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Rule Change Intent

AHA is requesting the changes below to ensure that Hunter Hack exhibitors are given the opportunity to warmup over fences in preparation for their class. The current wording within the rules can be interpreted many different ways between show management, the judge, and the exhibitors. It is desirous of AHA to clarify those requirements and to move them into the proper place in the rule book while still giving management control of said warm-up.

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Linked Rules

Comments

Committee Actions

Natl Breed & Disciplines Council - Advisory

SUBCHAPTER AR-14 WORKING HUNTER SECTION

AR159 Conduct

6. Warmup Rounds:

No judged Warmup classes are to be offered, however, all shows are required to offer exhibitors a warmup round at their division height prior to competition. Although this is ~~an non-~~**unjudged class round**, an entry/schooling fee may be required. Exhibitors can elect to not enter the warmup rounds. ***For Hunter Hack classes, show management must ensure that exhibitors have the opportunity to warmup over two similar fences that will be used in the class and in the direction that they are to be jumped. Open hunter schooling satisfies the warm-up requirement.***

AR164 Working Hunter Division Class Specifications

3. HUNTER HACK. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter. Eight horses, if available, but never more than eight at a time, are required to hand gallop one direction of the ring. Horses are also required to jump two fences. To be judged on performance, manners and soundness. This class does not count toward any Working Hunter Division Championship. Horses eliminated during either phase of the class, cannot be considered for an award. Causes for elimination are per Chapter HU, Sub-Chapter HU-6.

- a. Classes that can be offered: Open, Junior Horse, ATR, AATR, JTR, AAOTR, JOTR, AOTR, AAOTR. Age splits are permitted.
- b. Premiums/Prize Lists must indicate the maximum height of the fences either 2', 2'3", 2'6". One of the two fences must be at that height, plus or minus 2". The first fence must be no lower than 2'. The second fence should be an oxer not wider than 18" and equal to or higher than the first fence.
- c. Regional and National Junior Exhibitor, Amateur and Junior Horses classes will be set at 2'3", Open Classes at 2'6".
- d. Horses are to be shown first on the flat and then shown over 2 fences. The two fences may be either a single line, related distance, or two single fences with an unrelated distance, i.e. not in a straight line. Two single fences with an unrelated distance is preferred. ~~It is required that horses and riders have the opportunity before the start of the class to warmup over two fences, in the direction that they are to be jumped~~ **(refer to AR159.6 for warmup)**.
- e. For Hunter Hack, it is not required that courses be posted. If no other over fence classes are offered, the course designer will set two individual fences, as per section d above in consultation with the judge. If there is no designated course designer then show management, with the judge will set the two fences as per section d above. If over fences classes are being held and multiple fences are available in the arena to jump, the fences will be determined in consultation with the judge and course designer. If a course is not posted, instructions will be given by the judge to the exhibitors as to which two fences are to be jumped.