

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 Withdrawn Referred to Committee _____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

- 19 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,
- 23 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,
- 26 Whereas, The Arabian Jockey Club bylaws allow the Arabian Jockey Club Board to appoint multiple Executive Committees for specific purposes, and
- 29 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
- 32 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
- 35 Whereas, The Merger Agreement between IAHA and the Arabian Horse Registry of America is also in conflict, and
- 37 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
- 43 Whereas The Purebred Arabian Trust has given written consent prior to the amendments in the resolves contained in this resolution; Therefore, Be It
- 46 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)**

98 Phone: (623) 451-7569 Email: bmjatwork@aol.com

RESOLUTION 2 – 24

1 **SUBJECT: AHA Bylaw Governance Change (Bylaws 2/3rds vote)**

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3 (STANDARD)

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

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Committee Action:

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

Approve

Disapprove

AHA Futurity Commission			
AHA Governance Task Force			
AHA National Distance Commission			
Amateur Committee			
Annual Convention Planning Committee			
Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Commission			
Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Trustees			
Arabian Horse Foundation			
Awards Committee			
Board of Directors			
Breeding/In-Hand Committee			
Budget & Finance Committee			
Bylaws Committee			
Commissioner’s Review Panel			
Competition Advisory Committee			
Credentials Workforce			
Distance Riding Committee			
Dressage & Western Dressage Committee			
Education/Evaluation Commission			
Equine Welfare Committee			
Equitation/Showmanship Committee			
Ethical Practice Review Board/Probable Cause Panel			
Executive Committee			
Hunter /Jumper Committee			
Internal Audit Committee			
Judges & Stewards Selection Committee			
Judges & Stewards Steering Committee			
Local Level Committee			
Market Development & Promotion Committee			
Membership Committee			
National Shows Directorate			
Nominating Committee			
Professional Horsemen Committee			
Racing Committee			
Registration Commission			
Resolution 5-90 Committee			
Sport Horse Committee			
Sport Horse National Show Commission			
U.S. National Show Commission			
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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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)

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

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19 Whereas, The purpose of the Arabian Horse Association (the Association) is to *Aid, promote and foster the*
20 *preservation and use of purebred Arabian Horses and the Arabian breed; as well as Half-Arabians and*
21 *Anglo-Arabian horses, and*

22 Whereas, The membership of the Association has been in a state of decline for various reasons, and

23 Whereas, The Board of Directors, in 2003 and again in 2007, employed outside consulting firms which identified the
24 structure of the Association as an impediment to operating in a business-like manner or responding to
25 changing circumstances and challenges; one of which was identified as the size of the board as a cause of
26 that circumstance; and recommended a reduction in the size of the Board, and

27 Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, it is necessary and desirable to modify the corporate structure of the
28 Association in a manner that allows for the implementation of good business practices and provides for
29 participation of the membership at large at an Annual Convention in the selection of management, while
30 at the same time preserving the rights and privileges of the Member Organizations that are components
31 of the Association, and

32 Whereas, The Merger Agreement between IAHA and the Arabian Horse Registry of America will be in conflict if this
33 resolution is adopted until it is ratified by the Purebred Arabian Trust, and

34 Whereas, The AHA Bylaws Article XVI state: *“These Bylaws may be amended by passage of a resolution at the*
35 *Annual Convention, in accordance with Article VI. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any provision in these*
36 *Bylaws relating to a power of the Trustees can be amended only by a three-quarters vote of the Trustees*
37 *and specifically cannot be amended by Arabian Horse Association's Voting Delegates, Executive*
38 *Committee, Board of Directors or otherwise without the consent of the Trustees.”*, and

39 Whereas, In accordance with Article XVI of the Association current Bylaws, The Purebred Arabian Trust has
40 consented to the reduction of Purebred Arabian Trust representation on the AHA Board of Directors as
41 defined in Article VIII. DIRECTORS, Section 2, Paragraph D. of the AHA Bylaws; Therefore, Be It

42 Resolved, That AHA Bylaws Article IV. STRUCTURE, Section 1. Regions, Paragraph C. “Regional Director Duties” be
43 amended by adding a new subparagraph (v) as follows:

44 ***(v) Each Regional Director as defined in Article IV. STRUCTURE, Section 1. Regions, shall be a member***
45 ***of the Regional Council pursuant to Paragraph F. of this section.*** And, Be It Further

46 Resolved, That AHA Bylaws Article IV. STRUCTURE, Section 1. Regions be amended by adding a new Paragraph F. as
47 follows:

48 ***Paragraph F. The Regional Council***

49 ***(i) The eighteen Regional Directors shall serve as The Regional Council.***

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51 ***(ii) The Regional Council (at its first meeting to be held after the Annual Convention) shall elect a***
52 ***Presiding Officer and Secretary to serve until a successor is elected. Any vacancy occurring shall be***
53 ***filled at the next meeting of the Regional Council.***

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55 ***(iii) The Regional Council shall meet after the Annual Convention for the purpose of electing three (3)***
56 ***members of the Council to serve as Directors on the Association’s Board of Directors. The Secretary***
57 ***of the Regional Council, shall certify the names of each of the Regional Directors elected to serve, to***
58 ***the President of the Association.*** and, Be It Further

59 Resolved, That AHA Bylaws Article V. Corporate Powers, Section 2. Powers of the Annual Convention, Paragraph B.
60 Other Powers be amended by inserting a new subparagraph (i) and sub-subparagraph (a) and adding a
61 new subparagraph (ii) as follows:

62 Paragraph B. Other Powers.

63 The Annual Convention may, by resolution, take any other action not inconsistent with law, with the Articles of
64 Incorporation, the Bylaws, or the Merger Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Annual Convention
65 shall have no power to approve or amend Arabian Horse Association's budget or take any action regarding the
66 rules, policies, practices, and procedures applied to the Arabian Horse Registry or the Half-Arabian/Anglo-
67 Arabian Horse Registries.

68 *(i) The Board of Directors may amend or replace a resolution previously adopted by the Delegates at an
69 Annual Convention by adopting an Amendatory Resolution that shall take effect on the thirtieth (30th) day
70 following its adoption unless prior to that date the Secretary of the Association has received either:*

71 *(a) a written certification from the Presiding Officer of the Regional Council that at a meeting (held in-
72 person or by electronic means) of the Regional Council with no fewer than a majority of all members
73 of the Regional Council who cast a vote to disapprove the Amendatory Resolution; or*

74 *(ii) An objection to the Amendatory Resolution that is signed by no fewer than a majority of all
75 members of the Regional Council is filed with the Secretary of the Association. The use of a digital
76 signing method being an acceptable method. and, Be It Further*

77 Resolved, That AHA Bylaws Article V. Corporate Powers, Section 3. Powers of the Board of Directors, Paragraph A.
78 Annual Budget and Authority be amended by inserting as follows:

79 **Section 3. Powers of the Board of Directors**

80 Paragraph A. Annual Budget and Authority.

81 *(i) The Board of Directors shall have final authority to approve the annual operating budget and shall have all
82 power to take any action not inconsistent with law, with the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws, the Merger
83 Agreement, with any duly enacted resolution of the Annual Convention **except as provided in subparagraph
84 (ii) below.** Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board of Directors shall have no power to take any action
85 regarding the rules, policies, practices, and procedures applied to the Arabian Horse Registry or the Half-
86 Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Horse Registry.*

87 *(ii) Immediately upon adoption by the Board of an Amendatory Resolution as defined in Section 2., Paragraph
88 B above, that amends or replaces a resolution previously adopted by the Delegates at an Annual
89 Convention, the Secretary of the Association shall furnish each member of the Regional Council by US mail,
90 postage prepaid, by email or by personal service,*

91 *(a) a copy of the Amendatory Resolution adopted by the Board;*

92 *(b) a statement from the Board explaining why the Amendatory Resolution is necessary and in the best
93 interests of the Association;*

94 *(c) a statement whether each member of the Board elected by the Regional Council voted in favor of, or
95 voted against, or abstained from voting on the adoption of the Amendatory Resolution; and*

96 *(d) the date upon which the Amendatory Resolution will become effective if adopted by the Regional
97 Council pursuant to Section 2., Paragraph B., (i) (a) or (ii.) above, and Be It Further*

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99 Resolved, That AHA Bylaws Article VI. ANNUAL CONVENTION, Section 4. Voting, be amended by inserting new Paragraphs
100 F, G, and by adding a new Paragraph H. as follows:

101 **Paragraph F. President, Vice President and Three (3) Directors to be elected by the Membership at large.**

102 *The Secretary shall arrange for an election to be held electronically no sooner than thirty (30) nor later than
103 forty-five (45) days following receipt of the list of nominees. If there are no more than two nominees for the
104 offices of the President, and the Vice President and for the three (3) Directors, they shall be elected by the
105 majority vote of the Membership at Large at an Annual Convention including electronic vote, beginning no later
106 than twenty-one (21) days prior to, and concluding on the second to the last day of, an Annual Convention.*

107 **Paragraph G. Eligibility to Vote.**

108 *Only persons who are adult or life members in good standing of the Association on June 30 of the year in which
109 an Annual Convention is held shall be entitled to vote for the election of a President and Vice President and the
110 election of Directors.*

111 **Paragraph H. Nomination and Election of Three Directors.**

112 **Upon receipt from the Nominating Committee of the names of nominees for election to the Board. the Secretary**
113 **shall distribute to the Membership at Large for each nominee his or her qualifications and biographical**
114 **information as detailed on the standard biographical information form., and Be It Further**

115 Resolved, That AHA Bylaws Article VIII. Directors, Section 1. Qualifications be amended by striking out and inserting as
116 follows:

117 **Section 1. Enumeration**

118 The Board of Directors shall consist of twenty nine (29) persons selected in accordance with this Article. Each
119 Director shall, at all times during his or her continuance in office, be an Adult or Life Member in good standing as
120 determined pursuant to Article III, Section 1. Each elected member of the Board of Directors shall be an Adult or
121 Life Member. Each appointed member of the Board of Directors shall be an Adult or Life Member.

122 **The Board of Directors of the Arabian Horse Association shall consist of no more than fourteen (14) persons**
123 **comprised as follows:**

124 **(i) An Executive Committee numbering seven (7) composed of a President and a Vice President, each elected**
125 **by the membership at large at an Annual Convention; a Treasurer and a Secretary each appointed by the**
126 **Board; the immediate past President of the Association; and two directors appointed to the Executive**
127 **Committee by the Purebred Arabian Trust; and**

128 **(ii) Seven (7) additional Board members selected as follows: (a) three (3) Directors nominated by the**
129 **Nominating Committee and elected by the Membership at Large of the Association at an Annual**
130 **Convention; (b) three (3) Directors elected by the Regional Council and (c) one (1) Director appointed by the**
131 **Purebred Arabian Trust.**

132 **(iii) The President, the Vice President and those Directors elected by the Membership at Large (excepting only**
133 **the Officers and Directors appointed by the Purebred Arabian Trust who serve at the pleasure of the Trust),**
134 **shall be elected and serve for a term of three (3) years.**

135 **(iv) Terms of Office**

136 **Excepting the Director and the two (2) At-Large Vice-Presidents appointed by the Purebred Arabian Trust**
137 **who serve at the pleasure of the Trust, and excepting the succession of a Vice President to the office of**
138 **President, the Secretary, the Treasurer elected by the Board of Directors and the Directors elected by the**
139 **Membership at Large shall be limited to two (2) consecutive three (3) year terms of office; and may not**
140 **again be elected as an Officer or Director until one (1) year following the expiration of their second term of**
141 **office. The three (3) Directors elected by the Regional Council shall serve a two (2) year term for a continuous**
142 **period not in excess of two (2) consecutive terms (four years total). An immediate past President may serve**
143 **as a Director until their successor is elected.**

144 **(v) Vacancies. In the event an office becomes vacant by reason of resignation or otherwise, the Board of**
145 **Directors shall elect a successor to fill the unexpired term of an office appointed by the Board or elected by**
146 **the Membership at Large at an Annual Convention; The Regional Council shall elect a successor to a director**
147 **elected by it; and the Purebred Arabian Trust shall select a successor to an office appointed by it.**

148 **(vi) Removal for Cause. The Board of Directors may remove a Director for cause upon the affirmative vote of**
149 **two-thirds (2/3) of the Directors. Removal "for cause" may be determined by the Board of Directors when**
150 **the Director has engaged in inappropriate conduct including, but not limited to, theft, dishonesty, or moral**
151 **turpitude.**

152 **(vii) Each elected member of the Board of Directors shall be an Adult or Life Member. Each appointed member**
153 **of the Board of Directors shall be an Adult or Life Member. and, Be It Further**

154 Resolved, That AHA Bylaws Article VIII. Directors be amended by striking out and renumbering/re-lettering as
155 follows

156 ~~Section 2. Enumeration~~

157 ~~The Board of Directors shall consist of the following persons:~~

158 ~~Paragraph a. Past President~~

159 ~~The Immediate Past President.~~

160 Paragraph b. Officers

161 Each person elected or appointed as an officer pursuant to Article IX hereof, shall serve for the period for
162 which so selected, and until the selection of his or her successor to such office.

163 Paragraph c. Regional Directors

164 A Director from each of the Regions as defined in Article IV, Section 1.

165 Paragraph d. At Large Directors

166 There shall be four (4) At Large Directors initially selected by the AHRA prior to the Merger with and into
167 Arabian Horse Association, two (2) of whom will serve for a one (1) year term and two (2) of whom will
168 serve for a two (2) year term. Thereafter, two (2) of the four (4) At Large Directors shall be selected by the
169 Trustees each year at the time of the Annual Convention. Each At Large Director shall represent the
170 interest of purebred Arabian Horses and seek to aid, promote and foster the preservation and use of the
171 purebred Arabian Horses and the Arabian breed and to engage in all activities and undertakings incidental
172 to or designed to further promote these objectives.

173 Section 3. Selection of Regional and At Large Directors

174 Paragraph a.

175 The selection of the Regional Directors will be pursuant to Article IV, Section 1, Paragraph a (ii). (Res. 8-14)

176 Paragraph b.

177 Election or appointment of Directors shall be completed no later than thirty (30) days before the opening
178 day of the Annual Convention held during the calendar year of the election. (Res. 3-05)

179 Section 4. Regional and At Large Directors Term and Limitation

180 Paragraph a.

181 Each Regional and At Large Director's term of office shall be approximately two (2) years, beginning at the
182 close of the Annual Convention following his or her election or appointment, as appropriate, and lasting
183 until his or her successor is selected and takes office at the close of the Annual Convention following the
184 successor's selection.

185 Paragraph b.

186 No person shall be eligible to hold the office of Regional or At Large Director for a continuous period in
187 excess of two (2) consecutive terms (four years). (Res. 8-14) The foregoing limitation shall not preclude a
188 person appointed to a term of one year or less by the Trustees or any Director elected to serve the
189 remainder of an unexpired term and thereafter being elected and re-elected to serve two (2) consecutive
190 two-year terms.

191 Section 5. Regional and At Large Directors Vacancies

192 If the Regional Director position becomes vacant, the Regional Vice Chair shall become the Regional
193 Director and serve out the remainder of the Regional Director's term. If the Regional Vice Chair position
194 becomes vacant the Regional Board of Delegates shall elect a new Vice Chair. Any At Large Director
195 vacancy shall be filled by the Trustees.

196 Section 6 2. Meetings

197 Paragraph A. Annual Meeting.

198 There shall be an annual meeting of the Board of Directors at the Annual Convention. Except as otherwise
199 provided by law, written notice of any meeting of the Board of Directors (i) shall be given in writing to
200 each Director and delivered by first-class, prepaid mail, telecopy, personal delivery, overnight courier, or
201 electronic mail. Any notice given by mail must be given to the last address, telecopy number or electronic
202 mail address of the Director shown on Arabian Horse Association's records. Notice shall be deemed given
203 at the time of delivery through the means of delivery utilized, and (ii) shall state the date, place and hour
204 of the meeting and the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called.

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Paragraph B. Special Meetings.

Special meetings of the Board may be held at any time and place on the call of the President or of a majority of the Board, in either case upon ten (10) days' notice by first-class prepaid mail, or five (5) days' notice delivered personally or by telephone or electronic mail. Such notice shall state the time and place of the meeting and shall be deemed given at the time when personally delivered, deposited in the mail, sent by electronic mail or orally transmitted to recipient via telephone.

Paragraph C. Quorum.

At any meeting of the Board, the presence of a majority of Directors shall constitute a quorum to transact business.

Paragraph D. ~~Regional Vice-Chair and At-Large Director Alternates.~~ **Participation in Meetings by Conference Telephone.**

~~Elected Regional Vice-Chairs and alternate At-Large Directors appointed by the Trustees may attend any open meeting of Arabian Horse Association's Board of Directors when the Regional Director is present. Regional Vice-Chairs and alternate At-Large Directors shall be entitled to attend any Board of Directors meeting and vote and shall count in determining a quorum of the Board of Directors if, and only if, the Regional Director or At-Large Director is absent.~~

Directors may participate in any regular or special meeting of the Board through use of conference telephone or similar communications equipment, so long as all Directors participating in such meeting can hear one another. Participation in a meeting in this manner shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.

