

Education and Evaluation Commission

Natural Appearance
Tail Penalties
Effective 12-1-2023



Natural Arabian Appearance – see AR105.2

Altered Tail

- Determined by an evidential proceeding, civil, criminal, or administrative hearing, arbitration or other tribunal.
- Horse ineligible to enter and compete in any Arabian Division class.
- Considered serious infractions – misrepresentation of breed type.

Wry Tail

- A breeding fault and must be considered as a fault in breeding and in-hand classes.

Unnatural Tail

- Deemed by a judge's opinion, to be carried in a manner not consistent with the typical Arabian or Half-Arabian type.
- Judges required to penalize horse with unnatural Arabian tail carriage when obviously and consistently carried in an unnatural manner throughout its performance in a class.

Penalties

Non-scored classes

- Horse exhibiting an unnatural Arabian tail carriage must be penalized and positioned last in the class.
 - Last place on a card if not enough entries to fill the placings
 - Not on the card if sufficient entries eligible to be placed

Scored classes

- Horse exhibiting an unnatural Arabian tail carriage must be assessed a 10-point penalty.
- Exception: H/J and Breeding In-Hand classes using the Score Sheets will utilize the penalty outlined in AR105.2b1 (penalized & positioned last in the class)

Other Tail Rules

- **AR106.13**
- a. **The use of tail weights or a tourniquet to alter the circulation of the tail on the competition grounds during or before a competition are prohibited** and the Show Committee shall bar the trainer and the horse found in violation of this rule from further participation for the remainder of the competition, and the owner(s) shall forfeit all entry fees and winnings for that horse for the entire competition.
- b. Unless section rules differ, the tail can be loosely fastened to equipment except during competition.

Other Tail Rules

- **AR106.13**
- ***c. False tails or hair extensions are prohibited, and any horse found to be exhibiting with a false tail or hair extensions during the competition will be disqualified and the Show Committee shall bar the trainer and the horse found in violation of this rule from further participation for the remainder of the competition, and the owner(s) shall forfeit all entry fees and winnings for that horse for the entire competition.***

False Tails – Hair Extensions

- False tails or hair extensions are prohibited.
- Horses found to be exhibiting with a false tail or hair extensions during the competition will be disqualified.
 - Show Committee shall bar trainer and horse from further participation for the remainder of the competition
 - Owner shall forfeit all entry fees & winnings for that horse for the entire competition.



Other Tail Rules

- **AR105.3 – Ginger, Capsaicin, and Other Irritants**
 - No changes to these rules

Score Sheets – Score Cards

- Score sheets and related documents will be updated as needed.
- <https://www.arabianhorses.org/judges-stewards/patterns/>