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Rule Change Intent

In order to add consistency in scoring penalties throughout the Arabian Working Western section, this rule change removes the no score/disqualification penalty of a fall of the horse or exhibitor in the Versatility Ranch Horse classes and adds the fall of the horse or exhibitor as a zero(0) score penalty.

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Member Comments

SUBCHAPTER AR-26 WORKING WESTERN SECTION

AR247 Ranch Horse Scoring

1. AQHA Penalties – Ranch Horse Penalties must follow the current AQHA penalties with the following exceptions:

(…)

b. Zero (0) score

(…)

3. Fall of horse/exhibitor

2. Any deviation of the scoring contained within the current Arabian rules, the references within AQHA, NRHA, or NRCHA rulebooks regarding scoring will prevail.

(…)

d. No Score/Disqualification (DQ):

(…)

~~6. Fall of horse/exhibitor~~

(…)

AR258 Versatility Ranch Horse Scoring

4. No horse/exhibitor team can be disqualified except for lameness, abuse, prohibited equipment, disrespect, or misconduct, leaving working area before pattern is complete, ***and*** improper western attire ~~and or fall of horse/exhibitor~~. Disqualified horses***, receiving no score,*** will count as entries in the class but will not receive points.

AR262 VRH Ranch Riding Scoring

1. Credits and Penalties.

(…)

d. The following penalties will be applied to each occurrence and be deducted from the final score:

1. VRH Ranch Riding Penalties – VRH Ranch Riding Penalties must follow the current AQHA penalties with the following exceptions –

(…)

b. Zero (0) score

(…)

3. Fall of horse/exhibitor

2. Any deviation of the scoring contained within the current Arabian rules, the references within AQHA, NRHA, or NRCHA rulebooks regarding scoring will prevail.

(…)

d. No Score/Disqualification (DQ):

~~(…)~~

~~7. Fall of horse/exhibitor~~

AR266 VRH Ranch Trail Scoring

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8. Maneuver evaluations and penalty applications are to be determined independently. The following penalties will be applied to each occurrence and be deducted from the final score:

a. VRH Ranch Trail Penalties – VRH Ranch Trail Penalties must follow the current AQHA penalties with the following exceptions –

(…)

2. Zero (0) score

(…)

c. Fall of horse/exhibitor

b. Any deviation of the scoring contained within the current Arabian rules, the references within AQHA, NRHA, or NRCHA rulebooks regarding scoring will prevail.

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4. No Score/Disqualification (DQ): Lameness, abuse, leaving working area before pattern is complete, prohibited equipment, disrespect or misconduct, improper western attire~~; fall of horse/exhibitor~~.

AR271 VRH Ranch Reining Scoring

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4. Penalties

a. VRH Ranch Reining Penalties – VRH Ranch Reining Penalties must follow the current AQHA penalties with the following exceptions:

(…)

2. Zero (0) score

(…)

c. Fall of horse/exhibitor

b. Any deviation of the scoring contained within the current Arabian rules, the references within AQHA, NRHA, or NRCHA rulebooks regarding scoring will prevail.

(…)

6. No Score/Disqualification (DQ): Lameness; abuse; prohibited equipment; disrespect or misconduct; leaving arena before pattern is complete; improper western attire~~; fall of horse/exhibitor~~.

AR274 VRH Ranch Cow Work Scoring

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7. The following penalties will be applied to each occurrence and be deducted from the final score:

a. VRH Ranch Cow Work Penalties – VRH Ranch Cow Work Penalties must follow the current AQHA penalties with the following exceptions:

(…)

2. Zero (0) score

(…)

c. Fall of horse/exhibitor

b. Any deviation of the scoring contained within the current Arabian rules, the references within AQHA, NRHA, or NRCHA rulebooks regarding scoring will prevail.

(…)

6. No Score/Disqualification (DQ): bringing the cow straight over backwards landing on its back or head with all four feet in the air, lameness, abuse, prohibited equipment, disrespect or misconduct, leaving arena before run is complete; improper western attire~~; fall of horse/exhibitor~~.

AR277 VRH Limited Ranch Cow Work Amateur/Youth (Box-Drive-Box-Drive) Scoring

(…)

5. The following penalties will be applied to each occurrence and be deducted from the final score:

a. VRH Ranch Limited Cow Work Penalties – VRH Ranch Limited Cow Work Penalties must follow the current AQHA penalties with the following exceptions:

(…)

2. Zero (0) score

(…)

c. Fall of horse/exhibitor

b. Any deviation of the scoring contained within the current Arabian rules, the references within AQHA, NRHA, or NRCHA rulebooks regarding scoring will prevail.

(…)

5. No Score/Disqualification (DQ): lameness, abuse, prohibited equipment, disrespect, or misconduct, leaving arena before run is complete; improper western attire~~, fall of horse/exhibitor~~.

AR280 VRH Ranch Cutting Scoring

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4. Penalties should be assessed as follows:

a. VRH Ranch Cutting Penalties – VRH Ranch Cutting Penalties must follow the current AQHA penalties with the following exceptions:

(…)

2. Zero (0) score

(…)

c. Fall of horse/exhibitor

b. Any deviation of the scoring contained within the current Arabian rules, the references within AQHA, NRHA, or NRCHA rulebooks regarding scoring will prevail.

(…)

5. No Score/Disqualification (DQ): lameness; abuse; disrespect or misconduct; prohibited equipment; excessive disturbance of herd to the point that exhibitor is asked to leave the arena; leaving arena before run is complete~~, fall of horse/exhibitor~~; improper western attire.