

**RESOLUTION 1 – 23**  
**Amendment 2 (Pink)**

1 **SUBJECT: Show Certification**  
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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

AHA Futurity Commission			
Amateur Committee			A1
Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Commission			
Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Trustees			
Awards Committee			
Board of Directors			A2
Breeding/In-Hand Committee			
Budget & Finance Committee			
Competition Advisory Committee			
Dressage & Western Dressage Committee			A1
Equitation/Showmanship Committee			
Eventing & Driving Committee			A1
Executive Committee			A1
Hunter/Jumper Committee			A1
Professional Horsemen Committee			A1
Registration Commission			A1
Sport Horse Committee			A1
Sport Horse National Show Commission			A1
U.S. National Show Commission			A1
USEF Arabian Division Committee			A1
Working Western Committee			A1
Youth Committee			A1
Youth 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12   XX   Withdrawn                      \_\_\_\_\_ Referred to Committee \_\_\_\_\_  
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14 **PROPOSED CHANGE: (Check one)**   X   Add new rule      \_\_\_\_\_ Delete existing rule      \_\_\_\_\_ Change existing text  
15 Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) AHA - COMP, ACH, and USEF - AR.  
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17 **RESOLUTION:** Use ***bold/italic*** for new wording, ~~strikethrough~~ to indicate deletion  
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- 19 Whereas,            The welfare, health, and safety of Arabian horses is of primary importance; and  
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21 Whereas,            Many Arabian and part Arabian horses end up, often through no fault of their own, sold through low end  
22 auctions and “kill pens” at risk of being abused, traumatized, and, potentially, slaughtered; and  
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24 Whereas,            The Arabian 300 Club, alone, has assisted with rescue of 4,201 Arabian bred horses, between 2016 and  
25 2022, according to the statistics posted on their website; and  
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27 Whereas,            In the opinion of the proponent, having the ability to compete in breed classes helps to make a horse more  
28 marketable; and  
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30 Whereas,            Current technology allows a horse that has been registered to be identified through DNA testing and to  
31 identify horses that are, but have never been registered as, purebred or part bred Arabians; and  
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33 Whereas,            AHA REG 126 currently reads:  
34 REG 126. TRANSFER WITHOUT SIGNATURE OF RECORDED OWNER

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Whenever legal title to a registered horse passes to another by reason of death of the recorded owner, by reason of foreclosure of any lien or by any order or decree of court, or otherwise by operation of law, the AHA Registry may transfer the registration of such horse to the new owner:

- 1. Upon order of a court of competent jurisdiction or other satisfactory proof of authority for the transfer;
- 2. Upon payment of the transfer fee and any reasonable costs and expenses of investigation; and
- 3. Upon satisfaction of such other requirements as may be defined by the AHA Registry., and

Whereas, As it is currently being applied, the 4<sup>th</sup> situation is being ignored; and a foreclosure of lien – which would, itself, be a court process resulting in a court order, is required; and

Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, the time and expense of a judicial proceeding to obtain a court order can often be prohibitive, for many persons who acquire horses that have been separated from their registration, and

Whereas, The average cost of a small trial typically is between \$25,000 and \$50,000. <https://www.stimmel-law.com/en/articles/cost-benefit-american-litigation>.

Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, separating a horse from its heritage as an Arabian or a part Arabian is not in the best interest of the horse; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That COMP 207 be amended by inserting as follows:  
**REGISTRATION “OR SHOW ELIGIBLE HORSE” CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS**, and; Be It Further

Resolved, That COMP 207 be amended by adding a new Paragraph 4 as follows:

- 4. ***A SHOW ELIGIBLE HORSE CERTIFICATE will be issued for a horse proven by their DNA to have been previously registered as either a purebred, Half-Arabian, or Anglo-Arabian, ~~or, if not previously registered, proven by their DNA to be purebred or at least 50% Arabian blood;~~ but for which the recorded owner is not willing or able to transfer the registration of the horse to the horse’s lawful owner. For purposes of the foregoing, a lawful owner is:***
  - (i) *a person who would be considered a bona fide purchaser of the horse for value under the law, being someone who has acquired the horse through a good faith purchase or inheritance; or*
  - (ii) *someone who has acquired ownership of the horse from a state licensed rescue, in states which license rescue organizations, or*
  - (iii) *501 (c)(3) organization, in states that do not license rescue organizations, after the hold period required by law in the state where the rescue occurred.*
- a. ***A good faith purchase may be shown through a bill of sale that is not contested by the recorded full registration owner within sixty days of notice being delivered to the last known address of such last recorded owner. Such notice shall be issued by AHA through certified mail, return receipt, if requested by the person claiming ownership of the horse following DNA testing, and such person has paid to AHA the then established postal service rates for certified mail return receipt delivery of such notice. If the horse has not previously been registered or if the horse is acquired from a licensed rescue or 501(c)(3) organization in compliance with applicable law, notice is not required.***
- b. ***Horses with SHOW ELIGIBLE CERTIFICATE will not be recognized for purposes of breeding; but are allowed to compete at breed shows as Arabians, ~~or part~~ Half-Arabians, or Anglo-Arabians, as their DNA determines, for all purposes except (i) classes intended to showcase breeding stock and (ii) classes for which a breeder or prior owner has nominated the horse and paid a nomination or other fee, such as Arabian Breeder’s Sweepstakes, Arabian Halter Futurity, and the Arabian Performance Futurity/Maturity Derby Program., and, Be It Further***

