

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2025	12/18/2024	

Rule Change Intent

Consistency in class routine is key. In the field, some judges automatically eliminate a competitor who forgets the trot circle, when the class is operating under Option A. Immediately requesting the competitor to return to the ring and perform their jog circle is consistent and fair. If and when a competitor fails to return to the ring and jog, they would incur elimination.

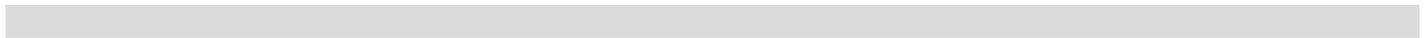
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Linked Rules Comments



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3. In all classes over obstacles, all horses being considered for an award must jog for soundness using either Option A or Option B below (Exception: sections or classes with specifications that do not require horses to jog, and unrated classes). Management must state in the competition prize list which method of jogging will be used. Horses/ponies that are unsound will be eliminated and ineligible for an award in that class. The judge's decision regarding soundness is final.

Option A: Horses/ponies are required to trot a circle on a loose rein at the end of each over fences performance. Horses/ponies ~~may be asked to return to the ring and trot another circle at the judge's discretion.~~ **that are not presented for soundness, must be asked to return to the ring immediately for soundness review. If the exhibitor does not return, they will be eliminated the relevant class.**

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