

SUBJECT: Member Inclusion (Bylaw 2/3rds)

(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

Annual Convention Planning Committee			
Board of Directors			
Bylaws Committee			
Membership Committee			

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☐ Withdrawn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) AHA – Bylaws (Articles VI, VIII, IX, and XI)

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

Whereas, The Arabian Horse Association is a member organization; and

Whereas, All members of the Association are of equal importance; and

Whereas, In the modern age, it has become possible to allow Members that are not attending an annual meeting/Convention to securely vote for Directors to serve on the Board of Directors of an organization, in order to have a voice in their association; and

Whereas, A review of other of the larger equine member organizations has determined that the great majority do now provide the opportunity for all members to have a vote in the election of Directors, either through remote voting or by the allowance of proxy votes; and

Whereas, The two primary organizations, besides AHA, that do not currently allow all members to have a vote for Directors are considering changing their rules, as a result of the modern expectations of inclusion, accountability, and transparency for all member organizations; and

Whereas, Remote voting is less administratively challenging than allowing proxy voting; and

Whereas, Member and potential member expectations of inclusion make this change vitally important to the continued viability of the Association, so that this Resolution meets the criteria set out in Chapter 9, Rule 101.3.a, (4) to be considered an Extraordinary Resolution; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That Article VI, Section 4, sub-section (f) of the AHA Bylaws be amended as follows:

~~All only persons who are~~ adult or life members in good standing of the Association on June 30 of the year in which an Annual Convention is held and who have been certified by Credentials ~~and who are in attendance at an annual convention~~ shall be entitled to vote for the election of a President, a Vice President, and the election of three (3) Directors; and Be It Further

Resolved, That Article VIII, Section 2, sub-section (ii) of the AHA Bylaws be amended as follows:

Seven (7) additional Board members selected as follows: (a) three (3) Directors nominated by the nominating committee and elected by the ***adult*** Membership of the Association ~~in attendance at an annual convention~~; (b) three (3) Directors elected by the National Council established pursuant to these ~~resolutions~~ ***Bylaws***, and (c) one (1) Director appointed by the Purebred Arabian Trust; and Be It Further

Resolved, That Article VIII, Section 2, sub-section (vii) of the AHA Bylaws be amended as follows:

Vacancies. In the event an office ~~or a Director seat;~~ **(A)** appointed by the Board or elected by the Credentialed Voting Members ~~in attendance at an Annual Convention,~~ becomes vacant by reason of resignation or otherwise, the unexpired term of that office/**Director** will be appointed by the Board and further for those elected by the Credentialed Voting Members ~~in attendance at an Annual Convention~~ will be filled by election at the next Annual Convention; **(B)** the National Council shall elect a successor to a **Director** elected by it; and **(C)** the Purebred Arabian Trust shall select a successor to an office/**Director** appointed by it; and Be It Further

Resolved, That Article IX, Section 2, sub-section (a) of the AHA Bylaws be amended as follows:

The President and Vice President shall be elected by a majority vote of the Credentialed Members ~~present at the Annual Convention~~ for a period of two (2) years until adjournment of the second Annual Convention following his or her election. The two (2) At-Large Vice Presidents shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Trustees. (Res 1-25); and Be It Further

Resolved, That the last sentence of Article XI, Section 2, paragraph (c), sub-paragraph (i) of the AHA Bylaws be amended as follows:

The Nominating Committee shall also cause the ~~Arabian Horse~~ Association to distribute, **at least ten (10) days** prior to **the vote for the** election ~~for of~~ the President, Vice-President, **and/or** each of the three (3) Directors; to be elected by the Credentialed Members ~~present at the convention, his or her~~ **the** biographical information **submitted by** ~~as detailed on the standard biographical information form for each~~ **qualified** candidate put forward **for vote**, as determined by a majority vote of the nominating committee having determined such nominee meets the above requirements, (Res. 1-25); and Be It Further

Resolved, That Article XI, Section 2, paragraph (c), sub-paragraph (iii) of the AHA Bylaws be amended as follows:

To cause ~~the Arabian horse a~~ **Association** to distribute each nominee's biographical information as detailed on the standard biographical information form **(A)** to each Voting Delegate in the Delegate Convention Packet; **(B)** ~~and~~ to each Non-Delegate voting member **attending Convention** in a supplemental voting packet; **and (C) to each Member entitled to vote pursuant to Article VI, Section 3, Paragraph F via e-mail, at least ten (10) days** prior to the election, and (Res. 1-25); and Be It Further

Resolved, That the last sentence of Article XI, Section 2, paragraph (c), sub-paragraph (iv) of the AHA Bylaws be amended as follows:

In the event there were no Candidates put forward from the Nominating Committee for an open position, then and only then, Nominations may be accepted from the floor **and shall thereupon be distributed to each Member entitled to vote pursuant to Article VI, Section 3, Paragraph F via e-mail.**

Effective: December 31, 2026

(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)

Member and potential member expectations of inclusion make this change vitally important to the continued viability of the Association, so that this Resolution meets the criteria set out in Chapter 9, Rule 101.3.a, (4) to be considered an Extraordinary Resolution

PROPONENTS FINANCIAL IMPACT (REQUIRED): Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 102.6. & 102.7 for financial requirements

The proponent has obtained information that all Credentialed Members could vote through the Election Runner platform for a service fee of \$1,058.58 (i.e., \$0.09 per eligible voter), based on 11,762 adult and life Members.

111 AHA IMPACT STATEMENT:

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113 Contact Person:

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115 SUBMITTED BY: San Joaquin Valley AHA

Region Number: 2

116 ☒ Member Organization ☐ Committee ☐ Commission ☐ Board ☐ Region (*check one* ☒)

117 Who voted: ☐ Members ☒ Board ☐ Delegates (*check voting body*)

118 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 5 Number of Yes votes: 5 Number of No votes: 0

119 How vote was taken: ☐ mail _ email/other electronic means ☐ phone ☒ meeting (*check one*) (*Must have Quorum with*
120 *majority of yes votes*)

121 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: With the Club (*Must have printed documentation on file*)

122 Date vote taken: August 10, 2026

123 Contact Person: Nancy Goertzen (*Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw*)

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SUBJECT: Multiple Club Membership

(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

Board of Directors			
Budget & Finance Committee			
Membership Committee			

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)

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

Whereas, Resolution 3-23 was referred to the Bylaws and Membership Committee at the 2023 AHA Convention, and

Whereas, The Resolution was withdrawn until the 8i Upgrade was completed and became financially feasible to implement, and

Whereas, There is a need to continue to perform outreach to the general public to invite them to join the Arabian Horse Community, and

Whereas, The majority of local outreach comes from AHA clubs, and

Whereas, Clubs provide an atmosphere to join together with like-minded individuals, and

Whereas, The number of clubs across North America is declining, as well as the size of many of these clubs, and

Whereas, Clubs and regions are responsible for putting on the majority of events, including local and regional shows and rides, and

Whereas, Without a strong club structure, Arabian exposure to bring in new owners and riders cannot flourish, and there will be no one to put on local/regional events, and

Whereas, Some individuals wish to belong to more than one AHA club to participate in that club's individual opportunities, and

Whereas, In the proponent's opinion, AHA should promote club memberships by making it easier and less expensive to participate in multiple clubs (both Local and Internet); Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That AHA offer members the opportunity to join more than one club by declaring one club as their primary club and any other club(s) as additional club(s); and, Be It Further

Resolved, That members receive a discount of \$25 for each additional club after the primary club for a 1-year membership, and a discount of \$55 for each additional club for a 3-year membership; and, Be It Further

