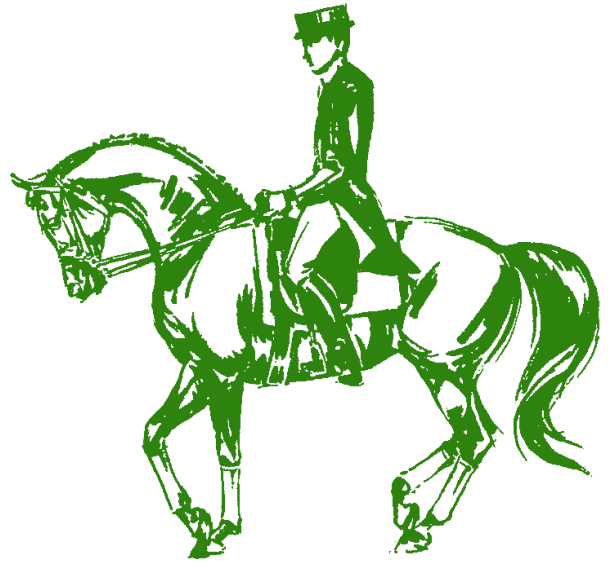


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## GENERAL INFORMATION:

### SHOW OFFICE

Office Hours: Saturday, Sunday -September, 6 - 7 - 8:30 AM - 7 PM  
Monday - Saturday, September 8,- 13 1/2 hr after the last class

### BARN OFFICE

Office Hours:  
Thursday - Sunday, September, 4 - 7 8 AM - 10 PM  
Monday - Saturday, September, 8 - 13 7 AM - 7 PM

### FACILITY SHIPPING INFORMATION

Packages for the horse show will only be accepted from **Monday, September 8 thru Friday, September 12**

Neither AHA nor World Equestrian Center is responsible for lost or stolen packages.

World Equestrian Center (Fed Ex/UPS only)

Attn: Arabian Sport Horse Nationals (Person's name or company) 4095 OH-730, Wilmington, OH 45177

### SHOW COMMISSION

<b>Jim Porcher</b> , Chair	New Mexico
<b>Cricket Gates</b> , Vice Chair	Pennsylvania
<b>Debra Glasener</b>	Ohio
<b>Mike Moak</b>	Georgia
<b>Marilyn Weber</b>	Illinois
<b>Cara Phelps</b>	Missouri

Show Commission can be contacted at:

Arabian Horse Association  
Attn: SHN Show Commission  
6030 Greenwood Village Blvd.  
Suite 100  
Greenwood Village, CO 80111  
Phone (303) 696-4500 • Fax (303) 696-4599  
[NationalEvents@ArabianHorses.org](mailto:NationalEvents@ArabianHorses.org)  
[www.ArabianHorses.org](http://www.ArabianHorses.org)

## JUDGES

*The management reserves the right to vary or add to this list. Panels and/or judge order are subject to change.*

### Hunter/Jumper

Sara Rhodes	IL
William Sparks	LA

### Dressage

Michelle Combs	AZ
Lisa El-Ramey	FL
Dolly Hannon	CO
Michael Osinski	WA
Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez	CO
Dorie Vlatten-Schmitz	AZ

### Sport Horse In-Hand

#### Dressage Type

Gwen Ka'awaloa	CO
Peter Hansen	DE

#### Hunter Type

Danielle Ackley	SC
Phillip Long	NC

### Sport Horse Under Saddle (MOS)

#### Hunter Type

Sara Rhodes	IL
William Sparks	LA

*The Hunter/Jumper Judges will alternate*

#### Dressage Type

Gwen Ka'awaloa (WD Rail classes)	CO
Peter Hansen	DE
Wayne Quarles	KY

#### Eventing

Wayne Quarles	KY
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#### Driving

Kail Palmer-Miller	PA
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*The judges were selected by the Judges and Stewards*

### Selection Committee

## OFFICIALS

<b>Show Manager</b>	Jim Porcher
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<b>Logistics Coordinator</b>	Matt Kwapich
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<b>Grounds Manager</b>	Matthew Amsden
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<b>USEF Stewards</b>	Nancy Harvey Joan Shelton-Palalek
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<b>Ring Stewards</b>	Ron Gekiere Alison Walk-Sheridan
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### Announcers

Hunter/Jumper	Julie Gelderman
Sport Horse	Andrew Bailey
Dressage Awards	Julie Gelderman

<b>Barn Manager</b>	Dave Daugherty (614) 989-2385 <a href="mailto:ddaughe1@insight.rr.com">ddaughe1@insight.rr.com</a>
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<b>Dressage Technical Delegate</b>	Dianne Stanley
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<b>Dressage Coordinator</b>	Carol Spangler
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<b>Carriage Coordinator</b>	Matt Kwapich
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<b>Carriage Timer</b>	Matthew Amsden
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<b>Farrier</b>	Joe Proby (708) 673-9692
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<b>Hunter &amp; Jumper Course Designer</b>	Ken Okken
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<b>Photographer</b>	Liz Crawley <a href="http://www.lizcrawleyphotography.com">www.lizcrawleyphotography.com</a>
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<b>Veterinarian</b>	Equine Athlete Veterinary Services Dr. Brad Hill (517) 643-1091
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<b>Web Live Streaming</b>	TBA
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New/Changes for 2025

## AHA Staff

### Executive Director

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### National Show Secretary

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### Marketing & Branding Manager

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*Angie.Higgins@ArabianHorses.org*

### Marketing & National Events Coordinator

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### Media Communications Coordinator

Colby Rice  
*Colby.Rice@arabianhorses.org*

### Youth & Family Program Director

Brenna Johnson (303) 696-4505  
*Brenna.Johnson@ArabianHorses.org*

## FEES:

Class Entry Fees	\$250
Exhibition Class Entry Fee	\$125
Post Entry Fees per horse (up to 8/20)	\$500
Late Class Post	\$100 / \$200
Education/Evaluation Fee per horse (Res. 9-90)	\$25
Failure to Close Open Show Accounts	\$100
Hunter Warm-up (W) Per class (included in class fee)	\$30
Grounds fee per horse	\$25

### Jackpot Fees

(J1) ABS AOTR Classes	\$500
(J2) SHN Jackpot	\$500
Office Fee per horse	\$85
Non-Competing Horse Fee (includes stall, office and per horse fee)	\$435
Over Fences Schooling Fee (Sunday 9/7 all day, per horse/rider combination)	\$50
Returned checks/declined credit card fee	\$60
Late Scratch/Rider/Equitation Horse Fee	\$50
Scoring per horse	\$15
USEF Fees per horse (includes \$8 Admin & \$16 Drug)	\$23
USEF Show Pass	

*Must be purchased online with USEF (Exhibitors in Amateur classes must join USEF, show pass is NOT acceptable)*

WDAA Non-Member

\$55 Adult / \$40 Junior

## STALLING

*Patron/Elite Sponsors will receive stalling preferences. Please see the Preferred Stalling Section for complete details.*

Horse stalls each	\$250
Tack stalls each	\$250

## OPTIONAL ITEMS

Additional Show Program	\$10
Equine Services Permit	See form
Full Hook Up RV Space	\$500
Electric & Water RV Space	\$450

## PATRONSHIPS/ SPONSORSHIP

Platinum Patron	\$1,800
Gold Patron	\$1,500
Elite Sponsorship	\$1,100
Paddock Addition	\$600

## EVENT SPONSORSHIP/PARTICIPATION

Arena Sign	\$400
Dressage Happy Hour per night <i>Can be split between sponsors</i>	\$1,500
Class Sponsor	\$250
Class Garland Sponsor	
Champion & Reserve Garland	\$200
Champion Garland	\$135
Reserve Garland	\$65
Decoration & Flowers Sponsor	\$250
Welcome Party Sponsor	\$8,500
<i>Can be split between sponsors</i>	

*Call AHA at (303) 696-4500 option #1 or email*

*NationalEvents@ArabianHorses.org for more Sponsorship information*



## ENTRY INFORMATION

### Please refer to the General Rules GR 18

- Exhibitors are advised to use a form of expedited, traceable mail service when sending entries in order to ensure entries are received by AHA
- METERED MAIL will only be accepted with an official postmark from a post office from the country of origin that indicated the location and date the Postal Service accepted custody of a mail piece and cancels affixed postage.
- If you email your entries, please contact AHA if you do NOT get a return email acknowledging the receipt of your entry on the same or next business day.
- AHA will accept faxed/emailed entries with a valid credit card. However, we strongly discourage faxed entries. Photos of an entry form will not be accepted. Photos and Faxed Copies are often illegible.
- **DO NOT SUBMIT AN ENTRY BY MORE THAN ONE METHOD AS CREDIT CARDS MAY BE CHARGED MULTIPLE TIMES.**

### **FULL PAYMENT must accompany your entry.**

#### **Please do not split any charges for an entry between exhibitors, horses or stables.**

Checks and credit cards covering multiple entries need to be accompanied by a detailed description of how the money is to be applied listing all the horses and total fees on a per horse and a contact phone number.

#### **Mail to: Attn: Sport Horse Nationals**

6030 Greenwood Plaza Blvd., Suite 100  
Greenwood Village, CO 80111

**Fax to:** 303-696-4599 (please include cover sheet)

**Email to:** NationalEvents@ArabianHorses.org

## **IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES**

### **Entry Deadline – Tuesday July 29 Midnight (MT)**

#### **Post Entry Deadlines**

#### **No New Horses, Dressage or Combined Training entries accepted after Aug 12**

Entries not received by the closing date may not be listed in the program. Every effort will be made to stall post entries with horses from the same barn.

#### **NEW HORSES**

- **Wednesday, July 30 thru Tuesday, August 12 (New horses may be entered online)**
  - \$500.00 per horse if qualified for any class before July 29, including classes that do not require qualifications.

#### **ADDING CLASSES FOR HORSES ALREADY ENTERED**

*Must be submitted on an entry form and waivers signed*

*Added classes for Dressage tests or Combined Training will NOT be accepted after August 12*

- **Wednesday, July 30<sup>th</sup> thru Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**
  - Regular class fee plus \$100 late class fee *regardless of when qualified, including classes that do not require qualifications*
- **Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> thru Saturday, September 6 @ 5 pm Local Time**
  - Regular class fee plus \$200 late class fee *regardless of when qualified, including classes that do not require qualifications*

**NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED AFTER September 6 @ 5 pm Local time for any reason.**

## **STABLING**

Stabling requests **must be received by Tuesday, August 12, Midnight MT.**

**ONE form per group. and MUST list all owners and horses to be stabled together.**

**NO ARRIVAL is permitted prior to Thursday, September 4, NOON.**

**Stalls must be vacated by Sunday, September 14, by 10 AM.**

**Past 10 AM SHARP, you will be billed the facility late departure fee of \$50 per hour per stall.**

**New/Changes for 2025**

## **ENTERING CLASSES NOT QUALIFIED BY THE CLOSING DATE:**

Horses and riders that enter by July 29 but are not qualified for some of class(es) but intend to qualify for the class(es) before the start of the National Show they are entering PLEASE enter the non-qualified class(es) and pay the fees. If you do not qualify for the class, the class fee will be refunded.

**Entering non-qualified class(es) by July 29, helps to determine if a class must be split and a revised schedule can be published before the start of the show.**

Qualifications for classes can be earned up to the start of the show.

***When entering, please be aware of entering classes that might run in different rings at the same time. Every effort will be made to solve these conflicts, however rings will not be held for extensive periods to solve conflicts. Entry fees will be forfeited in case of time conflicts caused by two rings running simultaneously that can't be resolved.***

## **ENTRY REFUNDS**

Please refer to GR 8.10

## **SHOW ACCOUNTS**

Please refer to GR 18.7

All open accounts must be closed by **5 PM on the last day of the show, or management will close all remaining show accounts and will be assessed a Failure to Close Out fee of \$100.00.**

## **HORSES NOT ENTERED IN THE SHOW**

Please refer to GR 31

Non-Competing horses will be accepted at Sport Horse Nationals if a stall is available and must check with the barn manager on stall availability. There will be a \$750.00 fine per NC horse for not filing an official entry form with the show office.

## **UNREGISTERED HORSES**

Please refer to GR 45

## **RIDER/HANDLER EQUITATION HORSE CHANGES**

Please refer to GR 8.9

The order of go in all equitation classes is random.

Any changes to the rider, driver, handler or equitation horse originally entered must be submitted to the Show Secretary by:

**9 PM > the night prior for Morning classes**

**11 AM > for Afternoon classes**

**4 PM > for Evening classes**

**Changes made after the deadline will result in a late change fee.**

**Changes can be done on the AHA App, website, or in person at the show office.**

Once a class section has run, rider/driver/handler changes for advancing sections are not allowed except for a medical emergency per USEF rules. Please make sure the correct rider is listed for your classes.

**In the Working Hunter Championship classes, if an exhibitor is showing more than one horse, they may appoint another eligible rider to ride their other entries in the under-saddle class. This new designated rider(s) must report to the Show Office for signature(s) and to show proof of membership before the session that the Under Saddle class is held REQ 117.2.**

## **SCRATCHES & NO SHOWS**

Please refer to GR 8.5

By scratching as early as possible enables the show commission to make a timely decision on cancelling sections.

Scratches must be recorded with the Show Secretary to be considered official and be in the show office by:

**9 PM > the night prior for Morning classes**

**11 AM > for Afternoon classes**

**4 PM > for Evening classes**

**Scratches made after the deadline will result in a late change fee.**

**Changes can be done on the AHA App, website, or in person at the show office.**

Exhibitors who scratch at the gate MUST still submit an official form to the show office.