Paragraph F E. Voting by Mail or Electronic Communication. (Res. 1-09)

- ~~1. The Board of Directors may take action, without a meeting, by mail, e-mail, fax, or similar communication when:

 - A notice stating the action to be taken and the time by which a Director must respond is transmitted by mail, e-mail or fax or similar communication to each member of the Board, and, each member of the Board, by the time stated in the notice:
 - (a) Votes in writing for such action; or
 - (b) (1) Votes in writing against such action, or abstains in writing from voting, or fails to respond, or vote; and
 - (2) Fails to demand that action not be taken without a meeting. The response required herein must be by mail, e-mail or fax, and, shall include the director's signature.~~
- ~~2. The notice required by subsection 1 of paragraph f shall state:

 - (a) The action to be taken; and
 - (b) The time by which a Director must respond; and
 - (c) That failure to respond by the time stated in the notice will have the same effect as abstaining in writing by the time stated in the notice and failing to demand in writing, by the time stated in the notice, that action not be taken without a meeting; and
 - (d) Any other matters the Arabian Horse Association determines to include.~~
- 1. The Board of Directors may take action, without a meeting, by mail, e-mail, fax, or similar communication when a notice stating the action to be taken and the time by which a Director must respond is transmitted by mail, e-mail or fax or similar communication to each member of the Board, and, a majority of the members of the Board, by the time stated in the notice, vote in favor of the action proposed to be taken.**
- 2. The notice required by subsection 1 of paragraph f shall state:

 - (a) The action to be taken; and
 - (b) The reason the action must be taken without a meeting; and
 - (c) The time by which a Director must respond; and**
- ~~3. The number of affirmative votes for such action meets or exceeds the number that would be necessary to take such action at a meeting at which all Directors were present and voting.~~
- 34. All signed written instruments necessary for any action taken pursuant to this section shall be filed with the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors.**

256 Paragraph ~~G~~ **F**. Emergency Provision (Res. 2-20) (Res. 1-22)

- 257 (i) In the event of a cancellation of an In-Person Annual Convention by the Executive Committee
- 258 pursuant to Article VI, Section 1. b., and in the absence of a Virtual Convention, the Board of Directors
- 259 will elect the Officers of the Arabian Horse Association (if the election of Officers is scheduled for the
- 260 cancelled Convention) utilizing the Nominating Committee’s slate of officers that was to have been
- 261 provided to the Delegates at the canceled In-Person Annual Convention. The election shall be
- 262 conducted by written ballot, or by mail, or by electronic means, as determined by the Board of
- 263 Directors.
- 264 (ii) In the event of a cancellation of an In-Person Annual Convention by the Executive Committee
- 265 pursuant to Article VI, Section 1. b., and in the absence of a Virtual Convention, the Board of Directors
- 266 will nominate and elect the Annual Convention elected committee members. The method of election
- 267 shall be determined by the Board of Directors. The staff of the Arabian Horse Association shall
- 268 provide a list of the committee positions that were to have been elected at the cancelled In-Person
- 269 Annual Convention., and Be It Further

270 Resolved, That AHA Bylaws Article IX. Officers, Section 2. Election, Paragraph A. be amended by striking out and
271 inserting as follows:

272 Paragraph A. **Elections and appointments**

273 The President shall be elected by ballot for a two (2) year term. The President will be eligible for a
274 maximum of two (2) consecutive terms excluding any period of time completing the term of a
275 predecessor. The two (2) At Large Vice Presidents shall be appointed by the Trustees each for a term of
276 one (1) year. All other Officers shall be elected by the Voting Delegates for a term of two (2) years to
277 coincide with the election of the President (Res. 6-14) All Officers shall serve until their successors are
278 elected (or appointed by the Trustees in the case of At Large Vice Presidents) and take office at the close
279 of the Annual Convention following the successor's election or appointment. All elections shall be
280 conducted by a written or electronic ballot; except, that in the event but one person is nominated for an
281 office, that person will be declared elected by the chair. (Res. 1-20)

282 (i) **The President and Vice President shall be elected by majority vote of the Membership at Large**
283 **at an Annual Convention for a period of three (3) years until adjournment of the third Annual**
284 **Convention following his or her election.**

285 (ii) **The two (2) At-Large Vice Presidents shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the**
286 **Trustees.**

287 (iii) **All other Officers shall be elected for a term of approximately three (3) years, shall take office**
288 **upon adjournment of the annual Convention at which they (or their predecessor in case of a**
289 **replacement officer) were appointed, and shall serve until their successors are elected (or**
290 **appointed by the Trustees in the case of At-Large Vice Presidents).**

291 (iv) **All elections shall be conducted by a written or electronic ballot; except, that in the event but**
292 **one person is nominated for an office, that person will be declared elected by the chair., and be**
293 **it further**

294 Resolved, That AHA Bylaws Article IX. Officers, Section 2. Election, Paragraph B. be amended by striking out and
295 inserting as follows:

296 Paragraph B. **No Run-Off Elections**

297 In the event there are three or more candidates for any office, and no candidate receives a majority of the
298 votes cast, there shall be a run-off between the two candidates receiving the largest number of votes.
299 **In the event there are three or more candidates for any office, and no candidate receives a majority of**
300 **the votes cast, the candidate receiving the plurality vote shall be elected.** And, Be It Further

301 Resolved, That AHA Bylaws Article XI, Committees and Commissions, Section 2. Nominating Committee, Paragraph
302 B., (i) be amended by striking out and inserting as follows:

303 Paragraph B.

304 The members of the Nominating Committee shall be selected as follows: (Res. 1-08)

RESOLUTION 2 – 24

308 (i) Each ~~Director of Arabian Horse Association~~ **member of the Regional Council** may place in nomination
309 the name of one nominee to be considered by the Delegates for a position on the Nominating
310 Committee., and Be It Further

311 Resolved, That AHA Bylaws Article XI, Committees and Commissions, Section 2. Nominating Committee, Paragraph
312 C., (i) be amended by striking out and inserting as follows:

313 Paragraph C.

314 The Nominating Committee shall primarily serve as a ~~credentialing~~ **qualifications** committee. At such
315 time, any Adult or Life Member in good standing may nominate him/herself as a candidate for any of
316 Arabian Horse Association Offices other than the two At-Large Vice President positions. It shall be the
317 duty of the Nominating Committee: (Res. 1-08)

318 (i) ~~To develop a standard form to detail the relevant biographical information of each nominee and~~
319 ~~require each nominee to submit the standard biographical information form to the Nominating~~
320 ~~Committee at least ninety (90) days prior to the elections at the Annual Convention,~~
321 **To require each nominee to complete a Candidate Questionnaire promulgated by the Nominating**
322 **Committee addressing, among other matters, the candidate’s experience, knowledge and expertise**
323 **in financial matters, organizational skills, communication skills, and history of involvement and**
324 **activities with the Association, and to submit the same to the Nominating Committee at least**
325 **ninety (90) days prior to the elections at the Annual Convention; and to require each nominee to be**
326 **available for interview by the Nominating Committee in person or electronically, and be it further**

327 Resolved, That AHA Bylaws Article XI, Committees and Commissions, Section 2. Nominating Committee, Paragraph
328 C. be amended by adding a new subparagraph (v) as follows:

329 **(v) The Nominating Committee shall cause the Arabian Horse Association to distribute at least thirty**
330 **(30) days prior to election for each Officer and Director to be elected by the Membership at Large at**
331 **an Annual Convention his or her biographical information as detailed on a standard biographical**
332 **information form to be promulgated by the Committee.** and, Be It Further

333 Resolved, That the following provisos will be used but the words will not be in the Bylaws:

334 1. **To facilitate continuity necessary and beneficial to the Board’s functions, only a portion of the elected**
335 **Board members should stand for election or appointment at any Annual Convention. There is,**
336 **therefore, hereby created Class A Directorships, Class B Directorships and Class C Directorships for the**
337 **Directors elected by majority vote of the Membership at Large at an Annual Convention and separate**
338 **Class A, B and C Directorships for the Directors elected by the Regional Council.**

339 2. **Class A Directors to be elected by majority vote of the membership at Large at an Annual Convention**
340 **shall be elected for an initial term of three (3) years; the Class B Directors, for an initial term of two (2)**
341 **years; and Class C Directors, for an initial term of one (1) year. At Annual Conventions thereafter all**
342 **Classes of Directors shall be elected to three (3) year terms.**

343 3. **Excluding the President, Vice President and the three Directors appointed by the Purebred Arabian**
344 **Trust, the initial Class A Directors to be elected by majority vote of the membership at Large at an**
345 **Annual Convention shall be the first name on an alphabetized list of the last names of the Directors**
346 **elected by the Membership at Large at an Annual Convention; the initial Class B Director shall be the**
347 **next name; and the Class C Director shall be the last name on that alphabetized list. Thereafter all**
348 **Directors to be elected by majority vote of the membership at Large at an Annual Convention shall**
349 **have a three-year term. A successor director shall have the same classification as the director whom**
350 **he or she succeeds regardless of alphabetizing.**

351 4. **The Regional Council shall designate which Directorship Class is applicable to the Directors it elects.**
352 **The Class A, B and C Directorships shall have initial terms of three (3), two (2) and one (1) year**
353 **respectively. Thereafter all Directors elected by the Regional Council shall have three-year terms. A**
354 **successor director shall have the same classification as the director whom he or she succeeds regardless**
355 **of alphabetizing.**

356 5. **Only persons who are adult or life members in good standing of the Association on June 30 of the year**
357 **in which an Annual Convention is held shall be entitled to vote for the election of a President and Vice**

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358 *President and the election of Directors; provided, such persons may nonetheless vote for the election*
359 *of the three Directors that occurs in the year following adoption of this Resolution.*

360 **6. The Secretary and Treasurer elected at the Annual Convention adopting this Resolution shall serve until**
361 **their successors are chosen by the fully constituted Board of Directors provided for by this Resolution.**

362 **7. The first nominees to be elected by the membership shall submit the relevant information no**
363 **later than January 7th of the year immediately following the effective date of this Resolution,**
364 **and the Nominating Committee shall publish its list of nominees no later than January 15th of**
365 **that year.**

366 **8. The Secretary of the Association shall prepare a single document that incorporates all of the additions**
367 **and eliminations from the current Bylaws and the Bylaws Committee shall certify the same to be a true**
368 **and correct copy of the Bylaws as amended. and, Be It Further**

369 Resolved, That the following proviso will be necessary for the Resolution to become effective, the Purebred Arabian
370 Trust must provide written consent within 30 days after the AHA Convention concludes.

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372 Effective: December 31, 2025 if written consent is received

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374 (If a Standard resolution, the effective date will be December 31 of the year after the Convention)
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376 RESOLUTION TYPE (REQUIRED): Standard Extraordinary _____ "If indicated as "Extraordinary", the
377 proponent must list reasons which establish Chapter 9, RULE 101.3.a. has been met)

378
379 Fundamental Resolution that changes the governance of AHA impacting all areas of the organization. Impacts the future
380 well-being of the organization and organizations within AHA, including financially.

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

383
384 Election cost of \$19,000 per election as quoted by American Arbitration Association. Some offsets from reduced meeting
385 costs with smaller Board of Directors

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

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389 Contact Person:
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391 SUBMITTED BY: Region 12 Region Number: 12

392 Member Organization Committee Commission Board Region (check one)

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

394 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 33 Number of Yes votes: 23 Number of No votes: 0

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

397 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: With Laurie Salmi, Region 12 Director (Must have printed documentation
398 on file)

399 Date vote taken: June 25, 2024

400 Contact Person: Peter Conway (Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw)

401 Phone: (352-234-7988 Email: peter@conwayarabians.com

1 **SUBJECT: Revisions to Resolution 5-90**
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3 (EXTRAORDINARY)
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			
Board of Directors			
Commissioner’s Review Panel			
Competition Advisory Committee			
Dressage/Western Dressage Committee			
Education/Evaluation Commission			
Executive Committee			
Judges & Stewards Selection Commission			
Judges & Stewards Steering Committee			
National Shows Directorate			
Professional Horsemen Committee			
Resolution 5-90 Committee			
Sport Horse Committee			
Sport Horse National Show Commission			
U.S. National Show Commission			
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)
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17 **RESOLUTION:** Use ***bold/italic*** for new wording, ~~strike through~~ to indicate deletion

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19 Whereas, It has been a number of years since the entirety of 5-90 has been reviewed and updated, and
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21 Whereas, Portions of the compiled document contains date specific directives that are no longer applicable, and
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23 Whereas, Each committee and/or commission within the structure of 5-90 has contributed input; Therefore, Be It
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25 Resolved, That the 5-90 document be amended by striking out and inserting as follows:
26

27 **(I) Establishment of Judges & Stewards Commissioner**

28 That the position of Judges & Stewards Commissioner be established with the following duties and responsibilities:

- 29 1) The Commissioner will coordinate and implement the programs of ~~the Education/Evaluation Commission, the~~
30 ~~Judges and Stewards Selection Committee and Judges & Stewards Steering Committee~~ **the following:**
 - 31 **a. Education/Evaluation Committee**
 - 32 **b. Judges Selection Committee**
 - 33 **c. Commissioner’s Review Panel**
 - 34 **d. Judges & Stewards Steering Committee**
- 35 2) The Commissioner will serve as ex-officio member of all Judges and Stewards Committees, ~~and~~ Commissions,
36 **working groups, and task forces.**

- 37 3) That the Commissioner's office shall be responsible for the ongoing evaluation of judges and stewards in terms
 38 of their actual judging/**stewarding** performance and compliance with the class specifications and procedures
 39 and all other matters involving a judge's or steward's performance.
 40 4) **The Commissioner's office has the authority to monitor activities of a judge or steward outside officiating when**
 41 **such activities directly reflect negatively on AHA judges and stewards. The Commissioner will track and has**
 42 **the authority to apply disciplinary actions in said situations.**
 43 5) 4) The Commissioner may establish a Peer Review Panel(s) to assist in the ongoing evaluation of judges and
 44 stewards at any AHA recognized competition. Said Panel Review members must consist of National/Regional
 45 level judges or stewards and be approved by the Education and Evaluation Commission (EEC). Further, any
 46 compensation or expense for said panel(s) to come from the 5-90 budgets.

47 CHAPTER XII, COMPETITION OFFICIALS:

48 Article 1673. AHA Commissioner.

49 1. ~~The AHA Judges and Stewards Commissioner shall be considered a Competition Official (See Art. 112) at~~
 50 ~~all AHA recognized competitions that are also recognized by the USEF.~~

51 ~~Further, the USEF Arabian Rule Proposed Restructure be amended to reflect this same change as Chapter~~
 52 ~~XXVIII, Article 1699J.~~

- 53 6) **The AHA Judges and Stewards Commissioner shall be considered a Competition Official (See USEF GR113) at**
 54 **all AHA recognized competitions that are also licensed by USEF.**
 55 7) 5) The Commissioner is to direct the establishment of the programs necessary to perpetuate and implement
 56 directives of the Executive Committee, Board of Directors and Convention of AHA with input and assistance
 57 from the Judges and Stewards Committees and Commissions.
 58 8) 6) The Commissioner is to receive complaints and to act upon those relating to Judges and Stewards conduct
 59 when filed by exhibitors, show officials, and other AHA members. There is to be a filing fee, {amount to be set
 60 by the AHA Board of Directors}. All **official** complaints **are** to be in writing and signed.
 61 9) 7) The Commissioner is to acknowledge receipt of all **official** complaints forwarded to the Commissioner's office
 62 when the party filing the complaint provides adequate identification for the Commissioner to provide an
 63 acknowledgement of receipt.
 64 8) The Education/Evaluation Commission (EEC) is to implement a system for approving officials and assigning the
 65 officials to the specific Level of Competitions. Prior to such assignment by the EEC, such recommendations, at
 66 least 30 days before being finalized are to be provided to the AHA Commissioner for comment and those
 67 comments are to be considered by the Commission prior to the EEC taking final action.
 68 a. ~~Once a judge has reached National/Regional level status, the ongoing evaluation of the judge shall be~~
 69 ~~completed by the Commissioner. The Commissioner may receive input from the Education and Evaluation~~
 70 ~~Commission based upon their interview process, but only the Commissioner has the authority to maintain~~
 71 ~~the judge's status, remove the National/Regional status or suspend the judge's status. A determination to~~
 72 ~~change the status is subject to a de novo review by the Education and Evaluation Commission, if so~~
 73 ~~requested by the judge, and such review requires a 2/3 vote of the Education and Evaluation Commission to~~
 74 ~~overturn the action of the Commissioner.~~
 75 10) 9) The Commissioner is authorized to employ an Administrative Assistant **and/or other full or part-time staff**
 76 **necessary** to aid in meeting the responsibilities of the office.
 77 11) 10) The Commissioner will be responsible for:
 78 a. Investigation of alleged misconduct, at the discretion of the Commissioner, relating to Judges and
 79 Stewards. "Misconduct" is defined as:
 80 i. ~~1.~~ Misconduct: to include only those activities or other involvement by an AHA Judge or Steward that
 81 is in any way related to horses and/or functions relating to horses.
 82 ii. **Misconduct may include conduct by judges and/or stewards on social media platforms when such**
 83 **activities directly reflect negatively on AHA accredited judges and stewards.**
 84 b. Reporting results of investigation to Commissioner's Review Panel when in the opinion of the
 85 Commissioner such investigation indicates improper conduct by a Judge or Steward of any AHA approved
 86 competitions.
 87 c. The Commissioner will have the responsibility, when ~~€~~charges are approved by the Commissioner's
 88 Review Panel, of causing ~~€~~charges to be filed with the United States Equestrian Federation (**USEF**),
 89 **Equestrian Canada (EC)**, or the Arabian Horse Association Ethical Practice Review Board (**EPRB**), or
 90 arbitration if no other appropriate method of resolution is available.
 91 d. The Commissioner is responsible for presenting to the USEF **or EC** Hearing Committee, the EPRB or
 92 arbitrator the information relating to charges which are filed.

- e. The Commissioner is responsible for withdrawal (dropping) of previously filed charges when deemed appropriate by the Commissioner with the Commissioner's Review Panel approval.
 - f. The Commissioner is to establish a system to provide for a confidential quarterly Complaint Report to both the President of AHA and the members of the Commissioner's Review Panel.
 - i. ~~1)~~ The Complaints Report will contain:
 - a) file identification number;
 - b) date received;
 - c) the nature of the complaint;
 - d) status of the investigation;
 - e) Commissioner's recommendation (close, investigate, requires more than three (3) months to investigate, etc.) No names or similar identification of the individuals is to be part of this report.
 - ii. ~~2)~~ The Complaint Report and its contents is subject to the confidentiality agreements signed by the individual designated to receive the report, and any party to the complaint investigation, or potential witness, may be excluded from receiving information in their Complaint Report on any issue that may involve them.
- ~~12)~~ ~~11)~~To assist the Commissioner in investigation of allegations relating to conduct of Judges or Stewards, the Commissioner may engage legal or other assistance on a temporary basis to aid in the investigation. Any temporary help used by the Commissioner in the investigation must be within the approved budgetary allocations. The Commissioner may do so within ~~his~~ **the approved** budget without any other approval being required. In the event such assistance would require expense above the authorized budget, the expenditure would require approval of the Commissioner's Review Panel, Ways & Means Committee, **and either the Executive Director or** ~~and~~ the AHA President.
- ~~13)~~ ~~12)~~The Commissioner shall comply with financial and budgetary **procedures and requirements** as set forth by the AHA Board of Directors **and/or the Executive Director**. ~~The EEC, Judges & Stewards Selection Committee, the Judges & Stewards Steering Committee and the Commissioner's Review Panel shall be sent budget information and forms in connection with the normal budget cycle communication sent out by the AHA office to all committee chairs, and that copies of the original committee budget be submitted to the Commissioner by the committee be attached for reference by the Ways & Means Committee to the final budget submission of the Commissioner.~~
- ~~14)~~ ~~13)~~The Commissioner may consult with the Commissioner's Review Panel, the EEC **Education & Evaluation Commission**, the Judges & Stewards Steering Committee, the Judges & Stewards Selection Committee, **the Resolution 5-90 Committee**, the AHA Executive Committee and the AHA ~~General Manager~~ **Executive Director** ~~as he deems appropriate~~ for the purpose of obtaining advice and information relating to matters which are the responsibility of the office of the Commissioner. Such consultation may be formal or informal and is not required to be with the entire membership of any of the above bodies but may involve private consultation with any member of the above. It is not intended to restrict the Commissioner only to the consultation with ~~the~~ **these** groups, but to indicate these groups are to assist the Commissioner in the fulfillment of the Commission's duties and responsibilities set forth herein.
- ~~15)~~ ~~14)~~The Commissioner is to interface with USEF/EC in all aspects required to carry out ~~his~~ **the** duties as **of** the Commissioner.
- ~~16)~~ ~~15)~~The Commissioner is empowered to take action which the Commissioner deems appropriate in any matter in which the Commissioner considers, in his sole opinion, that failure to act in a timely manner will result in immediate and irreparable harm to the public or exhibitor's confidence in the conduct of the Judges or Stewards of any AHA approved competition.
- ~~17)~~ ~~16)~~That the Commissioner be empowered to warn, to require more education of, to suspend, **place on probation for a specified period of time**, or remove a judge or steward from the AHA Approved Judges & Stewards List, as appropriate. Said action subject to a de novo review by the Education and Evaluation Commission, if so requested by the judge or steward, and such review shall require a 2/3 vote of the entire EEC to overturn the actions of the Commissioner. ~~Policies and procedures for the review process, with input from the EEC, to be created and implemented by the effective date.~~
- ~~18)~~ ~~17)~~The Commissioner will be required, as a condition of employment, to meet the strictest conflict of interest restrictions placed on Judges. The Commissioner will strive to avoid all involvements which may present a real or potential conflict of interest and will always be mindful that the success of an AHA Commissioner depends largely in public confidence, support, and approval of those associated with the Commissioner's office, both at AHA competitions, as well as while away from such competitions.

