

KWHA members and secretaries,

I hope everyone is having a good start to the new year. I know I am ready for spring to be here and for it to bring better riding weather our way. I wanted to start the conversation relating to rule changes that will impact KWHA in the 2023 season, as there were a couple of changes that the pass/fail status was incorrectly reported at the general meeting. This was due to an error in a handwritten note at the bottom that was intended to help clarify the vote threshold, as Constitution changes require a 2/3 majority vote. In contrast, by-law changes require a lower simple majority to ratify. The same process that was used to tabulate and record votes was completed on all items that were voted on, and the record is available for review. The rule change submittals were distributed before the meeting but are available if needed.

These changes will result in some differences in how and what the secretaries will need to provide to the points recorder. Such as, all riders that compete in an event will need to be submitted, as the requirement to qualify for state show has changed from 4 points as a unit of rider, horse, and saddle club to four points in each event or, to compete in the event at least four times at member shows throughout the year as a unit of rider and saddle club. This means that all riders that compete must be submitted so that an accurate record can be kept of events competed in, as well as the traditional points earned. The changes have been reviewed by the Rules Committee and have been accepted and incorporated into the rule book. Additionally, the rules committee reviewed identified areas of conflict, and/or areas that needed to be cleaned up. The Rules Committee utilized provisions approved this year that allow the rules committee to make changes at a regularly scheduled board meeting. The new guidance instructs that changes made in this manner must not change the rule's intent or the rule book's function and is approved with a 2/3 majority vote of the Board of Directors. The additional changes made using this process were reviewed by the Rules Committee and presented to the Board of Directors for consideration. All changes passed and have been incorporated into the rulebook. All forms are available for review.

Please feel free to reach out to me or to contact another member of the rules committee or the Board of Directors if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shawn Kohr", with a long, sweeping underline.

Shawn Kohr

Chairman, KWHA Rules Committee