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Rule Change Intent

This rule change brings more clarity to the chapter regarding how section classes may be divided. Allowing this method of dividing classes will help smaller competitions. This proposal offers a “middle ground” between offering a full schedule of classes with all ages and sexes divided into separate classes and a highly condensed schedule of classes combining ages and sexes. At a smaller competition, a full schedule of divided classes results in many one horse classes, thus no actual competition for the exhibitors. The condensed schedule options will result in exhibitors experiencing more competition within their classes.

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Member Comments

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SUBCHAPTER PF-4 PERFORMANCE CLASSES (UNDER SADDLE)

PF125 Schooling Classes

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~~2. Schooling Class Sections. Schooling classes may be offered in the Fino, Performance and Pleasure Divisions, including the Amateur Classes. There may be open schooling classes for horses 36 to 60 months old. Alternatively, there may be two Schooling age sections within a Division for: (1) horses that are 36 to 48 months, and (2) horses that are 49 to 60 months. In addition to age sections, classes may also be divided into two sections for: (1) fillies, and (2) colts and geldings; or into three sections for: (1) fillies, (2) colts, and (3) geldings. The horse's age for purposes of determining the appropriate class shall be determined under GR 102.1a~~

32. Crediting of Points. In a show that does not offer Schooling classes, a schooling horse may compete in the regular appropriate class and still retain its schooling status, and any show points awarded to such horses shall be computed and credited as points awarded in the appropriate Schooling class.

43. A schooling horse (36-60 months) must be shown in classes appropriate for its age, with the exception of championships or open classes that have no age restrictions.

PF127 Classes Within the Classic Fino, Paso Performance, and Paso Pleasure Sections

1. Schooling Classes in Classic Fino, Paso Performance and Paso Pleasure Sections

Schooling classes may be offered for horses that are 36 months to 60 months old. These classes are to be conducted in the same manner as the mature horse classes of the section, except they are limited to schooling horses. Tack and attire is the same, with the exception that schooling headgear is permitted. Schooling classes may be offered as follows:

> ***a. May be Open 36-60 months (all horse sexes),***
>
> ***b. May be divided by age (all horse sexes): Open Schooling 36-48 months and Open Schooling 49-60 months,***
>
> ***c. May be divided by sex of the horse: 36-60 months Schooling Fillies and 36-60 months Schooling Colts and Geldings (or Colts and Geldings may be separated), OR***
>
> ***d. May be divided by both age and sex of the horse: 36-48 months Schooling Fillies, 36-48 months Schooling Colts and Geldings (or Colts and Geldings may be separated), 49-60 months Schooling Fillies, and 49-60 months Schooling Colts and Geldings (or Colts and Geldings may be separated.***

2. Mature Horse Classes in Classic Fino, Paso Performance, and Paso Pleasure Sections

Mature horses are 61 months and older. Classes may be offered as follows:

> ***a. Open (all horse ages and sexes),***
>
> ***b. May be divided by age (all horse sexes): Open 61-84 months, Open 85 months and Older,***
>
> ***c. May be divided by sex of the horse: 61 months and Older Mares, 61 months and Older Stallions and Geldings (or Stallions and Geldings may be separated), OR***
>
> ***d. May be divided by both age and sex of the horse: 61-84 months Mares, 61-84 months Stallions and Geldings (or Stallions and Geldings may be separated), 85 months and Older Mares, 85 months and***

Older Stallions and Geldings (or Stallions and Geldings may be separated).

3. Amateur classes may also be offered and if divided, must be in accordance with PF127.1-2.

4. Amateur Owned and Trained classes may also be offered. Classes are open to horses of all ages. The exhibitor must be an amateur and the horse must not have been trained by a Professional for the past six months. The horse must be owned by the exhibitor or their family. This class does not qualify for Amateur championship classes.