148 ~~18~~ 19) The Commissioner shall at all times strive to avoid any conduct or involvement which might result in
 149 impaired public confidence in the honest and orderly conduct of the Commissioner or the integrity of AHA
 150 approved competitions.
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152 **(II) Commissioner Records**

153 The Commissioner shall cause to be maintained orderly records relating to the conduct of the duties of the Commissioner’s
 154 office. These **physical and/or electronic** records/files are the property of AHA and remain subject to confidentiality
 155 restrictions placed upon them in perpetuity.

- 156 **1)** The information supplied to the Commissioner will in many cases be inconclusive, and not adequately supported
 157 with documentation to either prove or disprove the allegations. It is AHA’s intent to the extent reasonably
 158 possible to protect the good name and reputation of AHA officials (Judges and Stewards) ~~of at~~ Arabian events from
 159 damage as a result of unsubstantiated allegations. Therefore, all records of the office of the Commissioner shall be
 160 deemed confidential, in accordance with the following:
 - 161 **a. 1)** An “Investigation File” is not available outside the Commissioner’s office, staff, or counsel for any purpose to
 162 any party, including AHA officers, directors, Judges, Stewards or members of AHA or any other party, except as
 163 provided below:
 - 164 **i. a)** The AHA President, in order to better manage the business affairs of AHA, subject to signing of the
 165 confidentiality agreement and providing that there is no conflict of interest, may have access to all
 166 information in the office of the Commissioner, including investigation files and names;
 - 167 **ii. b)** The Commissioner with the approval of the AHA President is authorized to share information within the
 168 office of the Commissioner with legal counsel representing AHA subject to signing of the confidentiality
 169 agreement that restricts use of the information to legal matters relating to AHA and providing that there
 170 is no conflict of interest.
 - 171 **iii. e)** Information from the Investigation File is made available by the Commissioner to the Commissioner’s
 172 Review Panel; and
 - 173 **iv. d)** Such information results in the filing of the charges which have been approved for filing by the
 174 Commissioner’s Review Panel. (When charges have been approved for filing, the information provided to
 175 the Commissioner’s Review Panel may be made available upon request, following the filing of the charges,
 176 to the charged party), or
 - 177 **v. e)** Disclosure is required by law.
 - 178 **b. 2)** An investigation should ideally be closed within one year or less of receipt of a **formal** complaint that is
 179 reportable in the Complaint Report to the AHA President and Commissioner’s Review Panel. ~~a)~~ The period for
 180 investigation of a complaint may be extended:
 - 181 **i. 1)** For any period of time that USEF, EC Judicial, or other similar process causes the Commissioner to
 182 suspend the investigation due to USEF, EC Judicial or similar processes pending action; or
 - 183 **ii. 2)** By majority vote of the Commissioner’s Review Panel at six-month intervals for a maximum total
 184 period for an investigation of three years.
 - 185 **iii. 3)** A closed file from a prior investigation may be combined without restriction with the file for a new
 186 complaint at the discretion of the Commissioner.
- 187 **2)** ~~3)~~ All information supplied to the Commissioner is confidential and every reasonable effort shall be utilized to
 188 prevent the disclosure of the source until and unless the information results in filing of charges approved by the
 189 Commissioner’s Review Panel. Information which has been provided by the Commissioner to the Commissioner’s
 190 Review Panel which results in the Review Panel approval and filing of charges must disclose source.
- 191 **3)** ~~4)~~ A Judge’s or Steward’s “Permanent File” is for use in carrying out the duties of the office of the Commissioner
 192 and not for public use.
 - 193 **a)** No information shall be placed in a Permanent File which does not identify the sources of the information.
 - 194 **b)** All Judges and Stewards are entitled with reasonable notice during office hours to review contents of their file.
 195 **Review of the file contents may be at a location other than the AHA office, if agreed upon by the judge or**
 196 **steward and the Commissioner.**
 - 197 **c)** In the event that a Judge or Steward should wish to do so, they may provide written statements relating to
 198 the contents within their file, such information to become a permanent part of their file.
 - 199 **d)** All charges filed and supporting information relating thereto and the finding or other disposition of the
 200 charges shall become part of the Permanent File of the Judge or Steward in the Commissioner’s office.
- 201 **4)** ~~5)~~ That all Judges and Stewards shall agree to accept and be bound by the confidential provisions assigned to
 202 Judges and Stewards files by the Commissioner as a condition of being placed on the approved list of AHA officials.
 203 Further, all Judges and Stewards agree that the Commissioner may disclose the material relating to any

204 investigation or hearing which has resulted in approval by the Commissioner’s Review Panel of the filing of
 205 charges.
 206

207 **(III) Commissioner Appointment and Dismissal Procedures**

208 The Judges and Stewards Commissioner shall be selected and hired for an initial ~~a~~ contract term of ~~3~~ three (3) years by
 209 affirmative vote of ~~4 of 6 members of~~ **a majority of** the AHA Executive Committee with ratification by a majority vote of
 210 the ~~Regional Directors~~ **Board of Directors**. The AHA President in connection with the negotiation of any future contract
 211 with a Commissioner, will keep in mind that it is desirable that the physical location of the office be within the primary AHA
 212 facility.

- 213 **1)** The Commissioner may be dismissed for cause (breach of contract, moral turpitude, dishonesty or theft) by a
 214 positive vote of ~~at least four of the six members~~ **a majority** of the Executive Committee, ratified by a simple
 215 majority of the Board of Directors of AHA.
- 216 **2)** Termination will not occur without affording the Commissioner an opportunity to make a presentation to the
 217 Executive Committee and to the Board of Directors of AHA prior to their voting.
 - 218 **a.** ~~1)~~ The Commissioner has a right (solely for the purpose of determining whether or not the termination was
 219 truly “for cause”) to arbitration at the option of the Commissioner. The Commissioner must request ~~the~~
 220 arbitration within 15 ~~(fifteen)~~ days following receipt by the Commissioner of notification of the AHA Board of
 221 Directors approval of a “for cause” discharge.
 - 222 **b.** ~~2)~~ The arbitration would be in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association and the
 223 arbitrator would be charged with determination as to whether the discharge was in fact “for cause”.
- 224 **3)** The President, with the support of ~~3~~ **three (3)** or more members of the Executive Committee will have the right, in
 225 matters of cause, to immediately suspend (for a period not to exceed 15 days) the Commissioner until a meeting of
 226 the Executive Committee can be convened to afford the opportunity for the Commissioner to make a presentation
 227 to the Executive Committee on the matter which caused the suspension.
~~Regional Directors are members of the AHA Board of Directors who are not officers (Executive Committee) of AHA.~~
- 228 **4)** In the event that ~~4~~ **a majority of** ~~m~~Members of the Executive Committee, following the presentation by the
 229 Commissioner, feel that termination of employment is appropriate, they will refer the matter within 45 days to the
 230 Board of Directors who will decide on the matter of continued employment of the Commissioner following the
 231 Commissioner’s presentation, including whether or not termination of employment is appropriate. Termination of
 232 the Commissioner will require approval of 2/3 of the Board of Directors.
- 233 **5)** The Commissioner **may continue in their duties and** is to remain on paid status during any period during which
 234 continuation of employment is being considered by either the Executive Committee or Board of Directors.
- 235 **6)** The President, with the Executive Committee approval, will exercise the authority to appoint an acting
 236 Commissioner in the event the position becomes vacant for any reason, including resignation, disability, or
 237 discharge for cause. In the event the position of Commissioner is vacant, the Executive Committee will hire a new
 238 Commissioner as soon as possible.
- 239 **7)** In the event that ~~4~~ **a majority of** members of the Executive Committee are unable to agree upon a Commissioner
 240 for a period of six months from the date the position becomes vacant, the President will nominate an individual of
 241 his **their** choice subject to approval by a majority of the ~~Regional~~ **Board of Directors**.
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 243

244 ~~(IV) Commissioner’s Characteristics~~

245 ~~The Executive Committee initiate immediate action to employ a Commissioner following convention approval~~
 246 ~~with due consideration of characteristics suggested by the Study Committee.~~
 247

248 ~~(IV) (A) Compensation/ Employment Location of the Commissioner~~

249 The compensation and location of the Commissioner will be set by the Executive Committee, subject to approval by the
 250 ~~Regional~~ **Board of Directors**.
 251

252 ~~(V) (A) Commissioner’s Review Panel~~

253 The Commissioner’s Review Panel shall be established for the purpose of reviewing the investigations report containing
 254 information developed by the Commissioner’s office which relates to the allegations of improper conduct on the part of
 255 official(s) (Judges or Stewards). This investigation report is to be in the Commissioner Review Panel’s hands at least five **(5)**
 256 days prior to being asked to act.

- 257 **1)** The Review Panel is to be provided with an investigation report and copies of any supporting documentation
 258 for only those allegations for which the Commissioner feels there exists adequate evidence to support the

- 259 allegations of alleged misconduct. All names to be withheld by the Commissioner until the Review Panel's
 260 decision is made. The charged party to be given the opportunity to respond prior to the Review Panel's review.
 261 **2)** The Review Panel is to act only upon the written information provided to it. The Review Panel members will be
 262 provided with the investigation report and a **hard copy or electronic** ballot wherein they can indicate their vote
 263 based upon the written investigation report and the supporting documentation.
 264 **3)** The filing of charges will require a positive vote of at least **five (5)** of the **nine (9)** members of the Review Panel.
 265 The Review Panel is to have **five (5)** days in which to consider the information supplied and to make a
 266 determination.
 267 **4)** The Review Panel will, at the request of one or more of the members thereof, convene a telephone conference
 268 call in which all Review Panel members will be invited to participate with the Commissioner for the purpose of
 269 enhancing their understanding of the investigation report.
 270 **5)** The Commissioner's Review Panel shall consist of **nine (9)** members:
 271 a. one **currently licensed Arabian** judge
 272 b. one **currently licensed USEF Category 2** steward **or EC steward.**
 273 c. two recognized breeders **(See definition in CBP 111.13)**
 274 d. one recognized trainer
 275 e. one show manager **or show secretary (See definition in CBP 111.13)**
 276 f. two exhibitors who are current holders of Amateur Cards **(See definition in CBP 111.13)**
 277 g. one member at large
 278 **6)** This proposed slate may be supplemented by nominations from the floor. The members are elected by
 279 Convention delegates for two-year rotating terms with a limit of six **(6)** consecutive years of service. Terms are to
 280 be staggered. ~~During the 1991 term, the panel will define the terms breeder, trainer, show manager, and amateur~~
 281 ~~exhibitor. Said definitions shall be distributed at the 1991 annual convention.~~
 282 **7)** Only prospective candidates for the Panel who fall within the definitions shall be permitted to run for election.
 283 ~~For the purpose of transition, the Committee recommends that the convention approve the following 5 individuals~~
 284 ~~to serve on the Committee from this convention through December 31, 1991:~~
 285 ~~—Jane Schroeder (Reg. 7) Breeder~~
 286 ~~—Art Townley (Reg. 9) Steward~~
 287 ~~—Sheila Varian (Reg. 2) Breeder~~
 288 ~~—Hope McGeary (Reg. 15) At Large~~
 289 ~~—Richard Dady (Reg. 15) Judge~~
 290 ~~—Non-voting attorney advisor to be selected by the committee.~~
 291
 292 ~~The additional four members (one recognized trainer, one show manager, two exhibitors who are current holders of~~
 293 ~~amateur cards) shall be nominated by the Judges and Stewards Ad Hoc committee for approval by the Board of~~
 294 ~~Directors at their January 1991 meeting.~~
 295 **8)** **Any vacancy of more than two (2) months that occurs between Convention elections will be filled on an interim**
 296 **basis, upon recommendation of the Commissioner, by the President with approval of a majority of the Board of**
 297 **Directors.**
 298 **9)** **The Commissioner can recommend removal by the Executive Committee of a Review Committee member for**
 299 **cause, after a review of the facts by the Review Committee.**
 300 **10)** Review Panel members will be ineligible to hold any other office or any other **Judges & Stewards** committee **or**
 301 **national show commissions** appointments within AHA. Vacancy shall be filled between conventions on an interim
 302 basis by the President with approval of a majority of the Board of Directors.
 303 **11)** **The** Commissioner's Review Panel shall, upon request by the Commissioner, consult on matters relating to conflict
 304 of interest issues relating to approval of officials and such other matters as the Commissioner shall request.
 305 **12)** AHA shall indemnify the Commissioner and members of the Review Panel for defense costs or any damages
 306 resulting from good faith conduct of the duties assigned herein.
 307 **13)** When facts are in evidence and not disputed by the parties, the Commissioner may issue "Finding(s)" following the
 308 Review Panel's approval and implement appropriate action for the situation.
 309

310 **(VI) (VII) Education/Evaluation Commission**

311 ~~That the Judges Seminar Commission be renamed The Education/Evaluation Commission, with the following duties:~~
 312 The Education/Evaluation Commission **(EEC)** has the following duties:

- 313 1) To develop education programs for existing Judges and Stewards and for prospective Judges and Stewards. ~~and to~~
 314 ~~increase the level of activity in the education of Stewards.~~

- 315 2) To assist in the development of a correspondence program curriculum for use in education of members, ~~scoring~~
 316 ~~officials~~, Judges and Stewards.
- 317 3) To provide access for AHA Membership to attend at the ~~Judges and Stewards training sessions~~ **Exhibitors/Judges**
 318 **School** for a ~~nominal~~ **reasonable** fee.
- 319 4) To ~~recommend to the Commissioner~~ **review and make recommendations for the** qualifications and requirements
 320 for the ~~establishment of~~ AHA approved Stewards **and Competition Officials**. ~~list~~.
- 321 5) To make specific proposals to the Commissioner for increasing the authority and responsibilities of Stewards **and**
 322 **Competition Officials** in the enforcement of rules during the conduct of the competition.
- 323 6) To take the responsibility for final action on the application of an AHA member to be approved as an AHA
 324 approved Judge ~~or Steward~~ providing that:
- 325 a. The Education/Evaluation Commission certifies that the candidate has passed all objective tests of knowledge
 326 established by the Education/Evaluation Commission; ~~and is licensed as an Arabian judge by USEF or EC~~, and
 327 b. The Education/Evaluation Commission must provide the Commissioner with a preliminary list of Judges being
 328 considered for approval at least 30 days prior to the candidate being considered for final approval; and
 329 c. The Education/Evaluation Commission must consider, prior to final approval of a candidate, any concerns that
 330 the Commissioner provides to them during the 30 day comment period.
- 331 7) To take final action following consideration of comments from the Commissioner relating to the Level of
 332 Competition, including specialty areas of expertise, to which a Judge should be assigned. It is anticipated that each
 333 Judge ~~and Steward~~ would complete an application to be reviewed by the Commission which would provide the
 334 Commission with information relating to:
- 335 a. A record of shows, including number of horses, in which the official has been ~~a Judge. or Steward~~.
 336 b. Information relating to the activities within the horse industry for those applying.
 337 c. Any prior USEF/EC hearings, Board or AHA Ethical Practice Review Board proceeding in which the official was
 338 charged, with the result of such hearing.
 339 d. Educational background relating to judging ~~or stewarding~~ which demonstrates knowledge for the role for
 340 which the official is seeking approval.
 341 ~~e. Completion of psychological or similar test (test to be recommended by the EEC following consideration of~~
 342 ~~comments from the Commissioner) with results appropriate if applying for National or Regional approval.~~
 343 ~~e. f.)~~ Such other information as the Commission may deem necessary to complete task assigned to the
 344 Commission.
- 345 8) To have access, **on a confidential basis**, to all education and evaluation files for an applicant developed by the
 346 Commissioner's office, **as well as Judges & Stewards permanent file**, excluding any investigation files, **to assist**
 347 **them in evaluation of an official's ability conduct, and experience as an official**. All such files to be established
 348 and maintained by the Commissioner's office for use by the Commission.
- 349 **9)** The Commission is to assign Judges ~~and Stewards~~ to Levels of Competition in accordance with the following:
- 350 a. AHA Accredited National/Regional Judge – National and Regional Shows
 351 b. AHA Accredited Judge – All other shows.
 352 c. The levels of competition are established for the purpose of providing a blueprint for advancement in the
 353 complexity of the judging ~~or stewarding~~ assignment in order to provide experience for AHA Judges ~~and Stewards~~
 354 prior to advancing to the more complex level of judging. ~~It is recommended that a Judge officiate at 5 or more~~
 355 ~~competitions prior to progressing~~. An official may accept assignments below the level of competition approved
 356 for that official. Acceptance of assignment at a higher level requires the Judge to obtain written approval of the
 357 Commissioner prior to accepting such assignment.
- 358 **10)** To be responsible for developing a training program, approved by the Commissioner, to produce quality Judges
 359 and Stewards for AHA approved competitions. Curriculum will be developed, including but not limited to the
 360 following:
- 361 a. Judges and Stewards schooling for prospective judges and stewards.
 362 b. Testing program for Stewards intended to confirm their knowledge of Arabian rules which once
 363 demonstrated, would allow a USEF approved Steward to be placed on the AHA approved list with the
 364 Commissioner's approval. ~~It is anticipated that initially this will be correspondence "open book test"~~.
 365 c. Ongoing evaluation of applicants, "J" and "R" Judges' ~~and Stewards'~~ performance to include a regular
 366 evaluation of the Judges ~~and Stewards~~ and their performance at the level of competition assigned. Such
 367 evaluation to result in the official being:
- 368 i. Raised to a higher level of competition;
 369 ii. Continue at the same level of competition;
 370 iii. Removed to a lower level of competition when available;

