

GENERAL RULE CHANGES

The following rule changes supercede any conflicting Rules in the 2004-2005 rule book

All Classes

- 1) Youth may not exhibit stallions over 1 year of age in any class or division.
- 2) Any horse ridden into the class 2 handed will be considered 2 handed at all times regardless of number of hands on the reins or fingers between the reins and shall be scored according.
- 3) Show manager or Show Secretary may only own and/or show horses in Ranch Sorting, Barrels, Poles, Key Race, and Agility.
- 4) All horses may cross enter in any classes which they qualify in the division with the exception of Trail only, however they must designate which division they are competing in for Versatility prior to their first class. Example: 4 year old horse that qualifies both in Novice and Non Pro divisions could show in Open, Novice, Youth (with youth rider, mares and geldings only) and Non Pro in all classes except Trail. Clubs may require contestants to designate which division they wish to compete for show high point in prior to their first class.

All Pattern Classes

- 1) A wrong lead shall result in a zero score if not corrected within 3 strides.
- 2) A wrong gait shall result in a zero score if not corrected within 3 strides.
- 3) Novice may make simple lead changes with a maximum score of 4 except in Western Riding. Horse may correct wrong lead within 3 strides.

Cattle Classes

- 1) If sufficient fresh cattle are not available clubs must give the competitor the choice of cattle fees back or competing on the cattle available.
- 2) Cattle may be settled for a maximum of 10 minutes
- 3) Cutting: if cattle are mostly the same color without distinguishing markings, show management must put identifying marks other than the number so both competitor and judge can tell when cattle have been worked, such as three different color dots.
- 4) Biting, stiking, or kicking the cow is a disqualification.

In Hand Trail/Trail/Ranch Trail

- 1) Manners between obstacles will be scored.
- 2) Contestants (horses) may not enter the pen or area during or after the course has been set up until their turn to compete. Any horse entering the course prior to their performance is subject to disqualification.
- 3) During a ground tie more credit will be given for both reins to be dropped.
- 4) If a horse moves more than 3 steps during a ground tie without stopping it is a zero score.

Equipment/Tack

- 1) No Shue Flies allowed on bits or cinches.

- 2) Hair on cowhide is not considered exotic.
- 3) Snaffle bits may not have shanks, cheek piece or attachment ring that creates leverage or gag action.
- 4) Snaffle ring diameter may not be more than 4 inches. The mouth piece may be two or three pieces. A three piece connecting ring of 1 1/4" or less in diameter (roller) or connecting flat bar (dog bone) 3/8" to 3/4" measured top to bottom with a maximum length of 2" are acceptable providing they lay flat in the mouth.
- 5) Snaffle should have a loose leather or nylon curb strap. No chain curb straps allowed with snaffle bits.
- 6) Curb bits may have a three piece connecting ring of 1 1/4" or less in diameter (roller) or connecting flat bar (dog bone) 3/8" to 3/4" measured top to bottom with a maximum length of 2" are acceptable providing they lay flat in the mouth. Curb bits must have a properly adjusted curb strap (leather, nylon or chain). Curb strap must connect directly with the bit, not tied on with string, wire, etc. Broken straps are not necessarily be a disqualification.
- 7) Anytime a horse is ridden with a Bosal or bit that is in contact with an open, raw or bleeding sore the horse shall be disqualified.
- 8) A horse's mouth may not be tied or fastened shut. This is a disqualification.
- 9) Romal rein clarification. A Romal rein is an extension of a closed rein to be held about 16 inches from the rein hand. Youth or smaller competitors may not have the ability to space hands this distance but must make it obvious that they are not interfering with the rein hand at any time.
- 10) Judges may ask for the removal of any piece of equipment they deem unsafe, or gives an unfair advantage, or is inhumane.

Category VI

- 1) The daub in Steer Daubing may not be used to slap or strike the horse.
- 2) Time shall be announced for all classes.
- 3) Tie breakers shall be drawn for all classes. Time is the 3rd tie breaker.

Timed Events

- 1) Failure to follow the described timed event course shall result in disqualification.
- 2) Agility: knocking over pole or barrel is 5 second penalty.

Versatility

- 1) Horses who have been disqualified for anything except willful disobedience or abuse, shall be given last place credits rather than zero in Versatility scoring.