



FROM THE CHAIRMAN



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THE COLOR RULE HAS PASSED!!!!

We finally have passed a rule that addresses our current problem of no color on the track in our industry's biggest races. I have received many calls regarding the implications of this rule and will dedicate this column to answering questions and hopefully make the new rule as easy to understand as possible.

The Board of Directors at the APHA National Convention on September 30 passed the new rule, which will go into effect beginning with our 2012 breeding season. The rule reads as follows:

D. Registration Requirements for Stakes Race

To establish eligibility to participate in stakes races, all APHA registered horses foaled on or after January 1, 2013, must meet the following requirements:

1. APHA Regular Registry Paint Horses must have at least one APHA Regular Registry Paint Horse in the first generation.

2. APHA Solid Paint-Bred Horses must have at least one APHA Regular Registry Paint Horse in the first generation AND must have at least one APHA Regular Registry Paint Horse in the second generation.

This rule was developed by the Racing Committee. As passed, the rule achieves many of the Racing Committee's goals of bringing color back to the track. Simply put, if your foal qualifies for registration in the Regular Registry, then your foal only has to have one Regular Registry horse in the first generation to be eligible to run in stakes races. If your foal qualifies for registration as a Solid Paint-Bred, then you must be able to circle in your foal's pedigree at least one Regular Registry horse in the first generation and at least one Regular Registry horse in the second generation to be eligible to compete in stakes races.

In order to illustrate the current problem of lack of color on the track and to apply the new rule to known horses, I prepared a chart on the facing page of the current 2011 top 20 money-earning horses to show how the rule would work. This is for illustration purposes only, and **the new rule does not affect any foals born before January 1, 2013.**

In the list, the following symbols are used to identify each horse: SPB is Solid Paint-Bred, O is Overo, T is Tobiano, Tov is tovero, AQHA is Quarter Horse and TB is Thoroughbred. I have identi-

fied each of the top 20 horses in order and have listed their sire, dam and the Regular Registry horses appearing in their second generation that would qualify them for stakes races pursuant to the new rule. If the horse did not have a qualifying Regular Registry horse in the second generation, then I indicated "none" and bolded the horse to indicate that under the new rule, if said horse had been born after January 1, 2013, the horse would not be eligible for stakes races.

As many of us know, color has always been an issue we have had to deal with in our industry. Genetics tells us when we breed a non-homozygous tobiano to a solid, we have a 50 percent chance of producing color. This list is a great illustration of the dilemma we are faced with as breeders. Eight of the top 20 earners were the result of having at least one tobiano parent. Based on genetics, the expectation would be that at least 50 percent of the horses would have color, but for this crop only two, or 25 percent, had color. Based on the law of averages, over time the use of one non-homozygous tobiano in our breeding program will give us 50 percent color. That percentage increases to a 75 percent chance of color if two non-homozygous tobianos are used to produce a foal. Streakin Seven is the perfect example of this type of breeding.

The only way to guarantee color 100 percent of the time is to use a homozygous tobiano in the breeding program. Unfortunately, it has been awhile since we have had a homozygous stallion jump to the top of the stat pages, which would encourage more of us to take advantage of the color guarantee. Traditionally, we have recognized the problem of only 50 percent color when breeding a non-homozygous tobiano to a Solid Paint-Bred, Quarter Horse or Thoroughbred by allowing Solid Paint-Bred foals to compete in stakes races, and this will continue under the new rule.

The dropout Regular Registry Paint Horse has increased the lack of color on the track. As shown in the chart and as seen in the trend of our registration records, more and more foals are resulting from the practice of breeding a dropout Regular Registry Paint Horse to a Quarter Horse or a Thoroughbred. Science indicates that this type of cross will produce color at a rate that is much less than the 50 percent of non-homozygous tobianos.

