

Trail Trials

Resolution # TT 1

Trail Trials, SEC 2.0, General Rules, rule 2.12.1

WHEREAS, rule 2.12.2 states "A Sanctioned Back Country Horsemen Trail Trial with a specified "Packing Class" shall be the exception to rule 2.12.1 as a one year pilot program in 2009." and the State Trail Trials Committee did not address the one year program at the last convention;

Therefore be it *Resolved* that Trail Trials, SEC 2.0, General Rules, rule 2.12.1 be deleted.

Submitted By: Rick Wagner, Family Member

Adopted as written _____ Adopted as amended _____ Rejected _____

Resolution # TT 2

Trail Trials, SEC. 2.0 General Rules, rule 2.12.1

WHEREAS, Section 2.12.2 states "A Sanctioned Back Country Horsemen Trail Trial with a specified "Packing Class" shall be the exception to rule 2.12.1 as a one year pilot program in 2009." and the State Trail Trials Committee did not address the one year program at the last convention

Therefore be it *Resolved* that Trail Trials, SEC. 2.0 General Rules, rule 2.12.1 be amended as follows:

The one year pilot program is removed and that Section 2.12.2 now read "A Sanctioned Back Country Horsemen Trail Trial with a specified "Packing Class" shall be the exception to rule 2.12.1".

Submitted By: Rick Wagner, Family Member

Adopted as written _____ Adopted as amended _____ Rejected _____

Resolution # TT 3

Trail Trials, SEC. 4.0 Categories and Divisions, rule 4.2.1

WHEREAS, the Ad Practices Committee is changing the youth aging date to January 1 of the current ride year for all programs, and;

WHEREAS, Trail Trials offers three different age groups with an aging date of September 16 of the prior year, and;

WHEREAS, it is important that the aging date be consistent for all programs;

Therefore, be it *Resolved* that Trail Trials, SEC. 4.0 Categories and Divisions, rule 4.2.1 be amended to read:

A rider's age, for the purpose of determining category, shall be the rider's age as of January 1 of the current ride year.

Submitted by: Diane Medlock, Family Member

Adopted as written _____ Adopted as amended _____ Rejected _____

Resolution # TT 4

Trail Trials, SEC. 7.0 Senior Judges Responsibilities, rule 7.2

WHEREAS, the intent of rule 7.2 was to have the senior judge ride the obstacles with the obstacle judge present and the course set up exactly as competitors will ride it, and

WHEREAS, often times the senior judge, ride manager and some obstacle judges are available the day before a ride, and

WHEREAS, it is important for the senior judge to have enough time to answer obstacle judges' questions and make sure they understand their obstacle, and

WHEREAS, riders get backed up behind a senior judge the day of the event and if a few of the obstacles, especially those on loop trail, could be ridden with the obstacle judge in attendance it would provide extra time the next morning for the remaining obstacles.

Therefore, be it *Resolved* that Trail Trials, SEC. Senior Judges Responsibilities, rule 7.2 be amended to read:

He shall ride, on horseback, the course and obstacles with each obstacle judge present the day before or day of the event prior to the first competing rider.....

Submitted by: Diane Medlock, Family Member

Adopted as written ____ Adopted as amended ____ Rejected ____

Resolution # TT 5

Trail Trials, SEC. 9.0 State Championship Event (SCE), rule 9.2

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;

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

WHEREAS, most divisions at SCE have an average of 5-10 competitors, thus awarding top six trophy buckles at SCE allows for most *every competitor regardless of ability* to be buckled;

WHEREAS, awarding buckles to such a large majority dilutes the meaning, respect and value of trophy buckles as a mark of excellence, and;

WHEREAS, in light of SCE desire to lower expenses, so many trophy buckle awards are an unwarranted expense;

Therefore be it *Resolved* that Trail Trials, SEC. 9.0 State Championship Event (SCE), rule 9.2 be amended as follows:

SCE trophy buckles be limited to 1st place champions, with other awards given as desired for second through fifth place. Ribbons and sponsor awards could be given as deeply as desired recognizing effort and gratitude to all competing.

Submitted by: Dean and Rebekah Witter Family Members, Region 5

Adopted as written_____ Adopted as amended _____ Rejected _____

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Resolution # TT 6

Trail Trials Section 9.4 State Championship Event (SCE) Eligibility, rule 9.4.3

WHEREAS, eligibility for a State Championship Event should require more than merely competing in a certain number of sanctioned events, and;

WHEREAS, competitors should be held to a higher performance standard for eligibility for a State Championship Event, and;

WHEREAS, the current eligibility for the SCE does not meet a higher standard for a championship event;

Therefore be it *Resolved* that Trail Trials Section 9.4 State Championship Event (SCE) Eligibility, rule 9.4.3 be amended as follows:

add the following standard :

..*within the ride year and to have placed 6th or above at three (3) sanctioned events to be..*

revised rule to read:

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 and to have placed 6th or above at three (3) sanctioned events to be eligible to compete in the Year End State Championship Event.

