

2019 NHLA RULES CHANGE VOTING RESULTS



This year, a total of 139 votes were cast. Some ballots that were cast had only select Rules change proposals selected and not all four, so the total number of votes on each Rules proposal will not be equal.

The results of the vote are as follows, there is a 2/3 majority requirement to pass a Rules change:

1. (STANDARD INSPECTION BY SPECIES)

Aromatic Red Cedar - Page 34

Remove: "Variation in thickness may be 1/2" on 4/4" to 8/4".

Replace With: "Standard Miscut Lumber Rule to apply."

Note: This change would align Aromatic Red Cedar with all other species with regard to the miscut rule.

Vote Results: For – 101, Against – 24, 81% Favorable Vote, Rule change Passed.

2. (STANDARD INSPECTION BY SPECIES)

Basswood – page 24

Remove: "Note: Dormant twig buds to be considered as burls."

Note: This change would eliminate some confusion over the definition of a Dormant twig bud.

Vote Results: For – 73, Against – 54, 57% Favorable Vote, Rule change Failed.

3. (STANDARD GRADES)

No. 2A Common & No. 2B Common – page 17

Remove: "No. 2A Common & No. 2B Common"

Replace with: "2 Common"

Remove: "Note: The grade of No. 2 Common is divided into two categories: No. 2A Common (clear face cuttings) and No. 2B Common (sound cuttings)."

Remove: "Note: No. 2B common – All the requirements of the grade No. 2A Common apply except that cuttings will be sound as defined in Sound Cutting."

Note: This will remove 2B Common from all species listed in the Rules Book currently.

Vote Results: For – 53, Against – 84, 39% Favorable Vote, Rule change Failed.

4. (STANDARD INSPECTION BY SPECIES)

Walnut & Butternut - page 28

FAS: Standard except Minimum cuttings: 4" wide by 3' long, or 3" wide by 6' long

Widths: 5" and wider

Lengths: 6' and longer

Pieces 6' and longer, 5" and wider, 3' to 7' surface measure shall yield 10/12-(83-1/3%)-clear face in two cuttings; 8' and over surface measure in three cuttings, except that pieces of 12' and over surface measure which will yield 11/12 -(91-2/3%) – clear face with one additional cutting are admitted.

FIF: Pieces 6' and longer shall grade FAS on the better face.

The reverse side of the cuttings shall be sound as defined in Sound Cutting or the reverse side of the board grading not below No. 1 Common.

Note: This Rule's change will remove the defect grading method from the Walnut and Butternut. The sapwood limitations will not be removed from the Rule, it was not included in this Rules change for clarity.

Vote Results: For – 51, Against – 84, 38% Favorable Vote, Rule change Failed.

The results show that only the Rule for Aromatic Red Cedar will be changed in the 2019 version of the NHLA Rules Book.

The Rules Changes which are noted above will go in to effect January 1, 2019. The new 2019 Rules Book will be printed and distributed in December 2018. If anyone has any questions please contact Chief Inspector, Dana Spessert, d.spessert@nhla.com.