



Process for rule proposals:

This form must be completed when a BCCTRA member is proposing a new rule or rule change. The form must be submitted to the Rule Caretaker no later than June 30. The rule caretaker will ensure that the language of the proposed rule is clear and ready for voting on by the membership and that it includes rationale for the change. They will process all rules electronically (via email) and send to the Secretary (who forwards to web master) and to the Newsletter Editor in time for the fall issue and in time for review and voting on rules at the Fall AGM of the society.

Note:

- Please ensure you cite the most current rulebook on the BCCTRA website when making rule proposals.
- An example of a rule change proposal is included at the bottom of this form for reference.

Name of BCCTRA member making rule proposal: _____

Membership # _____ Date submitted: _____

Is this a rule change or new rule proposal?

_____ **New rule** – see below

What section of the rulebook should this new rule appear within? (i.e. section 11.2)

_____ **Rule change** - see below

What section of the rulebook is this rule proposal seeking change to? (i.e. Section 1.3)

Rule proposal description:

Please describe in CLEAR LANGUAGE AS IT WOULD APPEAR IN THE RULEBOOK the nature of this proposal.

Rationale:

Rule changes or additions must be done with some rationale. Please include a detailed list of the reasons why this rule change would strengthen the BCCTRA rulebook.

Example rule change

Rule Change: Section 15.1

Change from: "Ties will not be broken. Additional ribbons will be ordered and presented for tie placing."

Change to: In order to break a tie in the placings, the closest optimal finish time will be used."

Rationale:

When two riders have exact points, breaking the tie using their "optimum" time in is a good idea for three main reasons:

1. Coming in on the optimum time demonstrates the rider's ability to know the pace of their horse and the necessary amount of ride time to complete their ride as perfectly as possible. The rider and horse are in forward motion, and the rider must know exactly how long it should take to ride the final 2 miles before they cross the finish line.
2. The experienced rider often strives for a perfect "optimum" time in. This will better reward the effort of the riders who have succeeded in coming in exactly on, or closest to their optimum time. Rather than a rider who comes in just less than 10 minutes before or just before their 10 minutes after.
3. With the current rules when you have a tie in any placing, for example first place, the second place is skipped, and then the next placing jumps to third. This still comes down to first, second and third.
Example: Riders (A) & (B) have the same points and in a tie scenario. One rider (A) has come in 1 minute past their "optimum" time, and the other rider (B) has come in 7 minutes past, but still within their window, the (A) rider would be placed before (B) rider. Rider (B) would be second place, and the next higher point rider would receive third place.

When complete – please send this form to Rule Caretaker Lauren Styles electronically at laureenstyles@yahoo.ca no later than June 30, 2009 for voting at the Fall AGM.