

TRAIL TRIALS

RESOLUTION # TT 1

TRAIL TRIALS, Sec 2.0, General Rules, new rule

WHEREAS, It has been said that some competitors go on the pre ride with the Sr. Judge, and;

WHEREAS, it has also been said that some people that have been allowed on the pre ride and allowed to compete in the event, and;

WHEREAS, persons that are allowed to participate in the pre-ride will have prior knowledge of the course and or obstacles giving them unfair advantage;

Therefore be it *Resolved* that TRAIL TRIALS, Sec 2.0, General Rules be amended as follows:

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No person or persons that have participated on the pre-ride or assisted in design or assembly of obstacles may not compete for points or awards except in a schooling class.

Submitted by: Cynthia Paine, Senior Member

Committee Recommendation: Adopt as written___ Adopt as amended___ Reject ___

Council Of Members: Adopted as written___ Adopted as amended___ Rejected___

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RESOLUTION # TT 2
TRAIL TRIALS, Section 2, General Rules, new rule

WHEREAS, coming off a horse while in an obstacle equates to writing up an Incident Report, therefore taking time from the obstacle and holding up the event, and;

WHEREAS, there is no specific statement that getting bucked off or coming off unexpectedly equals a disqualification from an obstacle, and;

WHEREAS, rule 2.16 states that this is a mounted event and if you get off voluntarily, it is a disqualification so coming off unexpectedly should equal the same scoring;

THEREFORE, be it Resolved that TRAIL TRIALS, Section 2, General Rules be amended as follows:

to add coming off when not specifically asked to is a disqualification from the obstacle.

ADD

2.16.2 If at any time a rider comes off their horse, whether being bucked off or simply falling off unexpectedly, that will end their obstacle judging and the obstacle judge will assess disqualifying points.

Submitted by: Trail Trials Rules Committee; Maria Hines, Senior Member; Charlotte Johnson, Senior Member; Ruth Carrero, Senior Member

Committee Recommendation: Adopt as written___ Adopt as amended___ Reject___

Council Of Members: Adopted as written___ Adopted as amended___ Rejected___

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RESOLUTION # TT 3
TRAIL TRIALS, SEC 5.0 Equipment and Attire, Subsection 5.1 Equipment, new rule

WHEREAS, Advanced riders are required to hobble their horses as a skill, and;

WHEREAS, there is not a statement in our required equipment that Advanced needs to carry this equipment;

Therefore, be it *Resolved* that TRAIL TRIALS, SEC 5.0 Equipment and Attire, Subsection 5.1 Equipment be amended as follows:

to add hobbles as a required equipment.

ADD

5.1.4 Advanced riders must carry official hobbles while riding in a Trail Trial.

Submitted by: Trail Trials Rules Committee; Maria Hines, Senior Member; Charlotte Johnson, Senior Member; Ruth Carrero, Senior Member

Committee Recommendation: Adopt as written___ Adopt as amended___ Reject___

Council Of Members: Adopted as written___ Adopted as amended___ Rejected___

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RESOLUTION # TT 4

TRAIL TRIALS, Section 5, Equipment and Attire, Rule 5.2.1

WHEREAS, we are specific in what equipment needs to be worn or used at Trail Trials, and;

WHEREAS, we are seeing riders wearing tennis shoes at our event, and;

WHEREAS, that is not appropriate footwear for safety;

Therefore, be it *Resolved* that TRAIL TRIALS, Section 5, Equipment and Attire, Rule 5.2.1 be amended as follows:

to add “with a heel” to appropriate footwear statement.

UPDATE TO READ

5.2.1 Any type clothing suitable for riding is acceptable. Appropriate riding footwear with a heel is required. Helmets are recommended.

Submitted by Charlotte Johnson, Senior Member

Committee Recommendation: Adopt as written___ Adopt as amended___ Reject ___

Council Of Members: Adopted as written___ Adopted as amended___ Rejected___

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RESOLUTION # TT 5

TRAIL TRIALS, SEC 9.0 State Championship Event (SCE), rules 9.2 and 9.3

WHEREAS, an important aspect of Trail Trial competition is as a proving ground for competitive character, competence, confidence, excellence, horsemanship and communication between horse and rider, and;

WHEREAS, the tradition of championship buckles is long and proud in the Western horse community as a mark of true excellence in competition, and;

WHEREAS, championship buckles have historically been reserved for Champion and Reserve Champion only in Western competitions, and;

WHEREAS, some CSHA ride managers have forsaken that tradition and awarded buckles to 'Top Five' opening the door to recipients claiming they were actually First or Second in a competition, thus usurping Champion and reserve Champion titles, and;

WHEREAS, CSHA Trail Trial rule 9.2 specifies "Champion and Reserve Champion buckles shall be awarded to qualified riders placing first and second place in each category and division as set forth in rule 4.2." and rule 9.3 specifies "Appropriate awards shall be given to qualified riders placing third through sixth."

That statement makes it clear that the intention of rule 9.2 was to honor the tradition of awarding buckles for Champion and Reserve Champion only since there would be no need for such a specification otherwise.

And further, rule 9.3 supports that intent by specifying third through sixth get 'appropriate' awards - indicating awards other than buckles which were specifically assigned to First and Second places in Rule 9.2 since buckles would not be appropriate for such placings as they are reserved for First and Second place, and;

WHEREAS, Top Five designation of buckles should not include the top two positions since those two positions are already receiving buckles, then that designation is a misnomer.

