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Rule Change Intent

"Suitability to the discipline" is an important component when adjudicating. The purpose of the rule change is to define and better align all judges and exhibitors to this one point of horses being suitable to the discipline in which they are competing.

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SUBCHAPTER AR-6 PARK HORSE SECTION

AR133 Park Horse Class Specifications

1. OPEN. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter. To be judged on ***suitability to the discipline,*** brilliant performance with proper cadence and balance, presence, quality, manners and conformation.

2. AMATEUR. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter. To be judged on ***manners, suitability to the discipline,*** brilliant performance with proper cadence and balance, ~~manners,~~ quality and suitability of horse to rider.

3. LADIES, GENTLEMEN. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter. To be judged on ***manners, suitability to the discipline,*** brilliant performance with proper cadence and balance, ~~manners,~~ quality and suitability of horse to rider.

4. JUNIOR HORSE. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter. To be judged on ***suitability to the discipline,*** quality, brilliant performance with proper cadence and balance, and manners.

SUBCHAPTER AR-7 ENGLISH PLEASURE SECTION

AR137 English Pleasure Class Specifications

1. OPEN. To be shown at a walk, normal trot, strong trot, canter and hand gallop. To be judged on ***suitability to the discipline,*** manners, performance, attitude, quality and conformation.

2. AMATEUR. To be shown at a walk, normal trot and canter. To be judged on manners, ***suitability to the discipline,*** performance, attitude, quality, suitability of horse to rider, and conformation.

3. LADIES, GENTLEMEN. To be shown at a walk, normal trot and canter. To be judged on manners, ***suitability to the discipline,*** performance, attitude, quality, suitability of horse to rider, and conformation.

4. JUNIOR HORSE. To be shown at a walk, normal trot and canter. To be judged on ***suitability to the discipline,*** quality, performance, attitude and manners.

SUBCHAPTER AR-8 COUNTRY ENGLISH PLEASURE SECTION

AR142 Country English Pleasure Class Specifications

1. OPEN. To be shown at a walk, normal trot, strong trot, canter and hand gallop. To be judged on attitude, ***suitability to the discipline,*** manners, performance, quality and conformation.

2. AMATEUR. To be shown at a walk, normal trot and canter. To be judged on attitude, manners, ***suitability to the discipline,*** performance, quality, conformation and suitability of horse to rider.

3. LADIES, GENTLEMEN. To be shown at a walk, normal trot and canter. To be judged on attitude, manners, ***suitability to the discipline,*** performance, quality, conformation and suitability of horse to rider.

4. JUNIOR HORSE To be shown at a walk, normal trot and canter. To be judged on attitude, ***suitability to the discipline,*** manners, quality, and performance.

SUBCHAPTER AR-9 HUNTER PLEASURE SECTION

AR146 Hunter Pleasure Class Specifications

1. OPEN. To be shown at a walk, trot, canter and hand gallop both directions of the ring. To stand quietly and back readily. To be judged on ***suitability to the discipline,*** manners, performance, ~~suitability as a Hunter,~~ quality and conformation.

2. AMATEUR. To be shown at a walk, trot, canter and hand gallop both directions of the ring. To stand quietly and back readily to be judged on manners, ***suitability to the discipline,*** performance, ~~suitability as a Hunter,~~ quality and conformation.

3. LADIES, GENTLEMEN. To be shown at a walk, trot, canter and hand gallop both directions of the ring. To stand quietly and back readily. To be judged on manners, ***suitability to the discipline,*** performance, ~~suitability as a Hunter,~~ quality and conformation.

4. JUNIOR HORSE. To be shown at a walk, trot, canter and hand gallop both directions of the ring. To stand quietly and back readily. To be judged on ***suitability to the discipline,*** quality, performance, ~~suitability as a Hunter,~~ manners and conformation.

SUBCHAPTER AR-10 WESTERN PLEASURE SECTION

AR150 Western Pleasure Class Specifications

1. OPEN. To be shown at a walk, jog-trot, lope and hand gallop. Extreme speed to be penalized. To be judged on ***suitability to the discipline,*** manners, performance, substance, quality, conformation and attitude. In the lineup, horses may be asked to back in a straight line with no additional testing, returning to the lineup at a walk. Horses may be asked to back on the rail.

2. AMATEUR. To be shown at a walk, jog-trot and lope. To be judged on manners, ***suitability to the discipline,*** performance, suitability of horse to rider, substance, quality, conformation and attitude. In the lineup, horses may be asked to back in a straight line with no additional testing, returning to the lineup at a walk. Horses may be asked to back on the rail.

3. LADIES, GENTLEMEN. To be shown at a walk, jog-trot and lope. To be judged on manners, ***suitability to the discipline,*** performance, suitability of horse to rider, substance, quality, conformation and attitude. In the lineup, horses may be asked to back in a straight line with no additional testing, returning to the lineup at a walk. Horses may be asked to back on the rail.

4. JUNIOR HORSE. To be shown at a walk, jog-trot and lope. To be judged on ***suitability to the discipline,*** substance, quality, performance, manners and attitude. In the lineup, horses may be asked to back in a straight line with no additional testing, returning to the lineup at a walk. Horses may be asked to back on the rail.

SUBCHAPTER AR-11 LADIES SIDE SADDLE SECTION

AR154 Ladies Side Saddle Class Specifications

OPEN, AMATEUR. To be shown both directions at the walk, trot or jog-trot, canter or lope. Horses should back readily

if requested by the judge and stand quietly. To be judged 85% on manners, ***suitability to the discipline,*** performance, ~~suitability,~~ quality and conformation; 15% on appropriate side saddle attire. Manners and suitability of purpose shall be emphasized. (Suitability refers to the horse being suitable as a sidesaddle mount.)

SUBCHAPTER AR-13 ENGLISH SHOW HACK SECTION.

AR162 English Show Hack Class Specifications

1. OPEN, AMATEUR, LADIES, GENTLEMEN. To be shown at a walk, trot, canter, and hand gallop; collected and extended and normal gaits to be called for. To stand quietly and back readily. To be judged on manners, ***suitability to the discipline,*** performance, quality and conformation.