

Date Approved	New / Changed / Deleted	Submitted By	Changes Made	Changed By	Date Board Approved Rule Book Changes	Notes
10.29.22	Changed	Kelly Forell	Corrected Cover Dates / Officer Names and Towns / Table of contents numbering Rule book Numbering / Various alignments and organization throughout rule book. See Tracking Changes	Kelly Forell		This changes with each new rulebook and is not voted on.
10.29.22	Changed	Kelly Forell	#1 - Change all verbiage to appropriate gender-neutral language when applicable.	Kelly Forell		Chapter 1 Required 2/3rd vote of 44 to pass Voting Yes 61 No 4
10.29.22	Changed	Kelly Forell	#1A - To hold a year-end fall show of qualifiers from the various local events held by member clubs approved by this Association and encourage classes for Western horses. This Fall Show may be sponsored by a Member Club.	Kelly Forell		Chapter 1 Required 2/3rd vote of 44 to pass Voting Yes 57 No 9
10.29.22	Changed	Kelly Forell	#1B - The fiscal year of this association shall be from the first of December to the first of December of the following year. Officers and directors elected at the annual meeting shall take office the first of December and serve until the first of December the following year.	Kelly Forell		Chapter II Required Majority of 34 to pass Voting Yes 62 No 8
10.29.22	Changed	Kelly Forell	#3 - The Vice-President shall act for the President in the absence of that officer, and in case of a vacancy in the office of president, they shall fill said office until the next regular election.	Kelly Forell		Chapter II Required Majority of 34 to pass Voting Yes 65 No 1
10.29.22	Changed	Kelly Forell	#5 - The President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint the Secretary. The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of all meetings of the membership of the Board of Directors in a book provided by the association and/or other approved digital format for the purpose. They shall keep accurate record of dues and turn to same to the Treasurer at 30 day intervals and shall perform like duties for committee meetings when so required. They shall be an ex-Officio member of all meetings, regular or special, to the members and Board of Directors and shall perform such other duties as prescribed by the President or Board of Directors.	Kelly Forell		Chapter II Required Majority of 34 to pass Voting Yes 59 No 7

10.29.22	Changed	Kelly Forell	<p>#6 - The Treasurer shall keep a full and accurate account of all receipts and disbursements of the association in a book provided by the association and/or other approved digital format for that purpose. Treasurer shall deposit all moneys of the association and other valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the association in such depository as designated by the Board of Directors. They shall disburse the funds of the association upon order if the executive committee and/or properly directed the President. They shall render to the association at any regular or special meeting if required, a complete account of their transactions as Treasurer and of the financial conditions of the association. They shall furnish a bond, to be paid for by the association, in the sum and with sureties as may be satisfactory to the Board of Directors, for faithful performance of their duties and the restoration or removal from office, all books, papers, vouchers, money or other property belonging to the association.</p>	Kelly Forell		Chapter II Required Majority of 34 to pass Voting Yes 59 No 6
10.29.22	Changed	Kelly Forell	<p>#7 - The President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint the Historian. The responsibilities of the Historian are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Keep all Historical data of the KWAH organization. •Maintain records and revision history of all KWAH forms or documents that require changes. •Any other additional duties as required by the KWAH President and Board of Directors. 	Kelly Forell		Chapter II Required Majority of 34 to pass Voting Yes 64 No 1
10.29.22	Changed	Kelly Forell	<p>#8 - The election of officers and directors shall be held at the annual meeting. The Nominating committee, which must consist of at least three members from different localities, shall provide candidates to fill existing vacancies. Other nominations may be made from the floor.</p>	Kelly Forell		Chapter II Required Majority of 34 to pass Voting Yes 51 No 15
10.29.22	Changed	Kelly Forell	<p>#9 - The delegates present at the annual or any regular meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, providing notices have been sent via mail, e-mail, and/or text to all member clubs at least five days previous to the meeting.</p>	Kelly Forell		Chapter II Required Majority of 34 to pass Voting Yes 59 No 7

