

# Scoring Presentation

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# Scoring Systems | vwhp v

- There are many scoring systems within the Arabian industry, due to time constraints, we will be reviewing 2
  - MOS – Majority Opinion System
    - This system is used at our YN, USN, CN, all Regional shows in addition to other breeds including Morgans, Saddlebreds, Shetland ponies just to name a few.
    - It is used to place all pleasure and breeding/in hand classes when multiple judges are in place.
    - This system is NOT used at the Scottsdale Show or at shows that utilize a halter score card (example – World Cup Halter show)
  - Performance Halter Scoring System
    - This system uses the performance halter score card and subsequently MOS to place the class and is used at Regional and National shows when multiple judges are utilized.



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- MOS – Majority Opinion System
- Under the Majority Opinion System (M-O-S), all three Judges carry equal weight in the final class decision, and winners are placed by the best two out of three votes. Each horse is judged as if it were working individually and then compared with the performance of all other horses in the class who are judged on the same basis. All Judges place the same number of entries in each class.
- Call judge is ONLY used for gait calls, and gives no additional weight to the placement of the class.
- To win under MOS, a horse does NOT need to be placed 1st on a card.



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- MOS – Majority Opinion System
- The reason MOS is used is to eliminate, as much as possible, the highs and lows in judging. To find the horse with the greatest amount of agreement between the three judges. The horse with the least amount of space between the cards has the most agreement.
- Each judge has his/her own opinion which is why some horses can be first on one card, but fifth on another. MOS levels this off in order to find the best over-all horse in which "most of the judges agree" (i.e. 2/3 majority).



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- MOS – Scoring classes
- When MOS is used at national events, it is done so with a computer. But we will be scoring classes by hand today to show the process that is used.
- Using circles, checks and X's the final placements can be determined in seconds by a seasoned tabulator and just a few minutes by the novice.



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- Scoring MOS classes by hand
- Once the cards are turned in, they are lined up evenly in front of the tabulator. It is suggested that they be placed in order of Call Judge, Second Judge and Third Judge, **though the placement of the cards does not affect the final result.** The votes are read from left to right and then top to bottom. The first time that a number appears, it is marked with a check mark. The next time it is circled, and finally it is crossed out with an X when it shows up for the third time. These steps are repeated for each number on the cards. Once this has been completed, the first place horse will have its number circled highest on the cards.



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- MOS – sample class Step 1
- Reading from left to right, #289 appears for the first time in the Call Judge's column and gets a check mark. It is circled as it appears for the second time (working left to right) in the 3rd judge's column. Finally, it is marked with an X in the 2nd judge's column.

| Call Judge | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Judge | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Judge |
|------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 289✓       | 484                   | 289                   |
| 484        | 460                   | 484                   |
| 460        | 406                   | 285                   |
| 285        | 409                   | 460                   |
| 409        | 289X                  | 409                   |
| 389        | 285                   | 406                   |
| 406        | 349                   | 349                   |
| 112        | 112                   | 112                   |

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- Sample class Step 2
- Moving to the next entry, #484 gets a check mark in the 2nd column (its highest placement), is circled in the 1st column, and X'd in the 3rd column

| Call Judge | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Judge | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Judge |
|------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 289✓       | 484✓                  | 289                   |
| 484        | 460                   | 484X                  |
| 460        | 406                   | 285                   |
| 285        | 409                   | 460                   |
| 409        | 289X                  | 409                   |
| 389        | 285                   | 406                   |
| 406        | 349                   | 349                   |
| 112        | 112                   | 112                   |



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- Sample class Step 3
- Entry #460 is the next number to appear on the cards in the 2nd column (check mark).

Moving down, it is in the 1st column next for the circle,

And in the 3rd column for the final time receiving the X.

| Call Judge | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Judge | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Judge |
|------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 289✓       | 484✓                  | 289                   |
| 484        | 460✓                  | 484 X                 |
| 460        | 406                   | 285                   |
| 285        | 409                   | 460 X                 |
| 409        | 289 X                 | 409                   |
| 389        | 285                   | 406                   |
| 406        | 349                   | 349                   |
| 112        | 112                   | 112                   |

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This process is repeated until all of the numbers on the cards have been accounted for. Once all of the votes are counted, the final placement is determined by the order of the circled numbers, top to bottom.

In this class 289 is 1st with a 1-1-5

484 is 2nd with a 1-2-2

460 is 3rd with a 2-3-4 and so on.

