

1 **SUBJECT: Amending the Working Western Age Division to Include 11 & Over (USEF/EC)**

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3 (STANDARD)

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

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

Amateur Committee			
Competition Advisory Committee			
USEF Arabian Division Committee			
Working Western Committee			
Youth Committee			
Youth/Mid-Summer National Show Commission			

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8 CONVENTION ACTION:

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10 \_\_\_\_\_ Approved                      \_\_\_\_\_ Approved with Modification                      \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved  
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12 \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn                      \_\_\_\_\_ Referred to Committee \_\_\_\_\_  
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14 PROPOSED CHANGE: (**Check one**)  Add new rule                      \_\_\_\_\_ Delete existing rule                      \_\_\_\_\_ Change existing text  
15 Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) Subchapter AR-26  
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17 RESOLUTION: Use **bold/italic** for new wording, ~~strikethrough~~ to indicate deletion

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19 Whereas,                      There is a need to give older individuals that have not had the benefit of exposure to western horses at a  
20 your age an introductory division, and

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22 Whereas,                      Walk/Trot classes are already in existence in the main ring, and

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24 Whereas,                      The Walk/Trot classes are popular in the stock breeds: Therefore, Be It

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26 Resolved,                      That USEF AR224 be amended by inserting and adding as follows:  
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28 AR224 Walk-Trot/Jog Trail Class Requirements

- 29 1. Exhibitors may not be more than ten years of age as of December 1 of the current competition year. **For the 11 &**  
30 **Over class, exhibitors must be eleven (11) years of age or older as of December 1 of the current competition year.**  
31 Horse and exhibitor must follow the appointments as set forth in AR211 for Western Walk/Jog Trail and English  
32 Walk/Trot Trail. The exhibitor must never have been judged in a class at a Licensed Competition that required a  
33 canter or lope. Exception: Exhibitors may have cantered in Short Stirrup Reining and Cross Rails 10 & Under  
34 classes.
- 35 2. Permitted Obstacles
  - 36 a. Walk-Overs– Where consecutive poles exist, no more than 2 may be elevated with a maximum height of  
37 8". Minimum width between poles 20" to 24", or multiples of the given dimensions between poles is  
38 generally considered good spacing for walkovers, depending upon difficulty desired. Rolling poles are  
39 prohibited.
  - 40 b. Jog-Overs for Western- Jog overs: 3 feet to 3'6" apart, or multiples of the given dimensions (space is  
41 measured between poles). Elevated poles are prohibited.
  - 42 c. Trot-Overs for English– Trot overs: 3'6" to 4' apart (space is measured between poles). Elevated poles are  
43 prohibited.
  - 44 d. Serpentine – Walk Around – No more than 5 consecutive cones
    - 45 1. Western Trail Walk/Jog-minimum 6 feet apart (base to base). Guardrails, if used, should be 4 to 5 feet to  
46 either side of the cones.
    - 47 2. English Trail Walk/Trot-minimum 8' feet apart (base to base). Guardrails, if used, should be 5 to 6 feet to  
48 either side of the pylons.
  - 49 e. Serpentine – Jog or Trot Around – No more than 5 consecutive cones are permitted.

1. Western Trail Walk/Jog-minimum of 10 feet apart (base to base). Guardrails, if used, should be 8 to 10 feet on either side of cones.
2. English Trail Walk/Trot-minimum of 12 feet apart (base to base). Guardrails, if used, should be 10 to 12 feet on either side of cones.
- f. Open Gates –Exhibitors **10 & Under** shall not be asked to open and close a gate; however, simulation of doing so by touching gate standards is permitted. A single non-elevated walk over pole may be placed in the “open” gate. **Exhibitors 11 & Over may be asked to open and close a gate.**
- g. Bridge – A safe unobstructed bridge (no poles or obstacles on the bridge). Bridges must be of sturdy design with a non-slip surface.
  - a. Minimum 3’ wide
  - b. Minimum 6’ long
  - c. Maximum 8” in height
- h. Straight Back Through measured 42” or greater in width.
- i. Turns of 90 or 180 degrees within a box or confined area no smaller than 8’ x 8’; 270 or 360 degrees within a box or confined area of no less than 10’ x10’.
- j. Side pass- A single ground pole up to 6” high is allowed for the 11 & Over age division.**
3. Prohibited Obstacles
  - a. Water
  - b. Water boxes (empty)
  - c. Drags
  - d. Pick-up object
  - e. Closed gates **for the 10 & Under age division**
  - f. Side pass **for the 10 & Under age division**; and be it further

