

S.S.H.B.E.A. RULE BOOK ADDENDUM

(**Last Update: August 2017)

May 19, 2015 – Rule Change

Tungsten shoes will be permitted in Lite Shod Classes

****SSHBEA complies with the USDA'S ruling requiring horse industry organizations and associations (HIOs) to assess and enforce minimum penalties under the Horse Protection Act (HPA). Effective July 9, 2012**

Rule Book Correction – Pg. 47

15.7 Correct Attire

Delete 15.7 M (In Ladies Auxiliary Classes, jacket or vest required).

21.5 Ladies Auxiliary Class & Youth

Delete 21.5 D (In Ladies Auxiliary Classes, jacket or vest required).

****The USDA protocol supersedes the SSHBEA Rule Book (2011)**

Rule Amendment – Page 96 – Rules for DQP's

Rule 30.4 – Change to read:

If approved, the applicant **will be** furnished an examination paper which must be answered and returned to the SSHBEA for review. Each applicant whose examination paper receives a mark of 80% or better and who has apprenticed two (2) or more shows may be issued a DQP card good for the calendar year only.

Rule Amendment – Page 106 – Rules for DQP's

Rule 33.1 – Change to read:

When a report is filed by the DQP showing a violation, the SSHBEA shall issue suspension notices within ten (10) days of the violation by sending the notice to the violator by certified and regular mail. All suspensions shall begin 20

days from the date of the notification unless the violator has previously consented to having the suspension start at an earlier date. A violator may file an appeal of the suspension notice in writing within twenty (20) days of the date of the service of the notice, the SSHBEA Hearing Committee must make a decision on the appeal promptly, within ten (10) days. If the Hearing Committee determines that the appeal is frivolous or is made for the purpose of postponing the suspension, the Hearing Committee may assess further penalties.

Rule Correction - should read: Page 23

8. Rules for affiliated shows/sales and sanctioned shows

8.7 A show or sale agreeing to affiliate or sanction also agrees to pay \$2 per entry to the SSHBEA.

Rule Correction – should read: Page 49

16. Divisions and Classes

16.2B Lite Shod – limited to a maximum shoe size not to exceed 1" wide and ½" thick, with the exception of the caulk, which must be no thicker than 1" and the turn back shall not exceed 1".

Rule Correction – should read: Page 68

21.3 Lite Shod Classes

Lite shod entries are limited to a maximum shoe size not to exceed 1" wide and ½" thick, with the exception of the caulk, which must be not thicker than 1" and the turn back shall not exceed 1".

Rule addition – Page 93

29. Rules for Measurements

29.5 Trail Pleasure Division:

D. Tungsten shoes will be illegal (banned) on Trail Pleasure, Traditional Trail Pleasure or Country Trail Pleasure Horses. There will be no welded caulks on shoes worn by a Trail Pleasure, Traditional Trail Pleasure or Country Trail Pleasure Horse. The shoes for these divisions cannot be made from any material heavier than conventional steel.

Rule Addition –

12.18 Lubricants shall be limited to the posterior pastern area *only* on Trail Pleasure, Traditional Trail Pleasure and Country Trail



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Pleasure Horses. This shall be added to Rule 19.5 Page 56. as section 19.5B. On page 166 of the index, under lubricants add, 56 following 36.

Rule Correction – page. 47

15.8 Prohibited in all classes – change to read:

15.8 H. Bits over ten inches in length

(Exception – Trail Pleasure – bits with more than 8 ½ inches – refer to page 56 rule 19.5)

Rule addition – 19 Rules for Trail Pleasure, Traditional Trail Pleasure and Country Trail Pleasure

19.5 C – Paint and/or metal shall not be allowed on the bottom of the foot.

19.6B – An exaggerated gait, ie. Breaking to the bottom of the knee or above, excessive reaching and/or pointing in front. Twisting, squatting wringing of the hocks, crampy or gimmicky way of going must be excused.

Rule Addition

2.3A and 2.17A

An exhibitor may elect to become a professional halter trainer (weanlings, yearlings, and model horses) provided the following qualifications are met. A professional halter license is acquired. A professional halter handler can maintain amateur status in performance classes only as long as horse is owned solely by said amateur. No joint ownership is allowed. An amateur with a professional halter license can not show in amateur owned and trained classes in performance and halter classes. Also, professional halter handlers can not show in amateur halter classes. Amateur performance exhibitors may show in amateur performance classes.

21.4 Leadline Classes

- A. Limited to children 6 years of age and under.
- B. Entry must be lead by a person 18 Years of age and older.
- C. Safety of child is utmost importance.
- D. Horse should be well groomed.
- E. Tack should be neat, clean, and properly adjusted.
- F. Childs feet must be in stirrups.
- G. Child must hold reins in hands and should exhibit good posture.
- H. Matching attire (should be placed higher than unmatched attire) and should be neat and clean.
- I. Horse and handler should be well mannered – (no crowding, deliberate blocking, cutting in front of other exhibitors, etc.)
- J. Horse should lead readily and in control (neither horse nor handler should appear to being dragged around ring).
- K. Horse should stand quietly parked.
- L. In line up – handler should stand quietly (no blowing, waving, etc.).
- M. Horse, rider, and handler should exhibit total unity; therefore, a **total package** approach should be used when judging.



Rule Additon –

Chapter 19 – Rules for Trail Pleasure, Traditional Trail Pleasure, and Country Trail Pleasure

19.6E

Two & Three Year Old Horses using a snaffle bit in the Trail Divisions can be ridden with two hands.

Changes & Deletions (Feb. 14, 2011)

Chapter 20

20.16 –General Guidelines for Showmanship (at halter)

Pg. 63 Rule 20.16 – delete paragraph E.