10.29.22	Changed	Kelly Forell	#9A - Five or more members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and the act of the majority of the members present, being five or more, at board meetings shall be the act of the Board of Directors unless the act of a greater number is required by-law or by the by-laws. The Board of Directors shall be notified of the meeting and its purpose at least five days previous to the meeting via mail, e-mail, and/or text message.	Kelly Forell		Chapter II Required Majority of 34 to pass Voting Yes 54 No 8
10.29.22	Changed	Kelly Forell	#9B - The majority of the executive committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A notice of the meeting and its purpose must be sent via mail, e-mail, and/or text to committee members at least five days prior to such meeting.	Kelly Forell		Required Majority of 34 to pass Voting Yes 56 No 7
10.29.22	New	Kelly Forell	#11 - All meetings shall be governed by Robert's Rules/parliamentary procedure.	Kelly Forell		Chapter II Voted on at Board Meeting 1.7.23 that rule passed at general meeting. Voting Yes 39 No 25
10.29.22	New	Kelly Forell	#14 - The president, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint the Parliamentarian. The responsibilities of the Parliamentarian are as follow: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To Advise the President with questions on parliamentary law and matter of procedure. • If appointee is not a member of the current Board of Directors, they will not have voting rights. 	Kelly Forell		Chapter II Voted on at Board Meeting 1.7.23 that rule passed at general meeting. Voting Yes 40 No 26
10.29.22	New	Renee Nichols	#15 - The Rules Committee may reject any proposed rule change if the information is not correctly entered into the rule change form or if the rule affects other rules in the rulebook that have been submitted. If rejected, the individual that submitted the change will be notified	Kelly Forell		Chapter II Required Majority of 34 to pass Voting Yes 57 No 8
10.29.22	New	Renee Nichols	#15A - The Rules Committee may submit changes to the Board of Directors on a rule change form, to edit grammar, punctuation, gender, or other conflicting areas in the rule book (i.e., patterns that do not match verbiage) that does not change the intent of the rule or the function of the rule book and is approved with a 2/3 majority vote of the Board of Directors. New rule books will not be printed for these types of changes but will be updated on the digital version on the website.	Kelly Forell		Chapter II Required Majority of 34 to pass Voting Yes 46 No 19
10.29.22	New	Renee Nichols	#15B - The Rules Committee will be responsible to keep on file all rule changes submitted and the outcome of those changes. A revision history record of all changes made to the rule book will be kept with the past rule book and submitted rule changes.	Kelly Forell		Chapter II Required Majority of 34 to pass Voting Yes 66 No 0

10.29.22	Change	Renee Nichols	#16 - Proposed changes in the rules and regulations of the KWHA must be submitted to the Board of Directors and in the hands of the Rules Committee via e-mail, hand delivered, or postmarked on or before August 1st of even numbered years in order for them to be considered. A copy of the proposed rules changes will be sent to each Saddle Club via e-mail or US Mail at least 30 days before the annual meeting. Author of the rule change may submit a verbal amendment to the original submitted rule change if present at the annual meeting, otherwise the rule changes must be voted on as written.	Kelly Forell		Chapter III Voted on at Board Meeting 1.7.23 that rule passed at general meeting. Voting Yes 41 No 25
10.29.22	Change	Renee Nichols	#17 - To compete in the KWHA State Show, a contestant must have accumulated a total of a minimum of 4 points in an event or competed in an event 4 times as a unit of rider and saddle club from member shows throughout the year for each event entered. These entries will be made on valid KWHA entry forms and sent along with a check to the Points Recorder by the Saddle Club Secretary.	Kelly Forell		Chapter III Voted on at Board Meeting 1.7.23 that rule passed at general meeting. Voting Yes 34 No 32
10.29.22	Changed	Tammy Clouston	#18 - In all timed events, the contestant's time will be announced as soon as it is received from the official timer. Official timekeepers shall keep a record of times recorded for contestants. Any contestant questioning their announced time in any event must make complaint at the announcing stand before the close of the day's show. If a contestant is disqualified, they shall not receive a placing. There is no reride requirement to complete 4 places.	Kelly Forell		Chapter III Required Majority of 34 to pass Voting Yes 49 No 16
10.29.22	Delete	Renee Nichols	#20 - Page 13, Chp III, Sec O Duplicate rule Chp VI Sec V Point System	Kelly Forell		Chapter III Required Majority of 34 to pass Voting Yes 66 No 0
10.29.22	Changed	Tammy Clouston	#21 - Rules shall be carefully studied prior to the show by both Judge and contestants. Judges may be provided with a scorecard listing contestant's number only. Riders shall show horses as their number is called if directed to do so. Winners shall be announced upon receiving awards. All KWHA shows shall consist of only events listed in the official rulebook.	Kelly Forell		Chapter III Required Majority of 34 to pass Voting Yes 51 No 10
10.29.22	Changed	Renee Nichols	#22 - When a horse is used in consecutive judged, running, or team events, all tack changes must be made at the arena gate.	Kelly Forell		Chapter III Required Majority of 34 to pass Voting Yes 53 No 13
10.29.22	Changed	Renee Nichols	#23 - Contestant or horse may not be shown more than one time per age group in an event.	Kelly Forell		Chapter III Required Majority of 34 to pass Voting Yes 54 No 11
10.29.22	Delete	Kelly Forell	#23A - page 15, Chp III, HH Delete covered in the rule change #23 letter V	Kelly Forell		Chapter III Required Majority of 34 to pass Voting Yes 60 No 5

