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Rule Change Intent

IFHSA is requesting to update the judging language for the Liberty class to now include language that specifies that horses that show multiple gaits during a liberty class are preferred, and to remove out of date information. The "show multiple gaits" language is replacing the existing "show off" language as to provide a more clear understanding for what the horse should be doing during this class, the "show off" language was vague and not being interpreted consistently.

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Linked Rules

Comments

Committee Actions

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FR232 Liberty Class

3. Judging: Horses to be judged on movement, style, type, and quality. Consideration to be given to how the horse performed during its exhibition. Horses willing to **show multiple gaits** “show-off” and keep moving with moderate encouragement from the exhibitor and helper are preferred. ~~over~~ Those that need constant pushing from the exhibitor and helper **must be penalized**. The horse should give the impression that it is enjoying their Liberty class time, not so much that it is being forced to perform.

4. Facility requirements: A secure arena with a substantial fence for confinement of horses is a necessity. The enclosure should be of sufficient height and durability to ensure that horses will remain inside. Competition management should not offer this class unless a proper, safe enclosure is available for use. There must be available a suitable PA system, ~~tape and/or CD players~~. Competition management should state in the prize list, what type musical media will be accepted, ~~for example, cassette tape, CD, etc.~~