

**SUBJECT: Modify Racing Committee Description in the AHA Bylaws (Bylaws 2/3rds vote)**

*(EXTRAORDINARY)*

Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 101 & 102 for submission requirements.

Committee Action:

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

Board of Directors			
Bylaws Committee			
Executive Committee			
Racing 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 Withdrawn                       Referred to Committee \_\_\_\_\_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) - Article XI Section 5. Racing Committee

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

- Whereas, The AHA Bylaws Article XI Section 5. Racing Committee requires the Racing Committee to have six (6) members, all of which shall be members of the Arabian Jockey Club Executive Committee and all shall be actively involved in racing, and,
- Whereas, The Arabian Jockey Club (AJC) bylaws state that the number of Directors on the Board of Directors is no more than five, nor less than three, and,
- Whereas, The Arabian Jockey Club bylaws allow the Arabian Jockey Club Board to appoint multiple Executive Committees for specific purposes, and
- Whereas, As specified in the Arabian Jockey Club Bylaws, the AJC Board of Directors conducts the business of the Arabian Jockey Club overseeing Arabian Racing, not a specific Executive Committee like AHA, and
- Whereas, Arabian racing participation has declined over the past 20 years and volunteers to serve on the AJC board that fully participate in racing are not always available, and
- Whereas, The Merger Agreement between IAHA and the Arabian Horse Registry of America is also in conflict, and
- Whereas, The AHA Bylaws state: "These Bylaws may be amended by passage of a resolution at the Annual Convention, in accordance with Article VI. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any provision in these Bylaws relating to a power of the Trustees can be amended only by a three-quarters vote of the Trustees and specifically cannot be amended by Arabian Horse Association's Voting Delegates, Executive Committee, Board of Directors or otherwise without the consent of the Trustees.", and
- Whereas, The Purebred Arabian Trust has given written consent prior to the amendments in the resolves contained in this resolution; Therefore, Be It
- Resolved, That AHA Bylaw Article XI Section 5. Racing Committee be amended by striking out and inserting as follows:

The Racing Committee shall be composed of ~~six (6)~~ **no more than five (5) nor less than three (3)** members, who shall be the members of the Arabian Jockey Club Executive Committee **Board of Directors**, ~~which members shall be~~

51 actively involved in racing, and shall be responsible for the promotion, coordination, and general oversight of  
52 Arabian Horse racing in the United States.....and, Be It Further

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54 Resolved, That AHA CBP 109.6. be amended by striking out and inserting as follows:

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56 ~~Six~~ **No more than five nor less than three** members of the Racing Committee (Arabian Jockey Club Executive  
57 ~~Committee~~ **Board of Directors**). and, Be It Further

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59 Resolved, That AHA CBP 111.33.c be amended by striking out and inserting as follows:

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61 c. The Racing Committee shall be composed of ~~six (6)~~ **no more than five (5) nor less than three (3)** members,  
62 who shall be the members of the Arabian Jockey Club Executive Committee **Board of Directors**. and, Be It  
63 Further

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65 Resolved, To become effective, the Purebred Arabian Trust must provide written consent within 30 days after the  
66 AHA Convention concludes.

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68 Effective: December 31, 2024 if written consent is received

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

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72 RESOLUTION TYPE (REQUIRED): Standard \_\_\_\_\_ Extraordinary  X  \_\_\_\_\_ "If indicated as "Extraordinary", the  
73 proponent must list reasons which establish Chapter 9, RULE 101.3.a. has been met)

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75 101.3.a.1.(4) - The Resolution involves other compelling circumstances, clearly specified... - No USEF or AJC interaction or  
76 approval is required. As explained in the Whereas clauses, this change eliminates several existing conflicts between the  
77 three sets of documents but does not affect operations in either organization.

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79 PROPONENTS FINANCIAL IMPACT (REQUIRED): Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 102.6. & 102.7 for financial requirements

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81 No financial or Business Technology Staff impact other than the time to change the bylaw language in the AHA Handbook  
82 and in the relevant electronic files on Boardable, etc.

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84 AHA IMPACT STATEMENT: *(To be completed by AHA Staff)*

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86 Contact Person:

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88 SUBMITTED BY: Racing Committee Region Number: N/A

89  Member Organization  Committee  Commission  Board  Region *(check one)*

90 Who voted:  Members  Board  Delegates *(check voting body)*

91 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 5 Number of Yes votes: 5 Number of No votes: 0

92 How vote was taken:  mail  email/other electronic means  phone  meeting *(check one)* **(Must have Quorum with  
93 majority of yes votes)**

94 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: Racing Committee Meeting Minutes dated July 28, 2024 **(Must have printed  
95 documentation on file)**

96 Date vote taken: July 23, 2024 with deadline for votes returned by email by 23:59 July 27, 2024

97 Contact Person: Bruce Johnson **(Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw)**

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