Resolved, That the AHA member shall have full voting rights in each AHA club to which they belong; and, Be It Further

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54 Resolved, That the member can only serve as a delegate for one club each year at the AHA Convention, but that
55 individual will count toward each affiliated club's delegate count.
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57 Effective: December 31, 2027
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59 (If a Standard resolution, the effective date will be December 31 of the year after the Convention)
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61 RESOLUTION TYPE (REQUIRED): Standard ____X____ Extraordinary _____ "If indicated as "Extraordinary", the
62 proponent must list reasons which establish Chapter 9, RULE 101.3.a. has been met)
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65 PROPONENTS FINANCIAL IMPACT (REQUIRED): Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 102.6. & 102.7 for financial requirements
66 There will be a need to change the sign-up process for clubs to designate one club as the original club and subsequent clubs
67 as additional clubs. Therefore, the signup form will need to change and the back office to track one member in multiple
68 clubs, so the accounting is correct.
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70 Currently approximately 292 adult members belong to multiple clubs. There are 372 1-year adult memberships and
71 221 adult 3-year memberships. Based on the proposed discounts, the loss of revenue would be \$11,120. Based on a June
72 2023 survey sent to all current club members (8,748 total members), 46% of the 2,291 completed responses indicated that
73 they would join an additional club if the membership was at a reduced rate. Those members will be new income for AHA in
74 the amount of \$30 for each club that they join.
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76 AHA IMPACT STATEMENT: (*To be completed by AHA Staff*)

77 Significant IT and financial impact – more information will be supplied shortly.
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79 Contact Person:
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81 SUBMITTED BY: Membership Committee

Region Number:

82 ☐ Member Organization ☒ Committee ☐ Commission ☐ Board ☐ Region (*check one* ☒)

83 Who voted: ☒ Members ☐ Board ☐ Delegates (*check voting body*)

84 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 63 Number of Yes votes: 63 Number of No votes: 0

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

87 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: Membership survey results/email (*Must have printed documentation on*
88 *file*)

89 Date vote taken: August 11-13th

90 Contact Person: Shannon Bedell

(*Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw*)

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SUBJECT: Judges for Regional Championship Competitions (USEF/EC)

(STANDARD)

Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 101 & 102 for submission requirements.

Committee Action:

Approve Disapprove

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

Competition Advisory Committee			
Judges Selection Committee			
Resolution 5-90 Committee			
USEF Arabian Division Committee			
U.S. National Show Commission			
Youth/Mid-Summer National Show Commission			

CONVENTION ACTION:

_____ Approved _____ Approved with Modification _____ Disapproved

_____ Withdrawn _____ Referred to Committee _____

PROPOSED CHANGE: (Check one) _____ Add new rule _____ Delete existing rule ☒ Change existing text of USEF GR1005.8

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

Whereas, The division of National/Regional level judges into two levels, Regional and National/Regional, necessitates a change to the USEF rules about who can judge AHA regional championship competitions; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That USEF GR1005.8.a. be amended by striking out and inserting as follows:

- 8. Arabian
- a. Regional Shows and National Championships classes must be judged by a Federation ~~Registered (R)~~ Arabian Division judge or ~~an Senior~~ Equestrian Canada (EC) judge who is on the AHA Recognized Judges List as an accredited **Regional or** National/ Regional judge.

Effective: December 1, 2027, 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
No financial impact.

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

Contact Person:

SUBMITTED BY: Resolution 5-90 Committee

Region Number:

☐ Member Organization ☒ Committee ☐ Commission ☐ Board ☐ Region (check one ☒)

Who voted: ☒ Members ☐ Board ☐ Delegates (check voting body)

RESOLUTION 3 - 26

47 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 5 Number of Yes votes: 5 Number of No votes: 0
48 How vote was taken: ☐ mail ☒ email/other electronic means ☐ phone ☐ meeting (*check one*) (*Must have Quorum*
49 *with majority of yes votes*)
50 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: Judges & Stewards Commissioner's Office (*Must have printed*
51 *documentation on file*)
52 Date vote taken: August 3, 2026
53 Contact Person: Peter Conway (*Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw*)
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SUBJECT: Change to the Rule on Violation of the Hoof Length Measurement (USEF/EC)

(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			
Competition Advisory Committee			
Education/Evaluation Commission			
Professional Horsemen Committee			
Sport Horse National Show Commission			
USEF Arabian Division Committee			
U.S. National Show Commission			
Youth Committee			
Youth/Mid-Summer National Show Commission			

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) USEF AR106.6.g

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

Whereas, Currently, USEF AR106.6.g reads as follows: In the event that the inspecting officials find a violation of the shoe measurement, hoof length and/or pad(s) rules the horse shall be disqualified for the remainder of the competition, and the owner shall be required to forfeit all prize money, sweepstakes and trophies, entry fees, ribbons, and points won at said competition by said horse, and

Whereas, The penalty of losing a National Championship, Regional Championship, Scottsdale Championship is one of such significance that it achieves the desired outcome of penalizing the person whose horse has been found in violation of the hoof and shoeing rules without the need to disqualify them from future classes at the same competition; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That USEF AR106.6.g be amended by inserting the following:

- g. In the event that the inspecting officials find a violation of the show measurement, hoof length **by more than a ¼ inch over the measurement limit**, and/or pad(s) rules the horse shall be disqualified for the remainder of the competition, and the owner shall be required to forfeit all prize money, sweepstakes and trophies, entry fees, ribbons, and points won at said competition by said horse.

- 1. In the event that the inspecting officials find a violation of hoof length of no more than ¼ inch over the measurement limit, the horse is disqualified from the class(es) that were measured at the competition, and the owner is required to forfeit all prize money, sweepstakes and trophies, entry fees, ribbons, and points won in the class(es) by the horse. The horse in violation may have its hoof length adjusted and be permitted to resume competing at the competition, only after the inspecting official has re-measured and determined the horse meets all applicable rules to be eligible to compete. The steward must document the matter in the steward report.**

Effective: December 31, 2026 or when approved by USEF/EC

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

47 RESOLUTION TYPE (**REQUIRED**): Standard _____ Extraordinary ____X____ "If indicated as "Extraordinary", the
 48 proponent must list reasons which establish Chapter 9, RULE 101.3.a. has been met)
 49 Allows an owner to correct their horse's shoe so they continue competing in classes they paid for without further shoeing
 50 penalty.
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52 PROPONENTS FINANCIAL IMPACT (**REQUIRED**): Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 102.6. & 102.7 for financial requirements
 53 None
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55 AHA IMPACT STATEMENT: (*To be completed by AHA Staff*)
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57 Contact Person:
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59 SUBMITTED BY: Arabian Horse Association of Arizona

Region Number:

60 ☒ Member Organization ☐ Committee ☐ Commission ☐ Board ☐ Region (*check one* ☒)

61 Who voted: ☐ Members ☒ Board ☐ Delegates (*check voting body*)

62 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 11 Number of Yes votes: 10 Number of No votes: 1

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

65 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: Email responses & BOD meeting minutes (*Must have printed*
 66 *documentation on file*)

67 Date vote taken: August 12-13, 2026

68 Contact Person: Colby Powell

(*Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw*)

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SUBJECT: Rubber Bands in the Forelock (USEF/EC)

(STANDARD)

Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 101 & 102 for submission requirements.

