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Rule Change Intent

For safety reasons, ponies must remain checked. The current rule does not clearly state that ponies must remain checked during all times other than when a workout may be called for. The current language in the chapter is conflicting and too subjective. The proposal also seeks to remove Ladies when listed in HK139.4. These changes proposed will align with the Roadster Chapter in which most competitions Hackney Roadster ponies are run under. Overall, the proposal provides clarity to exhibitors and a level playing field for all.

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Linked Rules	Comments

Committee Actions

## HK139 Showing Procedures

1. Roadster ponies must enter the ring clockwise at the jog-trot, then show at the road gait; turn counterclockwise at the jog trot, show at the road gait and then trot at speed. At all speeds they should work in form. Animation, brilliance and competition ring presence should characterize the Hackney Roadster Pony in working at a jog-trot or road gait. When asked to drive on, the pony must show speed and go in form. Improper cadence of the trot, i.e., hesitation of the hock's action or mixed gaited ponies that rack the turns and/or break and run on the turns shall be penalized.
2. Ponies should be shown on the rail at all times except when passing and should go to the far end of the corner without side reining; should be light mouthed, capable of being taken up at any time and show willingness to stand when being judged in the center of the ring.
3. Performance at all three gaits should be strongly considered. In the event of a workout, entries chosen must be worked both ways of the ring, as in the original routine.
4. When ponies are lined up, no attendant is permitted and the driver shall not leave their vehicle ~~except for necessary adjustments~~. They may, however, uncheck and stand at the pony's head when left in the center of the ring while a part of the class is on the rail for a workout. ~~NOTE:~~ During the line-up in classes restricted to Junior Exhibitor, Ladies or Amateur Roadster pony classes, one attendant is permitted to head the pony. ~~The attendant must not touch the entry except for safety reasons.~~ **The ponies must remain checked, and the check must not be adjusted. Attendants are permitted to hold the pony, except when the judge(s) walks to the pony in the lineup.** During a workout in the Junior Exhibitor, Ladies or Amateur Roadster Pony classes an attendant is permitted in the ring for those entries not participating in the workout. During a workout the attendant may uncheck and hold the entry. However, when the workout is over the pony must be rechecked ~~and the attendant must move away from the pony.~~
5. An exhibitor is entitled to request only one time-out per class (see GR833).