

The following rules changes were voted on by the PHBA National Directors at the 2022 National Convention held March 16-19, 2022 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. With ratification by the PHBA Executive Board the rules were adopted and will become *effective immediately*.

AQHA RULE CHANGES

EQUIPMENT

3204. Any equipment and/or bit considered legal in an PHBA-approved class may be used on any horse for training purposes on show grounds, whether or not the horse will be shown in the class for which the equipment and/or it is legal; for example, equipment and/or bits legal for barrel racing classes may be used on horses of other disciplines for training on the show grounds.

3320 C. A linked mouthpiece with minimum 3/8" (10 mm) diameter that is smooth with movable links that are solidly attached to the shanks;

3361. Performance Halter

C. To be eligible to compete in the performance halter class;

1) horses that have earned a Register of Merit in performance. Register of Merits in Showmanship at Halter, all Walk-Trot divisions, and/or Western Parade will not apply in any division. Proof of Register of Merit must be provided to show management.

2) horses which are competing in a performance class at the same show may also be shown in performance halter. Horses must be ridden or driven at that show. Walk-Trot classes, Showmanship at Halter and/or Western Parade do not count as an eligible performance class. EXCEPTION: PHBA World Championship Show).

RANCH RIDING

3619. Class Requirements

H. Sitting the regular trot and lope is recommended; though standing in the stirrups at the extended trot and extended lope, or posting the extended trot is acceptable

RANCH TRAIL

3634. CLASS REQUIREMENTS

F. MANDATORY OBSTACLES AND MANUEVERS

1. Ride over obstacles on the ground (natural logs are **strongly recommended**). Walk, trot or lope may be used but only one gait is required.

WESTERN HORSEMANSHIP

6257. G A simple or flying change of lead should be executed precisely in the specified number of strides and/or at the designated location. A simple change of lead is performed by breaking to a walk or trot for one to three strides. Flying changes should be simultaneous front and rear. All changes should be smooth and timely. When a

lead change is a required maneuver, it may be designated as a simple change or the exhibitor has the option to perform either a simple or flying lead change.

H. The position of the exhibitor and performance of the horse and rider on the rail must be considered in the final placing.

6258. B. Five (5) points

Obviously looking down to check leads

HUNT SEAT EQUITATION

6234. CLASS PROCEDURE

E. When a lead change is a required maneuver, it may be designated as a simple change or the exhibitor has the option to perform either a simple or flying lead change.

6236 Scoring

A. Three (3) points

Missing a diagonal up to 2 strides in the pattern or on the rail

B. Five (5) points

Obviously looking down to check leads or diagonals

Missing a diagonal for more than 2 strides in the pattern or on the rail

NSBA RULE CHANGE

LONGE LINE

3398. Attire. Conventional Western attire is mandatory; except if a prospect is considered to be a Hunter prospect then conventional English attire is suggested. (Flat caps and fedoras are also acceptable). The type of attire worn by the exhibitor is not to be a consideration in placing the horse as long as the attire meets the requirements stated above.

3387. An exhibitor may only show one two horses in each longe line class. The same exhibitor must show both segments of the class. An additional handler may hold the second horse while the first horse is being worked. An additional handler may hold the first horse while the second horse is being worked. A maximum of two handlers may be used. In Amateur classes, any additional handlers must hold a current PHBA Amateur card. Exhibitors and handlers may not do anything to disturb any horses in the class while they change handlers, however if an exhibitor must exit the arena prior to the placings another exhibitor properly attired and wearing the correct number may stand-in once the conformation and longeing presentation is complete.

3417. Penalties and disqualifications:

b) Disqualification will occur in the following instances:

3) Fall to the ground by horse.