

APPROVED 2015 CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION # 1-15

SUBJECT: Article I & II Bylaw Amendments (Bylaws 2/3rd vote)

SUBMITTED BY: Bylaws Committee

TYPE: Standard

Whereas, Current AHA Bylaws Article I, Section 1. Name reads as follows:

“ Pursuant to its Articles of Incorporation under the laws of the State of Colorado, the name of this organization shall be Arabian Horse Association, and it shall be a non-profit corporation.”, and

Whereas, Current AHA Bylaws Article II, OBJECTS AND PURPOSES reads as follows:

“ The objects and purposes of Arabian Horse Association shall be those stated in Article II of its Articles of Incorporation, and more specifically to:

1. Be cognizant of the importance of promoting the purebred Arabian Horse at all times during the performance of activities furthering Arabian Horse Association's objects and purposes (as stated in the Articles of Incorporation and these Bylaws).
2. Foster and encourage good relations between Arabian Horse Association and Member Organizations and especially and specifically between Arabian Horse Association and the Canadian Arabian Horse Registry and to maintain and protect the heritage of the purebred Arabian Horse by allowing the Purebred Arabian Registry Members of the Registry Commission to establish and implement any and all necessary rules and procedures to accomplish this end.
3. Aid and encourage the breeding, exhibiting, use and perpetuation of the purebred Arabian Horse as well as Half-Arabian and Anglo-Arabian Horses; coordinate the activities with all Arabian Horse Organizations in all countries; promote and encourage the participation of Arabian Horses in open events, activities and multiple disciplines, including recreation; coordinate and cooperate with the U. S. Equestrian Federation, Inc., Equine Canada and the Canadian Arabian Horse Registry in providing qualified officials and judges for Arabian Horse events and activities and in devising and adopting Arabian event and activity rules, regulations and standards.
4. Formulate publicity and educational programs and other activities in the interest of Arabian Horse owners, Arabian Horse organizations, Member Organizations and enthusiasts.
5. Aid, promote and foster the preservation and use of purebred Arabian Horses and the Arabian breed and to engage in all activities and undertakings incidental to or designated to further or promote this objective.
6. Promote, encourage and stimulate popular interest in the outstanding qualities of the Arabian Horse.
7. Effectively maintain, operate and promote the Arabian Horse Registry, Half-Arabian Horse Registry and Anglo-Arabian Horse Registry.
8. Maintain records, support and promote the racing of purebred Arabian Horses in the United States.
9. Do any and all things necessary or appropriate to accomplish the objects and purposes as stated herein and as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation.”, and

Whereas, Articles I and II were part of Resolution 1-13 that was referred back to the Bylaws Committee for more study, and

Whereas, The Bylaws Committee has reviewed Articles I of the AHA Bylaws, and

Whereas, The acronym "AHA" is not denoted in the current Bylaws but can be found five (5) times within the document, and

Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, the acronym should be denoted in the Bylaws, and

Whereas, The Bylaws Committee has reviewed Articles II of the AHA Bylaws, and

Whereas, There are some references in the current Objects and Purposes that no longer apply, and

Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, there are references that need to be clarified and expanded to include changes that may have occurred since these article was adopted in 2003; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That Article I, Section 1 be amended as follows:

Pursuant to its Articles of Incorporation under the laws of the State of Colorado, the name of this organization shall be Arabian Horse Association, hereinafter may be referred to as "AHA" and it shall be a non-profit corporation; and, Be It Further

Resolved, That Article II be amended as follows:

The objects and purposes of Arabian Horse Association shall be those stated in Article II of its Articles of Incorporation, and more specifically to:

1. Be cognizant of the importance of promoting the purebred Arabian Horse and the Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Horse at all times during the performance of activities furthering AHA's objects and purposes (as stated in the Articles of Incorporation and these Bylaws).
2. Foster and encourage good relations between AHA and Member Organizations.
3. Foster and encourage good relations, especially and specifically, between AHA and the Canadian Arabian Horse Registry and the Canadian Partbred Arabian Registry. and
4. To maintain and protect the heritage of the purebred Arabian Horse by allowing the Purebred Arabian Registry Members of the Registry Commission to establish and implement any and all necessary rules and procedures to accomplish this end.
5. Aid and encourage the breeding, exhibiting, use and perpetuation of the purebred Arabian Horse as well as Half-Arabian and Anglo-Arabian Horses.
6. Coordinate the activities with all Arabian Horse Organizations in all countries.
7. Promote and encourage the participation of Arabian Horses in open events, activities and multiple disciplines, including recreation.
8. Coordinate and cooperate with the U. S. Equestrian Federation, Inc. and Equine Canada in providing qualified officials and judges for Arabian Horse events and activities.
9. Devise and adopt Arabian event and activity rules, regulations and standards.
10. Formulate publicity and educational programs and other activities in the interest of Arabian Horse owners, Arabian Horse organizations, Member Organizations and enthusiasts.

11. Aid, promote and foster the preservation and use of purebred Arabian Horses and the Arabian breed and to engage in all activities and undertakings incidental to or designated to further or promote this objective.
12. Promote, encourage and stimulate popular interest in the outstanding qualities of the Arabian Horse.
13. Effectively maintain, operate and promote the Arabian Horse Registry, Half-Arabian Horse Registry and Anglo-Arabian Horse Registry.
14. Maintain records, support and promote the racing of purebred Arabian Horses in the United States.
15. Do any and all things necessary or appropriate to accomplish the objects and purposes as stated herein and as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation.

Effective: December 31, 2016

RESOLUTION # 2-15

SUBJECT: AHA Bylaw Restructure (Bylaws 2/3rd vote)

SUBMITTED BY: Bylaws Committee

TYPE: Standard

Whereas, The current AHA Bylaws Article IV, Section 3, Paragraph c. reads as follows:
“Appointments. The Board of Directors shall have power to employ an Executive Vice President.”, and

Whereas, The current AHA Bylaws Article IV, Section 3 Paragraph c. is titled “Appointments”, while the verbiage within the paragraph uses “to employ”, the two descriptions have different meanings, and

Whereas, The current AHA Bylaws Article IV, Section 5 reads as follows:

“Duties of the Executive Vice President, The Executive Vice President shall perform such duties as are assigned to the Executive Vice President by the President not inconsistent with law, the Article of Incorporation, the Bylaws, the Merger Agreement, or with any other duly enacted resolution of the Annual Convention. (Res. 3-04) The Executive Vice President shall also make recommendations for approval by the Trustees relating to the staff providing (i) market development and promotion services, (ii) purebred registration services, and (iii) racing services. To the extent that such recommendations affect the staff who would perform the foregoing services as they relate to purebred horses, the Executive Vice President shall obtain the approval of the Trustees before implementing such recommendations, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. In determining the reasonableness of withholding such approval, among other things, the Trustees may consider the effect of the recommendations on the quality, information, speed, and integrity of the market development services, registry services, and services relating to the Arabian Jockey Club as such services were carried out by AHRA prior to the Merger. All employees shall be subject to the personnel policies and procedures applied uniformly to employees or classifications of employees of Arabian Horse Association and subject to discipline, including discharge, should they fail to conduct themselves in accordance with such policies and procedures as the same may be modified from time to time.” , and

Whereas, The current AHA Bylaws Article IV, Section 5 describes the duties of the Executive Vice President which duties, in the opinion of proponent, should be denoted in a new Article within the AHA Bylaws, Therefore Be It

Resolved, That AHA Bylaws Article IV, Section 3, Paragraph c. be amended by striking out the word “~~Appointments~~” and inserting the words “Power to Employ” as the new title, and; Be It Further

Resolved, That the current AHA Bylaws Article IV, Section 5 be deleted and a new Article IX be created to read as follows, (and that the remaining Articles be renumbered accordingly):

“Article IX - Employees

Section 1: The Executive Vice President shall perform such duties as are assigned to the Executive Vice President by the President not inconsistent with law, the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws, the Merger Agreement, or with any other duly enacted resolution of the Annual Convention. (Res. 3-04)

Section 2: The Executive Vice President shall also make recommendations for approval by the Trustees relating to the staff providing:

- (i) market development and promotion services,
- (ii) purebred registration services, and
- (iii) racing services.

Section 3: To the extent that such recommendations affect the staff that would perform the foregoing services as they relate to purebred horses, the Executive Vice President shall obtain the approval of the Trustees before implementing such recommendations, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. In determining the reasonableness of withholding such approval, among other things, the Trustees may consider the effect of the recommendations on the quality, information, speed, and integrity of the market development services, registry services, and services relating to the Arabian Jockey Club as such services were carried out by AHRA prior to the Merger.

Section 4: All employees shall be subject to the personnel policies and procedures applied uniformly to employees or classifications of employees of AHA and subject to discipline, including discharge, should they fail to conduct themselves in accordance with such policies and procedures as the same may be modified from time to time.” And; Be It Further

Resolved, That the verbiage “subject to the provisions in Article IX” be inserted in AHA Bylaws Article IV, Section 3. after the word “President”; and, Be It Further

Resolved, That the current AHA Bylaws Article IV Section 6 be renumbered as Section 5; and, Be It Further

Resolved, That the amended AHA Bylaws Article IV, Section 3, Paragraph c. will read as follows:

“Article IV, Section 3, Paragraph c. Power to Employ
The Board of Directors shall have power to employ an Executive Vice President subject to the provisions in Article IX.”.