So far so good?

| Call Judge | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Judge | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Judge | Final | Vote Count |
|------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------|------------|
| 289✓       | 484✓                  | 289                   | 289   | 1-1-5      |
| 484        | 460✓                  | 484 X                 | 484   | 1-2-2      |
| 460        | 406✓                  | 285✓                  | 460   | 2-3-4      |
| 285        | 409✓                  | 460 X                 | 285   | 3-4-6      |
| 409        | 289 X                 | 409 X                 | 409   | 4-5-5      |
| 389✓       | 285 X                 | 406                   | 406   | 3-6-7      |
| 406 X      | 349                   | 349 X                 | 349   | 6-7-7      |
| 112✓       | 112                   | 112 X                 | 112   | 8-8-8      |



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- Our Second example
- Remember we work from left to right
- 1st place is fairly easy – 699 (1st on 2 cards) see the circle.
- 2nd place is 1134 as the circle for that number is the first circle to be seen after 699.
- 3rd place is #938 as it is the next circled number. 4th place we have 679 the next circled number and 5th is 1425. For this example, we didn't have to use anything but the checks and circles to determine the 1st 5 places.

| Call Judge 1 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Judge | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Judge | Final | Vote Count |
|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------|------------|
| 1134 ✓       | 699 ✓                 | 699                   | 699   | 1-1-4      |
| 1425 ✓       | 1134                  | 938 ✓                 | 1134  | 2-1-6      |
| 938          | 816 ✓                 | 1783 ✓                | 938   | 3-2-7      |
| 699 X        | 679 ✓                 | 679                   | 679   | 4-4-5      |
| 679 X        | 1425                  | 303                   | 1425  | 5-2-9      |
| 743          | 743                   | 1134                  | 743   | 6-6-7      |
| 816          | 938                   | 743                   | 816   | 7-3-10     |
| 1086         | 1086                  | 1086                  | 1086  | 8-8-8      |
| 303          | 595                   | 1425                  | 303   | 9-5-0      |
| 1783         | 1541                  | 816                   | 1783  | 10-3-11    |
| 595          | 1783                  | 1541                  | 595   | 11-9-0     |



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- Lets look at how this works with a 2 way similar tie

- Horse #245 and #561 have 4-5 as their best pairing. This is a two-way similar tie as we see them on the same line. However, by checking the pairing with the 3rd judge, we get horse #245 with a 4-5-6 and horse #561 with a 4-5-7.

| Call Judge 1 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Judge | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Judge | Final | Vote Count |
|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------|------------|
| 440 ✓        | 440                   | 440 X                 | 440   | 1-1-1      |
| 213 ✓        | 352 ✓                 | 352                   | 352   | 2-2-3      |
| 352 X        | 213                   | 236 ✓                 | 213   | 2-3-6      |
| 236          | 245 ✓                 | 561 ✓                 | 236   | 3-4-5      |
| 561          | 236 X                 | 245                   | 245   | 4-5-6      |
| 245 X        | 689 ✓                 | 213 X                 | 561   | 4-5-7      |
| 689          | 561 X                 | 689 X                 | 689   | 6-7-7      |

- So horse #245 was the horse with the greatest amount of agreement between the three judges.



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- Lets look at how this works with a 2 way identical tie. In this case we will be looking specifically at horses 637 & 281

- Although these horses have identical placings, the class can still be placed by determining the "best two of three"

- Both judge 2 & judge 3 have horse 637 over horse 281, so by using MOS 637 is placed 3rd and 281 is placed 4th

| Call Judge 1 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Judge | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Judge | Final | Vote Count |
|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------|------------|
| 510          | 510                   | 510                   | 510   | 1-1-1      |
| 517          | 517                   | 823                   | 517   | 2-2-3      |
| 281 ✓        | 637 ✓                 | 517                   | 637   | 3-4-5      |
| 225          | 281                   | 637                   | 281   | 3-4-5      |
| 637 X        | 225                   | 281 X                 | 225   | 4-5-6      |
| 823          | 823                   | 223                   | 823   | 2-6-6      |

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- Now let's move to Performance Halter.
- Performance halter is judged using a scorecard
- At the local level, Performance halter is judged with the card and placed on total points of the single judge, ties are broken based upon certain criteria, depending upon if the horse is a purebred or a Half/Anglo Arabian.
- Once all of the scores are recorded and added up, the class is placed.

|   |                  |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| <br>ARABIAN<br>HORSE ASSOCIATION | Class            |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | Date             |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | Judge            |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | Exhibitor Number |  |  |  |  |  |

Arabian Scoring System — Individual Score Sheet  
**Arabian Performance Halter**  
(Circle one score per category)

**A** Athletic Structure  
10 .5 11 .5 12 .5 13 .5 14 .5 15 .5 16 .5 17 .5 18 .5 19 .5 20

**T** Breed Type  
10 .5 11 .5 12 .5 13 .5 14 .5 15 .5 16 .5 17 .5 18 .5 19 .5 20

**Q** Quality, Balance, Substance  
10 .5 11 .5 12 .5 13 .5 14 .5 15 .5 16 .5 17 .5 18 .5 19 .5 20

**N** \*Neck and Shoulder  
10 .5 11 .5 12 .5 13 .5 14 .5 15 .5 16 .5 17 .5 18 .5 19 .5 20

**B** \*Back, Loin and Hip  
10 .5 11 .5 12 .5 13 .5 14 .5 15 .5 16 .5 17 .5 18 .5 19 .5 20

**L** \*Legs and Feet  
10 .5 11 .5 12 .5 13 .5 14 .5 15 .5 16 .5 17 .5 18 .5 19 .5 20

**M** Movement  
10 .5 11 .5 12 .5 13 .5 14 .5 15 .5 16 .5 17 .5 18 .5 19 .5 20  
\*denotes Conformation Category

**P** Penalties (-0.5 to -2.5)

|   |   |      |      |      |      |      |
|---|---|------|------|------|------|------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disruptive behavior            | <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive oil, grease, other substance | -0.5 | -1.0 | -1.5 | -2.0 | -2.5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not shown in prescribed manner | <input type="checkbox"/> Balding                                |      |      |      |      |      |

