

# Trail Trials

## Resolution # TT 1

**Trail Trials**, Housekeeping Changes (changes are underlined)

WHEREAS, during the resolution grammatical or misspellings may occur, and; WHEREAS, it is common practice to clean up these errors in “housekeeping” resolutions; Therefore Be It *Resolved* that the following rules be amended (corrections are underlined):

9.3 Appropriate awards shall be given to qualified riders placing third through sixth.

12.3 Dismounting: Horse will stand quietly and not move off. Style of the dismount not considered, only a smooth dismount that does not unbalance the horse. A rider must have the reins in hand while dismounting.

13.4 Riders Control: The rider must maintain control of the horse at all times. This will be maintained by having the rider control either with the reins or lead rope at all times. Rider's control of the horse is whether mounted or un-mounted. Rider should also control the horse by knowing HOW to ask their horse to execute the obstacle as well as keep the horse under control if the horse shies or spooks. If un-mounted, the rider is to lead as set forth in rule 12.1. The horse should be lead quietly either behind or slightly to the side of the rider. While leading the horse the rider should not let the horse crowd or lean on rider.

(note: separate resolution submitted to change wording in section 13.4)

Submitted by: Diane Medlock, Family member

Adopted as written X Adopted as amended \_\_\_\_ Rejected \_\_\_\_

**Resolution # TT 2**  
**Trail Trials, SEC. 2.0 General Rules, new rules**

WHEREAS, Bylaws Article III Membership, section 4.5 states “unless otherwise specified in a particular program’s rules, members may only participate in the programs of the Region in which they live or into which they have been legally transferred” , and;

WHEREAS, There are no such rules in the Trail Trials Program, and;

WHEREAS, The Trail Trials program is not an arena event and is to be performed on a clearly marked course and in all types of terrain, and;

WHEREAS, The courses that are designed by Trail Trials ride managers will vary in terrain;

Therefore Be It *Resolved* that Trail Trials, SEC. 2.0 General Rules be amended as follows:

A new rule **2.18** be added:

**Changed to one paragraph.**

Riders may compete in a sanctioned Trail Trials that is not in their Region. If the Region has a high point program, the Region program rules will determine how points and placing are earned for “out of Region” rides.

Submitted by: Ron Jenkins, Life member

Adopted as written \_\_\_\_ Adopted as amended X Rejected \_\_\_\_

**Resolution # TT 3**  
**Trail Trials, New Sec. 15.0 Trail Obstacle Challenge**  
**~~SEC. 4.0 Categories and Divisions, rule 4.1~~**

WHEREAS, many venues are being established in urban areas to support the training of trail obstacles, and;

WHEREAS, trail obstacle challenge courses are becoming very popular with those also interested in trail trials, and;

WHEREAS, not all riders are capable of either transporting their animals to a trail trial or riding for an extended period of time on a trial, and;

WHEREAS, this division is new it is envisioned that rules and a state championship will evolve in the years to come, and;

WHEREAS, we need to make the distinction between a Trail Obstacle Challenge and a Trail Trial;

Therefore Be It *Resolved* that Trail Trials, SEC. 4.0 Categories and Divisions be amended as follows:

**New Section 15.0 Trail Obstacle Challenge**

**Trail obstacle challenge courses are becoming very popular with those also interested in trail trials and not all riders are capable of either transporting their animals to a trail trial or riding for an extended period of time on a trial.**

**This will be a 2-year pilot program. The Trail Trials committee, at Quarterly meetings, will have the ability to create and revise rules as necessary.**

**Please note – The Trail Obstacle Challenge is a stand alone event, which will not be a qualifying event within the Trail Trials Program.**

- 15.1** A Trail Obstacle Challenge is an obstacle course competition that tests the obstacle skills of horse and rider. Courses are set in obstacle groups usually in smaller areas of small acreage or arenas. A single judge may evaluate multiple obstacles and assess the way both horse and rider negotiate these obstacles by keeping common sense and safety in mind. Individual obstacles may have a time limit or there may be a maximum course time limit with potential time penalties.
- 15.2** There will be three categories in a Trail Trial, Novice, Intermediate and Advanced. Most sections of the trail trials rules shall apply except where noted. The division shall have a different introduction and references to the SCE shall not apply. Section 4.0 shall not apply unless management decides to offer divisions and categories. Section 9.0 shall not apply. The statement that arena obstacles should be avoided and that obstacles are natural shall not apply. "Extreme" obstacles may be used. In most cases the obstacle challenge shall be over a set course of obstacles and may or may not include written or verbal obstacle instructions. A map indicating the direction of travel may or may not be provided. A maximum time limit may be applied to obstacles individually or as an overall course criteria. Obstacles shall be numbered and completed in order or penalty points may be incurred. Multiple obstacles may be judged by one judge. Competing animals shall not be allowed on the course in advance however, riders may be given the

opportunity to walk the course. It is the intent that judges will judge the teams' performance in the obstacle, looking towards a smooth and confident way of going using the criteria found on the score sheet.

