

Judges Committee 2020 Report

Mr. President, the Judges Committee makes the following recommendations for Executive Committee approval:

1. Add minor, major and severe fault wording to SHW350 that was developed between AQHA and WCHA.
Executive Committee: Approved
2. Add to SHW362, Procedure for Judging Halter, Incorrect Pattern.
Approved as amended, SHW362.4.8 All contestants that do not complete the prescribed pattern correctly in three (3) attempts.
Executive Committee: Approved

3. Reword the first paragraph of SHW911.7, Judges May: For scored classes only, upon completion of runs, judges may confer in a timely manner regarding disqualification or major penalties provided a ring steward or show official is present. For multiple judged shows, judges must work independently. There shall be no consultation or visiting between judges during the actual judging of any class. In all classes, judges should not confer regarding any other judging considerations. When questioning obvious lameness or other disqualifications: (with remainder of current wording to remain the same).

~~Judges may confer in a timely manner regarding lameness, rule violations, disqualifications and major penalties provided a ring steward is present. Judges are never required or obligated to confer with other judges. Other than lameness, in placed classes, wait until horses are lined up to confer in the presence of a ring steward regarding rule violations, disqualifications, and major penalties, only. Judges should not confer regarding other judging considerations. In scored classes, wait until the run is complete and has been judged independently to confer in the presence of a ring steward.~~

Executive Committee: Approved

4. Amend SHW454.2 Western Riding Penalties One (1) point
 - hitting or rolling log
 - out of lead more than one stride either side of the center point and between the markers
 - splitting the log (log between the two front or two hind feet) at the lope
 - ~~hind legs skipping or coming together during lead change~~
 - break of gait at the walk or jog up to two strides
 - non-simultaneous lead change (including front to hind, hind to front, front or hind legs coming together during the change) (~~front to hind or hind to front~~)

Executive Committee: Approved

5. Clarify maneuver and penalty application of all scored classes. Add 'maneuver valuations and penalty applications are to be determined independently. The

following penalties will be applied to each occurrence and be deducted from the final score.'

Executive Committee: Approved

6. Delete SHW489, Faults against the rider to be scored accordingly, but not to cause disqualification: Losing stirrup; Failure to run circles or figure eights within the markers is not considered a fault depending on arena conditions and size. These are no longer in the NRHA handbook.

Executive Committee: Approved

7. Approve recommendations of Judge Conflicts sub-committee to amend sections of AQHA-Approved Judges:

- SHW904.5 judging a show or set of shows in which a horse owned by ~~belonging to~~ or being exhibited by any member of his/her immediate family is entered. See SHW220.1 for definition of "immediate family". This rule applies regardless of whether the judge is scheduled to judge such horse.
- SHW904.6 judging a horse at a show or set of shows that is trained by an immediate family member or an immediate family member's assistant trainer.
- SHW904.7 If prohibited by a show's conflict of interest policy (check with show management), judging a show or set of shows in which a horse trained by an immediate family member or an immediate family member's assistant trainer is entered and such immediate family member or their assistant trainer are on the show grounds. If not prohibited by a show's conflict of interest policy, SHW904.6 above still applies.
- SHW904.68 judging a horse at a show or set of shows that he/she has been owner, trainer, agent in any capacity, or conditioner of that horse within the previous three months prior to the date of the subject show.

Executive Committee: Approved

8. Modify SHW905.2, attend an AQHA-sanctioned judges conference once every three-years beginning January 1 of the year in which the individual becomes an AQHA-approved judge; furthermore, all AQHA-approved specialized judges must attend a judges conference when their discipline is conducted. A judge may request a one-time exemption, that is subject to approval, by contacting the Sr. Director of Judges. If approved, there will be a cost recovery fee of \$500 and he/she must watch the conference via online training prior to judging his/her next show.

Executive Committee: Approved

9. Elect John Pipkin as Chair.