10.29.22	Delete	Renee Nichols	#24 - page 14, Chp III, Sec BB Delete reference to synthetic tail	Kelly Forell		Chapter III Required Majority of 34 to pass Voting Yes 60 No 6
10.29.22	Change	Renee Nichols	#24A - 7. Equipment that will cause a horse & rider major deduction. A. Wire curbs regardless of how padded or covered. B. Martingales, tie-downs, cavesson. C. Loping reins.	Kelly Forell		Chapter IV Required Majority of 34 to pass Voting Yes 56 No 8
10.29.22	New	Matt Park	#25 - Age groups shall be judged as follows: 1-9 inclusive, 10-13 inclusive, 14-17 inclusive, Women, Sr. Women, Men, and Sr. Men.	Kelly Forell		Chapter IV Required Majority of 34 to pass Voting Yes 57 No 9
10.29.22	New	Matt Park	#25A - In the 1-9 group, a simple horsemanship pattern shall be used.	Kelly Forell		Chapter IV Required Majority of 34 to pass Voting Yes 48 No 18
10.29.22	Delete	Tammy Clouston	#27 - Page 16 Chp III Sec QQ Delete duplicate rule covered in judged events	Kelly Forell		Chapter III Required Majority of 34 to pass Voting Yes 35 No 31
10.29.22	Change	Tammy Clouston	#28 - Western attire is required to participate in judged events. Western attire includes western hat or protective headgear, long sleeved shirt, pants or jeans, and cowboy boots. The hat must be on the rider's head when the exhibitor enters the arena (judge may overrule wearing of hats due to inclement weather). Use of gloves, ties, spurs, chaps, vest or coats is optional. Participants will not receive any placing if not wearing western attire. Four placings are not required.	Kelly Forell		Chapter IV Required Majority of 34 to pass Voting Yes 66 No 0
10.29.22	New	Kelly Forell	#29 - Host clubs may establish their own ground rules to support the host facility and for safety reasons. No ground rules should be in violation of any KWHA rules.	Kelly Forell		Chapter III Required Majority of 34 to pass Voting Yes 47 No 19
10.29.22	Change	Matt Park	#31 - 6. Run to center marker and stop. / 12. & 13. Run at full speed to end marker.	Kelly Forell		Chapter IV Required Majority of 34 to pass Voting Yes 64 No 2
10.29.22	Change	Kelly Forell	#32 - A. Rider to be five years of age and under. B. Horse may be of any size. C. Horse to be led by an adult, 18 years of age or older, and shown at a walk only. D. Appearance of leader, rider, and horse to count 50% and horsemanship to count 50%.	Kelly Forell		Chapter IV Required Majority of 34 to pass Voting Yes 66 No 0
10.29.22	Delete	Tammy Clouston	#33 - Page 27 Chp IV Sec III Delete stallions covered in Chp III for Juniors	Kelly Forell		Chapter IV Required Majority of 34 to pass Voting Yes 66 No 0
10.29.22	Delete	Tammy Clouston	#33A - Page 29 Chp IV Sec VIII Delete Stallions cover in Chp III for Juniors	Kelly Forell		Chapter IV Required Majority of 34 to pass Voting Yes 66 No 0

