

NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
NRHA Judges Committee/Teaching Pool Meeting Minutes
Virtual Zoom Call
June 6, 2023 at 1:00 P.M. (CST)

Approved 9/8/2023

Members Present: Committee Chair – Eugenio Latorre, Manu Maiocchi, Jared LeClair, Margaret Fuchs, Todd Sommers, Pat Wickenheiser, Ollie Griffith, Doug Allen, Matt Lantz,

Members Not Present: Vice Chair – Mike McEntire, Bob Kail, Bub Poplin, Sebastian Petroll, Craig Schmersal, Maik Bartman

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 1:01 P.M. (CST).

II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

a. Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes as written from the 4-3-2023 and 5-18-2023 Judges Committee meetings – passed unanimously.

III. 2023 Mother's Day Slide Review

- a. The committee discussed what type of content could be used for educational material for AAA judges between the 2-year judges school testing requirements.
 - i. Content will be digitally sent to all AAA judges as a means of continuing education.
- b. The possibility of hosting additional in-person educational opportunities outside of the judges schools was further discussed by the committee.
 - i. Potential to be hosted in conjunction with large events such as the Cactus Classic or NRBC.

IV. Equipment Legality Discussion

- a. The committee discussed the legality of a curb strap submitted for review from a recent event.
- b. Motion made and seconded that the curb strap in question will be legal when used with a curb bit and illegal when used with a snaffle bit due to the metal rings.
 - i. This information will be updated in the NRHA Equipment Reference Guide document on EOP and will be included in the next judges committee newsletter.

V. Review NRHA Green, Ride and Slide and Para Reining Suggested Verbiage

- a. The committee reviewed clarifying verbiage for when simple lead changes should be allowed in NRHA Green, Ride and Slide, and Para Reining classes.
 - i. Motion made and seconded to submit clarification verbiage to the Board of Directors for approval of being updated in the NRHA Handbook – motion passed.

VI. Review Clarification on Loping when the Pattern Calls for a Jog or a Walk

- a. The committee reviewed verbiage to potentially clarify when a 2-point upward break of gait penalty should be applied.
 - i. Motion made and seconded to submit clarification verbiage to the Board of Directors for approval of being updated in the NRHA Handbook – motion passed.

VII. Futurity Judge Availability Survey

- a. The Judges Futurity Availability Survey will be sent out to all AA and AAA judges following the conclusion of the 2023 Derby.
 - i. The steward availability survey will be distributed after the judges have been identified.

Meeting Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:59 P.M. (CST)