

SUBJECT: Defining Adult Walk/Trot/Jog Classes (USEF/EC)

Amendment 1 (Blue)

(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	1		
Competition Advisory Committee	0		
Equitation/Showmanship Committee	0		
Local Level Committee	1		
Professional Horsemen Committee	1		
Sport Horse Committee	1		
USEF Arabian Division Committee	1		
Working Western Committee	0		

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 Withdrawn Referred to Committee _____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) AR309

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

Whereas, ***The existing 11 & Over Walk/Trot/Jog rules do not allow for age splits by Junior and Adult or allow, and***

Whereas, ***Not all seats were able to be run under the current rule, and***

Whereas, We need to encourage adult riders that are just being introduced to horses, and

Whereas, We need to encourage adult riders that are returning to horses after extended absences from horse activities, and

Whereas, Many exhibitors would like to stay involved with horses as their physical skills begin to wane or medical conditions prevent lope classes; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That USEF AR309 Class Requirements be amended by inserting the following and renumbering the remainder of the section as follows:

AR309 Class Requirements

Open to Amateur or Junior Exhibitors 11 years old and older as of December 1 of the current competition year. An Amateur card is not required for ~~ATR/AATR JTR, ATR or AATR~~ Walk-Trot/Walk-Jog 11 and over classes ***(see AR309.2 for Walk/Trot/Jog Adult Amateur for Amateur Card requirements)***.

1. Division of Classes

- a. Classes may be ***held as JTR, ATR, and/or AATR and may be*** divided by age of exhibitor ***(see AR309.2 for Walk/Trot/Jog Adult Amateur)***.
- b. Separate classes for Arabians and Half/Anglo Arabians may be offered OR classes may be combined.
- c. Pleasure or Sport Horse under Saddle classes may not be combined with Equitation classes.
- d. Pleasure classes may be combined into a single class.
- e. Equitation classes may be combined into a single class (Exception: Dressage Seat Equitation may not be combined with any other equitation class).

~~2. Classes may be run as Walk/Trot/Jog Adult Amateur classes for those riders over 18 years old who hold an Amateur Card and have:~~

~~a. Not competed in more than 3 shows (any breed, any discipline) in a class or classes in which the lope or canter is a required gait. (An Exhibitor may not show in Walk/Trot/Jog classes and classes in which the lope or canter is required at the same show)~~

~~b. Reached 50 years of age and have not shown in a class (at any show) for 2 years in which the lope or canter is a required gait.~~

~~c. Reached the age of 65 (regardless of previous show experience). Riders 65+ may go back and forth from walk/trot/jog to lope classes as long as it is not at the same show.~~

~~d. Developed a physical or cognitive disability that for the safety of the exhibitor is no longer able to compete in classes in which the lope or canter are required.~~

2.3. Classes may be offered for Western Pleasure, Hunter Pleasure, Country English Pleasure, Sport Horse Under Saddle, Western Seat Equitation, Hunter Seat Equitation Not to Jump, Saddle Seat Equitation, and Dressage Seat Equitation, and Ranch Horse in any seat and any discipline Exceptions: Reining, Reined Cow Horse and Working Cow Horse. (See AR310.2. e).

3.4. Exhibitors who show in Walk/Trot or Jog 11 and Over classes may NOT show in any other class at that competition that requires exhibitors to show at the canter, or lope but may enter any class that does not require a canter or lope. Exception: Cross Rail Riders.

4.5. A horse that is shown in these Walk/Trot or Jog 11 and Over classes may be shown by a different exhibitor in other classes at that show or by the same exhibitor in other classes that do not require a canter or lope.

5.6. An exhibitor that shows in Walk/Trot or Jog 11 and Over classes may show in classes requiring a canter or lope at a later show in that show season, but, once they do so, become ineligible to compete in Walk/Trot or Jog classes for the remainder of that show season. Exception: Cross Rail Riders and Short Stirrup Reining and Walk/Trot/Jog Adult Amateurs 65 years of age and older.

6.7. Eligibility to show in these Walk/Trot or Jog 11 and Over classes begins with each show season regardless of whether the exhibitor has previously shown in classes that require a canter or lope.

7.8. Headers are allowed.

8.9. Stallions may be shown unless prohibited in the prize list.

9.10. The safety of all exhibitors must be of primary consideration when adjudicating these classes. Any action by any exhibitor that endangers that exhibitor, or any other exhibitor, must be severely penalized and maybe considered cause for being excused from the class.

~~10.11.~~ In determining Maiden, Novice and Limit status of horses, Walk/Trot or Jog 11 and Over classes are not considered in the reckoning of status in any performance sections in the Arabian Division. (For riders, refer to AR110).

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 This could bring new a new market to trainers, breeders and shows through the sale of Walk/Trot/Jog horses to new riders or returning riders that have a place to compete once again. Trainers may gain new clients and shows may receive

101 additional revenue by adding Adult Walk/Trot/Jog classes. The cost of adding these classes should be minimal as the coding
102 for new classes already exists in the database.

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

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106 Contact Person:

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108 SUBMITTED BY: Competition Advisory Committee Region Number:

109 Member Organization Committee Commission Board Region (check one)

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

111 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 9 Number of Yes votes: 8 Number of No votes: 0

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

114 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: At the AHA Office (Must have printed documentation on file)

115 Date vote taken: July 30 - August 13, 2024

116 Contact Person: Jim Hitt, Chair (Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw)

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