Effective: December 31, 2016

RESOLUTION # 3-15
SUBJECT: Change in Delegate Count (Bylaws 2/3rd vote)
SUBMITTED BY: Membership Committee
TYPE: Standard

Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, Delegate participation has fallen drastically in the last few years, and

Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, the Arabian Horse Association and its members would like to attract more Delegates for increased interest, ownership, and participation with Arabian horses, and

Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, more people might attend if Clubs were allowed more Delegates who could share rooms and transportation, and

Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, the more Delegates who are working together will make the Arabian Horse Association a stronger organization for its future, and

Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent , greater Delegate count should add strength in numbers to the Arabian Horse Association's bargaining power with convention venues by adding increased revenue for the chosen site's room block, restaurants, and entertainment facilities; Therefore Be It

Resolved, That the Arabian Horse Association's Bylaws, ARTICLE VI, DELEGATES, Section 1 Voting Delegates, Paragraph c. Number of Delegates, be changed to read;

Paragraph c. Number of Delegates

Member Organizations shall be entitled to be represented at an Annual Convention by one (1) Voting Delegate per thirty-five (35) Adult or Life Members in good standing (or part thereof). The number of members of a Member Organization for delegate purposes shall be the number of Adult or Life Members on whom dues have been received in the office of Arabian Horse Association as of the thirtieth day of June of each year and remain that number until June 30th of the following year. Member Organization Membership approved by the Board of Directors of Arabian Horse Association after the thirtieth day of June of each year and prior to the Annual Convention shall have their delegate count for that initial Annual Convention based on the number of Adult or Life Members submitted on their application and remains that number until June 30th of the following year.

Effective: December 31, 2016

RESOLUTION # 4-15

SUBJECT: Definition of Family (USEF/EC)

SUBMITTED BY: Amateur Committee

TYPE: Standard

Whereas, The Amateur Committee elected a sub committee to review the ownership and amateur relationship rules currently in place with the intent to update them to reflect current realities and current practices, and

Whereas, The definition of family has changed over time and the rules should reflect the legal definition of marriage; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That USEF GR123 Family be changed to read;

For competition purposes the term family includes husband, wife, parent, step-parent, child, brother, step-child, sister, half brother and sister, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, grandmother, grandfather, grandchildren, and in-laws of the same relation as stated above, unless otherwise stipulated in breed/sport rules.

Add Into the Arabian Division

AR110.4.e Family, for competition purposes, the term family include the following: married individuals (husband, wife, spouse), common law individuals (same- or opposite-gender partner, based on your jurisdiction of residence), parent, step parent, child, step-child, brother, sister, half-brother and half-sister, aunt, uncle, niece,

nephew, step-brother and sister, in-laws of the same relation stated above, grand-parents and grand-children of the same relation as stated above.

Effective: December 31, 2016 or when approved by USEF, (reflects current rules of EC)

RESOLUTION # 8-15

SUBJECT: Clarify Working Hunter Over Fences Rules (USEF/EC)

SUBMITTED BY: Hunter/Jumper Committee

TYPE: Standard

Whereas, It was the desire of the Hunter/Jumper Committee to ensure that the rules for Hunter over Fence classes in the Arabian Division are consistent with comparable rules in the Hunter Division, and

Whereas, There has been significant confusion as to what height classes were to be ran at shows and that heights could vary between shows for the same class, The Hunter Jumper Committee wanted to ensure consistency; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That a new AR107.12.c be created as follows;

c. Shows are encouraged to offer open schooling in the competition arena over the course material prior to the start of the competition. Schooling times should be made available, where horses and riders can school over fences and at distances that approximate the show ring conditions. Shows may add and change fences and distances between schooling and actual classes. If a course is set, not all of the fences need to be available for use during schooling sessions. Schooling can be limited to particular fences and distances at the course designers' discretion, however the intent should be to ensure sufficient fences are available, and set at appropriate distances that the exhibitors will be expected to show at, to ensure that all exhibitors have a fair and equal chance to prepare for competition. If distances are changed from the schooling session to the competition, these changes must be noted on the posted course. Competitions may charge a fee for schooling. And, Be It Further

Resolved, That the following be changed in USEF AR157.4;

4. Horses competing in "Horses 14.2H and Under" classes are required to have a USEF/EC horse measurement card or a USEF valid horse measurement form issued by the Federation. Measurements conducted at Licensed Arabian competitions must be in accordance with Subchapter HU-10 or GR502. (EC equivalent G111 and G112) Heel Measurements are not required or considered for Arabian Competitions. BOD 1/12/14 Effective 12/1/14. and: Be It Further

Resolved, That a new USEF AR157.5 and .6 be created as follows;

5. All horses must be serviceably sound. All horses being considered for an award must jog for soundness with rider dismounted (Exception: Under Saddle classes, Working Hunter classes with specifications that do not require horses to jog, local or unrated classes). Horses must return to the ring for soundness consideration wearing an acceptable approved bridle.

6. Warm Up Rounds: No Judged Warm Up classes are to be offered, however all shows are required to offer exhibitors a warm up round at their division height prior to competition. Although this is non judged class an entry/schooling fee may be required. Exhibitors can elect to not enter the warm up rounds., and; Be It Further

Resolved, That USEF AR159 Courses be modified as follows;

1. A Hunter course shall be any course which management deems a fair test of a Hunter. For rules regarding type of fences, see HU122.
 - a) Courses to consist of a minimum of 8 fences.
 - b) Combinations are not required.
 - c) When distances between related fences in all classes, rated or unrated, are 100' or less, the distance must be included on the posted course diagram.
 - d) Distances are to be determined by the course designer and can be adjusted after the schooling session and before competition. Once set they must remain the same for the entire class, exception Combined Hunter, when combined, the distances may be altered as fence heights are adjusted.
 - e) Distances between the fences are determined as per USEF/EC/USHJA Course Design guidelines and are based on the height of the fences, the desired number of strides to be taken between fences, the direction that the horses are jumping and arena conditions such as size and footing, indoor or outdoor. These distances are a guideline and course designers may alter based on conditions.
 - f) All obstacles, except those noted below, must be set at required height. The required height may have a variance of no more than 2" over or under. Exceptions:
 - i. Walk fences may not exceed 2' in height and spread.
 - ii. Trot fences may not exceed 2'6" in height and spread for horses and 2' in height and spread for horses 14.2 HH and under.
 - iii. Brush obstacles, hedges, split-rail fences, simulated rock or stone walls, ditches, banks and other specialty jumps designed to simulate natural obstacles found in the hunt field.
 - iv. The first fence of any hunter course.
and; Be It Further

Resolved, That the remaining be renumbered accordingly, and; Be It Further

Resolved, That USEF AR160 Height of Obstacles be modified as follows

AR160 Height of Obstacles

Regular Hunter Divisions/Classes to be determined as follows (Note any class offered at an AHA approved show that does not specifically adhere to the following nomenclature and specifications will be considered an unrated

- a. Open:
 1. Working Hunter – Open 2'. Horses are not required to jog for soundness.
 2. Combined Hunter Over Fences - 2'3", and 2'6" – At the discretion of Show Management, this division/class(s) may be run as individual classes or as a combined class. When classes are combined, horses can compete at the height of their choice. Horses may only compete once, per class and the height, (2'3" or 2'6") must be declared to the in gate/whipper in prior to the start of the class. Failure to declare which height that the rider wishes to compete at prior to the start of the class will default the entry to the maximum height. If multiple classes or a division is offered at a competition, horses may change the height in which they jump each class. This class is an unrated class only and cannot be offered at Regionals or National Championship Shows. Horses are not required to jog for soundness.
 3. Modified Working Hunter Over Fences – Open - 2'9"
 4. Regular Working Hunter Over Fences – Open - 3'0"
 5. Working Hunter Classic Over Fences - A Hunter Classic is a class shown over two rounds with the top horses returning for a second round. The first round is 10 – 12 fences with the second round over a shortened course of 6 to 8 fences. The number of horses returning for the second round can be determined by show management but may not exceed 12 horses nor can it be less than the number of ribbons plus 2 as entries allow. Classics may be run as a combined hunter competition, with horses competing at 2'6", 2'9 and 3'.

The height that the horse would compete at would be the maximum height that they competed at during the show.

6. Working Hunter Derby – Similar to a Hunter Classic, 2 rounds, but the course should include natural elements and options. Further the 2nd round must be a Handy Hunter Course. Judged in accordance with USHJA Handbook. National Derby Rules. Derby may be run as a combined hunter competition, with horses competing at 2'6", 2'9 and 3'. The height that the horse would compete at would be the maximum height that they competed at during the show.
7. Working Hunter - Cross Rails not to exceed 18". Courses to consist of 8_cross rail fence - Open.

b. Restricted Classes:

1. Horse Eligibility:

- i. Green Working Hunter – Open – 2'6" – Horses in their first or second competition year at 2'6" at a recognized USEF/EC OR AHA Approved show, including one day shows. Horses never to have been shown over fences (Hunter, Equitation or Jumper) at a height of 2'6" (0.8M) or greater prior to the beginning of the competition year. Exception Hunter Hack classes or Horses competing in their 2nd year Green Hunters. A 2nd year green hunter is a horse that has competed at 2'6" or greater in a prior year. Competition years do not need to be consecutive. However if a horse has been shown in any two competition years at a height of 2'6" (0.8M) or greater, it would no longer be eligible to compete as a Green Hunter. It is the sole responsibility of the owner to determine the eligibility of a horse to compete as a Green Hunter. Horses that have competed in Modified Hunter ATR and 14.2 HH and Under prior to the 2017 competition year are still eligible to compete as a Green Hunter Over Fences in the 2017 competition year as long as they did not compete in other classes over 2'6" or higher.
- ii. 14.2 HH and Under Working Hunter Over Fences – Open – 2'6". Must have a USEF measurement card or a USEF/EC valid measurement form issued by the Federation in accordance with AR157.4.
- iii. 14.2 HH and Under Working Hunter – JTR, AATR, ATR, AOTR – 2'3". Must have a USEF/EC measurement card or a USEF form issued by the Federation in accordance with AR157.4.
- iv. 14.2 HH and Under Green Hunter Over Fences – Open – 2'3". Must have a USEF/EC measurement card or a USEF valid measurement form issued by the Federation in accordance with AR157.4. Horses never to have been shown over fences (Hunter, Equitation or Jumper) at a height of 2'3" or greater prior to the beginning of the competition year. Exception: Hunter Hack classes, or horses competing in their 2nd year of 14.2 HH and Under Green Hunters. A 2nd year 14.2 HH and Under Green Hunter is a horse that has competed at 2'3" or greater in a prior year. Competition years do not need to be consecutive. However, if a horse has been shown in any two competition years at height of 2'3" or greater, it would no longer be eligible to compete as a 14.2 HH and Under Green Hunter. It is the sole responsibility of the owner to determine the eligibility of a horse to compete as a 14.2 HH and Under Green Hunter.

