

Canadian Rule Book 2008

Update #2 - Clarification to Existing Rule

Effective June/2008

RULES COMMITTEE: Sections 3.4.10 a), 3.4.11 a) and b)

After receiving some questions from members requesting clarification of the rule regarding the use of leg boots, wraps, etc. in Competitive Trail, it has been decided by the Rules Committee to issue the following "amendment" to rules 3.4.10a, and 3.4.11 a) and b). **These are simply clarifications to the existing rules and are not rule changes.**

Please Insert it into your Rule Book and refer to this bulletin for clarification on this question (This bulletin will also be posted on the website).

3.4.10 LEG/HOOF PROTECTIVE DEVICES

- a) **Competitive Trail** – Horse must remain bare legged (No boots, wraps, etc. of any kind at any time) throughout the competition until the final "All Clear" is given by officials at the finish, approximately 2 hours after the last horse is vetted on the final day. (2008)

3.4.11 COOLING/ICE/ICE WATER/ICE BOOTS

a) **Competitive Trail**

- i) As per 3.4.11, horses must remain bare legged (No boots, wraps, etc. of any kind at any time) throughout the competition (2008)
Rationale - One of the things being assessed in CTR is the horse's ability to recover, including in a multi-day ride being judged and evaluated the following day by the veterinarian (without using artificial aids like wraps)
- If a horse is truly fit and handling the competition well, it shouldn't require wrapping.
- If there is a problem, wrapping may be used to hide or reduce it.
- If a veterinarian is checking on the horses at night, he/she should be able to see the legs of all the horses (without wraps)
(Clarification 2008).
- ii) Cold water, (Original) ice water, or ice (2008) is permitted any time other than during the overnight restricted rest time, (Original)
Rationale - evaluation of "cold/ice water" is too subjective to enforce fairly. (2008) However,
- iii) Ice Boots are not permitted. (Original) including all gel wraps or wraps of any kind at any time. (Clarification 2008)
- iv) A horse "not being ridden" may be permitted to stand in a creek, or be hosed down, at ride management discretion. (Clarification 2008)

b) **Ride & Tie**

- i) Use of ice, ice water is permitted. (Original)
- ii) Ice boots are not permitted. (2008) including all gel wraps or wraps of any kind at any time. (Clarification 2008)

Details of action taken

ACTION – 3.4.10 added clarification (No boots, wraps, etc. of any kind at any time)

ACTION – 3.4.11 adjusted the heading to include the word Cooling

ACTION – 3.4.11 a) under i) inserted a reference to 3.4.10 plus the addition of the rationale for not permitting wraps in CTR.

(the current sentence i) would then be renumbered as ii) and the current ii) would become iii)

ACTION – 3.4.11 added a clarification sentence iv) A horse "not being ridden" may be permitted to stand in a creek, or be hosed down, at ride management discretion.

ACTION – 3.4.11 Clarified the wording in both a) CTR and b) Ride & Tie as follows - including all gel wraps or wraps of any kind at any time.