

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

It is of great importance to encourage adult riders that are just being introduced to horses or are returning to horses after an extended absence from horse activities. Many exhibitors would like to stay involved with horses as their physical skills begin to wane or medical conditions prevent competing in canter/lope classes. This proposal adds an Adult Amateur Walk-Trot/Jog class for these exhibitors' needs.

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SUBCHAPTER AR-31 ATR/JTR/AATR WALK-TROT/WALK-JOG 11 AND OVER SECTION

AR317 Class Requirements

Open to Amateur or Junior Exhibitors 11 years old and older as of December 1 of the current competition year. An Amateur card is not required for **JTR, ATR, or AATR** Walk-Trot/Walk-Jog 11 and over classes.

1. Division of Classes

- a. Classes may be **held as JTR, ATR, and/or AATR and may be** divided by age of exhibitor.
- b. Separate classes for Arabians and Half/Anglo Arabians may be offered OR classes may be combined.
- c. Pleasure or Sport Horse under Saddle classes must not be combined with Equitation classes.
- d. Pleasure classes may be combined into a single class.
- e. Equitation classes may be combined into a single class (Exception: Dressage Seat Equitation and Western Dressage Seat Equitation must not be combined with any other equitation class).
- f. Dressage Introductory Walk-Trot Tests must not be combined with any other class.
- g. Western Dressage Introductory Walk-Jog Tests must not be combined with any other class.

2. Classes may be offered ~~for Western Pleasure, Hunter Pleasure, Country-English Pleasure, Sport Horse Under Saddle, Western Seat Equitation, Hunter Seat Equitation Not to Jump, Saddle Seat Equitation, Dressage Seat Equitation, Ranch Horse, Dressage, Western Dressage, and Western Dressage Seat Equitation~~ **in any seat and any discipline. Exceptions: Reining, Reined Cow Horse, and Working Cow Horse.** (See AR317.1.e).

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5. An exhibitor that shows in Walk/Trot or Jog 11 and Over classes may show in classes requiring a canter or lope at a later show in that show season, but, once they do so, become ineligible to compete in Walk/Trot or Jog classes for the remainder of that show season. Exception: Cross Rail Riders **and Short Stirrup Reining.**