- 371 iv. Removed from AHA approved list
- 372 d. Ongoing review of National/Regional level judge’s performance to include regular evaluation of the Judges
- 373 and their performance. Such evaluation is to be forwarded to the Commissioner for his/her review and action.
- 374 i. ~~4)~~ The EEC will coordinate with the Commissioner.
- 375 e) ~~The members of the EEC are to have access on a confidential basis to all information in a Judge or Steward’s~~
- 376 ~~permanent file to assist them in evaluation of the official’s ability, conduct, and experience as an official.~~
- 377 **11) The Education/Evaluation Commission (EEC) is to implement a system for approving officials and assigning the**
- 378 **officials to the specific Level of Competitions. Prior to such assignment by the EEC, such recommendations, at**
- 379 **least 30 days before being finalized are to be provided to the AHA Commissioner for comment and those**
- 380 **comments are to be considered by the Commission prior to the EEC taking final action.**
- 381 a. **Once a judge has reached National/Regional level status, the ongoing evaluation of the judge shall be**
- 382 **completed by the Commissioner.**
- 383 b. **The Commissioner and the EEC will establish content of the evaluation of all levels of judges, including**
- 384 **National/Regional level status.**
- 385 c. **The Commissioner may receive input from the Education and Evaluation Commission based upon their**
- 386 **interview and/or testing process, but only the Commissioner has the authority to maintain the judge’s**
- 387 **status, remove the National/Regional status or suspend the judge’s status.**
- 388 d. **A determination to change the status is subject to a de novo review by the Education and Evaluation**
- 389 **Commission, if so requested by the judge, and such review requires a 2/3 vote of the Education and**
- 390 **Evaluation Commission to overturn the action of the Commissioner.**
- 391 ~~12)-f)~~ **The Commission will consist of nine (9) members, elected by the Board of Directors. ~~for a 3-year rotating term.~~**
- 392 **The Commission is to consist of any member of AHA who ideally would have relevant experience in the area of**
- 393 **educational program development and/or delivery.**
- 394 a. **No member may serve more than ~~three~~ four (4) consecutive three-year terms. Time served due to**
- 395 **appointment or election to fill a vacancy does not count towards the consecutive terms.**
- 396 b. **Establish structure so no more than one EEC member goes off at a time due to reaching the maximum**
- 397 **consecutive terms. This may entail having a one or two-year term to make this adjustment.**
- 398 c. **Terms commence on January 1st of the year following the election by the Board of Directors.**
- 399 d. **Any vacancy of more than two (2) months that occurs between elections will be filled on an interim basis,**
- 400 **upon recommendation of the Commissioner, by the President with approval of a majority of the Board of**
- 401 **Directors.**
- 402 e. **The Commissioner can recommend removal by the Executive Committee of an EEC member from the**
- 403 **Commission for cause, after a review of the facts by the Review Committee.**
- 404 f. ~~g)~~ **Members of this Commission will be ineligible to serve on any other Judges or Stewards committee or**
- 405 **commission, ~~or~~ on National Show Commissions, or as a national officer of AHA, although the Chair of the EEC**
- 406 **may serve as a non-voting liaison to these committees, panels, or commissions. ~~Current members to~~**
- 407 **continue until existing terms expire.**
- 408 ~~10) Maintain technical competence of the Judges and Stewards.~~

(VII) ~~(VIII)~~ Judges & Stewards Steering Committee

~~That the~~ The Judges & Stewards Steering Committee functions with the following duties:

- 412 **1) The Committee will encourage licensed judges and stewards to convey reasonable concerns relative to the Judges**
- 413 **and Stewards areas of responsibility to the Steering Committee and then from the Committee to the**
- 414 **Commissioner.**
- 415 **2) The Commissioner may bring judges and stewards concerns to the Steering Committee for their consideration and**
- 416 **input.**
- 417 **3) This Committee will seek to ensure that all approved Judges and Stewards are knowledgeable of, and adhere to, the**
- 418 **Judges Code of Conduct and Code of Ethics.**
- 419 **4) The Committee will assist in communication between the Commissioner and the Judges and Stewards in an effort to**
- 420 **improve understanding and cooperation.**
- 421 ~~The Committee will be responsible for providing non-binding advice and counsel on matters relating to conflict of~~
- 422 ~~interest and ethics, without any immunity for the inquiring Judge and/or Steward wishing to discuss such matters of~~
- 423 ~~concern.~~
- 424 **5) Conflict of Interest:**
- 425 a. **If an official has questions concerning USEF/EC conflict of interest rules, the judge or steward is to be**
- 426 **directed to contact USEF or EC for an official answer.**

- 427 **b. If an official has questions about a possible conflict of interest at a Value Show, or other AHA competition**
- 428 **that is not recognized by USEF or EC, the Commissioner may ask for input from the Steering Committee.**
- 429 c. Such advice and counsel, therefore, cannot be utilized for defense of any acts or conduct finally undertaken by
- 430 the Judge and/or Steward.
- 431 d. This does not prevent either the Committee or the Judge and/or Steward seeking advice from discussing the
- 432 matters with the Commissioner should they wish to do so, with the knowledge that advice and counsel from
- 433 the Commissioner is non-binding and provides no immunity for the inquiring party from investigation and/or
- 434 other actions that may be taken by the Commissioner and/or others.
- 435 e. Such advice and counsel, therefore, cannot be utilized for defense of any acts or conduct finally undertaken by
- 436 the Judge and/or Steward.

437 ~~6.3~~ The **nine (9)** members of this Committee will be elected **by their peers to serve three-year staggered terms** by the

438 AHA approved Judges and Stewards according to the following procedures:

- 439 a. **Seven (7) currently licensed USEF or EC Arabian Judges. To be** elected by AHA Approved Judges according to
- 440 current procedures established for the Judges & Stewards Steering Committee.
- 441 b. **Two (2) currently licensed Category 2 USEF Stewards or EC Stewards. To be** elected by AHA approved
- 442 Stewards from those Stewards which officiated at least **two (2)** AHA events in the prior year, using procedures
- 443 similar to those used ~~by to elect~~-Judges. Members of this Committee will be ineligible to serve on any other
- 444 Judges or Stewards committees or commissions.
- 445 c. **A Chair of the Education and Evaluation Commission will serve as a non-voting member/liaison of the**
- 446 **Steering Committee.**
- 447 d. ~~Elected 7 Judges and 2 Stewards to serve 3-year staggered terms.~~
- 448 e. **Terms commence on January 1st of the year following the election.**
- 449 f. **An individual can serve no more than three (3) consecutive terms 3-year terms.**
- 450 g. **Any vacancy of more than two (2) months that occurs between Conventions will be filled on an interim basis,**
- 451 **upon recommendation of the Commissioner, by the President with approval of a majority of the Board of**
- 452 **Directors.**
- 453 h. **The Commissioner can recommend removal by the Executive Committee of a Steering Committee member**
- 454 **for cause, after a review of the facts by the Review Committee.**

455 ~~7.4~~The AHA First Vice President (or other member of the Executive Committee designated by the AHA President be

456 designated as the liaison for the matters of concern to the members of this Committee.

457 ~~8.5~~ This Committee **will** be given adequate notice and be allowed **and encouraged** to provide ~~up to one page~~

458 **material/notices** to be included in the Commissioner’s newsletter **and/or AHA electronic communications** for

459 ~~communication with~~ **distributed to** Judges and Stewards.

461 ~~(VIII) (IX)~~ **Judges & Stewards Selection Committee**

462 The purpose of the Judges and Stewards Selection Committee to be as follows:

- 463 1) This Committee is to select the Judges and Stewards required for the National Shows from the approved
- 464 **National/Regional Judges lists provided by the Commissioner, who compiles the list from various sources and**
- 465 **personal knowledge, & Stewards, up to (twelve) 12 eighteen (18) months in advance.**
- 466 a. In the event that less than the required number of Judges are available from the AHA Accredited
- 467 National/Regional Judge list, then the Selection Committee may select from the AHA Accredited ~~Judges List of~~
- 468 **Registered (R) judges** only after exhausting the list of all AHA Accredited National/Regional Judges, in that
- 469 order.
- 470 b. **Exception: Specialty judges can be hired up to twenty-four (24) months in advance of the national**
- 471 **competition.**
- 472 2) At least **thirty (30)** days prior to finalizing their selections and assignments the Selection Committee provide a
- 473 confidential list of the individuals proposed by the Committee and their proposed assignments to the AHA
- 474 Commissioner for comment or other input to the Judges & Stewards Selection Committee.
- 475 3) The Selection Committee, **with input from the Commissioner,** will have the final responsibility for the selection
- 476 and assignment of Judges and Stewards for National events.
- 477 4) The Selection Committee is to make selection of a Judge ~~or Steward~~ for any other AHA sponsored functions as
- 478 directed by the Commissioner, Executive Committee, Board of Directors or convention actions.
- 479 ~~5) The Judges and Stewards will be selected from the then current AHA approved list maintained by the~~
- 480 ~~Commissioner, unless specific exception is recommended by the Selection Committee and approved by the EEC~~
- 481 ~~following consultation with the Commissioner.~~
- 482 5) **National Show Commissions will be asked to provide input into steward and technical delegate selection.**

- 483 6) Members of this Committee may not exhibit at any function for which they select or hire a Judge or Steward.
- 484 7) The Committee will consist of *six (6)* members elected by the Convention delegates for a ~~three~~ 3-year rotating
- 485 terms. Members of this Committee may not serve more than *six (6)* consecutive years, except that a member that
- 486 has served less than six (6) years may run and if elected, serve their full term. Terms commence on January 1st
- 487 following election.

488 Procedures:

- 489 a. ~~It is understood and agreed, that there will be an election held in 2023 and the new procedure of~~
- 490 ~~electing members to the committee for a three-year term rather than a two-year term.~~
- 491 b. ~~In 2023 an election will be held during the Annual Convention with at least three names placed in~~
- 492 ~~nomination. The two candidates receiving the highest vote totals will be elected to serve a three-year~~
- 493 ~~term and the candidate receiving the third highest vote totals will be elected to serve a two-year~~
- 494 ~~term.~~
- 495 c. ~~In 2024 an election will be held during the Annual Convention with at least three names placed in~~
- 496 ~~nomination. The two candidates receiving the highest vote totals will be elected to serve a three-year~~
- 497 ~~term and the candidate with the third highest vote totals will be elected to serve a one-year term.~~
- 498 d. ~~Beginning in 2025 (and thereafter) an election will be held during the Annual Convention with at least~~
- 499 ~~two names placed in nomination and the two candidates receiving the highest votes will be elected~~
- 500 ~~for a three-year term.~~

501 8) ~~Members of this Committee will be ineligible to serve any Judges and Stewards Committee or~~

502 ~~Commissions or to serve on the National Show Commissions. Current members to continue until existing~~

503 ~~terms expire.~~

504 9) ~~The Judges and Stewards Selection Committee will coordinate with the Commissioner.~~

505 10) ~~The USEF Arabian Division Rules Committee be authorized to submit the following proposed rule change~~

506 ~~as an extraordinary matter to the USEF, requesting it to be effective March 1, 1991:~~

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508 "The AHA Commissioner's title and mailing address shall be contained in all Competition publications."

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510 ~~(X) Judges Rating Committee~~

511 ~~That the Judges Rating Committee be dissolved.~~

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513 ~~(XI) Judges Review Committee~~

514 ~~That Judges Review Committee be dissolved as a standing AHA Committee effective with the hiring of a~~

515 ~~Commissioner.~~

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517 ~~(XII) That resolution 30-76 be amended with the following underlined section:~~

518 ~~"... beginning in 1977 all AHA approved shows employing more than one judge must indicate in their premium list~~

519 ~~which type of classes each judge will adjudicate.~~

520 ~~(XIII) The AHA Staff will integrate the resolutions passed #8-00 through #24-00 including any amendments thereto, into~~

521 ~~the existing Resolution #5-90 as currently amended, and to make such other modifications to AHA procedures and~~

522 ~~policy so as to implement the intent of these resolutions~~

523 1) ~~The Legal Oversight Committee will prepare the appropriate Confidentiality Agreement as required by~~

524 ~~these resolutions subject to approval thereof by the AHA Board of Directors.~~

525 2) ~~The effective date for these resolutions will be January 1, 2001, unless otherwise specified.~~

526 **8) Any vacancy of more than two (2) months that occurs between Conventions will be filled on an interim basis,**

527 **upon recommendation of the Commissioner, by the President with approval of a majority of the Board of**

528 **Directors.**

529 **9) The Commissioner can recommend removal by the Executive Committee of a Selection Committee member for**

530 **cause, after a review of the facts by the Review Committee.**

531 **10) 8) Members of this Committee will be ineligible to serve on any Judges and Stewards committee or commission, or**

532 **to serve on the National Show Commissions.**

533 **11) 9) The Judges and Stewards Selection Committee will coordinate with the Commissioner, and, Be It Further**

534

535 Resolved, That the following proviso's will be in effect:

536 **1. It is understood and agreed, that there will be an election held in 2023 and the new procedure of electing**

537 **members to the committee for a three-year term rather than a two-year term.**

538 **2. In 2023 an election will be held during the Annual Convention with at least three names placed in**

539 **nomination. The two candidates receiving the highest vote totals will be elected to serve a three-year term**

540 **and the candidate receiving the third highest vote totals will be elected to serve a two-year term.**

- 541 3. *In 2024 an election will be held during the Annual Convention with at least three names placed in*
- 542 *nomination. The two candidates receiving the highest vote totals will be elected to serve a three-year term*
- 543 *and the candidate with the third highest vote totals will be elected to serve a one-year term.*
- 544 4. *Beginning in 2025 (and thereafter) an election will be held during the Annual Convention with at least two*
- 545 *names placed in nomination and the two candidates receiving the highest votes will be elected for a three-*
- 546 *year term.*

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548 Effective: December 31, 2024

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

552 RESOLUTION TYPE (REQUIRED): Standard _____ Extraordinary "If indicated as "Extraordinary", the

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

554 *The Resolution 5-90 Committee would like the changes to be effective January 1, 2025, as the changes have no financial*

555 *impact on AHA and the association would be better served with an effective date earlier than the Standard December 31st of*

556 *the year after the Convention.*

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

559 *None*

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

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563 I would encourage passage of this resolution as these changes have been contributed by the various committees and/or

564 commissions within the structure of 5-90.
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566 Contact Person: Mary Jane Brown – Mary-Jane.Brown@arabianhorses.org

568 SUBMITTED BY: Resolution 5-90 Committee Region Number:

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

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

571 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 4 Number of Yes votes: 4 Number of No votes: 0

572 How vote was taken: mail email/other electronic means phone Zoom meeting *(check one) (Must have*

573 **Quorum with majority of yes votes)**
574 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: J&S Commissioner’s Office *(Must have printed documentation on file)*

575 Date vote taken: July 15, 2024

576 Contact Person: Peter Conway, Chair *(Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw)*

577 Phone: (352) 234-7988 Email: peter@conwayarabians.com

1 SUBJECT: Allow Banding of Manes in Reining and Reining Seat Equitation (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

Competition Advisory Committee			
Equitation/Showmanship Committee			
USEF Arabian Division Committee			
Working Western Committee			
Youth Committee			

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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) AR106.8
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17 RESOLUTION: Use **bold/italic** for new wording, ~~strikethrough~~ to indicate deletion

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19 Whereas, It is common place at NRHA events to band manes to keep a horse’s mane from being caught in the reins,
20 and

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22 Whereas, There is a desire from some our exhibitors to allow this; Therefore, Be It

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24 Resolved, That USEF AR106.8 be amended by inserting the following:

- 25
- 26 8. Purebred Arabian horses must wear a long, natural, unbraided/unbanded mane and/or tail (with or without
- 27 clipped bridle path). Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian horses are not required to have a long mane and/or tail, but an
- 28 unbraided/unbanded mane and/or tail is mandatory. Exceptions: Horses shown with Hunter, Jumper, Show Hack,
- 29 Sport Horse or Dressage appointments, or in Western Dressage classes, are permitted to show with a shortened,
- 30 pulled, or braided mane and/or tail. Decorative items in manes and tails are prohibited. Only simple bows made
- 31 from the yarn to secure braid(s) are permitted. Cutting horses may be shown with a roached/shaved mane. **Manes**
- 32 **may be banded in Reining classes and Reining Seat Medal classes where riders execute a reining pattern.** For
- 33 Carriage Pleasure Driving see division chapter CP. All horses must have a natural unaltered, unset, and ungingered
- 34 tail as described in AR105.3 - Ginger, Capsaicin, and other Irritants.
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36 Effective: December 31, 2025, or when approved by USEF/EC

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

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40 RESOLUTION TYPE (**REQUIRED**): Standard Extraordinary _____ “If indicated as “Extraordinary”, the
41 proponent must list reasons which establish Chapter 9, RULE 101.3.a. has been met)
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44 PROPONENTS FINANCIAL IMPACT (**REQUIRED**): Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 102.6. & 102.7 for financial requirements

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46 None
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48 AHA IMPACT STATEMENT: (**To be completed by AHA Staff**)

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50 Contact Person:

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52 SUBMITTED BY: Working Western Committee Region Number:

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

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

55 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 119 Number of Yes votes: 63 Number of No votes: 15

56 How vote was taken: mail email/other electronic means phone meeting (*check one*) (*Must have Quorum*

57 *with majority of yes votes*)

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

59 Date vote taken: July 31 - August 7, 2024

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

61 Phone: (805) 701-0338 Email: michaeldamianos@roadrunner.com

SUBJECT: Allowing Designated Runners in Performance Halter (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			
U.S. National Show Commission			
USEF Arabian Division Committee			
Working Western Committee			
Youth/Mid-Summer National Show Commission			

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) AR123

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

Whereas, As a breed and an Association, we wish to encourage participation in horse shows and to encourage exhibitors who need assistance but still wish to compete, and

Whereas, Our base of exhibitors is aging and we wish to encourage those that want to remain active, and

Whereas, AQHA has acknowledged and addressed this challenge in their own right, and

Whereas, As a breed and an Association, wish to encourage all to participate and we do not want to discriminate against anyone physically unable, and

Whereas The Arabian is a kind and charismatic horse that we should continue to promote as such; Therefore, be it

Resolved, That USEF AR123.2 be amending by inserting and adding the following:

Procedure

2. A horse must be handled and shown throughout an entire class by only one and the same person, except that a substitute handler may be used if, during a class, the original handler becomes ill or is injured, **or a Designated Runner Exemption has been granted.** Time allowed for the change of handler shall be in accordance with AR108 Time Out Rules. No handler may show more than one horse per class. (pulled from AR116.2)
 - a. **An exhibitor in any youth or amateur Performance Halter class who is unable to perform the walk or trot portion may submit a Designated Runner Exemption Form.**
 - b. **The official Designated Runner Exemption form must be accompanied by a signed physician statement. The physician statement must state the exhibitor is unable to perform the walk/trot in hand portions of the class and the effective dates of the physician letter are not to exceed one year.**
 - c. **The Exemption Form and physician statement must be submitted to the AHA approved event with a deadline to be determined by the event.**
 - d. **It is the exhibitor's responsibility to provide proof of the Designated Runner Exemption and physician statement to show management by a date and time determined by the show. It is show management's responsibility to inform judge(s) of any runner exemptions.**
 - e. **A substitute youth or amateur with current AHA Membership may lead the horse through the walk and trot portion of the class as a Designated Runner. The Designated Runner must be of the same age/division as the**

50 *member with the Designated Runner Exemption. The exhibitor receiving the Designated Runner Exemption*
51 *must thereafter set up and present the horse.*

52 **f. The Designated Runner must be appropriately attired.**

53 **g. The Designated Runner shall remain in the arena for the duration of the class at a safe and reasonable**
54 **distance. In the event of a disruption, the substitute runner may assist, however any other coaching or**
55 **assistance is prohibited.**

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

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

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

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65 PROPONENTS FINANCIAL IMPACT (REQUIRED): Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 102.6. & 102.7 for financial requirements
66 Positive impact to AHA for show entries and participation.
67 No expense to AHA as all record keeping is at the show level.