c. Rider Eligibility:

1. Working Hunter –ATR, JTR, AATR - 2'0"
2. Modified Working Hunter, JTR/ATR/AATR – 2'3"
3. Junior Exhibitor/Amateur Working Hunter JTR/ATR/AATR – 2'6"
4. Junior Owner/Amateur Owner Working Hunter - JOTR/AOTR/AAOTR – 2'9"
5. Working Hunter – Cross Rails not to exceed 18". 8 cross rail fences, ATR, JTR, AATR

Junior Exhibitor and Adult classes may be split by age groups if entries warrant, and; Be It Further

Resolved, That USEF AR161 Appointments be modified as follows;

1. Tack: As per HU125:
 - a. Light hunter-type bridle, snaffle, pelham and full bridles, all with cavesson nosebands are required. A judge may penalize, but not eliminate, at his own discretion, any horse with unconventional snaffle, pelham or full bridles. Unconventional snaffles, pelhams, or full bridles include, but are not limited to, hunter gags, kimberwicks, etc. Judges must eliminate a horse that competes in bits other than snaffles, Pelham or full bridles, and with nosebands other than cavesson nosebands. Illegal bits include, but are not limited to, three rings, gags, (Except Hunter gags - a Hunter gag is defined as any snaffle bit with slots that can secure the reins, and /or cheek pieces of the headstall to the bit) Full cheek snaffle bits with or without keepers are allowed. Illegal nosebands include, but are not limited to, drop, flash, tack and figure eight nosebands.
 - b. Type of English saddle is optional, but forward seat saddle is recommended.
 - c. Breastplate and/or martingale are optional. (Exception: In Hunter Hack, Hunter Under Saddle and tie-breaking classes, martingales of any type prohibited.)

2. Equipment. As per HU 126 and; Be It Further

Resolved, That the remaining be renumbered accordingly, and; Be It Further

Resolved, That USEF AR162 Working Hunter Specifications be modified as follows;

1. Working and Handy Hunter classes to be judged on Performance. Performance is defined as demonstration of an even hunting pace, manners, jumping style together with faults and way of moving over the course. Manners to be emphasized in Junior Exhibitor and Amateur classes.
2. Under Saddle classes to be shown at a walk, trot and canter. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. A horse shall not be eliminated for slight errors. Judges may ask horses to hand gallop collectively, one direction of the ring, (Exception: green classes). No more than eight will be asked to hand gallop at one time. To be judged on performance and manners. Manners to be emphasized in Junior Exhibitor and Amateur classes., and; Be It Further

Resolved, That the remaining be renumbered accordingly, and; Be It Further

Resolved, That USEF AR163 Championships be modified as follows;

AR163 Divisions and Championships

1. A Division is defined as a minimum of two (2) classes over fences and an Under Saddle. The over fence classes may be Working Hunter, Handy Hunter or Working Hunter Stake. A division can be expanded to include three over fence classes at a shows' discretion.
2. No competition shall offer a Working Hunter Division Championship unless a minimum of three classes are offered, one of which must be an under saddle class and the other two or three over fences. The over fence classes will be considered Working Hunter Classes unless deemed otherwise. Show management or course designer may deem one of the over fence classes a Handy Hunter when courses are posted. Show Management may, prior to the commencement of competition, if three over fence classes are offered, may deem one of the Working Hunter classes a Working Hunter Stake class. Working Hunter Division Champions are calculated in accordance with HU Subchapter 7 Championships, except there is no minimum number of entries required.
3. At Regional and Nationals Competitions, where horses are shown in 3 sections of the same class, riders may not be different from section to section. Exception, if a rider has more than one horse entered in the class, they may appoint another rider to ride their

other entries in the Under Saddle section, or if a rider becomes ill and is unable to continue another rider, with the approval of the show steward, may compete in the remaining sections of the class. The alternate/substitute rider must be eligible to compete in the class where riders are restricted for eligibility. and; Be It Further

Resolved, That the remaining be renumbered accordingly, and; Be It Further

Resolved, That the AHA Handbook COMP 1224. AHA CLASS LIST be changed to read;

10. Working Hunter Warm Up 2'-2'6" /S Max 2'6"

Working Hunter – Open, JTR, ATR, AATR – 2'

Combined Working Hunter - 2'3"and 2'6" (Class may be combined or run as separate classes – unrated class)

Modified Working Hunter – Open - 2'9"

Regular Working Hunter – Open - 3'0"

Working Hunter Classic – Open.

Working Hunter Derby

Green Working Hunter – Open – 2'6" ~~2'9"~~

14.2 HH and Under Working Hunter – Open –2'6".

14.2 HH and Under Working Hunter – JTR, ATR, AATR – 2'3"

14.2 HH and Under Green Working Hunter – Open –2'3"

Modified Working Hunter – JTR, ATR, AATR – 2'3"

Junior/Amateur Working Hunter – JTR/ATR/AATR – 2'6"

Junior Owner/Amateur Owner Working Hunter - JOTR/AOTR/AAOTR – 2'9"

Cross Rails Not to exceed 18"

Effective: December 31, 2016 or when adopted by USEF/EC

RESOLUTION # 9-15

SUBJECT: Leveling Up Modification (USEF/EC)

SUBMITTED BY: Competition Advisory Committee

TYPE: Standard

Whereas, Leveling has been in effect for almost a year, and

Whereas, AHA has been tracking riders from 2002 when The Amateur Achievement Award Program was established, and

Whereas, The Leveling Program utilizes points from the Amateur Achievement Program, and

Whereas, Riders who competed prior to 2002 have expressed that they should be competing at a higher level than their current points reflect; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That USEF AR110.2.d be modified as follows;

- d. When Leveling classes are offered in conjunction with age groups (i.e. AAOTR/AATR 18-39, AAOTR/AATR 40 and over as well as AAOTR/AATR Select Amateur, AAOTR/AATR Choice Amateur, AAOTR/AATR Amateur, Prime Time) a rider may enter their appropriate level or opt to enter a higher level instead (only one level may be entered). When age divisions are not offered, a show may elect to allow exhibitors to enter their appropriate achievement level and/or any higher level(s) (all appropriate qualifications would be required, if applicable). Riders who are deemed Choice by their leveling points may not level down to Select, in addition, Elite riders may not level down to Choice or Select. Exception: in Working Western classes where levels are run concurrently, a show may

elect to allow riders to enter up (not down) in all levels in which appropriate qualifications and entry fees are applied in any circumstance. BOD 1/12/14 Effective 12/1/14

Effective: December 31, 2016 or when approved by USEF/EC

RESOLUTION # 10-15

SUBJECT: Performance Halter Requirements (USEF/EC)

SUBMITTED BY: Competition Advisory Committee

TYPE: Standard

Whereas, Many breeders of Arabian and Half-Arabian /Anglo-Arabian horses breed specifically for performance abilities, and

Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, evaluation and rewarding of excellence in conformation and structure can improve both the capability and durability of our performance horses, and

Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, there is a need for in-hand classes, open to all divisions, and judged by approved Arabian judges, with the goal of evaluating the breed character and athletic potential of the horses shown, and

Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, horses being shown in performance are often engaged in physical activities at shows such as lessons, training, and showing in multiple performance classes, that make the energy level required for a traditional Arabian halter presentation impractical, and

Whereas, Approved shows are already offering such classes; there is a need for uniformity of rules and procedures, and

Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, approved shows will benefit financially from having halter classes available for horses already competing in performance divisions,

Resolved, That a new USEF Subchapter AR 4 be created for Performance Halter Classes as follows;

1. Performance Halter classes (See also AR-1, AR-2 and AR-3)
2. Open, Amateur and Junior Exhibitor classes may be held. Classes will not be split by age. Exception: Prospect class for horses 2 and under at the discretion of show management. Classes must be separated by Arabian and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian. In addition, they must be separated by stallion, mare and gelding. All horses three years of age and older must have been entered and shown in a performance class at the same show as the one in which the performance halter class is being held, or have completed an AHA or AERC sanctioned Endurance ride or a Competitive Trail Ride recognized by AHA or sanctioned by an AHA recognized Competitive Trail riding organization in the past 90 days. Horses qualifying via Endurance or Competitive Trail must present dated proof of completion to the show secretary. If classes are held in conjunction with an AHA or AERC sanctioned Endurance ride or a Competitive Trail riding organization, all registered Arabian and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian horses entered in the ride are eligible to compete.
3. No whips or other attention getting devices are allowed.
4. Horses will be presented in a relaxed and dignified manner. Horses should be positioned with their weight squarely on their feet, not stretched. Horse shall be presented for judging, in a relaxed manner.