Name of Horse	Sire	Dam	2 nd Generation Regular Registry Qualifying Horse
Flashthechicks (SPB)	Royal Quick Flash (O)	Game Chicken (SPB)	Kickin Chicken (T)
BP Cartels Paint (SPB)	Cartel Success (AQHA)	Baileys N Sunsets (O)	Real Easy Cash (T)
SW Eye Candy (SPB)	Country Chicks Man (AQHA)	Ms Painted Eyeopener (O)	None
Runaway Argus (SPB)	Royal Quick Flash (O)	Giddy Up (SPB)	Treasured Too (T)
The Cock of the Walk (SPB)	Royal Quick Flash (O)	Corona Lace (SPB)	White Lace (T)
Flash Of Silk (SPB)	Royal Quick Flash (O)	Judys Silk (SPB)	Judys Lineage (T)
Fly Shari Fly (SPB)	Fly Jess Fly (AQHA)	Western Memories (T)	Western Music (T)
Rio Rojo Jessie (SPB)	Feature Mr Jess (AQHA)	Call Me Silking (O)	None
PF Chief Runnin Bear (T)	Grand Point (T)	SC Running Cloud (AQHA)	Yes It Is (T)
Barney Ofield (SPB)	Judys Lineage (T)	Shero (SPB)	Texas Hero (T)/Judys Chick (T)
Forever Chrome (SPB)	Awesome Chrome (O)	Treasures Forever (AQHA)	None
Prize Jive (SPB)	Country Quick Dash (O)	Fast Mans Prize (AQHA)	None
Junglebell (SPB)	Jungle Jet (O)	Jezebellway (T)	Texas Moon Pie (T)/Reunete(Tov)
Spotless Redneck (SPB)	Judys Lineage (T)	Shero(SPBB)	Texas Hero(T)/Judys Chick (T)
Two Timin Trixie (SPB)	Dos Poruno (O)	Domestic Disturbance (SPB)	Judys Lineage (T)
Mambo Quick Step (SPB)	Royal Quick Flash (O)	Mambo Fever (TB)	None
Streakin Seven (T)	Texas Six (T)	Royal Quick Deal (T)	Texas Hero(T)/Ms Steal the Deal(T)
Quick Caydee (SPB)	Country Quick Dash (O)	Audacious (SPB)	Judys Lineage(T)
Special Sign (SPB)	Special Leader (AQHA)	Signs of Summer (T)	Indian Summer Too (T)
Crazy Mother Trucker (SPB)	Sweet First Down (AQHA)	Texas Fourwinds (T)	Texas Hero (T)

This practice has become a threat to our breed, which is founded on color. It is important to note those who breed their cropout Regular Registry Paint horse to a Quarter Horse or Thoroughbred will be able to race their resulting foal in stakes races only if the resulting foal qualifies for registration in the Regular Registry. The new rule simply shifts the risk of not getting color to the breeder. Further, it is important to understand that the new rule only applies to stakes races and does not affect a horse's ability to compete in non-stakes races.

In the chart, we see that five of the top 20 horses would not be eligible if the new rule were in effect now. As shown above, Rio Rojo Jessie and SW Eye Candy would not be eligible for stakes races if they had been born after January 1, 2013. These two horses are the result of breeding a cropout Regular Registry mare to a Quarter Horse stallion. Accordingly, neither horse meets the requirement of having a Regular Registry Paint horse in the second generation. However, if either of these horses qualified to be registered in the Regular Registry—such as SW Eye Candy whose advancement is pending with APHA—then they would be stakes eligible because they would meet the requirement of having a Regular Registry horse in the first generation.

The same result occurs for Forever Chrome, Prize Jive and Mambo Quick Step, which are all the product of breeding a Quarter Horse or Thoroughbred mare to a cropout Regular Registry stallion. Again, there are no Regular Registry Paint horses in the second generation and, because they are Solid Paint-Bred foals, they would not be eligible for stakes races under the new rule. If they were eligible for registry under the Regular Registry, then they would qualify for stakes races because

they each have a Regular Registry horse in the first generation.

The remaining 15 horses on the list would be eligible for stakes races under the new rule since they all have at least one Regular Registry Paint horse in the second generation. The simplest directive to follow under the new rule when making your breeding decisions is to ensure you breed your mare to a Regular Registry Paint Horse and that your mare has at least one Regular Registry parent. Including a tobiano in your breeding program will guarantee that you have at least one Regular Registry parent in both the first and second generation because all tobianos must have at least one tobiano parent.

I have heard many people call the new rule the "Cropout Rule." This rule is not directed at cropouts but simply is directed at obtaining a goal of more color on the track and is more appropriately referred to as the "Color Rule." While this rule will not solve all of the color problems we have today, it is an important first step in bringing color back to the track.

This rule has received overwhelming support and we must all do our part to help bring color back to the track. Everyone is encouraged to breed to a stallion enrolled in the Paint Stallion Breeders Association program, Pot O' Gold program or any of the other programs devoted to our industry. Please visit paintracing.com to find out about the many programs that help our industry grow and prosper. Those with questions or feedback should contact any of the Racing Committee members, which can be found online at paintracing.com and on page 42 or APHA Director of Racing Karen Utecht at (817) 222-6444.

We look forward to a colorful future for Paint racing and wish everyone the best of luck as we bring yet another year to a close. [PHR](#)