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

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70 Contact Person:

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72 SUBMITTED BY: Arabian Horse Assn of Northern California Region Number: 3

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

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

75 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 7 Number of Yes votes: 7 Number of No votes: 0

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

78 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: Stockton, CA *(Must have printed documentation on file)*

79 Date vote taken: August 5-6, 2024

80 Contact Person: Steve Freeman *(Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw)*

81 Phone: (209) 531-3515 Email: sfree3158@sbcglobal.net

1 **SUBJECT: Clarifying Country English Pleasure (USEF/EC)**

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3 (STANDARD)

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			
Education/Evaluation Commission			
Professional Horsemen Committee			
U.S. National Show Commission			
USEF Arabian Division Committee			
Youth/Mid-Summer National Show Commission			
Youth Committee			

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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 X Change existing text
15 Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) Subchapter AR-8 & Subchapter AR-23

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

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19 Whereas, Country pleasure since its inception has looked to separate itself from English pleasure and be a more
20 relaxed and easier way of going class, and
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22 Whereas, By asking for a “STRONG TROT” in itself goes against what the class title implies, and,
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24 Whereas, by asking for a “HAND GALLOP” only continues in this process, and
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26 Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, focusing on the finer points of Country Pleasure like Attitude, Smooth
27 transitions and quiet mouths, Etc. all would be better served as the barometer for what’s important, and
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29 Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, the halt and back portion of the required “test” in all Country classes has
30 proven to be ineffective and time consuming while walking on a loose rein has been found as an adequate
31 barometer of a “Country” attitude, and
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33 Whereas, Changing the word “Trot” in all of the Country classes to read “Country Trot” and the above-mentioned
34 changes will help to bring separation and identity to the Country division; Therefore, Be It
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36 Resolved, That the AR sections contained in Subchapter AR-8 Country Pleasure Section be amended by striking out,
37 inserting and renumbering the following:

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39 AR135 Conduct

- 40 1. Competitors enter the ring in a counterclockwise direction, at the ~~normal~~ **Country Trot**.
41 2. Light contact must be maintained with all reins at all gaits.
42 3. It is imperative that the horse gives the distinct appearance of being a pleasure to ride.
43 4. All gaits must be performed with willingness and obvious ease, cadence, balance and smoothness.
44 5. It is mandatory that horses be asked to ~~halt on the rail, stand quietly, back and walk off~~ on a loose rein at least one
45 direction of the ring. A true flat walk must be demonstrated on a loose rein with horse’s neck relaxed and head
46 slightly lowered. Failure to demonstrate a true flat walk MUST be penalized.
47 6. **A back is optional and may be called for on the rail or in line up.**

- 48 6.7. A quiet, responsive mouth is paramount.
- 49 7.8. High action at the canter or trot must be penalized. Rider to post the trot.
- 50 8.9. Extreme speed at the canter or trot must be penalized.
- 51 9.10. For Country English Pleasure performance criteria, see AR Country English Pleasure Chart below.

	Good	Minor Fault	Major Fault	Elimination General Items
Walk	relaxed flat footed moving forward	a few hesitant strides	jigging, anxious not walking, standing or consistent circling in a corner	Blood in the mouth, chin shoulder or flanks (AR105.6)
Country Trot	cadenced unhurried, moderate shift of balance point	a few missed steps varied speed	break of gait aggressive gait extreme speed extreme shift of balance point high action, i.e. consistently trotting over level	lame (AR105.1 - must be serviceably sound) whip marks (AR105.6) abusive treatment (AR105.4)
Canter	straight and true	crooked varied speed	chary wrong lead cross cantering high action	dangerous to other exhibitors (AR105.5)
Hand Gallop	true change of gait longer stride	minimal change of stride	cross-cantering change of lead extreme speed	rearing, running backwards, bucking, out of control (AR105.5 - these would be examples of dangerous to others and possibly rider)
Stop, back, Walk on a loose rein The back is optional	straight square halt, straight unhurried back, relaxed walk with lowered frame relaxed gathering of the reins	crooked halt premature back crooked back hesitant walk slight resistance to the gathering reins	antsy or no halt refusal to back forced back no loose rein chary or no walk no lowered frame no relaxed lowered frame major resistance to the gathering of reins	fall of horse or rider, if due to bad manners of horse (AR109.1-3)
			Horses with an unnatural tail carriage (see AR105.2b) must be positioned last in the class. BOD 6/20/23 Effective 12/1/23	

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- 54 AR137 Qualifying Gaits
- 55 1. Walk, a four-beat gait: To be true, flat-footed and ground covering.
- 56 2. ~~Normal~~ **Country** Trot, a two-beat gait: To be an overall balanced, relaxed, easy-going trot with elasticity and freedom of movement.
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- 58 ~~3. Strong Trot, a two beat gait: To be faster with lengthened stride, maintaining balance, ease and freedom of movement.~~
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- 60 **4. 3.** Canter, a three-beat gait: To be smooth, unhurried, straight and correct on both leads.
- 61 ~~5. Hand Gallop: To be a faster gait, lengthened stride and controlled, straight and correct on both leads.~~
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- 63 AR138 Country English Pleasure Class Specifications
- 64 1. OPEN. To be shown at a walk, ~~normal~~ **Country** Trot, ~~strong trot, and~~ canter and hand gallop. To be judged on attitude, manners, performance, quality and conformation.
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- 66 2. AMATEUR. To be shown at a walk, ~~normal~~ **Country** Trot and canter. To be judged on attitude, manners, performance, quality, conformation and suitability of horse to rider.
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- 68 3. LADIES, GENTLEMEN. To be shown at a walk, ~~normal~~ **Country** Trot and canter. To be judged on attitude, manners, performance, quality, conformation and suitability of horse to rider.
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70 4. JUNIOR HORSE To be shown at a walk, ~~normal~~ **Country** Trot and canter. To be judged on attitude, manners,
 71 quality, and performance.; and, Be It Further
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73 Resolved That the AR sections contained in Subchapter AR-23 Country Pleasure Driving Section be amended by
 74 striking out and adding the following:
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76 AR198 Conduct

77 1. Competitors enter the ring in a counterclockwise direction at the ~~normal~~ **Country** Trot
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79 AR200 Qualifying Gaits

- 80 1. Walk, a four-beat gait: To be true, flat-footed and ground covering.
 81 2. ~~Normal~~ **Country** Trot, a two-beat gait: To be an overall balanced, relaxed, easy-going trot with elasticity and
 82 freedom of movement. High action **MUST** be penalized.
 83 3. ~~Strong Trot, a two-beat gait: To be faster with lengthened stride, maintaining balance, ease and freedom of~~
 84 ~~movement. High action **MUST** be penalized.~~
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86 AR201 Country Pleasure Driving Class Specifications

- 87 1. OPEN. To be shown at the walk **and normal Country** Trot ~~and strong trot~~. To stand quietly and back readily. To be
 88 judged on attitude, manners, performance, quality and conformation.
 89 2. AMATEUR, LADIES, GENTLEMEN. To be shown at a walk **and normal Country** Trot ~~and strong trot~~. To stand quietly
 90 and back readily. To be judged on attitude, manners, performance, quality, conformation and suitability of horse
 91 to driver.
 92 3. JUNIOR HORSE. To be shown at a walk **and normal Country** Trot ~~and strong trot~~. To stand quietly and back readily.
 93 To be judged on attitude, manners, quality and performance.
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95 Effective: December 31, 2025, or when approved by USEF/EC
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97 (If a Standard resolution, the effective date will be December 31 of the year after the Convention)
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99 RESOLUTION TYPE (REQUIRED): Standard X Extraordinary "If indicated as "Extraordinary", the
 100 proponent must list reasons which establish Chapter 9, RULE 101.3.a. has been met)
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103 PROPONENTS FINANCIAL IMPACT (REQUIRED): Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 102.6. & 102.7 for financial requirements
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105 None
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107 AHA IMPACT STATEMENT: *(To be completed by AHA Staff)*
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109 Contact Person:
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111 SUBMITTED BY: Professional Horsemen Committee

Region Number:

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

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

114 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 65 Number of Yes votes: 30 Number of No votes: 19

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

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

118 Date vote taken: July 30 – August 7, 2024

119 Contact Person: John Power

(Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw)

120 Phone: (941) 565-7670

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1 SUBJECT: Dressage Bit Inspection Process (USEF/EC)

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3 (STANDARD)

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

Competition Advisory Committee			
Dressage/Western Dressage Committee			
Sport Horse National Show Commission			
USEF Arabian Division Committee			

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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) AR173

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

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19 Whereas, DR126 Requirements for Dressage Competition Management was modified in 2024 to update the procedures
20 for tack inspections, including bits, conducted by the ring steward for Breed restricted classes, and
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22 Whereas, These bit inspections specify, in part, that the ring steward is to insert a gloved finger into the horse's mouth and
23 feel for illegal bits and foreign objects, and
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25 Whereas, This can be a challenge for Arabian show management to find volunteer ring stewards who are able to safely and
26 expertly identify legal and illegal dressage bits by feel, and
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28 Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, we believe that our Arabian Dressage competition management should have
29 the option of having the technical delegate or C2 steward be called to assist in completing the bit inspection
30 when it might be deemed unsafe or if they need a particular bit further inspected, and
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32 Whereas, In addition, DR126.2. i.1 also currently states that championship classes are to have every horse
33 inspected. We wish to give the show management the option to choose to do at least 1/3 of the class or
34 every horse at regionals and national championship shows; Therefore, be it
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36 Resolved, That a USEF AR173.2 be amended by adding a new l (lower case L) as follows:

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38 ***I. DR126.2. i.1 will apply with these exceptions:***
39 ***1. For Arabian Regional and National Dressage Championships, show management will have the discretion to***
40 ***choose to either check at least 1/3 of horses in each class or every horse, (as described in DR126.2. i.1.c), on***
41 ***exiting the arena.***
42 ***2. The tack inspections process will be performed as described in DR126.2. i.1.c for all Arabian/Half-Arabian breed***
43 ***restriction classes. During any hands-on equipment checking, if it is determined that is unsafe to conduct the***
44 ***hands-on bit inspection portion on a selected horse, or in the event of a questionable bit, the technical delegate***
45 ***or C2 steward may be called to follow the horse back to their barn, stall or trailer, where the bridle can be***
46 ***dropped to conduct the bit inspection.***

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

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

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

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

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None

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

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Contact Person:

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64 SUBMITTED BY: Dressage/Western Dressage Committee Region Number:

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

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

67 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 95 Number of Yes votes: 29 Number of No votes: 4

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

70 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: Google Forms *(Must have printed documentation on file)*

71 Date vote taken: August 14, 2024

72 Contact Person: Carol Spangler *(Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw)*

73 Phone: (909) 573-4983 Email: wrks4good@aol.com

1 **SUBJECT: Rework and Reflow of Sport Horse Rules (USEF/EC)**

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3 (STANDARD)

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

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Committee Action:

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

Approve

Disapprove

Competition Advisory Committee			
Education/Evaluation Commission			
Sport Horse Committee			
Sport Horse National Show Commission			
USEF Arabian Division Committee			

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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 __X__ Delete existing rule __X__ Change existing text
15 Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) Subchapter AR-17

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

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19 Whereas, There was a desire by the committee to do a reflow of the Sport Horse Subchapter in USEF, and

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21 Whereas, There have been modifications to the verbiage for clarification and readability; Therefore, Be It

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23 Resolved, That the USEF AR Division be amended by substituting a revised SUBCHAPTER AR-17 SPORT HORSE
24 SECTION inserting the following language and to be renumbered appropriately by USEF to fit their format:

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26 **SUBCHAPTER AR-17 SPORT HORSE SECTION**

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28 **AR175 Purpose**

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30 The sport horse section was developed to evaluate and encourage the breeding of Purebred Arabian and Half
31 Arabian/Anglo-Arabian horses suitable for dressage, western dressage, working hunter, eventing, jumper, carriage pleasure
32 driving, combined driving, racing, competitive trail and endurance, and to Provide an opportunity to demonstrate the
33 effectiveness of breeding programs. Form to function will be emphasized.

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35 A western dressage horse, if shown in sport horse in hand or in sport horse under saddle, must conform to the appointment
36 rules listed in AR-17 for those classes.

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38 Please see GR1005.1 for sport horse judging and guest card requirements. DR126.2. d.1 (exception Arabian sport horse
39 classes). In the event that a competition management intends to schedule a dressage judge outside of the limitations of
40 DR126.2d. 1-2, it must be specifically noted in the contract. Management must also specify in the contract which classes
41 the dressage judge is contracted to judge, i.e. dressage and/or sport horse. Management and the dressage judge must
42 agree upon the contract provisions, to be eligible **for** overtime and compensation; both management and the dressage
43 judge must sign and date the contract.

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45 **AR176 General**

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47 Protective headgear (as defined in AR111) is encouraged but is not required for all classes within this section.

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- 49 1. In-hand, under saddle and sport horse show hack classes for (1) Arabians, and (2) Half Arabians/Anglo Arabian sport
50 horses may be held separately or in conjunction with any licensed Arabian competition. Sport horse in-hand, under

- 51 saddle and sport horse show hack classes may be held for stallions, mares and geldings. SUBCHAPTER AR-1 applies to
 52 sport horse classes.
- 53 2. Sport horse in-hand and under saddle classes may be divided at the discretion of competition management into
 54 dressage type and hunter type. Horses may cross enter. All appointments and attire must match ~~for~~ the discipline
 55 being shown. Competition management is encouraged to offer separate championship classes for each type, but the
 56 championship classes may be combined at the discretion of competition management. If competition management
 57 decides to combine the types for the championship, the appointments and attire for each exhibitor must match ~~for~~ the
 58 specified discipline (dressage or hunter). Please refer to ~~DR 120-121~~ and ~~HU 105-107 rules~~.
- 59 (a) Dressage type – displays the conformation and movement qualities as follows: Horses of this type carry a higher
 60 set-on neck than the hunter type, with sufficient length and flexion of the poll. Movement should be free, elastic,
 61 active and regular with good push from behind, without tension, and with an uphill balance.
- 62 (b) Hunter type – displays the conformation and movement qualities as follows: Horses of this type carry a more level
 63 balance than the dressage type, with easy, fluid, ground covering movement. The hunter type horse tends to
 64 move with a longer frame, with good push from behind, free of tension and showing good balance.
- 65 ~~3. Sport Horse In-Hand Championships shall be based upon highest scoring horses in qualifying classes. Sport Horse In-
 66 Hand Champions and Reserve Champions must be at least one year of age. No horse may be named Champion and
 67 Reserve Champion in the same class. (Example: when amateur and open classes qualify for the same championship
 68 class.) If the same horse has the two (2) highest scores, the next highest eligible horse shall be named Reserve
 69 Champion.~~

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 71 **AR177 Sport Horse In-Hand Classes**

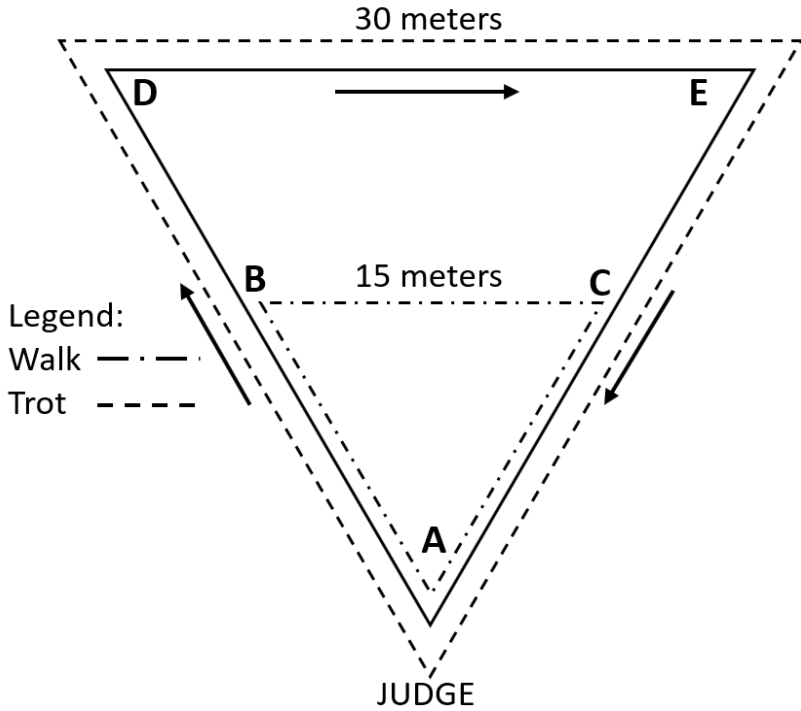
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 73 Conformation is to be evaluated in terms of potential trainability, potential performance and predisposition to soundness.
 74 Form to Function is to be emphasized. Blemishes are not to count unless resulting from conformation faults. Gaits are to
 75 be evaluated in terms of purity, quality and correctness. Correct gaits which contribute to ease in training and the horse
 76 remaining sound and usable are most important. Purity and quality are judged mainly in profile. Correctness is judged
 77 mainly while the horse is ~~coming to~~ **moving away from** and ~~going from~~ **coming to** the judge's position **at the apex of the**
 78 **triangle**. Colts and stallions two years and over must have both testicles descended. Horses with loss of sight in one eye
 79 may compete in sport horse in-hand classes.

