

OCalifornia Gymkhana Association
Bylaws/Rules and Judges/Rider/General Membership Meeting Agendas
November 18, 2023
Visalia, California

1. Opening and Introductory Comments
2. Bylaws Committee Meeting. No old or new voting business
3. Rules and Judges Committee Meeting (new business/voting)
 - a. Submitted by the MAC (Master Judges Advisory Committee) RB 5.10 Breaking or Knocking Down Barrier of Divided Arena. Motion to add to the first sentence to read” Breaking the plane or knocking down any part of the barrier or the disruption of timing equipment will result in immediate disqualification”. The remainder will stay the same.
 - b. Submitted by the MAC (Master Judges Advisory Committee) RB 3.1 Clothing and Tack. Motion to second paragraph to read as follows: “Clothing shall be neat and clean. All contestants shall be fully attired in a dress shirt with a button or snap (functional or non-functional) closure in the front from top to bottom, a collar, long or sort sleeve (female contestants may wear sleeveless shirts), long pants, belt or ½ belt and boots. The shirt may have a front or back zipper. If the shirt has a front zipper, it must be covered by the non-function buttons or snaps from top to bottom”. The rest of the paragraph will stay the same.
 - c. Submitted by Marnie Nessen RB3.1 Clothing and Tack, a. CLOTHING. Motion to remove the last sentence “If a helmet comes off while an adult rider is on course, a 1 second penalty will be assessed”.
 - d. Submitted by Dianna Malley. RB 2.3 Special “Lead Line” Rules for Riders who need assistance. Motion to change the 2.3(a) to read “ A rider may be led through the course by a parent or responsible party and an additional assistant (if needed) provided the rider is not able to complete the course without assistance. Such assistance is allowed to ensure the safety of the rider but does not extend to the assistant(s) touching the poles, flags or other obstacles. The Lead Line Team (horse, rider, leader and additional assistant) must properly complete the course. The assistant(s) must conform to the same dress code defined for judges (See Section 6.1)”.
 - e. Submitted by Sheri Herchkorn RB 7.1(d)Ties. Didn’t think I would be coming up with this one. But since there have been a couple of instances where a tie had to be broken by a district. Instead of the usual flip a coin or draw a number, they have picked a way that was not fair to both riders, ie: picking an event that was run that day, but in the event one of the riders got a “no time”. Motion to add to the last paragraph “If a tie cannot be broken by the computer, then the district will resolve the tie in a way that is fair to both riders.”

- f. Submitted by Timmi Lemen RB 7.10 Speedball Race. Currently, the rule is that the speedball cone must be painted white with contrasting stripe top and bottom. I wish to change the rule to a flexible choice in colors and stripes. Many districts have cones that reflect their district events or color. All remaining rules as to size, height and hole diameter remain the same. Motion to change to the following.
 "The speedball cone shall be made of a large pylon with the top cut down to a 5" diameter opening. The cone may be painted any color with contrasting stripe or design and measure an overall height of 24" (see Appendix A). The balls used for speedball must be standard golf balls of any color.
- g. Submitted by Timmi Lemen RB 3.1 Clothing. The constant discussions of legal shirts, the nit picking and our stringent rules, are causing our organization to be viewed as archaic and rule obsessed. Although I agree that we should keep our guidelines somewhat professional, how someone's sleeves are on a western shirt is a bit overbearing. I spend a great amount of time answering questions about shirts. I propose the following change.
 "Clothing shall be neat and clean. All contestants shall be fully attired in a dress shirt with button or snap closures in the front from top to bottom, and a collar, long pants, belt or half belts and boots. Female contestants may wear sleeveless shirts. Shirts must be tucked into the pants. Only the top two buttons of the shirt may be left unbuttoned as long as the buttons go to the collar line of the shirt".
- h. Submitted by Timmi Lemen RB 7.4 Barrels. I propose the removal of the words "they shall be unaltered". We paint the barrels, add designs etc. This can be interpreted as altered. Guidelines are specific as to how the barrels are to be, removing that one section will alleviate confusion. Motion for 7.4 to read "Fifty-five-gallon unweighted plastic barrels shall be used. Barrel covers may be used".
- i. Submitted by Danna Cote RB3.5 Pony Size. This proposal completely removes the sections requiring Ponies who have current pony certificates to be remeasured at State Show. Ponies are not required to be remeasured at the other State sponsored shows held during the year. The measuring sessions at State Show are incredibly stressful for the riders, Master Judges and the ponies. The section on Permanent Pony certification has been removed as this has not been done in many years. Also, it is giving the members who may fail a pony measurement the option to file a protest and ask for a second measurement.
 Motion to have RB3.5 read "Pony Size and Certification process".
 To qualify an animal to compete in a CGA Pony Division at a State Sponsored Show or for CGA State Year End Awards the animal must measure 13.2 hands or fifty-four (54") inches or less without shoes. An additional one-quarter (1/4") inch is allowed when a pony is shod. The measurement is taken using a CGA provided rigid measuring stick that has a leveler built into the horizontal arm.
 Ponies that are fifty-two (52") inches or less may be measured by a Master Judge and a Senior judge. Ponies that are over fifty-two (52") inches must be measured by two (2) Master Judges. Certification expires at the conclusion of the current season. All annual certificates must be submitted to the CGA State Office by the certifying Master Judge(s). A copy should be given to the member for their records. Certificates are supplied to the Master Judges by the CGA State Office.

You may ask for a measurement for informational purposes (not a pony certificate) one time per season to verify if you need trimming, shoes or a calmer time for your pony. You may ask for the Informational and Certificate measurement at the same measuring session, so long as the pony does not leave the measuring area or the visual range of the Master Judge(s) doing the measuring.

The final decision to certify an animal as a CGA Pony lies with the Master Judges(s) measuring the animal. The Master Judge Advisory Committee reserves the right to require a pony to be remeasured if a majority feels that circumstances have changed since the certification was granted.

For pony measuring procedures see Appendix D.

Protesting a Pony Measurement.

If you fail a pony measuring session, you may file a formal protest and have one (1) remeasuring session. The formal protest must be sent in writing to the CGA State Office with a \$100 fee within 30 days of the failed session. This \$100 fee will be refunded if the pony passes at the remeasure. It is the protesters' responsibility to contact and arrange a new pony measuring session with their district Master Judge or the Master Judges Advisory Committee after the protest is filed. If the pony also fails the remeasure, then the pony will not be allowed to be measured again until the following show season and will run the current season as a horse.

- My Motion would include that if this passes that it starts immediately. All those ponies who received certificates at State Show 2023, be allowed to run through the completion of State Show 2024. Then all pony certificates will run with the CGA show season.

4. Riders Committee/General Membership meeting
 - a. No Riders agenda voting business.
 - b. Final vote for rules items if applicable.
5. Other Issues, Concerns or Comments
 - a. Marnie Nessen CGA General Manager to discuss Family Memberships who can be on them. Information Book Section 2.2 Family membership is defined as immediate members of a family living at home, i.e., father, mother and DEPENDENT children under 18 years of age residing at the same address, up to a maximum of 7 people.
Release of Liability. DO NOT sign a release of liability for anyone you are not legally able to sign for. If you are not the legal parent/guardian of the person you are signing for it voids the release and puts the organization at risk.
6. Adjournment

