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AR214.2 Tracking #130-25 Draft #1 Approved

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
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Rule Change Intent

This change is currently being enforced through a Presidential Modification. There were requests from licensed officials for more clarity regarding what is an acceptable procedure for performing a simple lead change. This rule change gives a proper description of the simple lead change and clarifies this addition in the scoring procedures.

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Comments

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Member Comments

SUBCHAPTER AR-26 WORKING WESTERN SECTION

AR214 Working Western Definitions

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2. Gaits Definitions for Ranch classes

In all gaits, movement of the ranch horse should simulate a horse needing to cover long distances, softly and quietly, like that of a working ranch horse. The following terminology shall apply:

(…)

g. ***The simple lead change is performed through the walk or trot in three strides or less.***

AR247 Ranch Horse Scoring

(…)

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

(…)

b. Three (3) point penalties

(…)

5. ***Walking or T****rotting more than three strides when making a simple lead change

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:

(…)

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

(…)

b. 3 Point:

(…)

6. ***Walking or T****rotting more than three strides when making a simple lead change