

GHJA 2020 Rule Change Proposals

Item 1:

(Addition to Existing Rule) **Article VI. Officers, Section 6.1 Election:** The Board of Directors, as soon as may be possible after the election thereon held in each year, shall by majority vote from the Board a president, vice-president, recording secretary, and a treasurer, and from time to time may appoint one or more vice presidents and such assistant secretaries, assistant treasurers, and such other officers, agents and employees as it deems proper. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person except the offices of president and recording secretary. **Anyone seeking an officer position must submit a written statement of intent 30 days prior to the election containing a biography and reason for seeking the position for which they are running. These statements of intent shall be made available to the all members at least 14 days prior to the election.**

Purpose of Rule/Change: To promote transparency in the process of officer elections; so that Board members as well as the general membership are aware who is interested in serving as an officer, their qualifications, and goals; to offer Board members time to speak to officer candidates in advance and cast a more informed vote.

Proponent: Karen Boysen

Item 2:

Title 14. Classes and Divisions, Chapter 14.1 Class Specifications

Proposed Rule 14.1.1.30 (New Rule)

Green Hunter: 2'3" to 2'6" at the discretion of show management; Open to horses and ponies in their first or second year of showing over fences higher than 2' at any show. A horse or pony's eligibility is limited to two consecutive show years during which time the horse or pony may not show in any division with fences higher than 2'6" or it will lose its Green status. Horses or ponies may be ridden by juniors, amateurs, or professionals. A pony ridden by an adult or professional rider may not cross enter into any Pony Hunter, Junior Equitation, or Junior Medal class at the same show.

Purpose of Rule/Change: There is currently no recognized division where green horses can be judged against their peers and be offered a chance to both learn and be competitive. This is designed to be a stepping stone between 2' Schooling, often without oxers and in the smaller ring where horses may not be able to learn to do the proper step effectively, and the Open/Modified where they will be competing against experienced horses who are largely schooling for other divisions.

Proponent: Meg Halloran

Item 3(a):

Title 12. Conduct of Shows, Chapter 3 Special Provisions – Local Member Shows

(Edit to Existing Rule) **12.3.7.** If a pony showing in a division does not possess a valid measurement card, it must obtain a measurement card at the first GHJA Local Member Show in

which it competes. This card will be valid only at Local Member Shows. If the pony is under **six (6)** years of age, he must get a new card each year until he is **six (6)** years old.

Item 3(b):

Title 13. Measurement

(Edit to Existing Rule) **13.2.** Every animal must be measured each year until it reaches the age of **six (6)** at which time it will be issued a permanent measurement card.

Purpose of Rule: To be consistent with USEF 2020 rule change reverting back to age 6, from age 8, for permanent measurement cards, per USEF effective December 1, 2020.

Proponent: Debby Bandy

Item 4:

Title 11. Recognition of Local Member Shows

Chapter 11.1 Procedure

(Edit to Existing Rule) **11.1.1.** Application: Any **new** show (**never sanctioned by GHJA or one not sanctioned within the past 3 years**) wishing to become a Local Member Show of GHJA must make written application to the Executive Secretary at least **sixty (60) days** prior to the planned event. **An established GHJA show wishing to become a Local Member Show in the current year must make written application to the Executive Secretary at least forty-five (45) days prior to the planned event. Late applicants will be charged double the normal fees.**

Purpose of the Rule: Conversations with Show Standards Committee members and some show managers have determined that the current 60-day application deadline for all local shows is too long, that 45 days is sufficient for recurring shows. However, local shows that have never been sanctioned by GHJA or have been inactive for more than 3 years take longer to process and guide through show preparations, so their application deadline should remain 60 days.

Proponent: Show Standards Committee