Once a class section has run, rider/driver/handler changes for advancing sections are not allowed except for a medical emergency per USEF rules. Please make sure the correct rider is listed for your classes.

## **CLASS SECTION REQUESTS**

### **Please refer to GR 8.6**

Exhibitors with possible ring conflicts should identify section requests on the Official Entry Form. At the show, sections can be requested **via the AHA App, website, or in person at the show office**. All requests MUST be submitted BY NOON the day before when the sections are to be posted. Sections will be posted one day prior to the scheduled class.

**If you have multiple classes on the same day, it is strongly advised to look closely at the schedule and request a section that will work best for your situation.**

## **ARENA SIGNS**

Arena signage may be purchased using the form found on the AHA website. Arena signage space is limited and will be sold on a first come, first served basis. AHA will provide the arena signs that will be displayed in the arena of your choice. The signs are 3' x 4'. Logo for the signs must be emailed to **NationalEvents@ArabianHorses.org** to AHA by July 31. Artwork must be in .jpg or .png format and must be high resolution. AHA is not liable for exact color match. More Information can be found on Sport Horse Nationals webpage or call AHA at (303) 696-4500.

## **AWARDS & PRIZE MONEY**

### **Please refer to GR 5 for complete information**

The awards room will be open for your convenience September 8- 13, from 8 AM until a 1/2 hour after classes end.

**All awards not claimed by the close of the show will be forfeited with no exceptions.**

Duplicate Awards will be for sale in the Awards Room for Champion, Reserve Champion Trophy and Top Ten Plaques. They can be ordered after the event on the Duplicate Award Order form found on the National Events Homepage or you can email **NationalEvents@ArabianHorses.org**

### **RANDOMLY SELECTED PRIZE MONEY CLASSES**

\$2,500.00 prize money will be paid to 10 classes (3) Dressage classes, (1) Carriage Pleasure Driving, (1) Working Hunter, (1) Jumper, (2) Sport Horse In Hand and (2) Sport Horse Under Saddle] that are randomly selected each year. The Champion will receive \$1,000, the Reserve Champion will receive \$500 and the balance of the Top Ten will receive \$125.

### **The following classes will receive prize money for 2025:**

- 714** HA/AA Working Hunter AAOTR CH
- 1228** A/HA/AA Carriage Pleasure Driving Working CH
- 1409** Arabian Dressage Send Level AAOTR CH
- 1501** HA/AA Dressage Training Level CH
- 1553** HA/AA Sport Horse Under Saddle AOTR Hunter Type CH
- 1678** Arabian Sport Horse Under Saddle Junior Horse Dressage Type CH
- 1691** HA/AA Sport Horse In-Hand Geldings Dressage Type 3 & Over CH
- 1801** A/HA/AA Jumper CH
- 2552** A/AH/AA Western Dressage Level 3 CH
- 2729** Arabian Sport Horse Stallions In-Hand Hunter Type ATH 3 & Over CH

## **ARABIAN BREEDERS SWEEPSTAKES (ABS) PRIZE MONEY CLASSES**

### **Please refer to GR 3**

- 1022 ABS Arabian Yearling SH Filly In-Hand CH
- 1023 ABS Arabian Yearling SH Colt/Gelding In-Hand CH
- 1024 ABS HA/AA Yearling SH Filly In-Hand CH
- 1025 ABS HA/AA Yearling SH Colt/Gelding In-Hand CH
- 599 Arabian 2 Year-Old SH Colt In-Hand CH
- 600 Arabian 2 Year-Old SH Gelding In-Hand CH
- 601 Arabian 2 Year-Old SH Filly In-Hand CH
- 1331 HA/AA 2 Year Old SH Colt /Gelding In-Hand CH
- 1505 ABS Arabian Sport Horse Under Saddle AOTR Jackpot
- 1506 ABS HA/AA Sport Horse Under Saddle AOTR Jackpot

## CAMPER & RECREATIONAL VEHICLE FACILITIES

RV Spaces will be available on a first come first serve basis for the entire show.  
Please find the form on our website [www.ArabianHorses.org](http://www.ArabianHorses.org)

## CLASS INFORMATION & SPECS

### ARABIAN BREEDERS SWEEPSTAKES (ABS) CLASSES

**Please refer to GR 3**

REFER TO SWP 116, SWP 117 AND SWP 118 REGARDING PAYBACK FOR ABS NOMINATED HORSES.

### ABS SPORT HORSE YEARLING IN-HAND CLASSES

The Yearling Sweepstakes Classes are restricted to Breeding Entries only. **This is the only qualification for these classes for Sport Horse Nationals.**

Yearlings are NOT permitted to cross enter into the Open or Amateur to Handle classes. Yearlings must be shown in a plain leather stable halter as described in AR 183

### ABS DRESSAGE PROSPECT INCENTIVE

**The ABS Dressage Prospect Incentive class is restricted to 4- and 5-year-old horse enrolled as a Breeding or Original Entry.**

This class is exempt from the 50% rule. Refer to SWP 116, SWP 117 and SWP 118 regarding payback for ABS nominated horses.

The AHA Dressage Prospect Incentive Test will be used and can be found on the AHA Website.

Horses will be examined for soundness. A jog will be scheduled the day prior to the Championship class at which time all horses must be presented to the official veterinarian and a member of the dressage judging panel for examination. Horses will be jogged on packed dirt or tarmac. Horses not presented for the jog or who do not pass the jog will not be eligible to show in the class.

Horses who do not pass the jog will be sent to a designated holding area and will be re-jogged after all the other entries have been jogged. If the horse does not pass again, they can be re-presented the next morning. The official veterinarian and dressage judge who conducted the first presentation will evaluate the re-jog.

The two-member judging panel will consist of either One (1) USEF 'R' Judge and one (1) USEF 'S' Judge or two (2) USEF 'S' judges, both of whom will have the Young Horse designation.

The panel shall sit together at C. Judges shall give one score and fill out general comments on one Marking Sheet.

Competition Management shall provide a sound system and microphone to allow the judges to give the audience a short summary after each ride.

Horses will be ranked in order of their scores in each test.

**Breaking of ties for DPI, the marks for "Submission" and "General Impression" will be combined and divided by two in order to break the tie. If still equal, the "Submission" mark would decide. If a tie still exists, breaking of ties will be at the judging panel's discretion. DR123.3**

**Whips are not allowed.**

### ABS GREEN WORKING HUNTER DERBY CHAMPIONSHIP

This class is exempt from the 50% rule. Refer to SWP 116, SWP 117 and SWP 118 regarding payback for ABS nominated horses.

The ABS Green Working Hunter Derby Championship is restricted for Green Working Hunters A/HA/AA which are nominated as a Breeding or Original Entry who are eligible to compete as a green working hunter as outlined in the Arabian Working Hunter rules of USEF.

No qualifications are required and the class is open to any age horse who is eligible to compete as a Green Working Hunter as outlined in the Arabian Working Hunter rules of USEF. The Championship consists of two sections with fence heights offered at both 2'6" and 2'9" and riders choose the height at which their horse(s) compete. First year horses may compete at either 2'6" or 2'9" height but second year horses must compete at 2'9". All horses compete in the first two sections in which they receive numerical scores.

The first round is 10-12 fences with the second round over a shortened course of 6-8 fences. The course will include natural elements and options. The second round will be a Handy Hunter Course.

The 12 horses (or less) **from the first round, after all ties are broken, are eligible to return for the second round. The final score from each round will be added together to obtain an overall total for each horse. The horse with the highest combined score shall be named Champion and the second highest combined score will be named**

**Reserve Champion. The remaining horses are eligible to be named in the Top Ten.**

For complete derby rules refer to USEF AR 171.

**ABS SPORT HORSE UNDER SADDLE AOTR JACKPOT CLASSES**

These classes are restricted to Arabians and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabians enrolled as a Breeding or Original Entry and are 7 years of age and older.

Sweepstakes prize money not awarded will be retained in the Sweepstakes principal fund. The 50% rule does not apply to these classes.

Each competitor will contribute \$500 to a prize money jackpot. The Sweepstakes Program will add \$1,000 per horse, up to a maximum of \$15,000 to each of the two purses.

Sweepstakes prize money and the additional Jackpot prize money will be awarded 20% to the Champion, 10% to the Reserve Champion, and 8.75% to each of the remaining Top Ten. Any Jackpot prize money not distributed shall be equally divided among all placings.

**A horse that is co-owned by two distinct non-family members per USEF AR 110.e.1 – 10 CAN NOT be shown in the ABS AOTR Jackpot classes.**

**NATIONAL PERFORMANCE MATURITY**

For complete rules regarding the Performance Maturity Program, please refer to Chapter 20 of the AHA Handbook. Enrollment in the Maturity Program is required to participate in these classes. These classes are for horses that are 5-6 years old. Enrollment into the program will serve as the qualification for the class, no other qualification is required.

**Enrollment into the program does not constitute entry in the Sport Horse National Championship Show. Entry into the corresponding class must also be submitted on the Official Show Entry Form.**

Sport Horse Performance Maturity nomination form and information can be found on the AHA website

[www.ArabianHorses.org/export/content.export/aha-forms/270001\\_SHN.pdf](http://www.ArabianHorses.org/export/content.export/aha-forms/270001_SHN.pdf)

Payment can be made in full (postmarked by May 1) or in payments (due May 1, June 1 and July 1). Enrollments made after these dates are subject to late fees. Nominations are allowed (with corresponding late fees) up until the first Post Show Entry Close Date. Prize money for these classes are based on the 50% rule.

**DNA FOR HALF-ARABIANS IS REQUIRED FOR THIS CLASS. please REFER TO GR 3.2.**

***If the DNA is not on file before the class, the horse will be ineligible to be shown.***

**A/HA/AA \$5,000. MUSICAL FREESTYLE EXHIBITION (ENGLISH OR WESTERN)**

This Musical Freestyle Exhibition class is not recognized by USEF or USDF. The Musical Freestyle Application (with complete rules) must be submitted with your entry. Open to horses entered in First Level and above at this show.

**Limited to 15 rides and 1 entry per owner. Rider may only ride 1 horse.** If 15 time slots are not filled then it will be open to; 1) Entries on a waiting list and 2) Entries with duplicate riders and/or duplicate owners.

Musical freestyle is an exciting combination of the technical and artistic aspects of a highly trained horse.

**The helmet rule is in effect. Whips are permitted.**

**SHN SPORT HORSE IN-HAND 3 YR OLD JACKPOT**

These classes are open to 3-year-old horses. Payment of the Jackpot fee will serve as the qualification for the class, no other qualifications are required. No nominations are required.

Each exhibitor will contribute \$500 to a prize money jackpot. Prize money for each class will be distributed as follows:

Champion – 25%

Reserve Champion – 15%

Remaining Top Ten – 7.5%

These classes are exempt from the 50% rule. Any remaining Top Ten money will be divided equally between all Top Ten Placings.

**DNA FOR HALF-ARABIANS IS REQUIRED FOR THIS CLASS. PLEASE REFER TO GR 3.1**

***If the DNA is not on file before the class, the horse will be ineligible to be shown.***

This is a Jackpot Class only. No additional prize money will be issued from AHA prize money programs.



## **CARRIAGE DRIVING CLASSES**

### **NO QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED**

Carriage driving classes will follow USEF rules for Pleasure Driving (See Articles CP 101-120). Singles and multiples will be allowed in the Carriage Pleasure Driving classes. For multiples you will need to pick one horse to receive all points, awards, and recognition. Wire wheeled, pneumatic tired and combined driving marathon vehicles will not be permitted. No cantering allowed in the obstacle driving class. In the Ride and Drive the rider and driver may be different. A mandatory safety check will occur on all turnouts.

## **COMBINED TEST BEGINNER NOVICE**

### **NO QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED**

Will run in accordance with USEF EV Chapter. Open to horses four years of age or older (EV Appendix 3. 3.1).

A combined test is a competition in which you and your horse complete a dressage test and then jump a show jumping course. It's similar to a three-phase horse trials event, but you don't jump a cross-country course.

This class will consist of 2 sections (phases), a Dressage Section Judged by one Eventing or Dressage Judge and a Jumping Section judged by one Eventing or Hunter/Jumper Judge.

The Dressage section will run first then the Jumping section.

Fence heights that will be .80M (2'7") please refer to USEF EV Appendix 2 under Beginner Novice.

The dressage test will be Beginner Novice Test B.

#### **Combined Test Scoring**

For scoring, penalties and eliminations refer to:

Dressage section is EV118-EV120 and EV143

Jumping section is EV126-EV128

#### **FINAL PLACING**

Competitors accumulate penalty points in each section, and at the end of the event, the pair with the lowest score takes home top honors.

## **DRESSAGE CLASSES**

### **FEI Levels now only require 1 participation**

No readers or whips will be allowed, exception Western Dressage classes.

For Reader Exceptions see DR306.7 and Handicapped & Electronic Communication Devices in the General Rules.

Horses may enter no more than two consecutive levels, Freestyle levels included at any one competition. Please see USEF DR 119.2 chart for the levels.

Current USEF / USDF Tests will be used as follows:

Training Level - Test 3

1st Level - Test 3

2nd Level - Test 3

3rd Level - Test 3

4th Level - Test 3

Prix St. Georges - Prix St. Georges

Intermediate I - Intermediate I

**Intermediate A & B (Not Offered at SHN)**

Intermediate II - Intermediate II

Grand Prix - Grand Prix

AHA's Dressage Prospect Incentive Test 2019

Western Dressage Basic Level - Test 4

Western Dressage Level One - Test 4

Western Dressage Level Two - Test 4

Western Dressage Level Three - Test 4

## **ATTENTION COMPETITORS**

Each competitor is responsible for supplying management with correct applicable numbers (USDF and USEF) for horse, owner, rider, and trainer, before the day(s) of the competition.

