

2010 Rule Book changes

All language addressing these changes will be updated in the 2010 Rule Books

UMH Non Pro Division will be dropped. 2009 Non Pro exhibitors may elect to compete in 2010 as Amateurs or Professionals. To be eligible to compete as an Amateur in 2010, the 2009 Non Pro exhibitor must cease, by January 31, 2010, any activity which would have qualified them as a Professional under the 2006 rules (last year before Non Pro division was established). No waiting period is required for these individuals to revert to Amateur status, provided they cease any disqualifying activity by January 31, 2010. Any 2009 Non Pro exhibitor, who elects to continue Professional activities after January 31, 2010 will be classified as Professional under the 2010 rules.

Saddles in Equitation Classes must be cut-back flat saddles. Deep seats are allowed. Cutback dressage or all-purpose saddles are not allowed.

Exhibitors under the age of 18 will be allowed to participate in UMH classes as follows:

Any individual under 16 on January 1 of the current year may only participate in classes designated as Youth classes. They will be issued a Youth exhibitor card.

Any individual 16 on January 1 of the current year may participate in classes designated as Youth or Amateur (or Novice if they qualify under those rules). These individuals may not exhibit stallions (except weanlings in hand) and may not participate in Amateur Mens' or Amateur Ladies' classes. They will be issued a Youth exhibitor card.

Any individual 17 on January 1 of the current year may choose to participate as a Youth or Adult for that year. The first class the individual participates in will decide the designation for the entire show year. The individual may not change their Youth or Adult status after participating in a class in either Division. If the individual chooses to participate as an Adult, they may exhibit stallions and they may participate in Mens' or Ladies' classes. They will be issued a Youth or Novice/Amateur/Professional card (see specific rules under those sections for applicable status).

All individuals competing before their 18th birth date are required to wear an ASTM approved helmet when showing any age horse in hand.

Any individual 18 on January 1 of the current year must participate in UMH shows as an Adult. They will be issued a Novice/Amateur/Professional card (see specific rules under those sections for applicable status).

Formal Protest of a DQP ticket at any UMH show must be accompanied by a \$1000 deposit. If the decision of the DQP is upheld, all costs of the hearing must be paid by the appellant (who will be billed for any amount over \$1000); if the appellant prevails, the \$1000 deposit will be refunded.

Section 1.9.a (II) Trail Pleasure Division Ring Protocol requires a correction to be consistent with Section 1.8.b. Trail Pleasure Division. Both sections should readthe judge may call for a halt from the trail walk or show gait at any point in the class.

Horse retirement ceremonies may be held at the UMH World Grand Championships. The retiring horse must be a former World Grand Champion. The owner must contact the UMH office to arrange the ceremony at least 60 days prior to the opening date of the World Show. After retirement, the horse will no longer be eligible to participate competitively in any UMH sanctioned event (regardless of change in ownership/exhibitor). Retirement of a horse at the UMH World Grand Championships is an honor and each ceremony must be approved by the UMH Board of Directors. There may be a charge for this privilege.

UMH World Grand Championship release must be signed by the owner/owner's designee before a horse may be entered into any UMH World Grand Championship. The release will include the right of UMH to pull shoes, draw equine blood for illegal substances, and/or pull tail hair for DNA proof of identity.

To judge a UMH show a judge must be licensed by UMH. Judges are trained, tested, and licensed through an independent judges' program. A UMH judges' clinic is held each spring. Only UMH licensed judges may be used at UMH National shows. A judge, licensed by another organization, can qualify to judge a Regional show by applying for a one-time guest judge's license. To be eligible to judge another UMH show, that individual must become a UMH licensed judge. A list of currently licensed judges is available through the UMH office. Individual show managers may submit their choice for a judge with their sanctioning application. The UMH office will verify the judge's current licensure and conflicting judge assignments. No judge may serve at a Triple Crown Show or at the Ladies' Auxiliary Show and serve at the World Show in the same year.