

**Georgia Federation of Saddle Clubs, Inc.**

**Proposal for Rule Changes from November 7, 2021 Federation Meeting**

\* Process changes could be effective with the upcoming 2022 State show    \*\* Addition of any classes or changes to a classes would be effective with the 2023 State Show

**EACH ASSOCIATION ALLOWED 1 VOTE PER DISCIPLINE**

		Club Vote - Please mark Y (yes) or N (no)											
		Coastal Empire	South Ogeechee	Georgia Mountain	Flint River	Heart of Georgia	South Georgia	Northwest	Deep Dixie	East GA Association	Coastal Plains	Passed	Failed
<b>COASTAL PLAINS</b>		R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R		
1	Change the age of the 13-19 class to 13-18 and make the Ladies & Men classes 19 - 42	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N		X
<b>COASTAL EMPIRE</b>		R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R		
2	Remove no dogs in Reaves arena rule	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	X	
3	With the change of the running and holding pens for the past two years we need more gate workers at the back gate for check in on the running side. Have the hosting association work the tractor gate all weekend and have two workers at the holding pen in the practice arena behind Reaves. This would allow one person to check in the riders and call any scratches.	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N		X
<b>SOUTH OGEECHEE</b>		R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R		
4	No proposals												
<b>GEORGIA MOUNTAIN</b>		R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R		
5	Return the age group back to Ladies/Men 20-38 & Ladies/Men 39&Over.	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N		X
6	Change the order of events to Cones, Poles, Texas, Arena & Cloverleaf.	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N		X
7	All new classes added after 2022 state show will have a probationary period of two years to meet the 50% number of spots in each class. During the probationary period, the participant will pay double entry fees set by the board at the Spring meeting. If at the end of two years the number of participants fall short, class will be removed.	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	X	
<b>FLINT RIVER</b>		R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R		
8	Allow dogs in the arena, but if the dog is causing a disturbance/or attacks another dog, the dog will be asked to leave.	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	X	
9	Move the secretary's table in the running arena from where it's located to the end of the arena, the announcer and people at the table cannot see the alley way to see when a runner is ready or if they have fallen off. It will help the announcer know when to call the participants, since we are leaving the set up where the holding pen is set up outside.	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N		X
10	Leave set up same as last year but change the process - back gate (warm up area) has to check in and make changes; holding pen - back gate move to the running pen. If you miss checking in at the back gate you can't just enter the running pen, you will be scratched.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	X	
11	Federation buy poles, cones, and barrels that will stay in the trailer and each host association can use when it's their time to host the state show. The host association will be responsible for supplying the backup timer that way the equipment being used will be the same each year.	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	X	

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	<b>HEART OF GEORGIA</b>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R		
12	No proposals												
	<b>SOUTH GEORGIA</b>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R		
13	Change the Ladies/Men age groups to 20 - 49 & 50&Over	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N		X
	<b>East GA Association</b>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R		
14													
	<b>NORTHWEST</b>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R		
15	<b>Add</b> Chapter I, Article 2, Section 14: The Addition or removal of a class requires unanimous vote and must be proposed and voted on in accordance with Chapter I, Article 4 (this does not include changes to age categories or division by men/women)	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	N		X
16	<b>Replace</b> Chapter I, Article 3, Section 2, K and I with "Board of Directors- shall be made up of two representatives from each association being the President of that Association and/or appointee, in the instance of a split association representation will be the Pleasure and Running Association Presidents respectively. They are responsible for the administration of GFSC pertaining to its finances and conducts. The Board does not have the authority to change or amend the operations manual outside of the regular voting schedule. They will assist in all aspects of the show to ensure smooth running of the state show."	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	N		X
17	<b>Replace</b> Chapter I, Article 4, Section 3 with "Rule changes will be voted on at the late winter-early spring meeting. New rules that pertain to the production of the state show will go into effect at the first state show (current year) after the rule is approved. The rule changes that pertain to qualifying for the state show will go into effect for the next coming year. The purpose of this meeting is to have new rules decided upon and in effect prior to the new Federation show year so that associations may be showing in their qualifying shows under the same rules that apply to their classes at the next state show. Rules amended or added to the Operational Rules and Manual will be dated with the vote date."	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	N		X
18	<b>Add</b> Chapter I, Article 4, Section 3, A: Any proposals passed that are variations of the same rule will have a secondary vote to identify what one of the passed rules will be adopted. Each association should be prepared for this vote even if their initial vote on the rules had been no.	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N		X
19	<b>Add</b> Chapter I, Article 5, Section 5: The federation will have a single operating budget with exception to awards. There will be two additional and separate budgets, one for Running Awards and one for Pleasure awards. The vote on the awards budget will be one vote per association respective to Running or Pleasure.	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	N		X
20	<b>Add</b> Chapter I Article 19, Section 2, A: Championship awards may include but are not limited to trophies, buckles or custom tack appropriate to the event.	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	X	