The scores of competitors who fail to supply correct numbers may not be counted towards national awards.

## **DRESSAGE HELMET RULE**

When cross entry by rider or horse/rider combination is permitted between Dressage and other Arabian classes at a competition, DR120 and DR121 apply only to the designated Dressage warm up and competition areas, or when an exhibitor is actually warming up for Dressage classes.

Helmet rule is also in effect for musical freestyle dressage riders.

## **WESTERN DRESSAGE CLASSES**

To be eligible to participate and/or compete as an exhibitor, owner, lessee, agent, coach, or trainer in any Western Dressage class or at any Western Dressage Federation Licensed Competition, persons must be active members of WDAA or pay a non-member fee equal to the price of an annual membership for each competition. Please refer to the General Rules GR 28.2.

**Western Dressage Suitability** - Will use the 2 Judge Total Points Judging System. Qualifications waived for 2025 & 2026. To be eligible for a Western Dressage Suitability class, a horse must not have shown in a Western Dressage competition/Test at Level 1 or above and/or shown in a Western Dressage Hack class.

**Western Dressage Hack** - Will use the 2 Judge Total Points Judging System. Qualifications waived for 2025 & 2026. Once a horse has been entered and shown in a Western Dressage Hack class, that horse may not subsequently be shown in a Western Dressage Suitability class.

## **WORKING HUNTER/JUMPER CLASSES**

NO QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

All Fence Heights are listed in the class list for each class.

Working Hunter Championship classes will follow the procedures outlined in the AHA Handbook REQ 213 – NATIONAL.

Working Hunter Championships have two jumping classes (A, B) followed by an under saddle class (C) that is the Final. Riders may not be different from class to class (A, B and C). Exception: In the Working Hunter Championship classes, if an exhibitor is showing more than one horse, they may appoint another **eligible** rider to ride their other entries in the under saddle class per USEF AR 169.3. **This new designated rider(s) must report to the Show Office for signature(s) and to show proof of membership before the session that the Under Saddle class is held REQ 117.2.**

All horses can compete in both jumping rounds; however this is not a requirement.

**A disqualification or elimination from any of the Over Fence's classes or the Under Saddle class does not disqualify the horse from a Championship award.**

Riders may be permitted to ride back-to-back rounds at their discretion.

## **HUNTER SEAT EQUITATION**

Refer to USEF AR-28 & USEF EQ. 2

### **1. NOT TO JUMP - AR288.1 & EQ108.2**

. Will have a rail work portion and also each competitor will be asked to perform two or more tests. as outlined in the AHA Handbook REQ 209.8.

Judges must work competitors in groups of twenty (20) or less. Exhibitors will be excused from the ring following rail work and will perform their tests individually.

### **2. OVER OBSTACLES - AR288.2 & EQ-2**

**Qualifications waived for 2025 & 2026**

Refer to USEF EQ108.1 & AR 288.1 . Course will be posted 24 hours prior to class.

Fence heights are 2'9". All competitors will compete in one round over the Hunt Seat Equitation course.

**There is no rail work.**

The top four competitors from each judge's card will remain in the ring and will be required to perform two or more tests from USEF EQ 113, Test 1-17, as designated by the call judge. In determining the Champion and Reserve Champion in the AHA Hunter Seat Equitation Final, the final test may only be completed by the top four riders.

## **HUNTER HACK CLASSES**

The fences at National ATR and AAOTR classes will be set at 2'3" and Open Classes at 2'6". Hunter Hack Championship classes will follow the procedures outlined in the AHA Handbook COMP 810.

## **HUNTER HACK JUNIOR HORSE**

Hunter Hack Championship classes will follow the procedures outlined in the AHA Handbook (REQ 210). Fence heights 2'3".

## **GREEN WORKING HUNTER CLASSES**

Qualifications are not required for Green Working Hunter Championships. However, horses must still be eligible to show in the Green Working Hunter as defined by USEF AR 166.1.b.1.b. Refer to AR 170 for breaking ties.

## **WORKING HUNTER 14.2 & UNDER**

This championship is open to any 14.2 and under Working Hunter. Measurement cards must be sent with your entry. Championship will run as defined by USEF in Article AR 169 170

## **LOW WORKING HUNTER**

Low Working Hunter EXHIBITION is an open division. Classes to be run under the guidelines of AR-14 WORKING HUNTER. It will consist of two over-fence classes and an under-saddle class. The fence height is 2'6".

## **\$2,500 GRIER SCHOOL HUNTER DERBY (2'6"/2'9"/3')**

**For complete Derby rules, refer to USEF AR 171.**

Grier School Hunter Derby Championships consist of two over-fence classes.

The first round is 10-12 fences with the second round over a shortened course of 6-8 fences. The course will include natural elements and options. The second round will be a Handy Hunter Course.

The 12 horses (or less) **from the first round, after all ties are broken, are eligible to return for the second round.**

The Championship consists of three sections with fence heights offered at 2'6", 2'9" and 3' and riders choose the height at which their horse(s) compete. First year horses may compete at either 2'6" or 2'9" height but second year horses must compete at 2'9". All horses compete in the first two sections in which they receive numerical scores.

**The final score from each round will be added together to obtain an overall total for each horse. The horse with the highest combined score shall be named Champion and the second highest combined score will be named Reserve Champion. The remaining horses are eligible to be named in the Top Ten.**

## **JUMPER CLASSES**

NO QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

Jumper Attire: USEF JP111.9b

Tables: Refer to USEF JP146-JP149

**3222 A/HA/AA Optimum Time Jumper Exhibition (0.70M)**

JP149.1 Table IV, Sec 1 – 0.70M (Optimum Time First Round)

**1805 A/HA/AA Novice Jumper CH (0.80M)**

JP149.1 Table IV, Sec 1 – 0.80M (Optimum Time First Round)

**1149 A/HA/AA Power and Speed CH (0.90M)**

JP146.3d Table II, Sec 2(c) – 0.90M (Two Phase One Round)

**1803 A/HA/AA Jumper ATR CH (0.80M)**

JP146.3b Table II, Sec 2(b) – 0.80M (Time First Jump-Off, stay in the ring)

**1801 A/HA/AA \$2,500 Jumper Classic CH (1.0M)**

JP146.3b Table II, Sec 2(a) – 1.0M (Time First Jump-Off, leave the ring)

## **WORKING HUNTER/HUNTER HACK WARM UPS**

One Warm up round is included for Working Hunter classes. It will precede the judged round.

If an exhibitor declines to use the warm-up, they may fill out a form from the Paddock/Gate person to take to the show office and a \$30.00 credit will be applied to their account after the show in the Denver Office.

Hunter Hack horses and riders will have the opportunity before the start of the class to school and warm up over the two fences, in the direction they are to be jumped.

There is no charge for this warm-up. Warm-up will be done in groups of five (5) or less, prior to the start of each Hunter Hack class.

**There will be NO warm-up rounds for the Hunter Derby or Hunt Seat Equitation Over Obstacles ATR CH.**

## **WORLD EQUESTRIAN CENTER & FIRE MARSHAL & RULES**

**Please refer to GR 23**

**WEC Paddock Rules - only 1 horse in the paddock at the same time and must be monitored by a human at all times.**

Show Management and exhibitors of any animal brought to the Facility must observe all State of Ohio animal health regulations.

All dogs must be restrained on a leash at all times. Pet owners will be responsible for clean-up of droppings.

**New/Changes for 2025      Revised 3/19/25**

All horses must be washed in the designated wash areas only. No washing may be done in the stalls or alleyways.

Fireworks and firearms are prohibited from the grounds.

Stalls may be used for tack rooms, feed rooms, sleep rooms for staff, equipment storage rooms

**Hot plates, grills either electric, gas or charcoal are not allowed in any of the stalls or barn areas.**

### **ALL DAY OVER FENCE SCHOOLING**

All Day schooling will be on the Sunday before the start of the show. The fee will be \$50 per horse and may be purchased on the Official Entry Form or from the show office. Multiple rounds will be allowed as time permits. Show management has the right to limit the number of rounds per horse.

No horses will be allowed to participate that are not entered in Working Hunter, Hunter Hack, Jumper or Hunt Seat Equitation Over Obstacles or Hunter Derby classes. Both trainers and exhibitors will be allowed to ride the horse during the schooling rounds. Back numbers must be worn during schooling rounds. There will be no predetermined order of go.

### **SPORT HORSE CLASSES IN-HAND & UNDER SADDLE**

Sport Horse In-Hand classes will be judged using the AHA Sport Horse Score Sheets as specified in the USEF Rule Book. All Sport Horse In-Hand classes will utilize the "Triangle" method of presenting their horses to the judges. Will utilize open cards, once the number of horses in each of the Sport Horse In-Hand class has been determined, there will be a time frame allocated with time frames for each class. ***If you do not show up within the time allotted, you missed your class.*** Management will work with exhibitors within the time frame for each class as much as possible. In keeping with the spirit and tradition of the Sport Horse, the show commission would like to remind exhibitors of the following rules and assure their enforcement.

USEF Rule AR 115.2 Lists causes for mandatory elimination from the ring, including, but not limited to, removal of eyelashes, changing the natural color of the mane and/or tail, and the use of anything other than clear or transparent products on the hooves while being shown in Breeding and/or In-Hand classes.

USEF AR 115.3 An entry must be penalized for: excessive amounts of oil, grease or other similar substances, excessive use of the whip which might disturb other entries, and balding of the area around the eyes or proximal to the muzzle and nostrils.

USEF Rule AR 181 Describes the conduct of sport horse in-hand classes. The commission would remind exhibitors the triangle will be trotted a second time only at the direction of the judge and that the horse is to be shown in an "open position" for conformation judging, otherwise the entry may be eliminated from judging consideration.

**USEF Rule AR-183.1 & 2 Describes Attire and Appointments of sport horse in-hand classes and for the Distinguished Handler Award.**

**Conservative casual attire is recommended for the handler.**

**USEF Rule AR 185 Describes Attire and Appointments for sport horse under saddle.**

Competitors with non-conforming appointments will be eliminated from judging consideration.

Appointments (tack & attire) must adhere to one discipline (dressage or hunter) and are not to be mixed. In classes not split by type, each exhibitor must ensure their appointments (tack & attire) adhere to one discipline only (dressage or hunter). In classes split by dressage type and hunter type, each exhibitor must ensure the appointments (tack & attire) are legal for the type shown. **Refer DR120-121, and HU105-107.**

Whips are allowed in Sport Horse Under Saddle Dressage Type per USEF AR 107.17. Arabian Breed shows are exempt from rules in DR that are specific to Dressage National Championships, where whips are prohibited

### **SPORT HORSE IN-HAND SHOWMANSHIP**

Qualifications waived for 2025 & 2026

Refer to AR 190

Open to horses 3 and over. Shown on a triangle. The AHA Individual Sport Horse Showmanship Score Sheet shall be used. Two-Judge Total Points System (COMP 502).

To be judged on the presentation of the horse, neatness, and appearance of the handler, overall condition of the horse, handling techniques, appropriate tack and equipment, and ability to show the horse to the best advantage.

### **SPORT HORSE TWO YEAR OLD IN-HAND CLASSES**

Two-Year-Old horses are NOT permitted to cross enter into the Open or Amateur to Handle classes. AHA Handbook QUAL 104.1.d). Two-Year-Old horses may be shown in a bridle, or a plain leather stable halter as described in USEF AR 183

## **SPORT HORSE IN-HAND SUPREME CHAMPION**

Champions from each of the Sport Horse In-Hand 3 & Over classes from both the Arabian and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian classes will be allowed to show in this class. Only a Supreme Champion will be placed.

## **SPORT HORSE IN-HAND JUVENILE SUPREME CHAMPION**

Champions from each of the Sport Horse Yearling and 2-year-Old In-Hand classes in both the Arabian and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian classes will be allowed to show in this class. Only a Supreme Champion will be placed.

## **SUPREME CLASS PROCEDURE & SCORING**

The AHA Supreme Score Card will be utilized. Score card and class procedure are on the web site.

Horses will enter the ring one at a time at the walk-in back number order.

Judging begins when the horse enters the ring. The horse shall enter at a walk to the first marker then pick up the trot to the second marker. Upon reaching the third marker the horse will walk to the judges to be presented for judging conformation. In order to satisfy a proper presentation to the judge, horses should be shown in an “open position,” with horse’s head and neck in a natural and comfortable carriage. Following the evaluation by the judges, horses shall walk away from the judges, and then strike a trot until they resume their position in the lineup. The judges will complete the scorecards, turned in and the next horse will enter the ring for evaluation.

The placings will be turned into points using the points table under scoring.

## **COMPETITION ARENAS**

**Lunging or long lining is NOT allowed in the indoor arenas.**

**The indoor arenas will be available for schooling beginning Saturday, September 6.**

**Riding, schooling or lunging is allowed in the outdoor Schooling rings and Outdoor Ring (see map) prior to Saturday, September 6 and during the show.**

The climate-controlled indoor arenas at the World Equestrian Center connect to stable areas by covered walkways, so once you arrive, you’ll never have to go outside. The entire facility is kept at a comfortable 68 degrees throughout. The state-of-the-art HVAC systems keep fresh air flowing. Industrial fans keep the air circulating in each arena.

