

TRAIL TRIALS

TRAIL TRIALS Resolution # TT 1

Trail Trials, SEC. 2.0 General Rules, new rule

WHEREAS, Ride Manager(s) decide whether to offer a 1-day or 2-day Trail Trial, then in no specific order choose a location/trails, ask for volunteers, create obstacles and write obstacle instructions among other activities that are required to host one or more Trail Trials in a weekend, and;

WHEREAS, even Regions having a small pool of members and volunteers have successfully hosted 2-day events that feature different trails to ride (for the most part) and with unique obstacles for each day, and

WHEREAS, riders anticipate that at 2-day events, each day's Trail Trial event will be different and would include different obstacles than the previous day. The option to demonstrate a variety of trail skills may also be one of many attributes attracting riders to compete in the sport. While some riders may humorously claim to wish for a "do-over" of a day's ride, others do not appreciate seeing the same set of obstacles on the second day and would prefer unique obstacles provided on a different trail;

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

Add new rule:

Ride managers will strive to create a day's obstacle ride that is not identical to or have the same obstacles as a previous day's ride.

Submitted by: LaRae Sizer, Senior Member

Committee: Adopted as written_____ Adopted as amended_____ Rejected_____

Council of Members: Adopted as written_____ Adopted as amended_____ Rejected_____

TRAIL TRIALS Resolution # TT 2

Trail Trials, SEC. 2.0 General Rules, new rule

WHEREAS, riders have frequently been asked to perform in-hand work while completing an obstacle where a prop is placed at a height or distance from the ground that is below the average rider's stirrup length, and;

WHEREAS, a rider competing in a Trail Trial event has fallen off his horse and was injured attempting to complete an obstacle that was staged too low in comparison to his stirrup length on the horse, and;

WHEREAS, SEC. 13.0 Obstacle Judging - Score Sheet Standards, Rule 13.5 states, regarding balance mid-paragraph that: The rider is not to lean excessively forward, back or sideways, and;

WHEREAS, riders should not be asked to complete an obstacle, if in the execution of the instructions requires the rider to lean so far that they become off balance or even pull their horse off balance;

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

Add a new rule to follow after 2.3.3:

2.3.X If an obstacle requires the rider to do in-hand work (i.e. picking up an object, opening a gate, moving an object from one place to another, etc.) that object or prop must be placed a minimum of 50” above ground level so that no rider has to lean excessively forward, back or sideways to perform the obstacle instructions.

Submitted by: Maria Hines, Senior member

Committee: Adopted as written ___ Adopted as amended ___ Rejected ___ Tabled
Council of Members: Adopted as written ___ Adopted as amended ___ Rejected ___ Tabled

TRAIL TRIALS Resolution # TT 3
Trail Trials, SEC. 2.0 General Rules, new rule

WHEREAS A compelling draw to Trail Trials is the ability to enjoy camping with fellow Trail Trial campers during the weekend, and;

WHEREAS A generator running before 8 am or after 9 pm is noisy, creates fumes, and makes it uncomfortable and sometimes impossible to sleep, and;

WHEREAS Campers dumping grey water sewage in the driveway of or in the campground near other campers can create a bad smell and intolerable mess;

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

a new rule be added to Section 2.0 General Rules that would apply to all Trail Trials:

2.X Due to the typically tight parking situations at Trail Trials, all campers are requested to be considerate to fellow campers by only running generators in camp between 8 am and 9 pm, and not dump either grey water or other types of sewage in the campground or camp areas.

Submitted by: Mary Ellingsworth, Senior member

Committee: Adopted as written ___ Adopted as amended ___ Rejected ___ Tabled
Council of Members: Adopted as written ___ Adopted as amended ___ Rejected ___ Tabled

TRAIL TRIALS Resolution # TT 4
Trail Trials, SEC. 2.0 General Rules, rule 2.16

WHEREAS, this rule was revised at the 2016 CSHA Convention to address the penalty for dismounting within an obstacle, and;

WHEREAS, reading SEC. 13.0 Obstacle Judging – Score Sheet Standards referencing 13.7 Bypass or Disqualify, it would appear that the focus is on safety rather than the rider's decision to dismount unless instructed. Therefore, disqualification should not apply and instead, other penalty categories should be used by the Obstacle Judge to give points;

Therefore Be It *Resolved* Trail Trial Rules, SEC. 2.0 General Rules, rule 2.16 be amended as follows:

2.16 Trail Trials is a mounted event. Should a rider choose to dismount when not instructed to within the obstacle directions, they shall be penalized with points rather than disqualification, unless the judge deems safety is an issue for himself, rider or horse, in which case, the rider will be disqualified.

