

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Rule Clarification

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2016

PROPONENT

Saddle Seat Eq

INTENT

The Mid-America Horse Show Association (MAHSA) recently took ownership of the "Good Hands" program from the National Horse Show. The MAHSA previously submitted an extraordinary rule change, which was approved, to update the name of the class by removing reference to the National Horse Show. However, these two places in the rule book were overlooked when the original proposal was submitted. This proposal removes two additional references to the National Horse Show per the previously approved rule change.

PROPOSED CHANGE

EQ115 Conduct and EQ117 Requirements for Specific Classes [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ-3 SADDLE SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]

EQ115 Conduct

3. DIVISION OF CLASSES

In **NHS *The Good Hands***, and Saddle Seat championship classes, judges must work competitors in groups of 20 or less. In USEF Saddle Seat Medal classes, judges must work competitors in groups of 15 or less. In USEF Saddle Seat Adult Amateur Medal Classes it is at the discretion of competition management whether or not to work competitors in groups of 15 or less. In all other Saddle Seat classes, if there are 20 or more entries in a class, it is recommended that the class be divided into separate sections by selecting every other number on the list of entries, and that separate trophies and ribbons be awarded. If there are 25 or more entries, the class must be divided and the notification of such publicly announced and posted at least two hours prior to the start of the class. In classes with eliminations, it is the prerogative of the judge, not of competition management, to determine the number of riders from any given section. The list of qualifying riders for the class finals will not be posted or announced until all sections have been worked.

EQ117 Requirements for Specific Classes

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, **NHS *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.

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2016

PROPONENT

ARHPA

INTENT

Our intent is to unify and simplify the roadster division tracking system. With one number applied for through the ARHPA requiring as much information about the horse being provided (registrations numbers, color, marking, birthdate, breeding, previous owners, etc) all of the information is in one place. With requiring one number and ARHPA issued certificate to stay with that horse for its life then there becomes no confusion on who the horse is and what horse belongs to the certificate

PROPOSED CHANGE

RD101 Eligibility [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER RD-1 GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS] change to read:

1. Roadster Horses. In order to compete all horses must be a Standardbred or Standardbred type. ~~Registration is not required.~~

a. All horses competing in Federation licensed competitions must be properly identified and must obtain a Roadster Horse Identification number from the American Road Horse and Pony Association (ARHPA). An ARHPA Roadster Horse ID number for each horse must be entered on all entry forms for licensed competitions.

b. Only one unique ARHPA Roadster Horse ID Number will be issued per horse. This unique ID number must subsequently remain with the horse throughout its career. Anyone knowingly applying for a duplicate ID Number for an individual horse may be subject to disciplinary action.

c. The Federation and/or ARHPA as applicable must be notified of any change of ownership and/or competition name of the horse. Owners are requested to notify the Federation and/or ARHPA as applicable of corrections to previously submitted information, e.g., names, addresses, breed registration, pedigree, or markings.

d. The ARHPA Roadster Horse ID application is available from the ARHPA or Federation office, or it can be downloaded from the ARHPA or Federation website or completed in the competition office. Competition management is responsible for notifying exhibitors of this requirement in their prize list.

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Extraordinary

EFFECTIVE

2/1/2017 1

PROPONENT

AHHS

INTENT

This rule change is strengthening and modifying outdated language in support of welfare for this division. Some of the current language has caused confusion or misunderstandings about the breed and practice within the industry. If left unattended, these misconceptions may cause a negative impact to the breed and membership of the Recognized Affiliate.

PROPOSED CHANGE

HK103 Type and Conformation through HK148 General [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HK-4 HACKNEY PONIES (COB TAILS) through SUBCHAPTER HK-15 PLEASURE HACKNEY HORSES]

SUBCHAPTER HK-4 HACKNEY PONIES (COB TAILS)

SUBCHAPTER HK-1. GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS

HK103 Height

2. Ponies shown in the Harness Pony and Roadster Pony sections must possess a current measurement card or valid measurement form issued by the Federation. (See GR502). The measurement of Hackney Pleasure Ponies and Hackney (~~cob-tail~~) Ponies will not be necessary unless the classes are divided according to height.

