

## **AEPA Class – Establishing ‘Order of Go’**

The AEPA Class ‘Order of Go’ is established in several steps. First a random ‘Initial Order of Go’ is generated by an AHA software program. If there are no individuals riding 2 or 3 horses in the class then the ‘Initial Order of Go’ becomes the ‘Order of Go’ and no ‘Initial Order of Go Adjustment’ consideration is necessary.

NOTE: The AEPA will work with AHA to make sure that class scratches are reflected in the class list of horses before the random ‘Initial Order of Go’ is established.

NOTE: A ride may show a maximum of 3 horses in an AEPA Pattern Class. Any change of riders MUST be brought to the attention of AHA and the AEPA before the Order of Go is established and final. A Change of rider after the Order of Go is established will **NOT** change the Order of Go.

If there is a rider or riders that are riding 2 or 3 horses in the class then the ‘Initial Order of Go’ is evaluated to determine if an ‘Initial Order of Go Adjustment’ is necessary.

### **Adjustment to ‘Initial Order of Go’**

#### **Objectives**

The number of horses between a rider’s go positions is dependent on the number of horses in the class and how many riders are riding more than one horse in the class. The following procedure will be used to determine the number of horses between a riders horses when **adjusting the order of go**.

#### **TARGET SPACING** between horses – **Initial target spacing is 3 horses**

If sufficient spacing cannot be achieved for all horses using the order of go adjustment procedure then **reduce the ‘target spacing’ of horses between riders by 1** and start over with the Order of Go Adjustment procedure, i.e. In a class of 15, with multiple riders on 3 horses, if all riders cannot be adjusted to achieve 3 horse spacing then reduce the **‘target spacing’** to 2 horses and start over with the initial order of go adjustment.

**EXAMPLE if there are 15 or more horse in the class:** If a rider is showing **two** horses in the class then there should be a least **Three** horses shown between the riders Go’s, i.e. a rider is showing in the 2nd and 8th go positions, thus there are **THREE** horses between the riders horses.

If a rider is showing **three** horses in the class then there should be a least **Three** horses shown between the riders 1st and 2nd go and **Three** horses between the riders 2nd and 3rd go, i.e. a rider shows in the 7th, 11th and 15th go position; thus there are **Three** horses between the riders 1st and 2nd and 3rd go.

When making an adjustment to a riders go’s the **first adjustment** made should ‘try’ and move a horse **forward** in the order of go, i.e. move from go position 5 to 4. If a **second adjustment** is needed ‘try’ to move a horse **backwards** in the order of go, i.e. move from go position 5 to 6. If a **third adjustment** is needed it may require a movement to a riders horses, **both forward and then backwards** in the order of go.

If a rider has **three** horses in the class start making adjustments, if needed, on the 1st and 2nd horse, then consider adjustments for the 2nd and 3rd horse. When making adjustments to the 2nd and 3rd horse do not move the 2nd horse forward into a go position that would cause a spacing problem between the 1st and 2nd horse **unless** the 3rd horse cannot be moved or moved enough to achieve sufficient spacing between the 2nd and 3rd horse.

If a rider of multiple horses is determined to have 'initial sufficient spacing' (no order of go adjustment needed) **or** had the 'order of go adjusted' (to achieve spacing) then that rider's go positions **cannot** be further adjusted **if** the adjustment will create a spacing problem for the rider. Do not create a spacing problem for riders that have **already** been considered for order of go adjustment or have had an order of go adjustment. This may result in an adjustment of a rider's horse by greater than the target spacing. Multiple incremental adjustments of the rider's go positions may be necessary to achieve the target spacing.

**A horse assigned to the initial go position moves with the rider's adjusted go position.**

**EVALUATION** of the ‘Initial Order of Go’ – If there is a rider or riders that are showing more than one horse in the class then the AEPA will evaluate the ‘Initial Order of Go’ to determine if there is ‘target spacing’ (as described in above guideline) between a riders go’s. If a rider or riders are identified that do not have the target spacing (as described in above objectives) then an ‘Initial Order of Go Adjustment’ is performed.

**EXAMPLE of ‘Initial Order of Go Adjustment’ with a target spacing of 3 horses**

Starting at the 1st go position in the ‘Initial Order of Go’

There are 15 horses in the class and four riders have multiple horses in the class. The ‘initial order of go’ is as follows.

