

SUBJECT: The Importance of Suitability to Discipline When Adjudicating (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			
Education/Evaluation Commission			
Professional Horsemen Committee			
USEF Arabian Division 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_____ Withdrawn _____ Referred to Committee _____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) USEF AR133, AR137, AR142, AR146, AR150, AR154, AR162

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

Whereas, To help define and better align all Judges and exhibitors to one point, and

Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, "Suitability to the division" is an important component when adjudicating, and

Whereas, Class specifications should be listed in order of importance; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That USEF AR133 addressing Park Horse Specifications be amended by striking out and inserting as follows:

1. OPEN. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter. To be judged on **suitability to discipline**, brilliant performance with proper cadence and balance, presence, quality, manners and conformation.
2. AMATEUR. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter. To be judged on **manners, suitability to discipline**, brilliant performance with proper cadence and balance, ~~manners~~, quality and suitability of horse to rider.
3. LADIES, GENTLEMEN. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter. To be judged on **manners, suitability to discipline**, brilliant performance with proper cadence and balance, ~~manners~~, quality and suitability of horse to rider.
4. JUNIOR HORSE. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter. To be judged on **suitability to discipline**, quality, brilliant performance with proper cadence and balance, and manners. and, Be It Further

Resolved, That USEF AR137 addressing English Pleasure Specifications be amended by inserting as follows:

1. OPEN. To be shown at a walk, normal trot, strong trot, canter and hand gallop. To be judged on **suitability to discipline**, manners, performance, attitude, quality and conformation.
2. AMATEUR. To be shown at a walk, normal trot and canter. To be judged on **manners, suitability to discipline**, performance, attitude, quality, suitability of horse to rider, and conformation.
3. LADIES, GENTLEMEN. To be shown at a walk, normal trot and canter. To be judged on **manners, suitability to discipline**, performance, attitude, quality, suitability of horse to rider, and conformation.
4. JUNIOR HORSE. To be shown at a walk, normal trot and canter. To be judged on **suitability to discipline**, quality, performance, attitude and manners. and, Be It Further

Resolved, That USEF AR142 addressing Country English Pleasure Specifications be amended by inserting as follows:

1. OPEN. To be shown at a walk, normal trot, strong trot, canter and hand gallop. To be judged on attitude, **suitability to discipline**, manners, performance, quality and conformation.
2. AMATEUR. To be shown at a walk, normal trot and canter. To be judged on attitude, manners, **suitability to discipline**, performance, quality, conformation and suitability of horse to rider.
3. LADIES, GENTLEMEN. To be shown at a walk, normal trot and canter. To be judged on attitude, manners, **suitability to discipline**, performance, quality, conformation and suitability of horse to rider.
4. JUNIOR HORSE To be shown at a walk, normal trot and canter. To be judged on attitude, **suitability to discipline**, manners, quality, and performance. and, Be It Further

Resolved, That USEF AR146 addressing Hunter Pleasure Specifications be amended by striking out and inserting as follows:

1. OPEN. To be shown at a walk, trot, canter and hand gallop both directions of the ring. To stand quietly and back readily. To be judged on **suitability to discipline**, manners, performance, ~~suitability as a Hunter~~, quality and conformation.
2. AMATEUR. To be shown at a walk, trot, canter and hand gallop both directions of the ring. To stand quietly and back readily to be judged on manners, **suitability to discipline**, performance, ~~suitability as a Hunter~~, quality and conformation.
3. LADIES, GENTLEMEN. To be shown at a walk, trot, canter and hand gallop both directions of the ring. To stand quietly and back readily. To be judged on manners, **suitability to discipline**, performance, ~~suitability as a Hunter~~, quality and conformation.
4. JUNIOR HORSE. To be shown at a walk, trot, canter and hand gallop both directions of the ring. To stand quietly and back readily. To be judged on **suitability to discipline**, quality, performance, ~~suitability as a Hunter~~, manners and conformation. and, Be It Further

Resolved, That USEF AR150 addressing Western Pleasure Specifications be amended by inserting as follows:

1. OPEN. To be shown at a walk, jog-trot, lope and hand gallop. Extreme speed to be penalized. To be judged on **suitability to discipline**, manners, performance, substance, quality, conformation and attitude. In the lineup, horses may be asked to back in a straight line with no additional testing, returning to the lineup at a walk. Horses may be asked to back on the rail.
2. AMATEUR. To be shown at a walk, jog-trot and lope. To be judged on manners, **suitability to discipline**, performance, suitability of horse to rider, substance, quality, conformation and attitude. In the lineup, horses may be asked to back in a straight line with no additional testing, returning to the lineup at a walk. Horses may be asked to back on the rail.
3. LADIES, GENTLEMEN. To be shown at a walk, jog-trot and lope. To be judged on manners, **suitability to discipline**, performance, suitability of horse to rider, substance, quality, conformation and attitude. In the lineup, horses may be asked to back in a straight line with no additional testing, returning to the lineup at a walk. Horses may be asked to back on the rail.
4. JUNIOR HORSE. To be shown at a walk, jog-trot and lope. To be judged on **suitability to discipline**, substance, quality, performance, manners and attitude. In the lineup, horses may be asked to back in a straight line with no additional testing, returning to the lineup at a walk. Horses may be asked to back on the rail. and, Be It Further

Resolved, That USEF AR154 addressing Ladies Side Saddle Specifications be amended by inserting as follows:

OPEN, AMATEUR. To be shown both directions at the walk, trot or jog-trot, canter or lope. Horses should back readily if requested by the judge and stand quietly. To be judged 85% on manners, **suitability to discipline**, performance, suitability, quality and conformation; 15% on appropriate side saddle attire. Manners and suitability of purpose shall be emphasized. (Suitability refers to the horse being suitable as a sidesaddle mount.) and, Be It Further

Resolved, That USEF AR162 addressing English Show Hack Specifications be amended by inserting as follows:

1. OPEN, AMATEUR, LADIES, GENTLEMEN. To be shown at a walk, trot, canter, and hand gallop; collected and extended and normal gaits to be called for. To stand quietly and back readily. To be judged on manners, **suitability to discipline** performance, quality and conformation.

Effective: December 31, 2026 or when approved by USEF/EC

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

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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: Professional Horsemen’s Committee

Region Number:

☐ Member Organization ☒ Committee ☐ Commission ☐ Board ☐ Region (*check one* ☒)

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

Total Number Eligible to Vote: 96 Number of Yes votes: 28 Number of No votes: 7

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

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

Date vote taken: August 12-15, 2025

Contact Person: John P. Power (*Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw*)

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