Resolved, That USEF AR239 be amended by striking out, inserting and adding as follows:

AR239 Ranch Horse Riding Walk-Trot ~~10 & Under~~ General

1. **For the 10 & Under class**, exhibitors must not be more than ten (10) years of age as of December 1 of the current competition year.
2. **For the 11 & Over class, exhibitors must be eleven (11) years of age or older as of December 1 of the current competition year.**
3. The exhibitor must never have been judged in a class at a Licensed Competition that required a canter or lope. Exception: Short Stirrup Reining exhibitors and Cross Rails 10 & Under.; and be it further

Resolved, That USEF AR240 be amended by striking out as follows:

AR240 Ranch Horse Riding Walk-Trot ~~10 & Under~~ Appointments

Horse and exhibitor must follow the appointments as set forth in AR237.; and be it further

Resolved, That USEF AR241 be amended by striking out as follows:

AR241 Ranch Riding Patterns for Walk/Trot ~~10 & Under~~

1. Patterns must be chosen from the current AHA Patterns which may be found on the AHA website.
2. There is no time limit required for a Ranch Riding pattern.
  - a. Gaits: a judge may ask for a walk, extended walk, trot, extended trot and a stop.
  - b. Optional Maneuvers: backing, turns in either direction, walking and or trotting over poles.
3. Posting at the extended trot is permitted.
4. Holding the horn is acceptable at the extended trot.; and be it further

Resolved, That USEF AR244 be amended by striking out, inserting and adding as follows:

AR244 Ranch Horse Rail Pleasure Walk-Trot ~~10 & Under~~ General

1. **For the 10 & Under class**, exhibitors must not be more than ten (10) years of age as of December 1 of the current competition year.
2. **For the 11 & Over class, exhibitors must be eleven (11) years of age or older as of December 1 of the current competition year.**

106 2. 3. The exhibitor must never have been judged in a class at a Licensed Competition that required a canter or lope.  
 107 Exception: Short Stirrup Reining exhibitors and Cross Rails 10 & Under. BOD 6/20/23 Effective 12/1/23 .; and  
 108 be it further

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 110 Resolved, That USEF AR245 be amended by striking out as follows:

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 112 AR245 Ranch Horse Rail Pleasure Walk-Trot ~~10 & Under~~ Appointments  
 113 Horse and exhibitor must follow the appointments as set forth in the Arabian Western Pleasure Sub-Chapter. .; and  
 114 be it further

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 116 Resolved, That USEF AR246 be amended by striking out as follows:

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 118 AR246 Ranch Horse Rail Pleasure Walk-Trot ~~10 & Under~~ Class Specifications  
 119 1. Horses to enter at walk or trot in either direction at discretion of the judge.  
 120 2. Entries will be worked both directions of the ring at both qualifying gaits the walk and the trot. The judge may call for:  
 121 a. The extended walk  
 122 b. The extended trot (riders may either post or hold the horn)  
 123 c. A halt on the rail.; and be it further

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 125 Resolved, That USEF AR247 be amended by striking out as follows:

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 127 AR247 Ranch Horse Rail Pleasure Walk-Trot ~~10 & Under~~ Scoring  
 128 1. The overall manners and responsiveness of the horse while performing the requirements and the horse’s quality of  
 129 movement are the primary considerations.  
 130 2. Part of the evaluation in a walk-trot class is on smoothness of transitions. The transitions from the trot down to a walk  
 131 is expected within three (3) strides, calmly and obediently.  
 132 3. Horses that attempt to stop, or do stop, prior to walking will be penalized. BOD 6/20/23 Effective 12/1/23.;  
 133 and be it further

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 135 Resolved, That USEF AR259 be amended by striking out, inserting and adding as follows:

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 137 AR259 Ranch Horse Trail Walk-Trot ~~10 & Under~~ General  
 138 1. **For the 10 & Under class**, exhibitors must not be more than ten (10) years of age as of December 1 of the current  
 139 competition year.  
 140 2. **For the 11 & Over class, exhibitors must be eleven (11) years of age or older as of December 1 of the current**  
 141 **competition year.**  
 142 2. 3. The exhibitor must never have been judged in a class at a Licensed Competition that required a canter or lope.  
 143 Exception: Short Stirrup Reining exhibitors and Cross Rails 10 & Under. BOD 6/20/23 Effective 12/1/23.; and  
 144 be it further

