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

This proposal seeks to remove all references to the Saddle & Bridle program classes from the USEF Rule Book in a manner consistent with the recently approved rule change to remove all references to UPHA programs and classes. This is due to the fact that Saddle & Bridle declined to enter into an agreement with USEF to prohibit their program classes from being held at any competition that does not prohibit persons on the USEF, FEI, or U.S. Center for Safe Sport banned or suspended lists from being on competition grounds or participating in the competitions.

Similar to other state and local association classes held at USEF competitions, the Saddle & Bridle program classes can still be offered by the organizer as miscellaneous classes and the program owner, Saddle & Bridle would assume the responsibility for how the classes are conducted, not the USEF.

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Linked Rules

Comments

American Saddlebred

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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Saddle Seat Eq

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Member Comments

SUBCHAPTER EQ-3 SADDLE SEAT EQUITATION SECTION

[...]

EQ119 Requirements for Specific Classes.

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8. PLEASURE EQUITATION. For junior riders who have not reached their 18th birthday, riding Pleasure horses with full mane and tail with natural carriage. Classes may be divided as to sex and age of the rider. (For riders competing on American Saddlebreds: Horses cross entered in the Country Pleasure division at the same competition may not wear tailsets or bustles while on the grounds. Riders competing in these classes cannot compete in any other Saddle Seat Equitation classes at the same competition, except USEF Medal., ~~UPHA, The Good Hands and American Saddlebred Pleasure Equitation Medallion Saddle Seat classes on Pleasure horses with full manes and tails with natural carriage~~. Riders competing in Pleasure Equitation classes are eligible to compete in the Open Saddle Seat Equitation Championship on a Pleasure horse with a full mane and tail with natural carriage only if a Pleasure Equitation Championship is not offered at that competition.

[...]

~~13. SADDLE & BRIDLE'S AMERICAN SADDLEBRED PLEASURE EQUITATION MEDALLION. For permission to offer this class and complete details please refer to the website for "Saddle & Bridle" magazine at www.saddleandbridle.com.~~

SB161 Classes Offered and Specifications

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~~6. SADDLE & BRIDLE'S SHATNER WESTERN PLEASURE CLASS. Please refer to the website for "Saddle & Bridle" Magazine at www.saddleandbridle.com.~~

~~7. SADDLE & BRIDLE'S WORKING WESTERN PLEASURE CLASS. Please refer to the website for "Saddle & Bridle" Magazine at www.saddleandbridle.com.~~

SB166 Classes Offered and Specifications

[...]

~~3. SADDLE & BRIDLE'S HUNTER SEAT CLASSIC. Please refer to the website for "Saddle & Bridle" Magazine at www.saddleandbridle.com.~~

SUBCHAPTER 11-F AWARD SECTIONS

GR1140 American Saddlebred

[...]

2. Point Tabulation. See GR1113-GR1119. Points for all competitions will be awarded as follows:

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~~c. The Saddle and Bridle Hunter Classic Final and Saddle and Bridle Shatner Western Final held at the St. Louis National Charity Horse Show will receive triple points.~~