

SUBJECT: Work-Off Procedure for National Championship Hunter Seat Equitation Over Obstacles 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			
Hunter/Jumper Committee			
Sport Horse National Show Commission			
USEF Arabian Division Committee			
Youth 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_____ Withdrawn _____ Referred to Committee _____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 AR288.2.b.6.

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

Whereas, The current rules under AR288.2 (Hunter Seat Equitation Over Obstacles) outline course requirements, but do not define a standardized procedure for conducting a work-off at National Championships; and

Whereas, The absence of a clearly defined work-off protocol can lead to inconsistency in judging and confusion among exhibitors, particularly at the national level where placings carry significant weight; and

Whereas, A structured and transparent work-off procedure enhances fairness, promotes exhibitor understanding, and strengthens the integrity of the equitation division; and

Whereas, Protocol for other National Championship equitation classes differ considerably from Hunter Seat Equitation Over Obstacles; and

Whereas, The intent of Equitation Over Obstacles classes includes evaluating the rider's ability to interpret and respond to instruction under pressure in addition to demonstrating technical riding ability; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That AR288.2.b.6 be amended to include a new subsection j, with the following language added:

j. In National Championship Equitation Over Obstacles classes, the top four exhibitors shall be brought back into the ring for a work-off at the judges' direction. Once the instructions are read aloud, exhibitors must remain in the ring and will complete the work-off individually in the test order specified by the judges. The returning four will ride in the reverse order of the judges' placings, i.e., fourth, third, second, first. Interpretation of the work-off instructions shall be considered part of the judging criteria. Questions may be asked prior to the start of the work-off. Obstacles included in the work-off must have been part of the original course and must be jumped in the original direction unless otherwise specified.

Effective: December 1, 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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49 RESOLUTION TYPE (**REQUIRED**): Standard X Extraordinary _____ "If indicated as "Extraordinary", the
50 proponent must list reasons which establish Chapter 9, RULE 101.3.a. has been met)
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53 PROPONENTS FINANCIAL IMPACT (**REQUIRED**): Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 102.6. & 102.7 for financial requirements
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56 AHA IMPACT STATEMENT: (*To be completed by AHA Staff*)
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58 Contact Person:
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60 SUBMITTED BY: Sport Horse National Show Commission

Region Number:

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

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

63 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 6 Number of Yes votes: 6 Number of No votes: 0

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

66 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: In the minutes (*Must have printed documentation on file*)

67 Date vote taken: July 28, 2025

68 Contact Person: Jim Porcher

(*Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw*)

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