

Notice of changes to the Heritage Circuit, Prairie Cup Series, and High-Performance Grant Criteria.

A 2017-2018 ad hoc *Competitions Review Committee* was named to do an extensive review of our competitions. The reasons for this were to:

- Consider suggestions and concerns from members;
- Keep our rule book consistent with National Standards;
- Keep our rule book consistent with equine health and welfare standards;
- Keep our rule book up to date for the purposes of training judges and stewards.

The SHF Board of Directors passed the following recommendations that will be effective for 2018.

- Nomination fees* for 2018 Heritage Circuit - \$20
Prairie Cup - \$35 per discipline

*Benefits of SHF Nominations:

1. Year end awards
2. High Performance Grant eligibility
3. Access to High Performance clinics
4. Ability to represent Saskatchewan at the CIEC
5. Team selection for Saskatchewan Summer Games
6. Heritage Provincial Finals
7. Preference for Athlete Assistance Grants

High Performance Grant requirements will now necessitate that all applicants be Prairie Cup and/or Heritage nominated. The Grants Committee will be working with the discipline groups to ensure alignment of application criteria.

General Performance

- Figure 8 Stake Race is removed from the Speed Division
- Level 2 and 3 Western Dressage are now in Prairie Cup
- Optional Reining and Western Riding patterns for Jr B and C

Dressage Division

- Prairie Cup scores earned at EC recognized competitions will have a coefficient of 1.1. Scores from competitions that are **only** sanctioned with the SHF will have no coefficient applied.
- **Western Dressage Level 2 and Level 3 are moved (from Heritage) to Prairie Cup.**
- **All dressage riders (including Western Dressage) must wear helmets.** This rule applies to all ages and levels.
- Please make note of additional changes to the 2018 rules.
Reminders on previous rules...
- A horse may not be ridden by more than one rider in any one class.

- A horse may compete in only two consecutive levels and a maximum of 4 tests per day. This includes English & Western Dressage combined).

Hunter/Jumper Division

- Prairie Cup points earned at EC recognized competitions will count 1.5 x those from SHF sanctioned alone.
- Prairie Cup Jumper Divisions for 2018 are as follows:
 - .8 - .85m Schooling Jumper
 - .9 – 1.0m Low Jumper
 - 1.10 -1.15 Medium Jumper
 - 1.20 – 1.25 High Jumper
 - 1.30 and above Advanced Jumper
- The maximum height that will be recognized at non-EC sanctioned Prairie Cup events is 1.20 (Note - the SHF may not limit a competition from running certain classes, but may stipulate which ones will count for points. In this case, it is felt that without an accredited EC course designer, heights should not exceed 1.20).
- A horse may not be ridden by more than one rider in any one class.
- Bit converters **are** legal for junior and Amateur Hunter riders up to 3'.

Reminders on previous rules...

- A horse may enter a maximum of 3 consecutive class heights per show and 4 over fences classes per day. Whether you are a show organizer, a coach, or a rider, please ensure these rules are followed.
- Note sections regarding Helmet rules have been updated.

Reining Division

- Prairie Cup scores earned at NRHA competitions will have a coefficient of 1.1. Scores from Jack Pot Reining will have no coefficient applied.
- Heritage Circuit has introduced an optional modified reining pattern for Junior B and C riders.
- Please note other modifications to the Reining section of the 2018 Heritage rule book, which bring our rules into better alignment with NRHA standards.