Submitted by: Diane Medlock, Family member

Adopted as written \_\_\_\_ Adopted as amended X Rejected \_\_\_\_

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**Resolution # TT 4**

**Trail Trials, SEC. 5.0 Equipment and Attire, rule 5.1.3**

WHEREAS, the intent of the rule that riders carry a knife was that the knife be on their person, not in a saddle bag or affixed to a saddle, and;

WHEREAS, the rule is often challenged when a rider is given points for not having the knife on their person but on a saddle, and;

WHEREAS, the addition of "on their person" clarifies the rule;

Therefore Be It *Resolved* that Trail Trials, SEC. 5.0 Equipment and Attire, rule 5.1.3 be amended to read:

A knife capable of cutting a lead rope or tack must be carried by all adult riders on their person. Junior riders 17 and under shall not be asked to carry or use a knife.

Submitted by: Diane Medlock, Family member

Adopted as written X Adopted as amended \_\_\_\_\_ Rejected \_\_\_\_\_

**Resolution # TT 5**

**Trail Trials, SEC. 12.0 Obstacle Skills, new rule 12.12.1**

**Trail Trials, SEC. 13.0 Obstacle Judging – Score Sheet Standards, rule 13.4**

WHEREAS, Trail Trials endeavor to be true tests of the trail riding discipline, and;

WHEREAS, it is often necessary to secure ones horse without tying, and;

WHEREAS, there are other acceptable methods used that riders should be able to demonstrate;

Therefore Be It *Resolved* that Trail Trials, SEC. Sec. 12.0 Obstacle Skills be amended as follows:

ADD:

**12.12.1** Securing the horse: **Advanced only** This should be performed in an area where the horse may demonstrate the skill but not be in danger of escape (round pen, corral, arena, etc.) Some obstacles may require riders to secure their horse other than tying which may include ground tie, hobbles or high lining. **Rider will have the option of removing the saddle and/or bridle before performing this skill(s) and will be judged accordingly. Rider is responsible for providing their own hobbling equipment.**

Be it further *Resolved that* the second sentence in section 13.4 Rider's Control be changed to read:

This will be maintained by having the rider control either with the reins, lead rope, ground tie, hobbles or high lining or other means as instructed.

Submitted by: Diane Medlock, Family member

Adopted as written\_\_\_\_ Adopted as amended X Rejected \_\_\_\_

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**Resolution # TT 6**

**Trail Trials, Sec. 13.0 Obstacle Judging – Score Sheet Standards, rule 13.1**

WHEREAS, there are differences in the Senior Judges' instructions to the obstacle judges pertaining to scoring the Cinch Check and the riders aren't sure what each judge is going to require, and;

WHEREAS, it needs to be standardized that cinch checks are only required for the skills as outlined in Sec 12. Obstacles, and;

WHEREAS, the last sentence Section 13.1 reads, "There is only one cinch check per obstacle";

Therefore be it *Resolved* that Trail Trials, Sec. 13.0 Obstacle Judging – Score Sheet Standards, rule 13.1 be amended as follows:

change:

Only one cinch check per obstacle is required: before mounting, going uphill or downhill, or pulling and/or dragging, all which are considered stresses on the saddle, as outlined in Sec 12. Obstacle Skills.

Submitted by: Sue Edwards, Senior Member

Adopted as written \_\_\_\_\_ Adopted as amended \_\_\_\_\_ Rejected \_\_\_\_\_

**Withdrawn by the submitter**

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**Resolution # TT 7**

**Trail Trials, Sec. 13.0 Obstacle Judging – Score Sheet Standards, rule 13.4, new rule**

WHEREAS, Riders should have control of more than just their horse in an obstacle, and;

WHEREAS, the rider control scoring section can be expanded to include paraphernalia handled by the rider;

Therefore be it *Resolved* that Trail Trials, Sec. 13.0 Obstacle Judging – Score Sheet Standards, rule 13.4 be amended as follows:

ADD:

13.4.1 While keeping control of the horse, riders must also maintain control of paraphernalia needed to complete the obstacle such as, but not limited to, ropes, buckets, flags, etc.

Submitted by: Sue Edwards, Senior Member

Adopted as written \_\_\_\_\_ Adopted as amended \_\_\_\_\_ Rejected X