

Non-Pro Committee Conference Call
2/18/16

Present for all or part of the call: Valerie Showalter, Ray Burchett, Deb Dyer, Leslie Foxvog, Mary Ann Page, Lori Richards, Dena Raggio, Tom Hodges (Chair, NP Advisory Committee), Steve Taylor, Keri LeForce

Agenda

1. Discussion was held concerning awarding year-end awards to all novice non-pro classes. After reviewing statistics, no action was taken. There is not enough support in these classes at the regional level to warrant making this change.
2. Discussion was held concerning the addition of novice non-pro games classes to the World and National Shows. After reviewing statistics, no action was taken. There is not enough support in these classes at the regional level to warrant this addition.
3. Discussion was held about possibly splitting non-pro hunter in hand classes into two age groups – 2&Under; 3&Over – at the National and/or World Shows. Keri will provide additional statistics to the committee so they can review the age breakout of current entries in both open and non-pro classes to determine if there is a sufficient entry base to support the addition of new classes.
4. Discussion was held concerning the addition of performance halter classes for non-pros. The committee agrees that this would likely be a well-attended class. The advisory committee wanted to stipulate that the horse must be shown in a performance class at that show in order to show in the performance halter class. The committee discussed issues surrounding this and decided to recommend the addition of the non-pro performance halter classes keeping the eligibility requirements the same as they are in the open performance halter classes.

Motion 01

The non-pro committee recommends to the rules committee to offer performance halter mares, stallions, geldings in the non-pro division. Eligibility to enter the class would be identical to the open performance halter class. Deb will write rule language for the rules committee to consider at the April board meeting.

Motion made by Deb, seconded by Ray. Passed unanimously.

5. The committee discussed additional items brought forward to each of them from individual non-pro members including the breakdown of non-pro age groups, whether or not to continue to allow non-pros to cross enter across age groups and the need to work on grass roots programs to pull more people into the non-pro program to participate at the regional level.

No further action was taken. Meeting adjourned.