

**NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION**  
**NRHA Judges Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Virtual Zoom Call**  
**8/4/2022 at 2:00 PM CST**

*Approved 8/7/2022*

Members Present: Bob Kail, Bub Poplin, Dean Latimer, Doug Allen, Eugenio Latorre, Maik Bartmann, Manuela Maiocchi, Margaret Fuchs, Matt Lantz, Patrick Wickenheiser, Sebastian Petroll, Todd Sommers

Members Not Present: Matt Lantz, Ollie Griffith

Staff Present: Sr. Director of Education and Officials Patti Carter, Education and Officials Coordinator Lillian Esterl-Byrne

**I. Call To Order**

Sr. Director of Education and Officials, Patti Carter, called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM CST

**I. Review of Monday's Pros/Judges Committee Meeting**

- a. Many members of the committee have received very positive feedback about the collaboration between the Judges Committee and top professionals.

**II. Request from Israel Applicants**

- a. Eugenio Latorre provided a first-hand account of the Israel judges seminar for the committee to provide context for the discussion.
- b. Results of the seminar were analyzed within the context of the request from the Israel judges seminar applicants.
- c. Motion made and seconded to uphold the original results from the 2022 Israel judges seminar – motion passed.

**III. Christian Rammerstorfer – Executive Session**

**IV. Revisit Romal Discussion**

- a. Following discussion, it was decided that new verbiage should be considered for the handbook to clarify the issue.
  - i. *Suggested verbiage:* Romal can only pass through the hand once

- ii. *Suggested content to accompany the new verbiage:* Add pictures within the handbook for further clarification
  
- b. Committee Decision: Romals held in a one hand with rein portion and romal portion passing through the same hand should be considered a penalty score of 0

**V. Break of Gait Discussion and Consensus**

- a. Committee Decision: A horse can break gait with the front and/or hind legs and a 2-point penalty should be applied.
  
- b. Additional break of gait examples should be collected and added to the teaching content to help clarify instances involving these types of penalties.

**Meeting Adjourned**

Meeting adjourned at 2:58 PM CST