SUBCHAPTER HK-2 CONDUCT

HK105 General

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- ~~3. Hackneys who show evidence of lameness or brokenwind must be severely penalized.~~
3. ~~4.~~ Maiden/Novice/Limit classes are open to ponies that have not won one/three/six first place ribbons respectively at USEF licensed competitions. Ribbons won in classes with only one entry will not count in determining Maiden, Novice or Limit status. Ribbons won within one section (i.e. Hackney Pony (~~CobTail~~), Harness Pony, Roadster, **Park Pleasure Driving**, Show Pleasure Driving, Country Pleasure Driving) do not count in the reckoning of Maiden/Novice/Limit status if the pony competes in a different Hackney section. However, ribbons won in the Roadster Pony section of the Roadster Division will count towards the maiden/novice/limit status of Hackney Roadster ponies.
4. *Hackneys must be serviceably sound. Horses and ponies who show evidence of lameness or broken wind must be severely penalized.*
5. *Shoeing- to be directed to improving the comfort, balance, and soundness of the pony or horse. Labored way of going due to shoeing to be penalized.*
- a. *Pads and wedges- are permitted to protect the feet and limbs from the impact of the pony or horse's natural gait, and maintain the integrity of the hoof wall. Exceptions: see Country Pleasure Driving section.*
- b. *Bands- protective hoof bands are permitted to protect the integrity of the hoof and prevent the loss of a shoe resulting in trauma to the hoof. Exceptions: See English Country Pleasure Driving sections.*
6. *Ponies and horses may be shown with unset tails in any class without penalty.*
7. *Surgical release of only the ventral sacrocaudal muscle is allowable if performed by a licensed veterinarian.*
8. *No pony or horse may compete in a class in the Hackney Division with any chemical or other irritant of any kind present to alter the tail carriage.*
9. *Ponies or horses showing signs of inhumane treatment will be eliminated from competition.*

SUBCHAPTER HK-2 CONDUCT

HK108 Cross Entering

1. A pony may be shown in only one of the six sections of the Hackney Division (Hackney Pony ~~(Cob-Tail)~~, Harness Pony, Hackney Roadster, Park Pleasure Driving, Show Pleasure Driving, or Country Pleasure Driving) at the same competition.

2. Ponies competing in Hackney Roadster Pony classes within the Hackney Division may enter Roadster Pony classes within the Roadster Division at the same competition. However, a pony shown in the Hackney **Pony** (Cob-Tail), Harness **Pony**, or Pleasure **Pony** sections within the Hackney Division cannot enter a Roadster Pony class within the Roadster Division at the same competition.

SUBCHAPTERHK-2. CONDUCT

HK113 Appointments

1. All vehicles and equipment must be in serviceable condition. Any exhibitor using vehicles or equipment deemed to be disruptive to other exhibitors must be excused from the ring.

2. Entries must be shown without artificial appliances (e.g., wired ears, chains, shackles, draw reins, kicking strap, ~~conspicuous wire cavessons~~). Inconspicuously applied hair in mane or tail, a tail brace and mouth controls are permitted.

3. The use of chains or rollers as action devices on the competition grounds during or before a competition is prohibited.

3. 4. Electronic communication devices used for purposes of coaching, etc., between competitors and individuals outside the ring shall be prohibited in all classes in the Hackney Division. Exempt from this rule are handicapped drivers/riders who have submitted written proof to the Federation steward.

SUBCHAPTER HK-4. HACKNEY PONIES (COB TAILS)

SUBCHAPTER HK-5 HARNESS PONIES

HK119 General

1. Harness ponies are exhibited with a long mane and ~~undocked~~ **long** tail.

SUBCHAPTER HK-6 PARK PLEASURE DRIVING

HK122 General

~~4. Longtails and Cobtails shown together, unless management deems they have enough entries to offer two divisions.~~ **Tails may be long or have the appearance of being short.**

SUBCHAPTER HK-7 SHOW PLEASURE DRIVING

HK125 General

~~4. Long tails and Cob tails shown together, unless management deems they have enough entries to offer two divisions.~~ **Tails may be long or have the appearance of being short.**

SUBCHAPTER HK-8 COUNTRY PLEASURE DRIVING

HK128 General

~~4. Long tails and Cob tails shown together, unless management deems they have enough entries to offer two divisions.~~ **Tails may be long or have the appearance of being short.**

SUBCHAPTER HK-9 ADDITIONAL CLASSES

HK131 Additional Class Specifications

2. HACKNEY OR HARNESS CARRIAGE CLASS. Open to registered Hackney ponies. Registered Hackneys showing in this class shall not cross enter into any Hackney, Harness or Roadster Pony performance class at the same competition. ~~Ponies may be shown with short or long tails.~~ **The tail may be long or have the appearance of being short.** Harness must be appropriate for the carriage used. To be shown to an appropriate two or four wheeled carriage at a walk, collected trot, and extended trot, excessive speed to be penalized. Must stand quietly and back readily. At least one figure eight may be performed at the discretion and on the instructions of the judge. Button braids are permitted. Hat, apron, gloves and whip are required. To be judged 75% on performance, quality and manners; 25% on turnout.

