

**Judges Committee Meeting Agenda  
2018 Convention  
Jacksonville, FL**

1. Welcome by Chair
2. Committee guidelines
3. Meeting protocol
4. Member review of and comments on agenda items
5. Nominations for committee chair (Saturday)

**Agenda Items eligible for Membership & Board of Directors Consideration:**

6. Amend rule SHW434.2 The rider should sit in the center of the saddle and the horse's back with the legs hanging to form a straight line from the ear, through the center of the shoulder and hip, touching the back of the heel or through the ankle. The heels should be lower than the toes, with a slight bend in the knee and the lower leg should be directly under the knee. The rider's back should be flat, relaxed and supple. An overly stiff and/or overly arched lower back will be penalized. The shoulders should be back, level and square. The rider's base of support should maintain secure contact with the saddle from the seat to the inner thigh. Light contact should be maintained with the saddle and horse from the knee to mid-calf. The knee should point forward and remain closed with no space between the exhibitor's knee and the saddle. The exhibitor will be penalized for positioning the legs excessively behind or forward of the vertical position. Regardless of the type of stirrup, the feet may be placed home in the stirrup, with the boot heel touching the stirrup, or may be placed with the ball of the foot in the center of the stirrup. The rider's toes should be pointing straight ahead or slightly turned out with the ankles straight or slightly broken in. Riding with toes only in the stirrup, **and riding without contact of bottom of boot securely on pad of stirrup** will be penalized. Those exhibitors that can maintain the proper position throughout all maneuvers should receive more credit. When riding without stirrups, the exhibitor should maintain the same position as previously described. Both hands and arms should be held in a relaxed, easy manner, with the upper arm in a straight line with the body. The arm holding the reins should be bent at the elbow forming a line from the elbow to the horse's mouth. The free hand and arm may be carried bent at the elbow in a similar position as the hand holding the reins or straight down at the rider's side. Excessive pumping of the free arm as well as excessive stiffness will be penalized. The rider's wrist is to be kept straight and relaxed, with the hand held at about 30 to 45 degrees inside the vertical. The rein hand should be carried immediately above or slightly in front of the saddle horn. The reins should be adjusted so that the rider has light contact with the horse's mouth, and at no time shall reins require more than a slight hand movement to control the horse. Excessively tight or loose reins will be penalized. – (member)

SHW437.2 Major faults - Deduction of 10 points

- Not performing the specific gait or not stopping when called for in the pattern within 10 feet (3 meters) of designated area

- Incorrect lead or break of gait (except when correcting an incorrect lead) at the lope.
  - Break of gait at walk, jog or trot for more than two strides
  - Loss of stirrup
  - Head carried too low and/or clearly behind the vertical while the horse is in motion, showing the appearance of intimidation
  - **Bottom of boot not touching pad of stirrup, at all gaits, including back-up**
7. Amend rule SHW520.5 ~~Breaking the barrier, or~~ Any unnecessary whipping, jerking reins, talking or any noise making, slapping, jerking rope or any unnecessary action to induce the horse to perform better, will be considered a fault and scored accordingly.
  8. Amend rule SHW527.2 Two (2) points in Tie-Down Roping – (member)
    - freeze up in the box (refusing to move)
    - jumping the barrier
    - setting up or scotching
    - rubbing the rope
    - ~~failure to continue backing while roper is flanking the calf~~
    - slack in the rope
  9. Amend rule SHW532.1 Two (2) points in Dally Team Roping Heading – (member)
    - freeze up in the box (refusing to move)
    - jumping the barrier
    - setting up or scotching
    - ~~ducking off~~
    - ~~failure to face completely~~
    - freeze up while facing
  10. Amend rule SHW534.3 Five (5) points in Dally Team Roping Heeling – (member)
    - refusing to enter the box
    - rearing up in box
    - assuming position on the wrong side of the steer
    - running into the steer
    - ~~failure to stop on hindquarters and hold position through the completion of the run~~
    - blatant disobedience including kicking, biting, bucking, rearing and striking
  11. Amend rule SHW912.1 earn more than 25 credits (one show number = one credit). In cases where four or more show numbers are judged at the same show, or set of shows, only four credits will be counted against the maximum 25 credits for that judge. Non-judged events (team penning, ranch sorting, barrel racing, pole bending, and stake race) **along with any non-profit charitable show with a 501c3** shall not count toward a judge's maximum 25 credits. – (member)
  12. Review the Scoring Task Force Recommendations
  13. Review the Affiliate Show Task Force Recommendations

**Agenda Items for discussion only:**

14. Review judges' application process and limit approval to twice a year
15. Review protocol for Level 1 Judge Applications
16. Discuss protocol for reviewing new judges as long as they are on a probationary period
17. Discuss protocol for Judges Grievance Committee
18. Should it be a conflict of interest when it comes to individuals that a judge has paid such as farriers, banders, braiders or other services by independent contractors?

**Closing Business:**

19. Confidential Discussion of Judges Committee (Executive Session)
20. Election of Committee Chair
21. Adjourn