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 81 1. Horses will be shown individually on the triangle; assistant handlers or whip handlers are not allowed. In-hand
 82 classes may be held in any age groups deemed appropriate by competition management and published in the prize
 83 list, with the exception that horses of one sex shall not be judged against those of the opposite sex. Exception:
 84 specified group classes or specified championship classes may have horses of all sexes.
- 85 2. **Open cards may be used.** Following a posted or announced order, or on request from the judge, entries in each
 86 class will approach the judging area one at a time, walk to the apex of the triangle. ~~Open cards may be used.~~
 87 Conformation judging may take place before or after the performance on the triangle, so wait for the judge's
 88 instructions. ~~Wait for the judge's request to proceed on the triangle.~~ **When the judge signals**, the handler
 89 **exhibitor** will lead the horse on the perimeter of the triangle in a clockwise direction, at the walk (**small triangle**)
 90 and trot (**large triangle**), returning to the apex and wait for further instructions. Repetition of all or any part of the
 91 movement on the triangle may only be ~~allowed~~ **performed** at the judge's request ~~only~~ **request of the judge**. At the
 92 completion of the judging, the handler will lead the horse away from the judging area. ~~The triangle may be~~
 93 ~~adjusted to fit local conditions.~~
- 94 3. Triangle: **The triangle may be adjusted to fit local conditions.** Corners should be well defined. A marker will be
 95 used at the apex and at each corner to define placement of turn for the exhibitor. Use of plants or flowers is
 96 allowed.

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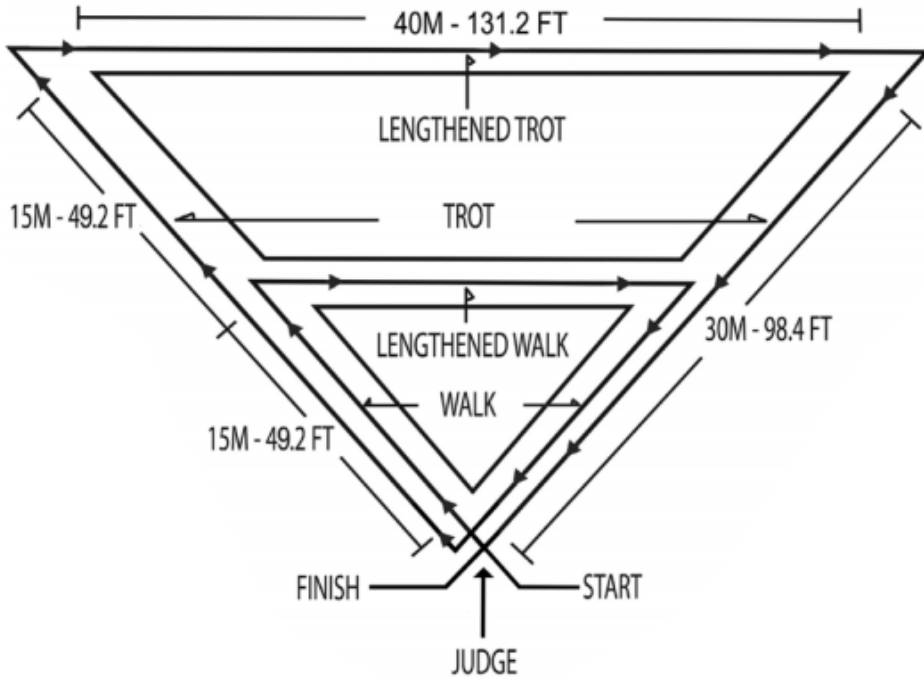
New Triangle to be inserted:

30 Meters = 98.4 ft, 15 Meters = 49.2 ft.



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Old Triangle to be removed:



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- The horse is to be shown in an "open position", for conformation judging. The traditional way of showing open position would be with the right **one** front leg slightly back **forward** and the right **one** hind leg slightly forward; ~~but~~ as long as all four legs of the horse are visible to the judge when standing on either side of the horse, this would be

acceptable. **The objective is to have all four legs of the horse visible to the judge when standing on either side of the horse.** The horse's head and neck should be allowed to show in carry a natural and comfortable carriage, and ~~with~~ the handler should stand **standing slightly** away from the horse, with a loose lead line. **It is permissible for the handler to use a discreet method to keep the horse's attention, such as a candy wrapper.**

5. Sport Horse Groups in-Hand. The AHA Group Score Sheet shall be used. The judge will be assigned a scribe who will record scores and comments as dictated by the judge. **Competition management will record class results on the Master Score sheet.** Groups will be examined one group at a time, but not necessarily on the triangle. The judge will require the individuals of each group to move at the walk and trot. Horses shall stand for conformation judging before and/or after completion of the group's movement.
6. Foals may not be shown loose. Foals shall not accompany nor be accompanied by their dam.
7. When possible, the announcement of awards will include the breeding of the horses placed: sire and dam as well as the name of the owner and the breeder.
8. **The judge must excuse from the ring, any unruly horse, or one whose actions threaten to endanger other exhibitors, or their entries officials or show staff.**
9. A whip may be used to guide the horse. **The whip may be a maximum of 6', no attachments.**
10. Causes for mandatory elimination from the arena or designated judging area for In-Hand classes are:
 - (a) Removal of eyelashes.
 - (b) Changing the color of the main and/or tail (AR106.10.c); ~~or~~
 - (c) Applying a product to a horse's hoof to hide or conceal a conformation defect. Only clear or transparent products may be used on the hooves of horses when shown in ~~Breeding and/or~~ **the** In-Hand classes.
11. An entry must be penalized for:
 - (a) Excessive amounts of oil, grease or other similar substances.
 - (b) Balding of the area around the eyes or proximal to the muzzle and nostrils. ~~or~~
 - (c) Excessive use of the whip or actions that may disturb other entries shall be severely penalized.

AR 178 Sport Horse In Hand Scoring Procedures

1. The AHA Individual Sport Horse score sheet shall be used. Each judge will be assigned a scribe who will record scores and comments as dictated by the judge. Horses will be shown individually on the triangle. Sport horse In-Hand classes are exempt from using the Arabian Halter Judging System.
2. ~~The judge shall use the AHA approved individual score sheets for individual classes, and the individual Group Score Sheet for group classes (Get of Sire/Produce of Dam). AHA will provide the AHA individual, group, master class, and championship Score Sheets to Competition Management via the website. Competition management may make as many individual copies as necessary for their competition. **The AHA Group Score sheet will be used for Sport Horse Groups in-hand (Get of Sire/Produce of Dam).**~~
3. **AHA will provide the score sheets including the master score sheets and championship score sheets to competition management via the AHA website. Competition Management may make as many individual copies as necessary for their competition.**
- 3.4. **INDIVIDUAL CLASSES – The AHA score sheet is divided as follows:**
~~The AHA score sheet is divided as follows:~~
 - (a) Movement – 40% (20% for walk and 20% for trot)
 - (b) Conformation – 40% **(transmissible weakness or predisposition to unsoundness shall be penalized commensurate with severity)**
 - (c) Expression, Manners, Willingness – 10%
 - (d) Quality, Balance and Harmony; Suitability as a sport horse – 10%
 - ~~(e) Transmissible weaknesses or predisposition to unsoundness shall be penalized commensurate with severity.~~
5. **GROUP CLASSES (Get of Sire, Produce of Dam).** Horses will be judged at the walk and trot, but not necessarily on the triangle. Horses shall stand for conformation judging before and/or after completion of the group's movement. **The AHA score sheet is divided as follows:**
~~The AHA score sheet is divided as follows:~~
 - (a) Movement – 40% (20% for walk and 20% for trot)
 - (b) Conformation – 40%
 - (c) Quality and Uniformity of Quality (Reproductive likeness) – 10%
 - (d) Overall Quality, Balance, Harmony (apparent ability of sire or dam to produce or beget Sport Horse performance or breeding stock) – 10%

- 175 6. Scoring (Decimals may be used in scoring)
- 176 10 – Excellent
- 177 9 – Very good
- 178 8 – Good
- 179 7 – Fairly Good
- 180 6 – Satisfactory
- 181 5 – Sufficient (some concern for heritability or soundness)
- 182 4 – Insufficient (definite concern for heritability or soundness)
- 183 3 – Fairly Poor
- 184 2 – Poor
- 185 1 – Very Poor

186 ~~10 – A Ten Point Penalty must be assessed for an unnatural tail carriage, see AR105.2b.~~

187 **NOTE: A 10-point penalty must be assessed for an unnatural tail carriage. See AR105.2. b**

- 188 ~~6. A scribe shall be provided for each judge whose main duty is to record the judge's scores and comments on the~~
- 189 ~~score sheets. The scribe may be asked to transfer scores from the individual sheets to the master score sheet.~~
- 190 7. Tied scores for Sport Horse In-Hand shall be broken first by referring to movement, then conformation, then
- 191 overall balance, and finally manners. If the horses are still tied, the judge (or call judge in a multiple judge system),
- 192 will make a final tie-breaking decision.
- 193 8. When multiple judges officiate the same class, competition management may assign separate or shared triangles.
- 194 In either case, judges will have separate score sheets and scribes.
- 195 9. Scores shall be reported as a total based on the stated percentages against a possible total of 100% and all scores
- 196 and placings must be posted. Unofficial scores may be posted during the class and/or final score may be posted at
- 197 the end of each class.
- 198 **10. Sport Horse in hand championships shall be based upon the highest scoring horses in qualifying classes. Sport**
- 199 **horse in-hand champions and reserve champions must be at least one year of age. No horse may be named**
- 200 **champion and reserve champion in the same class. (Example: when amateur and open classes qualify for the**
- 201 **same championship class.). If the same horse has the two (2) highest scores, the next highest eligible horse shall**
- 202 **be named reserve champion.**
- 203 **11.** If a mathematical error on the score sheet is discovered, it must be brought to the attention of competition
- 204 management within one hour of the official posting of the scores from the last class of the competition day.
- 205 Competition management must announce said posting and must make score sheets available to competitors
- 206 ~~immediately~~ **as soon as possible (ensuring all scores are first recorded on the master score sheets for each class).**

208 **AR179 Sport Horse in-Hand Appointments**

- 209 1. Tack
- 210 Bridles are mandatory on horses three years and older. A bridle shall be a dressage-type snaffle bridle (for
- 211 dressage type – *see DR rules*) or hunter-type snaffle bridle (for hunter type – *see HU rules*). Snaffle bit may be
- 212 with or without cheeks, keepers allowed. If the dressage type/hunter type splits are not offered, the exhibitor may
- 213 choose the type of snaffle bridle used. A split or single lead made of either leather or leather-like materials, with
- 214 or without chain, may be used and must be attached to both sides of the bit, with/or instead of reins. If using a
- 215 single lead, a coupler may be used to attach to both sides of the bit. Horses aged two years old may be shown in a
- 216 bridle ~~(as listed above)~~ **as described above**, or a plain leather ~~stable~~ **or leather-like** halter. Horses under **the age of**
- 217 **two years** must be shown in a plain leather ~~stable~~ **or leather-like** halter. A single lead, with or without a chain,
- 218 ~~made of either leather or leather like material, must be used with a halter. Whether used with a bridle or a halter,~~
- 219 ~~a properly fitted chain should be short enough to prevent the horse from getting it in their mouth and must never~~
- 220 ~~be placed over the nose or through the mouth.~~ **In all cases, if a chain is used, it must be properly fitted to prevent**
- 221 **the horse from getting it in his/her mouth. The chain must never be placed over the horse's nose or through the**
- 222 **mouth of the horse.** Competitors with non-conforming appointments will be eliminated from judging
- 223 consideration.
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- 226 2. Attire
- 227 a. Conservative casual attire is recommended for the handler. This would include casual pants and shirt. Also
- 228 acceptable would be Dressage or Hunter attire including breeches, boots, shirt with tie, stock tie or choker
- 229 collar, providing the tack match the attire for the specified discipline. **If the handler chooses to wear**

breeches, type of shirt and footwear is up to the handler (i.e. polo shirt, show shirt, running shoes, boots).

Jackets, hats, vests and gloves are optional.

- b. The handler may only carry one whip, maximum length of six feet, including lash and without attachments (i.e. plastic bag, ribbons, etc.)
- c. Protective headgear (as defined in AR111) is encouraged but not required.

AR180 Sport Horse Under Saddle

- 1. Subchapters AR1 and AR4 apply to Sport Horse Under Saddle **classes**.
- 2. Score sheets are not used for Sport Horse Under Saddle. ***Scribes are not used for Sport Horse Under Saddle.***
- 3. Judge(s) must excuse from the ring any unruly horse or one whose actions threaten to endanger other exhibitors or their entries ***or show officials/staff.***
- 4. To enter the ring counterclockwise at the trot. To be shown ***both ways of the ring*** at walk, trot, and canter ~~both directions of the ring~~. Judge may request a lengthening of stride at any gait and may request horses to ***rein***-back in the lineup.
 - a. Open – to be judged on performance (purity and quality of gaits), manners, conformation, suitability as a Sport Horse, ~~and~~ quality.
 - b. Amateur – to be judged on manners, performance (purity and quality of gaits), suitability as a Sport Horse, ~~conformation and~~ quality.
 - c. Junior Horse – to be judged on quality, suitability as a Sport Horse, performance (purity and quality of gaits), conformation and manners.
 - d. ***Sport Horse Under Saddle Walk/Trot 10 & Under as well as Sport Horse Walk Trot Under Saddle 11 & Over may be held.***
- 5. ~~SPORT HORSE UNDER SADDLE/SPORT HORSE SHOW HACK:~~ Fall of horse ***and/or*** rider = Elimination.
- 6. ***Horses with an unnatural tail carriage shall be placed at the bottom of the class.***

AR181 Sport Horse Under Saddle Appointments (Tack and Attire)

- 1. Competitors with non-conforming appointments are ineligible to receive an award in that respective class.
- 2. ***Protective headgear (as defined in AR111) is encouraged but not required.***
- 3. Appointments (tack & attire) must adhere to one discipline (dressage or hunter) and are not to be mixed. Refer to DR120-121, and HU105-107 ***rules on appointments.*** ~~Mixing tack is not permitted (e.g. Pelham bit not permitted with a dressage style bridle.) Protective headgear (as defined in AR111) is encouraged but not required.~~
 - a. ~~Converters on Pelham bits are not permitted and two reins are required.~~ ***Double bridles are permitted. If using a double bridle of either type (dressage or hunter), the lever arm/shank (length below the mouthpiece) must not exceed 3.94 inches (10 cm.). The inside diameter of the bridoon ring must not exceed 3.15 inches (8 cm.)***
 - b. Unconventional bits may be penalized at the discretion of the judge.
 - c. ~~Double bridles are permitted. If using a double bridle of either type (dressage or hunter), the lever arm/shank (length below the mouthpiece) must not exceed 3.94 inches (10 cm.). The inside diameter of the bridoon ring must not exceed 3.15 inches (8 cm.).~~ ***Junior Horse Sport Horse Under Saddle classes – snaffle bits are mandatory.***
 - d. Kimberwicks are prohibited.
 - e. Martingales are prohibited.
 - f. ***Earplugs are permitted, regardless of type.***
- 4. If the show is offering dressage type and hunter type splits, each exhibitor must ensure the appointments (tack and attire) are permitted for the type shown. If the show does not offer splits for the under-saddle classes and/or for championship classes, each exhibitor must ensure their appointments (~~tack and attire~~) adhere to one discipline only (dressage or hunter).
 - a. ~~Whips, bats, and crops are permitted in all Sport Horse Under Saddle classes, including Championships, so long as they are appropriate to the type of attire.~~
 - b. ~~Earplugs are permitted, regardless of type.~~
- 5. ***Spurs, whips, bats, crops are permitted in all sport horse under saddle classes, including championships, providing they match the discipline shown according to DR and HU rules.***

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1. Subchapters AR1 and AR4 apply to Sport Horse Show Hack classes.
2. Score sheets are not used for Sport Horse Show Hack. ***Scribes are not used for Sport Horse Show Hack.***
3. Judges must excuse from the ring any unruly horse or one whose actions threaten to endanger other exhibitors or their entries ***or show officials/staff.***
4. ~~Sport Horse Show Hack.~~ To enter the ring counterclockwise at a working trot or a working walk. To be shown both ~~directions~~ ***ways*** of the ring at the walk, trot, and canter; ***showing*** collected, working and extended gaits ~~to be called for, and the hand gallop~~ ***phases of each gait, plus hand gallop, also both ways of the ring.*** All phases of all ~~the three~~ gaits to be called for both directions ***shown both ways*** of the ring. Horses should stand quietly and rein back readily. ***Rein back to be requested in the lineup.***
 - a. Open – to be judged on performance, manners, quality and conformation.
 - b. Amateur – to be judged on manners, performance, quality and conformation.
5. ***Fall of horse and/or rider = Elimination***
6. ***Horses with an unnatural tail carriage will be placed at the bottom of the class.***

AR183 Sport Horse Show Hack Appointments (Tack and Attire)