11	The walk/jog classes are for beginners, or participants that cannot ride in lope/canter classes for health reasons and have a doctor's excuse. We propose a rule that no trainers are allowed in the classes under no circumstances. Also, the participants need to be beginners need to beginners or have a doctor's excuse that states they cannot lope/canter which is given to the host association at state sign up, so they have a copy if an issue arises.	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y		X
12	Allow dogs in the arena unless it is causing a disturbance or attacks another dog.	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	N		X
<b>HEART OF GEORGIA</b>		<b>P</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>P</b>		
13	To increase participation in the 20 & over classes, allow riders in walk/jog and walk/jog/lope classes.	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	X	
14	Change the pleasure pony height to 58".	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N		X
15	Change awards from trophies to neck ribbons for 1 - 6 and medallions for call backs/top ten with the champion having a prize such as halter bags, saddle pads, etc.	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N		X
16	Change awards from trophies to buckles.	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N		X
17	Allow riders to show the same horse in western pleasure and ranch , it is up to the judge to determine suitable movement for each class	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	X	
18	Allow patterns to be posted a week prior to the state show.	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	X	
<b>SOUTH GEORGIA</b>		<b>P</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>P</b>		
19	Add age group to 50 years and older in Western pleasure	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	N		X
20	Change trophies to neck ribbons for 1st & 2nd and medallions for 3rd - 6th.	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	X	
21	Only have 2 - 3 classes in practice arena at a time on show days.	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N		X
22	Participant that is showing on Sunday does not need to be in practice arena	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	N		X
23	Monitor no lunging in practice arenas	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	X	
24	There should be no parking of golf carts where there is horse traffic.	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	X	
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25	Release patterns earlier than Thursday	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	X	
26	Two judges instead of one	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N		X
27	Change from trophies to neck ribbons	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y		X
28	Use speaker system in warm arena for announcements	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	X	
29	Have a person help at the entry gate with line up for pattern classes	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	X	
30	Have the awards given to rider when their number is announced on the way out	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y		X
31	Princess/Queen class for english classes	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N		X
32	Put western classes before english classes	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N		X
<b>NORTHWEST</b>		<b>P</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>P</b>		
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40	<b>Add</b> Chapter I Article 19, Section 6: Any class with less than 6 entries will only have awards purchased for the number of entries. Any exhibitor adding to a class with less than 6 entries does so with the understanding their award will be received by their association at the November meeting.	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	X	
41	<b>Add</b> Chapter II Article 2, Section 5: The Show Secretary and/or Federation President may change an Adult rider's run order to accommodate the need for that rider to assist a child showing pleasure at the same time.	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	X	
42	<b>Replace</b> Chapter III, Article 2, Section 2 with "A judge may not judge the state show if that judge has participated in any state qualifying association shows."	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	X	

43	<b>Replace</b> Chapter III, Article 2, Section 3 with "The identity of the judge shall be kept secret. The name and qualifications of the judges will be published in the program."	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		X
44	<b>Add</b> Chapter III, Article 2, Section 12, A: A qualified GFSC Gaited Judge will currently or formally be recognized as a judge by RHBAA, NRHA, TWHBE, American Horse Services (HIO) and/or have a minimum of 20 years experience training and exhibiting at the championship level with RHBAA, NRHA, or TWHBE.	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y		X
45	<b>Add</b> Chapter III, Article 2, Section 15: If the Federation Board finds the host association was negligent in hiring a qualified AQHA or Gaited judge, the host association may be held responsible for reimbursement of all or part of the Judges fees.	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y		X
47	<b>Correct</b> to match RHBAA Chapter III, Article 3, Section : Flat Shod Gaited: Horses are to be shown at a the show walk, <u>slow</u> rack and fast rack or "rack on". Tack shall be bred specific to the horse being ridden.	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	X	
48	<b>Add</b> Chapter III, Gaited, Section 8: Gaited classes are exempt from Chapter I, Article 7, Section 5.	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	N		X
<b>DEEP DIXIE</b>													
49	Horses can be allowed to be shown in both western pleasure and ranch classes. The onus is on the judge and ring steward to excuse any horses or riders causing a disruption or safety issue effective with the 2022 state show.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	X	
50	If a rule protest is raised and placings change, any exhibitor who refuses to return their trophies is banned from future federation shows.	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	X	