

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

Currently, the SB Ranch Riding section references back to the Western Chapter. When the original rules for the new Ranch division were entered into the rulebook (2021) , they were run under a specific set of rules. Judges then became familiar with where to find the information and how to run the class. In 2022, the Western Committee wanted to strike through all the language of Ranch Classes in the seperate breed chapters to create an open ranch division that lived in the WS chapter. Exceptions for the different breeds would be spelled out in those applicable chapters. In doing so, the rules were then slightly changed once again. The changes being proposed would seperate out scores for Off-Pattern and what would be considered disqualified. It further clarifys what the SB community would consider to be off-pattern.

ASHBA's board voted unanimously to approve the changes presented in this proposal. In addition, a presidential modification has been submitted to approve the changes immediately. Judges have been turning down opportunities at the various shows due to frustrations in not clearly understanding the rules and how the classes should be conducted. A judge's seminar was held in February to discuss how the classes run with the newly approved rules in the presidential modification.

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## Linked Rules

## Comments

## Committee Actions

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## **SUBCHAPTER SB-22 RANCH RIDING**

Ranch Riding classes held in the Saddlebred Division to be conducted in accordance with SUBCHAPTER WS-6 RANCH SECTION, except as stated herein:

1. Hoof black is discouraged but will not be penalized.
2. Tongue Ties are permitted
3. For Saddlebred Ranch Riding, patterns found on the ASHBA website are preferred
4. Tail extensions are permitted and must not be penalized
5. **Off pattern- an entry is considered off pattern if one or more of the following occur:**
  - a. Eliminates maneuver;*
  - b. Does not complete maneuver;*
  - c. Uses two hands (Except for Jr. horse in snaffle bit/hackamore);*
  - d. Places more than one finger between the split reins or any fingers between the romal reins.*

***Off pattern entries are not disqualified and should receive a maneuver score designation of "OP" on the score sheet in the penalty section for the element where the infraction occurred. Off pattern entries cannot place above other entries that complete all portions of the pattern correctly.***
6. **Disqualification- disqualified entries do not receive a score and cannot be placed in the class. An entry is considered to be disqualified if one of these occur:**
  - a. Illegal equipment, braided or banded mane, tail extension;*
  - b. Willful abuse;*
  - c. Major disobedience or schooling;*
  - d. Lameness*