SUBCHAPTER HK-15 PLEASURE HACKNEY HORSES

HK148 General

6. The mane can be long and natural, pulled, short, braided or roached. The tail **may be long or have the appearance of being short** is long, and/or natural. ~~This section does not exclude the Hackney Horse who has had its tail docked and/or nicked prior to any laws prohibiting the docking/nicking of tails.~~ Although artificial appliances are permitted to maintain a tail set in the driving classes, a natural tail set is encouraged, and artificial hair/tail caps are discouraged.

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Extraordinary

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PROPONENT

ARHPA

INTENT

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PROPOSED CHANGE

RD 103 Gait Requirements, RD106 Appointments [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER RD-1 GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS and SUBCHAPTER RD-2 SHOWING PROCEDURES]

SUBCHAPTER RD-1 GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS

[insert new Soundness and Welfare rule after RD102 Type and Conformation and renumber]

RD103 Soundness and Welfare

1. **Horses and ponies must be serviceably sound.**
2. **Shoeing- to be directed to improving the comfort, balance, and soundness of the horse. Labored way of going due to shoeing to be penalized.**
 - a. **Pads and wedges- are permitted to protect the feet and limbs from the impact of the horse's natural gait, and maintain the integrity of the hoof wall.**
 - b. **Bands- protective hoof bands are permitted to protect the integrity of the hoof and prevent the loss of a shoe resulting in trauma to the hoof.**
3. **No horse may compete in a class in the Roadster Division with any chemical or other irritant of any kind present to alter the horse's tail carriage.**
4. **Horses showing signs of inhumane treatment will be eliminated from competition. See GR839.**

RD103-RD104 Gait Requirements

1. The principal gait assignment for Roadsters is the trot. They shall be asked to trot at three different speeds; the jog-trot, the Road Gait and then at full speed. At all speeds they should work in form; that is their chins set and their legs working beneath them, going collectedly. At the trot a horse whose action features folding of the knees, flexing of hocks, with straight true action of front legs and with hocks carried close together and with motions coordinated, is executing a balanced trot. Long sprawling action in front, dragging or trailing hind legs and straddle gaited action behind makes a balanced trot impossible.
2. Animation, brilliance and competition ring presence should characterize the Roadster in working at a jog-trot or Road Gait.
3. When asked to drive on, the horse must show speed and go in form.
4. **Labored way of going, pacey gaited or mixey gaited horses that pace and rack the turns or break and run on the turns shall be penalized.**
5. Judges must emphasize that Roadsters are to be shown at three distinct speeds. Exhibitors executing gaits not called for must be penalized.

SUBCHAPTER RD-2 SHOWING PROCEDURES**RD106-RD107 Appointments**

1. Harness.
 - a. Blinkers of square pattern, snaffle bit and attached overcheck-rein; breast collar with straight-flaps, with traces made round with flat ends; (for pairs, collars of the English pattern are used); martingale are required. Breechings must be used in all Wagon classes. Reins to be leather and made round up to the hand pieces. Protective boots on front feet are allowed.
 - b. In Roadster Horse to Bike and Roadster Horse to Wagon classes (not Roadster Pony classes) the overcheck must remain attached to the water hook until class is tied. In the event that the check breaks or comes off, the entry must use a timeout in accordance with GR833 to reattach the check. If the check breaks or comes off a second time the horse must not be allowed to continue performing unchecked and must be excused from the ring by the judge(s). If a horse is excused under these circumstances they will be qualified for the championship in accordance with GR809.3.
2. Vehicles. Roadsters shall be shown to a Bike, Road Wagon or Buggy of Caffrey style. All vehicles should be of good appearance and stability. Horse Bikes must be of standard size of at least 48" width with a double seat.
3. Attire.
 - a. In Bike or Under Saddle classes, exhibitor shall wear stable colors, cap (or protective headgear, see RD106.4) and jacket to match.
 - b. In Road Wagon classes exhibitors shall wear a business suit with a hat of choice. The exhibitor's number must be worn on the back of the driver.
 - c. Electronic communication devices used for purposes of coaching, etc., between competitors and individuals outside the ring shall be prohibited in all

classes in the Roadster Division.

