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Rule Change Intent

In Arabian Trail classes, more than one gait may be involved in the execution of a single obstacle. A horse could perform a significant portion of an obstacle correctly and should not receive a “0” score. Currently horses can be overly penalized for an infraction that is less or equal in magnitude to other 3 and 5 point penalties. Currently in scoring for Trail, a penalty is not identified for a horse that fails to ever demonstrate the correct gait as designated. This rule change makes this occurrence a penalty of Disqualification/Zero Score. This rule change also moves the penalty for the failure to perform every segment of an obstacle at the correct gait from a disqualification/zero score penalty to a five point penalty.

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Linked Rules

Comments

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Member Comments

SUBCHAPTER AR-26 WORKING WESTERN SECTION

AR228 Trail Scoring

1. General

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d. Penalties

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ii. Disqualified 0 – Score

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8. ~~***Failure to perform every segment of an obstacle at the correct gait.***~~ ***Failure to ever demonstrate the correct gait as designated.***

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iv. 5 Point Penalties

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11. Failure to perform every segment of an obstacle at the correct gait.

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