



*2022 MIHA Rule Proposals*  
February 12th, 2022  
Annual Winter Meeting-Virtual

Dear MIHA Membership,

Please review these rules prior to the Feb 12th, 2022 Winter Meeting. To respect everyone's time for the day, the Executive Board is asking the following:

- The person or district proposing the rule, begins to discuss the rule proposal and rationale. If not present, the Rules Chair will introduce the proposal. **They will have a maximum time of 3 minutes. The ZOOM host will mute your microphone if you exceed the time. Please prepare what you would like to say ahead of time.**
- Those that would like to comment to the membership will send a message to the ZOOM Host. Please limit your thoughts to 2 minutes or less. **Please prepare what you would like to say ahead of time. The ZOOM host will mute your microphone if you exceed the time.**
- When addressing your comments on the microphone, introduce your name and district (this helps with meeting minutes)
- Due to the virtual environment, **there will be no friendly amendments.**
- All voting will take place in virtual space with a link provided to all Event Bright registered members. If you have not registered for the Winter Meeting, you will not be eligible to vote.
- Results will be shared with the membership within approximately 48-72 hours once all votes have been cross referenced with registered voters. DC's will be given an Excel spreadsheet with the results.

Respectfully,

Amy Franks  
MIHA Rules Chair

# RULE CHANGE PROPOSAL

District Number:

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Please state rule as written (include page number, article, and section):

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Pgs. 1-2, Article VII - Competition > Season >

B. Suggested Class Order at the high school meets shall be:

1. Western Fitting and Showing
2. Hunt Seat Fitting and Showing
3. Saddle Seat Fitting and Showing
4. Saddle Seat Equitation
5. Saddle Seat Pattern
6. Saddle Seat Bareback
7. Hunt Seat Equitation
8. Hunt Seat Bareback
9. Equitation Over Fences
10. Western Equitation
11. Western Bareback
12. Western Riding or Western Reining
13. Trail
14. Flag Race
15. Cloverleaf
16. Timed Events Pattern
17. Two-Person Relay Race

Please state proposed rule change (include page number, article, and section):

This change is to propose, for High School, adding in the classes of "English Equitation (Hunt Seat or Saddle Seat) Walk/Trot" and "Western Equitation Walk/Trot". Riders who ride in the Walk/Trot classes would not be permitted to ride in any other classes. This change would be reflected in the rule book as follows:

Pgs. 1-2, Article VII - Competition > Season >

B. Suggested Class Order at the high school meets shall be:

1. Western Fitting and Showing
2. Hunt Seat Fitting and Showing
3. Saddle Seat Fitting and Showing
4. Saddle Seat Equitation
5. Saddle Seat Pattern
6. Saddle Seat Bareback
7. English Equitation (Hunt Seat or Saddle Seat) Walk/Trot
8. Hunt Seat Equitation
9. Hunt Seat Bareback
10. Equitation Over Fences
11. Western Equitation Walk/Trot
12. Western Equitation
13. Western Bareback
14. Western Riding or Western Reining
15. Trail
16. Flag Race
17. Cloverleaf
18. Timed Events Pattern
19. Two-Person Relay Race

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**Give a brief description of why this rule change is proposed:**

This rule change is proposed as a way promote safety and increase participation in MIHA for the less developed/inexperienced rider. The WT classes would be limited to one year as to promote rider experience growth. The rider is only allowed to participate in the WT classes if they have not been in a WTC class in any prior MIHA competition (Junior or Senior level).

Without the addition of a walk trot class many coaches are left with the difficult task of relegating lesser skilled riders to fitting and showing classes only as a way to promote safety. A WT class as proposed would provide the MIHA program with the transitional and safe classes they need to bridge the gap between the Junior and High School program levels while attracting new membership. Note however, in regards to High School participation, a given student may partake in the WT noted classes at any grade level, again without having prior participated in a WTC MIHA competition.

While it is wonderful to see an advanced rider at competition, the true spirit of MIHA is the safe development of all riders at all levels including that young person who owns or leases a horse and is not yet at an advanced skill level. It is also to foster a lifelong love and pursuit of the equestrian sport.