Pg. 63 Rule 20.16 –change paragraph F. to read: It is mandatory that Show Management post the pattern at least one (1) hour prior to the commencing of the class. All exhibitors will initially execute the posted pattern; however, if the judge chooses to bring back exhibitors for consideration of final placing, the final pattern

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need not be posted and all exhibitors competing for final placement will execute the same final placement pattern.

Pg. 63 Rule 20.16 – delete paragraph G.

Pg. 65 Rule 20.17 R- change paragraph

R. to read: **Horse is not to be touched.**
(deleted the remainder of the paragraph).

June 13, 2011

Rule Amendment—Pg. 57

Rule 19.6 Gaits A—Change to read:

A. ~~Entries in the three trail pleasure divisions should exhibit a natural trail gait on a relaxed rein (see 19.7) and be ridden with one hand.~~

Exception: In Amateur and Youth Classes exhibitors may use two (2) hands. Changing hands is permitted on the reverse.

Rule Amendment (August 8, 2016)

19.6 A Entries in the three trail pleasure divisions should exhibit a natural trail gait on a relaxed rein (see 19.7) and the rider has the option to ride with one (1) or two (2) hands. If riding with one (1) hand changing is permitted on the reverse.

Clarifications

Country Trail Pleasure & Traditional Trail Pleasure will be allowed to move up to Trail Pleasure at a show. Country Trail Pleasure & Traditional Trail Pleasure will be allowed to cross over at a show.

Trail Pleasure **will not** be allowed to show in Country Trail Pleasure or Traditional Trail Pleasure

December 2013 (Reversed May 2015)
(Rule Addition)

****Tungsten shoes are not allowed in Lite Shod Classes**

December 12, 2016 “Rule Change”

17.10 Amateur Divisions

Rule D Amateur Classes may be limited to “Amateur Owned and Trained”. To qualify for this class, the horse must have received no professional training within ninety (90) days preceding the show. The horse cannot be boarded at a professional training establishment. The exhibitor in any amateur owned and trained class shall be restricted to the horse owner or an immediate family member.

Change to Read as follows:

Rule D Amateur Classes may be limited to “Amateur Owned and Trained”. To qualify for this class, the horse must have received no professional training within ninety (90) days preceding the show. The horse cannot be boarded at a professional training establishment. The exhibitor in any amateur owned and trained class shall be restricted to the horse owner or an immediate family member. **Co-Ownership/exhibiting between two non-related amateurs is not allowed in this class.**

Sport Horse Rule Changes

Saddle Gait reining rules will be the same as rules for open classes. An exhibitor/horse (pair) that has won an open (mare, stallion, gelding) championship may not compete in the Saddle Gait Reining class.

Rule Changes:

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Page 133 - Rule 39.9.3 (take 12-17 out of 1st sentence) (add a sentence) Should now read: Open & Non Pro class exhibitors must use one hand on reins regardless of bit. 12-17 exhibitor may use 2 hands regardless of bit (for safety reasons).

Page 133 - Rule 39.9.4(at end of 1st asterisk line make addition) Should now read: Any fingers besides the index finger between the reins. (Exception: 2, 3 & 4 year old using snaffle bit in 2, 3 & 4 year old classes and any bit in 12 - 17 classes).

(at end of 3rd asterisk line make addition) Should now read: Use of two hands on the reins (Exception: snaffle bit, 2, 3 & 4 year olds and any bit in 12 -17 classes).

November 5, 2012

The following items pertaining to SSHBEA Judges was presented & approved by the SSHBEA Board

Change / to be added to RuleBook and/or addendum

All judges must attend a clinic by March 31 of each year. Clinics will be offered at the [Annual Meeting](#) (instead of November) and a second one prior to March 31.

Change / to be added to RuleBook and/or addendum / Motion passed 5-14-12

Pg. 76 - Rule 22.10 B1

To become a master judge, a regular judge may judge 2 [HIO Affiliated](#) shows that have a minimum of 5 SSH classes and one all SSH show [affiliated with SSHBEA](#).

Change/to be added to RuleBook and/or addendum / Motion passed 5-14-12

Pg. 72 – Rule 22.11

Judges accepted from other HIO's must pay their SSHBEA membership fee, submit a completed test, and pass the test [60](#)

[days prior for Spring Show, MidSeason Show, and Fall Show.](#)

Add: [Judges accepted from other HIO's will be required to attend a clinic the following year to maintain their judges license with SSHBEA.](#)

Add: [To page 76 Rule 22.8 To be accepted from another HIO, judges must also meet Rule22.8](#)

22.8 The approval or denial of application shall be by seventy-five (75%) majority vote of the Board of Directors, after reviewing the recommendation of the Judges Committee.

Add: [To page 82 Rule 24.14 Judges who do not attend a yearly clinic and pay their judges fee and membership fee will be placed on an inactive list and will not be eligible to judge a SSHBEA affiliated or sanctioned show as a judge or guest judge until all requirements are met.](#)

[All Judges from the past 3 years will be notified 21 days prior to upcoming clinics by regular mail or email.](#)

Add: [To page 80 Rule 24.5 Any unnecessary communication or physical contact between exhibitor, horse, and judge during a show inside or outside of the ring is strictly prohibited. Any communication between a judge and an exhibitor must take place in the presence of a Ringmaster or Show management.](#)

Delete: [Page 76 Rule 22.10 Section 3 An Equitation/Showmanship Judge \(E\) has provided appropriate records/recommendations to the SSHBEA Judges Committee and the Board of Directors, providing proof of experience, knowledge, ability, or skill in this field. An applicant](#)

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will receive license after proof of qualification has been met to the satisfaction of the Judges Committee and the Board of Directors. This license will enable the Judge to officiate any Equitation and/or Showmanship class.