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Rule Change Intent

There is a need to give older individuals that have not had the benefit of exposure to western horses, at a young age, an introductory division. Walk/Trot classes are already in existence in the main ring and are also very popular classes with the Western stock breeds. Adding the 11 & Over class to the Working Western Walk-Trot classes will allow more exhibitors the ability to compete.

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SUBCHAPTER AR-26 WORKING WESTERN SECTION

AR229 Walk-Trot/Jog Trail Class Requirements

1. ~~For 10 & under classes, Exhibitors may~~ **must** not be more than ten years of age as of December 1 of the current competition year. ~~Horse and exhibitor must follow the appointments as set forth in AR215 for Western Walk/Jog Trail and English Walk/Trot Trail. The exhibitor must never have been judged in a class at a Licensed Competition that required a canter or lope. Exception: Exhibitors may have cantered in Short Stirrup Reining and Cross Rails 10 & Under classes.~~
 - a. ~~The exhibitor must never have been judged in a class at a Licensed Competition that required a canter or lope. (Exception: Short Stirrup Reining exhibitors and Cross Rails 10 & Under).~~
 2. ~~For 11 & over classes, exhibitors must be eleven (11) years of age or older as of December 1 of the current competition year.~~
 - a. ~~Exhibitors must NOT show in any other class at the same competition that requires exhibitors to show at the canter or lope, but may enter any class that does not require a canter or lope. (Exception: Cross Rail exhibitors).~~
 - i. ~~An exhibitor that shows in Walk/Trot or Jog 11 & Over classes may show in classes requiring a canter or lope at a later competition in that competition year, but once they do so, become ineligible to compete in Walk/Trot or Jog classes for the remainder of the competition year. (Exception: Cross Rail exhibitors).~~
 1. ~~Eligibility to compete in Walk/Trot or Jog 11 and Over classes begins anew with each competition year regardless of whether the exhibitor has competed in a previous competition year in classes that require a canter or lope.~~
 3. ~~Horse and exhibitor must follow the appointments as set forth in AR215 for Western Walk/Jog Trail and English Walk/Trot Trail.~~
- 2 4. Permitted Obstacles
- (...)
- f. ~~Open Gates – Exhibitors 10 & Under shall not be asked to open and close a gate; however, simulation of doing so by touching gate standards is permitted. A single non-elevated walk over pole may be placed in the “open” gate. Exhibitors 11 & Over may be asked to open and close a gate.~~
- (...)
- j. ~~Side pass – A single ground pole up to 6" high is allowed for the 11 & Over age division.~~
- 3 5. Prohibited Obstacles
- (...)
- e. ~~Closed gates for the 10 & Under age division~~
 - f. ~~Side pass for the 10 & Under age division~~

AR243 Ranch Horse Riding Walk-Trot 40 & Under General

1. ~~For 10 & under classes, Exhibitors must~~ not be more than ten (10) years of age as of December 1 of the current competition year.
 - a. ~~The exhibitor must never have been judged in a class at a Licensed Competition that required a canter or lope. (Exception: Short Stirrup Reining exhibitors and Cross Rails 10 & Under).~~
2. ~~The exhibitor must never have been judged in a class at a Licensed Competition that required a canter or lope. (Exception: Short Stirrup Reining exhibitors and Cross Rails 10 & Under). For 11 & over classes, exhibitors must be eleven (11) years of age or older as of December 1 of the current competition year.~~
 - a. ~~Exhibitors must NOT show in any other class at the same competition that requires~~

exhibitors to show at the canter or lope, but may enter any class that does not require a canter or lope. (Exception: Cross Rail exhibitors).

i. An exhibitor that shows in Walk/Trot or Jog 11 & Over classes may show in classes requiring a canter or lope at a later competition in that competition year, but once they do so, become ineligible to compete in Walk/Trot or Jog classes for the remainder of the competition year. (Exception: Cross Rail exhibitors).

1. Eligibility to compete in Walk/Trot or Jog 11 and Over classes begins anew with each competition year regardless of whether the exhibitor has competed in a previous competition year in classes that require a canter or lope.