Submitted by: LaRae Sizer, Senior Member

Committee: Adopted as written ___ Adopted as amended ___ Rejected ___ Tabled
Council of Members: Adopted as written ___ Adopted as amended ___ Rejected ___ Tabled

TRAIL TRIALS Resolution # TT 5
Trail Trials, SEC. 4.0 Categories and Divisions, new rule

WHEREAS, during the regular (prior to SCE) Trail Trial season, several competitive teams are regularly winning but are not moving up allowing room for other lesser experienced teams to thrive in the Novice and/or Intermediate divisions, and;

WHEREAS, rule 4.4 defines a requirement to move up to the next level of skill divisions after two years of winning first place (Champion) or 2nd place (Reserve Champion) applicable to SCE, a rule should also be in place during the regular season that applies consistently to all Region programs throughout the State;

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

add a new rule to follow after 4.5:

- 4.X When a Novices/intermediate competitor team (same horse and rider) has completed the minimum or greater number of sanctioned rides required to qualify for SCE and have placed first place in their Category/Division in more than 50% of completed Trail Trials during a regular season, that horse and rider team must move up to the next skill category up during the following season if they remain in the same age group. The exception is for the junior riders 13 & under, who may continue to compete in the novice/intermediate divisions and are not required to move up unless approved by a parent.

Submitted by: Mary Ellingsworth, Senior member

Committee: Adopted as written ___ Adopted as amended ___ Rejected ___ Tabled

Council of Members: Adopted as written ___ Adopted as amended ___ Rejected ___ Tabled

TRAIL TRIALS Resolution # TT 6

Trail Trials, SEC. 5.0 Equipment and Attire, 5.1 Equipment, rules 5.1.1 and 5.1.2

WHEREAS, It is a safe practice to use a bosalita and a neck rope in place of a halter and lead rope;

Therefore Be It *Resolved* that Trail Trials, SEC. 5.0 Equipment and Attire, 5.1 Equipment, rules 5.1.1 and 5.1.2 be amended as follows:

The Rulebook should be modified so that all occurrences of rules involving a halter and lead rope will be modified to accept a bosolita and a neck rope as a safe and effective alternative.

Submitted by: Sam Ballard, Senior member

Committee: Adopted as written ___ Adopted as amended ___ Rejected ___ Tabled

Council of Members: Adopted as written ___ Adopted as amended ___ Rejected ___ Tabled

TRAIL TRIALS Resolution # TT 7
Trail Trials, SEC. 7.0 Senior Judge Responsibilities, rule 7.2

WHEREAS, in the 2017 Trail Trials Rulebook, Rule 7.2 includes the words: Should a Senior Judge's horse become ill, lame or die prior to fulfilling their responsibilities in rule 7.2, it shall be the Senior Judge's responsibility to secure a substitute horse, and;

WHEREAS, Senior Judges also need to be responsible to secure a substitute in the event that the Senior Judge himself cannot fulfill his responsibilities,

Therefore, Be It *Resolved* that Trail Trials SEC. 7.0 Senior Judge Responsibilities, rule 7.2 be amended as follows:

Should a Senior Judge become ill or lame or have any other conflict preventing him from fulfilling his responsibilities in rule 7.2, it shall be the Senior Judge's responsibility to secure a substitute Senior Judge.

Submitted by: Andrew Turnbull, Family Member

Committee: Adopted as written ___ Adopted as amended ___ Rejected ___
Council of Members: Adopted as written ___ Adopted as amended ___ Rejected ___

TRAIL TRIALS Resolution # TT 8
Trail Trials, SEC. 9.0 State Championship Event (SCE), rule 9.4.3

Whereas, under 9.4.3 a rider must contribute a full work day to fulfill their qualification for SCE, and there is a list of jobs that would qualify for this, however it does not include a Trail Trials clinic;

Therefore Be It *Resolved* that Trail Trials, SEC. 9.0 State Championship Event (SCE), rule 9.4.3 be amended as follows:

1. In the first sentence after the words other helper role, *insert* or at a Region sponsored Trail Trials Clinic as listed on the Trail Trials website,
2. Further after during a day, *insert* a full day

The section would now read as follows:

The rider must complete three (3) CSHA sanctioned Trail Trials with the same horse in the same category and age division within the ride year, and must contribute one entire event to volunteer service at a regular season Trail Trial as a Ride Manager, judge, Reader, Scorer, Starter, Ride Secretary, Raffle lead, or other helper role, or at a Region sponsored Trail Trials Clinic, as listed on the Trail Trials website, during a full day in which the volunteer does not compete in that event in order to be eligible to compete in the year end State Championship Event (SCE). Working the previous year's SCE counts for the next ride year. Region chairs are responsible for tracking work credit and notifying Sanction Chair by September 1st.

