

# TRAIL TRIALS RESOLUTIONS 2020-21

## Resolution # TT 1

### Trail Trials, Sec. 12.0 Obstacle Skills, Subsection 12.1 Leading, adding subsection defining SEND, new rule

WHEREAS, riders, judges and Senior Judges have struggled to provide an obstacle definition that is consistent among all events so expectations provide a clearer path for scoring the skill, and;

WHEREAS, not all Senior Judges attend every symposium so consensus of definition could be reached, and;

WHEREAS, at the Trail Trials Judges' Symposium in January 2020 it was requested and agreed by consensus that a new rule be added to define SEND;

Therefore Be it *Resolved* that Trail Trials, Sec. 12.0 Obstacle Skills, Subsection 12.1 Leading, adding subsection defining SEND be amended to add:

Send is defined as: From a designated position, horse moves as directed ahead of the rider without the rider moving position and with slack in the lead rope. Hand position should be lowered once direction is given. **never be in front of the horse after the initial send.**

Submitted by  
Diane Medlock, Family Member

Committee: Adopted as written \_\_\_\_\_ **Adopted as amended X** \_\_\_\_\_ Rejected \_\_\_\_\_  
Council of Members: Adopted as written \_\_\_\_\_ Adopted as amended \_\_\_\_\_ Rejected \_\_\_\_\_

**Resolution # TT 2**  
**Trail Trials, SEC. 12.0 Obstacle Skills, 12.2 Mounting**

WHEREAS, section 12.2 does not specifically state when a rider needs to check their cinch before mounting. Cinch checks should be demonstrated at the appropriate time during an obstacle;

Therefore Be It *Resolved* that Trail Trials, SEC. 12.0 Obstacle Skills, 12.2 Mounting be amended as follows:

The words "Immediately before mounting" be added to the first sentence. The Section would read as follows:

12.2 Mounting: The rider must check cinch **immediately before mounting**. The stirrup does not have to be laid over the saddle seat. Horse will stand quietly and not move off when mounted. Style of mounting is not considered, only a smooth mount that does not unbalance the horse. A rider must have the reins in hand while mounting.

Submitted by Kelly York, Senior member

Committee:                      Adopted as written \_\_\_\_\_      Adopted as amended \_\_\_\_\_ **Rejected X**  
Council of Members:      Adopted as written \_\_\_\_\_      Adopted as amended \_\_\_\_\_ Rejected \_\_\_\_\_

**Resolution # TT 3**

**Trail Trials, SEC. 13.0 Obstacle Judging, Score Sheet Standards 13.1 Cinch Check**

WHEREAS, Section 13.1 does not specifically state when a rider needs to check their cinch before mounting. Cinch checks should be demonstrated at the appropriate time during an obstacle;

Therefore Be It *Resolved* that **Trail Trials, SEC. 13.0 Obstacle Judging, Score Sheet Standards 13.1 Cinch Check** be amended as follows:

The word "Immediately" be added to the fifth sentence. The Section would read as follows:

Score Sheet Standards 13.1 Cinch Check: Is a pass or fail of 0 or 2 points. Rider may test the cinch for excess slack by tugging on it. This may be done either from the ground or in the saddle. If done from the ground, rider will be judged on dismount and mount. Cinch checks are required **immediately** before mounting, going up or down hills, or pulling and/or dragging which are all considered stresses on the saddle. Only one cinch check per obstacle shall be required.

Submitted by Kelly York, Senior member

Committee:                      Adopted as written \_\_\_\_\_      Adopted as amended \_\_\_\_\_ **Rejected X**  
Council of Members:      Adopted as written \_\_\_\_\_      Adopted as amended \_\_\_\_\_ Rejected \_\_\_\_\_