

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
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Rule Change Intent

AR294.3 is antiquated and no longer used with the scoring system. AHA's Education Evaluation Committee has been educating its judges on the proper use of the Showmanship Score Card for the past five years and supports the posting of the Showmanship Score Card. This proposal continues the progress with the use of the Showmanship Score Card and adding that these score cards must be posted.

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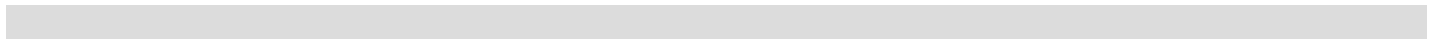
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Linked Rules Comments



SUBCHAPTER AR-29 SHOWMANSHIP SECTION

AR294 Class Conduct

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~~3. Handlers may be asked to perform additional tests at the judge's discretion.~~

AR297 Scoring

The scoring will be on the basis of 0-infinity, with 70 denoting an average performance. The individual maneuvers are scored in ½ point increments for a low of -3 to a high of +3 with 0 denoting a maneuver that is correct with no degree of difficulty. Penalty points will be applied as they occur. A final score of 0 to +5 will be given for the overall form and effectiveness at the completion of each run.

1. Judges must use the prescribed Showmanship Score Card. At all multi judge competitions, multi judge Regional competitions and National competitions, score cards must be posted one hour after the completion of the session. Competitions posting cards must have a designated walker and scribe.

12. Penalties

a. Minor (1 point penalty)

1. Break of gait at walk or trot up to two strides
2. Over or under turning up to an 1/8 of a turn
3. Ticking or hitting cone/marker
4. Sliding or lifting pivot foot
5. Lifting the pivot foot and replacing it in the same place
6. Lifting foot and replacing it in same place during presentation

b. Major (3 point penalty)

1. Break of gait at walk or trot for more than 2 strides
2. Splitting cone/marker (cone/marker between horse and handler)
3. Stepping out of set up during presentation
4. Steps out of or moving pivot foot during a pivot or turn
5. Over or under turn 1/8 to ¼ of turn

c. Severe (5 point penalty)

1. Exhibitor not in required position during inspection.
2. Touching the horse
3. Standing directly in front of horse
4. Loss of lead shank or two hands on lead shank
5. Completely stepping out of or moving hindquarter significantly during a pivot or turn
6. Severe disobedience to include but not limited to: biting, pawing, rearing, kicking out or continuously circling exhibitor.
7. Goes off pattern; wrong side of cone, never performing specified gait
8. Knocking over cone/marker
9. Fall of horse or handler

23. Mandatory Eliminations

- a. Horse escapes from Exhibitor
- b. Inhumane treatment and undue stress, see AR 105.6
- c. Excessive schooling or training
- d. Loss of control or severe disobedience that endangers other exhibitors, to include but not limited to: bolting, lunging or kicking out.
- e. Whip marks
- f. Prohibited equipment: chain through the horse's mouth, over nose or through the bit, modified cavessons, western bridle or bosal, reins only attached to one side of the bridle.