

PROPOSAL #1 SUMMARY: Addition of Country Pleasure Spotted Saddle Horse division to NWA rulebook.

CURRENT RULE

No rules currently exist for this division. Adding this division will provide more options for Spotted Saddle Horses at NWA shows.

Added Rule Proposal:

10.11 SSH Country Pleasure

The Country Pleasure horse should display true pleasure qualities, along with the natural gaits of the spotted saddle horse; a Country Pleasure horse should never tend to rack, pace or trot. Front leg animation (lift) is not desirable and a headshake is not required to be as deep as that of the other Spotted Saddle Horse divisions. The Country Pleasure horse should exhibit a balanced, smooth, four-cornered, gliding show walk and the show gait and well as a relaxed trail walk. The canter should be relaxed and consistent with no sign of effort from the exhibitor. Manners are paramount in this division. The Country Pleasure horse should stand quietly in the line up. The Country Pleasure horse may be ridden English or western (as determined by the class description) but not a combination of both. Riders may use two hands with English or western attire, but must then maintain a two hand rein hold throughout the duration of the class. Cavessons are allowed in English or western classes. Country pleasure classes may be offered as either two or three gait classes. The Country Pleasure division may be youth, amateur, amateur owned and trained, or open (as determined by show management).

The Country pleasure shoe is a stamped kit, non-toe weighted non-draft breed type shoe. Clips can be poured or cast (not welded on), caulk can be poured or cast (not welded on). Borium 1/8" wide dot on each heel and 1 1/2" x 1/8" spot on the toe is permitted.

PROPOSAL #2 SUMMARY: Allow western attire in Pleasure Racking classes.

Current Rule

10.12.3 Pleasure Racking

1. Pleasure Racking will be an English Attire only class.

Change to:

1. Pleasure Racking may be shown English or Western (as determined by the class description) not a combination of both. Cavessons may be used with Western Tack. Western Attire horses must reverse away from the rail (to the inside). If showing Western, may be ridden two handed but if ridden one handed cannot be changed during the performance. Five-year-old and under may be reined using a bosal or snaffle, but the rider must use two hands on the Reins.

Additional verbiage requesting to be added to 10.12.2 Trail Pleasure Racking and 10.12.4 Country Pleasure Racking

...may be shown English or Western *as determined by class description, but not a combination of both. Cavessons may be used with Western tack.*

Proposal #3 SUMMARY: The Rules Committee and Board of Directors voted in 2024 to allow borium on the toe of keg shoes citing safety concerns for trail riders that cross over into showing. This will be implemented in the 2025 NWHHA Rulebook. Borium specs for Keg Shoes are 1 1/2" wide at the toe and no greater than 1/8" spot on heel.

The Board of Directors and NWHHA Rules Committee would like feedback from membership if borium should also be allowed on the toe of other size shoes, and the specifications of adding borium 1 1/2" wide at the toe, to the rules for each shoe size. The current shoe specifications are included in the chart below for reference.

DIVISION or CLASS	WIDTH	THICK	CLIPS	CAULK	BORIUM	TURNBACK	MAXI MUM WEIG HT
Plantation Pleasure SSH Open Shod Country Pleasure Racking Style Racking Speed Racking Open Western Pleasure Racking	1.5 (1 ½) inches	0.5 (1/2) inch	Drawn from shoe itself	Must not extend beyond heel bulb	Permitted on caulks Shoe+caulk+boriu m Cannot exceed 1.125 (1 1/8) inches	1 inch or less shoe cannot extend beyond 0.25 (1/4) inch at toe	3.5 Lbs. (3 Lbs. 8 oz.) Per shoe
Park Lite Shod Pleasure Racking SSH Lite Shod	1.0 (1) inch	0.5 (1/2) Inch	Drawn from shoe itself	Must not extend beyond heel bulb	Permitted on caulks Shoe+caulk+boriu m Cannot exceed 1.125 (1 1/8) inches	1 inch or less shoe cannot extend beyond 0.25 (1/4) inch at toe	
Lite Shod, Trail Pleasure. SSH Trail Pleasure Trail Pleasure Racking All Day Pleasure	0.75 (3/4) inch	.0375 (3/8) Inch	Drawn from shoe itself	Must not extend beyond heel bulb	Permitted on caulks Shoe+caulk+boriu m Cannot exceed 0.875 (7/8) inches	1 inch or less shoe cannot extend beyond 0.25 (1/4) inch at toe	1.5 Lbs. (1 Lb. 8 oz.) Per shoe

DIVISION or CLASS	WIDTH	THICK	CLIPS	CAULK	BORIUM	TURNBACK	MAXI MUM WEIG HT
Country Pleasure Keg Shod	Stamped Keg Shoe, Non toe weighted (Non draft breed type)		Poured or cast clips (not welded on)	Poured or cast clips (not welded on)	1 ½" Wide at toe And spots 1/8" Wide on each Heel is permitted		
Yearlings	0.75 (3/4) inch	0.375 (3/8) inch					
Weanlings	No shoes allowed						