Mandatory Elimination  
CAUSE: \_\_\_\_\_ NO SCORE

Judge's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Total Score: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- At the Regional and National level per the AHA Handbook COMP 508.6

***Performance halter horses will be judged using the Arabian Performance Halter Score Card. At Regional Championships utilizing a three-judge panel, the scorecards will be turned into placings and in turn, run through the Majority Opinion System (MOS) to determine the Champion, Reserve Champion and Top Five or Top Ten per COMP 509.2.b***



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- Here's our example. You already know how to score MOS but let's see how the score card is handled after it gets into the MOS system.
- Once a card input into the scoring system, each judge's card is totaled, it is then shifted to a placing and run through MOS, the class is then placed. The thought behind this format for placing is to eliminate a judge that might score very high or one that scores low, which may skew the results.

| Call<br>Judge 1 | 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>Judge | 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>Judge | Final | Vote<br>Count |
|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------|---------------|
| 101 – 108       | 110 – 85                 | 101 – 102                | 101   | 1-1-2         |
| 110 – 107       | 101 – 80                 | 110 – 90                 | 110   | 2-1-2         |
| 109 – 106       | 108 – 78                 | 109 – 86                 | 109   | 3-3-4         |
| 108 – 105       | 109 – 77                 | 108 – 78                 | 108   | 4-3-4         |
| 102 – 103       | 103 – 75                 | 103 – 77                 | 103   | 5-5-6         |
| 103 – 101       | 102 – 70                 | 102 – 76                 | 102   | 6-5-6         |
| 105 – 100       | 105 – 65                 | 105 – 60                 | 105   | 7-7-7         |
| 104 – 90        | 104 – 60                 | 106 – 55                 | 104   | 8-8-9         |
| 106 – 80        | 107 – 55                 | 104 – 54                 | 106   | 9-8-10        |
| 107 – 60        | 106 – 50                 | 107 – 52                 | 107   | 10-9-10       |





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- For this example
- Judge #1 has horse #101 1st on his card with a total of 108 points and horse #110 second with a total of 107 points.
- Judge #2 has horse #110 1st on her card with a total of 85 points and horse #101 2nd with a total of 80 points.
- And judge #3, it has a total of 102 points putting it 1st on that card, and horse #110 is 2nd on judge #3 card with a total of 90 points

| Call<br>Judge 1 | 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>Judge | 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>Judge | Final | Vote<br>Count |
|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------|---------------|
| 101 – 108       | 110 – 85                 | 101 – 102                | 101   | 1-1-2         |
| 110 – 107       | 101 – 80                 | 110 – 90                 | 110   | 2-1-2         |
| 109 – 106       | 108 – 78                 | 109 – 86                 | 109   | 3-3-4         |
| 108 – 105       | 109 – 77                 | 108 – 78                 | 108   | 4-3-4         |
| 102 – 103       | 103 – 75                 | 103 – 77                 | 103   | 5-5-6         |
| 103 – 101       | 102 – 70                 | 102 – 76                 | 102   | 6-5-6         |
| 105 – 100       | 105 – 65                 | 105 – 60                 | 105   | 7-7-7         |
| 104 – 90        | 104 – 60                 | 106 – 55                 | 104   | 8-8-9         |
| 106 – 80        | 107 – 55                 | 104 – 54                 | 106   | 9-8-10        |
| 107 – 60        | 106 – 50                 | 107 – 52                 | 107   | 10-9-10       |



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- Remember we get the points from the performance halter judge's score card. So after all of the scores are translated into placings, MOS takes over and places the class.
- Once the MOS takes over, the rules that we have learned previously are used to place the class.

| Call<br>Judge 1 | 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>Judge | 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>Judge | Final | Vote<br>Count |
|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------|---------------|
| 101 – 108       | 110 – 85                 | 101 – 102                | 101   | 1-1-2         |
| 110 – 107       | 101 – 80                 | 110 – 90                 | 110   | 2-1-2         |
| 109 – 106       | 108 – 78                 | 109 – 86                 | 109   | 3-3-4         |
| 108 – 105       | 109 – 77                 | 108 – 78                 | 108   | 4-3-4         |
| 102 – 103       | 103 – 75                 | 103 – 77                 | 103   | 5-5-6         |
| 103 – 101       | 102 – 70                 | 102 – 76                 | 102   | 6-5-6         |
| 105 – 100       | 105 – 65                 | 105 – 60                 | 105   | 7-7-7         |
| 104 – 90        | 104 – 60                 | 106 – 55                 | 104   | 8-8-9         |
| 106 – 80        | 107 – 55                 | 104 – 54                 | 106   | 9-8-10        |
| 107 – 60        | 106 – 50                 | 107 – 52                 | 107   | 10-9-10       |



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