

Summary of Changes to RMHA 2009 Show Rules & Regulations For RMHA 2010 Show Book

Note: In order to make the RMHA Show Book more user-friendly and easier to understand, the Show Advisory Committee:

- 1. Created new and specific chapters.**
- 2. Placed similar information from many chapters together in those specific chapters. For example ~ Tack, which was in numerous chapters in the 2009 book, is now in one chapter (except for youth classes, which you can find in the Youth Chapter.)**
- 3. Consolidated , merged, combined or deleted redundant information.**
- 4. Relaxed some stringent rules that had nothing to do with the horse!**

We hope exhibitors will be pleased with our changes and wish everyone a super 2010 show year!!!

Following are specific changes:

Table of Contents:

Added 303. Regional Shows

Changed 1200 from "Horses Disqualified from Receiving a Ribbon" to "Discretionary Instruction"

Added 1405. Working Trail Pleasure with Obstacles

Chapter 15. Consolidated Youth Showmanship and Equitation

Added 1609. Mentor and Me

104. Deleted: "Report changes (e.g. change of Exhibitor) to the Show Office at least three classes prior to entering the class."

202. Bullet 2: After the acronym (SJC), added: "and the RMHA Executive Director (ED)."

303. Added Show Bill as Exhibit 2.

304. Changed bullet 1 to read: "Closes with the last sanctioned RMHA show prior to the RMHA International Show each season unless the RMHA International Show has to be held prior to the last sanctioned RMHA Show".

304. Bullet 3, changed: "...thirty three (33) classes to "required show bill classes". (Note: Show bill class number changes from year to year.)

304. Deleted requirement from last bullet: "within 20 days of a show".

308. New chapter placement for Championship and Grand Championship. No changes to verbiage.

403. Added point: "Except for the International, shows may have a maximum of two judges. Each judge will score independently of each other. (Note: In the case of a cancelled show or insufficient shows for a season, this enables double points.)

404. Bullet 4: Deleted "RMHA and FOSH" from "Reports inhumane...."

404. Bullet 5: Deleted "RMHA Headquarters and FOSH" from "Reports violations...."

404. Bullet 6: Deleted: "...but selected by Field Coordinator at Friends of Sound Horses (FOSH)" and change to: "...but coordinated and approved by RMHA/HQ." (Note: Show Managers will contact RMHA/HQ and make request through the Exec Dir who will contact the Field Coordinator for FOSH.)

406. Bullet 3: Changed verbiage to more complete explanation.

406. Bullet 4: Deleted: "immediate family is...." (Redundant)

406. Bullet 4: Added: "...within the current show season. This applies to both client and horse."

407. Bullet 3: Deleted: "Must be FOSH-trained or an RMHA Examiner or Judge appointed by Chairman of SAC in an emergency." And Add: "Must be trained and approved by a RMHA Director of Examiners."

407. Bullet 4: Deleted: "...RMHA and FOSH."

407. Bullet 7: Deleted: "...FOSH and..."

501. Added bullet 4: "Selects three obstacles from the list of approved obstacles (see Chapter 16) for the "Working Trail Pleasure with Obstacles" Class on the Show Bill."

501. Added bullet (next to last point): "Follows the RMHA/SAC Post Show/After Actions Checklist and meets all requirements."

502.A. Bullet 1. Substituted "The executive director will select a judge as directed in section 403" instead of "To impartially select a judge the ED ...computer program." (Section 403 has fully explained the process.)

502.A. Added bullet 5: "Except for the International, Show Managers may hire a maximum of two judges for a show. Each judge will score independently."

502.B. Changed to read:

"B. Licensed Designated Qualifying Personnel (DQP) (see Section 404).

- Class "A" Show Managers may use FOSH DQPs or other DQPs approved by RMHA Headquarters in coordination with SAC. If HQ selects FOSH DQPs, the ED will contact the FOSH Field Coordinator for DQPs.
- The Field Coordinator will assign a qualified DQP and will notify the Show Manager as soon as possible.

C. Equipment Stewards. Show Managers must use RMHA Equipment Stewards and will make their request through RMHA/HQ Executive Director. The ED will contact a qualified Examiner or Judge to act as ES.

