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Rule Change Intent

This rule change is adding clarification to permitted procedures in the Paso Trail class, such as the permitted gait when jumping an obstacle and permitting a course walk prior to the class.

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SUBCHAPTER PF-9 SPECIALITY CLASSES

PF147 Paso Trail

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2. Procedures.

a. In this class, each horse shall be asked to negotiate through obstacles. Obstacles are to be negotiated by exhibitors individually with only one horse in the arena at a time. ***A rider may exhibit more than one horse in the class, but must have a handler for each horse during the presentation of awards.***

b. A drawn course will be provided by show management, reviewed for compliance with required procedures and approved by the judge(s). An exhibitor in this class cannot design or set up the course. The course will show the line of travel through obstacles and the gait required to perform obstacles. Changes or revisions will not be permitted after posting. ~~The course will specify how a horse is to negotiate or travel between obstacles that seems appropriate.~~ The trail pattern must be posted at least two (2) hours prior to the class. ***Exhibitors will be permitted a pre-class walk through with the judge(s)/steward(s) immediately prior to the class.***

c. Tests that may be required are: negotiating a gate, carrying an object from one part of the arena to another, riding through water, over logs or simulated brush, riding down into, up and out of a ditch without lunging or jumping, crossing a bridge, backing through obstacles, sidepassing, mounting and dismounting from either side, and performing over any reasonable conditions along the trail. (See WS103.4 for posting requirements.) Any coat or jacket to be put on by the rider must be open in front and not be an item which must be put on over the head. Unnatural obstacles, such as fire extinguisher, perforated plywood in water boxes, or exotic animals should be avoided. After consulting with show management, a sounding board may be used as an obstacle. The judge is prohibited from requiring a horse to perform the Paso Largo on the sounding board. ***The canter or lope is prohibited as part of the course, but if a jump is called for as an obstacle in the course, the rider is permitted to canter or lope at their discretion to negotiate the jump obstacle.***

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(PF Chapter Re-Write)

SUBCHAPTER PF-3 UNDER SADDLE SECTION

PF Paso Trail

3. Class Specifications.

a. Gaits. Required gaits in the course may include: Flat Walk, Paso Corto, and/or Paso Largo.
b. Trail Course Requirements.
    i. A course will be created by competition management and reviewed and approved by the judge(s). An exhibitor in this class is prohibited from designing or setting up the course.
    ii. The trail pattern must show the line of travel through each obstacle, the gait required to perform each obstacle, and specify how a horse is to negotiate or travel between obstacles.
    iii. The trail pattern must be posted at least two hours prior to the class. Once posted, revisions are prohibited.
    iv. ***Exhibitors are permitted a course walk with the judge(s)/steward(s) immediately prior to the start of the class.***
    v. For order of go requirements, see WS103.4.
    vi. The course must include a minimum of six obstacles with a maximum of eight obstacles.
    vii. For required dimensions of Trail obstacles, see WS126. (Exception: WS126.10 Unacceptable Obstacles)
c. Trail Course Obstacles. Obstacles may include, but are not limited to: negotiating a gate, carrying an object from one part of the arena to another, crossing through water, over logs or simulated brush, negotiating a ditch without lunging or jumping, crossing a bridge, backing through obstacles, side-passing, mounting and dismounting from either side of the horse, and performing any reasonable conditions along the trail.
    i. ***If a jump obstacle is on the course, exhibitors are permitted to canter or lope while negotiating the jump.***
    ii. If a coat or jacket is to be put on by the exhibitor as an obstacle, the garment must be open in the front and not require putting on over the head.
    iii. Unnatural-type obstacles, such as a fire extinguisher, perforated plywood in water boxes, or exotic animals are prohibited.
    iv. A sounding board (PF_) may be used as an obstacle.