Below I've included some benefits for those considering whether or not to support this rule change:

- Allows for greater precautionary measures of safety in regards to inexperienced/novice members.
- Allows a newcomer to High School at a novice level to ability to partake in 5 classes (3 Fitting & Showing and 2 WT riding classes) which is more than adequate to prepare for at that novice level.
- Given novice member would only be able to partake one year in High School at the WT level, then if returning the following year to compete in a riding capacity, would have to do so at a WTC level
- Allows coaches to utilize riders who might normally only be allowed in the Fitting and Showing and help to develop their competition riding skills.
- Allows coaches and teams to attract underdeveloped riders to build their team numbers which is in turn building MIHA membership numbers.
- If adopted for districts, regionals, and states as I am assuming it would need to be, it would have minimal paperwork impact, minimal tracking software impact, and a small class size, so minimal time impact to competition days.

**Deadline: December 31<sup>st</sup> of current year**

**Please submit your rule change and \$10 to:**

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# RULE CHANGE PROPOSAL

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Please state rule as written (include page number, article, and section):

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Page 1 Article VII Competition  
Season The MIHA Year will run from January 1st to December 31st of each year.

Please state proposed rule change (include page number, article, and section):

Season The MIHA Year will run from July 1st to June 30th of each year.

Give a brief description of why this rule change is proposed:

Rational:  
We are a school activity, we would be more in-line with the schools calendar as the other sports and school activities do. This would also make it easier for Junior Teams knowing the rules and patterns. They would not have to wait on the rule book and would have established rule and patters in place.

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# RULE CHANGE PROPOSAL

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**Please state rule as written (include page number, article, and section):**

Article VII – Competition pgs 1-2

D. Points. In each event the following points shall be awarded: FIRST place 8 Points SECOND place 7 Points THIRD place 6 Points FOURTH place 5 Points FIFTH place 4 Points SIXTH place 3 Points SEVENTH place 2 Points EIGHTH place 1 Point NINTH place Honorable Mention (0 Points)

**Please state proposed rule change (include page number, article, and section):**

Article VII – Competition pgs 1-2

D. Points. In each event points shall be awarded as follows. Please see scale below:

Please see attachment. Thank you

**Give a brief description of why this rule change is proposed:**

The current point system allows for riders to get credit/points for which they have not earned. Example: The current system awards 8 points to a winner of a class that may only have two riders in it. They did not beat out six other riders to earn those points. With the prorated point system they are only being awarded points which they have earned; two horses in the class 1<sup>st</sup> place receives 2 points.

Moving to the prorated system would alleviate the following two situations:

- A. teams being beat by the point system and not by actual competition
- B. Riders competing in classes they are not suited for in order to "just get the points."

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Placing/Points Awarded (Districts)

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	
Number of riders	8	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
	7	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
	6	6	5	4	3	2	1		
	5	5	4	3	2	1			
	4	4	3	2	1				
	3	3	2	1					
	2	2	1						
	1	1							

Placing/Points Awarded (Regionals & State)

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	
Number of riders	10	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
	9	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
	8	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
	7	7	6	5	4	3	2	1			
	6	6	5	4	3	2	1				
	5	5	4	3	2	1					
	4	4	3	2	1						
	3	3	2	1							
	2	2	1								
	1	1									

MIHA 2021 Rule Proposal: prorated point scale

# RULE CHANGE PROPOSAL

District Number:

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RP4

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Please state rule as written (include page number, article, and section):

Pg. 7 Article X Organization of Teams

G. Home schooled students may compete on the public school team serving the area of their legal residence with the approval of the coach of record and/or the school administration.

1. When home schooled riders are denied permission to ride on the public school team they have the option of forming their own team.

2. Home schooled teams are limited to riders living within the same public school district, or to those attending the same co-op or group

Please state proposed rule change (include page number, article, and section):

Give a brief description of why this rule change is proposed:

Deadline: December 31<sup>st</sup> of current year

Pg 7 Article X Organization of Teams

G. Non-traditional forms of schools such as virtual school, homeschool or online learning may compete in one of the following ways:

1. Ride on the public school team serving the area of their legal residence.

2. Have the option of forming their own team open to all riders of all non-traditional schools of their legal residence.

3. Form a non-traditional team open to all riders attending the same program, with restriction to the MIHA school district of residence with district chair and executive board approval.