Submitted by: Sue Edwards , Senior Member

Adopted as written_____ Adopted as amended _____ Rejected _____

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Resolution # TT 7

Trail Trials, SEC. 9.0 State Championship Event (SCE), rule 9.6.1

WHEREAS, placing in a division at SCE, anything other than Champion does not mean you are proficient in that division, and;

WHEREAS, Many riders are forced to move to the next division before really being prepared for the more difficult obstacles, and;

WHEREAS, changing the rule would help riders to stay longer in a division and better tune their skills with their horse;

Therefore be it *Resolved* that Trail Trials, SEC. 9.0 State Championship Event (SCE), rule 9.6.1 be amended to read:

Novice/Intermediates, defined for SCE, must not have ridden the same horse for more than two (2) years at SCE and won Champion in the Novice/Intermediate divisions.

Submitted by: Ruth Carrero, Family Member

Adopted as written_____ Adopted as amended _____ Rejected _____

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Resolution # TT 8
Trail Trials, Sec. 12.2 Obstacle Skills, rule 12.2

WHEREAS, the exact moment that a cinch check for mounting is not defined;

Therefore be it *Resolved* that **Trail** Trials, Sec. 12.2 Obstacle Skills, rule 12.2 be amended as follows:
the first sentence to read:

The rider must check the cinch immediately before mounting.

Submitted by: Sue Edwards, Senior Member

Adopted as written_____ Adopted as amended _____ Rejected _____

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Resolution # TT 9
Trail Trials, SEC. 12.0 Obstacle Skills, rule 12.17

WHEREAS, an important aspect of Trail Trial competition is as a foundation of learning and practicing skills valuable to aid horse and rider on trails;

WHEREAS tailing is a valuable trail skill and physical aid for horse and rider used and depended upon in ranching and in other trail sports such as endurance;

WHEREAS, in the history of California TT there have been no injuries or safety issues reported from tailing;

WHEREAS, advanced level rider and horse teams have the necessary skill and training to perform tailing successfully;

WHEREAS, traditionally the skill of tailing is the only skill defining and differentiating the Advance Division;

WHEREAS, active members desire to have tailing returned as a skill for the advancement of the sport;

Therefore be it *Resolved* that Trail Trials, SEC. 12.0 Obstacle Skills, rule 12.17 be amended tp reinstate the historic and traditional skill of tailing in the Advanced Division.

Submitted by: Dean and Rebekah Witter Family Members, Region 5

Adopted as written_____ Adopted as amended _____ Rejected _____

Resolution # TT 10

Trail Trials, Sec. 13.0 Obstacle Judging – Score Sheet Standards, rule 13.1

WHEREAS, there are differences in the Senior Judges' instructions to the obstacle judges pertaining to scoring the Cinch Check, and;

WHEREAS, it needs to be standardized that cinch checks are only required for the skills as outlined in Sec 12. Obstacles, and;

WHEREAS, the last sentence Section 13.1 reads, "There is only one cinch check per obstacle";

Therefore be it *Resolved* that Trail Trials, Sec. 13.0 Obstacle Judging – Score Sheet Standards, rule 13.1 be amended as follows:

change Sec 13.1 to read:

Only one cinch check per obstacle is required: before mounting, going uphill or downhill, or pulling and/or dragging, all which are considered stresses on the saddle, as outlined in Sec 12. Obstacle Skills.

Submitted by: Sue Edwards, Senior Member

Adopted as written_____ Adopted as amended _____ Rejected _____

Resolution # TT 11

Trail Trials, Appendix C

WHEREAS, Appendix C was adopted last year to assist riders and judges in defining one of the types of knots a rider can be judged on during a Trail Trials but one minor point of confusion was discovered, and;

WHEREAS, in Appendix C under the bold letters "**Tying the Quick Release Knot**" it reads "Practice tying this knot without your horse until you can do it correctly and release it just by pulling on the free end. This is the ONLY knot you should use to tie a horse." and;

WHEREAS, the confusion is the second sentence "This is the ONLY knot you should use to tie a horse." By this sentence you cannot use the Bowline Knot which was also approved last year as an authorized knot to be judged on;

Therefore be it *Resolved* that Trail Trials, Appendix C be amended as follows:

"This is the ONLY knot you should use to tie a horse." sentence in Appendix C be deleted from Appendix C

Under the bold letters "**Tying the Quick Release Knot**" will read "Practice tying this knot without your horse until you can do it correctly and release it just by pulling on the free end."

Submitted by: Rick Wagner, Family Member

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