The following table specifies the dimensions and footing of the competition and warm-up arenas:

**R & L Arena** 120 X 615, Custom blended GGT Footing, climate controlled

**The Sanctuary** 210 X 350, Custom blended GGT Footing, climate controlled

**Roberts Arena** 108 x 260, Premium footing, climate controlled

**Roberts Arena schooling Arena** 60 X 150, Premium footing

**Bradley Arena schooling for the Sanctuary** 108 x 208, Custom blended GGT Footing

### **WEC Outdoor Horse Show complex:**

Jumper Ring 300’ x 180’

Hunter 1 280’ x 150’

Hunter 2 285’ x 150’

Schooling 1 220’ x 180’

Schooling 2 280’ x 135’

Lunging Ring 320’ x 220’

The management may move classes to other arenas if weather or class schedule issues necessitate such a move.

## **DOGS**

**Please refer to GR 14**

## **MOTORIZED VEHICLE/GOLF CARTS**

All Golf Cart rentals will go through the facility of WEC.

Please refer to GR 30 and USEF Rule GR1301.7 regarding the motorized vehicles, including golf carts, motorcycles, scooters or other farm utility vehicles by minors.

## QUALIFICATIONS

Please refer to GR 37

**FEI Levels now only require 1 participation**

You are qualified from the earliest date you earn the participation required. There is no such thing as re-qualifying.

Please refer to the AHA Handbook or for the website the following link, [www.ArabianHorses.org/competition/resources/qualifications/](http://www.ArabianHorses.org/competition/resources/qualifications/)

Horses must still be eligible to show in the Green Working Hunter as defined by USEF AR162 b.1a.

## SCHEDULE & RING CONFLICTS & GATE HOLDS

Please refer to GR 9

If an exhibitor has a conflict between scheduled classes or rings, they can request a gate hold at the show office.

All requests must be submitted to the show office **at least 12 hours prior to the class** or a **minimum of 2 sessions** prior to the session with the conflict.

The request will be reviewed by a commissioner.

The exhibitor requesting the hold must come back to the show office to check if the request was granted or not.

**Requests not submitted 12 hours or at least 2 sessions prior MAY not be considered.**

Please refer to GR 38

## SCORING SYSTEMS

All Sport Horse In-Hand **and Showmanship** will be scored using the **Two-Judge Total Points System (COMP 502)**.

**Exception:** The Sport Horse In-Hand Supreme will be judged with all 4 Sport Horse In-Hand Judges using the Total Points System.

Western Dressage Hack and Suitability will be scored using the Two-Judge Total Points System

Carriage Driving will be judged by 1 judge.

The Combined Test will utilize 1 Eventing Judge or 1 Dressage and 1 Jumper Judge.

Dressage will be judged by 2 Judges and scored according to the USEF Rulebook and the AHA Handbook (REQ 208).

The Two-Judge Total Point system will be used for Sport Horse Under Saddle **not divided by type**, Working Hunter, Hunter Hack, Hunt Seat Equitation and Jumper classes. Placings will be turned into points using the table below.

ALL Sport Horse Under Saddle classes **divided by type** will be judged using the 3 judges MOS scoring system (COMP 506).

### Points Table

Placing	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Points	20	16	14	12	10	8	6	5	4	3

No points are awarded to any reserve or 11th place horse.

## STABLING/ARRIVAL INFORMATION & FEED & BEDDING

Please refer to GR 43

### FEED & BEDDING

Exhibitors are permitted to bring in outside feed and bedding for personal use, **HOWEVER, third party deliveries or sales are strictly prohibited.**

Shavings may be ordered with your online entry or on your entry form and **must be received by Tuesday, August 12 to guarantee delivery to your stall upon arrival.**

**After August 12**, Shavings and Feed may be orders through the AHA APP, however after August 19 there is no guaranteed delivery to your stall upon arrival.

No additional shavings or feed orders will be accepted after **Thursday, September 11, 5 PM.**

### STABLING

**NO ARRIVAL is permitted prior to Thursday, September 4, NOON.**

**Stalls must be vacated by Sunday, September 14, by 10 AM.**

***Past 10 AM SHARP, you will be billed the facility late departure fee of \$50 per hour per stall. \*NO EXCEPTIONS***

Hot plates, grills either electric, gas or charcoal are not allowed in any of the stalls or barn areas.

New/Changes for 2025

Exhibitors will be financially responsible for any alteration/ damage per stall (horse or tack).

Stalls are permanent and/or temporary with doors.

All entered horses will be automatically charged for 1 horse stall even if it will be occupying a vacated stall for a vet out or scratched horse, with the exception of legal substitutions per GR 8.7.

A stall reconciliation form will be required from the barn manager for any stall refunds.

## **TACK STALLS**

**PLEASE DO NOT LIST ADDITIONAL TACK STALLS ON JUST THE STALL REQUEST FORM OR THEY MAY GET MISSED.**

**PLEASE Fill out an entry form with the Owner/trainer information filled out. Leave the horse information blank.**

Tack stalls may be used for the following purposes: sitting areas, dressing rooms, tack rooms, ready rooms, feed rooms, sleep rooms for staff, and equipment storage rooms.

Tack stalls will be assigned subject to their availability.

Exhibitors will be allowed to order as many tack stalls as they believe they will need, however, management reserves the right to limit the number of tack stalls due to availability Per GR

## **GROUP STABLING – STALL RESERVATION FORM**

### **SUBMIT ONLY 1 FORM PER GROUP**

**AHA must receive a Stable Request for exhibitors wishing to be a part of a group (including online entries and non -competing horses) filled out completely listing every owner and horse; *otherwise, your stalling is NOT guaranteed.***

**This form must be received BEFORE August 12, at Midnight (MT) In-House/Electronically Dated to guarantee the request.**

If your name does not appear on the Stabling Request Form, we cannot guarantee you will be with the group.

## **PATRON/ELITE STABLING**

**Please refer to GR 32 & GR 43**

Preferred stalling will be available only to those who are participating as Patron or Elite Sponsors for 2024. Platinum Patronship stalling will be assigned first, followed by Gold Patrons and then Elite Sponsors. All others will be stalled following the stabling of Patrons and Sponsors. These stalling assignments will be based first on the category of Patronship/Sponsorship and then by overall seniority within the show.

**If a patron purchases a paddock, WEC rules only allow 1 horse in the paddock at the same time and must be monitored by a human at all times.**

Stalling seniority from the past sponsorship program will carry over.

**Deadline to enroll as a Patron or Elite Sponsor to receive stalling preference is July 31.**

## **EQUINE HEALTH & VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS**

**Please refer to GR 21**

Any updates on the following requirements will be posted on the AHA website.

**BRING ALL HEALTH & VACCINATION PAPERS WITH YOU. Do not send them to AHA or mail them with your entries.**

All horses entering the World Equestrian Center grounds must have:

Proof of a current negative Coggins test (within 12 months)

A 30-day certificate of veterinary inspection, required for all horses arriving from outside the state of Ohio

Proof of mandatory vaccinations, required per US Equestrian rules

Horses who fail to arrive with appropriate equestrian forms and paperwork cannot unload on to show grounds.

## **VIOLATIONS**

The AHA National Show Commissions have the authority to penalize participants for infractions of the AHA Rules and/or violation of any show facility rules. At the Commission's direction, such penalties can include (but are not limited to): fines, suspension, loss of patron seniority and/or cancellation of patronship (and the associated benefits).

# **2025 Omnibus General Rules**

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## **Event Numbers**

These shows are recognized by the Arabian Horse Association

<b>Youth &amp; Mid Summer Nationals</b>	<b>#16451</b>
<b>Sport Horse Nationals</b>	<b>#16452</b>
<b>U.S. Nationals</b>	<b>#16453</b>

Regular Member United States Equestrian Federation Arabian Division.

<b>Youth &amp; Mid Summer Nationals</b>	<b>7318</b>
<b>USDF 7318 / WDAA 25-135</b>	
<b>Sport Horse Nationals</b>	<b>317471</b>
<b>USDF 317471 / WDAA 25-136</b>	
<b>U.S. Nationals</b>	<b>206</b>

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The Judges & Stewards Commissioner is responsible for handling written and signed complaints relating to the judges', stewards', and other show officials' conduct when filed by exhibitors, show officials, AHA members or others, and when accompanied by the filing fee. (Res. 5-90) Other comments, compliments, questions, inquiries are encouraged when appropriate (no filing fee required). Write to: AHA, Judges & Stewards Commissioner, 6030 Greenwood Plaza Blvd, Suite 100, Greenwood Village, CO 80111; call (303) 696-4539.

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**EVERY CLASS OFFERED HEREIN, WHICH IS COVERED BY THE RULES AND SPECIFICATIONS OF THE CURRENT USEF/EC RULE BOOK, WILL BE CONDUCTED AND JUDGED IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH.**

**ANY CHANGES OR CORRECTIONS AFTER THE PUBLICATION OF THE OMNIBUS FOR ANY RULES WILL AUTOMATICALLY BECOME PART OF THIS PRIZE LIST AND WILL APPEAR ON THE AHA WEBSITE (WWW.ARABIANHORSES.ORG).**

The Youth & Mid Summer Nationals, Sport Horse Nationals, and U.S. Nationals are conducted in accordance with the rules of the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF). The official rulebook of each organization will prevail for all shows, particularly the Arabian, Half-Arabian, and Anglo-Arabian Horse Division and the rules of the Arabian Horse Association.

Every participant in each show is responsible for knowledge of these rules and is subject to these rules. The Show Commissions reserve the right to make changes to what is listed in the omnibus at any time.

For assistance, please call the AHA office at (303) 696-4500 (option 1), or fax at (303) 696-4599, Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM (Mountain Time), or e-mail us at [NationalEvents@ArabianHorses.org](mailto:NationalEvents@ArabianHorses.org).

#### **MICROCHIPPING**

The US Equestrian Board of Directors approved a new microchipping rule during the 2023 Mid-Year Board meeting. ***Beginning December 1, 2025***, under GR1101.1., all horses competing in USEF licensed or endorsed competitions must be microchipped with a 15-digit ISO compliant 11784/11785 chip.

<https://www.usef.org/compete/resources/forms/competition-management/competition-safety-biosecurity/microchipping>

### **GR 1 AHA INDEMNITY & NON-RESPONSIBILITY CLAUSES**

All entries are accepted with the understanding that the Arabian Horse Association and State Fair Park, World Equestrian Center, and Tulsa Expo Square, their officers, officials, and employees will not be held responsible for any loss, damage, or injury to any exhibitor, his or her agent or employee, or to any horse or any article of any kind. The exhibitor will be responsible for any loss, damage, or injury to any person, animal, or property occasioned by him/her, his/her agents or employees, or by any animal owned or exhibited by him/her, and shall indemnify the Arabian Horse Association and State Fair Park, World Equestrian Center, Tulsa Expo Square against any and all loss, damages and liability thus occasioned, including, but not limited to any and all legal costs, including attorney fees, which may be incurred as a result. The submission of any official entry form to the show secretary shall constitute an acceptance of these provisions by each person or agent signing the entry form.

**Violations Please refer to GR 48**

### **GR 2 ADMISSION TO THE RING & CONTROLLED PADDOCK PROCEDURE**

No one will be permitted to enter the ring except class participants, judges, their assistants, and show officials. Attendants and grooms may enter the ring only when summoned by the judges' order. Attendants and grooms who enter the ring shall be considered a part of the showing team and must be neatly dressed in proper show attire, wearing unmarked dusters at all times when they are in the ring.

**Only standard grooming equipment will be allowed in this area. There will be no whips, noisemakers, or other such equipment, devices, or objects in the in-gate area that might disturb or create a hazard to horses or handlers except a show whip carried properly by a handler.**

**1. FOR PERFORMANCE CLASSES** At the discretion of Show Management, the order of entry into the ring may be predetermined for any class. A maximum of two grooms and one handler per horse will be allowed at the in-gate area.

**2. FOR IN-HAND CLASSES** In all breeding classes, the order of go will be determined and posted by the horse's birth date from oldest to youngest. Entries will enter in the order as posted and will be inspected for signs of abuse by the Show Steward immediately prior to entrance into the ring for judging. The manner of inspection will be at the discretion of Show Management.

**Performance Halter Order of go will be at the discretion of competition management and may be on open cards.**

**3. CONTROLLED PADDOCK** Please refer to Youth and Mid-Summer for additional rules. The one specified person assisting with the entrance of in-hand horses into the ring will be allowed to use only the same length whip and appendages as are currently allowed for the individual handling the horse. Rule reference AR114.2: Whips are to be no longer than 6' including snapper/lash/appendage. Small appendages (no more than 12 inches in length) of ribbon, plastic, etc. are permitted. The designated person ***will not hit or use any other objects, such as trash cans, walls, etc., to make any noise.*** In addition, ***effective immediately***, the use of plastic or paper bags of any type or size is prohibited in assisting with entrance(s) into the arena. It is the responsibility of

Show Management, along with the USEF Steward(s) to ensure the “designated person” understands this policy and their role. Should this rule/policy be violated, a warning card may be issued to both the handler and the designated person or groom who initiates this violation.

## GR 3 ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION PROGRAM CLASSES

**\*\*\*A horse that is co-owned by two distinct non-family members per USEF AR110.e. 1 – 10 cannot be shown in the ABS AAOTR/AOTR Jackpot Classes, ABS AAOTH Performance Halter Classes or Performance Maturity AAOTR Classes at any National Show.**

### 1. Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes (ABS) classes

All Horses entering into Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes (ABS) classes must be Sweepstakes enrolled either as a Breeding entry (BE) or an Original Entry (OE). Arabian Yearlings must be Breeding Entries (BE).

#### **ARABIAN BREEDERS SWEEPSTAKES PRIZE MONEY**

Classes that are eligible for Sweepstakes prize money will be designated in the class list and in the time schedule.

Sweepstakes Prize Money is available in designated Sweepstakes classes for horses placing in these classes, which are enrolled in Sweepstakes as a Breeding Entry or Original Entry and are eligible for prize money.