## Rationale:

To make our wording in the rulebook more clear for homeschooled students.

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# RULE CHANGE PROPOSAL

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RP5

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Please state rule as written (include page number, article, and section):

Article VII Competition Page 2

C. Western Riding/Reining Pattern, Trail, Saddle Seat Pattern, Equitation Over Fences and the Two-Person Relay Race will have a limit of THREE (3) entries per class per team, with the remaining classes to have a limit of FOUR (4) entries per class per team. Each available entry space will be called a "slot".

a. Course Rules Page 46

i. Each team may have three Two-Person Relay teams and will ONLY use one slot per team. The "Point Rider" will need to be designated at least two classes prior to the commencement of the Two-Person Relay Race. The second rider in the Two-Person Relay Race will be called the "Silent Rider" and will not use any of their available slots by participating in the Two-Person Relay Race.

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Suggest moving this Rule to the section referred to as Slotting

C. With the exception of Western Riding/Reining Pattern, Trail, Saddle Seat Pattern, Equitation Over Fences and the Two-Person Relay Race all classes will have a limit of FOUR (4) entries per class.

a. In the B and C Division teams will be limited to THREE (3) entries in the Western Riding/Reining Pattern, Trail, Saddle Seat Pattern, Equitation Over Fences and the Two-Person Relay Race classes per team.

b. In the A Division teams will be limited to FOUR (4) entries in all classes per team.

a. Course Rules Page 46

i. Two-Person Relay teams will ONLY use one rider slot per two person team. The "Point Rider" will need to be designated at least two classes prior to the commencement of the Two-Person Relay Race. The second rider in the Two-Person Relay Race will be called the "Silent Rider" and will not use any of their available slots by participating in the Two-Person Relay Race.

Would make A division more competitive. On a B & C teams you may use 63% to 36% of your slots in these classes. An A Teams can only use less than 25% of their slots in these classes. This would also give coaches more ability to strategize their slot assignments. Would also deter teams from using marginal riders and horses in classes where they feel they must fill slots such as jumping.

# RULE CHANGE PROPOSAL

District Number:

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R.P.6

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Please state rule as written (include page number, article, and section):

Page 9 of the Appendix Reining Pattern #2

Please state proposed rule change (include page number, article, and section):

Change to Pattern #2 of the Michigan 4-H Rule Book

Give a brief description of why this rule change is proposed:

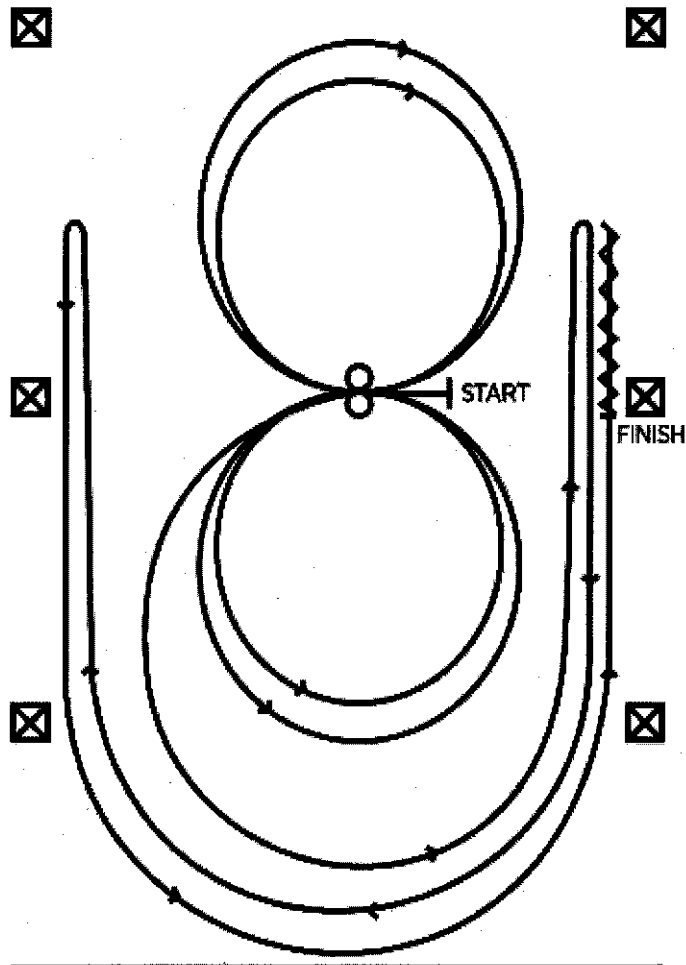
The current pattern takes an unusually long time to ride and riders typically DQ within the first two movements. We need a more rider friendly and time appropriate version. This would also be a pattern more of our judges would be familiar with.