Committee Action:

Approve

Disapprove

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

Amateur Committee			
Competition Advisory Committee			
Education/Evaluation Commission			
Professional Horsemen Committee			
USEF Arabian Division Committee			
Youth Committee			

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)

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

Whereas, Arabian horses are required to be shown with a long, natural, unbraided/unbanded mane and tail in order to maintain the natural characteristics and traditional appearance of the breeds, and

Whereas, Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian horse are not required to have a long mane and/or tail, but an unbraided/unbanded mane and/or tail is mandatory, and

Whereas, Hairs from the horse's forelock can become loose during performance, causing irritation or distraction to the horse, which can lead to the horse becoming unsettled, and

Whereas, Such irritation from loose hairs can result in riders calling their only allowed timeout and disrupting the flow of the class, and

Whereas, Allowing the use of an inconspicuous rubber band or tape in the forelock would not interfere with the traditional look of the Arabian and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian horses when performing, and

Whereas, Permitting the use of an inconspicuous rubber band or tape in the forelock provides a practical and discreet solution to prevent irritation and distraction; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That USEF AR106.8 be amended by inserting the following:

8. Purebred Arabian horses must wear a long, natural, unbraided/unbanded mane and/or tail (with or without clipped bridle path). Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian horses are not required to have a long mane and/or tail, but an unbraided/unbanded mane and/or tail is mandatory. ***Arabian and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian horses may wear an inconspicuous rubber band on the unbraided forelock either clear, brown, or black. Non-conforming colors will be penalized as inappropriate appointments.*** Exceptions: Horses shown with Hunter, Jumper, Show Hack, Sport Horse or Dressage appointments, or in Western Dressage classes, are permitted to show with a shortened, pulled, or braided mane and/or tail. Decorative items in manes and tails are prohibited. Only simple bows made from the yarn to secure braid(s) are permitted. Cutting horses may be shown with a roached/shaved mane. Manes and forelocks may be banded in Reining, Reining Seat Equitation, and Reining Seat Medal classes. For Carriage Pleasure Driving see division chapter CP. All horses must have a natural unaltered, unset, and ungingered tail as described in AR105.3 - Ginger, Capsaicin, and other Irritants.

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Effective: December 31, 2027, 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 ☒ X ☐ 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
None

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

Contact Person:

SUBMITTED BY: Arabian Professional & Amateur Horsemen Assoc. Region Number: 8

☒ Member Organization ☐ Committee ☐ Commission ☐ Board ☐ Region (*check one* ☒)

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

Total Number Eligible to Vote: 17 Number of Yes votes: 16 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: President of APAHA (*Must have printed documentation on file*)

Date vote taken: August 14, 2026

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

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SUBJECT: Allowing Pinning of Tail in Showmanship (USEF/EC)

(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			
Competition Advisory Committee			
Education/Evaluation Commission			
Equitation/Showmanship Committee			
Professional Horsemen Committee			
USEF Arabian Division Committee			
Youth Committee			

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) USEF AR106.8

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

Whereas, Horses competing in “Main Ring” divisions—specifically Hunter Pleasure, Western Pleasure, and English Pleasure - customarily exhibit long, flowing tails, which are widely regarded by judges, trainers, and exhibitors as the preferred presentation for these disciplines; and

Whereas, Many “Main Ring” exhibitors elect not to participate in Showmanship because the required maneuvers - particularly backing and pivoting - create significant challenges for horses with long tails. These tails are frequently stepped on or become entangled between the hind legs during execution of the pattern, resulting in penalties and point deductions. In contrast, most “Working Western” horses have tails trimmed at the hocks, thereby avoiding such complications and associated deductions; and

Whereas, USEF Section AR106.8 states: Purebred Arabian horses must wear a long, natural, unbraided/unbanded mane and/or tail (with or without clipped bridle path). Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian horses are not required to have a long mane and/or tail, but an unbraided/unbanded mane and/or tail is mandatory. Exceptions: Horses shown with Hunter, Jumper, Show Hack, Sport Horse or Dressage appointments, or in Western Dressage classes, are permitted to show with a shortened, pulled, or braided mane and/or tail. Decorative items in manes and tails are prohibited. Only simple bows made from the yarn to secure braid(s) are permitted. Cutting horses may be shown with a roached/shaved mane. **Manes and forelocks may be banded in Reining, Reining Seat Equitation, and Reining Seat Medal classes.** For Carriage Pleasure Driving see division chapter CP. All horses must have a natural unaltered, unset, and ungingered tail as described in AR105.3 - Ginger, Capsaicin, and other Irritants.

- A. See section of USEF Section AR106.8 highlighted in yellow above; Despite this, many Showmanship horses - including Purebred Arabians - compete with tails cut at the hocks, which is not natural for either Purebred or Half-Arabian horses. The industry has long accepted an unwritten exception permitting Working Western horses to show with shortened tails due to functional necessity. The same practical consideration should be extended to “Main Ring” horses in Showmanship, where long tails materially interfere with required maneuvers;
- B. Precedent exists for allowing grooming modifications when they directly impact a horse’s ability to perform required elements of a class, as demonstrated by the 2025 approval permitting banding of manes and forelocks in Reining classes due to interference with the reins (see highlighted section in

green.) Similarly, long tails in Showmanship impede a horse's ability to complete the pattern without the potential for penalty, warranting comparable accommodation; and

Whereas, The current AHA Board of Directors and many within the general membership continue to prioritize both breed promotion and growth, which also extends to show-ring involvement. The current restriction prohibiting Showmanship handlers from pinning up a horse's tail discourages participation from exhibitors whose horses possess long tails. Allowing tails to be pinned up in Showmanship would expand class accessibility across all divisions, enabling exhibitors to enter additional classes and potentially increasing overall show attendance and engagement; Therefore, be it,

Resolved, That USEF AR106.8 be amended by inserting the following:

8. USEF Section AR106.8 states: Purebred Arabian horses must wear a long, natural, unbraided/unbanded mane and/or tail (with or without clipped bridle path). Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian horses are not required to have a long mane and/or tail, but an unbraided/unbanded mane and/or tail is mandatory. Exceptions: Horses shown with Hunter, Jumper, Show Hack, Sport Horse or Dressage appointments, or in Western Dressage classes, are permitted to show with a shortened, pulled, or braided mane and/or tail. Decorative items in manes and tails are prohibited. Only simple bows made from the yarn to secure braid(s) are permitted. Cutting horses may be shown with a roached/shaved mane. Manes and forelocks may be banded in Reining, Reining Seat Equitation, and Reining Seat Medal classes. **Tails may be pinned up in Showmanship classes by using a rubber band or tape to secure the lower portion of the tail that drags on the ground to the top half portion of the tail (exception Sport Horse Showmanship).** For Carriage Pleasure Driving see division chapter CP. All horses must have a natural unaltered, unset, and ungingered tail as described in AR105.3 - Ginger, Capsaicin, and other Irritants.

Effective: December 31, 2027 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

None

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

Contact Person:

SUBMITTED BY: Equitation/Showmanship Committee

Region Number:

☐ Member Organization ☒ Committee ☐ Commission ☐ Board ☐ Region (check one ☒)

Who voted: ☒ Members ☐ Board ☐ Delegates (check voting body)

Total Number Eligible to Vote: 85 Number of Yes votes: 22 Number of No votes: 10

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: At the AHA office (Must have printed documentation on file)

Date vote taken: August 15, 2026

Contact Person: Jessica Bein (Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw)

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SUBJECT: Allowing Two Classes to Run at the Same Time with One Judge (USEF/EC)

(STANDARD)

Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 101 & 102 for submission requirements.

