

EVENT: _____ DATE: _____
OBSTACLE JUDGE _____ OBSTACLE # _____



Rider # ↓	Cinch check	Awareness Horse Rider	Horse's Response to Cues	Rider's Control	Balance (Rider &-or Horse)	On Course	Refusal Penalty			Bypass / DQ	Maximum Total Score
Scoring	0 or 2	0- 3	0 - 3	0 - 3	0 - 3	0 - 3	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	24 / 26	24/26
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Resolution #TT1 (passed as amended)

Trail Trials, Section 2, General Rules

WHEREAS: Our present rule 2.12.1 does not allow ponying.

WHEREAS: The Backcountry Horsemen would like to incorporate Trail Trials into their program and Sanction those rides with the CSHA Trail Trials program.

WHEREAS: The BCH would like to incorporate a “Packing Class” using our rules.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That rule 2.12.2 is added to read:

A Sanctioned, Backcountry Horsemen Trail Trials with a specified “Packing Class”, shall be the exception to rule 2.12.1 as a one year pilot program.

Respectively submitted:

Tami Sandberg – Senior Member

Adopted as written ____ Adopted as amended _____ Rejected ____ Tabled _____

Resolution #TT5 (passed as amended)

Trail Trials, Section 7, Senior Judge Responsibilities

WHEREAS: under the current rule 7.2, the Senior Judge shall ride on horseback the course and obstacles the day of the event prior to the first competing rider.

WHEREAS: Due to unforeseen circumstances the Judges horse may become incapacitated.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That rule 7.2A is added as follows: Should a Senior Judge's horse become ill, lame or die prior to fulfilling their responsibilities in rule 7.2, it shall be the Senior Judge's responsibility to secure a substitute horse.

Respectively submitted:

Tami Sandberg – Senior Member

Adopted as written ____ Adopted as amended _____ Rejected ____ Tabled _____

Trail Trials, Section 14.0, Scoring

WHEREAS: With the increase of new obstacle judges need each year to fill the rapid growth of Trail Trials

WHEREAS: The current Score sheets are confusing.

WHEREAS: The scoring for 2 or more attempts (refusals), on anyone obstacle is even more confusing.

WHEREAS: There is a need to simplify the Score Sheet for our valued volunteer obstacle judges.

WHEREAS: There is a great need for consistency throughout the regions on how to judge these attempts.

WHEREAS: The scoring of a “4” in any one column is mute unless the participant requests a Bypass or does not complete the obstacle in 3 attempts and disqualifies. (Please review carefully the descriptions of the scoring of a 4)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That a new score sheet be adopted which clarifies the penalty points for a refusal. (See attached)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That Section 14.2 remove “4” No success, beyond team’s skill level.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: To change 14.5.1 if a horse refuses at an obstacle, the participant be allowed a total of 3 attempts to complete. ”Each attempt the rider will acquire PENALTY POINTS. 1st attempt 4 points, 2nd attempt 8 points, third attempt 12 points. If the horse refuses a third time, the participant is dismissed from the obstacle. Total points shall not exceed more than 24/26 points.

Respectively submitted:

Patty Walters – Senior Member

Adopted as written ____ Adopted as amended _____ Rejected ____ Tabled _____

Resolution # TT1 (see amended version above)

Trail Trials, Section 2, General Rules

WHEREAS: Our present rule 2.12.1 does not allow ponying.

WHEREAS: The Backcountry Horsemen would like to incorporate Trail Trials into their program and Sanction those with the CSHA Trail Trials program.

WHEREAS: These Sanctioned rides would be an asset to the State Program

WHEREAS: The BCH would like to incorporate a “Packing Class” using our rules.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That rule 2.12.2 is added to read:

A Sanctioned, Backcountry Horsemen Trail Trials with a specified “Packing Class”, shall be the exception to rule 2.12.1

Respectively submitted;
Tami Sandberg – Senior Member

Adopted as written____ Adopted as amended ____ Rejected ____ Tabled ____

Resolution # TT2 (passed as written)

Trail Trials, Section 5, Equipment and Attire

WHEREAS: Currently under SEC 5.0, 5.1.3 it states that, A knife capable of cutting a lead rope or tack, must be carried on all adult riders. (2006)

WHEREAS: There has been some confusion as to if a Junior should borrow an adult’s knife, or use a knife, during an obstacle.

WHEREAS: There is a potential for high liability if a Junior gets hurt while using said knife during an obstacle, and the consensus when rule 5.1.3 was made was that Junior riders shall not carry a knife.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That 5.1.3 is changed to read:

A knife capable of cutting lead rope or tack must be carried on all adult riders. Junior riders 17 and under, shall not be asked to carry or use a knife.

