The 2020 presidential modification to jogging has proven this method of jogging can be executed and in fact it has gotten good feedback. It saves time and is significantly better for the horses’ welfare to expedite the jogging process. It also is a great deal more efficient for managers, ring crew and exhibitors and their staffs.

For a number of years, the industry has tried to address the long drawn out process of jogging and the excessive time it takes up in the show schedule. Now that there has been a trial period of an alternate workable method, it is time to make it implementable on a permanent basis. The option to have the traditional jogging method still exists in this language for the more prestigious shows or shows where it would work better with their schedule and methodology to retain the original process.
3. In all classes over obstacles, all horses being considered for an award must jog for soundness using either Option A or Option B below. Management must state in the competition prize list which method of jogging will be used. Horses/ponies that are unsound will be eliminated and ineligible for an award in that class. The judge’s decision regarding soundness is final. In the judge’s order of preference prior to being judged for conformation. Two more entries than the number of ribbons must jog if there are sufficient entries. Horses may not leave the ring until the jog is declared official by the judge.

Option A: Horses/ponies are required to trot a circle on a loose rein at the end of each over fences performance. Horses/ponies may be asked to return to the ring and trot another circle at the judge’s discretion.

Option B: Horses/ponies will be jogged together with the rider unmounted in the judge’s order of preference. Two additional entries in addition to the number of ribbons must jog if there are sufficient entries. Horses/ponies may be asked to re-jog at the judge’s discretion. A horse/pony may not leave the ring until the jog has been declared official by the judge, or it will be eliminated. A horse that is unruly, one that breaks away from the handler or one whose actions threaten to endanger the rider, handler, or other exhibitors or their entries will be eliminated. (Exception: Hunter Breeding and Pony Breeding). A horse may not be eliminated for receiving outside assistance in the jog. In classes restricted to ponies a junior must jog the pony for soundness.

HU121 Soundness

All horses must be serviceably sound. All horses being considered for an award must jog for soundness with rider dismounted (see HU118 for methods of jogging). (Exception: Under Saddle classes, classes with specifications that do not require horses to jog, unrated classes, and classes at Local Competitions). See HU118 for methods of jogging for soundness. Horses/ponies that are unsound will be eliminated and ineligible for an award in that class. The judge’s decision regarding soundness is final. Horses may not leave the ring until the jog is declared official by the judge. A horse that leaves the ring prior to the jog being declared official will be eliminated. A horse that is unruly, one that breaks away from the handler or one whose actions threaten to endanger the rider, handler, or other exhibitors or their entries will be eliminated. (Exception: Hunter Breeding and Pony Breeding). A horse may not be eliminated for receiving outside assistance in the jog. In classes restricted to ponies a junior must jog the horse for soundness. Horses that are not serviceably sound are ineligible for an award, including under saddle classes.