1. Pg 8  In Definition, change “A rocket is a reaction motor that rises into the air with a controlled trajectory stabilized by fins, balance stick, or spinning.” to “A rocket is a reaction motor (or two motors in the case of Caduceus rockets) that rises into the air with a controlled trajectory stabilized by fins, balance stick, or spinning.”

Reason: Limit rockets to single stage for safety.

2. Pg 8  In Definition, add “A standard stick rocket is a rocket with a single motor that is stabilized by a stick.”

Reason: Limit rockets to single stage for safety.

3. Pg 20  In Section Three – Other, change “standard rocket A rocket fireworks device consisting of one or more motors on the same stick, where no more than one motor (or stage) is lit at the same time.” to “standard stick rocket A rocket with a single motor that is stabilized by a stick.”

Reason: Limit rockets to single stage for safety.

4. Pg 11  In Competition Best Small Gerb, change “Gerb i.d. must not exceed 1-1/2” to “Gerb i.d. must not exceed 1”.

Reason: Encourage participation by less advanced competitors.

5. Pg 11  In Competition Best Large Gerb, change “Gerb i.d. must exceed 1-1/2 but must not exceed 3”” to “Gerb i.d. must exceed 1” but must not exceed 3””.

Reason: Balance participation in Small and Large Gerb competitions.

6. Pg 12  Add “Competition 3-H-M Best Mini Mine Mines may be up to 2” diameter utilizing only color stars, animated effects, and comet type devices. No bombettes, pupadells, color bursts, or reports are allowed. Grand Master Code “E”

Reason: Encourage competition participation by less advanced members.

7. Pg 12  In Best Small Mine, change “utilizing only color stars, animated effects, and comet type devices. No reports of any size are allowed.” To “utilizing color stars, animated effects, and comet type devices. Bombettes, pupadells, and color bursts are allowed. No reports of any size are allowed.

Reason: Create consistency with addition of new Mini-Mine competition.

8. Pg 12  In Best Small Mine, change Grand Master Code from “E” to “D”.

Reason: Create consistency with addition of new Mini-Mine competition.

9. Pg 13  In Definitions, change from:

“Definition
As used in this section, the term “Class C fireworks” are those fireworks meeting the requirements of APA B7-1, with a valid EX number. Devices classed as 1.4 explosives and labeled as UN0336 or UN0431 may be used provided they meet all the requirements of this section. Fireworks banned in the Code of Federal Regulations Title 16 (CFR 16), CPSC Section 1500.17(a), 1.3 or 1.1 devices,
homemade devices, and devices modified beyond the specific provisions of these rules are expressly forbidden.”

to:

“Definitions
As used in this section, the term “Consumer Fireworks” are those 1.4G fireworks meeting the requirements of APA 87-1A, with a valid EX number, and labeled as UN0336 Consumer Fireworks. Fireworks banned in the Code of Federal Regulations Title 16 (CFR 16), CPSC Section 1500.17(a); fireworks labelled “For Professional Use Only”; and devices modified beyond the specific provisions of these rules are expressly excluded. (Note: “Pro Line” and similar marketing terms are irrelevant; the UN number is what matters.)

As used in this section, the term “Articles Pyrotechnic” are those 1.4G fireworks meeting the requirements of APA 87-1C Entertainment Industry & Technical Pyrotechnics, with a valid EX number. Devices classed as 1.4G explosives and labeled as UN0336 Fireworks [for professional use only] Division 1.4G or UN0431 Articles, pyrotechnic for technical purposes, Division 1.4G are included. (Note: For fireworks manufactured prior to December 25, 2020 the labeling might say simply UN0431 Articles Pyrotechnic.)”

Reason: Keeping a “family friendly” category, and allowing the small entries to be placed in the infield away from large devices with significant salutes.

10. Pg 13 Add:

“Limitations
There is a maximum time limit of 5 minutes.

Homemade devices, 1.3G devices, 1.1G devices, and devices modified beyond the specific provisions of these rules, are expressly forbidden in the Class C competitions.

The only permitted modifications to commercial products are adjustments to fusing for timing, for chain fusing or to enable the use of permitted electric ignition devices; and removal of nonessential packaging material to allow physical reconfiguration of devices. Any modification involving a change in the amount of pyrotechnic composition in any device is expressly forbidden. Competitors are encouraged to discuss proposed modifications with Competition and Safety staff in advance to maximize the likelihood of these modifications passing inspection.

In any competition, reloading of any type of mortar is prohibited.

Commercially manufactured black match, quickmatch, fuse, igniters and electric matches are allowed in all competitions, but may be used only for ignition and timing purposes, not as an effect.

Rockets may not be used in Class C competitions.

There is no limit on the number of devices that may be fired, and individual device or effect descriptions are not required.
Reason: Keeping a “family friendly” category, and allowing the small entries to be placed in the infield away from large devices with significant salutes.

11. Pg 13 In Inspection add: “Competitors must label their area(s) with a sign that gives their name, the competition class, and their phone number so they can be contacted by Safety/Competition.

Reason: Ease of communication with infield coordinator.


Reason: Topics covered in new “Limitations” section.