**The 50% rule is in effect for all designated Sweepstakes classes**, with the exception of the ABS Yearling classes, ABS Green Working Hunter Derby, ABS Dressage Prospect Incentive, the ABS AAOTR/AOTR Jackpot Classes, and the ABS AAOTH Performance Halter Classes.

The Sweepstakes Commission reserves the right to pay the dollar amounts printed in the online version of the AHA Handbook in the event the incorrect dollar amount is announced or presented in the center ring.

Any and all disputes which arise regarding the Sweepstakes program will be presented to the Sweepstakes Commission for resolution and their determination will be final.

## 2. NATIONAL PERFORMANCE FUTURITY/MATURITY/DERBY

All horses must have a certificate of registration with AHA, CAHR, or CPAR and possess a current Certificate of Registration in order to enroll in the Performance Futurity/Maturity/Derby Program.

**A horse that is co-owned by two distinct non-family members per USEF AR110.e. 1 – 10 cannot be shown in the Performance Maturity AAOTR Classes at any National Show.**

**Performance Futurity/Maturity/Derby Prize Money The 50% rule is in effect for all Performance Futurity/Maturity/Derby classes.**

Enrollment in the Performance Futurity/Maturity/Derby is required to be eligible to show in these classes. Enrollment in the Program does not constitute entry into the National Shows.

More information and enrollment forms can be found on the AHA website. [www.arabianhorses.org/competition/prize-money-programs/performance/](http://www.arabianhorses.org/competition/prize-money-programs/performance/)

**The owner must:**

1. Enroll the horse into the Performance Futurity/Maturity/Derby Program. Enrollment into the program must be submitted and paid in full by the close of entries.
2. Enter the horse into the corresponding Performance Futurity/Maturity/Derby class(es) for that National Show and all fees paid including post entry fees by the close of entries
3. All Half-Arabians competing in the USN Futurity/ Maturity/Derby Classes and the Sport Horse Nationals Maturity Classes must have parentage DNA verified to a purebred Arabian parent and on file at the AHA office before they are allowed to compete.

**Nominations are due prior to/including:**

**Sport Horse Nationals** > May 1, June 1, and July 1 Late fees apply after the first of each month.

**U.S Nationals** > June 1, July 1, and August 1 Late fees apply after the first of each month.

#### **POST ENTRIES**

Nominations postmarked/electronic transactions dated after the original close of entries must pay the total nomination fee of \$745.00 plus an additional \$910.00 in late fees per performance class.

**NO NOMINATIONS will be accepted after the FIRST show post entry deadline.**

#### **CHANGING CLASSES (USN Only)**

A request to change classes postmarked/electronic transaction dated after August 1 and prior to the original close of U.S. Entries will be allowed with a written request and a \$100.00 change fee. A request to change classes after the original close of U.S. National Entries will be allowed with a written request and a \$250.00 change fee up until **October 1**. Class changes will not be allowed for U.S. Nationals after October 1. Written request to change classes must be sent to [info.comp@arabianhorses.org](mailto:info.comp@arabianhorses.org)

#### **TRANSFERS**

For injured horses, transfers can be made to the following year, provided that a written request from the recorded owner and veterinarian statement is received within 15 days prior to the first day of the show (submit to [info.comp@arabianhorses.org](mailto:info.comp@arabianhorses.org)). This transfer can only be applied to the same horse with the transfer fee of \$100.00. Only the Performance Futurity/Maturity/Derby fees will transfer from one year to the next.

Substitution of horses is prohibited. All nomination payments are final and non-refundable. Any portion of a nomination payment not postmarked/electronic transaction dated by the due dates will cause that entry to be considered a late entry. There will be no refund of the nomination fee, any portion of a nomination fee, or processing fee.

## **GR 4 AMATEUR OWNER**

**Please refer to USEF GR 142 (Owner Classes) and GR 123 (Family)**

An individual's age on December 1 will be maintained throughout the entire competition year.

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

It is unethical to transfer, assist, or facilitate the transfer of a horse with the intent to circumvent the purpose of the rules regarding ownership of horses shown in the amateur owner and/or junior owner classes. It is also unethical for any AHA member to not provide information relating to the transfer in question that the Probable Cause Panel or the Ethical Practice Review Board requests.

In determining whether the transfer was unethical, the EPRB may consider, among others, the following:

The horse returned to the previous owner's name within a year of the original transfer.

The horse is being transferred at less than fair market value (the owner will provide proof of the sales amount).

The prize money went to a person other than the owner or family member.

The owner or family member did not pay the expenses relating to the upkeep and showing of the horse.

**NON-RELATED CO-OWNER Please refer to USEF AR 110.4.e for complete rules.**

Two distinct individuals who are not related may co-own a horse and show in Owner classes except that no family member of a professional may enter into this relationship.

The ownership must be "and" NOT "or".

Both distinct non-family owners must be individuals, no Farm or Corporation co-owned horses are eligible.

Both distinct non-family owners must be members of the USEF or Equestrian Canada and hold valid amateur cards or be juniors or a combination of amateur and junior.

This does not extend to the family of these distinct non-family owners.

A horse that is co-owned by two distinct non-family members cannot be shown in a Maturity and Jackpot classes at any AHA National Championship.

An individual member may enter into only two distinct co-owner relationships and compete with these arrangements in Junior Owner and Amateur Owner classes at USEF/EC approved shows.

## **GR 5 AWARDS**

Top Ten Awards will be made regardless of the number of competing entries. However, only awards made to the top 50% (rounded up not to exceed 10 awards) will receive AHA Horse Achievement Award Points, Amateur Achievement Award Points, High Point Horse Achievement Award points, and High Point Amateur Achievement Award points.

Types of awards are as follows: trophy and championship ribbon to the National Champion; trophy and reserve championship ribbon to the Reserve National Champion; plaques and ribbons for the remainder of the Top Ten for Youth, Mid Summer, Sport Horse, and U.S. Nationals Champion and Reserve Champion will NOT receive Top Ten Plaques. Champion and Reserve Champion may purchase a plaque if they wish to do so in the Awards Room.

All horses qualifying for the semi-finals will receive a ribbon from the Preliminary sections (I, II, III). In addition, all horses in the A/B and SF Sections advancing to the SF/F or FNL will be awarded section ribbons.

**All awards not claimed by the close of the show will be forfeited with no exceptions. No awards will be mailed. If you are not at the show, please make arrangements for someone to pick up your awards.**

**Refer to GR 17 for Duplicate trophies.**

### **AWARDS CEREMONY**

The number of people other than authorized personnel for award photographs for the Championship and Reserve Championship awards at all the Nationals Shows will be determined by each National Show Commission.

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### **AWARDS/SPECIAL**

The National Show Commissions will determine if individual prizes and awards will be presented at the National Shows. AHA is not

liable for payment of donated prize money paid by an outside organization. Exhibitors are instructed to contact the individual donors to complete any necessary paperwork.

Sponsored/Special awards are to be considered separate from the Arabian Horse Association's prize list for a national event. Therefore, Arabian and Half-Arabian Nationals and the Arabian Horse Association are not liable for providing or presenting any award (printed or otherwise) if a sponsor cancels or is unable to provide the agreed upon award.

## GR 6 BEDDING/SHAVINGS

Shavings and feed are available for purchase on the show grounds. Outside shaving, deliveries are not allowed on the show grounds.

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## GR 7 CANCELLATION OR DATE CHANGE OF SHOW

Show Management reserves the right to change the dates and/or the show's location or cancel the show altogether. In the event of a cancellation, all entry fees and stall fees will be refunded upon request. (Office fees are non-refundable.) Neither the Show Management nor AHA shall have any liability to any exhibitor, owner, handler, or other person, firm, or corporation by reason of any change or cancellation of the show, except for the return of the fees mentioned above.

## GR 8 CLASS INFORMATION

### *Standard abbreviations*

<b>AOTR/AOTH/AOTD</b>	Amateur Owner To Ride/Handle/Drive
<b>AAOTR/AAOTH/AAOTD</b>	Adult Amateur Owner To Ride/Handle/Drive
<b>AOTS</b>	Amateur Owned Trained and Shown
<b>JOTR/JOTH/JOTD</b>	Junior Owner To Ride/Handle/Drive
<b>ATR/ATH/ATD</b>	Amateur To Ride/Handle/Drive
<b>AATR/AATH/AATD</b>	Adult Amateur To Ride/ Handle/Drive
<b>JTR/JTH/JTD</b>	Junior To Ride/Handle/Drive

A class is composed of all its sections, including Preliminary (I, II, III), Eliminations (A, B, C), Semi-Finals/Finals (SF/F), Semi-Finals -1st Go (SF), and Finals-2nd/last Go (FNL). Working Hunter Championships are based on points earned from 3 classes (2 over fence classes and 1 under saddle class). Elimination or disqualification from any class does not eliminate a place in the Championship.

Many National classes are divided into sections depending on the number of entries. Please check with the Show Office regarding if a class has sections and which section you have been assigned. If you miss YOUR SECTION, you have missed YOUR CLASS and will not be allowed to advance further. This policy will be strictly enforced.

### **1. ADDING CLASSES**

**Additional class entries for pre entered horses cannot be done online and must be submitted on the Official Entry Form for each show. Please check the box indicating this is an added class for a horse already entered.**

### **2. CANCELLATION OF CLASSES**

The AHA Convention has established a minimum of three (3) entries for all National classes. The Show Commissions may cancel any class with fewer than three entries.

### **3. CLASS CALLS**

- a. The two-minute limit for gate closing will be strictly enforced. The gate will close two minutes after the first horse enters the ring or in cases with large classes taking more than two minutes, after the entry of the final horse in a continuous string of horses.
- b. **Due to unforeseeable problems with any mechanical device, the public address system and paddock calls over that system must be considered a courtesy.** The exhibitor is responsible for ensuring **that his/her horse is at the gate at the prescribed time. Every effort will be made to maintain a working public address system to carry class calls; however, no protest will be upheld, nor will any section be changed based on public address malfunction alone.**

### **4. CLASS PROCEDURES**

- a. Riders in Reining, Trail, Working Cow, Cutting, Dressage, Working Hunter, Jumper, Sport Horse In-Hand, Ranch Riding, and Obstacle Driving classes may show more than one horse in the class.
- b. In all other classes including Performance Halter, a horse may be shown in a class (including sections) by only one rider and only one horse per rider.

## **5. CLASS SCRATCHES & NO SHOWS**

PLEASE refer to the fee chart for each show for late scratch fees.

**NO SCRATCHES WILL BE ACCEPTED BY PHONE.**

**PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE OF YOUR FELLOW EXHIBITORS AND SCRATCH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

Scratching as early as possible enables the show commission to make a timely decision on canceling sections. Scratches must be recorded with the Show Secretary to be considered official and be in the show office by;

**8 PM > the night prior for Morning classes**

**11 AM > for Afternoon classes**

**4 PM > for Evening classes**

**Changes can be made on the AHA app, website, or in person at the show office.** Exhibitors who scratch at the gate **MUST** still submit an official form. **Scratches not filed by end of the session the class was held will result failure to scratch fee or the no show fee.** Refer to the Fee Chart for each show.

## **6. CLASS SECTIONS**

**If you have multiple classes on the same day, it is strongly advised to look closely at the schedule and request a section that will work best for your situation. Many sections have been split up to aid in conflicts.**

### **a. SECTION, GO FORWARD & DRAW REQUESTS**

Exhibitors with possible ring conflicts, when doing their entries online or using the Official Entry Form, should select their desired section.

**Only one section at a time can selected online or on your entry form.**

**Once at the show, you can request sections for both prelims (I, II, III) and Eliminations (A/B) via the AHA App, website, or in person at the show office.**

Sections must be requested up to **NOON two days before the section runs.** For example, if sections are to run on Wednesday, a request may be submitted up to noon on Monday. Sections will be posted the day before the sectioned classes.

If a section is not specified, random entry selection will be used to assign sections.

If you miss **YOUR SECTION**, you have missed **YOUR CLASS** and will not be allowed to advance further. This policy will be strictly enforced.

### **b. ONCE A CLASS HAS BEEN SECTIONED OR DRAW POSTED** Requests for section or working order changes must **be handled in the show office** as follows:

- i. If an exhibitor has a conflict between scheduled classes, the exhibitor must request the change in section or working order at **least two (2) sessions** before the earliest class. This change must be requested on the official Section Change Form and be filed with the Show Secretary in the Show Office.
- ii. Show management reviews of all requests for changes and their final rulings. Exhibitors must return to the Show Office to determine if their change request has been granted and must sign the request form indicating they know the action taken relative to their request.
- iii. If Show Management creates a conflict with an exhibitor's scheduled class due to a time change or other adjustment, a section or work order assignment may be changed by Show Management to resolve the conflict. In such a case, the Show Office will try to notify the exhibitor involved of the section/work order change.

## **7. CLASS/HORSE SUBSTITUTIONS**

Substitutions will follow USEF/EC rules. If the owner wishes to use another horse to replace the deceased, sold, or injured horse, substitutions may be made after the announced date of the closing of entries and will be handled as follows:

- a. The Office and the Scoring fee must be paid for the substitute horse. All other fees are transferable.
- b. A copy of the veterinary letter and/or a copy of the notification of death or sale (to the appropriate registry) regarding the death or sale of the horse must be provided with the substitution horse's entry. For an injury, the Vet certificate should give a detailed description of the injury.
- c. The classes must be the same type and rider age breaks or level.
- d. Additional classes may be entered for which the new horse is qualified. Post-entry rules apply.