5. Horses will be judged using the Arabian Performance Halter Score Sheet, with the results based on the total scores. Shows must post the results no later than one hour after completion of the class.
6. A horse will be eliminated and excused if it:
 - a) is crouching, cowering, buckling at the knees, sweating, trembling, racing backwards or sideways to escape their handlers or other behavior indicating fear, stress or intimidation. This rule will be strictly enforced;
 - b) exhibits any welt or swelling that look like a whip mark, regardless of how this was caused;
 - c) is obviously limping or of impaired gait;
 - d) horse (AR109.3) has fallen;
 - e) see AR105.6 for inhumane treatment and undue stress.
7. A horse may be disqualified, penalized and/or excused for the following:
 - a) exhibits disruptive behavior such that it or other horses are unable to be inspected by the judge;
 - b) exhibits behavior such that the safety of it, the handler, an exhibitor, a judge or another horse is endangered;
 - c) is not under the control of the exhibitor;
 - d) breaks loose from the exhibitor;
 - e) shanking is not permitted.
8. Horses may be shown in a traditional style Arabian show halter, a Western style show halter, or a leather stable halter. Horses may be shown in bridles appropriate to their performance divisions.
9. Horses may be shown braided if braiding is appropriate for their performance division(s). Braiding is not required.
10. Exhibitors may wear any clothing appropriate to the show ring that they feel best represents their horse, and allows them to show their horse to his/her best advantage. Suits or riding habits are not required.
11. Chains through the mouth are not permitted. A chain or leather straps, under the chin or leather pieces connecting the two sides of the halter under the chin, are permitted.
12. No whips, schooling devices, "bagging" shakers, noisemakers or aids of any kind are permitted.; and, Be It Further

Resolved, That a new section for Performance Halters for Class Specifications be included under the new AR Subchapter 4;

1. Shows may use either In the Ring, or Exit the Ring as identified under USEF AR116.6.a and AR116.6.b.
2. For Purebred Performance Halter for Colt/Stallion, Filly/Mare, and Gelding classes, emphasis is placed in the following order: Athletic Structure; Breed type; Quality, Balance and Substance; Neck and Shoulder; Back, Loin, and Hip; Legs and Feet; Movement.
3. For Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Performance Halter for Filly/Mare and Gelding classes, emphasis is placed in the following order: Athletic Structure; Quality; Balance and Substance; Neck and Shoulder; Back; Loin and Hip; Legs and Feet; Movement
4. For definitions/rules/restrictions not covered herein refer to AR-1, AR-2 and AR-3; and, Be It Further

Resolved, That the remaining USEF subchapters be renumbered, and, Be It Further

Resolved, That the Education/Evaluation Commission has the authority to create and modify the Performance Halter Score Card to meet the needs of this class.

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RESOLUTION # 13-15

SUBJECT: Cross Rail 10 & Under Class (USEF/EC)

SUBMITTED BY: Hunter/Jumper Committee

TYPE: Standard

Whereas In the opinion of the proponent, there is a need to exclude the Cross Rails 10 & Under riders from the canter/lope rules, and

Whereas, It is natural for a horse to jump at a canter. When a horse canters in a straight or bending line between jumps this is to be encouraged and not penalized as such the rules should not contradict horsemanship or standard educational practices by penalizing horses; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That USEF AR253 Cross Rails 10 & Under Specifications be changed to read:

Manners are paramount. Horse and rider must follow the appointments as set forth in the Arabian Working Hunter Subchapter. Courses, Conduct, Height of Obstacles, and class specifications are held in accordance with the Arabian Working Hunter Subchapter., and; Be It Further

Resolved, That USEF AR162.9 Working Hunter Division/Class Specifications be changed to read:

9. Cross Rails 10 & Under. Manners are paramount. Riders are allowed to choose the gaits on course. Courses to consist of 8 cross-rail fences, not to exceed 18" in height. Trotting the full course is not to be penalized.; and, Be It Further

Resolved, That USEF AR249 be changed to read;

1. Saddle Seat Equitation
To be shown at a walk and trot
2. Hunter Seat Equitation on the Flat.
To be shown at a walk and trot
3. Hunter Seat Equitation over Cross Rails.
Riders are allowed to choose the gaits over 8 cross rail fences not to exceed 18" in height.
and; Be It Further

Resolved, That USEF AR 245.2 be changed to read;

2. A rider must never have been judged in a class at a Recognized or Licensed Competition that required a canter or lope. Exception: Short Stirrup Reining Riders and Cross Rail 10 & Under Riders.; and, Be It Further

Resolved, That USEF AR227 be changed to read;

WALK-JOG TRAIL – Riders may not be more than ten years of age as of December 1st of the current competition year. Horse and rider must follow the appointments as set forth in the Arabian Western Pleasure Sub-Chapter. The rider must never have been judged in a class at a Licensed Competition that required a canter or lope.

Exception: Short Stirrup Reining Riders and Cross Rails 10 & Under. Obstacles are to consist of no more than three non-elevated poles and no more than three jog over poles, serpentine(s), open gates, straight back through. Prohibited obstacles include water, tarps, drags, pick-up objects and closed gates.

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RESOLUTION # 14-15

SUBJECT: Clarity on Hunter Hack Fence Heights (USEF/EC)

SUBMITTED BY: Hunter/Jumper Committee

TYPE: Standard

Whereas, The Hunter Jumper Committee desired increased clarity on fence heights for Hunter Hack Classes, and

Whereas, The Hunter Jumper Committee wanted to improve the clarity of the class procedures to ensure consistency of class procedures; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That USEF AR162.6 Working Hunter Division/Class Specifications be changed as follows:

6. HUNTER HACK. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter. Eight horses, if available, but never more than eight at a time, are required to hand gallop one direction of the ring. Horses are also required to jump two fences. To be judged on performance, manners and soundness. This class does not count toward *any* Working Hunter Division Championship. Horses eliminated during either phase of the class cannot be considered for an award. Causes for elimination are per HU, subchapter HU 5.
 - a. Classes that can be offered Open, Junior Horse, ATR, AATR, JTR, AAOTR, JOTR, AOTR, AAOTR. Age splits are permitted.
 - b. Premiums / Prize Lists MUST indicate the maximum height of the fences either 2', 2'3", 2'6". One of the two fences must be at that height, plus or minus 2". The first fence must be no lower than 2'. The second fence should be an oxer not wider than 18" and equal to or higher than the first fence.
 - c. Regional and National Junior Exhibitor, Amateur and Junior Horse classes will be set at 2'3", Open Classes at 2'6".
 - d. Horses are shown first on the flat and then shown over 2 fences. The two fences may be either a single line, related distance, or two single fences, with an unrelated distance, i.e. not in a straight line. Two single fences with an unrelated distance is preferred. It is required that horses and riders have the opportunity before the start of the class to warm up over the two fences, in the direction that they are to be jumped.
 - e. For Hunter Hack, it is not required that courses be posted. If no other over fence classes are offered the course designer will set two fences, as per section d. above in consultation with the judge. If there is no designated course designer then show management, with the judge will set the two fences as per section d. above. If over fences classes are being held and multiple fences are available in the arena to jump, the fences will be determined in consultation with the judge and course designer. If a course is not posted, instructions will be given by the judge to the exhibitors as to which two fences are to be jumped.

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RESOLUTION # 15-15

SUBJECT: Creation of Sport Horse Showmanship (USEF/EC)

SUBMITTED BY: Sport Horse Committee

TYPE: Standard

Whereas, Sport Horse Showmanship is currently being offered at several shows as an unrecognized class, and

Whereas, Exhibitors have expressed a desire to have Sport Horse Showmanship as a recognized AHA class; Therefore, Be It Resolved

Resolved, That a new USEF AR176 Sport Horse Showmanship be created as follows;

1. Purpose - To be judged on presentation of horse, neatness and appearance of handler, overall condition of the horse, handling techniques, appropriate tack and equipment, and ability to show the horse to the best advantage.
2. General
 - a. Classes may be divided by age of handler.
 - b. Unsoundness of the horse being shown shall not penalize a handler unless it is sufficiently severe as to impair the required performance, in which case penalty is at the judge's discretion.
 - c. Offering prize money in Youth Sport Horse Showmanship is prohibited.
 - d. A minimum of six ribbons should be awarded, but no more than ten places are recommended.
 - e. Hair must be neat and securely fastened so as not to cover the handler's number. The handler's number must be worn on the back and must be clearly visible.
 - f. Excessive coaching or unauthorized assistance in any manner is subject to penalty or disqualification at the judge's discretion. It is recommended that stallions be prohibited, but it must be stated in the prize list.
3. Class Conduct
 - a. The AHA Individual Sport Horse Showmanship Score Sheet shall be used. Each judge will be assigned a scribe who will record scores and comments as dictated by the judge. Horses will be shown individually on the triangle. The AHA score sheets will be provided to competition management by AHA. Competition management may make as many individual copies as necessary for their competition.
 - b. Following a posted or announced order, or on request from the judge, entries in each class will approach the judging area one at a time, and walk to the apex of the triangle. The presentation judging while the horse is stationary may take place before or after performance on the triangle, so wait for the judge's instructions. Wait for the judge's request to proceed on the triangle. The handler will lead the horse on the perimeter of the triangle at the walk and trot, returning to the apex and wait for further instructions. At the completion of the judging, the handler will lead the horse away from the judging area. The triangle may be adjusted to fit local conditions.
 - c. The horse is to be shown in an "open position." The traditional way of showing open position would be with the right front leg slightly back and the right hind leg slightly forward; but as long as all four legs of the horse are visible to the judge when standing on either side of the horse, this stance would be acceptable. The horse's head and neck should be allowed to show in a natural and comfortable carriage, and the handler should stand away from the horse with a loose lead line.
 - d. Judge must excuse from the ring any unruly horse or one whose actions threaten to endanger other exhibitors or their entries.
 - e. A whip may be used to guide the horse.
 - f. Decimals may be used in scoring.
 - g. Tied scores for Sport Horse Showmanship shall be broken first by referring to presentation and handling score, then movement scores (walk and trot presentation). If still tied, the tie will be broken at the judge's discretion.
 - h. Scores shall be reported as a total possible 100 points. All scores and placings must be posted.
 - i. If a mathematical error on the score sheet is discovered, it must be brought to the attention of competition management within one hour of the official posting of the scores from the last class of the competition day. Competition management must announce said

posting, and must make score sheets available to competitors as soon as possible after completion of the class.

