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Mr. James L. Nichols
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Dear Mr. Nichols:

Thank you for submitting your request for a Presidential Modification to the application of RD114.7-.8 on behalf of the American Road Horse & Pony Association. A Presidential Modification is granted in cases of extraordinary, special circumstances. When measured against that criterion, it has been determined that your request meets the standard for a Presidential Modification and therefore is approved.

As a result, the rule will be modified as follows for the remainder of the 2024 competition year. As a condition of this approval, communication to the entire community of equestrians, organizers and officials that would be impacted by this modification must be done immediately and competitions must post the modification in the show office and other conspicuous areas while this modification is in effect.

Please feel free to contact the Federation office if you need further assistance.

Sincerely,

Thomas F. X. O'Mara
President

cc: William J. Moroney, USEF CEO
Terri Dolan, Director of National Breeds & Non-FEI Disciplines Sport
Emily McSweeney, Assistant Director of National Breeds & Disciplines Sport

Attachment

RD114 Roadster Ponies

1. Classes for Roadster ponies to Bike are restricted to ponies 13 hands (52" and under). If entries warrant two sections may be offered: a) Roadster Ponies to Bike 50" and under; b) Roadster Ponies to Bike over 50" but not to exceed 52". If two sections are offered, competition management may offer a championship/stake for each section. In Under Saddle classes and Roadster Pony to Wagon classes entries may not exceed 54". Ponies may not be shown in a performance class unless the owner possesses a current Measurement Card or valid Measurement Form issued by the Federation (see GR502).
2. During the line up in classes restricted to Junior Exhibitors and Amateurs, one attendant is permitted to head the pony. The attendant must not touch the entry except for safety reasons. 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. The attendant must take no action that would affect the performance of any animal.
3. Roadster Pony classes may be judged by judges licensed in the Hackney Pony Division. In all Ladies, Amateur, and Junior Exhibitor roadster pony classes, the judge(s) must walk the line up. If a judging panel is being used to officiate these classes, all judges must comply with this rule.
4. If no Junior Exhibitor qualifying or championship classes are offered at a competition, then junior exhibitors may enter the Amateur or Ladies qualifying or championship classes but protective headgear is required (See GR801.4, .7 and .8). If an amateur championship is not offered, ponies shown in junior exhibitor classes are eligible for the open championship. Junior Exhibitors are allowed to show in Open Roadster Pony to Wagon classes and amateur or open Roadster Pony to Bike classes if Junior Exhibitor or Amateur classes are not offered. The use of protective headgear is required by Junior Exhibitors in these classes.
5. Roadster ponies shall enter the ring in a clockwise manner and be shown first at a jog-trot and road gait, then reversed and shown at a jog-trot, road gait, and then at speed.
6. SINGLE ROADSTER PONY, OPEN, LIMIT, NOVICE, JUNIOR (4 years old & under) TO BIKE. To be judged on performance, speed, presence, quality, conformation, and manners.
7. AMATEUR TO BIKE: To be judged on manners, performance, **speed**, presence, quality, and conformation.
8. **AMATEUR TO BIKE CHAMPIONSHIP: To be judged on manners, performance, speed, presence, quality, and conformation.**
9. SINGLE ROADSTER PONY JUNIOR EXHIBITOR OR LADIES TO BIKE. To be judged on manners, presence, quality, performance, speed and conformation.
10. SINGLE ROADSTER PONY JUNIOR EXHIBITOR, ~~AMATEUR~~ OR LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP TO BIKE. To be eligible ponies must be entered, shown by a Junior Exhibitor, ~~Amateur~~ or Lady and judged in any qualifying class having the same judging specifications. ~~If an amateur ladies class is not offered, amateur ladies showing in the open ladies class will be qualified for the amateur championship.~~ To be judged on manners, presence, quality, performance, speed and conformation.
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***renumber accordingly.*