

SUBJECT: Defining Adult Walk/Trot/Jog Classes (USEF/EC)

(STANDARD)

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

Committee Action:

Approve Disapprove

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

Amateur Committee			
Competition Advisory Committee			
Equitation/Showmanship Committee			
Local Level Committee			
Professional Horsemen Committee			
Sport Horse Committee			
USEF Arabian Division Committee			
Working Western 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_____ Withdrawn _____ Referred to Committee _____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) AR309

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

Whereas, We need to encourage adult riders that are just being introduced to horses, and

Whereas, We need to encourage adult riders that are returning to horses after extended absences from horse activities, and

Whereas, Many exhibitors would like to stay involved with horses as their physical skills begin to wane or medical conditions prevent lope classes; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That USEF AR309 Class Requirements be amended by inserting the following and renumbering the remainder of the section as follows:

AR309 Class Requirements

Open to Amateur or Junior Exhibitors 11 years old and older as of December 1 of the current competition year. An Amateur card is not required for ATR/AATR Walk-Trot/Walk-Jog 11 and over classes (**see AR309.2 for Walk/Trot/Jog Adult Amateur for Amateur Card requirements**).

1. Division of Classes

- a. Classes may be divided by age of exhibitor (**see AR309.2 for Walk/Trot/Jog Adult Amateur**).
- b. Separate classes for Arabians and Half/Anglo Arabians may be offered OR classes may be combined.
- c. Pleasure or Sport Horse under Saddle classes may not be combined with Equitation classes.
- d. Pleasure classes may be combined into a single class.
- e. Equitation classes may be combined into a single class (Exception: Dressage Seat Equitation may not be combined with any other equitation class).

2. **Classes may be run as Walk/Trot/Jog Adult Amateur classes for those riders over 18 years old who hold an Amateur Card and have:**

- a. **Not competed in more than 3 shows (any breed, any discipline) in a class or classes in which the lope or canter is a required gait. (An Exhibitor may not show in Walk/Trot/Jog classes and classes in which the lope or canter is required at the same show)**

- 47 **b. Reached 50 years of age and have not shown in a class (at any show) for 2 years in which the lope or canter is a**
- 48 **required gait.**
- 49 **c. Reached the age of 65 (regardless of previous show experience). Riders 65+ may go back and forth from**
- 50 **walk/trot/jog to lope classes as long as it is not at the same show.**
- 51 **d. Developed a physical or cognitive disability that for the safety of the exhibitor is no longer able to compete in**
- 52 **classes in which the lope or canter are required.**

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54 **2.3.** Classes may be offered for Western Pleasure, Hunter Pleasure, Country English Pleasure, Sport Horse Under Saddle,
 55 Western Seat Equitation, Hunter Seat Equitation Not to Jump, Saddle Seat Equitation, and Dressage Seat Equitation,
 56 and Ranch Horse (See AR310.2. e).

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58 **3.4.** Exhibitors who show in Walk/Trot or Jog 11 and Over classes may NOT show in any other class at that competition that
 59 requires exhibitors to show at the canter, or lope but may enter any class that does not require a canter or lope.
 60 Exception: Cross Rail Riders.

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62 **4.5.** A horse that is shown in these Walk/Trot or Jog 11 and Over classes may be shown by a different exhibitor in other
 63 classes at that show or by the same exhibitor in other classes that do not require a canter or lope.

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65 **5.6.** An exhibitor that shows in Walk/Trot or Jog 11 and Over classes may show in classes requiring a canter or lope at a
 66 later show in that show season, but, once they do so, become ineligible to compete in Walk/Trot or Jog classes for the
 67 remainder of that show season. Exception: Cross Rail Riders **and Walk/Trot/Jog Adult Amateurs 65 years of age and**
 68 **older.**

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70 **6.7.** Eligibility to show in these Walk/Trot or Jog 11 and Over classes begins with each show season regardless of whether
 71 the exhibitor has previously shown in classes that require a canter or lope.

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73 **7.8.** Headers are allowed.

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75 **8.9.** Stallions may be shown unless prohibited in the prize list.

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77 **9.10.** The safety of all exhibitors must be of primary consideration when adjudicating these classes. Any action by any
 78 exhibitor that endangers that exhibitor, or any other exhibitor, must be severely penalized and maybe considered cause for
 79 being excused from the class.

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81 ~~**10.11.**~~ In determining Maiden, Novice and Limit status of horses, Walk/Trot or Jog 11 and Over classes are not considered in
 82 the reckoning of status in any performance sections in the Arabian Division. (For riders, refer to AR110).

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

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

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

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92 PROPONENTS FINANCIAL IMPACT (REQUIRED): Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 102.6. & 102.7 for financial requirements
 93 This could bring new a new market to trainers, breeders and shows through the sale of Walk/Trot/Jog horses to new riders
 94 or returning riders that have a place to compete once again. Trainers may gain new clients and shows may receive
 95 additional revenue by adding Adult Walk/Trot/Jog classes. The cost of adding these classes should be minimal as the coding
 96 for new classes already exists in the database.

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

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100 Contact Person:

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102 SUBMITTED BY: Competition Advisory Committee Region Number:
103 Member Organization Committee Commission Board Region (*check one*)
104 Who voted: Members Board Delegates (*check voting body*)
105 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 9 Number of Yes votes: 8 Number of No votes: 0
106 How vote was taken: mail email/other electronic means phone meeting (*check one*) (*Must have Quorum*
107 *with majority of yes votes*)
108 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: At the AHA Office (*Must have printed documentation on file*)
109 Date vote taken: July 30 - August 13, 2024
110 Contact Person: Jim Hitt, Chair (*Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw*)
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