D. Other officials as specified in Chapter 4."

503. Bullet 1: Deleted: "The RMHA Board of Directors will not approve a show until receipt of the form, fees and show bill." Add: "The SAC will send out a show package to include a Show Manager Contract.

503. Inserted a new 3rd bullet: "Sign and return Show Manager Contract Agreement. The SAC Chairman must receive this agreement prior to approval by the Board of Directors."

504. Inserted a new 1st Bullet: "Show Managers will use the Post Show/After Actions Checklist. See Forms Section on the RMHA website: www.rmhorse.com."

504. Added the following to bullet 4:

- Forward the following information to the RMHA Headquarters, **not later than 15 days after the show:**
 - **Original** signed form of new RMHA Memberships and monies.
 - **Original** new or status-change Exhibitor Cards and monies.

RMHA WILL ASSESS a penalty of \$50 on the show manager if results arrive after 15 days

601. Bullet 2: Changed to read: "Youth 17 years of age may opt to change their status to adult during the calendar year they turn 18. However, they must declare Amateur or Professional status prior to their first show that year. Exception to this rule is that during the year, the individual may not show a stallion (in hand or under saddle).

700. Last bullet. Changed "... (3) distinct gaits...." To "... (3) distinct speeds...."

900. Bullet 1, Sub-bullet 3: Changed to read: "Stallions, two years and over, must wear a snaffle bit and bridle with or without cavesson and or brow band. Bits on geldings and mares are optional."

900. Bullet 1, Sub-bullet 6: Added the words "...with bit" to Arabian style show bridles.

900. Bullet 3: Deleted: "...but are not to exceed 36" with an additional 4" for popper."

901. Changed to read:

"901. Show Pleasure & Trail Pleasure:

- **Show Pleasure only:** Saddles may be English type with leathers and irons.
- **Trail Pleasure only:** English or Western tack, matching attire but not mixed.
- English show bridle must have a crown piece, full throatlatch, brow band and cavesson.
- Whips/crops are optional.
- Breast straps optional."

(NOTE: 901. deletes many of the strict rules regarding saddles, color of bridles and brow bands, length of crops, etc.)

902. Consolidated bullets 1 & 2: "Saddles may be with or without horns and have fenders and stirrups."

902. Deleted requirement on color of Western saddles & bridles. Exhibitors may use any color saddle or bridle, including white!

904. Bullet 9. After "Braided manes and tails" added the words: "... (permitted in costume class)."

904. Bullet 11. After "...hair pieces..." added the words: "... (permitted in costume class)."

1002. Bullet 7. At end of line added: "...(See Chapter 15 for all Youth information.)"

1003. Bullet 1: Changed from: "Solid color or pin striped slacks or black jeans." To read: "Riding slacks or black jeans."

1003. Bullet 2, Deleted: "Any colored (including patterned)...." And changed to read: "Long sleeved shirt (Western style if using Western tack)."

(NOTE: 1003, bullets 1 & 2 relax requirements.)

1200. Deleted the following:

"Horses Disqualified from Receiving a Ribbon: Except for Youth Classes, after the class is judged and the Judge turns in the judge card, the Ringmaster will excuse from the lineup any horses that the Judge disqualified from receiving a ribbon. Youth that are not eligible for a ribbon will receive an honorable mention type ribbon when the ribbons are awarded. They will not be asked to leave the show arena during the awarding of ribbons. Judges must be cognizant of any major/minor faults rider/horses may have and should place horses according to the rules, up to five places in the regular show and up to 10 places at the International Show."

1200. Changed to read:

"Discretionary Instruction. After turning in the judge card and prior to announcement, the judge, may at their discretion, speak with Exhibitors in the lineup (especially in the Youth Classes) as a means of instructing and encouraging compliance with RMHA show rules."

1201. Bullet 2. Disqualified from an Award. Added sub-bullet 3: "Illegal equipment or improper attire."

1201. Bullet 3. Major Faults. Added sub-bullet 4: "Exhibitor touching horse with hands, feet, whip, crop and/or lead any time after entering class."