(Re-number all remaining sections)

SUBCHAPTER PF-5 CLASSIC FINO DIVISION

~~PF132 Classes within this Division~~

~~1. Classic Fino Schooling. Schooling classes may be offered. These classes are to be conducted in exactly the same manner as the Classic Fino classes except that they will be limited to schooling horses. Tack and attire shall be the same as in Classic Fino with the exception of the headgear, which may be schooling headgear. (GR801).~~

~~Schooling classes, if offered, may be separated as follows:~~

~~a. May be open; or~~

~~b. May be divided into Open Schooling 36 to 48 months and Open Schooling 49 to 60 months; or~~

~~c. May be divided into 36 to 48 months Schooling Fillies, 36 to 48 months Schooling Colts and Geldings (or Colts and Geldings may also be separated), 49 to 60 months Schooling Fillies, and 49 to 60 months Schooling Colts and Geldings (or Colts and Geldings may also be separated).~~

~~2. Classic Fino. These classes may be separated as follows;~~

~~a. May be Open (includes all ages and all sexes);~~

~~b. May be divided into Open Schooling 36 to 48 months and Open Schooling 49 to 60 months; or~~

~~c. Schooling classes may be divided as provided in Section 1 above and Classic Fino divided into Mares, Geldings, and Stallions.~~

~~d. Schooling classes may be divided as provided in Section 1 above and Classic Fino divided into Mares 61 to 84 months, Mares 85 months and over, Geldings 61 to 84 months, Geldings 85 months and over, Stallions 61 to 84 months, Stallions 85 months and over.~~

~~e. Amateur classes may also be offered. They may be Open or divided, as provided in Section 2 above.~~

~~f. Amateur Owned and Trained classes may also be offered. They will be open for all age horses. Exhibitor must be an Amateur and horse must not have been trained by a professional for six months. Horse must be owned by exhibitor or their family. This class does not qualify for Amateur Fino Championship.~~

(Re-number all remaining sections)

SUBCHAPTER PF-6 PASO PERFORMANCE DIVISION

~~PF136 Classes within this Division~~

~~1. Paso Performance Schooling. Schooling classes may be offered. These classes are to be conducted in exactly the same manner as the Paso Performance classes except that they will be limited to schooling horses. Tack and attire~~

shall be the same as in Paso Performance with the exception of the headgear, which may be schooling headgear. See PF127.2 for the definition of schooling headgear.

Schooling classes, if offered, may be separated as follows:

a. May be Open; or

b. May be divided into Open Schooling 36 to 48 months and Open Schooling 49 to 60 months; or

c. May be divided into 36 to 48 months Schooling Fillies, 36 to 48 months Schooling Colts and Geldings (or Colts and Geldings may also be separated), 49 to 60 months Schooling Fillies, and 49 to 60 months Schooling Colts and Geldings (or Colts and Geldings may also be separated).

2. Paso Performance. These classes may be separated as follows;

a. May be Open (includes all ages and all sexes);

b. May be divided into Open Schooling 36 to 48 months and Open Schooling 49 to 60 months; or

c. Schooling classes may be divided as provided in Section 1 above and Paso Performance divided into Mares, Geldings, and Stallions; or

d. Schooling classes may be divided as provided in Section 1 above and Paso Performance divided into Mares 61 to 84 months, Mares 85 months and over, Geldings 61 to 84 months, Geldings 85 months and over, Stallions 61 to 84 months, Stallions 85 months and over.

e. Amateur classes may also be offered. They may be Open or if divided, they must be divided into Mares 61 to 84 months, Mares 85 months and over, Geldings 61 to 84 months, Geldings 85 months and over and Stallions 61 to 84 months, Stallions 85 months and over. Amateur Schooling classes may be offered and may be divided the same as provided in this Section 1 above.

f. Amateur Owned and Trained classes may also be offered. They will be open for all age horses. Exhibitor must be an Amateur and horse must not have been trained by a professional for six months. Horse must be owned by exhibitor or their family.