10.29.22	Change	Renee Nichols	#35 - Page 27, Chp IV, Sec IV Delete Parade Mounted	Kelly Forell		Chapter IV Required Majority of 34 to pass Voting Yes 66 No 0
10.29.22	Change	Renee Nichols	#36 - In all judged events must wear cowboy boots, western hat, long sleeved shirt, jeans or pants. In all race events may wear a short-sleeved shirt. Hat is also optional.	Kelly Forell		Chapter VI Required Majority of 34 to pass Voting Yes 66 No 0
10.29.22	Change	Renee Nichols	#39A - The KWAH State Secretary shall send official blank horse show entry forms at the beginning of each show season. The entry forms shall be sent either electronically or paper copy to all listed saddle club secretaries. The hosting saddle club secretary will print ample copies of their entry forms and showbills for their approved KWAH show. All entry forms shall be sent from the U.S. Post Office or similar service with "electronic tracking", emailed with "electronic receipt", or hand delivered and "receive a receipt" from the Points Recorder within 15 days after the show. A copy of the showbill listing the number of places given in each event will accompany the entries. Four places will not be awarded if there are not four qualified rides or enough entries in that event. This showbill must be signed by the Recording Secretary of the show, the Horse Show Manager, Judges, or other authorized local horse show officials. The Points Recorder shall have the responsibility of tabulating the winning contestant's points and recording all the contestant's names listing the events that the contestant rode in. Points will be reported as follows: first place receives 4 points; second place receives 3 points; third place receives 2 points; fourth place receives 1 point. Saddle Club points for yearend awards will be the combined total of all contestants that rode under that saddle club.	Kelly Forell		Chapter VI Required Majority of 34 to pass Voting Yes 65 No 1
10.29.22	Delete	Renee Nichols	#40 - Page 46, Chp VI, Sec VII Delete Duplicate rule page 11, Chp III, Sec E	Kelly Forell		Chapter VI Required Majority of 34 to pass Voting Yes 66 No 0
10.29.22	Change	Tammy Clouston	#44 - In heated races, riders will be disqualified for failure to complete pattern or knocking over a keg or barrel except in the final heat of a race. Riders that disqualify in the final heat shall not receive a placing. No contestant shall be disqualified because of faulty event properties.	Kelly Forell		Chapter V Required Majority of 34 to pass Voting Yes 47 No 19
10.29.22	Delete	Tammy Clouston	#45 - Page 30 Chp V, Sec B - Delete covered in A	Kelly Forell		Chapter V Required Majority of 34 to pass Voting Yes 66 No 0

10.29.22	Change	Kelly Forell	#46 - Contestants may be assisted into the arena, but no assistance will be permitted to the starting line in a heated race.	Kelly Forell		Chapter V Required Majority of 34 to pass Voting Yes 66 No 0
10.29.22	Change	Kelly Forell	#47 - In all heat races, there will be one visible chalk lines at the starting and turning line.	Kelly Forell		Chapter V Required Majority of 34 to pass Voting Yes 66 No 0
10.29.22	Change	Tammy Clouston	#48 - Each entry will consist of two riders and two horses. Each rider holds on to end of burlap sack. They race to the opposite end of the arena, around two 55-gallon barrels and back across the finish line. This is a timed event. Team crosses starting line at a running start. Letting loose of the sack before both members of the team cross the finish line, will result in disqualification. Approximately 110- yards course. Barrels should be approximately 30 feet apart or more.	Kelly Forell		Chapter V Required Majority of 34 to pass Voting Yes 66 No 0
10.29.22	Change	Renee Nichols	#50 - 3. In the case where there are not four qualified rides in the event, a re-ride will not be awarded and only those qualified rides will receive placings in the event.	Kelly Forell		Chapter V Required Majority of 34 to pass Voting Yes 66 No 0
10.29.22	Change	Perry Owens	#51 - It is a timed race with only one horse at a time. Three barrels are set up as follows: Two barrels are set 75 feet apart and parallel with the starting line crosswise with the arena, and 40 feet from starting line; the third barrel midway between the first two barrels and 125 feet further down the field. In running this race start at the starting line at a standing or running start, contestant may go to either right or left barrel first but must make one right and two left turns, or one left and two right turns before proceeding back across the starting line.	Kelly Forell		Chapter V Required Majority of 34 to pass Voting Yes 66 No 0
10.29.22	Change	Perry Owens	#52 - Timed event. Regulation distance is 165 feet. Mounted contestant pulls other contestant on cowhide across starting line, around barrel at turning line and back across starting line. Hide rider must cross finish line in contact with the cowhide. Team will be disqualified for not making a right or left hand turn around barrel, if rope is tied hard and fast to saddle, if rider falls off hide or rope comes loose from horn and falls to ground. Safety helmets are required by hide riders. The cowhide drag is to be made with rubber matting 3 feet wide and 6 feet long. Secure a 2x4, 3 feet long to one side of the cowhide and secure a loop of rope to both ends of the 2x4. The center of this loop is where a long rope is tied; also, a piece of rope about 18 inches long is tied to the center of board leaving a loose end for the rider to hold onto.	Kelly Forell		Chapter V Required Majority of 34 to pass Voting Yes 54 No 12