Respectively submitted;
Tami Sandberg – Senior Member

Adopted as written____ Adopted as amended ____ Rejected ____ Tabled ____

Resolution # TT3 (passed as written)

Trail Trials Section 7, Senior Judge Responsibilities, New Rule Section 2, General Rules

WHEREAS: In the opening statement Trail Trials is an obstacle course competition that tests the trail skills of horse and rider. Courses are several miles in length and reflect the diversity of California trails whether they are located on a ranch, public park, wilderness, beach, desert or urban setting. Obstacles are natural to their region and are ones typically encountered while on a trail ride. Trail obstacles are not composed of artificial arena style tests. A judge at each obstacle evaluates the way both horse and rider negotiate these obstacles by keeping common sense and safety in mind. Trail Trials is not a race and can be ridden at your own pace, with any breed of horse or an style of riding.

WHEREAS; Under SEC 7.0 rule 7.2 He shall ride, on horseback, the course and obstacles the day of the event prior to the first competing rider.

WHEREAS: Under SEC 7.0 rule 7.2.1 Approval of the course design is contingent upon the obstacles being category appropriate.

WHEREAS: Under SEC 7.0 rule 7.6 The Senior Judge shall evaluate the course and obstacles as to the following: 7.6.1 The evaluation of the course shall endeavor to allow adequate space for multiple horses waiting to negotiate the obstacle.

WHEREAS: It should be made clear that a Trail Trials event employs a single course for all competitors.

WHEREAS; A rule defining what a course is would eliminate the possibility of having a split course, one course for Novice and another for Advanced/Intermediate.

WHEREAS; A rule needs to be added to SEC 2.0 General Rules to define the term "course" .

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The following rule 2.17 is to read as follows:

TRAIL TRIALS IS AN EVENT NEGOTIATED ON A SINGLE COURSE FOR ALL COMPETITORS.

Respectively submitted;
Linda Thirion - Life Member

Adopted as written____ Adopted as amended ____ Rejected ____ Tabled ____

Resolution # TT4 (Rejected)

Trail Trials, Section 7 Senior Judge Responsibilities (Rejected)

WHEREAS; Currently under SEC 7.0 rule 7.2 He shall ride, On horseback, the Course and obstacles this day of the event prior to the first competing rider.

WHEREAS: To pre-ride the course prior to the event, in most instances. would cause no problems, however, on the day of the event if a judge's horse has become incapacitated and there is no time to procure another horse, the Senior Judge should not .be held accountable.

WHEREAS: To pre-ride the course prior to the event would, at least, allow the Senior Judge the opportunity to identify any problems with the terrain and the locations of the obstacles.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That rule 7.2 is changed to read as follows:

He shall PRE_RIDE, on horseback, THE COURSE PRIOR TO THE EVENT AND, IF POSSIBLE. the course and obstacles the day of the event prior to the first competing rider.

Respectively submitted;
Linda Thirion - Life Member

Adopted as written ____ Adopted as amended ____ Rejected ____ Tabled ____

Resolution # TT5 (see amended version above)

Trail Trials, Section 7, Senior Judge Responsibilities

WHEREAS: under the current rule 7.2, the Senior Judge shall ride on horseback the course and obstacles the day of the event prior to the first competing rider.

WHEREAS: Due to unforeseen circumstances the Judges horse may be come incapacitated.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That rule 7.2A is added as follows: Should a Senior Judges horse become ill, lame or die prior to fulfilling their responsibilities in rule 7.2, it shall be the Senior Judges responsibility to secure a substitute horse.

WHEREAS: There are no consequences in place.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: To add Rule to rule 7.2, rule 7.2B as follows:

In the event the Senior judge does not fulfill Rule 7.2, the Senior Judge shall be fined in the amount of \$50.00, in the event the fees are not paid, the “Senior Judges License will be suspended immediately”.

Respectively submitted;
Tami Sandberg – Senior Member

Adopted as written____ Adopted as amended ____ Rejected ____ Tabled ____

Resolution # TT6 (passed as written)

Trail Trials Section 8, Region Responsibilities

WHEREAS: Under the current rule 8.3.3, it provides a penalty clause.

WHEREAS: To help deter these penalty fees.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: To add to this rule:

In the event it becomes necessary to assess penalty fees and these fees are not paid, the club or region holding this ride shall not acquire Sanction Status on future rides, until said fees are paid in full.

