

1 **SUBJECT: Use of Tongue Ties in the Show Ring for Horses in Full Bridles and Driving (USEF/EC) Amendment 2**
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 4 *(STANDARD)*

5 Committee Action:

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

Amateur Committee	1		
Competition Advisory Committee			O
Equine Stress/Research & Education Committee	1		
Equitation/Showmanship Committee	1		
Professional Horsemen Committee	1		
USEF Arabian Division Committee	1		

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 9 **CONVENTION ACTION:**

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 11 Approved Approved with Modification Disapproved
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 13 Withdrawn Referred to Committee _____
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15 **PROPOSED CHANGE: (Check one)** Add new rule Delete existing rule Change existing text
 16 Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) USEF AR106.11
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18 **RESOLUTION:** Use *bold/italic* for new wording, ~~strikethrough~~ to indicate deletion

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 20 Whereas, It is the responsibility of AHA to recognize methods to provide the safest show ring environment for both
 21 horses and exhibitors, and
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23 Whereas, It is also of highest priority for AHA to minimize stress of horses in the show ring environment by the
 24 authorization of USEF accepted techniques already generally available and in use within the show ring (ie:
 25 Saddlebred and Morgan English divisions) and on competition grounds at all recognized AHA shows, and
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27 Whereas, Horses with nervous tongues become fixated on their tongues which results in a horse’s loss of
 28 concentration and focus making them more difficult to train and show thereby elevating their stress level
 29 significantly, and
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31 Whereas, Any horse in the show ring environment with the tendency to place the tongue over the bits is an eminent
 32 danger to themselves, their riders and/or drivers, and to all other exhibitors particularly in a driving class,
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35 Whereas, A certain number of horses struggle with dorsal displacement of the soft palate, which interferes with
 36 breathing and causes significant stress when training and showing, and
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38 Whereas, The use of tongue ties is the predominant and most humane method to prevent a horse from getting the
 39 tongue over the bit and avoiding a dangerous situation for horse, rider/driver, and all other exhibitors and is
 40 also the primary method for the prevention of dorsal displacement, and
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42 Whereas, The use of tongue ties is permitted and routinely used in the work and warm up areas of all Arabian horse
 43 shows to aid in reduction of equine stress by lessening training/warm up time and creating a secure bridle
 44 environment for both horse and rider/driver, however the tongue tie is not permitted and must be removed
 45 prior to entering the show ring; Therefore, Be It
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47 Resolved, That USEF AR106.11 be amended by adding an exception as follows:
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49 11. Horses must be shown without artificial appliances. Anything that alters the intended use of equipment as provided
50 for in the description of appointments for a given class is considered to be an artificial appliance and is considered
51 illegal tack while competing. This includes but is not limited to tongue ties, mouth ties, and/or nasal strips and tying
52 and/or securing stirrups, stirrup leathers or foot in any manner to equipment. **Exception: Tongue ties are allowed in**
53 **the show ring for any horse competing in a full bridle as defined in Tack in Park AR128.1, English Pleasure**
54 **AR132.1, Country Pleasure AR136.1, Show Hack AR156.1, and for use by any horse in a full bridle in Saddle**
55 **Seat Equitation, Side Saddle, Costume, Pleasure Driving, Country Pleasure Driving and Formal Driving**
56 **divisions. A single inconspicuous tongue tie, made of soft material, is permitted in the show ring for any horse**
57 **competing in Park, English Pleasure, Country English Pleasure, Mounted Native Costume, English Show Hack,**
58 **Formal Driving, Pleasure Driving, Country Pleasure Driving and Saddle Seat Equitation and for use by any**
59 **horse in a full bridle competing in Ladies Side Saddle in English Show Hack attire (see AR156.1a) or in English**
60 **attire (see AR132.1a), Walk-Trot/Walk-Jog 10 & Under in English attire (see AR132.1a) and ATR/JTR/AATR**
61 **Walk-Trot/Walk-Jog 11 and Over in English attire (see AR132.1a).**
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63 Effective: December 31, 2023, or when approved by USEF/EC.

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65 (If a Standard resolution, the effective date will be December 31 of the year after the Convention)
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67 RESOLUTION TYPE (REQUIRED): Standard X Extraordinary "If indicated as
68 "Extraordinary", the proponent must list reasons which establish Chapter 9, RULE 101.3.a. has been met)
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70 PROPONENTS FINANCIAL IMPACT (REQUIRED): Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 102.6. & 102.7 for financial
71 requirements
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74 AHA IMPACT STATEMENT:

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76 Contact Person: Cathy Vecsey
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78 SUBMITTED BY: Arabian Horse Association of Arizona Region Number: 7

79 Member Organization Committee Commission Board Region (check one)

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

81 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 9 Number of Yes votes: 9 Number of No votes: 0

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

84 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: In the club minutes of 8/9/22 (Must have printed documentation on file)

85 Date vote taken: August 9, 2022

86 Contact Person: Cathy Vecsey (Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw)

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