



COMMITTEE PURPOSE STATEMENTS AND PRIORITIES

MISSION

Promote, preserve and provide meaningful experiences with Paint Horses.

VALUES

APHA is committed to the following Values:

- Visionary Thinking
- Fostering Camaraderie
- Demonstrating Integrity

APHA GOALS

- Customer – APHA will maximize customer experience.
- Education – APHA will demonstrate educational leadership.
- Finance – APHA will demonstrate financial leadership.

RULES ADVISORY COMMITTEE PURPOSE

The purpose of the Rules Committee is to maintain in a concise and orderly manner the *APHA Rule Book*, which governs the conduct of the business of the American Paint Horse Association. The Rules Committee is responsible for the interpretation of all rules, by direction of the Board of Directors, if any question as to intent or ambiguity arises. The committee functions in an advisory-only capacity with the exception of any powers delegated by the Board of Directors. The functions of the committee are as follows:

1. Responsible for developing rules and strategies to achieve solutions to issues.
2. Review proposed rule changes, additions, or deletions for the by-laws and general rules. Also, initiate rule changes, additions or deletions as deemed appropriate by this committee.
3. Review all proposed rule changes, additions or deletions for conflicts, ambiguities, accuracy, clarity and wording, performing but not limited to the following actions:
 - a. Identify existing rules affected and recommend appropriate resulting rule changes.
 - b. Return rules to originator for further clarification.
 - c. Prepare each proposal in a properly written form for inclusion in the *Rule Book*.
 - d. Route each proposal to the appropriate committee.
 - e. Route to Board of Directors or legal counsel any rules with adverse or legal implications.
4. Receive, review and interpret questions pertaining to the by-laws and rules of the Association.
 - a. Per the action of the Board of Directors, the Rules Committee is to be the official interpreter of any rule about which there is a question, after consideration of the originator's original intent and/or the intent of the governing standing committee and shall make any clarifications it deems necessary or cause a rule change to be submitted accordingly.
5. Review and sample general membership opinion to ensure that APHA continues to be sensitive to the needs of the membership.
6. Prepare and update written procedures and guidelines for conducting committee business.
7. Provide minutes of all meetings. Appoint a committee secretary so that all official meetings are documented.
8. The staff coordinator, at the direction of the chairperson, or his/her designee, is responsible for the timely submission of any standing committee action or matter that requires the review of the Board of Directors.

The APHA receives, records, routes and tracks all rule change proposals received. The Association studies the impact from a time and cost standpoint for all proposed changes and reports its finding to the committee. APHA also monitors current rules and proposed changes for possible problems and/or legal implications and reports them to the proper committee. APHA provides a staff coordinator who maintains the rule change proposals from year-to-year, prepares the proposals for the committee's review, and handles all correspondence related to the rules process, rule changes, and/or coordinates production of the annual Official APHA Rule Book.

RULES ADVISORY COMMITTEE PRIORITIES

- Consolidate the performance sections of the rule book for clarity, efficiency and ease of use for show management, exhibitors and judges. (SP 3 - Customer Experience). Three to five-year plan. 2023 will be year 4 of the project.
- Continue identification of outdated rules, erroneous language, duplications, incorrect references, etc. and handle them appropriately. (SP 3 – Customer Experience)
- Identify and propose appropriate rule change proposals each year to address exceptions to rules that create confusion for show management, exhibitors and judges. (SP 3 - Customer Experience). Three to five-year plan. 2023 will be year 2 of the project.
- Identify and propose appropriate rule change proposals to convert passive voice to active voice, clearly establishing responsibilities. (SP3 – Customer Experience)