1. Competitors with non-conforming appointments ~~will be eliminated from judging consideration~~ ***are ineligible to receive an award in that respective class.*** Appointments (tack & attire) must adhere to one discipline (dressage and hunter) and are not to be mixed. Refer to DR120-121 and HU105-107.
2. ***Protective headgear (as defined in AR111) is encouraged but not required.***
 2. Tack:
 - a. Bridles must be:
 1. Dressage Type: a dressage style snaffle bridle or dressage style double bridle.
 2. Hunter Type: a hunter style snaffle, Pelham bridle, or hunter style double bridle.
 - b. Converters on Pelham bits are not permitted and two reins are required.
 - c. Unconventional bits may be penalized at discretion of the judge.
 - d. If using a double bridle of either style, the lever arm/shank (length below the mouthpiece) must not exceed 3.94 inches or 10cm. The inside diameter of the bridoon ring must not exceed 3.15 inches or 8cm. Cavesson nosebands to be used but flash nosebands would be acceptable only when using a snaffle bridle and snaffle bit.
 - e. Kimberwick bit prohibited.
 - f. Martingales are prohibited.
 3. Attire:
 - a. Informal attire consists of conservatively colored short, dark coat, with tie, stock tie or choker collar, white or light colored breeches, boots or smooth leather half chaps, hunt cap, derby, top hat or protective headgear. b. Formal attire consists of white breeches, top hat and shad belly coat may be worn. It is usual to wear such attire after 6:00 p.m. or in championship classes. Protective headgear (as defined in AR111) is encouraged but not required.
 - c. Spurs and whip are optional. If a whip is carried, it may not exceed the length requirements in DR120. Whips, bats, and crops are permitted in all Sport Horse Show Hack classes, including Championships, so long as they are appropriate to the type of attire.
 - d. Earplugs are permitted, regardless of type.
3. ***Appointments (tack & attire) must adhere to one discipline (dressage or hunter) and are not to be mixed. Refer to DR and HU rules on appointments.***
 - a. ***Double bridles are permitted. If using a double bridle of either type (dressage or hunter), the lever arm/shank (length below the mouthpiece) must not exceed 3.94 inches (10 cm.). The inside diameter of the bridoon ring must not exceed 3.15 inches (8 cm.).***
 - b. ***Unconventional bits may be penalized at the discretion of the judge.***
 - c. ***Kimberwicks are prohibited.***
 - d. ***Martingales are prohibited.***
 - e. ***Earplugs are permitted.***
4. ***Informal or formal attire allowed and must adhere to one discipline. See DR and HU rules.***
5. ***Spurs, whips, bats, crops are permitted in all sport horse show hack classes, including championships, providing they match the discipline shown according to DR and HU rules.***

AR184 Sport Horse Qualifying Description of Gaits

- 342 1. Innate quality movement is a priority in the *all* Sport Horse classes. All gaits should be pure in rhythm and should
 343 be ~~without~~ **performed absent of** tension or resistance. **Transitions should be absent of tension and balanced.**
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- 345 2. Walk -
 346 a. ~~Walk. (Also Working Walk)~~ The rhythm of the walk (**also working walk**) is four beats. The walk is to be regular
 347 and unconstrained. **There should be a clear "V" to indicate clarity of rhythm.**
 348 b. Collected Walk The rhythm is four beats **with good tempo**. The stride maintains the ~~marching~~ quality of the
 349 working walk with hind legs well engaged ~~but covers less ground.~~
 350 c. Extended Walk The rhythm is four beats **without rushing**. ~~While maintaining the march quality, the horse~~
 351 ~~does not rush, but with regular steps, will clearly show the hind feet touching the ground in front of the~~
 352 ~~footprints of the forefeet. The rider allows the horse to stretch forward with head and neck, but does not~~
 353 ~~release contact with the mouth.~~ **Over track and a lengthen of the frame while maintaining the connection**
 354 **demonstrate quality.**
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- 356 3. Trot -
 357 a. ~~Trot. (Also Working Trot)~~ The rhythm of the trot (**also working trot**) is two beats. The trot is free, active and
 358 regular. ~~The steps should be balanced and elastic with the horse demonstrating a supple back and well~~
 359 ~~engaged hindquarters.~~ **The horse should demonstrate balance and elasticity through a supple back and**
 360 **engaged hindquarters.**
 361 b. Collected Trot The rhythm is two beats. The horse continues to move forward with ~~impulsion, and~~
 362 ~~demonstrates an ability to further engage the hocks, which allows the shoulders of the horse to become~~
 363 ~~lighter and the stride to become shorter.~~ **good energy and increased engagement. The shift of balance to the**
 364 **hindquarters lightens the forehand, without constraint.** ~~The neck is raised and arched, but not constrained.~~
 365 c. Extended Trot The rhythm is two beats. The horse covers as much ground as possible while maintaining
 366 regularity and balance. ~~The stride lengthens as a result of great impulsion. The rider allows the horse, while~~
 367 ~~remaining on the bit~~ **contact**, to reach **lengthen** its frame. The forefeet should touch the ground where they
 368 point **and there should be over track.** ~~The transitions to and from should be balanced and smoothly executed.~~
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- 370 4. Canter -
 371 a. ~~Canter. (Also Working Canter)~~. The rhythm of the working canter is three beats. The canter should be light,
 372 cadenced (rhythm with a suitable tempo combined with springy impulsion) and regular. ~~Transitions should be~~
 373 ~~without hesitation and balanced.~~ The canter should always be straight on straight lines **properly aligned (not**
 374 **crooked).**
 375 b. Collected canter The rhythm is three beats. The horse moves forward with impulsion through increased
 376 engagement of the hindquarters and lightness of forehand. ~~The neck is raised and arched but not constrained.~~
 377 The back **of the horse** remains supple, and the strides ~~are shorter~~ **cover less ground.**
 378 c. Extended canter The rhythm is three beats. The horse covers as much ground as possible ~~while maintaining~~
 379 ~~regularity and balance~~ **without losing rhythm or balance.** ~~The stride lengthens as a result of great impulsion~~
 380 ~~from the hindquarters and the rider allows the horse to lower and extend the neck, without losing contact~~
 381 ~~with the bit, or leaning.~~ **The frame of the horse may lengthen and connection is to be maintained without**
 382 **leaning.**
- 383 5. Lengthening of stride -
 384 When lengthening the stride is requested at the walk, trot or canter (**Sport Horse Under Saddle**), the horse should
 385 maintain ~~rhythm,~~ regularity and balance, while ~~reaching with~~ **being permitted to lengthen** the frame and the
 386 stride. The rider should maintain contact with the bit, while allowing the lengthening **of the frame.** ~~The strides~~
 387 ~~should be more ground covering and the horse should remain calm and supple.~~
- 388 6. Hand Gallop
 389 The rhythm is three beats. The hand gallop is performed with long, free, ~~ground covering~~ **powerful** strides. The
 390 amount of ground covered will vary between horses due to the difference in the natural length of stride. The
 391 horse is to remain mannerly, correct and ~~straight~~ **correctly aligned (not crooked).** Extreme speed to be penalized.
- 392 7. Rein-back
 393 ~~The rhythm is two beats.~~ **The rein-back is a two-beat diagonal gait.** The feet are raised and set down in diagonal
 394 pairs. The horse is to remain calm, and obedient, ~~lifting and setting down the feet,~~ **compliant and** without
 395 shuffling. **The rider is not to create tension with the reins.**
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	GOOD	MINOR FAULTS	MAJOR FAULTS	ELIMINATION OVERALL
WALK	<i>Clear 4 beat rhythm, absent of tension, steady tempo with good activity</i>	<i>Some tension through back or in contact. Brief loss of rhythm</i>	<i>Jigging, anxious, stopping. Frequent loss of rhythm</i>	Fall AR179.5
TROT	<i>Clear 2 beat rhythm with cadence; absent of tension, steady tempo; level or uphill balance; soft, elastic contact</i>	<i>Some tension through back or in contact. Brief loss of rhythm; brief loss of balance.</i>	<i>Tense with lack of suppleness throughout; on forehand; extreme speed.</i>	Rearing, running backwards, bucking (may be excused from ring)
CANTER	<i>Clear 3 beat rhythm with cadence; straight with suppleness; level or uphill balance; soft contact</i>	<i>Some tension through back or in contact; not straight; slight loss of tempo; brief loss of rhythm. Wrong lead quickly corrected.</i>	<i>Tense with lack of suppleness throughout; loss of rhythm and changing tempo; cross canter steps; wrong lead not corrected</i>	Lame (AR105.1)
HAND GALLOP	<i>Clear 3 beat rhythm with greater ground cover and power compared to the canter, but still mannerly; soft, elastic contact</i>	<i>Minimal change in power & ground cover; brief tension; brief loss of rhythm. Wrong lead quickly corrected.</i>	<i>Tense with lack of suppleness throughout, loss of rhythm and changing tempo; cross cantering; wrong lead not corrected</i>	Blood in mouth, chin, shoulder, flanks; whip marks; abusive treatment; dangerous to others (can be excused from ring) (AR105)
REIN BACK	<i>Clear 2 beat diagonal rhythm; soft contact</i>	<i>Diagonal rhythm but dragging toes; some tension in contact</i>	<i>Not diagonal in rhythm; braced against hand; resistance.</i>	

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AR185 Sport Horse Class Specifications

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1. IN HAND CLASSES. Horses shall be shown at the walk and trot on the triangle. The AHA Score Sheet is divided as follows: Movement—40% (20% for walk and 20% for trot) Conformation—40% Expression, Manners, Willingness—10% Quality, Balance and Harmony, Suitability as a Sport Horse—10% Transmissible weaknesses or predisposition to unsoundness shall be penalized commensurate with severity.

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2. GROUP CLASSES (Get of Sire, Produce of Dam). Horses will be judged at the walk and trot, but not necessarily on the triangle. Horse shall stand for conformation judging before and/or after completion of the group's movement. The AHA Score Sheet is divided as follows: Movement—40% (20% for walk and 20% for trot) Conformation—40% Quality and Uniformity of Quality (Reproductive likeness)—10% Overall Quality, Balance, Harmony (Apparent ability of sire or dam to produce or beget Sport Horse performance or breeding stock)—10%.

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3. UNDER SADDLE CLASSES. To be shown at the walk, trot, and canter both directions of the ring. Judge may request lengthening of stride at any gait and may request horse to back in the line up.

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a. OPEN. To be judged on performance (purity and quality of gaits), manners, conformation, suitability as a Sport Horse and quality.

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b. AMATEUR. To be judged on manners, performance (purity and quality of gaits), suitability as a Sport Horse, conformation and quality.

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c. JUNIOR HORSE. To be judged on quality, suitability as a Sport Horse, performance (purity and quality of gaits), conformation and manners.

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4. SPORT HORSE SHOW HACK CLASSES. To be shown both directions of the ring at a walk, trot, and canter (collected, working and extended gaits to be called for), and the hand gallop. Horses should stand quietly and back readily. OPEN.

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LADIES, GENTLEMEN. To be judged on performance, manners, quality, and conformation.

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a. AMATEUR. To be judged on manners, performance, quality, and conformation.

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AR186 185 Sport Horse Showmanship

1. Purpose: To be judged on the presentation of the horse, neatness and appearance of handler, overall condition of the horse, handling techniques, appropriate tack and equipment and ability to show the horse to the best advantage.
2. General – **one entry = one handler, one horse, per class. The same horse may not be used multiple times by different handlers in the same class.**
 - a. Classes may be divided by age of handler.
 - b. Unsoundness of the horse being shown shall not penalize a handler unless it is sufficiently severe as to impair the required performance. ~~in which case~~ **Penalty is** at the judge’s discretion.
 - c. Offering prize money in Youth Sport Horse Showmanship is prohibited.
 - d. A minimum of six ribbons should be awarded but no more than ten places are recommended.
 - e. Hair must be ~~neat and securely fastened~~ **neatly secured** so as not to cover the handler’s number.
 - f. The handler’s number must be worn on the handler’s back and must be clearly visible. Number may be attached by string around the waist or attached to the shirt/jacket/vest with magnets or safety pins.
 - g. Excessive coaching or unauthorized assistance in any manner is subject to penalty or disqualification at the judge’s discretion.
 - h. If stallions are prohibited, it must be stated in the premium/prize list/omnibus.
3. Appointments
Exhibitor’s tack and attire must match their specified discipline (**DR or HU**) and are not to be mixed. ~~Refer to Federation/EC, DR, and HU rules. See DR and HU rules. Casual sport horse attire allowed.~~
The handler may carry one whip, maximum length of 6 feet, including lash and without attachments (i.e. plastic bags, ribbons, etc.)
 - a. ~~Tack (see AR179)~~
 - b. ~~Attire: Refer to AR179.2, DR, and HU rules.~~
 1. ~~The handler may carry only one whip, maximum length of six feet (6’), including lash and without attachments (i.e. plastic bags, ribbons, etc.)~~
4. Class Conduct
 - a. ~~The AHA Individual Sport Horse Showmanship score sheet shall be used. Each judge will be assigned a scribe who will record scores and comments as dictated by the judge. Horses will be shown individually on the triangle. The AHA score sheets will be provided to competition management by AHA. Competition Management may make as many individual copies as necessary for their competition.~~
 - b. **The AHA score sheets will be provided to competition management by AHA. Competition management may make as many individual copies as necessary for their competition.**
 - c. Following a posted or announced order, or on request from the judge, entries in each class will approach the judging area one at a time and walk to the apex of the triangle. The presentation judging while the horse is stationary may take place before **and/or** after the performance on the triangle. The handler ~~must~~ **is to** wait for the judge’s instructions before proceeding on the triangle.
The handler will lead the horse on the perimeter of the triangle at the walk and then the trot, returning to the apex to wait for further instructions **from the judge**. At the completion of judging, the handler will lead the horse away from the judging area. ~~The triangle may be adjusted to fit local conditions.~~
 - d. Ideally, the horse should be shown in an “open” position. The traditional way of showing ~~an~~ open position would be with the ~~right~~ **one** front leg slightly ~~back~~ **forward** and one hind leg slightly forward. The objective is to have all four legs of the horse visible to the judge when standing on either side of the horse; ~~also acceptable all four legs of the horse are visible to the judge when standing on either side of the horse.~~ The horse’s head and neck should be allowed to show in **horse should be allowed to carry** a natural and comfortable carriage, ~~and with the handler standing away slightly away from the horse, with a loose lead line. Handlers may use treats to keep horse’s attention and focus. It is permissible for the handler to keep the horse’s attention with treats. The whip may be used to guide the horse but not touch the horse with the whip.~~
The whip may be used to guide the horse but not touch the horse with the whip.
 - e. **The size of the triangle may be adjusted to fit local conditions.**
 - f. Decimals may be used in scoring.
 - g. Tied scores for sport horse showmanship shall be broken first by referring to the Handling Technique and if those scores are equal, refer to the movement scores (walk and trot presentation combined). ~~If still tied,~~ **If a tie still exists**, the tie will be broken at the judge’s discretion.

- 477 h. Scores shall be reported out of a possible 100 points. All scores & placings ~~must~~ **should** be posted **one hour**
- 478 **after the conclusion of the session in which the class is held. Consideration to show management to be**
- 479 **given in this effort.**
- 480 5. If a mathematical error on a score sheet is discovered, it must be brought to the attention of competition
- 481 management within one hour of the official posting of the scores from the last class of the competition day.
- 482 ~~Competition management must announce said posting, and must make score sheets available to competitors as~~
- 483 ~~soon as possible after completion of the class.~~ **Official posting of cards should happen one hour after the**
- 484 **conclusion of the session in which the class is held. Consideration to show management's efforts in this must be**
- 485 **respected.**
- 486 6. Showmanship Faults
- 487 a. Not following the judge's instructions.
- 488 b. Handlers not showing the horse but just showing themselves.
- 489 c. Not lining up in front of **the** judge when walking and trotting **the sides of the triangle.**
- 490 d. Standing in a position to obstruct the judge's view of the horse. **The handler should ~~not~~ never stand directly in**
- 491 **front of the horse.**
- 492 e. Excessive use of whip.
- 493 f. Not holding the lead/reins safely; excessive shaking.
- 494 g. Improper attire or attire not clean and neat.
- 495 h. Horse in poor condition, not clean or improperly groomed.
- 496 i. Improperly fitting tack or tack not clean.
- 497 7. Showmanship Eliminations
- 498 a. Number not worn or improperly displayed.
- 499 b. Any handler not having their horse under sufficient control must be dismissed from the ring by the judge and
- 500 be eliminated.
- 501 c. Intentional contact with whip to horse.
- 502 d. Prohibited equipment (i.e. kimberwick bits)

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

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

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

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

None

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

Contact Person:

SUBMITTED BY: Sport Horse Committee Region Number:

Member Organization Committee Commission Board Region (check one)

Who voted: Members Board Delegates (check voting body)

Total Number Eligible to Vote: 109 Number of Yes votes: 14 Number of No votes: 0

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

RESOLUTION 8 - 24

- 526 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: With the Chair ***(Must have printed documentation on file)***
- 527 Date vote taken: July 27, 2024
- 528 Contact Person: Janet Henderson, Chair ***(Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw)***
- 529 Phone: (905) 658-2658 Email: janet_arwen@icloud.com

SUBJECT: Amending the Working Western Age Division to Include 11 & Over (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			
USEF Arabian Division Committee			
Working Western Committee			
Youth Committee			
Youth/Mid-Summer National Show Commission			

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) Subchapter AR-26

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

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

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

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

Resolved, That USEF AR224 be amended by inserting and adding as follows:

AR224 Walk-Trot/Jog Trail Class Requirements

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

100
101 AR244 Ranch Horse Rail Pleasure Walk-Trot ~~10 & Under~~ General

- 102 1. **For the 10 & Under class**, exhibitors must not be more than ten (10) years of age as of December 1 of the current
- 103 competition year.
- 104 2. **For the 11 & Over class, exhibitors must be eleven (11) years of age or older as of December 1 of the current**
- 105 **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

109
 110 Resolved, That USEF AR245 be amended by striking out as follows:

111
 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

115
 116 Resolved, That USEF AR246 be amended by striking out as follows:

117
 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

124
 125 Resolved, That USEF AR247 be amended by striking out as follows:

126
 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

134
 135 Resolved, That USEF AR259 be amended by striking out, inserting and adding as follows:

136
 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

145
 146 Resolved, That USEF AR260 be amended by striking out as follows:

147
 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

151
 152 Resolved, That USEF AR261 be amended by striking out, inserting and adding as follows:

153
 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.**
- 188
- 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)

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)

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

206
207 None

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

210
211 Contact Person:

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)

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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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SUBJECT: Defining Box-Drive-Box-Drive Classes (USEF/EC)

(STANDARD)

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

Competition Advisory Committee			
Education/Evaluation 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) AR230, AR267, AR268 & AR269

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

- Whereas, Cow horse classes have been declining; and our goal is to increase opportunity for riders of multiple skill levels to participate in a variety of VRH Limited Cow Work events; and
 - Whereas, The VRH grouping of classes has become popular in the working western industry as a whole and there is great interest for expansion of this division in the Arabian Breed; and
 - Whereas, It is in the best interest of our breed and Association to facilitate classes that increase participation and marketability of Arabian and Half Arabian/Anglo-Arabian horses; and
 - Whereas, The Box Drive in Reined Cow Horse is a component of that class should not be confused with the VRH Box-Drive-Box-Drive class; Therefore, Be It
- Resolved, That USEF AR230.3 and USEF AR230.3. d should be amended by inserting as follows:

- 3. Boxing/Limited Reined Cow Horse, and Box Drive (**Reined Cow Horse**) classes are for non-pro/amateur exhibitors. Boxing/Limited Reined Cow Horse and Box Drive (**Reined Cow Horse**) classes are for amateur and junior exhibitors who have not shown down the fence for 3 runs in any judged classes or events with the exception of horse sales....
- d. A Non-Pro exhibitor may show in both the Reined Cow Horse and Box-Drive (**Reined Cow Horse**) classes or both the Boxing/Limited Reined Cow and Box-Drive (**Reined Cow Horse**) classes, but not both the Reined Cow and Boxing Classes.; and, Be It Further

Resolved, That USEF AR267 be amended by striking out and inserting as follows:

AR267 VRH Limited Ranch Cow Work Amateur/Youth (Box-Drive-Box-Drive)-General
 Note: "Open VRH Limited Ranch Cow Work" classes may be held at the AHA Local, and Regional level (not an AHA National Level class). **Open, Amateur (Adult/Youth), Amateur Restricted (Adult/Youth), Jr Horse classes may be offered at Local, Regional and National level.**

- 1. Exhibitors in the VRH Limited Amateur and VRH Limited Youth Ranch Cow Work (**Box-Drive-Box-Drive**) Amateur (**Adult/Youth**) may ~~not have shown more than three times~~ **have previously shown** down the fence in any Cow Horse class, Reined Cow Horse class or VRH Cow Work class.