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Reining Pattern 2 Exhibitors may walk or trot their horses to the center of the arena. Horses must walk or stop before starting the pattern. Begin at the center of the arena facing the left wall or fence.

1. Complete one spin to the right. Hesitate.
2. Complete one spin to the left. Hesitate.
3. Beginning on the left lead, complete two circles to the left, with the first circle large and fast, and the second circle small and slow. Change leads at the center of the arena.
4. Complete two circles to the right, with the first circle large and fast, and the second circle small and slow. Change leads at the center of the arena.
5. Begin a large fast circle to the left but do not close this circle. Run up the right side of the arena past the center marker and do a right rollback at least 20 feet (6 meters) from the wall or fence – no hesitation.
6. Continue back around the previous circle but do not close this circle. Run up the left side of the arena past the center marker and do a left rollback at least 20 feet (6 meters) from the wall or fence – no hesitation.

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7. Continue back around previous circle but do not close this circle. Run up the right side of the arena past the center marker and do a sliding stop at least 20 feet (6 meters) from the wall or fence. Back up at least 10 feet (3 meters). Hesitate to demonstrate that you have completed the pattern.

8. Dismount and drop the bridle to the designated judge.

# RULE CHANGE PROPOSAL

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R.P.7 #7

**Please state rule as written (include page number, article, and section):**

Article XII - Riders and Mounts pg 10-11

The riders participating shall know and abide by the following rules and regulations of MIHA and by Coach's directions and decisions.

- A. Riders shall be limited to two mounts per season, registered with MIHA on the form which is to be provided by the Association. This registration must be completed before a rider can participate in a meet.
- B. Current year's negative Coggins test required, in accordance with the Michigan State Law.

**Please state proposed rule change (include page number, article, and section):**

**Give a brief description of why this rule change is proposed:**

Deadline: December 31<sup>st</sup> of current year

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- B. Current year's negative Coggins test required, in accordance with the Michigan State Law.

C. Rider registration will include a color profile of entire horse. Current Coggins with color photo is acceptable. Picture must match horse.

Subsequent rules will be renumbers.

**Please submit your rule change and \$10 to:**

Clarification. Many rider registrations come with black and white pictures, just head shots or pictures with kids sitting on a bay horse were you only see the horse's head. It would be impossible to make a definite identification.

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R.P. 7-2

A. Each team will be categorized as either

1. Division A team with 10 or more riders (63 slots)
2. Division B team with 5 to 10 riders (42 slots)
3. Division C team with 2 to 5 riders (24 slots)
4. Division D team with 1 or 2 riders (16 slots)

B. Coaches will assign class slots to each rider. Each rider shall not participate in more than EIGHT EVENTS in any one meet unless one of the following occurs:

1. Division D team exists – 16 total slots
  - a. 2 rider team – no rider may be assigned more than 11 slots.
  - b. 1 rider team – rider is allotted 16 slots.
2. Division C team exists – 24 total slots
  - a. 3 rider team – no rider may be assigned more than 11 slots.
  - b. 2 rider team – no rider may be assigned more than 15 slots.
  - c. 1 rider team – rider is allotted 16 slots.
3. Division B team exists – 42 total slots
  - a. 6 rider team – no rider may be assigned more than 11 slots.
  - b. 5 rider team - no rider may be assigned more than 12 slots.
  - c. 4 rider team - no rider may be assigned more than 14 slots.
  - d. 2 or 3 rider team - no rider may be assigned more than 17 slots.
4. Division A team exists – 63 total slots
  - a. 8 rider team – no rider may be assigned more than 11 slots.
  - b. 7 rider team - no rider may be assigned more than 12 slots.
  - c. 6 rider team - no rider may be assigned more than 14 slots.
  - d. 5 rider team - no rider may be assigned more than 16 slots.
  - e. 3 or 4 rider team – no rider may be assigned more than 17 slots.