## **8. POST ENTRIES**

**Please refer to each show's rules for dates, horse post fees, and added classes.** Post entries may not be listed in the program and may not be stalled with horses from the same barn

## **9. RIDER/HANDLER/EQUITATION HORSE CHANGES**

**Please make sure the correct rider is listed and announced for your classes.**

Any changes to the entered initial rider, driver, handler, or equitation horse must be recorded with the Show Secretary by:

**8 PM > the night prior for Morning classes**

**11 AM > for Afternoon classes**

**4 PM > for Evening classes**

**Changes can be made on the AHA app, on the website, or in person at the show office. Changes after the deadline may result in a late change fee. Refer to the Fee Chart for each show.**

Once a class section has run, rider/driver/handler changes for advancing sections are not allowed except for a medical emergency per USEF rules.

For Equitation classes, riders must use the same horse throughout all phases of the competition unless the show veterinarian certifies that the horse used at the beginning is unsound and that the required forms are filed at the Horse Show Office.

## **10. REFUNDS**

**All refunds are done after the show unless otherwise requested.**

**Entries paid with a Credit card will be refunded to the Credit Card used for that entry. Entries paid by check will be refunded by check to the person who cut the check.**

**Cancelations** Cancellation of an entry before the initial close will be refunded all but the Office fee regardless of the reason.

Cancelations are made upon receipt of a suitable Veterinarian/Doctors certificate on their official letterhead attesting to illness or injury, along with a letter from the exhibitor explaining the circumstances. If an injured horse is enrolled into the Performance

Futurity/Maturity/Derby Program, submit the vet statement to [info.comp@arabianhorses.org](mailto:info.comp@arabianhorses.org) as well as

[nationalevents@arabianhorses.org](mailto:nationalevents@arabianhorses.org).

The fees refunded are as follows:

**Received at the AHA office by:**

a. On or before 30 days before the first day of the show. All but the office fee

b. After 30 days and by 10 days before the show's first day: class entry & related class fees (see exceptions below), the 9-90 fee, and the USEF fee.

c. After 10 days and during the show. The request must be made in writing to the show commission for review.

**Exception – Halter Futurity (please refer to FUT 102), Performance Futurity/Maturity/Derby fees (please refer to PERF 107.9 and PERF 107.12), and ABS AAOTR Jackpot Fee (please refer to SWP 116.9 and SWP 116.10)**

In the case of a deceased horse, a copy of the veterinary letter and/or the notification of death (to the appropriate registry) is required before a refund will be made for all fees, except for the office fee, which AHA will retain.

All fees paid for classes canceled by Show Management shall be fully refunded.

**Non-Qualified Classes.** Refunds for class entries & related class fees (i.e., Cattle, 5 Judge, Jackpot fees, etc.) will be issued.

**Riders not eligible for the level entered (i.e., not a select rider), horses entered in classes where USEF or AHA prohibits cross-entry, or riders entered in the same class multiple times on different horses will not be refunded.**

## **GR 9 CLASS CONFLICTS & GATE HOLDS**

### **RING CONFLICT PROCEDURE**

**Request for Gate Hold MUST be submitted at least 12 hours or 2 sessions prior OR they MAY not be considered.**

**Definition:** A class conflict shall be defined as an exhibitor who has a class in which they have to exhibit a horse in another arena simultaneously.

It may also be defined as a horse with two classes scheduled simultaneously in different arenas.

**GATE HOLDS** A Gate hold for back-to-back classes in the same ring, or if an exhibitor has a conflict with classes between different rings in the same session, they can request a gate hold at the show office.

If there is a conflict that involves an order of go, if the go order has been posted, a request for a change of go order can be made with the approval of the commissioner and/or steward or a gate hold for the conflicting ring class can be submitted.

**All requests MUST be submitted in writing to the show office with conflict details.** A commissioner will review the request. The exhibitor requesting the hold must return to the show office to check if the request was granted.

## **GR 10 HEALTH PROTOCOLS**

Exhibitors are advised that All AHA National Shows will follow the current guidelines put in place under the recommendations of the CDC, WHO, USEF, EC, and AHA regarding social distancing and public health that are in place at the time of each National Show. Please check the AHA website for updates.

## GR 11 DISCIPLINE

The management reserves the right to remove any horse, owner, lessee, trainer, groom, rider, driver, handler, or family member of the person participating in the show from the show grounds without being liable for compensation of damages.

Any action(s) against a horse that is deemed excessive by a Judge, Steward, or Show Veterinarian in the show ring or anywhere on the competition grounds may be punished by official warning, elimination, or other sanctions that may be deemed appropriate by the Commissions or the Judges & Stewards Commissioner. Such action(s) could include, but are not limited to, excessive use of whips, spurs, or bamboo poles. It is a violation of USEF rules to commit any act or make remarks during the show that are considered offensive or made with the intent to influence or cast aspersions on the judging. (Refer to the current USEF).

Refer to Violations GR 48

## GR 12 DISPUTE NOT COVERED BY RULES

Should any question or dispute arise not provided for in the governing rules of USEF or AHA, the question or dispute shall be referred to the Show Committee, whose decision will be final.

## GR 13 DISQUALIFICATION

Refer to the current USEF Rule Book. Refer to the current AHA Handbook for clarification on how a disqualified horse is replaced.

## GR 14 DNA & DNA TESTING

### CLASSES REQUIRING DNA

Half-Arabians must have the DNA type of the horse and the horse's purebred Arabian parent placed on permanent record with the AHA Registry, and the horse has been shown to qualify as an offspring of the stated purebred sire or purebred dam through DNA type testing.

DNA testing will be at the owner's expense and must be on file with the AHA office before the horse will be eligible to compete.

If the DNA is not on file before the class, the horse will be ineligible to be shown. Anglo-Arabians are exempt from the DNA requirement.

### The following classes require DNA

#### Sport Horse Nationals

- SH IH 3 yr old Jackpot Mares
- SH IH 3 yr old Jackpot Geldings/Stallions
- HA/AA SH Under Saddle Maturity AOTR

#### U.S. Nationals

##### *Halter Futurity*

- HA/AA Futurity Filly CH
- HA/AA Futurity Gelding CH
- Canadian HA/AA Futurity Filly
- Canadian HA/AA Futurity Gelding

##### *Performance Futurity*

- HA/AA English Pleasure Futurity
- HA/AA Country English Pleasure Futurity
- HA/AA Western Pleasure Futurity
- HA/AA Hunter Pleasure Futurity
- HA/AA Reining Horse Futurity 5 & Under
- HA/AA in the Trail Horse Futurity
- HA/AA Ranch Horse Riding
- HA/AA Herd Work

#### *Performance Maturity*

- HA/AA English Pleasure AOTR Maturity
- HA/AA Country English Pleasure AOTR Maturity
- HA/AA Western Pleasure AOTR Maturity
- HA/AA Hunter Pleasure AOTR Maturity

#### *Derby*

- HA/AA Open Reining Derby
- HA/AA in the Open Western Trail Derby

#### *Other Association Program Classes*

- AEPA Half-Arabian Saddle Seat Futurity
- AWWA Half-Arabian Western Pleasure Futurity  
AWWA Half-Arabian Western Pleasure AOTR Maturity
- AHPA HA/AA Hunter Pleasure Futurity  
AHPA Hunter Seat Pleasure Equitation  
AWWA Ranch Horse Challenge  
Breeding Pays Futurity

## **DNA TESTING**

The Arabian Horse Association reserves the right to do DNA testing at ANY National Show by collecting hair samples (or blood samples, if necessary) from Arabian, Half-Arabian, or Anglo-Arabian horses. Samples will be collected under the overall supervision of the Registry Services Department. Any questionable results will go through the standard investigation process of that department. Prize money may be withheld pending the outcome of questionable results. All Half-Arabians competing in the Halter Futurity and Performance Futurity/Maturity/Derby must have the DNA type on the file of the horse and the horse's purebred Arabian Parent placed on permanent record with the AHA Registry, and the horse has been shown to qualify as an offspring of the purebred sire or purebred dam. DNA must be on file with the AHA office before the horse will be eligible to compete in these classes.

## **GR 15 DOGS & OTHER PETS/ANIMALS**

**Everyone is held accountable for picking up after their pet. Please be courteous of your fellow exhibitors.**

**No dogs are allowed in the main arena or paddock area except Companion/Guide Dogs, and in accordance with USEF Rules.**

Dogs are not permitted to be loose on competition grounds and must be on a leash or otherwise contained. Individuals must not lead dogs on a leash while mounted.

Dog owners are solely responsible for damages, claims, losses, or actions resulting from their dogs' behaviors.

Dog owners failing to comply with this rule may be penalized under USEF Chapters 6 and 7, as well as issued warning cards.

The Show Management further reserves the right to fine any exhibitor or farm whose dog is running loose and has to be confined by show officials. The first offense will be up to \$50.00. The second offense will be up to \$100.00 and expulsion of the animal from the show grounds.

No animals other than horses, dogs, or cats are allowed on the show grounds without the express written consent of the National Show Commission.

No animals other than horses shall be allowed on the grounds for the purpose of being sold.

## **GR 16 DRUG TESTING, SHOE & HOOF MEASURING**

USEF/EC Stewards will NOT provide complimentary hoof measurements at any National Show.

It is the prerogative of Show Management to require drug testing or the inspection of shoes, pads, and/or hoof length for any entry at any time during the show. This is to be accomplished before the horse leaves a prearranged inspection area. All horses competing in the Arabian, Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Hunter, Jumper, Dressage, Eventing, Combined Driving, Pleasure (Carriage) Driving, Working Western, and Sport Horse Sections are exempt from shoeing regulations. This does not exempt horses that cross-enter any other classes from compliance with applicable shoeing requirements while competing in those classes. See USEF Rulebook for current shoeing and toe length regulations.

Per resolution #24-04, mandatory drug testing will occur at the U.S. Nationals.

## **GR 17 DUPLICATE TROPHIES**

Duplicate Awards may be ordered at any time for any National Show. See each show office for details. All prices include shipping and handling. Forms may be picked up at the Awards Room. The Duplicate Award form can be found on the National Events homepage or please call AHA at (303) 696-4500 (#4), or e-mail [NationalEvents@ArabianHorses.org](mailto:NationalEvents@ArabianHorses.org) for more information.

## **GR 18 EMERGENCY CONTACT**

AHA and the Show Commissioners advise owners and/or trainers to leave their contact information of where they can be reached for the duration your horse(s) are on grounds for the National Show with either the **BARN MANAGER** and/or on a card on the stall door or preferably **BOTH**.

## **GR 19 EXHIBITOR ENTRY INFORMATION**

All AHA Official Forms for each show under Exhibitor Information can be found on the AHA website.

**Exhibitors are advised to use an expedited, traceable mail service when sending entries to ensure their entries are received.**

**AHA will accept faxed/emailed entries using a valid credit card. However, we strongly discourage faxed entries. Photos of an entry form will not be accepted. Photos and Faxed Copies are often illegible.**

**DO NOT SUBMIT AN ENTRY BY MORE THAN ONE METHOD or CREDIT CARDS MAY BE CHARGED MULTIPLE TIMES.**

All entries made by the closing date will be acknowledged by email to the person signing as trainer unless otherwise noted on the entry form or via the online entry system. Due to the large volume of entries, your entry cannot be verified by phone or email. If the show acknowledgment is not received two weeks before the first day of the show, please get in touch with AHA immediately.



**METERED MAIL** Will only be accepted with an *official postmark from the country of origin that indicates the location and date the Postal Service assumed custody of a mail piece, which cancels affixed postage.*

**FULL PAYMENT** Please do not split any charges for an entry between exhibitors, horses or stables. Doing so will delay the processing of your entries.

All entries must be paid in full when submitted, and payments are processed upon receipt. The entry will be subject to the post-entry fee if payment is not received by the closing date. Fees are in US funds.

Checks and credit cards covering multiple entries need to be accompanied by a detailed description of how the money is to be applied. **Please list each horse and the total fees for each horse.**

Canadian/International exhibitors must draw checks from a U.S. funds account or preprinted with "U.S. Funds". Writing "Payable in U.S. Funds" on the check is NOT acceptable.

Credit cards will be charged only for the entry total amount listed in the entry blank. If you leave the Total amount blank, your card will be charged the amount that AHA totals your entry for.

**NOTE:** Issuing a "bad check" is a criminal offense. Payment made with a returned instrument will be handled under the current AHA Handbook SUS 101.

**Any open checks sent with entries will be made out for the amount of the entry and deposited. NO Post-Dated checks will be accepted.**

Due to AHA policy, payment information in any format via email or attachment is not advised. To ensure the secure delivery of private information, please FAX (303) 696-4599 all payment information with detailed information on what show and horse(s) it is for.

### **ENTERING FOR HORSES & RIDERS NOT QUALIFIED FOR A CLASS BY THE CLOSING DATE**

If you are entering and qualified for some classes but not others as of the closing date but intend to qualify for those classes before the start of the National Show, PLEASE enter the non-qualified classes. Entering by the closing date is extremely helpful in determining the schedule before the show's start for sectioning. Any class not qualified will be refunded.

**Verification of qualification form signed by the show secretary from the qualifying show must be submitted before a non-qualified class will be qualified when you pick up your back numbers.** Refer to GR 8.10 for refunds.

### **1. ENTRY REFUSAL**

The Show Management reserves the right to refuse, accept conditionally, or cancel any exhibitor's entries, as stated in the current USEF Rule Book and the current AHA Handbook.

Management reserves the right to deny entry into the ring to any unruly horse or one whose actions threaten to endanger the rider, driver, handler, or other exhibitors or entries.

