

CSHA Trail Trials Judges' Symposium

January 28, 2023, 8-11 a.m.

Pacheco South Room

Mission De Oro, Santa Nella

Conflict Resolution Session 8-9 am

Jennifer Garcia, Vice-Chair of the State Trail Trials Committee, Retired UCD police officer will conduct this session in order to give us more tools in our tool belt to help resolve conflict and ensure everyone has a positive judging/competing experience.

2023 Trail Trials Rules available on the CSHA website or from a link on the trail trials website Calendar of Events.

Regular Session 9-11 am

1. Rule Changes. **4.2** At the SCE each category will have the following divisions.
 1. 17 and under Junior
 2. 18-59 Adult
 3. 60 and over Senior
2. Rope Handling. Soft ropes bunched or coiled revisit
3. Halter Definition. Can a "loping bridle" be used as a halter? Many, many discussions on this topic thru the years. Consensus has always been no, lots of gimmicks but intent is a safe halter to tie horse up or safely lead.
4. Rule 7.2, how is everyone complying with this rule? i.e., you ride all advanced, ride manager ride novice and you watch/discuss with obstacle judge? You ride both? What is acceptable?
5. When you look over scoresheets and a large percentage of riders fail the obstacle, what is your reaction? Do you review with obstacle judge? When you pre-rode were you aware of this possibility?
6. Insurance and our role. We are independent contractors, check with your homeowners policy to see if you are covered.
7. Judges licensing requirements, review. Your opinion. Good or revise,
8. Horsemanship changes how we perceive novice/beginner trail and obstacles.

9. How do we handle a Ride Manager who ignores our exclusion of an obstacle or trail?
10. Transitions and distance required for "changes" in gaits as an obstacle.
11. Requiring "loose" rein in an obstacle.
12. Judges' meetings before the ride, ZOOM?
13. Unsound horses and competing. Rules say no special consideration, our job to monitor unsoundness or exclude from competition?. How do we all handle?
14. Judging gaited horses at the trot, be sure obstacle judges are aware of what they might see and how to score.
15. ADA allowances: CSHA statement
16. Directions for sidepass. Should expectations be written. i.e. "Sidepass the log to the right, stop at end of log and count to 5" or "Without straddling the log, sidepass to the right, stop at end of log and count to 5".
17. Discuss rider concerns. How do we all handle questions from riders regarding specific obstacles. For example: Rider approaches you to question why they got two points for a cinch check in an obstacle not requiring a cinch check.
18. Score sheet changes. All changes should be initialed, who can change?
19. Senior Judges volunteering for work credit.
20. DQ vs Lots of Points - revisit

CSHA Policy regarding ADA accommodations:

Over the last few years CSHA has discussed a means to comply with ADA Requirements and it can be an encompassing project. Each program should be given the latitude to make the necessary adjustments as a situation presents itself.

Therefore I am proposing adoption of this Policy statement:

“CSHA will endeavor to make reasonable accommodations to be ADA compliant. This applies to programs and members to include judges, chairmen and officers.

A) Issues that are temporary situations can be accommodated by a chairman, officer, or event manager with consensus of the event team

B) Long term situations should be addressed to the Board of Directors and /or added to the Bylaws and Rules in a Resolution format.”

It is the objective of this Policy to show good faith to comply with ADA rules and give tools to adjust any necessary rules to achieve said accommodations.

The situation must be mitigated to avoid any challenges; we could find ourselves in violation through non- action.

Submitted:

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CC: Board of Directors

November 12, 2021

Per – Bylaws-ARTICLE X

1.0 General

1.1 If a State or Region officer knowingly violates a State Law, a Trust law or a CSHA Bylaw, and fails to correct such a violation, at the next meeting of the Board of Directors the issue must be presented for action. (Action may include removal from office. A two-thirds (2/3) approval vote is required) **M/S/C**