(Re-number all remaining sections)

SUBCHAPTER PF-7 PASO PLEASURE DIVISION

PF140 Classes within this Division

1. Paso Pleasure Schooling. Schooling classes may be offered. These classes are to be conducted in exactly the same manner as the Paso Pleasure classes except that they will be limited to schooling horses. Tack and attire shall be the same as in Paso Pleasure with the exception of the headgear, which may be schooling headgear. See PF127.2 for the definition of schooling headgear.

Schooling classes, if offered, may be separated as follows:

a. May be Open; or

b. May be divided into Open Schooling 36 to 48 months and Open Schooling 49 to 60 months; or

c. May be divided into 36 to 48 months Schooling Fillies, 36 to 48 months Schooling Colts and Geldings (or Colts and Geldings may also be separated), 49 to 60 months Schooling Fillies, and 49 to 60 months Schooling Colts and Geldings (or Colts and Geldings may also be separated).

2. Paso Pleasure. These classes may be separated as follows;

~~a. May be Open (includes all ages and all sexes);~~

~~b. May be divided into Open Schooling 36 to 48 months and Open Schooling 49 to 60 months; or~~

~~c. Schooling classes may be divided as provided in Section 1 above and Paso Pleasure divided into Mares, Geldings, and Stallions; or~~

~~d. Schooling classes may be divided as provided in Section 1 above and Paso Pleasure divided into Mares 61 to 84 months, Mares 85 months and over, Geldings 61 to 84 months, Geldings 85 months and over and Stallions 61 to 84 months, Stallions 85 months and over; or~~

~~e. Geldings will be split out from colts at the Grand National Championship; or g. Amateur classes may also be offered. They may be Open or, if divided, they must be divided into Mares 61 to 84 months, Mares 85 months and over, Geldings 61 to 84 months, Geldings 85 months and over and Stallions 61 to 84 months, Stallions 85 months and over. Amateur Schooling classes may be offered and may be divided the same as provided in this Section 1 above.~~

~~f. Amateur Owned and Trained classes may also be offered. They will be open for all age horses. Exhibitor must be an Amateur and horse must not have been trained by a professional for six months. Horse must be owned by exhibitor or their family. This class does not qualify for Amateur Pleasure Championship.~~

(Re-number all remaining sections)

(PF Chapter Re-Write) – Re-Write had already addressed this change; no changes/additions to the re-write

SUBCHAPTER PF-3 UNDER SADDLE SECTION

PF Under Saddle Classes within Each Section

1. Classic Fino, Paso Performance, and Paso Pleasure classes may be offered as:
    a. Youth (PF__),
    b. Open (PF__),
    c. Amateur (PF__), AND/OR
    d. divided by the horse's sex as follows:
        i. Mares,
        ii. Stallions, AND
        iii. Geldings.
        iv. OR, Stallions and Geldings may also be combined into one class
    e. divided by the horse's age as follows:
        i. 61-84 months, AND
        ii. 85 months and over.
    f. divided by, both, the horse's age and horse's sex as follows:
        i. Mares 61 to 84 months,
        ii. Mares 85 months and over,
        iii. Geldings 61 to 84 months,
        iv. Geldings 85 months and over,
        v. Stallions 61 to 84 months, AND
        vi. Stallions 85 months and over.
    g. OR, Amateur Owned and Trained (PF__).

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5. Schooling Classes. Classes are to be conducted in the same manner as the relevant section classes. Appointments and attire must conform to those listed in the relevant section, with the exception that schooling headstalls are permitted (PF__).

a. Schooling classes may be offered in the Classic Fino, Paso Performance, and Paso Pleasure sections, and may be divided as follows:

i. Open schooling classes,
ii. Amateur schooling classes,
iii. Divided by horse age: horses 36 to 48 months and horses 49 to 60 months,
iv. Divided by sex of the horse: fillies, and colts/geldings OR fillies, colts, and geldings, AND/OR
v. Divided by both the horse's age and sex.