Changes for 2015

For edited rules, bold = added .... strikeout = removed.

Pg. 2
Edited Entry Requirements #2: "No post-entries will be accepted. No refunds will be granted for scratches received more than one week after the entry deadline with the exception that a partial refund (class entry fees only) may be made upon receipt of a doctor's or veterinarian's excuse. No refunds will be given for scratches received after 5pm on the Friday before the week of the show. Areas refund rules may vary."

Pg. 2
Edited #4: "The maximum number of classes a contestant may enter is six. If entering five classes one must be showmanship or Ground Handling; otherwise the maximum number of classes is five.

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Edited 2nd sentence of #5: "In the case where a horse is shown by more than one 4-H member, the maximum number of classes a horse may enter is seven."

Pg. 11, 13, 14
Edited Western #1 and 2B, Hunter #2B, and Saddle #2B description of mouthpieces: "On broken mouthpieces, connecting rings of 1¼" or less in diameter or connecting flat bar of 3/8" to 3/4" (measured top to bottom) which lie flat in the horse's mouth, or rollers are acceptable.

Pg. 13
Edited Hunter bits #2A to clarify "Snaffle bits with slow twist, corkscrew, or single twisted wire mouthpieces are allowed."

Pg. 14
Added #3 to Gaited Bits: "Tennessee Walking Horses may be shown in a curb bit typical for the breed as long as the mouthpiece and shanks comply with the parameters described above for Saddle Seat."

Pg. 15
Added #3 to Conformation classes: "Horses should enter the appropriate conformation class for their body type. For example, "Saddle Type and Gaited" classes are for saddle type breeds (such as Arabian, Morgan, Saddlebred) and all gaited horses."

Pg. 18
Added #6E to Showmanship/Ground Handling Rules: "Ground Handling Only: Poles, barrels, and cones may be used as markers to define maneuver locations/parameters. However, the pattern should not take on the appearance of an "In-hand Trail" class. Hitting/touching/moving these objects will not be scored as penalties, but taken into account when scoring the handler's abilities."

Pg. 21, 45, 76
Edited "Appointments" of Western, Ranch, and Speed Event Divisions to reflect that horses may wear boots only in Reining, Working Cow Horse, and Speed Events.

Pg. 21
Added to Western Appointments, Tack: "Horses may wear protective boots only in Reining."

Pg. 45
Added to Ranch Appointments, Tack: "Horses may wear protective boots only in Working Cow Horse."

Pg. 76
Edited Speed Events Appointments, Tack: "Horses may wear protective boots, but bandages (leg wraps) are not permitted in any speed event class."

Pg. 41
Replaced Reining Pattern #11 with AQHA #11.
Added to Ranch Riding 3 point Penalties, #9B (5) through (7):
(5) Out of lead or cross-cantering more than two strides when changing leads
(6) trotting more than three strides when making a simple lead change
(7) Severe disturbance of any obstacle

Ranch Riding Patterns: Replaced #2, edited #3, and added #5 to mirror AQHA patterns.

Edited Ranch Trail #14B(2): “Bridge – Horse should walk willingly over a stationary bridge. The bridge may be stationary or “teeter-totter” with a 4” maximum rocker pole.”

Edited Ranch Trail #14B(5): “... maximum height of any step-over is 8" 18”.”

Added to the end of Ranch Roping #2: “Ropes may not be tied hard and fast to the saddle horn.”

Edited Ranch Roping #3: “The exhibition area should be normal width of the arena (usually 100 to 150') by 60' 45' – 75'.”

Edited Ranch Roping #4: “The show committee will provide 2-4 herd holders. The sole duty of the herd holders is to settle the cattle between runs.”

Added Working Cow Horse #3: “The show committee may provide 2-4 herd holders to facilitate returning the cow to the holding pen after each run.”

Edited Saddle/Gaited Personal Appointments: “Spurs of the unrroweled type ..., gloves, and regulation saddle seat whips ... are optional.

Edited Saddle Seat Personal Appointments: “Day coats are not permitted in Saddle Seat Equitation and wearing one will result in disqualification.”

Added to Hunter Personal Appointments: “Riders in Working Hunter, Hunter Hack, Equitation over Fences and Handy Hunter may use the crop on the horse’s shoulder. Under no conditions may the rider strike the horse with the crop in front of the shoulder.”
(Pg. 9, #19 also edited to refer to crop use exception.)

Dressage tests edited to reflect use of USDF 2015 tests.

Edited terminology of Stake Race rules, #1: ... Start by crossing start line between upright start/finish markers. Contestant may or may not cross center line (dotted) in going to first end marker pole. At the first marker pole, contestant may go right or left. Between first turn and second turn horse must cross center line (dotted). The second turn MUST be opposite the first turn. Finish by crossing or not crossing center (dotted) line between start/finish markers.

#2. Upright end markers (poles) are set 40 feet on each side of the start/finish line. ...

New examples of Stake Race patterns added. Examples now show both acceptable methods of running the pattern and from both directions.