### **2. INVALID ENTRIES**

The following will be considered an invalid entry and subject to late or post-entry fees:

- a. **UNREGISTERED HORSES** All Horses must have a certificate of registration when entering any National Show. **Entries for pending registrations will be held until the registration is complete. A post-entry fee will be charged if the registration is NOT completed by the show's closing date.** See each show for further information.
- b. Checks or credit cards for a lesser amount than owed.
- c. NSF checks and declined credit cards will be charged the current AHA NSF fee (see the AHA Handbook SUS 101.3). If Full payment is not received by the closing deadline or within 7 days of notification of the NSF, the entry is subject to additional fees.

### **3. ONLINE ENTRIES**

**PLEASE be careful when entering rider and trainer USEF membership numbers.**

- a. Online entry is available for all National shows. When the online entry system is ready, an email news flash will be sent. If AHA does not have a current USEF/EC membership on file for you, you may enter "N/A". However, you must send AHA a copy of all those USEF/EC membership cards. Please include which show and horse it is for.
- b. If you have problems entering a horse jointly owned online, please call AHA to link that joint ownership. Once linked, you will be able to enter online.
- c. Once your online entry is complete, an email from the AHA shopping cart will confirm your entry and payment with an email to the email address you entered online for all correspondence. If you did not get an email, PLEASE call AHA to confirm your entry.
- d. For group stalling for entries completed online, please refer to GR 43 Group Stabling.

#### **4. WHERE TO SEND YOUR ENTRIES**

Email to: **NationalEvents@ArabianHorses.org** with the show name in the subject line

Fax to: (303) 696-4599 Please include a cover sheet

Mail to: Attn. (Name of National Show) **6030 Greenwood Plaza Blvd., Suite 100 Greenwood Village, CO 80111**

**For Emailed entries, please contact AHA if you do NOT get a return email acknowledging the receipt of your entry on the same or the next business day.**

#### **5. ENTRY FORM MUST BE COMPLETE**

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY. Entries that are not complete may be returned. If the returned entry form is incomplete and received by the closing date, it will be considered a post-entry. Please see each show for the amount of the post-entry fee.

The entry form is completed with the following:

- a. The complete and correct name and address of the registered owner. The owner is defined as the recorded owner listed on the registration papers. Owners may be listed in the name of a stable or farm only if, the stable or farm is the bona fide owner appearing on the horse's papers, or the stable or farm has been registered with USEF and the number shown on the USEF certificate is noted in the "USEF Farm #" space provided on the entry blank. For entry into any Owner class(es) a USEF Farm Certificate is required and must be sent with the entries.
- b. The complete horse information.
- c. The complete rider information for all riders.
- d. The complete trainer information (must be an adult). If there is no trainer the owner must sign the trainer line.
- e. Entry Forms are signed in at least three (3) places. The Owner, Trainer, and Rider signature lines must be signed. All signatures must be an adult (18 or older).
  - i. In addition, coaches (if applicable) must sign the blank entry.
  - ii. If applicable, the Minor Exhibitor Consent to Show section must be filled out and signed.

#### **6. INCLUDE WITH YOUR ENTRY**

a. **PHOTOCOPIES of all registration papers.** If the name on the registration papers differs from the person entering the horse, an affidavit, a copy of the sales contract or authorization form is required. Photocopies of signed transfer are not proof of ownership. In owner classes, Contracts of Sale or Bill of Sale will not be acceptable as proof of ownership.

b. **PHOTOCOPIES of:**

1. **USEF Membership Cards** for USEF for every Owner, Trainer, Rider, Driver, Handler and Coach (if applicable). **A fan member does not meet the USEF membership requirement.**

USEF Amateur Cards are required for all individuals riding in Adult Amateur classes. You cannot do a show pass.

**USEF SHOW PASSES CAN NO LONGER BE PURCHASED AT THE SHOW AND MUST BE PURCHASED DIRECTLY ONLINE WITH USEF AND LIMITED TO ONE SHOW PASS PER YEAR. To show in subsequent shows, membership is required with Safe Sport.**

You can join USEF at the show. **Each participant over the age of 18 must have completed Safe Sport.**

If there is no trainer, the owner must sign the trainer line.

2. **WDAA** (Western Dressage Association of America) for every Owner, Trainer, Rider, Driver, Handler, and Coach, if applicable are required for Youth & Sport Horse Nationals) if you are in any Western Dressage class.

3. **UPHA** membership cards for UPHA riders and trainers.

c. **STALL REQUEST FORM** – see each show for the deadline for group stalling requests. Please submit only one form per group to be stabled together. Forms received after the due date on the form may not be honored. Please check each show and form for the due date for that show. **All horses that are not entered into the show (non-competing) must be listed on the stall form.**

#### **7. EXHIBITOR CHECK-IN & PACKET PICK UP AT THE SHOW**

Check each show for the show's office hours.

All exhibitors/barns are encouraged to make check-in appointments online as soon as you know your arrival date.

#### **8. EXHIBITOR SHOW ACCOUNTS**

All exhibitors will be required to leave an open check or credit card, separate from their entries at check-in before show numbers are released to cover early arrival, additional stalls, fines, or penalties incurred at the show.

All open accounts must be closed before the closing of the Show Office before 5 PM on the last day of the show. Exhibitors are encouraged to close out their accounts in person. If the exhibitor does not close out their account, they automatically authorize Management to close their account using the Check or Credit card on file and may assessed a Failure to Close Out fee of \$100, and disputes in billing will NOT be considered.

## GR 20 EXHIBITOR PARTIES/ALCOHOL

AHA/Show Management will not tolerate illegal activities, including underage drinking, substance abuse, or providing illegal substances to minors on the show grounds. Parents are responsible for their children. Consequences will include removal from the grounds, and authorities will be contacted. Alcoholic beverages may only be purchased through the facility's authorized concessionaire/liquor license holder. No other alcoholic beverages may be brought onto the grounds, and liquor may be confiscated. Please contact the individual facilities for more information.

Refer to Violations GR 48

## GR 21 EQUINE HEALTH & VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS

***Do not submit any Health or Vaccination Certificates with your entries. Keep the certificates in your possession until they are requested. You may be required to show health papers and proof of a negative Coggins test before being allowed to unload horses.***

**Please refer to USEF GR 844**

Please check with the state veterinarians of all states you plan to pass through regarding possible restrictions due to current health-related problems and outbreaks. The exhibitor is responsible for being aware of any additional restrictions that may be in place when crossing state/country boundaries.

### **1. VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS**

a. At Federation-licensed competitions, horses entering the grounds must be accompanied by documentation of Equine Influenza Virus and Equine Herpes Virus (Rhinopneumonitis) vaccinations within six months. Horses not in compliance with this rule may be required to leave the competition grounds upon request by Competition Management.

Documentation should consist of one of the following methods mentioned below. The frequency of vaccine administration should be per the vaccine manufacturer's or veterinarian's recommendations. It is recommended that vaccines are administered by or under the direction of a veterinarian.

b. In the case of vaccines administered by a veterinarian, upon request by Competition Management, the exhibitor must provide documentation from the veterinarian documenting that the horse in question received the vaccinations, the name of the vaccines, and the date of vaccine administration.

c. In the case of vaccines administered by a person other than a veterinarian, the exhibitor, upon request by Competition Management, must provide a receipt of the vaccine purchase signed by the owner or agent with care, custody, and control of the horse; the name, serial number, and expiration date of the vaccine; and the date of vaccine administration.

d. In the case of a horse that is unable to receive either of the vaccinations due to a history of adverse reactions, the exhibitor, upon request by Competition Management, must provide a letter from the veterinarian on official letterhead stating that the horse in question cannot be vaccinated due to medical concerns and a log of temperatures taken twice daily for the seven days prior to entering the competition grounds. These horses must also have their temperature taken and logged twice daily while on the competition grounds. The log of temperatures should be provided to the Competition Management, steward, or technical delegate when requested.

### **2. HEALTH CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS**

A valid health certificate is required for every horse. All horses six months and older must be accompanied by an official health certificate of state of origin issued by a state, federal, or licensed accredited veterinarian, and such certificate must include a veterinarian's statement that examination was made within the past thirty (30) days and revealed the animal to be free from symptoms of any infectious disease or exposure thereto. Each horse must have a negative Coggins test, dated within a year of the showing date.

### **Horses from Canada entering the U.S.A.**

a. All horses require a negative Coggins test, dated and signed by the Health of Animals Veterinarian, within 6 months, a health certificate, signed by your veterinarian, and a Health of Animals Veterinarian within 30 days of entering the U.S.A. The certificate must state that the horse is free of contagious diseases.

b. Foals less than 5 months old and accompanied by the mare require no testing to enter the U.S.A.

c. All horses must be accompanied by a document indicating proof of ownership. A photocopy of the original registration papers must be carried with the horse if the horse is registered.

d. A formal entry must be made if Canadian horses are entering the U.S.A. for breeding or sales purposes. This is done through a customs broker at the Port of Entry. A fee is charged for this service.

e. Canadian horses entering the U.S.A. temporarily are required to fill out a form at the Port of Entry. This may be done by the owner or agent.

f. All horses must submit to inspection when entering the U.S.A. If a Canadian horse is sold to an American buyer, the seller must

file an export entry form at the Canadian port before leaving Canada.

g. Some American states have permit regulations, so check with state agricultural authorities to obtain a permit prior to entering the state. In many cases, this can be obtained via telephone.

## **GR 22 EQUINE SERVICES, VETERINARIAN & FARRIER PERMIT & REGISTRATION**

The official veterinarian shall be an AAEP member. He/she shall not rule on soundness in classes he/she or a family member may have a horse or pony entered or measure any horses or ponies where a conflict of interest may arise due to personal or family interest in the equine. The official veterinarian may be a competitor and will cover the requirements of USEF. No other veterinarian will be permitted to work on the grounds without registering with the Show Office. Exhibitors wishing to use their private veterinarians must have the veterinarian apply at the Show Office and pay a registration fee before they can work on the grounds. Private Veterinarian applications will be available at the Show Office and must be completed and submitted to the Show Office for written approval. Private veterinarians must be members, in good standing, of the AAEP, licensed in the State or province in which the show is held (proof of license to be submitted with application). They will be required to follow and abide by the AHA, USEF, and AAEP rules and practices.

An official Show Farrier will be available on the grounds. No other farrier will be permitted to work on the grounds without registering with the Show Office. Exhibitors wishing to use their private farrier must have the farrier apply at the Show Office and pay a registration fee before they can work on the show grounds.

**Equine Service Providers, including Non-Vet and Non-Farrier will be expected to pay their vendor fees that the National Show Commission of that show will set.**

## **GR 23 FIRE MARSHALL REGULATIONS & SAFETY CODES/STALL DECORATIONS**

### **Refer to Violations GR 48**

All electrical extension cords must be at least 14 gauge of the three-wire type. AUTHORIZED ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES FOR GROOMING PURPOSES MAY BE USED IN DESIGNATED BARN AREAS ONLY. No unauthorized electrical appliances may be used, and if they are, they will be confiscated.

Emergency fire exit signs cannot be moved, altered, or blocked and MUST remain visible at all times.

THE ELECTRICAL SYSTEM MAY NOT BE ALTERED OR TAMPERED WITH UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

Exhibitor stalls may have the stall walls covered with nonflammable material only. Proof of flame-retardant material must be verified. Please have certification of flame-retardant material.

Only stalls for tack storage, entertainment, or resting can be covered on the top and will require a working smoke detector.

Absolutely no overhead draping of horse stalls is permitted.

Absolutely no concealment or covering stalls except for sitting areas for people, dressing rooms, tack, or storage areas.

Decoration of stalls: exterior stall decorations, indoor or outdoor, shall not extend more than three (3) feet from the base of the structure unless otherwise allowed in writing by the particular national show management. Movable objects such as chairs can be out another two (2) feet. The exhibitor must provide fire extinguishers. There must be one (1) extinguisher for each two (2) stalls covered with nonflammable materials. No aiseways may be covered overhead. Sleeping areas are to be equipped with a smoke detector and fire extinguisher.

No gas, electric, or propane heaters, tanks, or hot plates are allowed in the stalls or stall area at any time. No exposed element heating appliances, such as immersion heaters or open flames, are permitted.

NO SMOKING is permitted in any arenas or barns.

Parking is not allowed in any fire lanes.

Combustible trash must be removed at least once a day.

All manure and used shavings removed from stalls or trailers must be placed in areas specified by the facility and may NOT be placed in garbage cans.

Any vehicle, truck, or trailer within the fenced area of the barn/tent area or not obeying NO PARKING or FIRE LANE signs in other parts of the grounds will be towed and impounded at the owner's expense.

**STALL DAMAGE: DO NOT PUT NAILS INTO STALL WALLS.** Stalls must be vacated in their original condition. STALLS MAY NOT BE STRUCTURALLY ALTERED IN ANY WAY.

Exhibitors will be financially responsible for any alteration/damage to their stalls on the premises.

## GR 24 HANDICAPPED & ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES

1. Electronic communication devices used for purposes of coaching exhibitors during a competition are prohibited in all classes in the Arabian Division. Exhibitors with a permanent hearing impairment are permitted to use an electronic communication device upon submission of a written certification from a treating medical professional's office certifying the permanent hearing impairment and certifying the requirement for an electronic communication device. The medical certification must be provided to the competition Steward within a reasonable time prior to competing who shall attach a copy to the Steward report.

2. Individuals must include their USEF Dispensation Certificate with entries if requiring special adaptations. See USEF Rule Book.

An exhibitor with a disability (other than hearing) will be provided reasonable accommodation upon submission of a written certification from a treating medical professional's office certifying the disability and identifying the accommodation necessary for the exhibitor to compete safely. The medical certification must be provided to the competition Steward within a reasonable time prior to competing who shall attach a copy to the Steward report.

