

SUBJECT: Addition of Low Working Hunter 2'6" – Open Division to AHA Recognized 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			
Hunter/Jumper Committee			
Sport Horse National Show Commission			
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☐ Withdrawn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 AR166

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

Whereas, There is currently no rated Open Working Hunter class specifically designated for fence height 2'6" in the Arabian Division, and

Whereas, The current class options either fall below (2'0", unrated) or above (2'9", Modified Working Hunter), creating a significant developmental gap for horses and riders progressing through the hunter pipeline, and

Whereas, The 2'6" height is widely recognized as a fundamental and popular entry-level division in both breed and open hunter competition environments, and

Whereas, Creating a Low Working Hunter – Open (2'6") class will better serve the needs of horses and exhibitors transitioning from unrated or beginner levels and align with green eligibility standards, Therefore Be It

Resolved, That USEF AR166, be amended by inserting a new point 3 and renumbering the remaining section as follows:

AR166

1. Regular Hunter Divisions/Classes to be determined as follows (Note: any class offered at an AHA approved show that does not specifically adhere to the following nomenclature and specifications will be considered an unrated class):

a. Open:

1. Working Hunter - Open 2'. Horses are not required to jog for soundness.
2. Combined Hunter over fences - 2'3" and 2'6" - at the discretion of show management, this division/class(es) may be run as individual classes or as a combined class. When classes are combined, horses can compete at the height of their choice. Horses may only compete once per class and the height (2'3" or 2'6") must be declared to the ingate/whipper prior to the start of the class. Failure to declare which height that the rider wishes to compete at prior to the start of the class will default the entry to the maximum height. If multiple. classes or a division is offered at competition, horses may change the height in which they jump each class. This class is an unrated class only and cannot be offered at Regionals or National Championship shows. Horse are not required to jog for soundness.

3. Low Working Hunter – Open - 2 6"

4. Modified Working Hunter Over Fences – Open - 2'9"....(re-number rest of chapter) and, Be It Further

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51 Resolved, That this class be added as an official rated class within the Arabian Working Hunter Division, eligible for
52 qualifications and Regional/National Championship inclusion.
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54 Effective: December 31, 2026, or when approved by USEF/EC
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56 (If a Standard resolution, the effective date will be December 31 of the year after the Convention)
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58 RESOLUTION TYPE (REQUIRED): Standard ☒ X ☐ Extraordinary ☐ "If indicated as "Extraordinary", the
59 proponent must list reasons which establish Chapter 9, RULE 101.3.a. has been met)
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62 PROPONENTS FINANCIAL IMPACT (REQUIRED): Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 102.6. & 102.7 for financial requirements
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64 Boosts Participation: Shows may see increased overall participation and revenue from expanded opportunity, especially at
65 smaller or regional events seeking to grow hunter divisions. No Added Expense to AHA: AHA will not incur any direct
66 expense in administering or tracking this class, as it integrates into existing class/qualification systems.
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68 AHA IMPACT STATEMENT: *(To be completed by AHA Staff)*
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70 Contact Person:
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72 SUBMITTED BY: Hunter/Jumper Committee Region Number:

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

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

75 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 57 Number of Yes votes: 40 Number of No votes: 1

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: Google forms *(Must have printed documentation on file)*

79 Date vote taken: July 13, 2025

80 Contact Person: Jim Porcher *(Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw)*

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