Schools having 15 or more riders may have 2 teams, one being an A Team and the other a Division B or C as members warrant. The A team must be filled with 11 or more riders before a B or C team may be formed. No rider may interchange between teams.

Schools having 25 or more riders may have three teams, an A team, a B team, and a C team. The A team must be filled with 11 or more riders before a B or C team may be formed. No rider may interchange between teams.

Schools having 31 or more riders may have four teams.

1. Two A teams, one B team, and one C team.
2. One A team, two B teams, and one C team.
3. The A team must be filled with 11 or more riders. The B team must be filled 6-10 riders and the C team will have 2-5 riders.

#### **Proposed Change**

R.P.7-3

- A. Each team will be categorized as either
1. Division A team with 8 or more riders (63 slots)
  2. Division B team with 5 to 8 riders (42 slots)
  3. Division C team with 2 to 5 riders (24 slots)
  4. Division D team with 1 to 2 rider (14 slots)

B. Coaches will assign class slots to each rider. Each rider shall not participate in more than TEN EVENTS in any one meet unless one of the following occurs:

1. Division D team exists – 14 total slots.
  - a. 1 rider team – rider is allotted 14 slots.
2. Division C team exists – 24 total slots
  - a. 2 rider team – no rider may be assigned more than 14 slots.
  - b. 1 rider team – no rider may be assigned more than 17 slots.
3. Division B team exists – 42 total slots
  - a. 4 rider team - no rider may be assigned more than 12 slots.
  - b. 3 rider team - no rider may be assigned more than 15 slots.
  - c. 1 or 2 rider team - no rider may be assigned more than 17 slots.
4. Division A team exists – 63 total slots
  - a. 7 rider team – no rider may be assigned more than 11 slots.
  - b. 6 rider team - no rider may be assigned more than 12 slots.
  - c. 5 rider team - no rider may be assigned more than 14 slots
  - d. 1 to 4 rider team - no rider may be assigned more than 17 slots.

Schools having 12 or more riders may have 2 teams, one being an A Team and the other a Division B or C as members warrant. The A team must be filled with 10 or more riders before a B or C team may be formed. No rider may interchange between teams.

Schools having 20 or more riders may have three teams, an A team, a B team, and a C team. The A team must be filled with 10 or more riders before a B or C team may be formed. No rider may interchange between teams.

Schools having 25 or more riders may have four teams.

1. Two A teams, one B team, and one C team.
2. One A team, two B teams, and one C team.
3. The A team must be filled with 10 or more riders. The B team must be filled 5-8 riders and the C team will have 2-5 riders.

Rational:

Our purpose here is to make the game the same for each division. In the B and C divisions teams are allowed to leave some classes unslotted. The strategy is to put riders and horses in classes where they will be the most appropriate and the most successful. That is why these divisions are so closely contested (scores are closer). In the A division teams are required to fill every slot in order to be competitive. They sometimes leave slots unfilled because they don't have horses or riders that would be appropriate. Worse case, a rider is entered in a class that they may be marginally safe. In the D division 2 rider teams have a huge advantage over 1 rider teams. 1 rider teams again need to slot in every class in order to be competitive. They also need to purchase clothing, tack and possibly buy or lease a second horse to ride in classes they normally do not compete in. Two rider teams are able to go unslotted in selected classes and

only enter classes they are successful in. They also have the opportunity to participate in the two-person relay and a 1 rider team cannot. In some cases, a 2-person team is unopposed and can trot this class and accumulate 24 uncontested points over the course of district meets. In many cases that can be the difference between advancing or not. A 1 rider team with one horse is often times competing with 2 rider teams using 2 horses each. By offering only 14 slots to fill in the D division we are still requiring them to fill more slots than the average rider in the other divisions but we are making it less intimidating than it currently is. Many times, riders think they may want to start a team but are overwhelmed by the 1 rider using 16 slot requirement. They end up not competing, this is detrimental for the for growth of our organization. The other objective here was to make the number of slots per rider more equitable. As it is right now the larger the team the less slots each rider gets to participate in. By lowering the number of riders in the upper division the more slots riders will get. Example: If you have a 9 rider B team and you choose to give two stronger riders 8 slots each that leaves you with only 3.7 slots for your remaining riders. Some of them will only ride in 2 or 3 classes.

