## Rule Change Intent

To add a Ranchmanship Division to the Saddlebred Chapter of the rulebook. Ranchmanship is a rapidly growing division with many breeds. By adding this division we are offering more opportunities for Saddlebred exhibitors to compete in. Adding this division will increase participation at shows and possibly bring in new competitors whom otherwise would have no interest in these licensed shows. This effort not only supports the emerging grass roots level but enhances opportunities for breeders to have another avenue to sell their horses. This will definitely grow the sport. The horse show organizers will be able to grow their entries by offering this division.

## Proponent Details

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## Linked Rules

**Committee Actions**

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SB221 General
1. The purpose of this class is to bring forth the versatility in both the ranch horse and exhibitor, while performing the designated pattern constructed using both Ranch Trail obstacles and Ranch Riding maneuvers. Obstacles and maneuvers will be judged to the standards written in Ranch Trail and Ranch Riding in each part of the patterns that pertains to these classes (See SB 210, SB 217-218).

2. Each horse will work individually performing the pattern designated by the judge. The judge may submit a pattern or select one of the four (4) suggested patterns offered in the rulebook as the designated pattern for the class. Horses will be scored on a basis of 0-100, with 70 denoting an average performance.

3. There will be no time limit.

SB222 Eligibility
This class is open to all horses 3 years of age and older. Classes can be held for Open, Amateur, and Youth Riders as entries warrant and at the discretion of competition management.

SB223 Apparel and Equipment
1. Attire and tack should be clean and presentable. Working tack is encouraged. Equipment with silver should not count over a good working outfit. Silver headstalls and saddles are discouraged.
   a. Hoof polish is not prohibited but is discouraged.
   b. No braiding or banding of manes, no switches or tail extensions.
   c. Trimming of bridle path, fetlocks, or whiskers is permitted. A horse left in a natural state is not to be penalized.
   d. Split or rommel reins are permitted.
   e. Riders shall wear long sleeved, collared shirt, cowboy hat or helmet and boots. Chaps or chinks are permitted. Scarves or wild rags are allowed

SB224 Class Maneuvers
Please see USEF Website for suggested patterns under applicable breed page.

1. Class maneuvers may include a side pass, turns of 360 degrees or more, change of lead (simple or flying), walk, trot, or lope over a pole(s); or some combination of maneuvers to show the versatility of a ranch horse.
2. The judge may designate a pattern combining these maneuvers or may designate one of the suggested patterns offered on the USEF website as the pattern for this show. If the judge designates his own pattern, and does not use one of the suggested patterns, the pattern must include at least 6 maneuvers. If a judge uses one of his own patterns, it is recommended to not have the stop following an extended lope.
3. The use of natural logs is encouraged.
4. Posting or standing in the stirrups at the extended trot is permitted.
5. Touching or holding the saddle horn is permitted at extended gaits or during obstacles where rider safety is a concern.

SB225 Gaits
1. The overall cadence and performance of the gaits should be with an emphasis on forward movement, free- flowing, and ground covering for all gaits. Transitions should be performed where designated, with smoothness and responsiveness.
2. A simple or flying lead change should be executed precisely in the specified number of strides and/or at the designated location. A simple lead change is performed by breaking to a walk or trot for one to five strides (before break of gait penalty applies). Flying lead changes should be simultaneous front to rear. All changes should be smooth and timely. Penalties will be incurred for halting or losing forward motion when changing leads.
3. This class will also be judged on quality of movement of the horse. The horse should reflect the versatility, attitude and movement of a working ranch horse riding outside the confines of an arena. The horse should be well-trained, relaxed, quiet, soft and cadenced at all gaits. The ideal ranch horse will travel with forward
movement and demonstrate an obvious lengthening of stride at extended gaits. The horse can be ridden with light contact or on a relatively loose rein without requiring undue restraint, but not show on a full drape of reins. The overall manners and responsiveness of the ranch riding horse to make timely transitions in a smooth and correct manner, as well as the quality of the movement are of primary considerations. The ideal ranch riding horse shall have a natural head carriage for that individual horse at each gait.

SB226 Scoring
1. The Ranchmanship class will be scored in ½ point increments from −1½ to +1½ on the score sheets on the overall quality of the horse’s movement. The judge will score on all gaits, maneuvers, and obstacles performed at the end of the pattern on overall average of each gait. Transitions should be performed where designated, with smoothness and responsiveness. Posting or standing in the stirrups at extended trot is acceptable. Horn may be held at extended gaits or over obstacles where safety is a concern.
2. Riders will be judged on ability and decision making in the show pen. A rider that puts their horse in the correct positions and making the horse’s job easier should receive credit. Riders will also be scored in ½ point increments from −1½ to +1½ at the end of the pattern for overall performance. No penalties will be given in the quality of movement section of the scoresheet.

SB227 Penalties
A rider shall be penalized should the following occur:
1. One (1)-point penalties:
   a. Too slow/per gait
   b. Over- Bridled
   c. Out of Frame
   d. Break of gait at walk or jog for 2 strides or less
2. Three (3) point penalties:
   a. Break of gait at walk or jog for more than 2 strides
   b. Break of gait at lope;
   c. wrong lead or cross lead
   d. Excessive draped reins
   e. Severe disturbance of any obstacle
3. Five (5) point penalties:
   a. Blatant disobedience (kick, bite, buck, rear, etc.)
   b. For each refusal
4. Placed below horses performing all maneuvers:
   a. Eliminates maneuver
   b. Incomplete maneuver
5. Zero (0) score:
   a. Illegal equipment
   b. Willful abuse
   c. Major disobedience or schooling
6. No specific penalties will be incurred for nicks/hits on logs but deduction may be made in maneuver score.
7. No specific penalties will be incurred for over/ under spins but deduction may be made in maneuver score.