

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
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Rule Change Intent

Western Dressage Suitability Walk-Jog classes are currently being hosted and are gaining in popularity but specifications for a Walk-Jog suitability are not included in the current rules therefore the classes do not count for USEF HOTY points. The committee is proposing to add class specifications for a walk-jog suitability class which once approved, would begin gaining points toward the various WD suitability HOTY awards (Open, Junior, Amateur) when Open to all breed Walk-Jog WD Suitability classes are held.

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Linked Rules	Comments

Committee Actions

SUBCHAPTER WD-10 WESTERN DRESSAGE SUITABILITY

WD136 Class Specifications.

1. Horses to enter at a working jog, in a counter clockwise direction. Horse must perform all gaits both ways of the ring. Gaits shall be the working walk, working jog, and working lope. Free walk on a loose rein with horse stretching forward and down to be performed in at least one direction. Transitions into and out of the lope will be called for through the working jog. Horses will be asked to reverse direction at the working jog or working walk at the judge's discretion. Jog work may be ridden sitting or posting. In the lineup, horses must stand quietly and may be asked to back individually or as a group.
2. To be judged: 70% on performance of gaits and transition, with attention to impulsion and submission, and using the objectives above as reference; and, 30% on the rider's position, seat, and effective use of aids.
3. Classes may be divided for Open, Amateur, Junior Exhibitor, Stallions, Geldings and Mares. If classes are divided, a Championship class is recommended. A separate Junior Exhibitor Championship class may be offered.
4. At a breed restricted or multi-breed competition, a judge licensed in that breed(s) is eligible to officiate this class.
5. ***Walk-Jog Suitability may be offered with the same specifications, with the exception that the working lope must not be called for.***
6. ***Horses participating in Walk Jog Suitability are prohibited from competing in Walk-jog-lope suitability at the same show.***