13. Pg 13 Change competition from:

“Competition 4-A: Best Small Class C Display
The competitor’s entry must be in one contiguous area, with a perimeter of no more than 40 feet. Boundary tape will be issued to the competitor to mark the entry. Structures for mounting devices may not exceed 8 feet in height. Grand Master Point Code “E”

Competition 4-B: Best Large Class C Display
The competitor’s entry must be in no more than three areas, with a combined perimeter of no more than 100 feet. Boundary tape will be issued to the competitor to mark the entry. Structures for mounting devices may not exceed 12 feet in height. UN0336 Consumer Fireworks and UN0431 Articles Pyrotechnic as defined above are allowed. Grand Master Point Code “D”

Competition 4-C: Best Unlimited Class C Display
Space requirements must be worked out with the Competition Site Coordinator. There is no specific limit on display size. Grand Master Point Code “C”

to:

“Competition 4-A: Best Small Class C Display
Only UN0336 Consumer Fireworks as defined above are allowed. All pyrotechnic devices and support structures must be in one contiguous area, with a perimeter of no more than 40 feet. Boundary tape will be issued to the competitor to mark the entry. Firing system components need not be within the entry area. Structures for mounting devices may not exceed 8 feet in height. Grand Master Point Code “E”

Competition 4-B: Best Large Class C Display
All pyrotechnic devices and support structures must be in no more than three areas, with a combined perimeter of no more than 100 feet. Boundary tape will be issued to the competitor to mark the entry. Firing system components need not be within the entry area. Structures for mounting devices may not exceed 12 feet in height. UN0336 Consumer Fireworks and UN0431 Articles Pyrotechnic as defined above are allowed. Grand Master Point Code “D”
Competition 4-C: Best Unlimited Class C Display
Space requirements must be worked out with the Competition Site Coordinator. There is no specific limit on display size. UN0336 Consumer Fireworks and UN0431 Articles Pyrotechnic as defined above are allowed. Grand Master Point Code “C”

Reason: Keeping a “family friendly” category, and allowing the small entries to be placed in the infield away from large devices with significant salutes.

14.  Pg 14  Change title from “Rule Violations, Protests, & Disqualifications” to “Rule Interpretations, Violations, Protests, & Disqualifications”
Reason: Reduce potential for rule violations and subsequent protests

15.  Pg 14  Add section:
“Rule Interpretations
Competition Chairman will assemble a team of three people to act as Rules Interpretation Team. This team will be responsible for answering member questions on interpretation of rules. Interpretation team shall consist of Competition Chairman, Current or most recent Rules Chairman, and a Representative from most recent rules review. PGI members may submit question at any time, but must submit question in writing via the Competition Chairman.”
Reason: Reduce potential for rule violations and subsequent protests

16.  Pg 14  In Protests, change “Protests must be lodged in writing before noon on Thursday” to “Protests must be lodged in writing before noon on day following event”.
Reason: Allow for protests in event of competition postponement

17.  Pg 14  In Protest, change “Upon receipt of the written protest, the Committee Chairman will assemble a Protest Committee of three persons. The Protest Committee will decide by a majority vote the proper penalty, if any.” to “Rules Interpretation Team defined above, will serve as Protest Committee. Any person that is competing at that convention shall not be able to serve on Protest Committee and will temporarily be replaced during that convention. In the event of a protest, the entrant with the device(s) in question will be provided an opportunity to discuss the issue with the Protest Committee. The Protest Committee will then decide by a majority vote the proper penalty, if any.”
Reason: Generate consistency between rules interpretation team and protest committee.

18.  Add “Chapter 10: Administrative Processes

Competition Rules Committee:

1 Rules Committee Chairman will be appointed by PGI BOD at a minimum of every 3 years.

2 Committee Chair will be responsible for convening the Rules Committee.
3 Rules Committee shall be composed of at least five people and should include: Competition Chairman, Previous Rules Chairman, Safety Team Representative, Competition Judge(s), prior and current competitors.

4 Rules Committee shall review current competition rules to determine if rules are still relevant and valid.

5 Rules Committee shall review any proposed clarifications and rule changes submitted by membership.

6 Committee decisions should be by consensus when possible, or majority vote when necessary.

7 It is required that the Rules Committee submit any proposed competition rules updates to the PGI Board of Directors for approval prior to adoption of said updates or rules changes.

8 Term of Rules Committee and Committee Chairman include sufficient time to review, update, and submit rules proposal to BOD. The Committee shall be disbanded upon BOD approval and publication of update.

9 Updated rules shall be published in Bulletin and on PGI website by Rules Committee Chair at end of Committee term.

Adding a New Competition:

1 Suggestions for new competition shall be submitted to the Competition Chairman in writing. Suggestion shall include proposed rules and list of at least three members that have committed to competing in the category.

2 The Competition Chairman will determine if there is space and time available to add the proposed category.

3 If space and time are available, the Competition Chairman will confirm with the Safety team that there are no Safety objections.

4 Competition Chairman will report results back to members proposing new competition.

5 If a suggestion is approved, the member shall provide text for the PGI bulletin to describe new competition.

6 Competition Chairman will schedule competition on a trial basis (with no trophy or Grandmaster points).

7 When the next Competition Rules Committee is convened, the committee will review suggestion to determine approval for addition to competition rules.
**Note – steps 5 and 6 may be omitted in the event that the Competition Rules Committee is currently active.**

Reason: Documentation and codification of informal historical process.