4. For appointments, see AR177
5. Showmanship Faults/Eliminations

Faults	Eliminations
Excessive amounts of oil, grease or other similar substances	Removal of eyelashes
Not following the judge's instructions	Improper tack
Handlers not showing the horse, but just showing themselves	Any handler not having his horse under sufficient control
Not lining up in front of the judge when walking and trotting	
Standing in a position to obstruct the judge's view of the horse	
Excessive use of the whip or actions that may disturb other entries	
Not holding the lead/reins correctly or jerking the lead/reins excessively	
Improper attire or attire not clean and neat	
Horse in poor condition, not clean or properly groomed	
Tack that is not clean	
Use of black hoof polish	
Number not worn or improperly displayed	

and, Be It Further

Resolved, That the remaining sections be renumbered.

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RESOLUTION # 16-15
SUBJECT: Limited Reined Cow Horse Defined (USEF/EC)
SUBMITTED BY: Working Western Committee
TYPE: Standard

Whereas, It is the desire of the Cow Horse participants to emulate the rules and classes in NRCHA as much as possible, and

Whereas, In NRCHA the only limited Reined Cow Horse class (boxing only) is for Non-Pro entry level, youth or older Non-Pro exhibitors, and

Whereas, The use of term "Limited" horse has caused confusion with show management, judges and exhibitors alike, and

Whereas, A "Limit" horse class is allowed in most A/HA/AA divisions; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That USEF AR213.3 be modified as follows;

3. Limited Reined Cow Horse: This class introduces the rider to the boxing phase of the cow work....; and, Be It Further

Resolved, That USEF AR214.3 be deleted and the remaining section be renumbered;

3. LIMITED REINED COW HORSE, AMATEUR. Limited Reined Cow Horse classes are for amateur and junior riders who cannot have shown down the fence 3 actual runs in any judged classes or events with the exception of horse sales. Being entered in a class that includes the fence work will be counted as going down the fence regardless if the rider boxed the cow and pulled up before the run was completed. This class is also open to approved Non-Pro Limited riders who comply with all eligibility rules (See NRCHA Non-Pro eligibility rules/USEF Amateur rules). After Non-Pro competitors reach the age of fifty (50), they may fall back into the Non-Pro Limited class (Limited Reined Cow Horse). The Non-Pro Limited Competitors;
 - a. May not go down the fence again in any judged class(es) or event(s) with the exception of horse sales.
 - b. May fall back into the Non-Pro Limited Reined Cow Horse division/class only once.

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RESOLUTION # 18-15

SUBJECT: Hunter Seat Equitation Updates (USEF/EC)

SUBMITTED BY:

TYPE: Standard

Whereas, The Hunter/Jumper Committee struck a subcommittee to look at all of the Hunter Rules and look at updating the existing rules in the USEF/EC Rule book to ensure consistency with the Hunter and Hunt Seat Equitation Rules in the Open Division, and

Whereas, The Hunter Seat Equitation rules have not been updated for some time and since a number of new classes have been developed and are common on the Hunter/Jumper Circuit and it is the opinion of the subcommittee that these classes would have merit and usefulness in the Arabian Show Ring; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That USEF AR229 Hunter/Jumper Seat Equitation be modified as follows;

1. For rules governing Hunter/Jumper Seat Equitation classes, refer to Chapter EQ, Subchapter EQ- 2 HUNTER/JUMPER SEAT EQUITATION except:
 - a. EQ103 Eligibility to Compete
 - b. EQ 108 Course Requirements
 - c. EQ 109 Course Designers. Course Designers requirements are as per AR159.
 - d. EQ110 Requirements for Specific Classes
 - e. EQ111 USHJA Zone and Regional Championships
2. Hunter Seat Equitation Over Obstacles Classes:
 - a. Classes:
 - i. Modified Equitation Over Obstacles – 2'3"- JTR, ATR, AATR
 - ii. Junior / Adult Equitation Over Obstacles– 2'9"- JTR, ATR, AATRNote: Riders must enter the Equitation Division based on the fence heights in the Hunter or Jumper Classes that they have entered shown and been judged in at the same competition or tournament. If they have competed over 2'6" at the same competition they must show in the 2'9" Equitation Division. No cross entry is permitted between the two equitation classes.
 - b. Course Requirements:
 - i. Classes must be held over at least eight obstacles.
 - ii. All obstacles must be at least 5'6" wide across the jumpable portion.
 - iii. Combinations are prohibited in classes restricted to riders 14 years old and under.
 - iv. Verticals may be jumped in either direction provided ground lines are correct, i.e. no false ground lines.

- v. In Modified Equitation Over Obstacles - 2'3" and AHA Modified Equitation Over Obstacles Medal- 2'3" classes the course must have at least one change of direction and at least one oxer. In addition the course should include some of the following:
 - a. Bending Line
 - b. Fence at the end of the ring
 - c. Trot fence
 - d. Long approach to a single jump
- vi. In Junior/Adult Equitation Over Obstacles - 2'9" and AHA Junior Equitation Over Obstacles Medal – 2'9" classes the course must include at least two changes of direction and 1/3 of the fences should be oxers. In addition, all courses must include at least three of the following:
 - a. Bending Line
 - b. Narrow Jump (5'6"-8')
 - c. Roll-back Turn
 - d. Fence at the end of the ring
 - e. Trot fence
 - f. Long approach to a single jump
 - g. A combination
 - h. If an option fence is used, a rider may choose to jump either fence. If the horse stops at one of the options, the rider is scored with a refusal and if the fence is dislodged must wait for the fence to be reset, but may then jump either option.
 - i. Obstacles jumped in any further testing requested by the judge, must have been included in the original course. Jumps must be jumped in the original direction unless otherwise specified.

3. Hunter Seat Equitation – Not to Jump.

Horses to be shown at the Walk, Posting Trot, Sitting Trot and Canter. A lengthening or shortening of stride may be called for at any gate. Horses may be asked to back on the rail or in line up. Additional tests, EQ112, may be called for but if the class entry is age restricted the tests must be consistent with AHA Medal class requirements as outlined below.

- a. For AHA Hunter Seat Equitation – Not to Jump Medal (13 & Under), Regional (13 & Under) and National (13 & Under). Not to Jump classes, all contestants are required to perform both the rail work and two or more individual tests from Equitation rule EQ 112, Tests 1-5, 8.
- b. For AHA Hunter Seat Equitation – Not to Jump Medal (14-18, 18 & Under and Adult), Regional (14-18, 18 & Under and Adult) and National (14-18, 18 & Under and Adult) Not to Jump classes, all contestants are required to perform both the rail work and two or more individual tests from Equitation rule EQ112 tests 1-5, 8-9, 11-19. Exception: Test 16 may be called for only at the AHA National Competition.
- c. All Medal, Regional and National Championship classes are a two phase class and all riders must return for additional testing to be considered for an award. For tests from which judges must choose, see EQ112.
 - i. Judging is based on 50% rail work and 50% pattern work.
 - ii. Patterns must be posted one hour before the class, 24 hours for Regional and National Championships.
 - iii. A rider going off pattern is not eliminated from consideration for an award but must be severely penalized.
 - iv. A Fall of horse or rider in any phase of the class is cause for elimination.

4. AHA Jumper Seat Equitation Over Obstacles – .90

- a. AHA Jumper Seat Medal Qualifying classes may be held at any AHA licensed competition which holds Jumper Classes.
- b. Classes for JTR, AATR or combined classes may be offered.
- c. Course Requirements:

- i. The class must utilize jumper style Obstacles and the course should be of the type used in the Junior/Amateur Jumper classes.
 - ii. The course must include at least eight Obstacles set at .90m, at least on double combination, and at least 3 spreads from .70m to .90m. A small Liverpool may be used at the discretion of the course designer.
 - iii. Start and Finish markers must be used. Time allowed will be figured at 350 meters per minute and may be timed either electronically or manually.
 - d. Judging Requirements and Judging system:
 - i. The AHA .90M Jumper Seat shall be judged on the rider's equitation style, technical merit, judgment and execution of an efficient, time saving pace and track.
 - ii. One (1) point will be subtracted from the rider's score for each commenced second over the time allowed and four (4) points will be deducted for each knockdown on course.
 - iii. Judges are asked to walk the course when possible and where there are striding options, the judges are asked not to penalize an option that might be used to achieve the best result appropriate to the track taken and the individual horse/rider combination.
 - iv. JP134 (The competition round) and JP135 (Timing) will apply.
 - v. No work-off is required
 - vi. Two refusals will incur elimination.
 - e. Tack and Saddlery Restrictions, as per JP111 with the exception of:
 - i. Blinkers are forbidden
 - ii. Running martingales used in the conventional manner are permitted. Standing martingales, draw reins, or restricted running martingales are prohibited.
 - iii. Reins must be attached to the bit(s) or directly to the bridle. Gags, including Hunter Gags, are prohibited.
 - iv. In a multiple Judge system placings will be determined as per the appropriate AHA rule pertaining to the number of judges. If Multiple systems are available then the Show will state in the prize list which system will be utilized:
5. Specialty Classes:
- AHA Hunter Seat Equitation Medal Final- 2'9" –JTR, ATR, AATR - May be held only at National Championship Shows (Youth, Sport, Canada) Only. Any rider qualified for the National Hunter Seat Over Obstacles Final is qualified for the Medal Final. No additional qualifications are required.
- a. Class Conduct: The class is a two phase class, Over Obstacles followed by a flat phase. Tack and Equipment changes are allowed between phases. Martingales must be removed for the Flat Phase.
 - b. Over Obstacles Phase: To be conducted as per Junior/Amateur Hunter Seat Medal Over Obstacles 2'9". Riders will complete the over fence phase of the class first.
 - c. Only those riders who successfully complete the course (not eliminated) will return for the flat phase. All riders will work collectively on the rail and are required to be judged at the walk, working trot rising, working trot sitting and working canter, both ways of the ring. A lengthening of any gait can be called for by the judge (Call judge in a multi judge system) at their discretion. In addition to they may be required to do any of the following tests from the USEF Hunt Seat Equitation (EQ112)
 - d. At the completion of the Over Obstacles and Flat phase, the top 4 riders will be required to return to complete additional tests chosen by the judges. In a multi judged system, the top 4 riders will be determined by having each judge score the class and submit their results to the scorer. Once the class is scored the top 4 riders will be asked to return to the arena for individual testing. Each judge will be asked to score these four based solely on the ride off. The Champion and Reserve will be determined based on the ride off results only. The test to determine the Champion and Reserve Champion will be