Submitted by: CSHA State Trail Trials Committee

Committee: Adopted as written ___ Adopted as amended ___ Rejected ___
Council of Members: Adopted as written ___ Adopted as amended ___ Rejected ___

TRAIL TRIALS Resolution # TT 9
Trail Trials, SEC. 9.0 State Championship Event (SCE), 9.4 Eligibility, rule 9.4.3

WHEREAS, Trail Trial Rule 9.4.3 which specifies that in addition to the requirement that the rider must complete three (3) CSHA sanctioned Trail Trials with the same horse in the same category and age division within the ride year, the rider must also contribute one entire event of volunteer service at a regular season Trail Trial in order to compete at SCE, and;

WHEREAS, during the CSHA State Trail Trials meeting in January, active members brought a recommendation that event volunteer service should be also be satisfied by volunteering at a Trail Trial Clinic listed on our CSHA Trail Trials Calendar. A very thorough discussion followed during our program meeting and the particularly large group of Trail Trials members present at that January meeting each had a chance to weigh-in on the motion. Members present wanted to begin during 2017 to reward the volunteers that put on a clinic because clinics help improve our sport. A carefully worded motion was constructed, a detailed discussion occurred and a unanimous vote followed, and our state program chose to attempt to apply this change during the 2017 Ride Year, and;

WHEREAS, during the April Quarterly CSHA Board of Directors meeting, we learned that despite our best efforts to properly apply this updated interpretation of 9.4.3 - which even included a recess of the Board meeting to enable our Trail Trial State Committee members present to caucus to construct a proper approach to apply the change - we returned to the meeting and received guidance from the CSHA board that our only choices were to either set aside Rule 9.4.3 in its entirety or operate within the exact wording of 9.4.3 in the 2017 Trail Trials rule book, and;

WHEREAS, given the numerous volunteer hours invested by Trail Trial members from both Nevada and California working together to construct a resolution then work to a consensus on the new wording of 9.4.3 at the November 2016 Convention, we chose not to set aside 9.4.3; therefore, we agreed to defer the inclusion of clinic volunteering as meeting the SCE requirement until after a resolution can be created and vetted through the CSHA resolution process later this year, and;

WHEREAS, this is that resolution;

Therefore Be It *Resolved* Trail Trials, SEC. 9.0 State Championship Event (SCE), 9.4 Eligibility, rule 9.4.3 be amended as follows:

Be edited to include the following wording:

One event of volunteer service may be satisfied by volunteering at a Trail Trial Clinic listed on our CSHA Trail Trials Calendar.

Submitted by: Andrew Turnbull, Family Member

Committee: Adopted as written ___ Adopted as amended ___ Rejected ___
Council of Members: Adopted as written ___ Adopted as amended ___ Rejected ___

TRAIL TRIALS Resolution # TT 10
Trail Trials, SEC. 12 Obstacle Skills, rule 12.12.1 Securing the horse

WHEREAS, riders of all ages in the three categories: Novice, Intermediate and Advanced have participated in obstacles where the instructions require the rider to tie their horse. The tie location and what the horse is tied to have included trees, hitching posts, etc. Tying to a high line is in no way any different if based on using appropriate/approved means or equipment. A safe and appropriate knot and the location is safe for horse, rider, bystander, etc. Tying to a high line could be accomplished by a rider of any age or division;

Therefore Be It *Resolved* that Trail Trial Rules, SEC. 12.0 Obstacle Skills, rule 12.12.1 be amended as follows:

The reference '**or high lining**' is to be removed. The rule will no longer include a restriction on high-lining and will read:

12.12.1 Securing the horse: **Advanced only.** Some obstacles may require riders to secure their horse other than tying which may include ground tie or hobbles. 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. Hobbling and ground tying **must** be performed in an area where the horse may demonstrate the skill, but not be in danger of escape (round pen, corral, arena, etc.)

Submitted by: LaRae Sizer, Senior Member

Committee: Adopted as written ___ Adopted as amended ___ Rejected ___
Council of Members: Adopted as written ___ Adopted as amended ___ Rejected ___

TRAIL TRIALS Resolution # TT 11

Trail Trials, SEC. 12 Obstacle Skills, rule 12.17 Skills, sub rule 12.17.7 Emergency Dismount

WHEREAS, the topic of safety is mentioned in the Trail Trial Rules on the first page, first paragraph, 2nd to the last sentence, namely, 'keeping common sense and safety in mind.', and;

WHEREAS, although many riders may know how to perform an emergency dismount, this is not practiced regularly and this maneuver has not been demonstrated during any recent trail trial clinics. With safety being first and foremost for rider and horse, no team should be asked to execute a safety stop at a trot or a lope. Emergency dismounts should not be in any instructions, and;

WHEREAS, CSHA removed the Tailing Obstacle at the 2014 CSHA Convention, it should follow that in consideration of safety for both rider and horse, that Emergency Dismount not be used as an obstacle,

Therefore, Be It *Resolved* that Trail Trial Rules Sec. 12.0, Obstacle Skills, rule 12.17 Skills, sub rule 12.17.7 Emergency Dismount be amended as follows:

12.17.7 Emergency Dismount shall not be used in or as an obstacle.

and rule 12.17.7 and any other references to Emergency Dismount will be removed from the rulebook.

Submitted by: LaRae Sizer, Senior Member

Committee: Adopted as written ___ Adopted as amended ___ Rejected ___ Tabled
Council of Members: Adopted as written ___ Adopted as amended ___ Rejected ___ Tabled