Committee Action:

Approve Disapprove

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

Amateur Committee			
Competition Advisory Committee			
Education/Evaluation Commission			
Professional Horsemen Committee			
USEF Arabian Division Committee			
Youth Committee			

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) USEF AR107.3

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

Whereas, Competition management has been asked to reinvent horse shows to shorten the days and sessions, and

Whereas, There is a need to reduce both the number of classes and the number of one-horse classes at a horse show, and

Whereas, Permitting concurrently judged classes gives competition management more flexibility in developing their show schedules and can provide larger and more exciting classes for competitors and spectators, and

Whereas, Both the Friesian and Andalusian breeds have already implemented this procedure; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That USEF AR 107.3 be amended by inserting as follows:

3. Competitions may offer classes restricted to Arabians and/or Half-Arabians and/or Anglo-Arabians. The breed restrictions must be clearly published in the prize list. ***Up to two classes, within the same discipline with identical class specifications (with the exception of all Dressage and Western Dressage classes) may be adjudicated at the same time in a single arena utilizing one judge at AHA/Federation Licensed Competitions. The classes must be judged and awarded separately as if the class were conducted separately and the class size must not exceed eight horses. Each judged class must have its own class number and corresponding AHA class code.***

Effective: December 31, 2027 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

None

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

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52 Contact Person:

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54 SUBMITTED BY: Region 15 AHA

Region Number: 15

55 ☐ Member Organization ☐ Committee ☐ Commission ☐ Board ☒ Region (*check one* ☒)

56 Who voted: ☐ Members ☐ Board ☒ Delegates (*check voting body*)

57 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 16 Number of Yes votes: 12 Number of No votes: 1

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

60 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: Electronic survey platform ***(Must have printed documentation on file)***

61 Date vote taken: August 12 – 14, 2026

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SUBJECT: Defining Hunter Pleasure Coats (USEF/EC)

(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			
Competition Advisory Committee			
Education/Evaluation Commission			
Professional Horsemen Committee			
USEF Arabian Division Committee			
Youth Committee			

CONVENTION ACTION:

_____ Approved _____ Approved with Modification _____ Disapproved

_____ Withdrawn _____ Referred to Committee _____

PROPOSED CHANGE: (**Check one**) _____ Add new rule _____ Delete existing rule ☒ Change existing text of AR144.2a
Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) USEF AR144.2

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

Whereas, There is confusion among exhibitors and judges alike about what colors and materials are acceptable for Hunter Pleasure coats, and

Whereas, The EEC and APAHA have collaborated to clarify acceptable and unacceptable colors and materials and to set parameters for penalties; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That USEF AR144.2 be amended by striking out and inserting as follows:

AR144 Appointments

2. Attire:

a. Informal attire is required. **Attire should reflect the traditional, conservative appearance of the Hunter division.**

Attire should not distract from the performance of the horse and rider.

1. It includes a coat of conservative color (~~black, blue, gray, green, brown, or burgundy~~ and conservative shades thereof) made of materials that are suitable for and follow the tradition of fox hunting.

a. **Acceptable coat colors include medium or dark hues of blue, brown, black, green, gray, burgundy, and muted earth tones.**

b. **Bright, vivid, or pastel colors are prohibited and must be penalized. Prohibited colors include, but not limited to, purple, teal, red, orange, neon tones, or other highly contrasting colors.**

c. **Hunt coats must be constructed of flat, non-reflective materials.**

d. **Metallic threading, sequins, velvet, satin finishes, or overly reflective materials are prohibited and must be penalized.**

e. **Tasteful and discreet accents from the list of acceptable coat colors and fabrics may be used on collars and pocket flaps or as modest piping. Velvet or Ultrasuede are acceptable accent materials.**

2. It is further recommended that the rider's attire not distract from the performance of the horse and rider.

3. ~~Discrete patterns such as tweeds, hounds tooth, jacquard, pinstripes or subtle plaids are allowed.~~ **Subtle patterns and plaids are permitted provided they remain conservative and understated in appearance.**

a. **Pattern colors must remain within the same tonal color family and may not create a bold or high-contrast visual effect noticeable from a distance.**

b. Loud, bright, oversized, or distracting patterns must be penalized.

c. Brocades, raised patterns, glossy/metallic/~~overly reflective materials~~ or materials are not suitable for hunting must be penalized.

4. ~~Coats must be darker than the breeches or jodhpurs.~~ Hunt coats must be darker in color than the rider's breeches or jodhpurs. The overall presentation should maintain a conservative, appropriate appearance.

5. Shirts must have a choker, similar collar, or tie.

6. Ornamentation other than a stock or lapel pin, tie clip or tack, or monogram are not allowed on any item of attire.

7. Gloves are optional, but if worn, must be of conservative color.

8. Boots and conservatively colored hunting cap, derby, or protective headgear are mandatory.

9. Nonconforming exhibitors must be severely penalized

a. In classes of more than three exhibitors, an exhibitor with non-conforming attire shall not be placed above fourth.

b. In classes of three or fewer exhibitors, non-conforming attire shall be considered a severe penalty by the judge and reflected in the final placings and shall not be eligible to receive first place, with the exception of one-horse classes.

10. Judges must not eliminate a rider for inappropriate attire except for safety. See GR801.

Effective: December 1, 2027 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 ☒ X ☐ 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
No financial impact.

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

Contact Person:

SUBMITTED BY: Education/Evaluation Commission Region Number:

☐ Member Organization ☒ Committee ☐ Board ☐ Region

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

Total Number Eligible to Vote: 11 Number of Yes votes: 11 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: J&S Commissioner's Office (*Must have printed documentation on file*)

Date vote taken: August 5, 2026

Contact Person: John Ryan, Chair (*Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw*)

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SUBJECT: Western Pleasure, Equitation and Horsemanship Junior Horse Bridle Eligibility (USEF/EC)

(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			
Competition Advisory Committee			
Education/Evaluation Commission			
Professional Horsemen Committee			
USEF Arabian Division Committee			
Working Western Committee			

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) USEF AR148.2.G

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

Whereas, USEF AR215.1.h provides similar bridle eligibility language for Junior Working Western Horses; and

Whereas, There is a desire to add parallel language as a new rule under AR148.2 for Western Pleasure, Equitation or Horsemanship classes; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That USEF AR148.2 be amended by inserting a new subsection AR148.2.g as follows:

g. Junior horses may compete in any permitted bridle when showing in Western Pleasure, Equitation or Horsemanship classes not restricted to junior horses. If shown in Junior Horse restricted Western class(es), they must compete in a hackamore bridle or snaffle bit, as required in the class specifications.

Effective: December 31 2027, 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): No additional financial impact anticipated.
None

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

Contact Person:

SUBMITTED BY: Region 5 Region Number:

☐ Member Organization ☐ Committee ☐ Commission ☐ Board ☒ Region (check one)

Who voted: ☐ Members ☒ Board ☐ Delegates (check voting body)

RESOLUTION 9 - 26

- 49 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 6 Number of Yes votes: 6 Number of No votes: 0
- 50 How vote was taken: ☐ mail ☒ email/other electronic means ☐ phone ☐ meeting (**check one**) (**Must have Quorum**
51 **with majority of yes votes**)
- 52 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: With the Regional Director (Must have printed documentation on file)
- 53 Date vote taken: August 11-13, 2026
- 54 Contact Person: Skylar Powell (Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw)
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SUBJECT: Sport Horse In-Hand Welfare (USEF/EC)

(STANDARD)

Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 101 & 102 for submission requirements.