1. Exhibitors with a permanent hearing impairment are permitted to use an electronic communication device upon submission of a written certification from a treating medical professional's office certifying the permanent hearing impairment and certifying the requirement of an electronic communication device. The medical certification must be provided to the competition Steward within a reasonable time prior to competing who shall attach a copy to the Steward report.
2. An exhibitor with a disability (other than hearing) will be provided reasonable accommodation upon submission of a written certification from a treating medical professional's office certifying the disability and identifying the accommodation necessary for the exhibitor to compete safely. The medical certification must be provided to the competition Steward within a reasonable time prior to competing who shall attach a copy to the Steward report.
4. Except as may otherwise be mandated by local law, protective headgear is strongly recommended for everyone showing in any class in the Roadster Division as outlined in GR801.4, .7 and .8. Except as may otherwise be mandated by local law, while riding or driving anywhere on the competition grounds, all juniors riding or driving in Roadster to Bike or Roadster Under Saddle classes must wear properly fitting protective headgear which passes or surpasses ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag as specified in GR801. Harness must be secured and properly fitted. A matching cover may be worn over the protective headgear or the protective headgear may be painted in matching stable colors.
- ~~5. Horses and ponies must be serviceably sound and shown without artificial appliances (e.g., wired ears, chains, shackles, draw reins, kicking strap, conspicuous wire cavessons) except boots and inconspicuously applied tail switch or brace.~~
- 5. Horses and ponies shall not be shown in/with artificial appliances. Exception: Artificial appliances listed within the RD Chapter as acceptable.**
- 6. Shackles, draw reins, kicking strap or other training devices are prohibited in the competition ring.**
- 7. The use of chains or rollers as action devices on the competition grounds during or before a competition is prohibited.**
- 8. Inconspicuously applied hair in the tail is permitted.**

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PROPONENT

ASHA

INTENT

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PROPOSED CHANGE

SB102 Type and Conformation through SB199 General [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER SB-1 GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS through SUBCHAPTER SB-20 DRESSAGE SUITABILITY]

SB102 Type and Conformation

2. The ideal American Saddlebred is well-proportioned and presents a beautiful overall picture. The animal should be in good flesh, with good muscle tone and a smooth, glossy coat. Masculinity in stallions and femininity in mares are important and should be taken into consideration. The average height is 15 to 16 hands and the weight 1,000-1,200 pounds. Anycolor is acceptable; the most prominent are chestnut, bay, brown and black with some gray, roan, Palomino and Pinto. HEAD—well-shaped with large, wide-set expressive eyes, gracefully shaped ears set close together on top of the head and carried alertly; a straight face line with a relatively fine muzzle and large nostrils and a clean and smooth jaw line. NECK—long, arched and well-flexed at the poll with a fine, clean throat-latch. WITHERS - well defined and prominent. SHOULDERS—deep and sloping. BACK—strong and level with well sprung ribs. CROUP—level with a well carried tail coming out high. **Tail—carried proudly, coming out high from the croup.** LEGS—The front leg should set well forward under the shoulder. The line of the hind leg, in a natural stance, should be vertical from the point of the buttock to the back edge of the cannon bone. The forearms and hindquarters are well muscled to the knees and hocks. Legs are straight with broad flat bones, sharply defined tendons and sloping pasterns. HOOVES—good and sound, open at the heel, neither toed in or toed out. TO BE PENALIZED: lack of American Saddlebred type, coarse or plain head, roman nose, round jaws, lop ears, wide ears, small eyes (pig eyes), short neck, straight neck, ewe neck, thick throatlatch, flat withers, sway-back, roached back, **crooked tail**, hollow chest, straight shoulders, crooked legs, calved knees, over at the knee, bow legs, rough joints, round bones, straight pasterns, splay feet or pigeon toes, contracted heels, base stance too wide or too narrow, sickle hocks, cowhocks, dished feet, lack of muscle tone, thinness, obesity, roughcoat or overall lack of conditioning. These and any other defects attributable to heredity must be penalized. With the natural variations of type within the breed, some horses do not conform to the ideal but are perfectly suitable for various kinds of competition. If they meet all other requirements for a particular event, they should not be penalized too severely, except in stripped classes, Harness classes and In-Hand classes where extremely low backed horses must be severely penalized. ~~Horses with crooked tails must be penalized and horses with extremely crooked tails must be severely penalized.~~

