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### Proposed Rule Changes Due January 1<sup>st</sup> of the Current Convention Year

Proposed Rule Changes to be brought before the National Convention must be sent to the Director of Operations to send to the Rules Committee who will review the submissions for duplication, clarity and conflict with existing rules.

All submissions must be postmarked on or before January 1 of the current Convention year so that they may go through the appropriate process and be able to be printed in the October issue of *The Journal*. All items **MUST BE** submitted on the following proposal form. All copies must be signed and must include the submitter's ASPC/AMHR membership number.

#### **NO ITEMS WILL BE INTRODUCED FROM THE FLOOR AT CONVENTION!**

Proposed ASPC/AMHR Rule Change (Please type or print – Must include Section, Article Part & Item Info)  
Section, Article, Part & Item Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Page # \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate: Add or Delete: \_\_\_\_\_

**Proposed Rule Change** (provide desired language and intent of rule):

Number of Judges Allowed Per Show:

1 Modern, Modern Pleasure, American Show Ponies, AMHR, NSPPR, Classic and Foundation are limited to a maximum of two (2) Judges over a weekend or two (2) day period. No more than 2 judges are to be allowed to judge and be in the show ring at the same time on the same day.

**Reason/Justification for Rule Change** (provide brief description of why this needs changed/added)

1 This puts undo pressure on small clubs financially. They feel that in order to compete with other clubs, they must hire four (4) judges and many clubs have had to fold due to unsuccessful shows bankrupting them.

2 Area National shows that go against a four-judge show, lose attendance due to the number of points awarded. Area shows lose the prestige that once was held.

\*\*\* Please see additional notes\*\*

Proposed Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Committees/Rules that will be effected by change: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by (please provide best contact info for questions/clarifications)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Member# \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

3 Affects the ASPC/ASPR futurities. By allowing other shows to offer more points because of more judges, people don't attend the Area National Shows and therefore don't support the Futurity Program.

4 The ability to earn so many points at these shows has devalued the Hall Of Fame program. If a pony can receive a HOF the first show of it's 2-year-old season, the prestige of the HOF has been diminished. In the past, breeders and exhibitors showed for years to attain a HOF, making this a prestigious award. And, we see more and more instances of the throw-away ponies. They are not promoted to exhibit their talents (most don't come to their full potential until they have matured to 5 or 6).

5 I believe that we will see more competition for our shows because exhibitors will have to attend more shows to attain points if they desire to HOF their ponies/horses.