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Rule Change Intent

This rule change is adding clarity to the time out rules due to instances in the industry that have been questionable as to whether it was permitted and/or if a time out should be called. The change adds clarity to the situation of an exhibitor using the time during another exhibitors time out, dismounting a horse is considered a time out, and instances of a farrier touching a shoe even when a shoe is not cast. This rule change will be helpful in the field for judges, stewards, and competition announcers.

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Comments

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Member Comments

SUBCHAPTER AR-1 GENERAL SECTION

AR108 Time Outs

1. A time-out is a suspension of judging which may be requested by a competitor or directed by the judge(s).

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d. If a horse casts a shoe in a class, time starts (after measuring and/or gauging has concluded, if applicable) when the farrier or their assistant touches the shoe***, pad, band, or any element of the shoe*** or the horse. No more than three minutes will be allotted to find a shoe; if the shoe is not found, the exhibitor may elect to continue or withdraw. If a horse is removed from the ring for the purposes of shoeing, the steward or judge shall accompany and remain with the horse until it is returned to the ring or excused from the class.

i. In instances when a shoe is not cast, but the farrier or their assistant touches the shoe, pad, band, or any element of the shoe or horse, the time starts at their touch.

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g. Competitors who are not involved in a time-out may make minor adjustments that can be performed with the assistance of one attendant and not be charged with a time-out. Minor adjustments do not include replacing shoes. ***Any disruption that does not conclude prior to the original time out's end will be charged an additional time out.***

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i. At any time during a class, prior to the judges' cards being submitted for announcement, dismounting from a horse is considered a time-out. Exception: AR108.1(g).