

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

1. Opening and Introductory Comments. President Nathan Rowles opened the meeting at 9:04am and thanked everyone for coming. Rules of conduct read by Vice President Andy Krogh.
2. Bylaws Committee Meeting. No old or new voting business or discussions.
3. Rules and Judges Meeting.
 - a. Submitted by the MAC (Master Judges Advisory Committee) Chair Janet Young: 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. Seconded by Rebekah Crill. Following discussion motion failed.
 - b. Submitted by the MAC (Master Judges Advisory Committee) Chair Janet Young: RB3.1 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 short sleeve (female contestant 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-functional buttons or snaps from top to bottom". The rest of the paragraph will stay the same. Seconded by Andy Krogh. After discussion, motion passed.
 - c. Submitted by Marnie Nessen: RB 3.1 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". Seconded by Matt Fredricks. Following discussion, motion passed.
 - 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)". Seconded by Timmi Lemen. Following discussion, motion passed.
 - e. Submitted by Sheri Herchkorn: RB 7.1(d) Ties. 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 the riders". Seconded by Andy Krogh. After discussion and an amendment, Motion failed.
 - f. Submitted by Timmi Lemen: RB 7.10 Speedball Race. 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 strip 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. Seconded by Jim Nessen. Following a brief discussion, Motion passed.

- g. Submitted by Timmi Lemen RB 3.1 Clothing. Motion to change to the following “Clothing shall be neat and clean. All contestants shall be fully attired in a dress shirt with button or snap closure is the front from top to bottom, a collar, long pants, belt or ½ belt and boots. Female contestants by 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.” Motion seconded by Dianna Malley. Following much discussion in regards to item b. on the agenda, Timmi amended her motion to strike any mention of sleeve length with the following “Clothing shall be neat and clean. All contestants shall be fully attired in a dress shirt with a button or snap (function or non-functional) in the front from top to bottom and a collar. 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 non-functional button or snaps from top to bottom. Shirts must be tucked into pants. Only the top 2 buttons of the shirt may be left unbuttoned as long as the buttons go to the collar line of the shirt. A tie or neckerchief is not required but is encouraged”. Dianna Malley seconded the amended motion. Motion passed.
- h. Submitted by Timmi Lemen RB 7.4 Barrels, to remove the words “they shall be unaltered”. Motion to read “Fifty-five-gallon unweighted plastic barrels shall be used. Barrels covers may be used”. Seconded by Matt Fredricks. After some discussion, the motion was amended to read “Fifty-five-gallon unweighted plastic barrels shall be used, and they may not be structurally altered. Barrel covers may be used”. Motion passed.
- i. Submitted by Danna Cote. RB 3.5 Pony Size. Motion to have RB 3.5 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 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 ask for the Information 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 Judges 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.

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- The 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.

After some discussion, motion passed.

4. Riders Committee, no riders agenda voting business or discussions.
5. General Membership Meeting.

Voting on Rules and Judges items forwarded for discussion and voting.

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6. Other Issues, Concerns or Comments.

- a. Marnie Nessen, CGA General Manager discussed Family Memberships and who can be on them. Information book 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 parent/legal guardian of the person you are signing for it voids the release and puts the organization at risk.
- b. Dawn Mileham thanked everyone involved for a great State Show.
- c. Amy Odom/Tollison asked that State show Management look into not having some arenas at State Show run facing the opposite direction.
- d. Rebekah Crill reminded everyone that during this section of the meeting everyone has the right to speak. Not being rushed or comments being made about their topics.
- e. Lorelei Lehman asked a question about MAC members, who was present, and if not, were they excused. It was explained that a MAC member would need to contact the MAC Chair if they were unable to attend a meeting. In fact, all CGA Board of Directors should be contacting the President if they cannot attend a BOD meeting. MAC and Board members need to have an excused absence.

7. Motion to adjourn @ 12.02pm by Nathan Rowles, seconded by Jim Nessen. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted by Sheri Herchkorn