Respectively submitted;
Tami Sandberg – Senior Member

Adopted as written____ Adopted as amended ____ Rejected ____ Tabled ____

Resolution # TT7 (passed as written)

Trail Trials, Section 9.0 State Championship Event (SCE) rule 9.4

WHEREAS: Trail Trials has grown tremendously in the last several years and the SCE is heavily impacted by the number of competing riders; and

WHEREAS: The production of trail trials by regions is heavily impacted by the number of new riders who attend and compete in the rides but do not give back to the programs by obstacle judging during the year; and

WHEREAS: Participation in a region’s trail trial program insures riders who benefit from the program are also active in the continued growth and success of the program.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That section 9.4 to be changed to read:

9.4 Eligibility

9.4.1 The rider must be a CSHA member (see CSHA Bylaws for a definition of member).

9.4.2 The rider must be registered in a Region Trail Trial Program

9.4.2.1 A Region Registered Combination is defined as a combination that has filled out a Region's Trail Trial Program registration form and paid any and all registration fees set by the Region. The Region registration form must inform the rider of the CSHA membership requirement.

9.4.2.2 If a rider's region does not have a Trail Trial Program, the rider shall contact the State Trail Trial Chairman for information regarding registration in another region's program. The State Chairman must contact the President of each involved region to obtain approval of the request.

9.4.2.3 A rider can only register and qualify in one Region Trail Trial program. A club member may register in the Trail Trial program sponsored by the region in which his club is based regardless of where the member actually lives. For SCE purposes only, the rider will be considered a member of the region in whose program the rider was registered.

9.4.3 The rider must complete three (3) CSHA sanctioned Trail Trials with the same horse in the same category and age division within the ride year to be eligible to compete in the Year End State Championship Event.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Medlock, Family Member

Adopted as written____ Adopted as amended ____ Rejected ____ Tabled ____

Resolution # TT8 (Rejected)

Trail Trials Section 12, Obstacle Skills

WHEREAS: Under obstacle skills 12.11 Drag or Pull,
The rule says nothing regarding dragging on the "downhill".

WHEREAS: Dragging on the downhill could pose a potential for a dangerous situation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That rule 12.11 is amended to add: Dragging shall not be done on the downhill.

Respectively submitted;
Tami Sandberg – Senior Member

Adopted as written____ Adopted as amended ____ Rejected ____ Tabled ____

Resolution # TT9

Trail Trials Section 12, Obstacle Skills (passed as written)

WHEREAS: Under obstacle skills 12.17 Tailing, Is allowed as an advanced obstacle only.

WHEREAS: Tailing requires the participant to walk/follow/stand directly behind or slightly to the side of the rear legs of their animal while proceeding uphill.

WHEREAS: Tailing places a participants head and upper torso in the direct area to be kicked by their animal if the animal was to slip, lose footing, or spook while proceeding up hill.

WHEREAS: Tailing violates all common safety practices of equestrian safety.

WHEREAS: Tailing does pose a potential for a dangerous situation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That rule 12.17 is amended to Tailing is no longer allowed.

Respectively submitted;
Rick Wagner – Family Member

Adopted as written____ Adopted as amended ____ Rejected ____ Tabled ____

Resolution # TT10 (Rejected)

Trail Trails, Section 13, Obstacle Judging – Score Sheet Standards

WHEREAS; Currently under SEC 13.0 rule 13.7 Bypass or Disqualify: It is the participant's responsibility to bypass any obstacle they deem as beyond their team's skill level. Safety and common sense should always be kept in the participant's mind. The team has three opportunities to attempt an obstacle; demerits to be assessed for each attempt. After the horse refuses three times the rider is disqualified from this obstacle and receives full penalty points except a cinch check.

WHEREAS: Refusals are not bypasses or, as stated in 14.4, grounds for disqualification which according to 14.4, is based on safety reasons.

WHEREAS: Refusals are not listed on the score sheet and therefore should not be a part of the obstacle judging in the rule 13.7.

WHEREAS: Since the refusal rule. 14.5. allows the rider to retain the cinch check credit, it is not a true disqualification.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That rule 13.7 is changed to read as follows:

BYPASS OR DISQUALIFY: IT IS THE PARTICIPANT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO

BYPASS ANY OBSTACLE THEY DEEM AS BEYOND THEIR TEAM'S SKILL LEVEL. SAFETY AND COMMON SENSE SHOULD ALWAYS BE KEPT IN THE PARTICIPANT'S MIND.

Respectively submitted;
Linda Thirion - Life Member

Adopted as written____ Adopted as amended ____ Rejected ____ Tabled ____

Resolution # TT11 (Rejected)

Trail Trials, Section 14.0, Scoring

WHEREAS: With the increase of new obstacles judges needed each year to fill the rapid growth of Trail Trials.

WHEREAS: The current Score sheets are confusing.

