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Rule Change Intent

In cases where fewer than 3 entries complete a class, the results of that class, including eliminations, should still be used to calculate Champion and Reserve Champion for the division. Otherwise, if the class with less than three completing is left out of the championship calculations, it can result in a champion being declared that did not successfully finish the entire section. The current rule is unfair to competitors who are penalized for competing in classes with less than three completions.

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Comments

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Member Comments

Annette Longenecker — Draft #1

Please make this reference SHOW Championship. The current wording will confuse exhibitors and think they will get USEF HOTY Points.

Jennifer Grant — Draft #1

This seems like a reasonable rule change. I agree that competitors should not be punished if their class is small.

GR808 Awarding Championships

1. Championship classes for a specific height or sex may be offered in any division as set forth in the respective division rules. Judging specifications must follow those of the Open Championship class.
2. In the Hunter divisions, Championships must be awarded on points. In the Morgan and Welsh Pony divisions, Championships may be awarded on points or held as performance classes. (See JP110.2 for Jumper Championships and EQ107.8 for Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation Championships)
3. When Championships are awarded on points, all competitors must be given an equal opportunity to obtain points. In all other divisions, Championships must be awarded in a Championship Performance class and all entries must be given an opportunity to qualify.
4. Only the first four ribbons in each class are counted regardless of the number offered. Ribbons have the same point value even if less than the specified four places are awarded due to lack of entries, etc. Exception: See JP110.2 for Jumper Championships.
5. Point Value: Blue ribbon 5 points Yellow ribbon 2 points Red ribbon 3 points White ribbon 1 points
6. In Hunter and Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation sections only the first six ribbons in each class are counted regardless of the number offered. Ribbons have the same value even if less than the specified six places are awarded due to lack of entries. First Place...10 points, Second Place...6 points, Third Place...4 points, Fourth Place...2 points, Fifth Place...1 point, Sixth Place...1/2 point. ***If fewer than three entries complete a class, points for competition championships and reserve championships will be calculated for those entries that did complete the class; however, no HOTY points will be awarded for the class. See HU154.2.***

GR1113 Credit

1. No credit will be given for classes where judging specifications are not in accordance with the Federation rules. Points will not count towards Horse of the Year Award competitions and classes will not be counted for division or section ratings.
2. No credit will be given in classes if less than three entries have shown and placed.

Exceptions:

a. Hunter Breeding, Pony Hunter Breeding, and Conformation Model Classes.
b. Hunter Classes, a minimum of three entries must have completed (per HU120) to receive full points and money won***. If fewer than three entries complete a class, points for competition championships and reserve championships will be calculated for those entries that did complete the class; however, no HOTY points will be awarded for the class. See HU154.2.***

HU154 General

1. Show Championships must be offered in rated sections.
2. A Championship may not be offered in a section unless a minimum of two over fences classes and one Under Saddle class are held. ~~A Championship will not count for points unless a minimum of three entries complete in at least two over fences classes and one under saddle class (Exception: Ladies Side Saddle, see HU151; Performance Hunter, High Performance Hunter, and any other sections where individual classes may be entered, see HU154.3).~~ ***If fewer than three entries complete a class, points for competition championships and reserve championships will be calculated for those entries that did complete the class; however, no HOTY points will be awarded for the class. See HU154.2.*** If a competition offers more than one Under Saddle class in any one section, only one will count towards the Championship. (Exception: classes divided as to weight, height, age or breeding.) The prize list must specify the class to count.
3. The number of Championship and Reserve Championships that are awarded will be determined by the number of sections created from dividing the first over fences class. In order to award a section Championship in the Performance Hunter, High Performance Hunter, and any other sections where individual classes may be entered at least two (2) over fences classes per section and one (1) under saddle class must be held in which a minimum of three (3) entries complete. When multiple Championships are awarded when using the California Split method, under saddle classes with fewer than thirty (30) entries are not required to be split. When multiple Championships are awarded and only one under saddle class is held the points from the one under saddle class will be used to calculate the Championship for both sections. When a random split is used, multiple Championships may only be

awarded if a minimum of two (2) over fences and one (1) under saddle class are held per section.
a. When a Championship is offered, management must keep a score card or chart of winnings throughout the competition, which must be prominently displayed so that exhibitors may inspect it at all times. Only the first six ribbons count towards Championships regardless of the number offered.
b. Ribbons won in classes with specifications restricting horses in any manner, will not count toward any Championship unless such classes are complementary and over the same course, affording equal opportunity to all horses competing. If, however, competition management, having reserved the right to do so in the prize list, combines two or more complementary classes because of insufficient entries, thus making one open class, ribbons won in such a class count toward the Championship.