

# Agenda

## 2024 Judges Symposium

January 27, 2024, 8-10 am, Mission D'Oro, Pacheco South

Roll Call: Maria Hines, Charlotte Johnson, Cindi James-McElwain, Diane Medlock, Cindi Paine, Victor Pedroza, Deb Waters, Kelly York

Riders, ride managers and others interested may sit in on the meeting but discussion is limited to the Senior Judges unless time allows.

### Rule Changes:

4.4 Novice, defined for SCE, must not have ridden the same horse and placed first or second place at the SCE in the Novice Division, except for the junior rider 13 & under who may continue to compete in the Novice Division and are not required to move up unless approved by a parent.

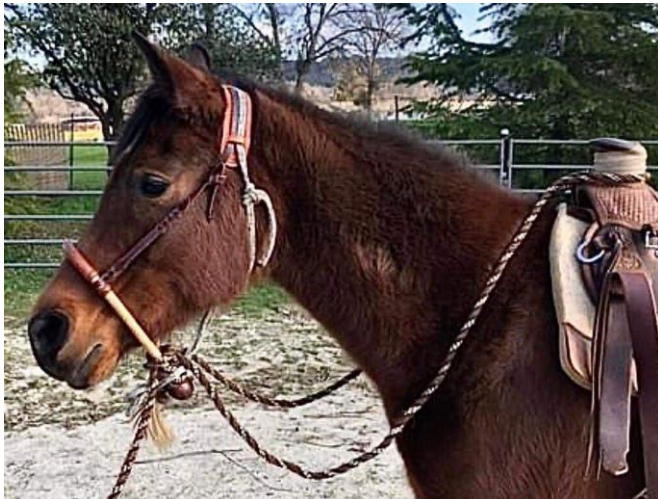
Intermediate Division riders must not have ridden the same horse and placed first or second at the SCE for more than two (2) years in the Intermediate Division.

4.4.1 For the above "Move Up" rule to apply, there must be 5 or more riders in the division/category at SCE.

9.4.3.1 be added to read:

A Trail Trials Senior Judge may receive ride credit for riding a ride in order to qualify for SCE when they work as the Senior Judge at an event for up to two rides. A Senior Judge may also receive work credit for working as Senior Judge at an event where they do not charge a fee. Credit is one or the other, a Trail Trials Senior Judge shall not receive a ride credit and a work credit at the same ride. In either case, no fee will be charged by the Senior Judge.

12.1.1.4 Horses wearing a Spanish hackamore with a fiador are not required to use the leading hitch as shown in Appendix A. Fiador example in rules under Appendix E.



## Submitted Issues for Discussion, Consensus or Resolution Development

1. Insurance Concerns/Issues. Do we review the physical aspects of an obstacle from both directions of travel. Situation has come up that “we’ve always used this obstacle” but was from a different direction. Does everyone read their “overall” directions to judges at meeting, Does it include: Safety first, see something developing, stop them! Etc. You should have those in writing and can you submit to insurance if needed. Please bring a copy of your instructions.
2. Obstacle Judges’ “safety” opinions, ie. Hoof check. Rule states safe leg pickup.....rider gets points for pulling back foot forward or back. Also addresses securing lead rope over the shoulder or tucked in a pocket or belt.
3. What is the distance for a drag that makes it too close or too far? Rules pretty specific for Novice.
4. Mecate details. Rules say have to tie/send with halter and lead rope but then there is the ability to use the leading hitch for leading but not tie or send? Rule 5.1.2 mandates carrying a halter and lead for all riders. Remove rule? List Exceptions under 5.1.2 and 5.1.5?
5. Knots, only two can be used as obstacles. Is tying up with a quick release, is wrapping around tree or pipe twice ok? What criteria are we all using?
6. Is stopping for a second drink ok?
7. Resolution that was rejected regarding Senior Judge changing scores, further discussion since it was proposed by five of the eight. Is there an issue or just don’t want to have to discuss with riders or ???
8. Half hour rule. The intent was to provide for “end of review” and awarding awards, not just a half hour to review all. Some are only allowing a half hour for all scores and posting them all at same time with only a half an hour with 50 riders to review. Discussion.
9. What do we expect when accepting an assignment. Do we need to spell these out in the rules either under Senior Judge Responsibilities or Region Responsibilities? Examples: I expect a list of obstacles and directions in advance and ask for that. I’ve heard of situations in the past where a judge has shown up and no obstacles have been prepared or thought out.