determined by the Call Judge and the test will NOT be posted. The Test can be over obstacles or on the flat or a combination of any tests from the approved list. The Call Judge may consult with the other judges on the panel in determining the test. Horse Rider combinations may be asked to remain in the ring. If they are excused from the ring no consultation with coaches/family is permitted. This will be monitored by a Steward. If a rider does not return for testing he/she will be placed at the bottom of the Top 4 for placing purposes. Tests as per EQ112.

- e. Scoring: To be judged 50% on Flat phase and 50% on Over Obstacles phase.
- 6. FEI approved safety mechanisms must be used in conjunction with a cup that is at least 1 ½ inches deep and at least 3 inches wide for the back rail of all oxers in the competition ring.
- 7. FEI approved safety cups must be made readily available for each equitation schooling area. Breakable pins such as wooden dowels are permitted in an equitation schooling area only when safety cups are not available.
- 8. Schooling Rules for all equitation classes will follow USEF Jumper Schooling Rules (see JP Appendix A) EXCEPT that Swedish Oxers (maximum 12" difference), tarps, coolers and liverpools are acceptable. and; Be it further

Resolved That USEF AR239 AHA Medal Class Requirements be changed as follows:

- 2. All USEF (EC equivalent) Arabian Competitions that offer a Junior Section (Youth Division) must offer the following AHA Medal classes:
 - c. AHA Hunter Seat Medal Over Obstacles Medal 2'9" and AHA Modified Hunter Seat Medal Over Obstacles Medal - 2'3" (Refer to class specifications for AHA Medal Classes)
 - d. AHA Hunter Seat Medal Not to Jump Medal (Refer to class specifications for AHA Medal Classes)
 - g. Exceptions: Competitions that do not offer Dressage classes are not required to offer the Dressage Seat Medal class; competitions that do not offer a Hunter Over Fences section are not required to offer the Hunter Seat Medal Over Obstacles Medal class. Competitions not offering Hunter Over Obstacles Classes at 2'9" or above do not have to offer the AHA Hunter Seat Medal Over Obstacles 2'9".

- 21. Class specification for AHA Medal classes are as follows:
 - a. AHA Hunter Seat Over Obstacles Medal 2'9" class. To be shown over a course of not fewer than 8 obstacles with fence heights of 2'9". And AHA Modified Hunter Seat Over Obstacles Medal class – 2'3". To be shown over a course of not fewer than 8 obstacles with fence heights of 2'3". See AR 229 for class conduct and course requirements.
Two or more tests of the top four contestants are required from EQ112 Tests 1-7, 9-15, 17-19 (EC equivalent). and; Be It Further

Resolved, That AHA COMP 504.2.a be changed as follows;

- 2. Judges must be on the current AHA Recognized Judges list or be licensed in their respective divisions or hold an AHA Specialty Judges' Card (refer to COMP 504.3) to adjudicate the following specialty classes: (Res. 41-10)
 - a. Hunter Seat Equitation Over Obstacles – 2'9" and Modified Equitation Over Obstacles – 2'3", a USEF/EC judge licensed in the Hunter Seat Division. (Refer to COMP 503.6) and; Be It Further

Resolved, That AHA COMP 708.1.c be changed as follows;

- All AHA Recognized Shows that offer AHA Medal classes must offer the respective equitation classes. (Res. 53-71)
- c. Hunter Seat Equitation Over Obstacles – 2'9" and Modified Equitation – 2'3".
and; Be It Further

Resolved, That AHA COMP 708.7 be changed as follows:

7. Markers shall not be used in Saddle Seat Equitation classes.

Resolved, That AHA COMP 709 and 709.2 and 709.2.c and 709.2.d be changed as follows;

For class specifications for Hunter Seat Equitation Over Obstacles – 2'9" Medal, Modified Equitation – 2'3" Medal, Saddle Seat Medal, Reining Seat Medal, Hunter Seat Not to Jump Medal, Western Horsemanship Medal and Dressage Seat Medal refer to the Arabian Division, Equitation.

2. All USEF (EC equivalent) Arabian Competitions that offer a Junior Section (Youth Division) must offer the following AHA Medal classes. (Exception: AHA Regional Shows, AHA One Day Shows, Dressage Seat Equitation and Hunter Seat Equitation Over Obstacles – 2'9" and Modified Hunter Seat Equitation – 2'3". A show that does not offer any dressage classes is not required to offer AHA Dressage Seat Medal). If Arabian Competitions offer Hunter Seat Equitation Over Obstacles or Dressage classes, they must offer the corresponding medal. All-Arabian Sport Horse Competitions offering a dressage division must only offer the Dressage Seat Medal class and corresponding equitation class. (Res.22-10):

c. AHA Hunter Seat Equitation Over Obstacles – 2'9" and Modified Hunter Seat Equitation – 2'3".

~~d. AHA Hunter Seat Not to Jump Medal 18 and Under (Refer to USEF/EC class specifications for AHA Medal classes) Markers shall not be used.~~ and; Be It Further

Resolved, That AHA COMP 809.7 and 809.8 be changed as follows;

7. Hunter Seat Equitation Over Obstacles – 2'9" and Modified Hunter Seat Equitation Over Obstacles – 2'3". In these Hunter Seat Equitation classes there is no rail work completed except the top four riders chosen based upon cumulative scores in the over fence phase of the class, utilizing the Hunter Over Fences scoring system, must return for further testing. The riders are required to perform two or more tests from USEF Test 1-7, 9-15, 17-19, or EC equivalent. Only one rider per horse. (BOD 8/08)

8. Hunter Seat Not To Jump. In Hunter Seat Equitation Not To Jump, all riders are required to perform the pattern. Riders ...

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RESOLUTION # 20-15

SUBJECT: Western Seat Equitation (USEF/EC)

SUBMITTED BY: Equitation/Showmanship Committee

TYPE: Standard

Whereas, It is the desire of the Equitation/Showmanship Committee to be consistent in the causes for elimination in both Western Seat Equitation and Western Horsemanship, and

Whereas, The Equitation/Showmanship Committee has developed a chart for inclusion in the Equitation Manual and for utilization by the EEC for Western Seat Equitation and Western Horsemanship, and

Whereas, The causes for elimination need to be listed in the USEF/EC rule books; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That USEF AR231.1 be amended to read, For rules governing Western Seat Equitation refer to Chapter EQ, Subchapter EQ-4, Western Seat Equitation, EQ121-124. And, Be It Further

Resolved, That USEF AR231.6 be created to read,

Mandatory Causes for Elimination

- a) See AR105.6 for inhumane treatment and undue stress
- b) Excessive schooling or training
- c) Fall of horse or rider
- d) Illegal use of hands on reins
- e) Use of prohibited equipment
- f) Spurring/kicking in front of cinch
- g) Equipment failure that delays completion of the pattern or rail

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RESOLUTION # 22-15

SUBJECT: Western Horsemanship Extended Gaits on the Rail (USEF/EC)

SUBMITTED BY: Equitation/Showmanship Committee

TYPE: Standard

Whereas, Resolution 15-13 passed in 2013 creating the extended jog and lope as tests from which judges must choose in Western Horsemanship, and

Whereas, Clarification is needed about the utilization of the extended jog and lope on the rail; Therefore, Be it

Resolved, That USEF AR233.1 be amended to read:
Riders enter the ring at a jog and are judged at a flat-footed four beat walk, two beat jog and a three beat lope both ways of the ring. Extended jog and lope may be called on the rail and/or in the pattern. The order to reverse may be executed by turning toward or away from the rail.

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RESOLUTION # 23-15

SUBJECT: Western Horsemanship Causes for Elimination (USEF/EC)

SUBMITTED BY: Equitation/Showmanship Committee

TYPE: Standard

Whereas, It is the desire of the Equitation/Showmanship Committee to be consistent in the causes for elimination in both Western Seat Equitation and Western Horsemanship, and

Whereas, The Equitation/Showmanship Committee has developed a chart for inclusion in the Equitation Manual and for utilization by the EEC for Western Seat Equitation and Western Horsemanship, and

Whereas, The causes for elimination need to be listed in the USEF/EC rule books; Therefore be it

Resolved, That USEF AR233.5 be amended to read;
5. Mandatory Causes for Elimination
a) See AR105.6 for inhumane treatment and undue stress
b) Excessive schooling or training
c) Fall of horse or rider
d) Illegal use of hands on reins

- e) Use of prohibited equipment
- f) Spurring/kicking in front of cinch
- g) Equipment failure that delays completion of the pattern or rail

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RESOLUTION # 24-15

SUBJECT: Western Horsemanship Rider Position in Extended Gaits (USEF/EC)

SUBMITTED BY: Equitation/Showmanship Committee

TYPE: Standard

Whereas, Resolution 15-13 passed in 2013 creating the extended jog and lope as tests from which judges must choose in Western Horsemanship, and

Whereas, Currently in the USEF/EC rule books rider position at the extended gaits is not defined, and

Whereas, The Equitation/Showmanship Committee has developed language to describe the position for the extended gaits; Therefore, Be it

Resolved, That a new USEF AR234.1 and 234.2 be created to read:

1. Extended jog: The rider should stay square and maintain proper overall body position yet animate their seat to encourage forward motion of the horse. The lower leg, while maintaining light contact and proper position may also become moderately more active to encourage the horse to lengthen its stride while maintaining cadence. The horses stride should lengthen or extend not quicken. The length of stride should not be any greater than is comfortable for the individual horse to carry and maintain.
2. Extended lope: The rider should have a square balanced torso over a soft, connected seat. The rider's seat may rhythmically drive the stride of the horse forward yet not interfere with the cadence of the gait. The horse should transition within a few strides from the lope to the extended lope, which is a lengthened stride not a quickened pace. The length of stride should not be any greater than is comfortable for the individual horse to carry and maintain.