Average slots per rider by Division

Old		New
	D Division	
1 Rider 16		1 Rider 14
2 Riders 8		2 Riders 7
	C Division	
2 Riders 12		2 Riders 12
3 Riders 8		3 Riders 8
4 Riders 6		4 Riders 6
5 Riders 4.8		5 Riders 4.8
	B Division	
5 Riders 8.4		5 Riders 8.4
6 Riders 7		6 Riders 7
7 Riders 6		7 Riders 6
8 Riders 5.25		8 Riders 5.25
9 Riders 4.66		
10 Riders 4.2		
	A Division	
10 Riders 6.3		8 Riders 7.875
11 Riders 5.72		9 Riders 7
12 Riders 5.25		10 Riders 6.3
13 Riders 4.8		11 Riders 5.72
14 Riders 4.5		12 Riders 5.25
15 Riders 4.2		13 Riders 4.8



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Please state rule as written (include page number, article, and section):

Page 22. Western Performance Classes. A,2 Appointments of Rider: Rider must wear western hat or protective headgear (not required to be of western style), long sleeve shirt with any type of collar...

Page 28.Saddle Seat Performance Classes. A,3 Exhibitors must wear a derby, Homberg, snap brim or protective head gear.

Please state proposed rule change (include page number, article, and section):

Give a brief description of why this rule change is proposed:

Page 22. Western Performance Classes. A,2 Appointments of Rider: Rider must wear an **ASTM/SEI approved protective helmet, any time a rider is mounted, with strap or harness secured under the chin**, long sleeve shirt with any type of collar, pants or trouser, a belt when belt loops are present and western boots. A vest, jacket, coat or sweater may also be worn. Chaps, gloves and spurs are optional. No bats, hand quirts or whips of any kind.

Page 28 Saddle Seat Performance Classes. A,3 Exhibitors must wear an **ASTM/SEI approved protective helmet, any time a rider is mounted, with strap or harness secured under the chin.**

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Our riders are in greater danger than football players of sustains a head injuries (1). Equine riders are 20x more likely to sustaining an injury than a motorcycle riders per year. (2) 60 number of deaths/year due to head injury (compared with 8 for Football). (2) 1 in 5 equestrian injuries, are head injuries. (3) 60% of riding fatalities occur from head injuries. 15,000 number of ER admissions for equine-related head injuries in 2009.(3) 2 feet number of feet at which head injury can occur. (3) Head injuries are the most common reason for admission to hospital or death among riders. According to the Northern Brain Injury Association (NBIA), injuries to the brain are among the most likely to result in permanent disability or death. (4)

1. Anna Blake, Horse Network digital publishing 2016
2. Dr. Chambless, Vanderbilt University 2011
3. The American Association of Neurological Surgeons 2014
4. Horse Journals magazine, 2019

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RP 9

Please state rule as written (include page number, article, and section):

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Hunt Seat Classes Pg. 31

A. Clothing and Equipment

1. Appointments of the Horse:

b. Only hunt seat bridles and dressage style bridles are permitted. A cavesson or drop nose band is required (except in timed events). Only regulation snaffles, English pelhams, kimberwicks and full bridles (curb and snaffle) will be allowed. References to snaffle bits mean conventional O-ring, Egg-butt or D-ring.

Please state proposed rule change (include page number, article, and section):

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Give a brief description of why this rule change is proposed:

A more accurate description on bits used for this class by most associations.

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RP10

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Please state rule as written (include page number, article, and section):

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2. Appointments of the Rider: All riders must wear ASTM/SEI approved protective headgear. The strap or harness must be secured under the chin in a manner that will insure that the headgear stays on the riders head for the duration of the event. Upper body apparel must have long sleeves (with sleeve down to wrists) and match the seat ridden or be team apparel (school or equestrian team). For team apparel, hooded attire and attire with front pockets are allowed. Shirts must be tucked in with the exception of sweat shirts and jackets. Pants and boots must match seat ridden as defined under each riding discipline in this book. Spurs, chaps and gloves are optional but must match seat ridden. Crops, bats, over-&-unders, and hand quirts may be used but only behind the cinch or girth.

