

2018 C.M.H.A. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
RULE CHANGE SUBMISSIONS

1. Classes to be eliminated from class list:
 - Hands Free Showmanship-offer in the evening on Saturday at one of the shows as a “special event”
 - Discipline Rail Classes
 - Green Rider (Showmanship, Eq, and HMS) individual work off classes and no danger for the exhibitor like in a rail class show in the age group showmanship, Eq, and HMS
 - Color class
 - Bareback
 - Green Horse English Pleasure and Western Pleasure
 - English Pleasure Jackpot and Western Pleasure Jackpot (jackpot the Junior and Senior classes in English and Western) the board hears from the judges that we are over showing the pleasure classes, currently a judge could potential judge a horse three (3) times in pleasure: once in the pleasure jackpot, then in the JR or SR pleasure, and then again in the age division pleasure class.

2. Equitation/Horsemanship Patterns:

SUGGESTION 1: eliminate patterns in all regular equitation and horsemanship classes and use the jackpot equitation and horsemanship classes as opportunity to do patterns

SUGGESTION 2: eliminate the jackpot equitation and horsemanship classes and require the patterns in the age division classes.

3. Two & under division:

CURRENT: None

ADD: 2 & under Showmanship class

4. Point system:

CURRENT: 1st place=6pts 2nd=5pts, and so on

SUGGESTION 1:
Earn one (1) point for every horse in the class, if 20 horses in the classes 1st=20 pts, 2nd=19 points, and so forth down to 6th=14 pts.

SUGGESTION 2: use the AQHA point system

No. of entries in class	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
3-4	1/2									
5-9	1	1/2								
10-14	2	1	1/2							
15-19	3	2	1	1/2						
20-24	4	3	2	1	1/2					
25-29	5	4	3	2	1	1/2				
30-34	6	5	4	3	2	1	1/2			
35-39	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1/2		
40-44	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1/2	
45 & more	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1/2

For example:

- In a three-horse class, the first-place horse is awarded a 0.5 point.
- In a nine-horse class, the third-place horse would not earn any points.
- In a 26-horse class, the third-place horse is awarded 3 points.

Points will be awarded based on the number of eligible horses actually entered AND judged in the class, if a horse/rider is scratched prior to the class being held, then that horse/rider would not be counted in the class total.

5. Trail:

Walk-Trot Trail class:

- a) Back through rails will be a minimum of 48 inches wide (consistent with existing lead line and pee wee walk trail guidelines)
- b) Spacing for all ground markers used for back through and/or walk/jog/lope overs (poles, cones, etc) are to be measured with a measuring tape and placement marked with lime or flour to maintain consistency for all exhibitors
- c) Trail committee: to consist of at least one (1) board of director and 3-4 CMHA adult member volunteers. The purpose of the trail committee will be to create, set up, and assist with running the trail patterns, and identify and hire the trail judges

6. **Show bill/Schedule:**

- a) Based on 2018 class list/schedule: Friday evening offer the following classes, Ranch Riding, Reining (2019 will be Western Riding) and bareback. Make this a “no bling/no show clothes* evening giving the exhibitors time to get to the show grounds and not have to worry about banding, etc and meets the requirements of the Ranch Riding methodology anyway. These events on Friday should eliminate 2 to 3 hours from the current Saturday/Sunday schedule.
- b) Move Western to Saturday and run the trail concurrently in a separate arena beginning around showmanship class #16 but no earlier than noon. With the exhibitors already in their western attire this will allow for no clothing/tack changes. Trail will run concurrently with a separate set of judges, all trail to be judged by these judges. This will keep judging fair and equitable for all exhibitors.
- c) Trail to be run concurrently with the main arena for a pre-determined time (ex 9a-2pm) with the exact schedule to be determined by vote of the membership and/or trail committee. (Possibly walk/trot trail on Saturday and walk/trot/canter on Sunday. Michigan 4H Conditional judges will be permitted to judge trail classes.
*If fewer than 150 stalls are sold for a show, the BOD and/or trail committee has the authority to move the trail class to the main arena to follow the regular classes.
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7. Other:

Placings-go back to placing the classes to 8th place

High Point Divisions- eliminate the Green Rider high point, allow these to riders to show in both the age division and green rider classes

Pleasure/Rail Classes:

- a) to enter the arena at a TROT/JOG, from the middle gate of the warm up/small outdoor arena. This will hopefully alleviate the congestion at the IN/OUT gates as currently used, since exhibitors and spectators congregate in the way.

- b) Load the pleasure/rail classes as the previous class is exiting, the exhibitors to be instructed to enter at a TROT/JOG and to cut the long rail short/ride in from the entry to avoid exiting and entering riders.
- c) Stringently enforce a two (2) minute gate rule for pleasure/rail classes. Exhibitors must also take responsibility for ensuring they enter the gate in a timely fashion, in order to expedite the day.

Special Events: offer a “showcase” event on Saturday evening utilizing the trail judges (since start time would be later in the day) offer a fun event such as the brideless western pleasure, hands free showmanship, versatility, etc maybe jackpot these classes for added incentive and rotate the event offered for each show.

Membership/Office fees: raise the membership fees and drop the daily/weekend office fees.

Pattern Classes/Individual Go classes (showmanship, equitation, horsemanship) from several of our judges the past couple of years. Do not allow an exhibitor to enter/show more than one horse in these three (3) events. There could be a situation where the judge(s) would require the exhibitors to re-enter the arena after all patterns are completed to do rail work or tie breaker work off, request ALL exhibitors to be loaded into the arena prior to patterns being judged, etc. it is very common for all entries to enter the arena and line up side by side on the rail prior to individual patterns.