- 44 2. Exhibitors in the VRH Limited Amateur and VRH Limited Youth Ranch Cow Work (Box-Drive-Box-Drive) Open and
- 45 Junior Horse may have previously shown down the fence in any Cow Horse Class, Reined Cow Horse Class, or VRH
- 46 Cow Work Class.
- 47
- 48 3. Exhibitors in the VRH Limited Amateur and VRH Limited Youth Ranch Cow Work (Box-Drive-Box-Drive) Amateur
- 49 Restricted (Adult/Youth) may have not previously shown more than three (3) times down the fence in any Cow Horse,
- 50 Reined Cow Horse Class, or VRH Cow Work Class.
- 51 4. Exhibitors in any VRH Limited Amateur and VRH Limited Youth Ranch Cow Work (Box-Drive-Box-Drive) classes may
- 52 not cross enter in any (down the fence) Cow Horse class, Reined Cow class at the same show with the same horse.
- 53 However, exhibitors may cross enter Herd Work and Limited Reined Cow Horse Classes

54 *EXAMPLE: Rider A may show Horse A in "Down the Fence classes", Rider A may not show Horse A in any Box-Drive*
 55 *classes at the same show. However, Rider B may show Horse A in the Box-Drive Classes at the same show.* and, Be It
 56 Further

57 Resolved, That USEF AR268 title be amended by striking out and USEF AR268.1 be amended by striking out and inserting as
 58 follows:

59 AR268 VRH Limited Ranch Cow Work Amateur/Youth (Box – Drive – Box-Drive) Class Specifications

- 60 1. ~~Limited Ranch Cow Work~~ Exhibitors are allotted one minute and forty-five seconds to complete the work.
- 61 When there is 50 seconds left, the announcer will announce, "50 seconds remaining." At one minute and
- 62 forty-five seconds, the announcer will call for time.; and, Be It Further
- 63

64 Resolved, That USEF AR269 title be amended by striking out and USEF AR269.5. a be amended by striking out and inserting as
 65 follows:

66 AR269 VRH Limited Ranch Cow Work Amateur/Youth (Box-Drive-Box-Drive) Scoring

- 67 5. The following penalties will be applied to each occurrence and be deducted from the final score:
- 68 a. VRH Ranch Limited Cow Work (**Box-Drive-Box-Drive**) Penalties – VRH Ranch Limited Cow Work (**Box-**
- 69 **Drive-Box-Drive**) Penalties must follow the current AQHA penalties with the following exceptions: ...
- 70

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

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

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

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

80
 81 None

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

84
 85 Contact Person:

87 SUBMITTED BY: Working Western Committee Region Number:

88 Member Organization Committee Commission Board Region (check one)

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

90 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 119 Number of Yes votes: 68 Number of No votes: 5

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

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- 93 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: At the AHA Office *(Must have printed documentation on file)*
- 94 Date vote taken: July 31 - August 7, 2024
- 95 Contact Person: Velma Boodt, Committee Member *(Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw)*
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1 **SUBJECT: Dressage Seat Equitation/Medal – Off Pattern/Incomplete (USEF/EC)**

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3 (STANDARD)

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

Competition Advisory Committee			
Dressage/Western Dressage Committee			
Equitation/Showmanship Committee			
USEF Arabian Division 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) AR290 & AR291

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

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19 Whereas, Currently the Dressage Seat Equitation/Medal rules and USDF judging Guidelines do not address what
20 should happen in the event an exhibitor does not complete the pattern as it is written, and

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22 Whereas, The other equitation divisions do specify whether the off-pattern situation would be penalized or cause
23 elimination, and

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25 Whereas, The committee wishes to add clarity and consistency to the rules so both judges and exhibitors have the
26 same understanding for both an off pattern situation or in the event a rider does not complete a phase of
27 the class, and

28
29 Whereas, The references to the individual tests are being updated to include both the DR and AR sections that
30 apply; Therefore, Be It

31
32 Resolved, That AR290.11. be amended by inserting a new paragraph. a and by adding a new paragraph b. as follows:

- 33
34 **a. When a pattern is provided: A rider going off pattern will not result in an elimination but will be penalized,**
35 **b. If a rider does not complete the rail portion, and the pattern (when required), of the class, it would result in elimination**
36 and, Be it Further

37
38 Resolved, That AR291.20.f be amended by inserting the sub-paragraphs 1., 2. & 3. as follows:

- 39
40 **1. In addition to rail work, all contestants are required to perform three or more individual tests from DR133,**
41 **AR290.9 or AR290.10**
42 **2. A rider going off pattern will not result in elimination but will be penalized.**
43 **3. If a rider does not complete both the rail and the pattern phases of the class, it would result in elimination**
44 And, Be it Further

45
46 Resolved, That AR291.20. be amended by striking out g. as follows:

47 ~~g. In addition to rail work, all contestants are required to perform three or more individual tests from DR133.~~

48
49 Effective: December 31, 2025, or when approved by USEF/EC

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51 (If a Standard resolution, the effective date will be December 31 of the year after the Convention)
52

53 RESOLUTION TYPE (REQUIRED): Standard Extraordinary _____ "If indicated as "Extraordinary", the
54 proponent must list reasons which establish Chapter 9, RULE 101.3.a. has been met)
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57 PROPONENTS FINANCIAL IMPACT (REQUIRED): Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 102.6. & 102.7 for financial requirements
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59 None
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61 AHA IMPACT STATEMENT: *(To be completed by AHA Staff)*
62

63 Contact Person: Carol Spangler
64

65 SUBMITTED BY: Dressage and Western Dressage Committee Region Number:

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

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

68 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 85 Number of Yes votes: 34 Number of No votes: 0

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

71 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: Google Forms *(Must have printed documentation on file)*

72 Date vote taken: 7/9/24

73 Contact Person: Carol Spangler, Chair *(Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw)*

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1 SUBJECT: Showmanship Score Card Posting (USEF/EC)

2 (STANDARD)

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

4 Committee Action:

5 Approve Disapprove

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

Amateur Committee			
Competition Advisory Committee			
Education/Evaluation Commission			
Equitation/Showmanship Committee			
U.S. National Show Commission			
USEF Arabian Division Committee			
Youth/Mid-Summer National Show Commission			

7 CONVENTION ACTION:

8 _____ Approved _____ Approved with Modification _____ Disapproved

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10 _____ Withdrawn _____ Referred to Committee _____

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12 PROPOSED CHANGE: (**Check one**) _____ Add new rule _____ Delete existing rule _____ Change existing text

13 Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC)

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

15 Whereas, The Equitation & Showmanship Committee is continuing progress and is requesting that Showmanship Score Cards be posted, and

16 Whereas, USEF AR293.3 is antiquated and no longer used with the scoring system, and

17 Whereas, The Education Evaluation Committee has been educating its judges on the proper use of the Score Card for the past five years, in addition the EEC supports the posting of the Showmanship Score Card; Therefore, Be It

18 Resolved, That USEF AR293. 3 be amended by striking out as follows:

19 ~~3. Handlers may be asked to perform additional tests at the judge's discretion.; and, Be It~~

20 Resolved, That USEF AR296 Scoring, be amended by adding a new point 1. as follows:

21 **1. Judges must use and turn in the prescribed Showmanship Score Card. At all multi judge shows, all multi judge Regional shows and all Nationals shows, score cards must be posted one hour after the completion of the session. It is mandatory at any show posting cards to have a designated walker and scribe.;** and, Be It

22 Resolved, That the remaining points to be renumbered.

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

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

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

26 PROPOSERS FINANCIAL IMPACT (**REQUIRED**): Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 102.6. & 102.7 for financial requirements

45 None

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

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49 Contact Person:

50

51 SUBMITTED BY: Equitation & Showmanship Committee

Region Number:

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

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

54 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 69 Number of Yes votes: 33 Number of No votes: 0

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

57 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: *(Must have printed documentation on file)*

58 Date vote taken: July 26, 2024

59 Contact Person: Sheri Odom *(Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw)*

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1 **SUBJECT: Walk/Trot 10 & Under and 11 & Over (USEF/EC)**
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 3 *(EXTRAORDINARY)*
 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			
Education/Evaluation Committee			
Equitation/Showmanship Committee			
Professional Horsemen Committee			
USEF Arabian Division 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)
 16

17 RESOLUTION: Use **bold/italic** for new wording, ~~strikethrough~~ to indicate deletion
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- 19 Whereas, Per the USEF Presidential Modification of July 11, 2024, at the request of the USEF Arabian Division,
 20 AR298(1) Competitors to enter the ring in a counterclockwise direction at a walk or trot/jog at the
 21 discretion of the judge, and
 22
- 23 Whereas, AR310(1)(b) Competitors may enter the ring at either a walk or trot/jog were changed from entering at a
 24 walk to an option to enter at a walk or a trot/jog at the discretion of the judge, and
 25
- 26 Whereas, The language should be consistent and how, when and where this determination is made and is not
 27 included, and
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- 29 Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, these inconsistencies and ambiguities are detrimental to both our
 30 youngest and our older inexperienced exhibitors who now have to be prepared to enter at either the walk
 31 or trot or jog, and
 32
- 33 Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, it is both safer and easier for horses to be trained to always enter the
 34 ring at the same gait, and
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- 36 Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, this change of entering the ring was detrimental to the exhibitors and
 37 horses; and
 38
- 39 Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, the Walk Trot 10 & Under and 11 & Over classes should enter the ring at
 40 a trot/jog; Therefore, Be It
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- 42 Resolved, That USEF AR298.1 be amended by striking out as follows:
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- 44 1. Competitors to enter the ring in a counter-clockwise direction at a ~~walk or trot/jog at the discretion of the judge;~~
 45 and, Be It Further
 46
- 47 Resolved That USEF AR310.1.b be amended by striking out and inserting as follows:

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49 b. Competitors ~~may to~~ enter the ring in either a walk or **counter-clockwise direction** at a trot/jog at the discretion of
50 the judge.
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52 Effective: December 31, 2024, or when approved by USEF/EC

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54 (If a Standard resolution, the effective date will be December 31 of the year after the Convention)
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56 RESOLUTION TYPE (REQUIRED): Standard _____ Extraordinary _____ "If indicated as "Extraordinary", the
57 proponent must list reasons which establish Chapter 9, RULE 101.3.a. has been met)
58 RULE 101.3.a,i) - This is extraordinary because it relates to the well-being of our walk-trot/jog exhibitors who deserve to
59 know the entry gait that will be used for all shows.
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61 PROPONENTS FINANCIAL IMPACT (REQUIRED): Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 102.6. & 102.7 for financial requirements

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63 Minimal since no programming
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65 AHA IMPACT STATEMENT: *(To be completed by AHA Staff)*

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67 Contact Person:
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69 SUBMITTED BY: Region 10 Delegates Region Number: 10

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

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

72 How vote was taken: mail zoom meeting phone meeting *(check one) (Must have Quorum with majority of*
73 *yes votes)*

74 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 24 Number of Yes votes: 22 Number of No votes: 0

75 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: meeting minutes *(Must have printed documentation on file)*

76 Date vote taken: August 11, 2024

77 Contact Person: Laura Mickelson *(Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw)*

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

(STANDARD)

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

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:

101

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

2
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			

7
8 CONVENTION ACTION:

9
10 _____ Approved _____ Approved with Modification _____ Disapproved

11
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

18
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:

- 26
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
53
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)*
57

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).
64

65 Contact Person: Leslie Lockard, Sr. Director of Competitions and Convention – leslie.lockard@arabianhorses.org
66

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.
71

72 Contact Person: Bill Arakali, Director of Business Technology – bill.arakali@arabianhorses.org
73

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*)
83 Phone: (303) 917-4119 Email: jimhittreg8@msn.com

1 **SUBJECT: Changes to Select in the Leveling Program**

2
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			

7
8 CONVENTION ACTION:

9
10 _____ Approved _____ Approved with Modification _____ Disapproved

11
12 _____ Withdrawn _____ Referred to Committee _____

13
14 PROPOSED CHANGE: (**Check one**) _____ Add new rule _____ Delete existing rule X Change existing text
15 Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC)

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

18
19 Whereas, Select Amateur classes are meant to encourage entry level participation for riders/drivers/handlers in a
20 format where they compete and are judged against their peers. The entry and participation of
21 riders/drivers/handlers who are not truly entry level is discouraging to new participants and is a
22 misrepresentation of the Select Amateur class; Therefore, Be It

23
24 Resolved, That AHA Handbook Chapter 12, requirement 121 Leveling Class Requirements Chart (Res 6-13) be
25 amended to state:

26
27 Select Amateur Nationals: Has not received one of the following:

- 28 a. more than 20 AHA National Achievement Points
- 29 **b. Has not received an AHA National Championship or Reserve National Championship in any specific, individual**
- 30 **section except Walk/Trot**
- 31 **c. Has not been a professional rider/driver/handler in any capacity at any point in time.**

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33 Select Amateur Regionals/Regular competitions: Has not received the following:

- 34 a. more than 75 AHA Achievement Points
- 35 b. Has not leveled out of the National AHA Select Amateur level in any specific, individual section
- 36 **c. Has not received an AHA National Championship or Reserve National Championship in any, specific,**
- 37 **individual section except Walk/Trot.**
- 38 **d. Has not been a professional rider/driver/handler in any capacity at any point in time.**

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40 Effective: December 31, 2024

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

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

46
47 This resolution safeguards the level playing field intended by class leveling. To continue to allow entry and participation in
48 Select Amateur classes by individuals who do not represent the intention of the class undermines the ability of

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49 riders/drivers/handlers to compete against their peers. This further discourages participation and alienates the entry level
50 competitor. Failure to implement this resolution in an expedited manner perpetuates the perception that there is no level
51 playing field. The entry level participant is essential to the success of AHA as a whole and deserves special attention.
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53 PROPOSERS FINANCIAL IMPACT (REQUIRED): Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 102.6. & 102.7 for financial requirements

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55 None
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57 AHA IMPACT STATEMENT: *(To be completed by AHA Staff)*

58
59 Resolution 15-24 also deals with changes to the Leveling Program and delegates should thoroughly vet each resolution (15-
60 24 and 16-24) on their merits and decide on the solution they feel best resolves the issue (noting that amendments may be
61 needed).
62

63 Contact Person: Leslie Lockard, Sr. Director of Competitions and Convention – leslie.lockard@arabianhorses.org
64

65 SUBMITTED BY: Legacy Arabian Horse Club Region Number: 9

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

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

68 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 7 Number of Yes votes: 7 Number of No votes: 0

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

71 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: Board meeting minutes *(Must have printed documentation on file)*

72 Date vote taken: 7/30/24 – 8/7/24

73 Contact Person: Amelia A. Gunter, M.D. *(Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw)*

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1 **SUBJECT: Multiple Club Membership**

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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

Board of Directors			
Budget & Finance Committee			
Bylaws Committee			
Executive Committee			
Membership Committee			

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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 x Change existing text
15 Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) MEM 104
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17 RESOLUTION: Use **bold/italic** for new wording, ~~strikethrough~~ to indicate deletion

18
19 Whereas, Resolution 3-23 was referred to the Bylaws and Membership Committee at the 2023 AHA Convention,
20 and
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22 Whereas, There is a need to continue to perform outreach to the general public to invite them to join the Arabia
23 Horse Community, and
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25 Whereas, The majority of the local outreach comes from AHA clubs,
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27 Whereas, The clubs provide an atmosphere to join together with like-minded individuals, and
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29 Whereas, The number of clubs across North American is declining as well as the size of many of the clubs, and
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31 Whereas, The clubs and regions are responsible for putting on the majority of events including the local and
32 regional shows and rides, and
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34 Whereas, Without a strong club structure, the Arabian exposure to bring in new owners and riders cannot flourish
35 plus there will be no one to put on the local/regional events, and
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37 Whereas, Some individuals wish to belong to more than one AHA club to participate in that club’s individual
38 opportunities and
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40 Whereas, In the proponent’s opinion, AHA should promote club memberships by making it easier and less expensive
41 to participate in multiple clubs both Local and Internet, Therefore be it
42
43 Resolved, AHA offer the opportunity to join more than one club by having the member declare one club as their
44 primary club and any other club(s) as additional club(s) and receive a discount of \$15 for each club after
45 the primary one for a 1-year membership and \$20 for each 3-year membership,
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47 Resolved, The AHA member shall have full voting rights in each AHA club and
48
49 Resolved, The member can only be a delegate for one club each year at the AHA convention, but that individual will
50 count for each club’s delegate count.

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52 Effective: April 1, 2026, or as soon as business technology is available.

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

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

58
59 PROPONENTS FINANCIAL IMPACT (REQUIRED): Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 102.6. & 102.7 for financial requirements
60 There will be a need to change the sign-up process for clubs to designate one club as the original club and subsequent clubs
61 as additional clubs. Therefore, the signup form will need to change and the back office to track one member in multiple
62 clubs, so the accounting is correct.

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64 Currently approximately 397 members belong to multiple clubs. There are 229 1-year memberships (adult and youth) and
65 145 3-year memberships. Based on the proposed discounts, the loss of revenue would be \$6,335. Based on a June 2023
66 survey sent to all current club members (8,748 total members), 46% of the 2,291 completed responses indicated that they
67 would join an additional club if the membership was at a reduced rate. Those members will be new income for AHA in the
68 amount of \$40 for each club that they join.

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

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71 See the Financial Impact above.

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73 Contact Person: Debbie Fuentes, Registrar and Sr. Director of Membership & Registration Services –
74 debbie.fuentes@arabianhorses.org

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76 SUBMITTED BY: Membership Committee Region Number:

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

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

79 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 42 Number of Yes votes: 32 Number of No votes: 10

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

82 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: With the chair *(Must have printed documentation on file)*

83 Date vote taken: August 6th-13th

84 Contact Person: Shannon Bedell *(Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw)*

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