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Rule Change Intent

To increase participation in UPHA Challenge Cup qualifying classes and eliminate the need for double qualification for the National Finals for those riders competing on multiple breeds.

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Committee Actions

## SUBCHAPTER EQ-3 SADDLE SEAT EQUITATION SECTION

### EQ119 Requirements for Specific Classes

#### 15. UPHA CHALLENGE CUP

##### b. UPHA CHALLENGE CUP 17 & UNDER

1. Open to all saddle seat equitation riders, 17 years of age and under, riding a mare or gelding of any breed. Riders compete at the walk, trot and canter both directions of the ring. Showmanship is paramount throughout the class. Judging is based 60% on rail work and 40% on the individual workout. The top four (4) riders must be worked individually; more may be worked at the judge's discretion.
2. The mandatory workout in all qualifying classes is: "Trot a serpentine consisting of four half circles to the opposite end of the ring. Return down either rail at a show trot." Judges are not permitted to alter the mandatory workout in any manner. It is recommended, at the discretion of the judge, to instruct the ringmaster to line riders up as to create a clear area for the serpentine.
3. One open UPHA Challenge Cup win eliminates that rider from further competition in qualifying classes that season, **except in cases of one rider classes**. Riders may show in their Chapter Championship.
4. Two UPHA Challenge Cup classes may be offered at the same competition, one for riders 14-17 (Senior) years of age and one for riders 13 years of age and under (Junior), with separate awards.
5. UPHA Challenge Cup National Final, UPHA Junior Challenge Cup National Final and UPHA Challenge Cup Chapter Championship Specifications:
  - a. Chapter Championships—Residency requirements pertain only to UPHA Challenge Cup Chapter Championships. Rider must compete within the UPHA Chapter in which they reside (residence to be determined by the legal voting residence of the rider's parent or guardian). The first ~~four places~~ and **second place riders** in open UPHA Challenge Cup qualifying classes are eligible to compete in the UPHA Chapter Championships. Chapter Championships are optional. The top four (4) riders must be worked individually; more may be worked at the judge's discretion. The judge(s) may use any of the recognized tests 1-15 (refer to EQ119); exchange of horses cannot be requested.
  - b. UPHA Challenge Cup National Final or UPHA Junior Challenge Cup National Final—Riders qualify for the open UPHA Challenge Cup National Final by placing first ~~through fourth~~ **or second** in an ~~open~~ **any** UPHA Challenge Cup qualifier or first ~~through fourth~~ **or second** in a UPHA Challenge Cup Chapter Championship.
  - c. In the UPHA Challenge Cup National Final, the judge(s) may use any of the recognized tests 1- 14 (refer to EQ119). In all UPHA Junior Challenge Cup National Final (Riders 13 & Under), judges are cautioned not to ask for an inappropriate, or illegal, workout. Thirteen and under riders may be asked to perform USEF tests #1 through #12. They are not permitted to change leads on or off the rail. Simple serpentines and figure eights are acceptable; however, diagonal line changes (which include a canter or any line cantering off the rail) are not permitted in any manner. The basic figures, or combination of the basic figures, are the intent in all UPHA Junior Challenge Cup National Finals.
  - d. Any rider regardless of age, who is qualified has the option of showing in the UPHA Challenge Cup National Final but a 13 & under rider may not compete in both the UPHA Junior Challenge Cup National Final and the UPHA Challenge Cup National Final.
  - e. The UPHA Junior Challenge Cup National Final winner may compete **in 13 & under qualifying classes to qualify and for and compete in** the UPHA Challenge Cup National Final in a succeeding year, but is ineligible for further competition in **the** UPHA Junior Challenge Cup ~~classes~~ **Final**.
  - f. The open UPHA Challenge Cup National Final winner is ineligible to compete in any future open UPHA Challenge Cup qualifying classes or the open UPHA Challenge Cup National Final.

