

SUBJECT: Sport Horse Modifications (USEF/EC)

(STANDARD)

Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 101 for submission requirements

Committee Action:

Committees required to review: *(This section to be completed by the Agenda & Resolutions Committee)* Approve Disapprove

Competition Advisory Committee			
Sport Horse Committee			
Sport Horse Show Commission			
USEF Arabian Division Committee			

CONVENTION ACTION:

Approved **Approved with Modification** Disapproved
 Withdrawn Referred to Committee _____

PROPOSED CHANGE: (*Check one*) Add new rule Delete existing rule Change existing text
 Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) USEF Arabian Sport Horse Section

RESOLUTION: Use ***bold/italic*** for new wording, ~~strike through~~ to indicate deletion

Whereas, The AHA Sport Horse Division continues to grow and become sophisticated; and

Whereas, The AHA Sport Horse Committee members and the AHA Sport Horse exhibitors wish to have our division rules be more clearly defined; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That USEF AR175 be amended by striking out and inserting as follows:

AR175 Conduct of Classes

NOTE: Protective headgear (as defined in AR111) is encouraged but is not required for all classes within this section.

General

2. ~~In-hand Classes may be held in any age groups deemed appropriate by competition management and published in the prize list with the exception that horses of one sex shall not be judged against those of the opposite sex. Exception: Specified group classes or specified championship classes may have horses of all sexes. Sport Horse In-Hand and Under Saddle classes may be divided at the discretion of competition management into Dressage type and Hunter type. Horses may cross enter. Both Dressage and Hunter style appointments (tack and attire) are permitted in both the Dressage type and Hunter type In-Hand and Under Saddle classes. All appointments and attire must match for the discipline being shown.~~ Competition management is encouraged to offer separate Championship classes for each type, but the championship classes may be combined at competition management’s discretion. ***If competition management decides to combine the types for the championship, the appointments and attire for each exhibitor must match for the specified discipline (dressage or hunter). Please refer to DR120/121 and HU126/128.***

e. (a) Dressage type - displays the conformation and movement qualities as follows: Horses of this type carry a higher set-on neck than the Hunter type with sufficient length and flexion of the poll. Movement should be free, elastic, active and regular with good push from behind without tension and with a tendency toward an uphill balance.

Ⓧ. (b) Hunter type - displays the conformation and movement qualities as follows: Horses of this type carry a more level frame than the Dressage type horse, yet must display a natural looking carriage. Movement should have good ground cover and tend to be long and low with good push from behind, free of tension and showing good balance....

And, Be It Further

Resolved, That USEF AR176.1, .2 and .6 be amended by striking out and inserting as follows:

AR176 Sport Horse In-Hand Classes

~~1. Sport Horse In-Hand Classes:~~

Conformation is to be evaluated in terms of potential trainability, potential performance and predisposition to soundness.

Form to function is to be emphasized. Blemishes are not to count unless resulting from conformation faults. Gaits are to be

54 evaluated in terms of purity, quality and correctness. Correct gaits which contribute to ease in training and the horse
 55 remaining sound and useable are most important. Purity and quality are judged mainly in profile. Correctness is judged
 56 mainly while the horse is coming to and going from the judge's position. Colts and stallions two years and over must have
 57 both testicles descended.

- 58 **1. Horses will be shown individually on the triangle; assistant handlers or whip handlers are not allowed. In-hand**
 59 **Classes may be held in any age groups deemed appropriate by competition management and published in the prize list**
 60 **with the exception that horses of one sex shall not be judged against those of the opposite sex. Exception: Specified**
 61 **group classes or specified championship classes may have horses of all sexes.**
- 62 2. Following a posted or announced order, or on request from the judge, entries in each class will approach the judging area
 63 one at a time, walk to the apex of the triangle. **Open cards may be used.** Conformation judging may take place before
 64 and/or after performance on the triangle, so wait for the judge's instructions. Wait for the judge's request to proceed on
 65 the triangle. The handler will lead the horse on the perimeter of the triangle **in a clockwise direction**, at the walk and trot,
 66 returning to the apex and wait for further instructions. **Repetition of all or any part of the movement on the triangle may**
 67 **be allowed at the judge's request only.** At the completion of the judging, the handler will lead the horse away from the
 68 judging area. The triangle may be adjusted to fit local condition.
- 69 6. Foals may not be shown loose. ~~Unweaned~~ **Foals shall not accompany nor be accompanied by their dam;** and, Be It
 70 Further

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 72 Resolved, That USEF AR177.2 be amended by inserting as follows:

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 74 2. The judge shall use the AHA approved individual score sheets for individual classes, and the individual Group Score
 75 Sheet for group classes (Get of Sire/Produce of Dam). AHA will provide the AHA **individual, group, master class and**
 76 **championship** score sheets to competition management **via the website.** Competition management may make as many
 77 individual copies as necessary for their competition; and, Be It Further

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 79 Resolved, That USEF AR177 be amended by inserting a new paragraph .3 as follows:

80 **3. INDIVIDUAL CLASSES**

81 **The AHA Score Sheet is divided as follows:**

82 **Movement - 40% (20% for walk and 20% for trot)**

83 **Conformation - 40%**

84 **Expression, Manners, Willingness - 10%**

85 **Quality, Balance and Harmony, Suitability as a Sport Horse - 10%**

86 **Transmissible weaknesses or predisposition to unsoundness shall be penalized commensurate with severity.**

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 88 **GROUP CLASSES (Get of Sire, Produce of Dam). Horses will be judged at the walk and trot, but not necessarily on**
 89 **the triangle. Horse shall stand for conformation judging before and/or after completion of the group's movement.**

90 **The AHA Score Sheet is divided as follows:**

91 **Movement - 40% (20% for walk and 20% for trot)**

92 **Conformation - 40%**

93 **Quality and Uniformity of Quality (Reproductive likeness) - 10%**

94 **Overall Quality, Balance, Harmony (Apparent ability of sire or dam to produce or beget Sport Horse performance or**
 95 **breeding stock - 10%. And, Be It Further**

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 97 Resolved, That the remaining AR177 section be renumbered:

98 and, Be It Further

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 100 Resolved, That USEF AR177.8 be amended by inserting as follows:

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 102 **8. Scores shall be reported as a total based on the stated percentages against a possible total of 100% and all scores and**
 103 **placings must be posted (A copy of the master class score sheet may be posted to satisfy this requirement). Unofficial**
 104 **scores may be posted during the class and/or final score may be posted at the end of each class.; and, Be It Further**

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 106 Resolved, That USEF AR179 Sport Horse In-Hand Appointments be amended by striking out, renumbering and
 107 inserting as follows:

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 109 ~~AR179-AR178~~ Sport Horse In-Hand Appointments

110 **1. Both Dressage type and Hunter type appointments (tack and attire) are permitted in both Dressage type and Hunter type**
 111 **In-Hand classes. Competitors with non-conforming appointments will be eliminated from judging consideration.**

112 **2. I. Tack:**

Bridles are mandatory on horses three years and older. A bridle shall be a dressage-type snaffle bridle (*for dressage type*) or hunter-type snaffle bridle (*for hunter type*). Snaffle *bit* may be with or without cheeks, keepers allowed. Use of a noseband is optional but if used, it must be a cavesson, flash, figure 8, mexican, dropped, or crescent style ~~noseband~~; *the style used must match the discipline being shown. If the dressage type/hunter type splits are not offered, the exhibitor may choose the type of snaffle bridle used.* A split or single lead made of either leather or leather like material with or without a chain (or a combination of both) may be used, and must be attached ~~through~~ to both sides of the bit, with/or instead of reins. Horses aged two years may be shown in a bridle (as listed above), or a plain leather stable halter. Horses under age two years must be shown in a plain leather stable halter. Competitors with non-conforming appointments will be eliminated from judging consideration.

3. 2. Attire

- a. Conservative casual attire is recommended for the handler. This would include casual pants and shirt. Also acceptable would be Dressage or Hunter attire including breeches, boots, shirt with tie, stock tie or choker collar, *providing the tack match the attire for the specified discipline.* Jackets, hats, vests, and gloves are optional.
- b. The handler may carry only one whip, maximum length of six feet, including lash and without attachments (i.e. plastic bags, ribbons, etc.); and, Be It Further

Resolved, That USEF AR178 Sport Horse Under Saddle and Show Hack Class Procedures be split and renumbered into two new sections and amended by striking out, renumbering, re-lettering and inserting as follows:

~~AR 178~~ **AR179** Sport Horse Under Saddle Class Procedures

- 1. Subchapters AR1 & AR4 apply to Sport Horse Under Saddle ~~and Sport Horse Show Hack classes.~~
- 2. Score sheets are not ~~required~~ *used* for Sport Horse Under Saddle ~~or Sport Horse Show Hack classes.~~
- 3. Judge must excuse from the ring, any unruly horse or one whose actions threaten to endanger other exhibitors or their entries.
- 4. ~~Sport Horse Under Saddle.~~ To enter the ring counterclockwise at the trot. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter, both directions of the ring. Judge may request lengthening of stride at any gait and may request horses to ~~back~~ *rein-back* in the line-up.
 - a. *OPEN. To be judged on performance (purity and quality of gaits), manners, conformation, suitability as a Sport Horse and quality.*
 - b. *AMATEUR. To be judged on manners, performance (purity and quality of gaits), suitability as a Sport Horse, conformation and quality.*
 - c. *JUNIOR HORSE. To be judged on quality, suitability as a Sport Horse, performance (purity and quality of gaits), conformation and manners.*
- 5. ~~Sport Horse Show Hack. To enter the ring counterclockwise at the normal walk or normal trot. To be shown both directions of the ring at a walk, trot, and canter; collected, normal and extended gaits to be called for, and the hand gallop. Horses should stand quietly and back readily.~~

AR181 Sport Horse Show Hack Class Procedures

- 1. *SUBCHAPTERS AR1 & AR4 apply to Sport Horse Show Hack classes.*
- 2. *Score sheets are not used for Sport Horse Show Hack classes.*
- 3. *Judge must excuse from the ring any unruly horse or one whose actions threaten to endanger other exhibitors or their entries.*
- 4. *Sport Horse Show Hack. To enter the ring counterclockwise at the normal walk or normal trot. To be shown both directions of the ring at a walk, trot, and canter; collected, normal and extended gaits ~~to be called for,~~ and the hand gallop. All phases of all gaits to be called for both directions of the ring. Horses should stand quietly and rein-back readily.*
 - a) *OPEN. To be judged on performance, manners, quality, and conformation.*
 - b) *AMATEUR. To be judged on manners, performance, quality, and conformation;* and, Be It Further

Resolved, That USEF AR180 be amended by striking out and inserting as follows:

AR180 Sport Horse Under Saddle Appointments (*Tack & Attire*)

- 1. ~~Both Dressage type and Hunter type appointments (tack and attire) are permitted in both Dressage type and Hunter type Under Saddle classes. Competitors with non-conforming appointments will be eliminated from judging consideration. Refer to DR 120-121 and HU 126-128~~
- 2. ~~Tack:~~
 - a. ~~Bridle shall be a dressage type snaffle bridle with snaffle bit, hunter type double bridle or dressage type double bridle, or hunter type snaffle or Pelham bridle is acceptable. Converters on Pelham bridle are not permitted and two reins are required.~~

- 172 Unconventional bits may be penalized at the discretion of the judge, BUT kimberwicks are prohibited. In junior horse under
 173 saddle classes, snaffle bits are mandatory. Snaffles may be with or without cheeks, keepers allowed. Cavesson nosebands are
 174 to be used, but flash nosebands would be acceptable when using a snaffle bridle with snaffle bit.
 175 b. A dressage, forward seat or English all purpose saddle is to be used. No saddle seat type saddles allowed.
 176 e. Martingales are not permitted.
 177 3. Attire:
 178 a. Dressage or Hunter attire acceptable. Dressage attire will be defined as white or light colored breeches, short riding coat of
 179 conservative color, with tie, choker or stock tie, boots, a hunt cap, derby, top hat or protective headgear. Hunter attire will be
 180 defined as light colored breeches, short riding coat of conservative color, with tie or choker, boots or smooth leather half-
 181 chaps, and hunt cap or protective headgear. It is recommended that attire reflect the tack used on the horse.
 182 b. Gloves of conservative color are optional for either style of attire.
 183 e. Spurs and whip are optional. If a whip is carried, it may not exceed the length requirements in DR120.
 184 2. *Appointments (tack & attire) must adhere to one discipline (dressage or hunter) and are not to be mixed. Refer*
 185 *DR120-121, and HU126-128. Mixing tack is not permitted (e.g. Pelham bit not permitted with a dressage style bridle.)*
 186 a) *Converters on Pelham bits are not permitted and two reins are required.*
 187 b) *Unconventional bits may be penalized at the discretion of the judge.*
 188 e) ~~*Junior Sport Horse Under Saddle classes, snaffle bits are mandatory.*~~
 189 c) *Double bridles are permitted except in Junior Sport Horse Under Saddle classes where snaffle bits are*
 190 *mandatory. If using a double bridle of either style, the lever arm/shank (length below the mouthpiece) must not*
 191 *exceed 3.94 inches or 10 cm. The inside diameter of the bridoon ring must not exceed 3.15 inches or 8 cm.*
 192 d) *Kimberwick bits are prohibited.*
 193 e) *Martingales are prohibited.*
 194 3. *If the show is offering dressage type and hunter type splits, each exhibitor must ensure the appointments (tack &*
 195 *attire) are legal for match the type shown. If the show does not offer the splits for the under saddle classes and/or*
 196 *championship classes, each exhibitor must ensure their appointments (tack & attire) adhere to one discipline only*
 197 *(dressage or hunter); and, Be It Further*

