

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Extraordinary	9/1/2024	4/8/2024	

Extraordinary Change Reason

This rule change is extraordinary as it already has been approved by PFHA for their rulebook in order for riders to be able to meet the qualification requirements for the Confepaso Mundial International Competition. If this rule change is not put into effect, there will be a year span of time where exhibitors at USEF Paso Shows will be in the incorrect age groupings for the PFHA US Team for the International Confepaso Mundial. This change is necessary to align the USEF and PFHA age groups to provide riders with ample opportunities to qualify.

Rule Change Intent

PFHA fields a US Team for the Confepaso Mundial International Competition, in which the age groups listed in this proposal aligns the age groups required for the international competition. This rule change allows for the requirements to be met for those students that are practicing, qualifying, and applying for PFHA's US Team.

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Linked Rules	Comments
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Committee Actions

## SUBCHAPTER PF-2 PASO FINO YOUTH SECTION

### PF119 International Paso Equitation

The Paso Horse Equitation highlights the style, grace, rhythm of the Paso horse, and the special relationship between the horse and rider. Paso Equitation is the art of effectively and correctly riding a horse using effective aids to achieve the best performance of the horse while maintaining correct posture, seat and balance that enhances the oneness between rider and horse. This event is judged 100% on the international equitation parameters and rules as defined herein.

Results as shown by the performance of the horse are not to be considered more important than the method, skills and aids used in obtaining the best performance of the horse.

**1. Class Separation: Classes may be offered as an Open class or can be divided into age groups as follows:**

**a. Divided into International Paso Equitation Mini (4-5), International Paso Equitation (6-8), International Paso Equitation (9-11), International Paso Equitation (12-14), International Paso Equitation (15-17)**

**b. Divided into International Paso Equitation Mini (4-8), International Paso Equitation (9-12), International Paso Equitation (13-17)**

**1. The "mini" category must use a protective riding vest without any posture aids.**

**2. In the 4-5 and 6-8 age groups, there should be a minimum of four helpers in the arena for safety, designated by the Technical Committee, and music kept low.**

4.2. Riders Position while the Horse is in Motion: (...)

2.3. Posture: (...)

3.4. Seat: (...)

4.5. Head: (...)

5.6. Back: (...)

6.7. Arm and Hand Position: (...)

7.8. Leg and Feet Position: (...)

8.9. Judging Criteria: (...)

9.10. Class Procedures (...)

## SUBCHAPTER PF-2 PASO FINO YOUTH SECTION

### PF107 Class Separations

**1. Any youth class may be offered as open to all youth or may be divided into age groups as follows: (Exception: International Paso Equitation, see PF119.1)**

**a. Divided into Junior Youth (13-17) and into Sub-junior Youth (7-12)**

**b. Divided into Junior Youth Level I (13-15), Junior Youth Level II (16-17), Sub-junior Youth Level I (7-9) and Sub-junior Youth Level II (10-12)**