Committee Action:

Approve

Disapprove

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

Competition Advisory Committee			
Education/Evaluation Commission			
Equine Welfare Committee			
Sport Horse Committee			
Sport Horse National Show Commission			
USEF Arabian Division Committee			
Youth/Mid-Summer National Show Commission			

CONVENTION ACTION:

_____ Approved _____ Approved with Modification _____ Disapproved

_____ 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) USEF AR181

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

Whereas, Welfare of the Arabian horse is vital to the Arabian Horse Association and its members, exhibitors, and owners, and

Whereas, It is the desire of the Sport Horse Committee to ensure the rules protect the welfare of the horse, and

Whereas The AR-17 rules pertaining to Sport Horse In-Hand Classes should provide clarity regarding eliminations and penalties; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That USEF AR181 be amended by striking out and inserting the following:

~~8. Judge must excuse from the ring any unruly horse or one whose actions threaten to endanger other exhibitors or their entries.~~

9- 8. A whip may be used to guide the horse.

10. Causes for mandatory elimination from the arena or designated judging area for In-Hand classes are:

a. Removal of eyelashes;

b. Changing the natural color of the mane and/or tail (AR106.10.c); or

c. Applying a product to a horse's hoof to hide or conceal a conformation defect. Only clear or transparent products may be used on the hooves of horses while being shown in Breeding and/or In-Hand classes

11. An entry must be penalized for:

a. Excessive amounts of oil, grease, or other similar substances;

b. Balding the area around the eyes or proximal to the muzzle and nostrils; or

c. Excessive use of the whip or actions that may disturb other entries shall be severely penalized.

Resolved, That USEF AR182 be amended by inserting as follows:

11. PENALTIES.

a. Elimination. A horse must be eliminated and excused if it:

i. Exhibits any welt or swelling consistent with a whip mark, regardless of the cause.

ii. Is obviously lame or exhibits an impaired gait.

iii. Is not under the control of the exhibitor;

iv. Is shanked, except when necessary to regain control.

v. *Has had its eyelashes removed.*

vi. *Has had the natural color of the mane and/or tail changed.*

vii. *Has had a product applied to the hoof to hide or conceal a conformation defect. Only clear or transparent products may be used on the hooves of horses shown in SHIH classes.*

b. Mandatory Penalties. The following must be assessed:

i. **Ten-Point Penalty – Unnatural Arabian Tail Carriage.** *A ten-point penalty must be assessed for unnatural Arabian tail carriage, as defined in AR105.2 A wry tail is a breeding fault and shall not, by itself, constitute evidence of unnatural tail carriage.*

ii. **Penalties in accordance with the SHIH Scorecard:**

a. *Excessive amounts of oil, grease, or similar substances.*

b. *Balding the area around the eyes or the area proximal to the muzzle and nostrils.*

c. *Excessive use of a whip*

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

RESOLUTION TYPE (**REQUIRED**): Standard ____X____ 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
None

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

Contact Person:

SUBMITTED BY: Sport Horse Committee

Region Number:

☐ Member Organization ☒ Committee ☐ Commission ☐ Board ☐ Region (**check one** ☒)

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

Total Number Eligible to Vote: 152 Number of Yes votes: 41 Number of No votes: 2

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: With committee chair (**Must have printed documentation on file**)

Date vote taken: 8/13/26

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SUBJECT: Two Rein Bridle Eligibility (USEF/EC)

(STANDARD)

Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 101 & 102 for submission requirements.

Committee Action:

Approve Disapprove

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

Amateur Committee			
Competition Advisory Committee			
Education/Evaluation Commission			
Professional Horsemen Committee			
USEF Arabian Division Committee			
Working Western Committee			

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) AR-215.1.J— Two Rein Equipment

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

Whereas, AR215.1.j currently provides Two Rein only for Two Rein Cow Horse and all VRH Classes; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That USEF AR215.1.j be amended by striking out and inserting the following:

The use of ‘two-rein equipment’ is permitted in ~~Two Rein-all~~ Reined Cow Horse, **Working Cow Horse, Herd work, Ranch Horse**, and all VRH classes. The two-rein option is intended to be a transition between the hackamore and bridle; can be used on any aged horse in the above stated classes for one year only.

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(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

None

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

Contact Person:

SUBMITTED BY: Working Western Committee

Region Number:

☐ Member Organization ☒ Committee ☐ Commission ☐ Board ☐ Region (**check one** ☒)

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

RESOLUTION 11 - 26

46 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 105 Number of Yes votes: 39 Number of No votes: 3
47 How vote was taken: ☐ mail ☒ email/other electronic means ☐ phone ☐ meeting (*check one*) (*Must have Quorum*
48 *with majority of yes votes*)
49 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: Survey Monkey Results (*Must have printed documentation on file*)
50 Date vote taken: Aug 6 – 14, 2026
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SUBJECT: Breaking Ties in Working Western (USEF/EC)

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

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) USEF AR218.4

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

- Whereas, In Working Western classes, the score is designed to evaluate the overall quality, consistency and versatility of the horse and rider throughout the entire pattern, and
- Whereas, The welfare of these horses will benefit greatly from not having to do runoffs for ties in a short time period, especially when weather or footing conditions are not ideal, and
- Whereas, To improve the fairness and consistency of tie breaking in Working Western pattern classes there should be set factors that determine the final placing; Therefore, Be It
- Resolved, That USEF AR218.4. points c, d and e be amended by striking out and inserting as follows:
- c. In all Working Western Championship classes (except Reined Cow, Limited Reined Cow Horse Classes, and Reining Seat Equitation), ties for placings other than Champion and Reserve Champion that may require being broken, will be determined by the horse with the lowest "Total Penalty Points." ~~If Should~~ the tie **continues to persist**, the tie must be broken by the highest **predetermined** maneuver/obstacle score. **If the tie continues to persist, it must be broken by a second predetermined maneuver/obstacle. If the tie continues to persist, it must be broken by a third predetermined maneuver/obstacle.** If the tie continues to persist, ~~then it must require a work-off~~ **the tie will be broken by a coin flip (coin flip to be done by the USEF Steward or an official of the show)**
 - d. In Reined Cow and Limited Reined Cow Horse classes, ties must be broken first by the highest score of the "Fence" or "Cow Work." In Reining Seat Equitation, ties must be broken first by the highest "Equitation" score. If a tie persists in Reined Cow, Limited Reined Cow, or Reining Seat Equitation, it must be broken by the horse with the lowest total penalty points. ~~If Should~~ the tie **continues to persist**, the tie must be broken by the highest **predetermined** maneuver/obstacle score. **If the tie continues to persist, it must be broken by a second predetermined maneuver/obstacle. If the tie continues to persist, it must be broken by a third predetermined maneuver/obstacle.** If the tie continues to persist, ~~then it must require a work-off~~ **the tie will be broken by a coin flip (coin flip to be done by the USEF Steward or an official of the show)**
 - e. Ties for any placing in a non-championship class will be determined by the horse with the lowest "Total Penalty Points." ~~If Should~~ the tie **continues to persist**, the tie must be broken by the highest **predetermined**

maneuver/obstacle score. ***If the tie continues persist, it must be broken by a second predetermined maneuver/obstacle. If the tie continues persist, it must be broken by a third predetermined maneuver/obstacle.***
~~If the tie continues to persist all horses tied will stand tied, prize money (if any) for the placings involved will be added together and equally split between the respective exhibitors.~~ ***the tie will be broken by a coin flip (coin flip to be done by the USEF Steward or an official of the show).***

Effective: December 31, 2026 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)

To improve the fairness and consistency of tie breaking in Working Western pattern classes there should be set factors that determine the final placing. This rule change benefits horse welfare as they will not be required to do run offs in short time periods with less-than-ideal conditions if the weather and footing are factors. This also takes out the chance of a work off which allows the show to run faster and does not require prize money to be split.