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RESOLUTION # 27-15

SUBJECT: Showmanship Class Procedure (USEF/EC)

SUBMITTED BY: Equitation/Showmanship Committee

TYPE: Standard

Whereas, It is the desire of the Equitation/Showmanship Committee to have clarity in class procedures in conducting showmanship classes, and

Whereas, The Equitation/Showmanship Committee has further defined these procedures in the Equitation Manual which do need to be in the USEF/EC rule books; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That USEF AR241.2 be amended to read:

The pattern for each class must be posted one hour (Regionals and Nationals – 24 hours) prior to the start of the class and indicate which one (1) of the three (3) procedures will be used.

241.2.a In the Ring – Exhibitors enter arena and remain collectively for the entire class. Exhibitors are to enter the arena at the walk. Trot at the marker and line up at the discretion of the ringmaster.

241.2.b In and Out of the Ring – Exhibitors enter arena one at a time and are excused at the completion of their pattern.

241.2.c At the Gate – Exhibitors enter arena one at a time and are gathered in arena for final inspection as a collective group.

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RESOLUTION # 28-15

SUBJECT: Showmanship Judging Guidelines (USEF/EC)

SUBMITTED BY: Equitation/Showmanship Committee

TYPE: Standard

Whereas, It is the desire of the Equitation/Showmanship Committee to clarify the judging guidelines in USEF AR 242 due to the approval of Resolution 18-13 in 2013, and

Whereas, the Equitation/Showmanship Committee has completed the work to bring the judging guidelines in accordance with the Resolution 18-13 through the Equitation Manual;
Therefore, Be it

Resolved, That USEF AR242.1 be amended as follows:

Good Showmanship is developed through the knowledge and understanding of the horse and the ability of the handler to present the team in a confident manner. Showmanship involves the handling of the horse, learning the horse's conformation, learning how to position and present the horse at its best, and understanding the disposition of the horse. Showmanship teaches the handler poise and self-carriage. A good Showmanship handler shows alertness and a confident attitude, always presenting the horse in a positive manner, and paying attention to every detail. The handler is always aware of their surroundings, the horse, the judge and the other exhibitors.

The showmanship class is not a halter class and should not be judged as such. The conformation of the horse is not to be judged, since the horse is considered a means of displaying the abilities of the showman. Horses are to be presented in the appointments (tack and attire) suitable for that horse's style. The class is designed to evaluate the exhibitor's ability to execute, in concert with their horse, a set of maneuvers prescribed by the judge with precision and smoothness while exhibiting poise and confidence, all while maintaining a balanced, functional and fundamentally correct body position.

Style of presentation should be decided upon by two primary considerations. First, the type of horse, its movement and way of going determine if it is best to go western, hunter, saddle seat, dressage or show hack style. Safety is paramount when considering the type of lead and method of attachment or utilization of the reins to lead. Consideration of the size of the horse and height of the handler is important to a safe and successful presentation., and, Be It Further

Resolved, That USEF AR242.2. a b and c be amended as follows:

a. Leading

1. The exhibitor must lead on the horse's left side holding the lead in the right hand a reasonable length, with safety in mind. The right hand must remain on the lead at all times (not on the chain). It is not appropriate to switch hands while completing the maneuvers (except set-up). If exhibitor has changed hands during the set up maneuver, they are to put the lead back in the right hand for all other maneuvers. Smaller exhibitors may need to use a longer hold on the lead strap. Hold the excess lead strap in your left hand, either in a round coil or a figure-8, as long as it is being handled safely by the

exhibitor. Both options are acceptable and exhibitors will not be penalized for either method used. The Figure-8 should not be taped as this compromises safety. When leading, the exhibitor should be positioned between the eye and the mid-point of the horse's neck, referred to as the leading position.

2. Leading, backing, turning and initiating the set-up should be performed from the left side of the horse. At no time should the exhibitor ever stand directly in front of the horse. The exhibitor should not touch the horse with their hands or feet, or visibly cue the horse by pointing their feet at the horse during the set-up
3. The horse should be led in a straight or curved line, as indicated in the pattern, and track briskly and freely at the prescribed gait as instructed. The horse's head and neck should be straight and in line with the body.
4. Both arms should be bent at the elbow with the elbows held close to the exhibitor's side and the forearms held in a natural position. Height of the arms may vary depending on the size of the horse and exhibitor, but the arms should never be held straight out with the elbows locked.
5. When demonstrating the trot, the exhibitor should run as naturally as possible. The exhibitors should demonstrate a natural frame and gait.

b. Showing

1. The exhibitor should perform the work accurately, precisely, smoothly, and with a reasonable amount of speed. Increasing speed of the work increases the degree of difficulty; however, accuracy and precision should not be sacrificed for speed. The horse should lead, stop, back, turn and set up willingly, briskly and readily with minimal visible or audible cueing. A severe disobedience will not result in a disqualification but should be penalized severely, and the exhibitor should not place above an exhibitor that completes the pattern correctly. Excessive schooling or training, willful abuse, loss of control of the horse by the exhibitor shall be cause for disqualification.
2. The presentation/set up.... The horse may be set up with a split stance or square. Either option is allowed and acceptable. Exhibitors will not be penalized for either set up style. Exhibitor should stand toward the front, off the horse's shoulder, facing the horse. If at any time the horse is out of position, the exhibitor should work to position the horse correctly.
3. After the horse is set up for inspection...As the judge moves around the horse, handlers should position themselves so as to avoid obstructing the judge's view of the horse. The handler is to show using the Quarter System, where the exhibitor is always in the quadrant next to the judge. The horse should be shown quietly and effectively at all times. Handlers must not just show themselves. The exhibitor should maintain a position that is safe for themselves and the judge. The position of the exhibitor should not obstruct the judge's view of the horse and should allow the exhibitor to maintain awareness of the judge's position at all times. The exhibitor should not crowd other exhibitors when setting up side-by-side or head-to-tail. When moving around the horse, the exhibitor should change sides in front of the horse with minimal steps (3-4) and should assume the same position on the right side of the horse that they had on the left side.
4. The position of the exhibitor when executing a turn to the right is the same as the leading position except that the exhibitor should turn and face toward the horse's head and have the horse move away from them to the right.
5. Pull turns (pulling horse toward you to left) to the left should be 90 degrees or less.
6. Push turns/Pivot (pushing the horse away from you) On turns of greater than 90 degrees, the turn consists of the horse pivoting on a hind leg while stepping across and in front of the right front leg with the left front leg.
7. When executing a back, the exhibitor should turn from the leading position to face toward the rear of the horse with the right hand extended in front of the exhibitor's chest still maintaining slight bend in the elbow and walk forward. The ideal position is for the exhibitor's left shoulder to be in alignment with the horse's left front leg.
8. The horse should back up readily with the head, neck and body aligned in a straight or curved line as instructed by the pattern.

9. The stop should be straight, prompt, smooth and responsive with the horse's body remaining straight.
10. Crowding should be penalized, as it is dangerous. The handler should maintain 8-10' from the horse in front of them in a head to tail line. When lined up side by side, there needs to be sufficient room between entries. If someone is at risk – they are too close.

c. Poise/Alertness/Attitude

1. Exhibitors should be poised, confident, courteous and genuinely sportsmanlike at all times, quickly recognizing and correcting faults in the positioning of the horse. The exhibitor should continue showing the horse until the class has been placed or they have been excused, unless otherwise instructed by the judge. The exhibitor should appear business-like, stand and move in a straight, natural and upright manner, and avoid excessive, unnatural or animated body positions.
2. Handler should show the horse to its best advantage for its style of presentation throughout the class.
3. Handlers should be focused on the class and not be distracted by people/other things inside or outside the arena. and, Be It Further

Resolved, That USEF AR242.3 a and b be amended as follows

a. Condition 10%

1. The horse's body condition and overall fitness should be assessed.
2. The horse should be alert and healthy.

b. Grooming 10%

1. The hair coat should be clean, well-brushed and in good condition. The mane, tail, forelock and wither tuft may not contain ornaments (ribbons, bows, etc.), but braiding as defined in the appointments chart is allowed. The length of mane and tail may vary, as long as they are neat, clean and free of tangles. The bridle path, eyebrows, and long hair on the head and legs may be clipped.
2. Grooming oils should not be overdone
3. Hooves should be properly trimmed and if shod, the shoes should fit correctly and clinches should be neat. Hooves must be clean and may be painted clear or black hoof dressings, or shown naturally. and, Be It Further

Resolved, That USEF AR242.4 be renumbered 242.3.c.

