

**PROPOSED RULE CHANGES
DUE JANUARY 1 of the CURRENT CONVENTION YEAR**

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

All submissions are due to the Director of Operations by January 1 of the current Convention year so that they may go through the appropriate process and still be printed in the October issue. All items **MUST BE** submitted on the following proposal form. You may make copies of the form as needed. All copies must be signed and **must** include the submitter's ASPC/AMHR membership number.

Remember, you must submit your idea by January 1 of the current Convention year.

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PROPOSED ASPC/AMHR RULE CHANGE

(Please type or print – Must include Section, Article Part & Item info)

Section, Article, part & Item Number: VII - JUDGES 1.4B Page # 6

Indicate: Add or Delete: DELETE

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

DELETE SECTION VII - JUDGES 1.4 RULES GOVERNING JUDGES
ITEM B

REMOVE "NO JUDGE MAY OFFICIATE IN ANY COMPETITION IN
WHICH A FAMILY MEMBER IS A MANAGER AT AN
RECOGNIZED ASPC/AMHR/ASPR SHOW."

Reason/Justification for Rule Change (provide brief description of why this rule needs to be changed or added):

SEE ATTACHED

Proposed Effective Date: IMMEDIATELY

Committees or Rules that will be effected by proposed change JUDGES

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

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**Mail to the Director of Operations
by January 1 of current Convention year**

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ASPC/AMHR/ASPR RULE CHANGE PROPOSAL

Change to Section VII – Judges - Section 1.4 Regulations Governing Judges – Part B

My proposed rule change is to delete Section VII – Judges; Section 1.4 Regulations Governing Judges; Part B from the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR Rulebook. This section of the rulebook states:

“No Judge may officiate in any competition in which a family member is a manager at a recognized ASPC/AMHR/ASPR Show.”

Reason/Justification:

We already state in Section VII, Section 1.4 C that “No member of a Judge’s family or any of their clients may compete as an exhibitor, rider, driver, handler or owner of lessee in any division unless relationship is terminated 30 days prior to the competition.” Since it clearly states that no member of a judge’s family may exhibit under them, I can see no conflict of interest in having a judge related to a show manager. In fact, ASPC/AMHR/ASPR already allows the following:

Judges who are related to each other working at the same event.
Judges and stewards who are related working at the same event.
Stewards and show managers who are related working at the same event.
Allows horses owned by show managers to be shown under the judges they hired as long as the show manager does not exhibit them.

Why the problem with judges being related to show managers when there is a rule that prohibits their relatives from showing at the event they are judging?

Example of this rule causing a hardship:

Several of the clubs I work for have asked me to submit for this change. My daughter, Vanessa Mullen, is an AMHR carded judge and they would like the opportunity to hire her on occasion. I manage approximately 16 events each season. There are only three carded judges in North Carolina, my home state. The East Coast Miniature Horse Club would like to take advantage of hiring her on occasion as she lives in their home state, but cannot as I manage all of their horse shows. The Orange Blossom Club in Florida asked if they could hire her last year, but could not as I manage all the ASPC/AMHR/ASPR Shows in Florida. The Old Dominion Club of Virginia has asked to hire her, but could not. They host the only show in Virginia and since I am their show manager, she cannot work there. I also manage the only show in Pennsylvania hosted by the Chambersburg Saddle Club. Therefore, she cannot work in Pennsylvania. I also manage the only AMHR Show in New Mexico which excludes her from working there. In addition, I also manage four events in Ohio and one in Kentucky for two different miniature horse clubs who would like to use her on occasion. Basically, she is excluded from judging in NC, PA, VA, FL, NM, and much of OH and KY. Hardly fair for a judge located on the East Coast.

The clubs I work for (OBMHC, TSMHC, MAMHC, ODMHC, LEMHC, ECMHC and the Chambersburg Saddle Club) have asked that I submit this rule change to allow them the opportunity to hire a judge without having to make a choice between hiring the judge or the show manager. They do not see a conflict of interest. In fact, the majority of these clubs give me a list each year of potential judges (i.e. I do not pick them). They would like the opportunity to choose whichever judge they want to be able to take advantage of hiring a judge who lives close rather than having to hire ones located further away. If there are concerns about overuse of a judge, please consider that all events I manage are AMHA/ASPC/AMHR back to back and AMHA will not allow a show to use the same judge two years in a row (which should eliminate that consideration).

I would ask the membership of ASPC/AMHR/ASPR and the Judges Committee to consider this rule change as I see no conflict of interest and as stated before, we are already allowing judges to be related, stewards and judges to be related and stewards and show managers to be related.