

Rule Changes at a glance for the 2018 Calendar year

- Section VII. General Procedures & Ring Protocol
 - General Procedures:
 - 2. Has been changed to give show managers discretion on how many placings to award at shows, judges will still be instructed to tie through fifth place for yearend high point awards. At the RMHA International the rule has been changed to reflect the current practice of giving five placements in classes, judges will tie through tenth place for special awards.

- Section XI. Class Designations and Qualifications
 - Novice Classes: **Novice Rider/Horse combo** will only be required to complete a qualifying class at the International to eligible to show in the Amateur Grand Championship.
 - Amateur Owned and Trained Classes: **AOT Rider/Horse combo** will only be required to complete a qualifying class to be eligible for the AOT Grand Championship.
 - Amateur Classes: **Amateur Rider/Horse combo** will only be required to complete a qualifying class to be eligible for the Amateur Grand Championship.
 - Open Classes: Horses completing a qualifying class will be eligible to register in the Mares, Geldings or Stallions Championships, horse will have to place in the top five to be able to register for Open Grand Championships.

- Section VI. General Show Rules
 - The shoeing rule has been changed to now include shoes up to 15/16 inch or 24mm in width at all locations on the shoe, and must not exceed 3/8 inch in thickness at all locations on the shoe. See the full rule for shoeing in Section VI: General Show Rules.

Definition was added for completing a class in the list of definitions on page 8 of this rulebook.