

Minutes

CSHA Trail Trials 2024 Judges Symposium

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

Judges Present: Maria Hines, Charlotte Johnson, Diane Medlock, Victor Pedroza, Deb Waters, Kelly York, Carri Gunn (tested and appointed at JC meeting)

Others Present: Rene Turnbull, Ellen Liebenburg, Rita Cassibba, Amanda Dalke, Laura Shultz

Absent: Cindi James McElwain, Cindi Paine

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.

Discussed whether last sentence applied to both Novice and Intermediate "5 or more riders". Consensus was yes, applied to both.

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.

Clarification: Rule applies to 2 rides max counting for SCE qualification when acting as Senior Judge and not being paid. The work credit is separate and has no max when no fee is charged, however, only one work credit is required for qualification.

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.

Appendix E

Long discussion and how other rules still apply to carrying a halter and lead rope.
Consensus was:

- ✓ If asked to remove the bridle in an obstacle, a halter and lead rope must be used to complete the obstacle
- ✓ Halter and lead must be carried, if not how many points applied? Leave it to obstacle judge.
- ✓ In obstacles where instructions are something like “using only your halter and lead rope, ride.....” instruct obstacle judges to allow one line on one side or tying to make “rein” on each side. unless the written directions were very specific on how the task was to be carried out. i.e. Using lead rope without turning the rope into two reins.....
- ✓ When using a hackamore as in Appendix A or E: No leading hitch or fiador = no tying with mecate.



Example of not allowed in place of halter and lead rope

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.

Consensus was yes, we all review and have written notes. Received written docs from Kelly York, Charlotte Johnson, Diane Medlock, and Maria Hines. (email to others to submit to Diane for file 2-8-24). Victor suggested Senior Judge receiving a copy of any incident report filed

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.

Consensus was forward or back is ok, instruct obstacle judge if there are other factors to note why points were applied, i.e. horse moved, slammed foot down, tugged foot, etc.

3. What is the distance for a drag that makes it too close or too far? Rules pretty specific for Novice.

Consensus “is it safe” and doesn’t hit horse. Judge reaction by horse. It would be deemed too far away from the horse if the rider was the one actually doing most of the pulling. i.e. horse standing still and the rider pulling the obstacle to get it to the point it should be. (I noted to myself that a small amount was ok for tight maneuvering spaces)

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 12.1.5?

Discussed previously under rule changes. Consensus: Rule 12.1.5 mandates a halter and lead rope be used shall be enforced this year. Maria will write resolution to change.

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?

Consensus is a quick release = pull the tail and it falls. No wrapping twice around. Ask ride manager to choose appropriate spots.

6. Is stopping for a second drink ok?

Big discussion Consensus is to allow drinking but if it turns into eating or playing assign points

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 ???

Issue is that it is the same "offenders" every ride questioning assignment of one or two points. No Senior Judge feels those who are asking for clarification is unreasonable and we want to educate our riders. What is the answer for those same people who question points every event. Write them a letter?? Each Judge tell them to "back off"?? No answer to issue.

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.

A couple judges won't post until they are done with all review. Most judges post as they review. For those who hold till the end consensus was they allow and advertise that more time is being allowed for review so riders don't feel the need to stampede the postings.

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.

Consensus no new rule but each judge should be clear with ride management what they expect when they arrive.

Adjourned 11:15

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Medlock