**NOTE: The horses numbers are 1 -15 the same as the initial order of go.**

Initial Order	<u>Adjustment</u> Rider 2	<u>Adjustment</u> Rider 3	<u>Adjustment</u> Rider 5	<u>Adjustment</u> Rider 7	<u>Order of Go</u>
1. Rider 1	Rider 1	<u>Rider 3-1</u>	Rider 3-1	Rider 3-1	1. Rider 3-1 Horse # 3
2. Rider 2-1	Rider 2-1	Rider 2-1	Rider 2-1	Rider 2-1	2. Rider 2-1 Horse # 2
3. Rider 3-1	Rider 3-1	<u>Rider 1</u>	Rider 1	Rider 1	3. Rider 1 Horse # 1
4. Rider 4	Rider 4	Rider 4	<u>Rider 5-1</u>	Rider 5-1	4. Rider 5-1 Horse # 6
5. Rider 3-2	Rider 3-2	Rider 3-2	Rider 3-2	Rider 3-2	5. Rider 3-2 Horse # 5
6. Rider 5-1	Rider 5-1	Rider 5-1	<u>Rider 4</u>	Rider 4	6. Rider 4 Horse # 4
7. Rider 6	Rider 6	Rider 6	Rider 6	<u>Rider 7-1</u>	7. Rider 7-1 Horse # 9
8. Rider 5-2	Rider 5-2	Rider 5-2	Rider 5-2	Rider 5-2	8. Rider 5-2 Horse # 8
9. Rider 7-1	<u>RIDER 2-2</u>	Rider 2-2	Rider 2-2	Rider 2-2	9. Rider 2-2 Horse # 12
10. Rider 5-3	Rider 5-3	Rider 5-3	<u>Rider 7-1</u>	<u>Rider 6</u>	10. Rider 6 Horse # 7
11. Rider 7-2	Rider 7-2	Rider 7-2	Rider 7-2	Rider 7-2	11. Rider 7-2 Horse # 11
12. Rider 2-2	<u>Rider 7-1</u>	Rider 7-1	<u>Rider 5-3</u>	Rider 5-3	12. Rider 5-3 Horse # 10
13. Rider 2-3	Rider 2-3	Rider 2-3	Rider 2-3	Rider 2-3	13. Rider 2-3 Horse # 13
14. Rider 7-3	Rider 7-3	Rider 7-3	Rider 7-3	<u>Rider 8</u>	14. Rider 8 Horse # 15
15. Rider 8	Rider 8	Rider 8	Rider 8	<u>Rider 7-3</u>	15. Rider 7-3 Horse # 14

NOTE: Underlined riders, above, indicate adjustment to order of go

In the Initial Order of Go the following riders have spacing problems **Rider 2**, **Rider 3**, **Rider 5** & **Rider 7**, and the riders are adjusted in this order.

**A – Rider 2** is the **first** occurrence in the 'Initial Order of Go' where a horse is ridden by a rider that is showing multiple horses and does not have spacing between go's as described in the above objectives.

**Rider 2** has a horse in position 2, 12 & 13

There is no problem in spacing between go position 2 and 12, but there is a spacing problem between position 12 & 13. Move **Rider 2-2** from go position 12 to go position 9 and move **Rider 7-1** from go position 9 to go position 12.

There is now spacing between **Rider 2** horses with go positions 2, 9 & 13.

**B – Rider 3** is the **next** occurrence in the Initial Order of Go where a horse is ridden by a rider showing multiple horses and does not have spacing between go's as described in the objectives.

**Rider 3** has horses in position 3 & 5

Move **Rider 3-1** from go position 3 to go position 1, and move **Rider 1** in from go position 1 to go position 3.

There is now sufficient spacing between **Rider 3** go positions 1 & 5.

**C – Rider 5** is the **next** occurrence in the 'Initial Order of Go' where a horse is ridden by a rider showing multiple horses and does not have spacing between go's as described in the objectives.

**Rider 5** has horses in go positions 6, 8, 10

Move **Rider 5-1** from go position 6 to go position 4 and move **Rider 4** from position 4 to go position 6. There is now spacing between **Rider 5** go positions 4 & 8.

There is a spacing problem between **Rider 5** go positions 8 & 10. Move **Rider 5-2** from go position 10 to go position 12 and move **Rider 7-1** from go position 12 to go position 10.

There is now sufficient spacing for **Rider 5** go positions 4, 8, & 12.

**D – Rider 7** is the **next** occurrence in the 'Initial Order of Go' where a horse is ridden by a rider showing multiple horses and does not have spacing between go's as described in the objectives.

**Rider 7** has horses in go positions 10, 11 & 14

There is a spacing problem between **Rider 7** go positions 10 & 11.

Move **Rider 7-1** from go position 10 to go position 7 and **Rider 6** moves from go position 7 to go position 10. There is now spacing between **Rider 7** go position 7 & 11.

There is a spacing problem between **Rider 7** go positions 11 & 14.

Move **Rider 7-3** from go position 14 to go position 15 and move **Rider 8** from go position 15 to go position 14.

There is now spacing between **Rider 7** horses with go positions 7, 11 & 15

All riders riding multiple horses have at least three horses between their go's and the **'Order of Go' has been established.**

It is the sole responsibility of the horse owner and horse rider to address any conflicts or situations that make it difficult or impossible for the rider to ride in the assigned **'Order of Go'** position.

If a horse scratches from the class, after the **'Order of Go'** is established, there is no change to the **'Order of Go'**. In the case of a horse being scratched it is the responsibility of the riders, that follow the scratched horse, to be at the in gate area and enter the class when he/she is called into the class.

It is the responsibility of all riders to be aware of how the class is progressing and to be at the in gate area ready to enter the class when called.