PROPOSERS FINANCIAL IMPACT (REQUIRED): Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 102.6. & 102.7 for financial requirements
 None

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

Contact Person:

SUBMITTED BY: Working Western Committee Region Number:

☐ Member Organization ☒ Committee ☐ Commission ☐ Board ☐ Region ***(check one ☒)***

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

Total Number Eligible to Vote: 105 Number of Yes votes: 36 Number of No votes: 2

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: Survey Monkey Results ***(Must have printed documentation on file)***

Date vote taken: Aug 6 – 14, 2026

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

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SUBJECT: Adding Ranch Horsemanship to the Working Western Section (USEF/EC)

(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			
Competition Advisory Committee			
Education/Evaluation Commission			
Professional Horsemen Committee			
USEF Arabian Division Committee			
Working Western Committee			
Youth Committee			

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) USEF Subchapter 26

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

Whereas, With the continued growth of the Ranch Horse Division there is a desire to add Ranch Horsemanship;
Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That a new Ranch Horsemanship class and specifications be added to Subchapter AR-26 WORKING
WESTERN SECTION as follows:

AR RANCH HORSEMANSHIP

- 1. Emphasis shall be placed on horse and rider working together in order to complete a Ranch Riding pattern efficiently and effectively. Ranch Horsemanship highlights the rider's skill in performing practical maneuvers essential to everyday ranch work. Pattern execution and placement along with correct form of both horse and rider, while maintaining a pleasurable ride are the main criteria for this class. The rider's position should enhance the horses ability to execute each task with ease, maintaining a consistent and effective connection throughout the performance.***
- 2. The horse's head and neck should be carried in a relaxed, natural position, with the poll level with or slightly above the withers. The head should not be carried behind the vertical, giving the appearance of intimidation, or be excessively nosed out, giving a resistant appearance.***
- 3. Exhibitors may show only one (1) horse.***
- 4. It is mandatory that the pattern to be worked must be posted at least one hour prior to the commencement of the class. Patterns may be chosen from the approved Ranch Riding patterns (AQHA Ranch Riding patterns). The use of natural logs is encouraged. Use of cattle is optional (exception: Walk/ Trot Ranch Horsemanship 10 & Under). Judging/scoring is to be based 50% on the execution of the pattern and 50% on the rider's position and effectiveness in communicating with the horse.***

AR Class Conduct

- 1. All Ranch Horsemanship classes, shall require all contestants to perform a Ranch Riding pattern as described in accordance with the current AQHA Patterns and which must be posted.***
- 2. Judges are required to use the AHA prescribed Ranch Horsemanship Score Sheet for Ranch Horsemanship Classes. All penalties and scoring shall be in accordance to the Ranch Riding rules. The scores will then be announced after each exhibitor has completed their pattern and the score sheets will be posted in accordance with AR218.1***

AR Class Specifications

1. JOTR, JTR, AAOTR, ATR
2. Walk Trot 10 & Under, Walk Trot 11 & over.

AR Rider Position

1. The rider's position should always be in total unison with the horse. It should enhance the footwork, cadence, and degree of difficulty throughout each maneuver.
2. The rider's head should be held with the chin level and eyes forward and may be directed slightly toward the direction of travel. Exhibitors should sit in the saddle for the walk, trot, and lope, with legs hanging slightly forward to stirrups with knees bent. Body should always appear comfortable, heels relaxed, flexible and lower than toes. At the extended trot, standing or posting is optional. Exhibiting the correct diagonal when making turns to maintain a balanced horse is credit earning. Holding the saddle with either hand will not be penalized. Those exhibitors that can maintain a position that facilitates an optimal performance throughout the maneuvers should receive more credit.
3. Both hands and arms should be held in a relaxed manner, allowing for effective communication with the horse. The arm holding the reins should be bent at the elbow forming a line from the elbow to the horse's mouth. The free hand and arm may be carried bent at the elbow in a similar position as the hand holding the reins or down at the rider's side. The rein hand should be carried immediately above or slightly in front of the saddle horn. The reins should be adjusted so that the rider has light contact with the horse's mouth, and at no time should require more than slight hand movement to control the horse. Excessively tight or loose reins will be penalized. The type of reins used (romals, split reins, mecate or two-rein) should not affect the score awarded for each maneuver.

AR Rider Position in Extended Gaits

1. Extended trot: The rider may post, sit, or stand at the extended trot. When posting or standing, the rider should maintain a square and relatively upright proper position. If seated, the rider should stay square and maintain proper overall body position yet animate their seat to encourage forward motion of the horse. Either way, the lower leg, while maintaining light contact and proper position may also become moderately more active to encourage the horse to lengthen its stride while maintaining cadence. The horse's stride should lengthen or extend, not quicken. The length of the stride should not be any greater than is comfortable for the individual horse to carry and maintain.
2. Extended lope: The rider may sit or stand with a "light seat" at the extended lope. The rider should have a square balanced torso over a soft connected seat. The rider's seat may rhythmically drive the stride of the horse forward yet not interfere with the cadence of the gait. The horse should transition within a few strides from the lope to the extended lope, which is a lengthened stride not a quickened pace. The length of stride should not be any greater than is comfortable for the individual horse to carry and maintain.

AR Appointments

1. For rules regarding correct Western appointments, refer to AR215.
2. Appointments with silver should not count over good working tack. Silver on bridles and saddles and the use of weighted reins is discouraged.
3. Touching or holding the saddle horn is permitted.
4. Hoof polish is discouraged but will not be penalized
5. It is customary to not remove the hair from the insides of the ears, but horses with clean clipped ears will not be penalized.
6. Trimming of the bridle path, fetlocks, and excessive (long) facial hair is permitted.

AR Judging and Scoring

1. Overall presentation of the exhibitor and the horse, including the exhibitor's poise, confidence, appearance, and position throughout the execution of the pattern as well as the performance of the horse will be evaluated.
2. Ranch Horsemanship is to be judged on the rider's ability to perform the required maneuvers that are observed in the Ranch Riding classes while maintaining an effective position. Emphasis on a correct natural position, effective pattern placement, connection with the horse through rhythm and timing while in motion and when performing maneuvers. The exhibitor shall maintain functional position throughout the pattern. It should reflect a solid feel for the horse and the task at hand. Results as shown by the performance are not to be considered more important than the method used by the riders to obtain them.

3. *Credit should be given to the rider having the horse in balance from leg, seat, and hand, maintaining the correct cadence at all gaits.*

AR Scoring

1. *The prescribed Ranch Horsemanship Score Sheet shall be used. Scoring will be based on 0 - 100 with 70 denoting an average performance. Both a maneuver score and equitation score will be given for each maneuver. The individual maneuver scores and equitation scores will be scored in 1/2 point increments from a low of -1 1/2 to a high of +1 1/2 with a score of zero denoting a maneuver that is correct with no degree of difficulty. The maneuver scores with penalties shall be tabulated for the Ranch Riding score, and the equitation score for each maneuver shall be tabulated for the Equitation score. The two scores shall be added together for the total Ranch Horsemanship score.*
2. *All penalties shall be in accordance with the current Ranch Riding Penalties as per AR 247 Ranch Riding Scoring*

Resolved, That USEF AR218.4.d be amended by inserting the following:

d. ...In Reining Seat Equitation **and Ranch Horsemanship**, ties must be broken first by the highest "Equitation" score....