##### c. UPHA PLEASURE CHALLENGE CUP.

1. Open to all saddle seat equitation riders 17 years of age and under riding a mare or gelding of any breed and pleasure type. Riders compete at the walk, trot and canter both directions of the ring. Showmanship is paramount throughout the class. Judging is based 60% on rail work and 40% on the individual workout. The top four (4) riders must be worked individually; more may be worked at the judge's discretion.
2. The mandatory workout is: "Trot a serpentine consisting of four half circles to the opposite end of the ring. Return down either rail at a show trot." Judges are not permitted to alter the mandatory workout in any manner. It is recommended, at the discretion of the judge, to instruct the ringmaster to line riders up as to create a clear area for the serpentine.
3. Eligibility to compete in UPHA Pleasure Challenge Cup classes is limited to those riders who show ONLY pleasure equitation horses with full manes and tails with natural carriage of the Saddle Seat breeds during a given competition year.
4. Riders to wear informal saddle seat attire per EQ115.1a; formal attire prohibited.
5. Two UPHA Pleasure Challenge Cup classes may be offered at the same competition, one for riders 14-17 years of age and one for riders 13 years of age and under, with separate awards.
6. A win of a UPHA Pleasure Challenge Cup eliminates a rider from further competition in that class for the remainder of the qualifying season, **except in cases of one rider classes**. ~~The rider may then elect to show in the UPHA Challenge Cup division they have not yet won if they need a second qualification for either National Final.~~
7. UPHA Pleasure Challenge Cup National Final Specifications:
  - a. Pleasure equitation riders will qualify for the UPHA Pleasure Challenge Cup National Final by placing first through fourth **or second** in a UPHA Pleasure Challenge Cup qualifier or first through fourth **or second** in an open **any** UPHA Challenge Cup qualifying class.
  - b. ~~Pleasure equitation riders have the option of showing in the UPHA Challenge Cup National Final or the UPHA Junior Challenge Cup National Final as well as the UPHA Pleasure Challenge Cup National Final; however, they must have separate qualifications for each Final.~~
  - c. ~~A Pleasure equitation rider can qualify to compete in the open UPHA Challenge Cup National Final by placing first through fourth in an open UPHA Challenge Cup qualifying class.~~
  - d. In the UPHA Pleasure Challenge Cup National Final, the judge(s) may use any of the recognized tests 1-14 (refer to EQ119).
  - e. The UPHA Pleasure Junior Challenge Cup National Final winner may compete **in 13 & under UPHA Pleasure Challenge Cup qualifying classes to qualify and compete in** the UPHA Pleasure Challenge Cup National Final in any subsequent year, but is ineligible for further competition in **the** UPHA Pleasure Junior Challenge Cup classes **Final**.
  - f. The UPHA Pleasure Challenge Cup National Final winner is ineligible to compete in any future UPHA Pleasure Cup qualifying classes or the UPHA Pleasure Challenge Cup National Finals.
8. All other rules, judging specifications and procedures for the UPHA Pleasure Challenge Cup and UPHA Pleasure Challenge Cup National Final will be governed by the same rules as in the UPHA Challenge Cup National Final and UPHA Junior Challenge Cup National Final.
- d. UPHA MORGAN, ARABIAN BREEDS, AND NATIONAL SHOW HORSE CHALLENGE CUPS.
  1. Open to riders 17 years of age and under, riding a Morgan, Arabian Breeds, or National Show Horse mare or gelding. Riders compete at the walk, trot and canter both directions of the ring. Judging is based 60% on rail work and 40% on the individual workout. The top four (4) riders must be worked individually; more may be worked at the judge's discretion.
  2. The mandatory workout in all qualifying classes is: "Trot a serpentine consisting of four half circles to the opposite

end of the ring. Return down either rail at a show trot.” Judges are not permitted to alter the mandatory workout in any manner. It is recommended, at the discretion of the judge, to instruct the ringmaster to line riders up as to create a clear area for the serpentine.

3. In the UPHA Morgan, Arabian Breeds, and National Show Horse Challenge Cup National Finals, a minimum of four (4) riders must perform an individual workout. The judge(s) may use any of the recognized tests 1-14 (refer to EQ119).

4. Riders in UPHA Morgan, Arabian Breeds, or National Show Horse Challenge Cup qualifying classes, may qualify for their respective UPHA breed Challenge Cup National Finals by placing first ~~through fourth~~ **or second** in the respective breed qualifying classes or first ~~through fourth~~ **or second** in an ~~open~~ **any** UPHA Challenge Cup qualifying class. ~~In addition, riders competing in the National Show Horse Finals may qualify by placing first through fourth in the Arabian Breeds qualifying classes mounted on a National Show Horse.~~

~~5. Morgan, Arabian Breeds, and National Show Horse riders have the option of competing in the open UPHA Challenge Cup National Final or the UPHA Junior Challenge Cup National Final at the American Royal, Kansas City, MO, and in their respective UPHA Breed Challenge Cup National Final, however, they must have separate qualifications for both National Finals. Riders showing in breed restricted UPHA Challenge Cup qualifying classes do not qualify for the Open Finals.~~

6. A win of a UPHA Morgan, Arabian Breeds, or National Show Horse Challenge Cup qualifier eliminates the rider from further competition in that class for the remainder of the qualifying season **except in cases of one rider classes**. The rider may then elect to compete in any other UPHA Challenge Cup classes for which they are eligible in order to comply with the “separate qualification” rule if the rider intends to compete in more than one UPHA Challenge Cup National Finals.

7. The winner of the respective UPHA Morgan, Arabian Breeds, or National Show Horse Junior Challenge Cup National Final may compete **in 13 & under qualifying classes to qualify** for **and compete in** the respective UPHA Morgan, Arabian Breeds, or National Show Horse Challenge Cup National Final in any subsequent year, but is ineligible for further competition in the respective UPHA Morgan, Arabian Breeds, or National Show Junior Challenge Cup ~~classes or~~ National Final.