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Rule Change Intent

IFSHA is requesting to expand the rules for the Sport Horse In-hand rules as to provide competitions, licensed officials, and exhibitors with a more clear vision as to how these classes are to be run. These changes will help to provide a fair and level playing field for all involved.

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Committee Actions
Friesian

Natl Breed & Disciplines Council - Advisory

FR115 ~~Dressage~~ and Sport Horse In-Hand

1. General: The quality of the horse is to be evaluated as to the potential for sport horses or sport horse breeding stock. ***The Sport Horse section is to evaluate and encourage the breeding of Purebred Friesian and Part Bred Friesian horses suitable for a variety of today's sports with horses such as, Dressage, Working Hunter, Carriage Pleasure Driving, Combined Driving, Competitive Trail, and Working Equitation. Form to function will be emphasized.***
2. ~~Entries shall be shown individually on the triangle. Corners must be well defined. A marker will be used at the apex and at each corner to define placement of the turn for the exhibitor. Use of plants or flowers is permitted. The dimensions of the triangle must be 30MX30MX40M unless modifications are required due to ring.~~
 2. ***In-hand Classes may be held in any age groups deemed appropriate by competition management and published in the prize list with the exception that horses of one sex shall not be judged against those of the opposite sex. Exception: Amateur or specified championship classes may have horses of all sexes. Sport Horse In-Hand classes may be divided at the discretion of competition management into Dressage type and Hunter type. Horses may cross enter. Both Dressage and Hunter style appointments (tack and attire) are permitted in both the Dressage-type and Hunter-type In-Hand and Under Saddle classes.***
 - a. ***Dressage type - displays the conformation and movement qualities as follows: Horses of this type carry a higher set-on neck than the Hunter type with sufficient length and flexion of the poll. Movement should be free, elastic, active and regular with good push from behind without tension and with a tendency toward an uphill balance.***
 - b. ***Hunter type - displays the conformation and movement qualities as follows: Horses of this type carry a more level frame than the Dressage type horse yet must display a natural looking carriage. Movement should have good ground cover and tend to be long and low with good push from behind, free of tension and showing good balance.***
3. At the beginning of a class, handlers will be asked to bring entries into a holding area.
 - a. Following a posted or announced order of go, entries will approach the judging area one at a time, walk to the apex of the triangle and await the judge's request to proceed on the triangle.
 - b. The handler will lead the horse on the perimeter of the triangle at walk and trot in a clockwise direction, returning to the apex.
 - c. Horses may be judged for conformation prior to or following triangle presentation. At completion of judging, the handler will lead entry away from the judging area promptly.
 - d. After all horses have been shown on the triangle, some or all horses may be recalled to be shown at a walk and trot.
4. Desired movement for Purebred and Part bred Friesian horses:
 - a. During Sport Horse In-Hand classes, the walk shall be relaxed, forward and balanced while overstriding from the hindquarters.
 - b. Horses showing on the triangle shall exhibit good impulsion and power from the hindquarters at the trot.
 - c. They shall show good suspension, while being balanced with even cadence in the stride.
 - d. ~~Movement may either be long and low or a more animated higher stride. Neither movement shall be penalized over the other.~~
 - d. ***The lengthening of the strides should be more ground covering in both the walk and the trot. The horse should remain calm and supple throughout.***
5. ***Both Dressage-type and Hunter-type appointments (tack and attire) are permitted in both Dressage-type and Hunter-type In-Hand classes. Competitors with non-conforming appointments will be eliminated from judging consideration.***
6. ***Tack: Bridles are permissible on horses three years and older. A bridle shall be a dressage-type snaffle bridle or hunter-type snaffle bridle. A split or single lead made of either leather or chain (or a combination of both) may be used, attached through both sides of the bit, with/or instead of reins. Horses aged two years may be shown in a bridle or a plain leather stable halter. Horses under age two years must be shown in a plain leather stable halter. Competitors with non-conforming appointments will be eliminated from judging consideration.***
7. ***Attire: Conservative casual attire is recommended for the handler. This would include casual pants and shirt. Jeans are prohibited. Additional acceptable attire includes Dressage or Hunter breeches, boots, shirt with tie, stock tie or choker collar. Jackets, hats, vests, and gloves are optional.***
 - a. ***The handler may carry only one whip, maximum length of six feet, including lash and without attachments (i.e. plastic bags, ribbons, etc.).***
8. ***For all sport horse in hand classes only one person will be permitted to handle the horse in the ring. Whip runners will be allowed. Both the handler and the whip runner may each carry a whip.***
9. ***Judging may occur with either a panel of three judges or a single judge is also acceptable for judging Sport Horse In-Hand.***

FR116 Judging Criteria

1. Conformation & Movement: Refer to **IFSHA Sport Horse in Hand Individual Score Sheet** General Qualification Rules. Entries shall be judged 40% on conformation **and sport horse type** (presence, quality, type) and 60% **40%** on movement (natural to the horse), **10% on expression, manners, and willingness, and 10% on quality, balance, and harmony**. Artificial movement is to be severely penalized. Genetic defects are discouraged from In-Hand and shall be severely penalized.

FR117 Class Specifications

1. Weanling Filly, Weanling Colt, Colt at 1 year, Filly at 1 year, Colt at 2 years, Filly at 2 years, Gelding, Mare, Stallion, Junior Horse, and Senior Horse, **Amateur, Amateur Owner, Masters, Junior Exhibitor, and Get of Sire or Produce of Dam** classes will be judged 60% **40%** on movement and 40% on conformation **and sport horse type, 10% on expression, manners, and willingness, and 10% on quality, balance, and harmony. IFSHA scoring sheet to be used.**
2. In AMATEUR, AMATEUR OWNER, MASTERS and JUNIOR EXHIBITOR classes, horses will be judged 50% on movement, 40% on conformation and, 10% manners.
3. In Get of Sire or Produce of Dam classes, horses will be judged on 50% movement, 40% conformation, and 10% reproductive likeness.