Effective: December 31, 2027 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 ☒X_____ 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
None

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

Contact Person:

SUBMITTED BY: Working Western Committee

Region Number:

☐ Member Organization ☒ Committee ☐ Commission ☐ Board ☐ Region (*check one* ☒)

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

Total Number Eligible to Vote: 105 Number of Yes votes: 35 Number of No votes: 2

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: Survey Monkey Results (*Must have printed documentation on file*)

Date vote taken: July 28 – Aug 4, 2026

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

Phone: (303) 917-4119 Email: jimhittreg8@msn.com

SUBJECT: Allowing Show Leases for Owner Classes (USEF/EC)

(STANDARD)

Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 101 & 102 for submission requirements.

Committee Action:

Approve

Disapprove

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

AHA Futurity Commission			
Amateur Committee			
Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Commission			
Board of Directors			
Breeding/In-Hand Committee			
Budget & Finance Committee			
Competition Advisory Committee			
Dressage & Western Dressage Committee			
Equitation/Showmanship Committee			
Hunter/Jumper Committee			
Professional Horsemen Committee			
Registration Commission			
Sport Horse Committee			
Sport Horse National Show Commission			
U.S. National Show Commission			
Youth Committee			
Youth/Mid-Summer National Show Commission			

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) AHA REQ 114 & USEF AR110.4.a & f

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

Whereas, There is a need to increase participation in AHA events, and

Whereas, Affordability is one of the primary obstacles, and

Whereas, Lesson programs need the ability to provide families with an affordable path from lessons to showing, and

Whereas, Horse owners benefit from increased sources of revenue, and the sharing of expenses, and

Whereas, There is a need for a systematic process for owners to allow the following structure and rules; Therefore,
Be It

Resolved, That a new AHA REQ 114 be created and inserted as follows:

- Show Lease will be a minimum of one year and a maximum of three years. If no end date is selected on the application, the lease will automatically expire three years form the date it begins.***
- Both the horse owner and lessee must be members of AHA.***
- All Show Leases must be applied for using the official AHA application. Both lessor and lessee must agree to comply with all AHA and USEF Rules and Regulations.***
- No exhibitor can show a leased horse until the official lease application has been submitted and approved, and the required fee paid.***

5. *Only one show lease at a time will be recognized for a horse.*
6. *Lessee agrees to provide for the expenses incurred in the care of the horse including boarding, feeding, regular farrier care, and routine veterinary care for the term of the lease.*
7. *During the term of the Show Lease, only the lessee and lessee's immediate family may show the horse in Owner and Amateur/Youth classes. Other exhibitors may show the horse in Open classes only.*
8. *Youth and amateur exhibitors may show leased horses if all provisions here set forth are followed:*
 - a. *Horses with an Official Show Lease may be shown in Owner to Ride/Drive/Handle classes.*
 - b. *The lease application will have a selection box where the owner and lessee will designate who shall receive prize money from AHA Prize money programs.*
 - c. *Prize money may be retained by the horse owner or designated to be received by the lessee.*
9. *During the term of the lease, AHA will not record any further changes in ownership until the lease has been terminated.*
10. *A Show Lease may be terminated without show restrictions before the minimum one-year requirement in the event of the death of the lessee or with the termination penalty of \$1, 000.00 dollars. Any points or qualifications (if applicable) earned during the lease period will not count towards future shows or Year End awards after the termination of the lease. If a lease is terminated for any other reason, the horse may be shown in the Open divisions until the one-year minimum period has expired.*
11. *A Show Lease must be on file before the lessee can enter or exhibit at any AHA Regional or National show. If the lease expires prior to those entry deadlines, or events, a new show lease will be required.*
12. *A Show Lease does not grant a lessee or lessee's agent authorization to sign breeders' certificate(s), stallion breeding reports, transfers, or registration applications for the horse.*
13. *The fee for show lease will be \$100.00 dollars. The AHA Board of Directors is authorized to review and change this fee, and the termination fee, as appropriate.*
14. *If it is determined that either the owner or the lessee has violated the rules of this program, AHA has the right to cancel said lease at any time. Such cancellation will result in the horse being ineligible for further competition under the lease and may nullify AHA show results obtained under such a violation.* ;and, Be It Further

Resolved, That the remaining AHA REQ chapter be renumbered; and, Be It Further

Resolved That USEF AR110.4.a be amended by inserting as follows:

4. Amateur Owner Classes

- a. Horses entered in amateur owner and junior owner classes must be registered in the name of the competitor or a member of the competitor's family, as defined by AR110.4.d.e. **(exception: Show Leases registered with AHA – contact AHA for rules and requirements)** Horses registered in a farm/ranch/syndicate/partnership/corporation name may be shown in Amateur Owner classes provided the family is the sole owner of the farm or entity as defined by AR110.4.d.e. The sale of a horse does not eliminate this registration requirement. (Contracts of Sale or Bill of Sale will not be accepted in Owner classes.) and, Be It Further

Resolved That USEF AR110.4.f be stricken as follows:

- ~~f. Leased horses are not eligible. (Contracts of Sale or Bill of Sale will not be accepted in Owner Classes.)~~

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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

Templates exist for all required documents making their generation inexpensive. The required fees should offset the staff time needed. This will also provide increase entry income at Regional and National shows.

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AHA IMPACT STATEMENT: *(To be completed by AHA Staff)*
Significant IT impact – more information will be supplied shortly.
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SUBMITTED BY: Serengeti Arabian Horse Associates Region Number: 9
☒ Member Organization ☐ Committee ☐ Commission ☐ Board ☐ Region *(check one ☒)*
Who voted: ☒ Members ☐ Board ☐ Delegates *(check voting body)*
Total Number Eligible to Vote: 12 Number of Yes votes: 9 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: Membership Minutes *(Must have printed documentation on file)*
Date vote taken: August 3, 2026
Contact Person: Russ Taylor *(Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw)*
Phone: (512) 695-1390 Email: rt.russtaylor@gmail.com

SUBJECT: Qualifying Rides and Drives in Specialty Classes

(STANDARD)

Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 101 & 102 for submission requirements.

Committee Action:

Approve Disapprove

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

Amateur Committee			
Board of Directors			
Competition Advisory Committee			
Professional Horsemen Committee			
Youth Committee			

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)

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

Whereas, The removal of qualifications in 2026 has allowed for exhibitors to show at National level shows without ever having to have shown the horse in any other qualifying show, and

Whereas, In certain divisions, this could put both the exhibitor, other participants and the horses' safety in jeopardy if they have not been shown by that exhibitor, and

Whereas, In certain divisions, this could put both the exhibitor, other participants and the horses in jeopardy if they have not been shown by that exhibitor, and

Whereas, This resolution is designed to address the possible safety issues of both horse and rider/driver with a minimum impact on the cost of showing for those participants, and

Whereas, The safety of both horse and rider/driver must be of paramount importance for our Association; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, All Hunter/Jumper Over Fences, and all Pleasure/Country Driving Amateur or Junior to Drive, and Carriage Pleasure Driving classes that work collectively, must have qualified with the rider or driver at any show; and, Be it Further

Resolved, That the shows need not be approved by any governing body but can be any level of show, as long as the participation has been verified by the show secretary of the show attended; and, Be it Further

Resolved, That all of the pertinent changes to the AHA Handbook be made by the Competition Advisory Committee prior to implementation.