SB103 General, **Soundness, and Welfare**

1. The American Saddlebred has clean, rhythmic and fluid action which is straight and true. Winging, interfering, traveling wide behind, mixing of gaits and loss of form are undesirable.
2. All horses must be serviceably sound. In In-Hand classes for sires and dams or prospective sires and dams, transmissible unsoundness only shall be considered. Horses must not show evidence of lameness, broken wind or complete loss of sight in both eyes.
3. **Shoeing- to be directed to improving the comfort, balance, and soundness of the horse. Labored way of going due to shoeing to be penalized.**
 - a. **Pads and wedges- are permitted to protect the feet and limbs from the impact of the horse's natural gait, and maintain the integrity of the hoof wall. Exceptions: see English Country Pleasure, Western, and Hunter Country Pleasure sections.**
 - b. **Bands- protective hoof bands are permitted to protect the integrity of the hoof and prevent the loss of a shoe resulting in trauma to the hoof. Exceptions: See English Country Pleasure, Western, and Hunter Country Pleasure sections.**
4. Horses may be shown with unset tails in any class without penalty.
5. **Surgical release of only the ventral sacrocaudal muscle is allowable if performed by a licensed veterinarian.**
6. **No horse may compete in a class in the American Saddlebred Division with any chemical or other irritant of any kind present to alter the horse's tail carriage.**
7. All horses must be worked both ways of the ring at all required gaits as directed by the judge(s). Workouts will be judged as a separate class and horses must be tied for placings being considered in that workout. Workouts may be called for by the judge(s) for any or all placings. All horses chosen for a workout must be worked both ways of the ring at any or all gaits listed in the class specifications that are requested by the judge(s). An exhibitor choosing to not complete the workout for any reason has the option of lining up and receiving the last ribbon awarded in the workout. An exhibitor is entitled to request only one five-minute time out per class including workout. (See GR833).
8. 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. (See GR1033.11)

9. 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. (See GR1033.12)

10. To be penalized: Mixed gaits; unbalanced action; **labored way of going**; pulling; fighting the bit; tossing the head; carrying head to one side or going sideways; leaving hocks behind; strung out; wrong lead or cross-cantering; breaking of gait; winging; interfering; traveling wide behind; loss of form due to excessive speed; bad manners; exaggerated opening of mouth; carrying sour ears.

11. Horses showing signs of inhumane treatment will be eliminated from competition. See GR839.

12. 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. Ribbons won in lead line classes and in classes where entries are not required to canter will not affect Maiden, Novice and Limit Status.

13. Attention getting devices &/or other noisemakers (including but not limited to tape measures, blow horns, bamboo poles, explosives, fire extinguishers, baby powder, whips longer than 6', etc.) are not allowed in and around the make-up and competition rings during scheduled competition sessions. All such items will be confiscated and offenders will be reported to the USEF. (See also GR839.4i)

14. Master classes are restricted to amateur rider/drivers age 50 years and older. Classes are to be judged according to amateur class specifications. Master classes are never to be stripped for conformation judging.

SB104 Appointments

~~1. Horses shall be shown without artificial appliances (e.g., wired ears) and nontraditional tack. Anything that alters the intended use of equipment as provided for in the description of appointments for a given class is considered to be an artificial appliance. All artificial appliances other than those permitted are prohibited. Bandages, tail sets, chains or other training devices are prohibited in the competition ring.~~

1. Horses shall be shown in traditional tack.

2. Horses shall not be shown in anything that alters the intended use of equipment as provided for in the description of appointments for a given class.

3. Horses shall not be shown in/with artificial appliances. Exception: Artificial appliances listed within the SB chapter as acceptable.

4. Tail sets, or other training devices are prohibited in the competition ring

5. The use of chains or rollers as action devices on the competition grounds during or before a competition is prohibited.

6. Inconspicuously applied hair in mane or tail, a tail brace and mouth controls are permitted. Exceptions: See Pleasure sections.