1201. Bullet 4. Minor Faults. Added to sub-bullet 2: "Tail switches constantly showing bad temperament."

1202. Bullet 2. Disqualified. Sub-bullet 1 is "Predominately" show a pace, step-pace, trot, foxtrot, rack or canter."

1202. Bullet 2. Disqualified. Added sub-bullet 6: "Illegal equipment or improper attire."

1202. Major Faults. Sub-bullet 1 should be: "Do not perform each of the three gaits with a distinct change of speed between each gait."

1202. Major Faults. Added sub-bullet 10: "Fail to reverse toward the wall or rail of the ring (English protocol) or toward center ring (Western protocol.)"

1202. Minor Faults. Sub-bullet 1 should be "Exhibit hot or nervous behavior, excessive shying, or sidetracking."

1202. Minor Faults. Added sub-bullet 6: "Do not stand square in line."

(NOTE: Realigned several faults from Major to Minor or from Disqualified to Major/Minor Faults to more properly align faults with penalty category.)

1303. Bullet 2, line 2, changed the word "both" to "...each side."

1303. Bullet 5. After "...entering the ring" added the words: "...until the Judges' cards are turned in."

1303. Bullet 8. Deleted the words at the beginning of the sentence: "...open mixed age/gender..." and after "...may show the horse's teeth." Add "In addition, the Judge may inspect any horse's mouth for age in any conformation class."

1401. Reworded to: "The three gait speeds..." and deleted the verbiage "(except as noted)".

1408. Added the class "Working Trail Pleasure with Obstacles."

Chapter 15. Consolidates Youth Showmanship and Equitation into an all-in-one chapter which includes attire and tack for youth.

1602. Under Obstacles. Added to first line: "...Mailbox, teeter-totter, hanging curtain (streamers or solid)."

1604. Deleted: "Each Exhibitor may only enter once in this class."

1605. Bullet 5, Costume Class, changed from: "The gait will be a Trail Walk only." To "At judge discretion, Trail or Show Walk."

1609. Added the Class MENTOR & ME:

- Designed to display how the "Mentor" (adult over 18 yrs of age) and "Me" (youth between the ages of 8 yrs and 17 yrs) work together to get the best performance possible from their horse.
- Class is judged on:
 - Consistency of the horse between riders,
 - Quality of gait, and
 - Responsiveness of the horse to rider cues.

- The "Mentors" show their horse the first direction of the ring (counter clockwise) at the trail walk, show gait, and pleasure gait.
- The "Me" youth will be in the center of the ring awaiting their turn. If a "Me" requires different tack, they will have this in the ring with them.
- After completion of the three gaits, the mentors will then line up their horse under the direction of the ring master.
- Mentors dismount together, adjust or change the saddle/stirrups and give the horse to their youth "Me".
- After all the youth are on their horses, they are all called to the rail. The mentors move to center ring to watch.
- The youth continue the class in the opposite direction of the ring (clockwise). They will show at the trail walk, show gait, and pleasure gait.
- The youth will then line up under the direction of the ringmaster and mentors will stand by the youth in the lineup.
- Judge/ringmaster will then ask the youth to back their horse.
- As ribbons are awarded, the mentors will walk with the youth (who are still mounted) out of the ring.
- The "Mentor" and the "Me" will split the prize money as they see fit but both receive ribbons and trophies.

1702.A. Bullet 1: Added: "...obtained from the RMHA Web Site, the Show..." at end of sentence add, "... (See Exhibit 4)."

1702.A. Added Bullets 3 and 4:

- "A fee of \$100.00, payable to RMHA, must accompany the form if used as a complaint/rule violation form. If complaint/violation results in a guilty verdict, RMHA will refund the fee.
- Rule/show evaluations do not require a fee. SAC will review evaluations and/or recommendations for inclusion/exclusion in the next year's show booklet."

1702.B. Bullet 1: Deleted requirement: "...within 10 working days of the Show..."

Added Exhibit 1 – Acronyms

Added Exhibit 2 – Show Bill

2010 Show Bill changes:

- Deleted 4 YO Trail Pleasure Class
- Added Working Trail Pleasure with Obstacles
- Show Bill has 32 required classes.

- Switched class 7 & class 22 so that more folks can ride Western without quick changing for a Show Pleasure class.

Added Exhibit 3 – Trail Obstacle Score Sheet

Added Exhibit 4 – Evaluation Form

Added Exhibit 5 – Complaint Form