

Trail Trials Judges Symposium

January 27, 2019, **8:30**-10:30 a.m.

Hotel Misson de Oro, Pacheco Main

Santa Nella, CA

Roll Call: Sue Edwards\*, Coral Kane, Cindi James-McElwain, Diane Medlock, Debbie Waters, Kelly York, Dean Fisher, Joan Wilkinson, Ron Jenkins, Cindi Paine, Victor Pedroza. Charlotte Johnson

**Review of new Rules**

- Addition of Rule 2.21, Emergency Dismount shall not be used as an obstacle
- Addition of text to exclude need to tie a leading hitch when using a Natural Hackamore as pictured in Appendix B:
  - 12.1.1.2 If a horse is wearing a bosal [Spanish hackamore] and a mecate, or snaffle bridle and a mecate, the rider may tie the mecate into a leading-hitch (see Appendix A). Riders will not be penalized for using the mecate, so hitched, in lieu of a halter and lead rope. **A horse wearing the Natural Hackamore as defined in the appendix is not required to tie the leading hitch and may simply apply rule 12.1.2.**
- Removes restriction of Send obstacle from Novice:
  - 12.1.5 When a horse is asked to “send” in an obstacle a halter and lead rope must be used. ~~Sending is not considered a novice obstacle.~~ **Consensus to make sure that send obstacles for Novice are simple. Example: Drag and pull must be in a straight line on undemanding terrain. Group thought that sending in a circle may be easier than in a straight line tho.**
- Removed 12.17.7 ~~Emergency dismount shall not be used as an obstacle.~~
- Added new rule **14.7** Upon posting of the score sheets, a ½ hour review period will be made available to competitors allowing for review of the score sheet (tally, penalty point review, noting judge’s comments) and to speak to the Senior Judge for clarification regarding scoring and comments on particular obstacles, prior to scores being finalized and awards being presented. **Consensus that it is not our responsibility to control but in order that we can attest to one half hour we should write the time the last obstacle goes up on the obstacle directions/scoresheet. Senior Judges usually announce “10 more minutes and then we are doing awards and scores are final”. Discussion on whether scores should**

be posted as they are reviewed and ready or all together. Most thought as they were ready is easier to manage so folks can review in a bigger range of time.

### Symposium Topic - Definition of Send

Comments by senior judges then spectators as time allows.

Establish a written definition of what SEND is. Lengthy discussion on what a SEND is. Final definition is: **FROM A DESIGNATED POSITION, HORSE MOVES AS DIRECTED AHEAD OF THE RIDER.**

Convey this definition to all obstacle judges assigned a Send Obstacle

What is an appropriate elementary Novice Send Obstacle See above under new rule.

If time allows:

- Rope handling: Use of lariat and use of soft rope. Coiling, excess rope, length of rope, Consensus that soft rope can be looped in **BIG** loops, that does not indicate coiled. The rules stipulate no WRAPS. Be aware of the length of ropes folks are being asked to handle....kids especially.
- Use of the bowline knot obstacle to tie a horse to a fixed object. Acceptable? Unanimous consensus, riders should never be asked as part of an obstacle to tie a BOWLINE to a fixed object.
- Use of Trail section rules in Trail Trials Consensus was that there is good horsemanship skills addressed in this section that riders should be aware of but the section is not part of our trail trial rules just because it is in the CSHA rulebook.

Other questions or comments.

None brought forward.

\*Remote attendance for SEND portion

Please note time change from previously published,

Coffee/tea is available in the room next to the lobby downstairs.

Respectfully submitted

Diane Medlock