7. In the event a horse has lost the sight in one eye, it must appear to have vision and may be shown with an artificial eye or contact lens. Use of contact lenses or eye prosthesis for any other use than stated is prohibited. For loss of sight in both eyes see SB103.2

8. Quarter boots and bell boots are permitted in Five-Gaited, Fine Harness and Roadster Classes.

9. In case of inclement weather, the use of polo boots or bandages may be permitted provided competition management publicly announces it before a class. Extremes of temperature of climatic conditions may modify dress requirements at the judge's discretion.

10. Any artificial change of color or markings (other than mane or tail) is prohibited.

11. Electronic communication devices used for purposes of coaching, etc., between competitors and individuals outside the ring shall be prohibited in all classes in the American Saddlebred Division.

a. Exhibitors with a permanent hearing impairment are permitted to use an electronic communication device upon submission of a written certification from a treating medical professional's office certifying the permanent hearing impairment and certifying the requirement of an electronic communication device. The medical certification must be provided to the competition Steward within a reasonable time prior to competing who shall attach a copy to the Steward report.

b. An exhibitor with a disability (other than hearing) will be provided reasonable accommodation upon submission of a written certification from a treating medical professional's office certifying the disability and identifying the accommodation necessary for the exhibitor to compete safely. The medical certification must be provided to the competition Steward within a reasonable time prior to competing who shall attach a copy to the Steward report.

12. A competitor may carry or use a whip not exceeding 6' including lash; the lash shall not have been altered in any way. It must be a standard whip of suitable style. Failure to comply will result in disqualification from further competition. (Exception: In-Hand. Refer to SB174.)

13. Whips longer than 6', including snapper or lash, are not allowed in the warm-up area.

SUBCHAPTER SB-7 PLEASURE—GENERAL

SB140 Appointments, Tails

Entries must be shown with a full mane and tail. Tails must not be ~~gingered or~~ put in any device (i.e., tailset, bustle or brace) which alters their carriage while on the grounds. Exception: Horses showing in the Show Pleasure division may wear tailsets or bustles, but may not show with the tail tied or braced, and unset tails will not be penalized. The fact that a horse's tail has once been set does not exclude participation.

SUBCHAPTER SB-8 ENGLISH SHOW PLEASURE

SB147 General

2. Entries must be shown with full mane and tail. Horses showing in the English Show Pleasure division may wear tailsets or bustles, but may not show with the tail ~~gingered,~~ tied or braced, and unset tails will not be penalized. Braids and inconspicuously applied hair in mane and tail are permitted. Shoe bands and pads are permitted. Quarter boots and bell boots are permitted only in Five-Gaited classes.

SUBCHAPTER SB-10 WESTERN

SB157 General

3. Entries must be shown with full mane and tail. Tails must not be ~~gingered or~~ put in any device (i.e., tailset, bustle or brace) which alters their carriage while on the grounds. The fact that a horse's tail has once been set does not exclude participation. Braids and artificial manes are prohibited. Inconspicuously applied hair in the tail is permitted.

SUBCHAPTER SB-11 HUNTER COUNTRY PLEASURE

SB162 General

3. Horses may show with a braided mane and tail. Horses may not be penalized for showing with a full, unbraided mane and tail. Tails must not be ginged or put in any device (i.e., tailset, bustle or brace) which alters their carriage while on the grounds. The fact that a horse's tail has once been set does not exclude participation. Artificial manes are prohibited. Inconspicuously applied hair in the tail is permitted.

SUBCHAPTER SB-12 PARK PLEASURE

SB167 Description and Eligibility

4. In Park Pleasure classes entries must be shown with a full mane and tail. Horses showing in the Park Pleasure division may wear tailsets or bustles, but may not show with the tail ginged, tied or braced and unset tails will not be penalized. The use of artificial appliances or devices such as chains, shackles, rubber bands, blinkers (except when driving) or blindfolds are prohibited on the grounds before or during the show. Any animal with prohibited equipment must be disqualified from further competition at that show and forfeit all entry fees and winnings.

SUBCHAPTER SB-13 IN-HAND AND MODEL

SB173 Appointments

4. Weanlings and yearlings must show with uncut, unset tails; tailsets and bustles worn on the competition grounds in preparation for the competition are expressly forbidden on weanlings. Bustles are permitted on yearlings.

SUBCHAPTER SB-18 ROADSTER

SB189 General

The Roadster should have good American Saddlebred conformation and be shown with a full mane and tail. Tails must not be ginged or put in a tail brace or any other device. Wagon Roadsters will have more scale and height than Bike Roadsters.