Please state proposed rule change (include page number, article, and section):

Timed Events Page 39 A.2

2. Appointments of the Rider: All riders must wear ASTM/SEI approved protective headgear. The strap or harness must be secured under the chin in a manner that will insure (ensure) the headgear stays on the riders head for the duration of the event. Upper body apparel must have long sleeves (with sleeve down to wrists) and match the seat ridden or be team apparel (school or equestrian team). For team apparel, hooded attire and attire with front pockets are allowed. Shirts must be tucked in with the exception of sweat shirts and jackets. Pants and boots must match seat ridden as defined under each riding discipline in this book. Spurs, chaps and gloves are optional but must match seat ridden. For safety reasons belts are also optional. Crops, bats, over-&-unders, and hand quirts may be used but only behind the cinch or girth.

Give a brief description of why this rule change is proposed:

Safety concern. Clothing items with usually rip when riders become entangled but leather usually does not.

Deadline: December 31<sup>st</sup> of current year

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# RULE CHANGE PROPOSAL

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Jo Kosanic

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616 846 7473

RP 11

# 11

Please state rule as written (include page number, article, and section):

TIMED EVENTS Page 39

A. Clothing and Equipment

1. Appointments of the Horse:

2. Appointments of the Rider:

B. General Rules – Timed Events

1. Fall of the rider or horse shall disqualify the entry. Rider has fallen when he/she is separated from his/ her horse (which has not fallen) in such a way as to necessitate remounting or vaulting into the saddle. Horse has fallen when its shoulder and haunch on the same side touch the ground or touch an obstacle and the ground. Fall of the rider or horse shall disqualify the entry when fall of horse or rider occurs while being timed on course.

Please state proposed rule change (include page number, article, and section):

B TIMED EVENTS Page 39

A. Clothing and Equipment

1. Appointments of the Horse:

2. Appointments of the Rider:

B. General Rules – Timed Events

1. Fall of the rider or horse shall disqualify the entry. Rider has fallen when he/she is separated from his/ her horse (which has not fallen) in such a way as to necessitate remounting or vaulting into the saddle. Horse has fallen when its shoulder and haunch on the same side touch the ground or touch an obstacle and the ground. Fall of the rider or horse shall disqualify the entry when fall of horse or rider occurs ~~anywhere in the arena.~~

Give a brief description of why this rule change is proposed:

Last line contradicts the very first line. Anytime a rider or horse falls in the arena it constitutes a loss of control. With safety being our first priority, it should always be a concern whether the timer is running or not.

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RP12 ✓ PD #179  
#12

**Please state rule as written (include page number, article, and section):**

"Hitting the horse or pony in front of the cinch with anything, including the hands, will be cause for disqualification."

Page 40, Article Timed Events B, Section 14

**Please state proposed rule change (include page number, article, and section):**

"~~Intentional~~ hitting the horse or pony in front of the cinch with anything, including the hands, will be cause for disqualification."

Page 40, Article Timed Events B, Section 14

**Give a brief description of why this rule change is proposed:**

Quirts attached to the wrist may unintentionally hit a horse on the neck while running. This provides the rider with no unnecessary advantage and is not abusive to the horse. Therefore, it is not an adequate reason for disqualification.

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RPB

#13

Please state rule as written (include page number, article, and section):

New Rule

No orientation for barrel placement is addressed as in the Flag Race. Lip up or lip down? Metal barrels usually have a lipped edge on both ends. Plastic barrels usually have one end with a lip and the other end with a rounded bottom.

Please state proposed rule change (include page number, article, and section):

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Cloverleaf Race

3. Equipment for Cloverleaf

Barrels should be place with the lip side down.

Give a brief description of why this rule change is proposed:

For consistency though out the state. Some districts flip barrels over after flags.

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# RULE CHANGE PROPOSAL

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RP 14  
#14

Please state rule as written (include page number, article, and section):

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1. Speed & Action
  - a. Course Design/Rules
  - b. Causes for Disqualification
    - i. See general rules for timed events.
    - ii. Knock down any of the seven markers.
    - iii. Leaving the finish box before being released by the judge.
    - iv. Jumping markers, the horse hoof touches the line before being released by the judge.
    - v. Horse to be considered on course when entering closed end of box. Hoof touching or stepping on or over either of the 24 foot side lines before horse reaches timing line is to be considered off pattern.
    - vi. Spinning to a stop more than 90 degrees in the box, as determined by the judge.

