

SUBJECT: Changes to Select in the Leveling Program

(EXTRAORDINARY)

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			O
Competition Advisory Committee			O
Professional Horsemen Committee			O
U.S. Show Commission	O		
USEF Arabian Division Committee			O
Working Western Committee			O
Youth/Mid-Summer Show Commission			O

CONVENTION ACTION:

_____ Approved _____ Approved with Modification **XXX** Disapproved – Out of Order with passage of 15-24

_____ Withdrawn _____ Referred to Committee _____

PROPOSED CHANGE: (**Check one**) _____ Add new rule _____ Delete existing rule **X** Change existing text
 Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC)

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

Whereas, Select Amateur classes are meant to encourage entry level participation for riders/drivers/handlers in a format where they compete and are judged against their peers. The entry and participation of riders/drivers/handlers who are not truly entry level is discouraging to new participants and is a misrepresentation of the Select Amateur class; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That AHA Handbook Chapter 12, requirement 121 Leveling Class Requirements Chart (Res 6-13) be amended to state:

Select Amateur Nationals: Has not received one of the following:

- a. more than 20 AHA National Achievement Points
- b. Has not received an AHA National Championship or Reserve National Championship in any specific, individual section except Walk/Trot**
- c. Has not been a professional rider/driver/handler in any capacity at any point in time.**

Select Amateur Regionals/Regular competitions: Has not received the following:

- a. more than 75 AHA Achievement Points
- b. Has not leveled out of the National AHA Select Amateur level in any specific, individual section
- c. Has not received an AHA National Championship or Reserve National Championship in any, specific, individual section except Walk/Trot.**
- d. Has not been a professional rider/driver/handler in any capacity at any point in time.**

Effective: December 31, 2024

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

RESOLUTION TYPE (**REQUIRED**): Standard _____ Extraordinary **X** "If indicated as "Extraordinary", the proponent must list reasons which establish Chapter 9, RULE 101.3.a. has been met)

This resolution safeguards the level playing field intended by class leveling. To continue to allow entry and participation in Select Amateur classes by individuals who do not represent the intention of the class undermines the ability of

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49 riders/drivers/handlers to compete against their peers. This further discourages participation and alienates the entry level
50 competitor. Failure to implement this resolution in an expedited manner perpetuates the perception that there is no level
51 playing field. The entry level participant is essential to the success of AHA as a whole and deserves special attention.
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53 PROPOSERS FINANCIAL IMPACT (REQUIRED): Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 102.6. & 102.7 for financial requirements

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

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59 Resolution 15-24 also deals with changes to the Leveling Program and delegates should thoroughly vet each resolution (15-
60 24 and 16-24) on their merits and decide on the solution they feel best resolves the issue (noting that amendments may be
61 needed).
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65 SUBMITTED BY: Legacy Arabian Horse Club Region Number: 9

66 Member Organization Committee Commission Board Region (*check one*)

67 Who voted: Members Board Delegates (*check voting body*)

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

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

71 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: Board meeting minutes (*Must have printed documentation on file*)

72 Date vote taken: 7/30/24 – 8/7/24

73 Contact Person: Amelia A. Gunter, M.D. (*Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw*)

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