide bosals may only be used on junior equine.

**Add:** Snaffle bits allowed on horses over 5

**Reasoning:** I work with a lot of rescue horses in combination with beginning and intermediate riders. they would like to participate in the western performance classes but have not yet achieved riding with one hand in a shank bit. Shank bits are an advanced tool and are not appropriate for green horses or green hands. Many of our green horses are over 5 thus not eligible for snaffles and OHSET does not consider green riders.

**Rule Book References:** USEF EQ 123 c. Hackamores as defined in WS105.4, all snaffle bits as defined in WS105.3 *may be used on junior horses*; tiedowns, running martingales, draw reins, and cavesson-type nosebands are prohibited. Silver equipment may be used but shall not be given preference over good working equipment. A hackamore or snaffle bit rider may ride with two hands. Horses shown in the Arabian, Half Arabian, Morgan, National Show Horse, American Saddlebred Divisions may not use hackamores or snaffle bits in the Equitation division and must be shown with one hand.

**Additional Resource:** USEF is consistent with other associations such as AQHA.

**Judges Committee Comment:** None

**State Board Motion:** Sue motioned to change and add the above in the rule book. Caitlin seconded the motion.

**State Board Discussion:**

- This would allow more kids to ride.
- Would like to see a point deduction for snaffle on a horse over 5 years of age.
- How do we know if the horse is over/under 5?

- Western Horsemanship, Working Rancher, and Reining are the only events that don't allow a snaffle.
- This would be a departure from the breed standards.
- Could be viewed as a giant step back for OHSET.

**State Board Vote:** 9 Yes, 8 No, 0 Abstain. Motion passed. The above will be ADDED and CHANGED in the rule book.

**Additional State Board Discussion:**

- Same rule also occurs in Reining and Working Rancher.
- How are we going to facilitate this?
  - Score Sheet?
  - Require proof of age? May not have in some cases.
    - ❖ Must have verification from someone/vet.
  - All horses riding with a snaffle must provide proof of age (to the office) 1 hour prior to class.
  - Could deduct under overall horsemanship?
  - Have a box for the automatic deduction with snaffle on a mature horse?
  - Could have judge mark on score sheet and office make the deduction?
  - Needs to be a significant deduction.
  - Will need to educate our judges.
  - How much of a deduction?
  - Will be a 20-point deduction.
  - Will work on the score sheet.

- **Page 146** Rule 33.3.3 Submitted by State Officer

**Change:** Nosebands ~~with and~~ tiedowns (Optional).

**Add:** Nosebands and cavessons to the prohibited list.

**Reasoning:** Clarify interpretation

**Judges Committee Comments:** None

**State Board Motion:** Sue motioned to add nosebands and cavessons without the attached tiedowns to the prohibited list (33.2.13) and change "and" to "with" (33.3.3). Corinne seconded the motion.

**State Board Discussion:** None.

**State Board Vote:** 14 Yes, 3 No, 0 Abstain. Motion passed. The above will be CHANGED and ADDED to the rule book.

- **General, All Performance Events** Submitted by Rules Chair

Add to Prohibited Equipment lists "No non-conforming equipment"

**Reasoning:** New inventions and gimmicks are popping up faster than most associations such as USEF can respond to them. Often USEF is forced to respond to these things with midyear rules changes to prohibit many of these things. OHSET is not structured to respond as quickly to equipment that is not specifically referenced in our rules, leading to confusion with both judges and athletes. The wording suggested is vague intentionally to allow the Rules Chair flexibility to



investigate and interpret the legality of unusual or new equipment as it is presented to judges during the season.

**Judges Committee Comments:** Judges voted NO.

**State Board Motion:** No motion. The above will NOT be added to the rule book.

- **Hunt Seat Over Fences –**

Would like to see point deductions for refusals.

**State Board Motion:** Ann motioned to have mandatory point deductions for refusals in Hunt Seat Over Fences. 3-point deduction for first refusal and a 5-point deduction for second refusal. There will be a box added to the score sheet to accommodate this. Sherri seconded the motion.

**State Board Discussion:**

- Needs to be added to the rules.
- A box on the score sheet or taken off at the fence?

**State Board Vote:** 17 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain. Motion passed. The above passed motion will be ADDED to the rule book.

Other –

- Karen will wordsmith all the newly passed rules for the rule book.
- These will be presented at the Annual Meeting on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.