Please state proposed rule change (include page number, article, and section):

1. Speed & Action

P 43 E.

- a. Course Design/Rules
- b. Causes for Disqualification
  - i. See general rules for timed events.
  - ii. Knock down any of the seven markers.
  - iii. Leaving the finish box before being released by the judge. (Judge will signal release when they feel forward motion has stopped.)
  - iv. Jumping markers.
  - v. The horse's hoof touches any of the chalked lines before being released by the judge.
  - vi. Horse to be considered on course when entering closed end of box. Hoof touching or stepping on or over either of the 24 foot side lines before horse reaches timing line is to be considered off pattern.
  - vii. Spinning to a stop more than 90 degrees in the box, as determined by the judge.
  - viii. Dismounting in the box.
  - iv. Exiting the box other than the chalked back side of the box.

Clarify to riders and judges that horse does not have to stand motionless at the end of the pattern, just stop forward motion, and that is why they need to wait for judge's signal. To speed up the time the class takes. Clarify some wording and grey areas.

Give a brief description of why this rule change is proposed:

Deadline: December 31<sup>st</sup> of current year

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# RULE CHANGE PROPOSAL

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VPD # 2343 (1)  
RP15 #15

**Please state rule as written (include page number, article, and section):**

Pgs. 46-47, Article VII - Competition > Timed Events > Two Person Relay Race > (a) course rules

- i. Each team may have three Two-Person Relay teams and will ONLY use one slot per team. The "Point Rider" will need to be designated at least two classes prior to the commencement of the Two-Person Relay Race will be called the "Silent Rider" and will not use any of their available slots by participating in the Two-Person Relay Race.

**Please state proposed rule change (include page number, article, and section):**

The change is to propose for High School, allowing a solo D team rider the ability to participate in the Two-Person Relay Race, which currently they are exempt from. The designated solo D team rider shall be able to select a given rider/horse combo from another team to be his/her "Silent Rider"; this "Silent Rider" horse/rider combo however can not participate with any other horse/rider combo in the Two -Person Relay Race at districts, regionals or states. This change would be reflected in the rule book as follows:  
Pgs. 46-47, Article VII - Competition > Timed Events > Two Person Relay Race > (a) course rules

- i. Each team may have three Two-Person Relay teams and will ONLY use one slot per team. The "Point Rider" will need to be designated at least two classes prior to the commencement of the Two-Person Relay Race will be called the "Silent Rider" and will not use any of their available slots by participating in the Two-Person Relay Race. Additionally, a D solo team rider shall have the opportunity to participate as follows. The designated solo D team rider shall be able to select a given rider/horse combo from another team to be his/her "Silent Rider"; this "Silent Rider" horse/rider combo however can not participate with any other horse/rider combo in the Two - Person Relay Race at districts, regionals or states.



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**Give a brief description of why this rule change is proposed:**

>This rule change is proposed as a way for a solo D Team rider to have the ability to add a slot that they wouldn't as the current rules stand, be able to participate in, the Two-Person Relay Race. Trying to compete as a solo D Team rider is difficult enough trying to advance on to Regionals and States. However, eliminating a slot that they could be eligible for put constraints on their Timed Event slots and overall slot count.

>When a solo D team rider competes with a horse, such as a Timed Event horse that isn't likely to do rail classes or Fitting and Showing (just the same in the opposite scenario, a rail/pattern horse isn't likely to be a Timed Event horse), it limits that rider to only 3 of the 4 Timed Event classes. Hauling that speed horse to competitions for 1 additional slot makes it all that much more worth while.

>This would allow 1 more slot available to that solo D Team rider that currently they aren't eligible for. That solo D Team rider carries the same competitive want as any other rider and every slot counts when striving to advance on to Regionals and States.

>Allowing a solo D Team rider the ability to participate in the Two-Person Relay Race balances the fairness of the playing field just a bit more.

>As MIHA always strives for sportsmanship, both riders and coaches alike, this falls towards that criteria, with the ability of having equal opportunities for ALL riders involved given the Two-Person Relay Race.

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