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8.3 Shoeing Rules and Regulations:

Shoes:

- A. **Plantation Shoe:** (For Plantation Pleasure Division only.) The plantation shoe must not exceed 1 1/2 inch in width nor 1/2 inch in thickness with no bare plate or other weight inside the shoe. The caulk must not exceed a one inch turnback and the shoe must not extend more than 1/4 inch beyond the hoof at the toe. The heel of the shoe must not extend beyond the bulb of the horse's heel when a perpendicular line is drawn from the bulb of the horse's heel to the ground.
1. The use of borium is permitted on the caulks of pleasure shoes, but the thickness of the shoe and caulk with the borium must not exceed 1 1/8 inches. Welded on clips are not permitted on flat-shod horses. Clips that are drawn from the shoe itself are permitted. No additional weight shall be allowed on or in the hoof, other than the shoe and nails.
- B. **Lite Shoe:** (For any under saddle rail class division except Keg-shod classes.) The lite shoe must not exceed 3/4 inch in width or 3/8 inch in thickness with the exception of the caulk, which must be no thicker than 3/4 inch. The turnback shall not exceed one inch, and the shoe must not extend more than 1/4 inch beyond the hoof at the toe. The shoe is not to extend beyond the bulb of the horse's heel when a perpendicular line is drawn from the bulb of the horse's heel to the ground.
1. The use of borium is permitted on the caulks of the lite shoes, but the thickness of the shoe and caulk with the borium must not exceed 7/8 inch. Welded on clips are not permitted on flat-shod horses. Clips that are drawn from the shoe itself are permitted. No additional weight shall be allowed on or in the hoof, other than the shoe and nails.
2. The Lite shoe must not exceed 1 lb. 8 ounces in weight.
- C. **Keg Shoe:** The keg shoe must be a factory made, stamped steel shoe. Only flat or heeled keg shoe options are allowed. Keg shoes manufactured with grabs, clips or weighted toes are prohibited. Only clips drawn from the shoe itself are permitted. No additional material can be added or removed from the keg shoe. The keg shoe must not exceed 3/4" in width or 3/8" in thickness with the exception of the heel. The keg shoe shall not extend past the toe and shall not extend beyond the bulb of the horse's heel. Keg shoes shall be allowed in all divisions.
- D. **Yearling Shoe:** Shall not exceed 3/4 inch wide nor 3/8 inch thick.
- E. **Wearlings** may not be shod under any circumstances.
- F. **Heel/Toe Measurement:** Toe length must exceed the height of the heel by one inch or more. **The length of the toe, exclusive of the shoe, shall not exceed 5 inches measured from the coronet band, at the center of the front pastern along the front of the hoof wall to the ground, excluding the shoe.** The heel shall be measured at a 90 degree angle from the coronet band, at the most lateral portion of the rear of the pastern, to the ground excluding the shoe and shoe caulks.
- G. **No shoe can be made from any material heavier than conventional carbon steel.**
- H. **Acrylic Hooves:** Acrylic can be used to build a toe that has been broken on one foot only. Any appliances attached to a horse's hoof other than a regulation shoe as allowed in the show ring are prohibited. The following equipment is also prohibited on show grounds: appliances attached to a horse's hoof (including but not limited to hoof bands, pads, heel springs, therapeutic hoof plates, etc.), action devices on the pastern areas (such as chains, rollers, etc.), and plastic wrap used for the purpose of creating occlusive leg wraps.
- I. **HOOF BANDS** are prohibited on horses on the show grounds.