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Rule Change Intent

There are some instances where horses have been exhibited in excess, jeopardizing the horse's welfare and the reputation of the Paso Fino breed. This rule change places a reasonable limit on the number of classes that a horse may compete in per day, at six classes, excluding Bellas Formas, Costume, Paso Pleasure Driving, and Walk-Corto classes.

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Comments

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Member Comments

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SUBCHAPTER PF-1 GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS

PF102 General Rules

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17. Horses may compete in no more than six classes per day. Exception: Bellas Formas, Costume, Paso Pleasure Driving, and Walk-Corto classes do not count toward this limit.

(PF Chapter Rewrite)

SUBCHAPTER PF-1 GENERAL RULES

PF General

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3. Horse Welfare

a. ***Horses are limited to competing in six or less classes per day. Exception: Bellas Formas, Costume, Paso Pleasure Driving, and Walk-Corto classes do not count toward this limit.*** *(re-lettered already below)*
b. Horses must be serviceably sound for competition purposes. A horse must not show evidence of lameness or broken wind. Horses with complete loss of sight in either eye may be found serviceably sound at the judge's discretion. The color of a horse or the color of the horse's eyes will not be considered when placing a class.
c. Soring of a horse is prohibited. Any physical evidence, including but not limited to, scars or blisters, training with weighted shoes or artificial devices, or soring must result in the horse's elimination from the competition.
d. Competing a horse with sores or abrasions that are raw or bleeding around the muzzle, nose, chin groove, or jaw is considered an act of abuse. Horses showing signs of undue stress or abuse/inhumane treatment must be eliminated from the competition.
e. Injection of any foreign substance or drug or any surgical procedure that could affect the horse's performance or alter its natural conformation or appearance is prohibited. Upon discovery, that a prohibited surgery or injection has occurred, competition management must immediately eliminate the horse from the competition.
   Exception: Surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the horse, including castration of the horse and cosmetic alterations of the horse's tail. However, the horse's tail may not be altered by the insertion of a foreign object, foreign substance, or drug. Under no circumstances may a horse with a "dead tail" compete.