

SHOW Changes Park Performance Shoeing Standards

The SHOW HIO has changed the shoeing regulations in the Park Performance division to a maximum of 1 ¼" instead of the current 1" maximum in the current rulebook. The change will be effective immediately and will be reflected in the new SHOW HIO rulebook when it is released.

The current rulebook reads:

C. Park Performance

General Description, Rules and Judging Criteria

The Park Performance horse is allowed to have flats pads, wedge pads, or a combination of both that do not exceed a thickness of one inch (1") Rock back pads are not allowed. Acceptable action devices are allowed.

The new rulebook will read:

C. Park Performance

General Description, Rules and Judging Criteria

The Park Performance horse is allowed to have a maximum of two pads that do not exceed the thickness of one and one quarter inch (1 ¼"). Rock back pads are not allowed. Acceptable action devices are allowed.

The reason for the change is the current one inch thickness maximum will not allow one of the three currently marketed wedges, (#4), to be used with the uniform flat pad as the combined thickness is 1 1/8". There were five horses disqualified with 1 1/8" measurements at the Celebration.

This new reading allows all currently marketed wedges to be matched with a flat pad and be in compliance along with an allowance for slight manufacturing variance in pad material. Thus the 1 ¼" maximum as opposed to 1 1/8". The two pad maximum prevents any manipulation of the package by prohibiting the use of anything other than pads or additional partial pads in the package. The park performance shoeing regulation is a SHOW HIO rule and not an HPA rule.