Resolved, That following the proviso COMP 207, Paragraph 4 be amended by adding a new subparagraph c as follows:  
**“A Show Eligible Certificate will be sufficient for the horse to compete at a Regional or National show or in the Arabian Performance Futurity/Maturity/Derby Program or other prize money classes.” and this language will become effective and made part of the rule after January 1, 2026.**  
and, Be It Further

93 Resolved, That COMP 603.4.f be amended by adding as follows:

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95 f. List the name and registration numbers of all horses. Only horses with permanent registration numbers  
96 will be recorded. Horses shown with a pending registration number and their rider, driver, handler will  
97 not be recorded. (BOD 1/ 02). *For horses with A SHOW ELIGIBLE HORSE CERTIFICATE, the*  
98 *number on that Certificate will be recorded.,* and Be It Further  
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100 Resolved, *That as it is anticipated that the foregoing resolution would create a financial obligation on the Arabian*  
101 *Horse Association, to create and maintain the Show Certification data base fees initially be established*  
102 *to register or transfer a horse as a horse with Show Certification be in the same amount as for a*  
103 *registration,* and, Be It Further  
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105 Resolved, *That a new Show Certification Committee be formed, charged with the duty of administrating the*  
106 *program and to verify that the fee schedule (after three years) needs to be adjusted , if necessary, to bring*  
107 *the certification and transfer fees in line with the costs of establishing and maintaining the Show*  
108 *Certification database, using the fees generated both through registration and transfer of Show*  
109 *Certification horses; and through fees generated through competitions at which such horses compete;*  
110 *and the committee will provide a report to the AHA Board of Directors from time to time.* and, Be It  
111 Further  
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113 Resolved, That ACH 101, Paragraph 3 be amended by adding as follows:

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115 3. All horses must be registered by the Arabian Horse Registry of America, Inc., the Canadian Arabian  
116 Horse Registry, the Half-Arabian Registry, or the Anglo-Arabian Registry or the Canadian Partbred  
117 Arabian Register *or a SHOW ELIGIBLE HORSE CERTIFICATE issued by AHA (See COMP 207,*  
118 *4.),* and, Be It Further  
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120 Resolved, That USEF AR 102.1-3 rule be amended to include the requirements of a **SHOW ELIGIBLE HORSE**  
121 **CERTIFICATE** of this resolution.  
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123 Effective: December 31, 2024 or when approved by USEF/EC  
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125 (If a Standard resolution, the effective date will be December 31 of the year after the Convention)  
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127 RESOLUTION TYPE (REQUIRED): Standard  X  Extraordinary  "If indicated as "Extraordinary",  
128 the proponent must list reasons which establish Chapter 9, RULE 101.3.a. has been met)  
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132 PROPONENTS FINANCIAL IMPACT (REQUIRED): Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 102.6. & 102.7 for financial  
133 requirements  
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135 ~~Initial estimate, AHA staff estimates that the setup of the required database would be \$55,000 to \$80,000. With further BT~~  
136 ~~study, the implementation of this resolution would cost around \$180,000 (see below).~~

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137 ~~AHA IMPACT STATEMENT: This will have a significant impact on BT. All existing work will need to be dropped to~~  
138 ~~accomplish this request. BT will need an additional resource to complete the work and Registry Services will also need~~  
139 ~~another person to maintain the new Show Certification. By December 2024, migration from 8i will not have been completed~~  
140 ~~and therefore it will be impossible to complete all the changes. The level of effort from BT will be about 6000 hours in total.~~  
141 ~~Each of the 5 personnel in BT will be working 40 hours per week, which is about 30 weeks in total. Due to constraints in~~  
142 ~~Oracle 8i, we may not be able to complete everything by 12/31/2024.~~

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144 See above under Financial Impact.  
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146 Contact Person: Bill Arakali – bill.arakali@arabianhorses.org  
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148 SUBMITTED BY: ARAB, Inc. Region Number: XI

149  Member Organization  Committee  Commission  Board  Region (check one )

150 Who voted: Adult Members  Members  Board  Delegates (check voting body)

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151 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 45      Number of Yes votes: 25      Number of No votes: 0

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

154 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: Minutes of ARAB, Inc.      *(Must have printed documentation on file)*

155 Date vote taken: August 10 - August 15, 2023

156 Contact Person: Sue Schultz      *(Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw)*

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