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Rule Change Intent

The Trail class determines how horses and riders handle obstacles that could be encountered on trail rides. The idea of the trail pattern being available to exhibitors days in advance of the class, allowing time for exhibitors to practice, defeats the purpose of the class. This rule change adds further detail to the timeline for posting the trail pattern and specifies that no obstacle will be available for practice prior to the class.

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Member Comments

(2026 Rulebook)

SUBCHAPTER PF-9 SPECIALITY CLASSES

PF147 Paso Trail

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2. Procedures.

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b. A drawn course will be provided by show management, reviewed for compliance with required procedures and approved by the judge(s). An exhibitor in this class cannot design or set up the course. The course will show the line of travel through obstacles and the gait required to perform obstacles. Changes or revisions will not be permitted after posting. The course will specify how a horse is to negotiate or travel between obstacles that seems appropriate. ***No course obstacle will be available for practice prior to the class.*** The trail pattern must be posted at least two (2) hours prior to the class, ***but no earlier than 6pm the day prior to the class***.

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(PF Chapter Re-Write)

SUBCHAPTER PF-3 UNDER SADDLE SECTION

PF Paso Trail

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3. Class Specifications.

a. Gaits. Required gaits in the course may include: Flat Walk, Paso Corto, and/or Paso Largo.

b. Trail Course Requirements.

i. A course will be created by competition management and reviewed and approved by the judge(s). An exhibitor in this class is prohibited from designing or setting up the course.

ii. The trail pattern must show the line of travel through each obstacle, the gait required to perform each obstacle, and specify how a horse is to negotiate or travel between obstacles.

iii. The trail pattern must be posted at least two hours prior to the class***, but no earlier than six o'clock pm the day prior to the class***. Once posted, revisions are prohibited.

iv. For order of go requirements, see WS103.4.

v. The course must include a minimum of six obstacles with a maximum of eight obstacles.

vi. For required dimensions of Trail obstacles, see WS126. (Exception: WS126.10 Unacceptable Obstacles)

c. Trail Course Obstacles. Obstacles may include, but are not limited to: negotiating a gate, carrying an object from one part of the arena to another, crossing through water, over logs or simulated brush, negotiating a ditch without lunging or jumping, crossing a bridge, backing through obstacles, side-passing, mounting and dismounting from either side of the horse, and performing any reasonable conditions along the trail.

i. If a coat or jacket is to be put on by the exhibitor as an obstacle, the garment must be open in the front and not require putting on over the head.

ii. Unnatural-type obstacles, such as a fire extinguisher, perforated plywood in water boxes, or exotic animals are prohibited.

iii. A sounding board (PF_) may be used as an obstacle.

iv. No obstacle will be provided for practice/schooling prior to the class.