

Proposed Administrative Changes for 2012 Rules and Medals books

The following changes should be reviewed with clubs to make sure members are aware of the proposed changes. The horse program committee will vote to formally approve the proposed administrative changes at the January 2012 program meeting.

Administrative Change 1

Applies to: Deadline for entry paperwork for county fair/qualifying event – p. 30

Action: Change specific language 'third Thursday in May' to the more general language 'the horse program meeting which falls closest to six weeks prior to the first day of the event. Superintendent will announce entry deadline no later than the February program meeting.'

Why the change?

For the last several years, the county fair/qualifying event has not had a stable, recurring date. The intent of this change is to allow the entry deadline to be adjusted in relation to the date of the event.

Why is this being proposed as an administrative change?

Not likely to be any serious objection.

Administrative Change 2

Applies to: Adding or changing project horses after the Date of Record but before the fair entry deadline – p. 8

Action: Revise existing language as follows:

In order to be eligible to show at the State 4-H Fair, a project horse certificate must be on file with the permanent number coordinator by the **date of record** of the current project year. The **date of record** is defined as the date 90 days prior to the first day of the county qualifying event.

Add the following language at the bottom of the section 'Declaring Project Horses'

If a member needs to add an additional horse or replace a project horse between the **date of record** and the fair entry deadline, he or she can do so by filing a horse certificate with the permanent number chairperson. A permanent number will be assigned, and the horse may be entered in qualifying shows. If the member wishes to enter the horse in the county fair/qualifying event, he or she may do so provided all the other requirements for entering the horse in the county event are met. Horses added after the date of record are not eligible for state competition.

Why the change?

This change is intended to clarify the specific things a member needs to do to add or replace a project horse between the date of record and the fair entry deadline. It also addresses eligibility of these animals for county and state competition. Situations came up last year which highlighted a grey area with respect to what should happen during that period of time. There is a different rule addressing what a member needs to do to replace or substitute a project horse after it has been entered in the county event.

Why is this being proposed as an administrative change?

Executive Board met and agreed on this interpretation for 2011 with intent to change rule book to match for 2012 unless someone wanted to propose something different.

Administrative Change 3

Applies to: Substituting a different project horse who has met all requirements for the horse originally entered in the fair/qualifying event – p12

Action: Add language specifying that the fair superintendent or designee must be informed when this situation occurs

Why the change?

A member may only enter one animal per county fair division (Performance, Gaming, etc.). The occasional member who has multiple project animals that have met all requirements to be shown at fair may change the animal to be exhibited, but the superintendent or designee needs to know which animal the member will be bringing to the fair. The main reason is so that show paperwork will correctly reflect the exhibitor's number for that animal and the animal's name.

Why is this being proposed as an administrative change?

Clarifies current expectation.