WHEREAS: The scoring for 2 or more attempts (refusal), on anyone obstacle is even more confusing.

WHEREAS: There is a need to simplify the Score Sheet for our valued volunteer obstacle judges.

WHEREAS: There is a great need for consistency throughout the regions on how to judge these attempts.

WHEREAS: The scoring of a "4" in anyone column is mute unless the participant requests a Bypass or does not complete the obstacle in 3 attempts and disqualifies. (Please review carefully the descriptions of the scoring of a 4)

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That a new score sheet be adopted which clarifies the penalty points for a refusal. (see attached)

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That Section 14.2 remove "4" No success, beyond team's skill level.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: To change 14.5.1 and add to the 2nd sentence so it reads" Each attempt the rider will accrue PENALTY POINTS. 1st attempt 3 points, 2nd attempt another 3 points. If the horse refuses a third time, the participant is disqualified from the obstacle.

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Walters Senior Member

Adopted as written____ Adopted as amended ____ Rejected ____ Tabled ____

Resolution # TT12 (see amended version above)

Trail Trials, Section 14.0, Scoring

WHEREAS: With the increase of new obstacles judges needed each year to fill the rapid growth of Trail Trials.

WHEREAS: The current Score sheets are confusing.

WHEREAS: The scoring for 2 or more attempts (refusal), on anyone obstacle is even more confusing.

WHEREAS: There is a need to simplify the Score Sheet for our valued volunteer obstacle judges.

WHEREAS: There is a great need for consistency throughout the regions on how to judge these attempts.

WHEREAS: The scoring of a "4" in anyone column is mute unless the participant request a Bypass or does not complete the obstacle in 3 attempts and disqualifies.
(Please review carefully the descriptions of the scoring of a 4)

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That a new score sheet be adopted which clarifies the penalty points for a refusal. (see attached)

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That Section 14.2 remove "4" No success, beyond team's skill level.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: To change 14.5.5 and add to the 2nd sentence so it read

"Each attempt the rider will accrue PENALTY POINTS. 1st attempt 4 points, 2nd attempt 8 points, third attempt 12 points. If the horse refuses a third time, the participant is dismissed from the obstacle. To exceed no more than 24/26 points.

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Walters Senior Member

Adopted as written____ Adopted as amended ____ Rejected ____ Tabled ____

Resolution # TT13 (Rejected)

Trail Trails, Section 14, Scoring

WHEREAS: Currently under SEC 14.0 rule 14.5.1 If a horse refuses at an obstacle, the

participant will be allowed a total of three attempts to complete. Each attempt the rider continues to accrue points. If the horse refuses a third time, the participant is disqualified for the obstacle.

WHEREAS: It should be made dear that the accrued points are not to exceed 4 points per section in the various score sheet categories.

WHEREAS: The term "disqualify" implies that the cinch check credit would not be retained.

WHEREAS: To be excused from the obstacle would allow the cinch check credit to be retained.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That rule 14.5.1 is changed to read as follows:

If a horse refuses at an obstacle, the participant will be allowed a total of three attempts to complete. Each attempt the rider continues to accrue points IN THE VARIOUS SCORE SHEET CATEGORIES NOT TO EXCEED 4 POINTS PER CATEGORY. If the horse refuses a third time, the participant is EXCUSED from the obstacle.

Respectively submitted;
Linda Thirion - Life Member

Adopted as written ____ Adopted as amended ____ Rejected ____ Tabled ____

Resolution # TT14 (passed as written)

Trail Trials, Section 14, Scoring

WHEREAS: SCE eligibility requires a member complete three sanctioned trail trials; and

WHEREAS: The practice in the past has been to score a rider with the full penalty of 24 or 26 points should they miss an obstacle or quit the trail; and

WHEREAS: This practice has given a rider credit for completion when in fact they did not complete that trail trial.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That section 14.6 is added to read:

14.6 No Score: Should a rider miss an obstacle because of getting lost; injury to horse or rider, or quitting the trail trial, a score of NS will be entered in the obstacle score on the Official Score Sheet and the total score for the rider shall indicate NS. Credit for the ride will not be given when the ride is not completed.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Medlock, Family Member

Adopted as written____ Adopted as amended ____ Rejected ____ Tabled _____

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Rider #	CINCH CHECK	AWARENESS		HORSE'S RESPONSE TO CUES	RIDER'S CONTROL	BALANCE (RIDER & OR HORSE)	ON COURSE	Refusal Penalty			Total Score	
		HORSE	RIDER					1st	2nd	3rd		By-PASS
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TRAIL TRIALS OFFICIAL SCORE SHEET



California State Horsemen's Association

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OBSTACLE JUDGE: _____ OBSTACLE # _____

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