



2016 POINTS OF EMPHASIS



The Standards and Rules Committee, a joint committee of the ASHA and ASR invites the particular consideration and attention of all competitors, officials, and managements to the following United States Equestrian Federation rules (paraphrased). Please publicize and post this bulletin in an appropriate public area. We thank you for your cooperation.

USEF RULE REFERENCE DESCRIPTION

GR801.4

Any exhibitor may wear protective headgear (ASTM/SEI) and/or a protective safety vest, specifically designed for use in equestrian sport in any division or class without penalty from the judge.

GR839

Cruelty to or the abuse of a horse by any person at a Licensed Competition is forbidden, constitutes a violation under Chapter 7, and renders the offender subject to penalty. The following acts are included under the words Cruelty and Abuse but are not limited thereto: Use of shackles, hock hobbles and similar devices (not to be construed as rubber or elastic exercising devices).

GR840 & SB103.9

Attention Getting Devices. Attention getting devices &/or other noisemakers (including but not limited to tape measures, blow horns, altered bamboo poles, explosives, etc.) are not allowed in and around the make up/schooling/warm-up and competition rings during scheduled competition sessions. Use of explosives and fire extinguishers by or for exhibitors/competitors (except in the case of fire) is not allowed on competition grounds at any time.

GR843 Mandatory Reporting and Cooperation of Horse/Pony Collapse

The trainer, owner or rider shall notify the Steward as soon as possible but no later than three hours after any collapse of a horse or pony. When a collapse occurs outside of competition hours or before the competition begins, notification must occur as soon as possible but no later than three hours after the Steward reports to the show or returns to duty.

SB102.2/105

Horses with extremely low backs must be severely penalized in all stripped performance classes, harness classes, and in-hand classes. Horses with crooked tails must be penalized and horses with extremely crooked tails must be severely penalized.

SB103.3

Horses may be shown with unset tails in any class without penalty.

SB103.5-6

A judge must order from the ring any unruly horse or one whose actions threaten to endanger the rider, driver, handler, other exhibitors or their entries. A judge must order from the ring any rider, driver, or handler who exhibits inappropriate or dangerous behavior or whose actions would in any way threaten the safety of any exhibitor, their entries or the safety of class officials.

SB103.8

Definition of Maiden/Novice/Limit for riders/drivers. Maiden/Novice/Limit classes are open to riders/drivers who have not won one/three/six first place ribbons respectively, at Regular and Local Competitions of this Federation in any under saddle/driving class of any Breed and/or Discipline. First place ribbons won by a rider in any under saddle class do not affect the status of a driver in any driving class. First place ribbons won by a driver in any driving class do not affect the status of a rider in any under saddle class.

SB105

In a stripped class, when manners are paramount (i.e. Ladies, Junior Exhibitors, Amateurs, and Owners), riders must remount and return to the line up before the judges will be allowed to turn in their cards.

SB115/SB161

The Western horse must jog a free, easy, two beat diagonal gait without a tendency to mix gaits, with very little motion in the saddle and minimum control from the rider. The horse is to be shown with only one hand on a reasonably loose rein without undue restraint and hands are not to be changed except to negotiate an obstacle in a trail class (two hands are permitted for Hackamores and snaffle bits).

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