SUBCHAPTER SB-20 DRESSAGE SUITABILITY

SB199 General

5. Entries must be shown with full mane and tail. Tails must not be ginged or put in any device (i.e., tailset, bustle or brace) which alters their carriage while on the grounds. The fact that a horse's tail has once been set does not exclude participation. Artificial manes are prohibited. Manes and tails may be braided, secured with thread, yarn, or bands. Ribbons or other decorations are prohibited. Inconspicuously applied hair in the tail is permitted.

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

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PROPONENT

ASHA

INTENT

In follow up to an approved Presidential Modification for the 2016 competition year, going forward the ASHA would like to provide more opportunities for exhibitors and competitions, by removing the restriction that professionals may compete in only one open American Saddlebred Western Country Pleasure class. In addition, they are removing the restriction on competitions that the open classes have to be scheduled prior to the amateur restricted classes. This would allow professionals to compete in the American Saddlebred Western Country Pleasure Prospect, Junior Horse, Maiden/Novice/Limit Horse and Western Country Pleasure classes designated as open, provided two additional Western classes restricted to amateurs are offered at the same competition. Competitions would be able to schedule these classes as time permits.

PROPOSED CHANGE

SB157 General [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER SB-10 WESTERN]

5. ~~Notwithstanding SB139, professionals may compete in a Western Country Pleasure Prospect Class. In addition, professionals may compete in one designated Open Western Country Pleasure class provided two additional Western classes restricted to amateurs are offered at the same competition. Any such designated class must be scheduled prior to classes restricted to amateurs.~~ **Professionals may compete in the American Saddlebred division in Western Country Pleasure Prospect, Junior Horse, Maiden/Novice/Limit Horse, and Western Country Pleasure classes designated as open, provided two additional Western classes restricted to amateurs are offered at the same competition.**

RULE CHANGE TYPE

EFFECTIVE

PROPONENT

Standard

4/1/2017 1

Hackney

INTENT

This proposal changes the general Hackney rule regarding dividing classes from "recommended" to "required". Requiring classes with 16 or more entries be divided will now be consistent with the Hackney Roadster Pony rules regarding dividing classes. Allowing the competition management to divide the classes at its discretion gives them more flexibility in who is assigned to what section.

PROPOSED CHANGE

HK110 Division of Classes [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HK-2. CONDUCT]

1. It is ~~recommended~~ **required** that classes with 16 or more entries be divided into separate sections. Pony classes can be divided by height of pony, sex of pony or driver, or age of driver **or at competition management's discretion**. If divided, the prize money must be doubled and separate trophies and ribbons awarded.
2. It is strongly recommended that all pleasure pony classes be divided at 16 entries. It is recommended that classes be divided as to **height of pony**, age of driver or sex of pony if there are a large number of entries anticipated.

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

4/1/2017 1

PROPONENT

ARHPA

INTENT

In an effort to allow horses longer to compete and to gain show ring experience the rule was changed a few years ago to begin the qualifying period on the date of the Kentucky State Fair Horse Show post entry deadline. The post entry date of the Kentucky State Fair Horse Show changes every year. This has resulted in confusion for exhibitors wanting to compete in this class, resulting in a few horses being disqualified from entry. In 2017 the qualifying period will remain the same. Moving forward in 2018, the rule is being changed back to the original qualifying period start date which allows horses to begin competing after the last competition day of the preceding year's Kentucky State Fair Horse Show.

PROPOSED CHANGE

RD109 Roadster Horse to Bike [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER RD-3 CLASS SPECIFICATIONS]

7. UNITED STATES TROTTING ASSOCIATION ROADSTER CLASSIC. Open to Standardbreds registered with the USTA or SC. In order to be eligible, a copy of the registration papers must accompany the entry and the ownership must be both updated and correct prior to the nomination closing date. **For the 2017 competition year a horse must not have shown prior to July 8, 2016, the post entry date of the 2016 Kentucky State Fair Horse Show.** ~~Beginning in the 2018 competition year, the horse cannot~~ **Beginning in the 2018 competition year, the horse must not** have been shown in any Roadster Class prior to the ~~post entry date of the preceding year's Kentucky State Fair Horse Show~~ **the last competition day of the preceding year's Kentucky State Fair Horse Show.** Horse owner must be current member of both the United States Trotting Association (USTA) and the American Road Horse and Pony Association (ARHPA). Driver must be a member of the ARHPA. Horses will be inspected at the competition for proper identification prior to the class. To be shown first at a jog-trot and road gait, then reversed and shown at a jog-trot, road gait and then at speed. To be judged on performance, speed, quality and manners. For complete details on this class contact ARHPA.

