

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2025	1/30/2025	

Rule Change Intent

To align with recent horse welfare movements, the committee is proposing that one leather rim pad on country pleasure horses be permitted in competition to enhance the horse's comfort . Shoeing would no longer be necessary upon arrival and before departure from shows.

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Linked Rules	Comments
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SUBCHAPTER SB-9 ENGLISH COUNTRY PLEASURE

SB152 General

SB 152.2 English Country Pleasure horses must be plain shod or unshod. Permissible as plain shod shall be a shoe (inclusive of caulks), which may be thicker at the heel and may include toe clips and side clips. **One leather rim pad, no thicker than ¼" allowed. The rim pad is not to be any wider than the shoe.** Also permissible is an eggbar shoe. Not permissible as plain shod: bands, bars, **synthetic** pads of any kind, wedges, lead, springs, any attachment that extends below the bottom of the shoe, and any foreign substance not specified as permissible. The sole and entire frog of the foot must be visible. Any animal with prohibited shoeing must be disqualified from further competition at that competition and forfeit all entry fees and winnings. Quarter boots and bell boots are permitted only in Five-Gaited classes.

SUBCHAPTER SB-10 WESTERN

SB157 General

SB157.2 Western Country Pleasure horses must be plain shod or unshod. Permissible as plain shod shall be a shoe (inclusive of caulks), which may be thicker at the heel and may include toe clips and side clips. **One leather rim pad, no thicker than ¼" allowed. The rim pad is not to be any wider than the shoe.** Also permissible is an eggbar shoe. Not permissible as plain shod: bands, bars, **synthetic** pads of any kind, wedges, lead, springs, any attachment that extends below the bottom of the shoe, and any foreign substance not specified as permissible. The sole and entire frog of the foot must be visible. Any animal with prohibited shoeing must be disqualified from further competition at that competition and forfeit all entry fees and winnings. Quarter boots and bell boots are permitted only in Five-Gaited classes.

SUBCHAPTER SB-11 HUNTER COUNTRY PLEASURE

SB162 General

SB 162.2 Hunter Country Pleasure horses must be plain shod or unshod. Permissible as plain shod shall be a shoe (inclusive of caulks), which may be thicker at the heel and may include toe clips and side clips. **One leather rim pad, no thicker than ¼" allowed. The rim pad is not to be any wider than the shoe.** Also permissible is an eggbar shoe. Not permissible as plain shod: bands, bars, **synthetic** pads of any kind, wedges, lead, springs, any attachment that extends below the bottom of the shoe, and any foreign substance not specified as permissible. The sole and entire frog of the foot must be visible. Any animal with prohibited shoeing must be disqualified from further competition at that competition and forfeit all entry fees and winnings. Quarter boots and bell boots are permitted only in Five-Gaited classes.