

**SUBJECT: Allowing Designated Runners in Performance Halter (USEF/EC)**

Amendment 2 (Pink)

(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	2		
Competition Advisory Committee			0
U.S. National Show Commission	2		
USEF Arabian Division Committee	0		
Working Western Committee	0		
Youth/Mid-Summer National Show Commission	1		

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 Withdrawn                       Referred to Committee \_\_\_\_\_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) AR123

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

- Whereas, As a breed and an Association, we wish to encourage participation in horse shows and to encourage exhibitors who need assistance but still wish to compete, and
- Whereas, Our base of exhibitors is aging and we wish to encourage those that want to remain active, and
- Whereas, AQHA has acknowledged and addressed this challenge in their own right, and
- Whereas, As a breed and an Association, wish to encourage all to participate and we do not want to discriminate against anyone physically unable, and
- Whereas The Arabian is a kind and charismatic horse that we should continue to promote as such; Therefore, be it
- Resolved, That USEF AR123.2 be amending by inserting and adding the following:

Procedure

2. A horse must be handled and shown throughout an entire class by only one and the same person, except that a substitute handler may be used if, during a class, the original handler becomes ill or is injured, **or a Designated Runner Exemption has been granted.** Time allowed for the change of handler shall be in accordance with AR108 Time Out Rules. No handler may show more than one horse per class. (pulled from AR116.2)
  - a. **An exhibitor in any youth or amateur Performance Halter class who is unable to perform the ~~walk or trot~~ portion as determined by a physician may appoint a designated runner and submit a Designated Runner Exemption Form.**
  - b. **The official Designated Runner Exemption form must be accompanied by a signed physician statement. The physician statement must state the exhibitor is unable to perform the ~~walk/trot~~ in hand portions of the class and the effective dates of the physician letter are not to exceed one year.**
  - c. **The Designated Runner Exemption Form and physician statement must be submitted to the AHA approved event with a deadline to be determined by the competition event prior to the start of the event at the time of show office check-in.**
  - d. **~~It is the exhibitor's responsibility to provide proof of the Designated Runner Exemption and physician statement to show management by a date and time determined by the show. It is the show management's responsibility to inform judge(s) of any designated runner exemptions.~~**

- e. The Designated Runner must hold current memberships as required by the competition event and meet the relevant division rules. requirements of the class. A substitute youth or amateur with current AHA Membership may lead the horse through the walk and trot portion of the class as a Designated Runner. The Designated Runner must be of the same age/division as the member with the Designated Runner Exemption. The exhibitor receiving the Designated Runner Exemption must thereafter set up and present the horse. In addition to the handler, the designated runner must sign the entry blank as an exhibitor.
- f. The Designated Runner must be appropriately attired.
- g. The Designated Runner may lead the horse through the walk and trot portion of the class. The exhibitor receiving the Designated Runner Exemption must thereafter set up and present the horse. The designated runner will handle the horse at the trot upon entrance and upon completion of the stand-up conformation judging. The exchange between the handlers will take place upon completion of the trot entrance and following completion of the stand-up conformation judging. The Designated Runner shall remain in the arena for the duration of the class at a safe and reasonable distance dependent upon the configuration of the arena. In the event of a disruption, the substitute runner may assist, however any other coaching or assistance is prohibited.

Effective: December 31, 2025, or when approved by USEF/EC

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

RESOLUTION TYPE (REQUIRED): Standard  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  
Positive impact to AHA for show entries and participation.  
No expense to AHA as all record keeping is at the show level.

AHA IMPACT STATEMENT: (To be completed by AHA Staff)

Contact Person:

SUBMITTED BY: Arabian Horse Assn of Northern California Region Number: 3

Member Organization  Committee  Commission  Board  Region (check one )

Who voted:  Members  Board  Delegates (check voting body)

Total Number Eligible to Vote: 7 Number of Yes votes: 7 Number of No votes: 0

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: Stockton, CA (Must have printed documentation on file)

Date vote taken: August 5-6, 2024

Contact Person: Steve Freeman (Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw)

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