RULE CHANGE TYPE

EFFECTIVE

PROPONENT

Standard

4/1/2017 1

ASHA

INTENT

To reduce the maximum number of entries allowed to compete in the class. Once a competition reaches the maximum number of entries the class will be divided according to the rule.

PROPOSED CHANGE

SB111 Division of Classes [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER SB-1 GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS]

~~1. It is required that under saddle classes of 25 or more entries and harness classes of 16 or more entries be divided into separate sections. It is recommended that under saddle classes of 21 or more entries be divided into separate sections.~~

All classes must be divided as equally as possible if there are more than the indicated number of entries (see chart below) confirmed as entered at least one hour prior to the start of the session. There will be no limiting of entries. See GR915. Competition management has the right to reduce these numbers as they feel necessary.

Number of Entries Sections

- 20 *All under saddle classes except for the following:*
- 18 *Classes restricted to riders 17 years of age and under*
- 18 *Classes restricted to riders 14 – 17 years of age*
- 16 *Classes restricted to riders 13 years of age and under*
- 14 *Two year old under saddle classes*
- 24 *Western qualifying and championship classes*
- 24 *Under Saddle Championship classes*
- 12 *Four wheeled driving qualifying and championship classes*
- 14 *Two wheeled driving qualifying and championship classes*

2.
 - a. Classes ~~should~~ **may** be divided by selecting every other number on the list of entries, sex **of horse or rider**, size of horse, or age of rider. If the class is divided by any other method ~~than those listed above, such method~~ **it must have been previously** stated in the prize list.
 - b. Both the method used to divide classes and the division of entries must be posted in the horse show office and announced over the PA system, or printed in the program.
 - c. **Notification of intent to divide must be made to exhibitors at least one hour prior to the start of the session.**
 - d. **In a divided class, the prize money must be doubled and separate trophies and ribbons awarded.**

2. 3. If Junior Exhibitor classes are not offered, then junior exhibitors may enter Amateur or Ladies classes unless specifically prohibited in the prize list.

~~3. In a divided class, the prize money must be doubled and separate trophies and ribbons awarded. Notification of intent to divide must be made to exhibitors one hour prior to the start of the session.~~

4. ASR Kentucky Futurity and Kentucky Amateur Futurity In-Hand

~~a. Classes with 41 or more declared entries shall be divided as equally as possible into two sections. The division of entries must be posted in the competition office and announced over the public address system.~~

b. Both the method used and the division of entries must be posted in the horse show office and announced over the PA system, or printed in the program.

c. Notification of intent to divide must be made to exhibitors at least one hour prior to the start of the session.

d. No more than 12 entries from the sections shall be selected by the judges to return for a final class to be held at a morning, afternoon or evening performance, at least two days following the preliminary sections.

e. All prize money will be awarded in the final class.

5. ASR National Three-Year-Old Futurity Five Gaited, Three Gaited and Three Gaited Park Pleasure

~~a. Classes with 25 20 or more declared entries shall be divided as equally as possible into two sections.~~

~~b. The division of entries must be posted in the competition office and announced over the public address system.~~ **Both the method used and the division of entries must be posted in the horse show office and announced over the PA system, or printed in the program.**

c. Notification of intent to divide must be made to exhibitors at least one hour prior to the start of the session.

d. No more than 20 16 entries from the sections shall be selected by the judges to return for a final class to be held at a morning, afternoon or evening performance, at least two days following the preliminary sections.

e. All prize money will be awarded in the final class.

6. ASR National Three-Year-Old Futurity **Fine Harness** and ASR Kentucky Futurity Fine Harness **and Two-Year-Old Fine Harness**

~~a. Classes with more than 12 declared entries shall be divided as equally as possible into two sections.~~

~~b. The division of entries must be posted in the competition office and announced over the public address system.~~ **Both the method used and the division of entries must be posted in the horse show office and announced over the PA system, or printed in the program.**

c. Notification of intent to divide must be made to exhibitors at least one hour prior to the start of the session.

d. No more than 12 entries from the sections shall be selected by the judges to return for a final class to be held at a morning, afternoon or evening performance, at least two days following the preliminary sections.

e. All prize money will be awarded in the final class.