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 146 Resolved, That USEF AR260 be amended by striking out as follows:

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 148 AR260 Ranch Horse Trail Walk-Trot ~~10 & Under~~ Appointments  
 149 Horse and exhibitor must follow the appointments as set forth in the Arabian Western Pleasure Sub-Chapter. .; and  
 150 be it further

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 152 Resolved, That USEF AR261 be amended by striking out, inserting and adding as follows:

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 154 AR261 Ranch Horse Trail Walk-Trot ~~10 & Under~~ Course Information  
 155 1. Acceptable Obstacles:  
 156 a. The ranch trail walk-trot course will include between six (6) and nine (9) obstacles. It is mandatory that  
 157 the horse be asked to walk and trot during the course. The walk can be part of an obstacle score or be  
 158 scored with the approaching obstacles. The trot must cover at least 35 feet and be scored with the  
 159 approaching an obstacle. Care must be exercised to avoid setting up any obstacle that may be hazardous  
 160 to the horse or exhibitor.  
 161 b. Ride over obstacles on the ground (usually logs). Walk or trot may be used, but only one gait is required.

- 162 1. Walk-overs: no more than five (5) logs no more than 10" high and spacing between 26" to 30". The
- 163 formation may be straight, curved, or zig-zagged, but not raised.
- 164 2. Trot-overs: no more than five (5) logs no more than 10" high and spacing 36" to 42". The formation
- 165 can also be straight, curved, or zig-zagged, but not raised.
- 166 c. Open Gates- Exhibitors **10 & Under** shall not be asked to open and close a gate; however, simulation of
- 167 doing so by touching gate standards is encouraged. A single non-elevated walk over pole may be placed in
- 168 the "open" gate. **Exhibitors 11 & Over may be asked to open and close a gate.**
- 169 d. Ride over a wooden bridge. The bridge must be safe, unobstructed (no poles or obstacles on the bridge),
- 170 sturdy, and negotiated at a walk only.
- 171 e. Straight Back Through - must be 40" or greater in width.
- 172 f. A live or stuffed animal which would normally be encountered in an outdoor setting may be used but not
- 173 to be used in an attempt to spook a horse.
- 174 g. Trot throughs ~~cones: cones~~ **markers** must be spaced a minimum of ten (10) feet apart. **Markers may be**
- 175 **cones, plants, hay bales, etc.**
- 176 h. Step in and out of obstacle.
- 177 i. Turns of 90 or 180 degrees within a box or confined area no smaller than 8' x 8' or turns of 270 or 360
- 178 degrees within a box or confined area of no less than 10' x 10'.
- 179 2. **For 11 & Over, optional obstacles may be used provided the obstacles can be found in everyday ranch work. Optional**
- 180 **obstacles from which selections can be made include, but are not limited to:**
- 181 **a. Remove and replace materials from a mailbox**
- 182 **b. Stand to mount with mounting block.**
- 183 **c. Open gate on foot.**
- 184 **d. Pick up feet.**
- 185 **e. Ground tie. (Hobbles are allowed)**
- 186 **f. Lead at the trot.**
- 187 **g. Side pass- A single ground pole up to 6" high is allowed for the 11 & Over age division.**
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- 189 **2.3. Prohibited Obstacles**
- 190 a. Water or Water boxes
- 191 b. Drags
- 192 c. Closed gates **for the 10 & Under age division**
- 193 d. Pick up objects
- 194 e. Side pass **for the 10 & Under age division**
- 195 f. Swing rope or throw a rope at a dummy steer head

197 Effective: December 31, 2025 or when approved by USEF/EC

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

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201 RESOLUTION TYPE (REQUIRED): Standard  X  Extraordinary  "If indicated as "Extraordinary", the

202 proponent must list reasons which establish Chapter 9, RULE 101.3.a. has been met)

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

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209 AHA IMPACT STATEMENT: (To be completed by AHA Staff)

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211 Contact Person:

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213 SUBMITTED BY: Working Western Committee

Region Number:

214  Member Organization  Committee  Commission  Board  Region (check one )

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

**RESOLUTION 9 – 24**

216 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 117      Number of Yes votes: 54      Number of No votes: 1

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

219 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: At the AHA office      (*Must have printed documentation on file*)

220 Date vote taken: July 2-12, 2024

221 Contact Person: Michael Damianos, Vice-Chair      (*Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw*)

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