Top Five awards should be other appropriate awards for the Top Five positions. Following the established tradition and the intent of rule 9.2, thus honors the Champion and Reserve Champion along with additional places with appropriate awards *other than buckles*. Champion and Reserve would get their First and Second placement buckle plus another appropriate award for finishing in the Top Five, and;

WHEREAS, most divisions at Trail Trials usually only have 5-10 competitors, thus awarding top five trophy buckles allows for most *every competitor* **regardless of ability** to be buckled, and;

WHEREAS, awarding buckles to such a large majority dilutes the meaning, respect and value of champion buckles as a mark of excellence, they should be limited to the top two places as they were traditionally and as rule 9.2 instructs, and;

WHEREAS, the expense of buckles is high, ordering so many custom Top Five buckles is an unwarranted expense, and;

WHEREAS, CSHA Trail Trials ride managers should not have the authority to ignore and alter a long-held Western Competition Tradition nor be allowed to ignore the intent of rules 9.2 and 9.3;

Therefore Be It *Resolved* that TRAIL TRIALS, SEC 9.0 State Championship Event (SCE), rules 9.2 and 9.3 be amended as follows:

SEC 9.0 State Championship Event (SCE), rule 9.2 be revised for clarification to read:

“Champion and Reserve Champion buckles shall **only** be awarded to qualified riders placing first and second place in each category and division as set forth in rule 4.2.

Be it further *Resolved* that SEC 9.0 State Championship Event (SCE), rule 9.3 be revised to read: “Appropriate awards, **other than buckles**, shall be given to qualified riders placing third through sixth and beyond.”

Submitted by: Dean Witter III and Rebekah Witter, Family Members

Committee Recommendation: Adopt as written ____ Adopt as amended ____ Reject ____

Council of Members: Adopted as written ____ Adopted as amended ____ Rejected ____

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RESOLUTION # TT 6

TRAIL TRIALS, Section 11 Obstacle Skills, Rule 11.1 Leading or Sending

WHEREAS, in 2024 we cleaned up the rules to allow riders using a Spanish hackamore with a fiador the ability to lead and send as their set up simulated a halter/lead rope, and;

WHEREAS, a section was missed in deleting from the rules that conflicts with the new rules that were changed;

WHEREAS, Rule 11.1.6 was integrated into rule 11.1 and Rule 11.1.6 was integrated into Rule 11.1.1

THEREFORE, be it Resolved that TRAIL TRIALS, Section 11 Obstacle Skills, Rule 11.1 Leading or Sending be amended as follows:

to remove rules 11.1.5 and 11.1.6

Delete:

11.1.5 When a horse is asked to “send” in an obstacle a halter and lead rope must be used.

11.1.6 Send is defined as: From a designated position, the horse moves as directed ahead of the rider without the rider moving position and with slack in the lead rope. Hand position should never be in front of the horse after the initial send.

Submitted by Trail Trials Rules Committee; Maria Hines, Senior Member; Charlotte Johnson, Senior Member; Ruth Carrero, Senior Member

Committee Recommendation: Adopt as written___ Adopt as amended___ Reject___

Council Of Members: Adopted as written___ Adopted as amended___ Rejected___

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RESOLUTION # TT 7
TRAIL TRIALS, SEC. 11.0 Obstacle Skill, rule 11.12.1

WHEREAS, rule 11.12.1 states that high lining should only be used as an Advanced skill, all skill levels should be proficient to secure their horses on a high line for overnight stabling;

Therefore Be It *Resolved*: that Trail Trials Section 11.0 - Obstacle Skill, rule 11.12.1 be amended as follows:

“high lining” be removed and be acceptable for all skill levels (Novice, Intermediate and Advanced)

Amended rule should read:

“Securing the horse: **Advanced only**. Some obstacles may require riders to secure their horse other than tying which may include ground tie or, hobbles. Rider will have the option of removing the saddle and/or bridle before performing this skill(s) and will be judged accordingly. Rider is responsible for providing their own hobbling equipment. Hobbling and ground tying **must** be performed in an area where the horse may demonstrate the skill, but not be in danger of escape (round pen, corral, arena, etc.)” High lining may be performed by all skill levels (Novice, Intermediate and Advanced)

Submitted by: Georgette Leach, CSHA Individual Member

Committee Recommendation: Adopt as written__ Adopt as amended __ Reject__

Council Of Members : Adopted as written __Adopted as amended __ Rejected__

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RESOLUTION # TT 8
TRAIL TRIALS, Section 11, Obstacle Skills, Rule 11.12.3

WHEREAS, we are specific in what equipment needs to be carried or used at Trail Trials, and;

WHEREAS, the current rules specifically state that an obstacle judge should be able to observe an Advanced Riders hobbling equipment, and;

WHEREAS, using items such as a t-shirt or rein would be easy to recognize as “hobbling equipment, and;

WHEREAS, we should add to Section 5, Required Equipment, that official hobbles are required by Advanced riders to carry;

THEREFORE, be it Resolved that TRAIL TRIALS, Section 11, Obstacle Skills, Rule 11.12.3 be amended as follows:

to delete the last sentence Rule 11.12.3

DELETE

“It is the rider’s discretion to determine what may be used to hobble as long as it is deemed safe e.g. lead rope, rein, t-shirt or commercial hobbles.”

Submitted by Maria Hines, Senior Member

Committee Recommendation: Adopt as written___ Adopt as amended___ Reject___

Council Of Members: Adopted as written___ Adopted as amended___ Rejected___

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