Effective: December 31, 2027

(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)

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PROPOSERS FINANCIAL IMPACT (REQUIRED): Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 102.6. & 102.7 for financial requirements

None

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

Potential minor IT impact – more information will be supplied shortly.

Contact Person:

SUBMITTED BY: Southern California Half AHA Region Number: 1

☒ Member Organization ☐ Committee ☐ Commission ☐ Board ☐ Region *(check one ☒)*

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

Total Number Eligible to Vote: 3 Number of Yes votes: 3 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: With the Club *(Must have printed documentation on file)*

Date vote taken: August 14, 2026

Contact Person: Nancy Harvey *(Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw)*

Phone: (626) 355-9101 Email: nharvey440@aol.com

SUBJECT: Solidifying AHA Value Shows or Similar Competitions

(STANDARD)

Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 101 & 102 for submission requirements.

Committee Action:

Approve Disapprove

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

Amateur Committee			
Breeding In-Hand Committee			
Competition Advisory Committee			
Dressage & Western Dressage			
Equitation/Showmanship Committee			
Hunter/Jumper Committee			
Professional Horsemen Committee			
Sport Horse Committee			
Working Western Committee			
Youth Committee			

CONVENTION ACTION:

☐ Approved
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 ☐ Referred to Committee _____

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

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

Whereas, The USEF Relationship Ad Hoc Committee was charged with examining the relationship between the Arabian Horse Association and the United States Equestrian Federation, and

Whereas, AHA represents a diverse membership and range of disciplines all of which are important to the future growth of the AHA and cannot prudently alienate or lose any segment thereof, and

Whereas, The USEF Relationship Ad Hoc Committee has further recognized and reinforced the necessity of maintaining and promoting competition opportunities outside of USEF governance in order to effectively serve its entire membership; and

Whereas, It has been determined that AHA shall not enter into any affiliate agreement with USEF that restricts or prohibits AHA from recognizing, sanctioning, or conducting Value Shows or similar formats; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, AHA approved Value Shows or similar shall be structured to accommodate horse numbers as determined by the Competition Advisory Committee (or such successor committee); and, Be It Further

Resolved, That AHA Regional Championship Shows, held as USEF Lite Shows or similar, shall be structured to accommodate horse numbers as determined by the Competition Advisory Committee (or such successor committee); and, Be It Further

Resolved, AHA shall provide waivers, appropriate policies and other consistent documentation for Value Shows or similar, and, Be It Further

Resolved, That AHA shall establish and maintain appropriate procedures for the submission of complaints; and, Be It Further

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46 Resolved, That the AHA Competition Advisory Committee (or such successor committee) shall be charged with
47 oversight of such competitions and the development and administration of any additional rules or
48 requirements.
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50 Effective: December 31, 2027

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

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54 RESOLUTION TYPE (REQUIRED): Standard ☒ X ☐ Extraordinary ☐ "If indicated as "Extraordinary", the
55 proponent must list reasons which establish Chapter 9, RULE 101.3.a. has been met)
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58 PROPONENTS FINANCIAL IMPACT (REQUIRED): Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 102.6. & 102.7 for financial requirements

59 That passage of this resolution puts AHA on record as protecting the AHA Value Show (or similar), keeps revenue from this
60 competition steady.
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62 AHA IMPACT STATEMENT: *(To be completed by AHA Staff)*

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64 Contact Person:

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66 SUBMITTED BY: USEF Relationship Ad Hoc Committee

Region Number:

67 ☐ Member Organization ☒ Committee ☐ Commission ☐ Board ☐ Region *(check one ☒)*

68 Who voted: ☒ Members ☐ Board ☐ Delegates *(check voting body)*

69 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 10 Number of Yes votes: 10 Number of No votes: 0

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

72 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: Minutes *(Must have printed documentation on file)*

73 Date vote taken: August 3, 2026

74 Contact Person: Jim Hitt, Chair

(Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw)

75 Phone: (303) 917-4119

Email: jimhittreg8@msn.com

SUBJECT: USEF Relationship with AHA

(STANDARD)

Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 101 & 102 for submission requirements.

Committee Action:

Approve

Disapprove

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

AHA Futurity Commission			
Amateur Committee			
Breeding/In-Hand Committee			
Competition Advisory Committee			
Dressage/Western Dressage Committee			
Education/Evaluation Commission			
Equitation/Showmanship Committee			
Hunter/Jumper Committee			
Professional Horsemen Committee			
Resolution 5-90 Committee			
Sport Horse Committee			
Sport Horse National Show Commission			
U.S. National Show Commission			
USEF Arabian Division Committee			
Working Western Committee			
Youth Committee			
Youth/Mid-Summer National Show Commission			

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)

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

Whereas, The USEF Relationship Ad Hoc Committee was charged with examining the relationship between the Arabian Horse Association and the United States Equestrian Federation

Whereas, The Committee identified three potential courses of action: (i) maintain the current relationship with USEF; (ii) redefine AHA's affiliate relationship with USEF; or (iii) discontinue affiliation with USEF and operate independently or in collaboration with other breeds and/or disciplines; and

Whereas, A substantial segment of AHA membership, primarily within the Main Ring and Working Western disciplines, has expressed a desire to discontinue affiliation with USEF; and

Whereas, A substantial segment of AHA membership, primarily within the Sport Horse disciplines, supports continued affiliation with USEF/USDF; and

Whereas, AHA represents a diverse membership and range of disciplines and cannot prudently alienate or lose any segment thereof; and

Whereas, The USEF Relationship Ad Hoc Committee has determined that given the diversity of the Arabian, Half-Arabian, and Anglo-Arabian Horse, and the diversity of the Arabian Horse Association's membership and disciplines and recognition as a National Governing body for equestrian sport, that maintaining an affiliation with USEF is prudent at this time, and

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40 Whereas, AHA further recognizes the necessity of maintaining and promoting competition opportunities outside of
41 USEF governance in order to effectively serve its entire membership;
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43 Resolved, That AHA shall not enter into any affiliate agreement with USEF that restricts or prohibits AHA from
44 recognizing, sanctioning, or conducting Value Shows or similar formats; and
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46 Resolved, That AHA shall conscientiously negotiate provisions with USEF securing that the Arabian breed is not held
47 to regulatory standards in the General Rules (new or existing) that are detrimental to the Arabian breed
48 and its membership, thus promoting the best interest of the Arabian breed and growing the sport;
49 provided, however, that this standard shall not apply to rules that USEF and AHA determines are essential
50 to all breed and discipline organizations (e.g., SafeSport); and
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52 Resolved, That the AHA Arabian Rules Committee shall have the authority to determine which new or existing
53 General Rules are detrimental to Arabian breed and its membership and shall be listed as an exception to
54 said rule; and
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56 Resolved, That AHA negotiate with USEF to modify the rule implementation date for the Arabian division rules,
57 making them effective either as extraordinary or within a year of passage by AHA based on
58 recommendations by the USEF Arabian Division Committee or the AHA Board of Directors.
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60 Effective: December 31, 2027

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

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72 Contact Person:
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74 SUBMITTED BY: USEF Relationship Ad Hoc

Region Number:

75 ☐ Member Organization ☒ Committee ☐ Commission ☐ Board ☐ Region *(check one ☒)*

76 Who voted: ☒ Members ☐ Board ☐ Delegates *(check voting body)*

77 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 10 Number of Yes votes: 10 Number of No votes: 0

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

80 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: Minutes *(Must have printed documentation on file)*

81 Date vote taken: August 3, 2026

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

83 Phone: (303) 917-4119 Email: jimhittreg8@msn.com