

1 **SUBJECT: Addressing a Professional Moving back to Amateur Status in the Leveling Program (USEF/EC)**

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3 (EXTRAORDINARY)

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

5 Committee Action:

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

Approve

Disapprove

Amateur Committee			
Competition Advisory Committee			
Professional Horsemen Committee			
U.S. Show Commission			
USEF Arabian Division Committee			
Working Western Committee			
Youth/Mid-Summer 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12 \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn                      \_\_\_\_\_ Referred to Committee \_\_\_\_\_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) AR110.2.g & h

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

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19 Whereas,                      The Leveling program was created to allow riders of like ability to compete together, and

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21 Whereas.                      Riders who held a Professional status in the industry and later obtain their Amateur Card by following the  
22 USEF requirements for obtaining Amateur status have an advantage in the show ring over true Amateur  
23 Select and Amateur Choice riders; Therefore, Be It

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25 Resolved,                      The USEF AR110.2.g be amended by adding the following:

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27                      g. When Leveling classes are offered a rider may enter their appropriate level or opt to enter a higher level  
28 instead. A show may elect to allow exhibitors to enter their appropriate achievement level and/or any  
29 higher level(s) (all appropriate qualifications would be required, if applicable). Riders who are deemed  
30 Choice by their leveling points may not level down to Select. In addition, Elite riders may not level down to  
31 Choice or Select. In Working Western Classes where levels are run concurrently, a show may elect to allow  
32 riders to enter up (not down) in all levels in which appropriate qualifications and entry fees are applied in  
33 any circumstance. **Any Amateur which has held a Professional status (as defined in GR1306) may not**  
34 **compete in any division in the Amateur Select/Choice/Primetime levels or the Open Select/Choice**  
35 **Levels; and the Non-Pro Rookie/Limited/Intermediate/Primetime and Open Limited/Intermediate levels**  
36 **in Reining regardless of their leveling point status. Riders may only compete in the Elite Amateur or**  
37 **Open in all current leveling seats and Non-Pro and Open in Reining.;** and be it further

38 Resolved,                      The USEF AR110.2 be amended by adding a new paragraph h. as follows:

- 39                      h. **Professionals moving to Amateur status must contact the Arabian Horse Association office to have their**  
40 **leveling record recorded as an Elite/Non-Pro rider.**

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42 Effective:                      December 31, 2024, or when approved by USEF/EC

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

46 RESOLUTION TYPE (REQUIRED): Standard \_\_\_\_\_ Extraordinary \_\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_\_ “If indicated as “Extraordinary”, the  
47 proponent must list reasons which establish Chapter 9, RULE 101.3.a. has been met)  
48 RULE 101.3.A.I) (3)  
49 Creates an unfairness in the competition ring by allowing previous professionals to compete at the Select and Choice levels.  
50 These riders by their previous professional status should compete against other competitors in the Elite level only.  
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52 PROPONENTS FINANCIAL IMPACT (REQUIRED): Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 102.6. & 102.7 for financial requirements  
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54 Up to \$3,000 to implement based on the BT hours.  
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56 AHA IMPACT STATEMENT: *(To be completed by AHA Staff)*  
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58 Resolution 16-24 also deals with changes to the Leveling Program and delegates should thoroughly vet each resolution (15-  
59 24 and 16-24) on their merits and decide on the solution they feel best resolves the issue (noting that amendments may be  
60 needed). This resolution does place it in the Arabian Rules at USEF where the rules are contained defining where riders in  
61 leveling may and may not compete. In addition, if an individual becomes a professional and discovers that they are not ready  
62 for that position, they can drop to an Amateur status following the USEF rule and still compete in leveling at the highest level  
63 (Elite/Non-Pro).  
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65 Contact Person: Leslie Lockard, Sr. Director of Competitions and Convention – leslie.lockard@arabianhorses.org  
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67 BT changes would be adding a column to the database table, modifying a view, make code changes to leveling in the Future  
68 State project, check leveling in the qualification report to not allow non-elite class. Testing will take the longest amount of  
69 time as we need to verify if the website is displaying correctly and run the qualification report. The level of effort from BT will  
70 be 40 hours.  
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72 Contact Person: Bill Arakali, Director of Business Technology – bill.arakali@arabianhorses.org  
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74 SUBMITTED BY: Competition Advisory Committee Region Number:  
75  Member Organization  Committee  Commission  Board  Region (*check one* )  
76 Who voted:  Members  Board  Delegates (*check voting body*)  
77 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 9 Number of Yes votes: 9 Number of No votes: 0  
78 How vote was taken:  mail  email/other electronic means  phone  meeting (*check one*) (*Must have Quorum*  
79 *with majority of yes votes*)  
80 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: In the CAC Minutes (*Must have printed documentation on file*)  
81 Date vote taken: June 24, 2024  
82 Contact Person: Jim Hitt, CAC Chair (*Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw*)  
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