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 199 Resolved, That USEF AR181 Sport Horse Show Hack Appointments be amended by striking out, renumbering and
 200 inserting as follows:

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 202 ~~AR181~~ **AR182** Sport Horse Show Hack Appointments (*Tack & Attire*)

- 203 1. Competitors with non-conforming appointments (*tack & attire*) will be eliminated from judging consideration.
 204 *Appointments (tack & attire) must adhere to one discipline (dressage or hunter) and are not to be mixed. Refer to DR*
 205 *120-121 and HU 126-128.*
 206 2. Tack:
 207 a) Bridle shall be a dressage style snaffle bridle, or hunter style snaffle or Pelham bridle, or dressage style double bridle
 208 or hunter style double bridle is acceptable. ~~Converters on Pelham bit not permitted and two reins are required. Kimberwick~~
 209 ~~bit is prohibited. If using a double bridle of either style, the lever arm (length below the mouthpiece) must not exceed 3.94~~
 210 ~~inches or 10 cm. The inside diameter of the bridoon ring must not exceed 3.15 inches or 8 cm. Cavesson nosebands to be~~
 211 ~~used but flash nosebands would be acceptable when using a snaffle bridle and snaffle bit.~~
 212 b. A dressage, forward seat or English all purpose saddle is to be used. No saddle seat type saddles allowed.
 213 e. Martingales are not permitted.
 214 3. Attire:
 215 a. Informal attire consists of conservatively colored short, dark coat, with tie, stock tie or choker collar, white or light
 216 b. colored breeches, boots or smooth leather half chaps, hunt cap, derby, top hat or protective headgear.
 217 c. Formal attire consists of white breeches, top hat and shad belly coat may be worn. It is usual to wear such attire after 6:00
 218 p.m. or in championship classes.
 219 d. ~~Spurs and whip are optional. If a whip is carried, it may not exceed the length requirements in DR120.~~
 220 b) *Converters on Pelham bit not permitted and two reins are required.*
 221 c) *Unconventional bits may be penalized at the discretion of the judge.*
 222 d) *If using a double bridle of either style, the lever arm/shank (length below the mouthpiece) must not exceed 3.94*
 223 *inches or 10 cm. The inside diameter of the bridoon ring must not exceed 3.15 inches or 8 cm. Cavesson*
 224 *nosebands to be used but flash nosebands would be acceptable only when using a snaffle bridle and snaffle bit.*
 225 e) *Kimberwick bit is prohibited.*
 226 f) *Martingales are prohibited.*
 227 3. Attire:
 228 a) *Informal attire consists of conservatively colored short, dark coat, with tie, stock tie or choker collar, white or*
 229 *light colored breeches, boots or smooth leather half chaps, hunt cap, top hat or protective headgear.*

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- 230 b) *Formal attire consists of white or light colored breeches tail coat or shad belly coat, with top hat or protective*
- 231 *headgear. It is usual to wear such attire after 6:00 p.m. or in championship classes.*
- 232 c) *Spurs and whip are optional. If a whip is carried, it must adhere to the discipline shown by exhibitor;* and, Be It
- 233 Further

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235 Resolved, That the remaining USEF articles be renumbered.

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237 Effective: December 31, 2018 or when approved by USEF/EC

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239 (If a Standard resolution, the effective date will be December 31 of the year after the Convention)

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241 **RESOLUTION TYPE (REQUIRED):** Standard X Extraordinary "If indicated as
242 "Extraordinary", the proponent must list reasons which establish Chapter 9, Rule 101.2 has been met)

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245 **PROPONENTS FINANCIAL IMPACT (REQUIRED):** Refer to Chapter 9, Rule 101.3.e. for financial requirements

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249 **AHA IMPACT STATEMENT:** None

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251 Contact Person:

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253 SUBMITTED BY: Sport Horse Committee

Region Number:

254 Member Organization Committee Commission Board Region (check one)

255 Who voted: Members Board Delegates (check voting body)

256 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 71 Number of Yes votes: 43 Number of No votes: 3

257 How vote was taken: mail email phone meeting (check one) (Must have Quorum with majority of yes votes)

258 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: At the AHA Office (Must have printed documentation on file)

259 Date vote taken: August 11-14, 2017

260 Contact Person: Janet Henderson, Chair (Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw)

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