

**Judges Committee
2021 AQHA Convention
San Antonio, Texas**

Mr. President, the Judges Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. With respect to agenda item 8, amend SHW436.6 (Western Horsemanship) and SHW620 (Hunt Seat Equitation) to include: "When a lead change is a required maneuver, it may be designated as a simple change or the exhibitor has the option to perform either a simple or flying lead change."
2. With respect to agenda items 10, 14 and 15, the committee recommends amendment to SHW621.2 (Hunt Seat Equitation Penalties):
 - a. Missing a diagonal up to 2 strides in the pattern or on the rail: change to a 3-point penalty from a 5-point penalty
 - b. Missing a diagonal for more than 2 strides in the pattern or on the rail: change to a 5-point penalty from a 10-point penalty
 - c. Obviously looking down to check leads or diagonals: change to a 5-point penalty from a 3-point penalty
3. With respect to agenda item 13, the committee recommends amendment to SHW437 (Western Horsemanship Penalties):
 - a. Obviously looking down to check leads: change to a 5-point penalty from a 3-point penalty
4. With respect to agenda item 17, the committee recommends amendment to SHW912.2. A judge who is only judging equestrian with disabilities classes is permitted to judge more than two consecutive years at the same show or set of shows.
5. With respect to agenda item 30, for potentially adding an "eye appeal" column to score sheets, the committee requests a task force be created with members from the judges committee, ranching committee, and animal welfare commission.
6. Elect Wayne Halvorson as Judges Committee chair.

On behalf of the Judges Committee, I move that the Membership support these recommendations and forward them to the Board of Directors for approval.

John Pipkin, Chairman