10.29.22	New	Tammy Clouston	#55 - In all times or race events, contestants must wear cowboy boots or heeled-western equestrian sports shoes, jeans or pants, short or long-sleeved shirts, t-shirts or tank tops. No tube tops or sports bras permitted while running an event. Chaps and spurs are optional.	Kelly Forell		Chapter V Required Majority of 34 to pass Voting Yes 66 No 0
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1.7.23	Changed	Renee Nichols	Chapter II Article III Section V. The Board of Directors shall consist of Vice-President, the Advisor, Treasurer, two Jr. Representatives (14-18) and twelve members elected by the voting body, to be chosen from the various communities of the State to the end, that the Board may be representatives of the State as a whole. The Board of Directors who shall meet as often as deemed necessary shall manage the business, activities and property of the association. Meetings other than the annual meeting may be called at any time by the President, executive committee, or on written request of a majority of the Board of Directors. Due to death or resignation of both President and Vice-President the Board of Directors may elect a new President out of the existing Board of Directors.	Kelly Forell		11 Board Member Present for Vote, Required 2/3 Majority (8) Voting Yes 11 No 0
1.7.23	Changed	Renee Nichols	Chapter III, Section AA. The Juniors will be divided into the following age groups: 1 to 9 inclusive; 10 to 13 inclusive; 14 to 17 inclusive. In the following events: Junior Queen, Junior Hay Race, Junior Bareback Horsemanship, Junior 220 and 440 races, the age groups shall be 17 years and under.	Kelly Forell		11 Board Member Present for Vote, Required 2/3 Majority (8) Voting Yes 11 No 0
1.7.23	Delete	Renee Nichols	Chapter IV Section I Letter F duplicates the age groups on Chapter III Section AA. No need for duplication.	Kelly Forell		11 Board Member Present for Vote, Required 2/3 Majority (8) Voting Yes 11 No 0
1.7.23	Changed	Renee Nichols	Chapter IV Section I Letter G. 1-9 Age Group will run 1-9 Reining Patterns provided in Rule Book.	Kelly Forell		11 Board Member Present for Vote, Required 2/3 Majority (8) Voting Yes 11 No 0

1.7.23	Changed	Renee Nichols	Chapter IV Section I Pattern 3 Clarify the Pattern Not to Scale and Defined Wording for pattern instructions.	Kelly Forell	11 Board Member Present for Vote, Required 2/3 Majority (8) Voting Yes 11 No 0
1.7.23	Changed	Shawn Kohr	Chapter VI Section VII Letter A To compete at KWHHA State Show, a contestant must have accumulated a total of a minimum of 4 points or competed in an event 4 times as a unit of rider and saddle club from member shows throughout the year for each event entered. These entries will be made on valid KWHHA entry forms and sent along with a check to the Points Recorder by the Saddle Club Secretary.	Kelly Forell	11 Board Member Present for Vote, Required 2/3 Majority (8) Voting Yes 11 No 0
1.7.23	Delete	Renee Nichols	Chapter VI Section VII Letter B Delete to remove conflict of needing a veterinarian certificate to use a different horse as no need since it is rider saddle club.	Kelly Forell	11 Board Member Present for Vote, Required 2/3 Majority (8) Voting Yes 11 No 0

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