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RESOLUTION # 29-15

SUBJECT: Showmanship Judging Guidelines (USEF/EC)

SUBMITTED BY: Equitation/Showmanship Committee

TYPE: Standard

Whereas, It is the desire of the Equitation/Showmanship Committee to clarify the tests from which judges may choose in USEF AR243, and

Whereas, It is the opinion of the Equitation/Showmanship Committee that some of the tests are antiquated and not utilized in the current patterns in the Equitation Manual; Therefore, Be it

Resolved, That USEF AR243 be amended to read:

Tests from Which the Judge May Choose:

1. Walk or trot horse to or from judge.
2. Set horse up.
3. Back horse.
4. Movement of handler so as not to obstruct judge's view of the horse.
5. Turn horse (90, 180, 270, 360 degrees, etc.)
6. Trot down rail or around ring.
7. Move the horse to a different spot in the line up.
- ~~8. Pick up horse's hoof.~~
- ~~9. Mouth horse.~~
8. 10. Questions on relevant subjects such as:
 - a) Parts of the horse
 - b) Grooming
 - c) Basics in horse care
 - d) Proper attire

NOTE: If questions are asked, the same or similar questions must be used with each handler so tested.

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RESOLUTION # 30-15

SUBJECT: Showmanship Causes for Elimination (USEF/EC)

SUBMITTED BY: Equitation/Showmanship Committee

TYPE: Standard

Whereas, It is the desire of the Equitation/Showmanship Committee to be consistent in the causes for elimination in Showmanship classes and

Whereas, The Equitation/Showmanship Committee has developed a chart for inclusion in the Equitation Manual and for utilization by the EEC for Showmanship, and

Whereas, The causes for elimination need to be listed in the USEF/EC rule books; Therefore, Be it

Resolved, That USEF AR244 be amended to read;

Mandatory Causes for Elimination

1. Horse escapes from exhibitor
2. See AR105.6 for inhumane treatment and undue stress
3. Excessive schooling or training
4. Loss of control or severe disobedience that endangers others to include but not limited to: biting, pawing, rearing, bolting, lunging, breaking away, kicking out or continuously circling the exhibitor – The judge can deem it necessary to excuse the exhibitor.
5. Whip marks
6. Equipment eliminations
 - a. Western
 1. Lead strap/chain cannot run through the horse's mouth or over the nose
 2. Horse may not be shown in a bridle
 3. Horse may not be shown in a hackamore or bosal
 - b. English/Hunter Style
 1. Full Bridle
 - a. Modified Cavsson is not allowed
 - b. Lead straps cannot be used – with or without a chain
 2. Snaffle
 - a. Modified Cavesson is not allowed

- b. Lead strap cannot be attached to only one side of the bit
- c. Chain cannot run through the bit
- c. English/Saddle Seat Style
 - 1. Full Bridle
 - a. Modified Cavsson is not allowed
 - c. Lead straps cannot be used – with or without a chain
 - 2. Snaffle
 - a. Modified Cavesson is not allowed
 - b. Lead strap cannot be attached to only one side of the bit
 - c. Chain cannot run through the bit
- d. Dressage or Show Hack Style
 - 1. Full Bridle
 - a. Modified Cavsson is not allowed
 - b. Lead straps cannot be used – with or without a chain
 - 2. Snaffle
 - a. Modified Cavesson is not allowed
 - b. Lead strap cannot be attached to only one side of the bit
 - c. Chain cannot run through the bit

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RESOLUTION # 31-15

SUBJECT: Defining Sport Horse Under Saddle Walk/Trot 10 & Under (USEF/EC)

SUBMITTED BY: Pennsylvania AHA

TYPE: Standard

Whereas, Our youth need every opportunity to exhibit, and some of our youth only show in the sport horse, dressage, and over fences disciplines, and

Whereas, By creating Sport Horse Under Saddle Walk/Trot 10 & Under, qualifying gaits for this class need defining, and

Whereas, By creating Sport Horse Under Saddle Walk/Trot 10 & Under, appointments for this class need defining; Therefore Be It

Resolved, That a new USEF AR252 be added to read:

AR252 Sport Horse Under Saddle Walk-Trot 10 & Under (Requires a judge licensed to adjudicate sport horse classes). To be judged on manners, performance, suitability of horse to rider, quality and conformation. To be judged on the rail at a walk and trot. Classes may be divided by dressage type or hunter type. Cross entering is permitted. and, Be It Further

Resolved, That the remaining sections be renumbered; and, Be It Further

Resolved, That USEF AR248.1 be changed to read:

- 1. English/Country English/Hunter Pleasure/Cross Rails/Sport Horse Under Saddle
 - a. Walk – A four-beat gait
 - b. Trot – A two-beat gait. and, Be It Further

Resolved, That USEF AR247.1 be changed to read:

1. For attire and appointments for Pleasure classes, refer to AR130, AR138, AR142, AR178, and DR120.

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RESOLUTION # 32-15

SUBJECT: Providing Additional Funding for the Education of AHA's Judges and Stewards

SUBMITTED BY: Education/Evaluation Commission

TYPE: Extraordinary

- Whereas, Resolution 9-90 dealing with Education/Evaluation Restricted Funds was passed to provide funds for improving Judges & Stewards Education, and
- Whereas, Stipulations have been placed on when a competition is required to collect a 9-90 fee from an exhibitor, and
- Whereas, Any recognized competition that has had 100 horses or less in the two prior years, or until a new show has reached its 101-horse history currently will be exempt from this assessment if the competition agrees to hire and use an AHA Accredited Judge, and
- Whereas, The continued education of our judging pool is critical to maintaining credibility with owners and exhibitors, and
- Whereas, All recognized AHA shows should provide funding for education to our AHA Judges & Stewards; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That Resolution 9-90 be amended as follows;

- 3) Charges of \$3-\$15 per horse entered in AHA approved competitions with the per horse charge to be reviewed annually beginning in 1993 by the Board of Directors. The initial fee structure is \$ 15 (\$20 BOD 5/01) per horse entered in either the National Shows, (38-97) \$10 (\$15 BOD 5/01) at the Regionals, and \$3 (\$4 BOD 11/12) for all other competitions (recognized CTR and Endurance Rides are exempt from the 9-90 fee assessment). One Judges and Stewards Educational Fee will be charged for any competitions holding concurrently adjudicated classes in a single arena with the identical AHA class code. (Res. 15-07)

Effective: December 31, 2015

RESOLUTION # 33-15

SUBJECT: Ranking of Top Ten Awards at National Shows

SUBMITTED BY: South Central Arabians of Texas

TYPE: Standard

- Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, the change of awarding all Top Ten places at all AHA National Championship Events has encouraged entries in classes that have traditionally had smaller numbers of entries, and
- Whereas, This has made it difficult for persons interested to determine the actual placing of horses in the Top Ten, and
- Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, some exhibitors believe the awarding of a full Top Ten has "devalued" the Top Ten award, and

- Whereas, Many breeds offering a full component of placings rank the placings so that it is apparent where the horse actually placed in the class standings, and
- Whereas, Resolution 32-72 states; That in judging the International Arabian Horse Association Equitation Championship Classes an unranked Top Ten shall be picked and from that group of riders the National Champion and the Reserve National Champion shall be named; and
- Whereas, Implementing this practice would allow the awarding of the full component of awards, while still allowing interested parties to ascertain the actual placing of the horse, as well as legitimately allowing exhibitors to state that they were "Third in the placings etc", Therefore Be It
- Resolved, That the awards shall remain "Top Ten" awards; and, Be It Further
- Resolved, That recordation of said ranking shall be kept on file and available from AHA until such time as the ranking can be added to the horse's permanent record and available on line; and, Be It Further
- Resolved, That the incorporation of the ranking of Top Ten's be added to and incorporated within the programming of and for AHA future state; and, Be It Further
- Resolved, That Resolution 32-72 be rescinded.
- Effective: December 31, 2016

RESOLUTION # 35-15
SUBJECT: National/Regional Level Judges Ongoing Evaluation
SUBMITTED BY: Resolution 5-90 Task Force
TYPE: Standard

- Whereas The provisions of 5-90 establish a procedure for approval of judges and stewards and promotion of judges to a National/Regional level status; and
- Whereas, 5-90 requires all judges and stewards to attend periodic education and evaluation seminars to maintain their judge's status; and
- Whereas, 5-90 requires ongoing evaluation of judges and stewards to maintain their status; and
- Whereas, There may be a conflict of interest when members of the Education and Evaluation Commission evaluate fellow judges once those judges have achieved National/Regional status; and
- Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, once a judge has achieved National/Regional status, the ongoing evaluation of the judge should be the responsibility of the Commissioner; Therefore, Be It
- Resolved, That Resolution #5-90 (I) be amended to include the following provision:
- 8(a) once a judge has reached National/Regional level status, the ongoing evaluation of the judge shall be completed by the Commissioner. The Commissioner may receive input from the Education and Evaluation Commission based upon their interview process, but only the Commissioner has the authority to maintain the judge's status, remove the National/Regional status or suspend the judge's status. A determination to change the status is subject to a de novo review by the Education and Evaluation

Commission, if so requested by the judge, and such review requires a 2/3 vote of the Education and Evaluation Commission to overturn the action of the Commissioner; and Be It Further

Resolved.

That Resolution #5-90 (VII) 9(c) be revised as follows:

9(c) ongoing evaluation of judge applicants, "r" and "R" Judge's and Steward's performances to include a regular evaluation of the Judge's and Steward's and their performance at the level of competition assigned. Such evaluation to result in the official being:-(8-00)

- Raised to a higher level of competition
- Continue at the same level of competition
- Removed to a lower level of competition when available (10-00)
- Remove from AHA approved list

Ongoing review of National/Regional level judge's performance to include regular evaluation of the Judges and their performance. Such evaluation is to be forwarded to the Commissioner for his/her review and action.

Effective: December 31, 2016
