

2025 Rulebook Change Summary

By Law Changes:

- Addition of one vote per District Chair (DC) or their proxy at the annual membership meeting (winter meeting)--DCs who coach a team or are voting as proxy for a coach will not receive an additional vote.
- Addition of a judge's code of conduct
- Clarification regarding financial responsibilities of coaches, assistant coaches, and team treasurers
- Addition of Equestrians with Disabilities (EWD) competitive divisions
- Clarification of absent rider slot allotment
- Allowance for MIHA Executive Board to send more than two teams per division from districts to regionals, and regionals to states as appropriate to promote competition and ensure show viability.

Show Rule Changes:

- Update to require that Regional and State patterns include all three gaits (both diagonals in English classes, both leads at the lope/canter) and the back
- Specific prohibition of gag bits in classes following Western performance tack rules
- Addition of ground pole measurement for Equitation Over Fences
- Removal of previously missed reference to trail timing—time limit eliminated in 2024
- Update to gymkhana disqualifications to remove reference to hitting in front of the cinch and replace it with disqualification due to excessive use of whip or hands, at the judge's discretion

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