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Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Championships Notes for Stewards and Scorers

Please note that this document does not substitute for knowledge of the USEF/USDF Regional Championship Rules. These only a few highlighted items.

For Stewards:

1. Whips may not be carried in championship tests (Exception: Competitors riding side saddle may carry a whip no longer than 47.2 inches (120 cm), including lash, in USEF/USDF Championships.) An adjustable length whip may not be carried by a mounted rider. (USEF DR 121.11)
2. All championship tests must be ridden from memory. (USEF DR 122.1)
- ~~3. The gate at "A" must be closed for every USEF/USDF championship ride. (USEF DR 126.1.f.5)~~
4. Under penalty of disqualification from all championship classes for the horse/rider combination, within 24 hours prior and at no time during a USEF/USDF Regional Championship competition may any horse entered in that Championship competition be ridden by anyone other than the rider entered in the Championship competition on that horse (exception: grooms riding on loose rein). Further, any horse entered in a championship competition, even entered at two levels, must be ridden by the same rider throughout competition. (USEF DR 127.6). (NOTE: this applies throughout the entire competition, even after the horse has completed its championship classes.)
5. In USEF/USDF championship classes, a steward must be appointed to check saddlery, bits and spurs, on both sides of each horse immediately after it has completed its test and left the arena. Any discrepancy to the saddlery rules will result in immediate elimination. (USEF DR 126.2.i.6 & DR121.9)

For Scorers:

1. In the event of a tie (equality of total points) for champion and/or reserve champion in USEF/USDF championship classes, the collective marks will determine first, second, and/or third or all three places; (i.e. when a tie for first place is broken by collective marks, tied competitors will receive first and second places, etc.). If collective marks are equal, the tie will remain unbroken (i.e. two first places will be awarded next third place, etc.). For ties in freestyle classes refer to USEF DR129.5 which states the highest score shall be declared the winner of the class. In the case of a tie, the higher artistic score shall determine the winner. Ties (equality of total points) after second place will be broken by collective marks. Ties (equality of total points and collective marks or artistic scores) occurring in third through eight places will remain unbroken. In the case of a tie (equality of total points and collective marks or artistic scores) for champion, prize money designated for champion and reserve champion will be combined and divided equally between the two competitors. (USEF DR. 127.10)
2. In a USEF/USDF Championship class, the horse must obtain 57% or better to be named champion or reserve champion. When either or both the first or second placed horse does not receive a score of 57% or better, the horse(s) will receive non-championship ribbons only. The awards ceremony for the class will still be held, with all horses that placed in the class participating and all other horses receiving normal championship awards. (USEF DR 123.7)