AR244 Ranch Horse Riding Walk-Trot 10 & Under Appointments

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AR245 Ranch Riding Patterns for Walk-Trot 10 & Under

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AR252 Ranch Horse Rail Pleasure Walk-Trot 10 & Under General

1. *For 10 & under classes, Exhibitors must not be more than ten (10) years of age as of December 1 of the current competition year.*
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 - a. *The exhibitor must never have been judged in a class at a Licensed Competition that required a canter or lope. Exception: Short Stirrup Reining exhibitors and Cross Rails 10 & Under.*
2. *For 11 & over classes, exhibitors must be eleven (11) years of age or older as of December 1 of the current competition year.*
 - a. *Exhibitors must NOT show in any other class at the same competition that requires exhibitors to show at the canter or lope, but may enter any class that does not require a canter or lope. (Exception: Cross Rail exhibitors).*
 - i. *An exhibitor that shows in Walk/Trot or Jog 11 & Over classes may show in classes requiring a canter or lope at a later competition in that competition year, but once they do so, become ineligible to compete in Walk/Trot or Jog classes for the remainder of the competition year. (Exception: Cross Rail exhibitors).*
 1. *Eligibility to compete in Walk/Trot or Jog 11 and Over classes begins anew with each competition year regardless of whether the exhibitor has competed in a previous competition year in classes that require a canter or lope.*

AR253 Ranch Horse Rail Pleasure Walk-Trot 10 & Under Appointments

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AR254 Ranch Horse Rail Pleasure Walk-Trot 10 & Under Class Specifications

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AR255 Ranch Horse Rail Pleasure Walk-Trot 10 & Under Scoring

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AR267 Ranch Horse Trail Walk-Trot 10 & Under General

1. **For 10 & under classes**, Exhibitors must not be more than ten (10) years of age as of December 1 of the current competition year.
2. The exhibitor must never have been judged in a class at a Licensed Competition that required a canter or lope. Exception: Short Stirrup Reining exhibitors and Cross Rails 10 & Under.
2. **For 11 & over classes**, exhibitors must be eleven (11) years of age or older as of December 1 of the current competition year.
 - a. Exhibitors must NOT show in any other class at the same competition that requires exhibitors to show at the canter or lope, but may enter any class that does not require a canter or lope. (Exception: Cross Rail exhibitors).
 - i. An exhibitor that shows in Walk/Trot or Jog 11 & Over classes may show in classes requiring a canter or lope at a later competition in that competition year, but once they do so, become ineligible to compete in Walk/Trot or Jog classes for the remainder of the competition year. (Exception: Cross Rail exhibitors).
 2. Eligibility to compete in Walk/Trot or Jog 11 and Over classes begins anew with each competition year regardless of whether the exhibitor has competed in a previous competition year in classes that require a canter or lope.

AR268 Ranch Horse Trail Walk-Trot 10 & Under Appointments

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AR269 Ranch Horse Trail Walk-Trot 10 & Under Course Information

1. ~~Acceptable~~ **Permitted** Obstacles:
 - (...)
 - c. Open Gates- Exhibitors **10 & Under** shall not be asked to open and close a gate; however, simulation of doing so by touching gate standards is encouraged. A single non-elevated walk over pole may be placed in the "open" gate. **Exhibitors 11 & Over may be asked to open and close a gate.**
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 - g. Trot throughs ~~cones~~: **cones markers** must be spaced a minimum of ten (10) feet apart. **Markers may be cones, plants, hay bales, etc.**
 - (...)
2. **For 11 & Over, optional obstacles may be used provided the obstacles can be found in everyday ranch work. Optional obstacles from which selections can be made include, but are not limited to:**
 - a. Remove and replace materials from a mailbox
 - b. Stand to mount with mounting block
 - c. Open gate on foot.
 - d. Pick up feet.
 - e. Ground tie. (Hobbles are allowed)
 - f. Lead at the trot.
 - g. Side pass – A single ground pole up to 6" high is allowed for the 11 & Over division.
23. Prohibited Obstacles
 - a. Water or Water boxes
 - b. Drags

- c. Closed gates *for the 10 & Under age division*
- d. Pick up objects
- e. Side pass *for the 10 & Under age division*
- f. Swing rope or throw rope at a dummy steer head