

Revised USEF Morgan Rules for 2017

The following USEF Morgan Rules recently were passed by the USEF Board.

SUBCHAPTER MO-12 MORGAN EQUITATION

MO165 AMHA Medal Class Rules

10. In Reining Seat, a riders may also qualify for the Grand National Gold Medal Class by riding a registered Morgan in an open Federation or NRHA recognized competition. ~~and receiving a score of 70 points or higher in reining or a first, second, or third place in Reining Seat equitation. A copy of the prize list and proof of the score or placing must be signed by the Competition Secretary and submitted to the AMHA office by the rider prior to the Grand National entry deadline.~~ The rider must submit the following to the AMHA office prior to the Grand National entry deadline:

- a. a copy of the competition's official prize list.
- b. a copy of class results showing a qualified ride (including a score of zero (0)), and signed by the competition secretary.
- c. A horse may be shown more than once in the Medal class to accommodate more riders.***

SUBCHAPTER MO-14 MORGAN REINING SECTION

MO177 General

1. Horses must be registered Morgans (see MO101).
2. The Morgan Reining Section shall be conducted in general accordance with the current NRHA Handbook as modified by the following Morgan rules. Where these Morgan rules are silent, ***current*** NRHA rules prevail.
3. SHOEING. The length of toe shall not exceed 5 3/4" including pads and shoe.
4. ENTRIES. There is no restriction on the number of rides per exhibitor per class. ***The same rider is not required to show the horse in both the qualifying and Championship class.***
5. DRAWS & ORDER OF GO. All entries in a class must be drawn for position by the show committee and/or the Steward and the class must be run as drawn. ***Exception: If there is a change required to accommodate a rider with a conflict in another class, approval is required by all other riders in that class.***
6. SUBSTITUTION OF RIDERS. Competition management may allow substitution only in case of injury.

7. SCORES. The score is to be announced before the next rider begins a pattern unless the score is held for review by the judge(s). A held score is to be announced at the earliest opportunity between rides after review by the judge(s).

8. AGES

a. YOUTH: A Non-Pro who has not reached his 22 birthday as of January 1st of the current competition year. Youth maybe furthered subdivided at the discretion of show management; those splits must be printed in the prize list. (Example: 15 and under and 16 and over).

b. ADULT: A Non-Pro who is longer eligible to compete as a Youth.

9.8. CLASSES.

a. Compatible classes may be run concurrently (i.e. Open Freestyle and Non Pro Freestyle). Horse and rider are allowed to enter either class or both if they meet the class specifications and pay the entry fees.

b. Youth classes may be offered. Youth are not required to own the horse on which they compete. If a Youth qualifies the horse for a Non-Pro Championship class, the non-ownership clause applies. The non-ownership requirement also applies to freestyle.

c. Show management may include classes not defined by NRHA or those herein; however, these other classes must be defined with class specifications and printed in the prize list.

~~—Amateur and Jr. Exhibitor (as defined by the Federation) classes may be offered.~~

~~—c. Other classes not in conflict with NRHA may be offered (e.g. junior horse classes for three year olds and four~~

d. Championship classes may be offered.

10. CLASS DEFINITIONS

a. OPEN: As NRHA

~~e. To keep uniformity and clarity within the Morgan Reining Section, show committees must select their reining classes from appropriate Categories found in the current NRHA Handbook or classes listed below:~~

~~1. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP. Show committees may limit entries to only those who have been shown and judged in any of the Open Division classes (i.e. Open, Limited Open, Novice Horse Open, First Year Green Horse, Second Year Green Horse, or First/Second Year Green Horse) or may extend entries to include those who have been shown and judged in any of all of the other reining classes. The prize list must specify which class will qualify for entry into the Open Championship.~~

b. 2-SNAFFLE BIT/HACKAMORE HORSE-Restricted to three, four, five and six year old horses. Classes may be single age restricted or ages combined but must be stated in the prize list. All entries may be shown in any legal snaffle bit or hackamore.

~~c. 3. SNAFFLE BIT/HACKAMORE HORSE CHAMPIONSHIP-Horses must have been shown and judged the THREE YEAR OLD, FOUR YEAR OLD, FIVE YEAR OLD or SIX YEAR OLD class or combination thereof.~~

~~d. 4. NON-PRO CHAMPIONSHIP-As Non Pro but limited to those who have been shown and judged in the following classes: Non Pro, Intermediate Non Pro, Limited Non Pro, Non Pro Adult Rider, Non Pro Youth Rider, or Novice Horse Non Pro or other Non-Pro classes listed in the prize list. Only Youth Riders are not required to own the horse they ride. The prize list must specify which classes will qualify for entry into the Non-Pro Championship. Division.~~

~~e. NON-PRO ROOKIE – As a Non-Pro or Youth Rider who has not earned over \$250 in NRHA and /or 20 NRHA Youth points, and/or has not won any Reining World or Reserve World titles at any breed recognized event. Qualifying Only Youth Riders are not required to own the horse they ride.~~

~~f. 5. FIRST YEAR GREEN HORSE-Horse shall not have been shown in any reining class in any prior year (this includes showing in a snaffle bit or hackamore). The horse may~~ Horses to be shown one **or two** handed with any legal bit but may not switch back and forth upon entering the arena.

~~g. 6. SECOND YEAR GREEN HORSE-Horse shall have been shown in at least one reining class in one and only one prior year (this includes showing in a snaffle bit or hackamore). The horse may~~ Horses to be shown one **or two** handed with any legal bit **but may not switch back and forth upon entering the arena.**

~~h. 7. FIRST/SECOND YEAR GREEN HORSE-As FIRST YEAR GREEN HORSE but horse shall not have been shown in any reining class in any 2 prior years (this includes showing in snaffle bit or hackamore). The horse~~ Horses may be shown in a snaffle bit or hackamore with **one** or two hands or one-handed with any other legal bit **but may not switch back and forth upon entering the arena.**

~~i. 8. FIRST YEAR GREEN RIDER-Any horse, rider not to have shown in any reining class in any prior year. Class Specifications must be listed in the prize list. The intent is to have an introductory class for new reiners. Open to any professional or Non-Pro Rider who has not trained a reining horse for remuneration, has not won a World, Reserve World, Grand National or reserve Grand National title in a reining class, or has not earned more than 10 NRHA Youth points. The rider does not have to own the horse being ridden. The horse may be shown multiple times with different riders. Rider may show either one or two handed with any legal bit but may not switch back and forth upon entering the arena. Entry may execute either a flying lead change or a simple lead change. A simple lead change is defined as a break to a trot for one stride (2 steps with front feet). The intent is to have an introductory class for new reiners. Classes may be subdivided into Adult and Youth or Open and Non Pro if desired by Show Management.~~

~~9. FIRST YEAR GREEN YOUTH RIDER-As FIRST YEAR GREEN RIDER but limited to NRHA defined youth riders (any youth 18 years of age or younger as of January 1 of the current competition year).~~

~~10. FIRST YEAR GREEN ADULT RIDER-As FIRST YEAR GREEN RIDER but limited to riders who no longer qualify for the Youth Division...~~

j. GREEN HORSE: Open to horses who have not won any previous year's National/Reserve National or World/Reserve World titles in Reining. Horses may be shown one or two-handed with any legal bit but may not switch hands back and forth upon entering the arena. Classes may be subdivided into Adult and Youth or Open and Non-Pro if desired by show management. Youth non-ownership clause would apply in these classes.

k. FREESTYLE REINING: As per NRHA, but Non-Pro Youth riders do not have to own the horse with which they compete.