## GR 25 IN-KIND SPONSORSHIP/PRODUCT DONATIONS

Companies may distribute giveaways through the purchase of commercial exhibit booth space in the Shopping Expo. AHA Corporate Partners and contracted Event Sponsors may provide premiums, products or cash (in the form of added prize money) to exhibitors only with the prior approval of AHA Show Management. All ring presentations must also have the prior approval of AHA Show Management.

## GR 26 INSURANCE ADVISORY

Due to the number and quality of horses at the National Shows, we urge each exhibitor to verify their liability insurance coverage and their livestock mortality coverage with their own insurance carrier.

## GR 27 LEVELED CLASSES

### SELECT, CHOICE & ELITE CLASSES

If a competitor is eligible to compete as a Select/Choice/Elite Rider in a section on December 1, 2024, said eligibility remains throughout the current competition year.

### Achievement Level Riders

MAY level up to a higher level (USEF AR110.2.g), **but rider may only ride 1 level on the same horse.** i.e. A Choice Western Pleasure rider may level up to Western Pleasure Elite but can't ride both Choice & Elite Western Pleasure.

Cross-entry is permitted into any class in the same section, provided qualifications are met.

A section is defined as a particular seat or discipline. (BOD 8/21) **Examples:**

- a. Western – Western Pleasure, Western Riding
- b. Hunter Seat – Hunter Pleasure
- c. Reining – Reining
- d. Western Trail – Western Trail
- e. English Trail – English Trail
- f. Saddle Seat – Park, English, Country English, Show Hack
- g. Western Horsemanship/Equitation
- h. Hunter Seat Equitation Not to Jump
- i. Reining Seat Equitation
- j. Saddle Seat Equitation
- k. Showmanship
- l **Ranch Riding**
- m **Ranch Rail**

## GR 28 MEMBERSHIP

### **1. AHA (Arabian Horse Association)**

Each competitor (this includes at least one recorded owner and all trainers, drivers, riders, halter handlers, coaches, and the person(s) signing the entry blank) in an Arabian Horse Association-recognized Arabian division must have a valid **AHA business membership a competition level card or join AHA.**

Single-event membership is not acceptable at AHA Regional or National competitions.

Exhibitors in walk-trot classes must have an AHA membership with a competition card at National and Regional Championships.

Exhibitors in lead line classes or parents/guardians signing for minors are exempt from AHA membership requirements.

Any farm, business or corporation owning and/or showing a horse must be a Business Member of AHA.

### **2. WDAA (Western Dressage Association of America)**

To be eligible to participate and/or compete as an exhibitor, owner, lessee, agent, coach, or trainer in any Western Dressage class or at any Western Dressage Federation Licensed Competition persons must be active members of WDAA or pay a non-member fee equal to the price of an annual membership for each competition. Lessees are considered owners in connection with this membership requirement. In the event of an entry under multiple ownership, only one owner needs to be a Member or pay a non-member fee. The competition is responsible for listing either the active member or the owner who paid the non-member fee in the results. The competitions will be responsible for forwarding a list of the names of individuals who pay non-member fees at the competition to WDAA with the post-competition report. Payment of non-member fees for the purpose of competing does not entitle the individual to any privileges of the WDAA membership.

### **3. USEF (United States Equestrian Federation)**

#### **FOREIGN EXHIBITOR**

The eligibility requirement for foreign participants went into effect on September 1, 2023, and under this requirement, foreign participants are no longer permitted to participate in USEF national competitions by merely demonstrating good standing with their own National Federation.

Beginning December 1, 2023, EC Sport License Holders Participating in USEF- Competitions will now be required to join USEF as Competing Members at no cost. If you have any questions about this, please reach out to USEF Member Services department at [memberservices@usef.org](mailto:memberservices@usef.org)

#### **MEMBERSHIP Each participant must submit a valid USEF COMPETING membership card. A USEF fan membership does NOT meet the USEF membership requirements.**

Amateur exhibitors must have an Amateur card. Junior Exhibitors are automatically considered Amateurs.

USEF membership is NOT required for exhibitors in Walk-Trot & Leadline Classes.

Life, senior active, and junior active members shall be eligible to participate in all classes at Regular Competitions.

Life, senior active and junior active members shall be eligible to participate in all classes at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions at the Modified Level or above and Combined Driving Competitions at the Advanced Level, Dressage, Reining and Vaulting Competitions and Endurance Rides. A non-member may participate as a handler, rider, driver, owner, lessee, or agent at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions, Dressage Competitions, Reining Competitions and Combined Driving Competitions upon payment of a Show Pass fee. Participants in the following classes are exempted from the Requirements of this rule: **1)** leadline; **2)** exhibitions; **3)** games and races; **4)** classes for 4-H members; **5)** walk trot and academy classes (academy classes are classes limited to horses used regularly in a lesson program); **6)** USDF introductory level tests, pas de deux and quadrille classes; **7)** assistant handlers in Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes.

#### **SAFE SPORT**

***All USEF Life and Senior Active members, participants over the age of 18 and participants who have regular contact with minor athletes and must have a current Safe Sport certificate and are required to comply with the U.S Center for SafeSport training requirements to be eligible to participate at the Arabian Nationals.***

***All participants must adhere to the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code, USEF Safe Sport Training and the Minor Athlete Abuse Policies. Safe Sport for the business/farm or other business entity is not required. Starting Dec 1, 2024 a member of that business, Farm or Entity MUST have a current USEF Competing membership with a current Safe Sport Certificate.***

***More information can be found at [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org).***

## **USEF SHOW PASS**

Non-member participants and Non-Competing (fan) members in the role of **Owner, riders, drivers, handlers, vaulters, lungers, lessees, and agents** must pay a Show Pass fee.

**A rider in an amateur class can NOT obtain a show pass and must join to get an amateur certification.**

Competitions cannot accept payment for a Show Pass from exhibitors. Show Pass purchases can only be made online on the USEF website by exhibitors.

Participants in the above roles are limited to one (1) Show Pass per competition year. Then, they must join USEF for any additional participation at a USEF-recognized show.

**Anyone acting or signing an entry blank as a coach or trainer must be a Senior Active Member in good standing. This would include parents or legal guardians signing on behalf of their minors.**

**The online Show Pass form will be available on the USEF website and cannot be completed until a competition start date is within the next 14 days or if the show is currently in progress.**

## **FARM/BUSINESS OWNERS**

***Starting Dec 1, 2024 one of the members of the Business, Farm or Entity MUST have a current USEF Competing membership with a current Safe Sport Certificate.***

If a horse(s) is owned by a farm or any other entity, at least one of the horse's owners, either Farm/Business or individual, must also obtain an exhibitor registration pursuant to GR1106.

You may choose not to record your Farm or Business entity, under this option, you are not eligible for USEF points, awards, etc.

Farm/Business Members are subject to follow the USEF Show pass rule if applicable.

**For USEF memberships, contact information is [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org) or 859-258-2472.**

## **GR 29 UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION ENTRY AGREEMENT**

By entering a Federation-licensed Competition and signing this entry blank as the Owner, Lessee, Trainer, Manager, Agent, Coach, Driver, Rider, Handler, Vaulteur or Longueur and on behalf of myself and my principals, representatives, employees, and agents, I agree that I am subject to the Bylaws and Rules of the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (the "Federation") and the local rules of the Youth Nationals, Sport Horse Nationals and U.S. Nationals Competitions.

I agree to be bound by the Bylaws and Rules of the Federation and of the competition. I will accept as final the decision of the Hearing Committee on any question arising under the Rules, and agree to release and hold harmless the competition, the Federation, their officials, directors, and employees for any action taken under the Rules.

I represent that I am eligible to enter and/or participate under the Rules, and every horse I am entering is eligible as entered.

I also agree that as a condition of and in consideration of acceptance of entry, the Federation and/or the Competition may use or assign photographs, videos, audios, cablecasts, broadcasts, internet, film, new media or other likenesses of me and my horse taken during the course of the competition for the promotion, coverage or benefit of the competition, sport, or the Federation. Those likenesses shall not be used to advertise a product and they may not be used in such a way as to jeopardize amateur status. I hereby expressly and irrevocably waive and release any rights in connection with such use, including any claim to compensation, invasion of privacy, right of publicity, or to misappropriation.

If not currently a USEF Active Competing member or Subscriber, I acknowledge that I will be enrolled for no cost as a USEF Fan and my USEF Fan Account will continue to annually automatically renew in USEF's sole discretion. Additionally, I acknowledge that the benefits of a USEF Fan are subject to change without notice. USEF may in its sole discretion, at any time, terminate my USEF Fan status. The construction and application of Federation rules are governed by the State of New York, and any action instituted against the Federation must be filed in New York State. See GR 908.4

## **GR 30 MOTORIZED VEHICLES/SCOOTERS**

**NO motorized vehicles or scooters are allowed in any of the buildings.**

Minors who do not have a valid driver's license which allows them to operate a motorized vehicle in the state in which they reside will not be permitted to operate a motorized vehicle of any kind, including, but not limited to, golf carts, motorcycles, scooters, or farm utility vehicles, on the competition grounds of licensed competitions. Minors who have a valid temporary license may operate the above-described motorized vehicles if they are accompanied by an adult with a valid driver's license. The parent/legal guardian or individual who signs the entry blank as a parent or guardian of a minor operating a motorized vehicle in violation of this rule is solely responsible for any damages, claims, losses, or actions resulting from that operation. Violations of this rule will be cause for penalties against those responsible for the child committing the offense. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.

The unsafe use of personal electronic transport devices, as determined by the competition officials and management in their sole

discretion, that does not require a driver's license to operate, including but not limited to Segways, hoverboards, and single-wheeled scooters, is prohibited on competition grounds. Operating such devices in areas where people gather may be deemed "unsafe use" if there is a risk of harm to others. If the operator of the device is a minor, the parent/legal guardian or individual who signs the entry blank as a parent or guardian of a minor operating the device in violation of this rule is accountable and may be subject to penalties. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.

The show security, for the duration of the show, will impound any motorized vehicle that is operated in an unsafe or hazardous manner or parked in a restricted area.

Please drive golf carts responsibly, horses have the right of way.

**Refer to Violations GR 48**

## **GR 31 NON-COMPETING HORSE**

Non-competing horses must:

1. **Be entered by a current AHA Member.**
2. The trainer must be a current USEF Member with current Safe Sport.
3. Pay for a stall (per availability), an Office fee, and a \$100 fee per horse. Please check with each show for the total fee.
4. Fill out the official entry form and check the box at the top of the entry form for "Non-Competing."
5. **Sign the back of the entry form in all mandatory places.**
6. Send Full payment with the completed entry form.
7. Be listed on Stabling Request form

A non-competing horse that ultimately enters the show will be considered a Post Entry and must be submitted by the final closing date.

There will be a \$750.00 fine per horse for not filing an official entry form with the show office.

## **GR 32 PATRONSHIPS**

National shows have patron programs with various benefits, including preferred stalling, class sponsorship, seating, and patron lounge benefits.

Patron seniority is based on the number of consecutive years a barn/trainer/individual has been Nationals Patron for that show. Stalling assignments will be done based on Patron's seniority. Any year a Patronship is missed will result in the Patron losing their seniority. To maintain seniority, Patrons must be current every year. The National Show Commission reserves the right to review special case requests regarding seniority, and their decision will be final. Each special case will be evaluated on its own facts and circumstances.

See each National Show's Patron sponsorship, available on the AHA website, for specific benefits, cost information, and deadlines.

**Patronship fees are listed on the Patron form for each show. They should be mailed separately from the Official Entry Form and must be paid in full by the close of entries to ensure priority stalling.**

Any requests to change the status of a Patronship, including cancellations, MUST be emailed to

***NationalEvents@ArabianHorses.org.***

All patrons who elect to use a golf cart will be held responsible for their cart. Should their cart be damaged or stolen, the patron must replace or repair it directly through the chosen golf cart vendor.

The submission of a signed Patron form constitutes an agreement by the signing party for a payment for Patronship after the entry closing date. Any canceled patronship is refundable by 50% if paid in full. If only a minimum payment was made and patronship is not paid in full by the date stated on the form, no money will be refunded. Before the entry closing date, patron fees may be refunded minus the non-refundable deposit. After the entry closing date, patronships may still be available. Please get in touch with AHA National Events Sales for more information.

### **Patronship Stabling/Rules**

**All patrons are subject to the current stabling rules.**

Every effort will be made to stable non-patron groups together that have accurately filled out their stabling request form.

1. Patron Stalling is assigned prior to any non-Patrons.
  - a. Priority for Patron stalling assignments will be based on the number of continuous years as a Patron, the prior year's stalling location, and the number of stalls needed.
  - b. If a Patron wishes to move to another Patron barn, they will be placed on a waiting list for that barn.
  - c. **All patrons must abide by all current stabling rules.**
2. The entry form (or electronic entry) must be signed by the trainer listed on the Patronship in order for the exhibitor to be stabled with said Patron. A stabling form for each National Show will be used that lists horse, owner and



- trainer. The form should include a statement to refer to Patrons stabling rules for priority stabling procedures in the omnibus.
3. The transferring of a Patronship to a non-immediate family member will not be allowed.
    - a. A Patron who has maintained a Patronship seniority that is retiring may elect to pass their patronship on to an immediate family member.
    - b. The family member receiving the seniority will be required to maintain the Patronship payments annually. Additionally, in order to keep the original stabling area, the family member may not exceed the number of stalls required by the original Patron.
    - c. **To confirm the transfer of a patronship, an email shall be sent to the show commission for approval.**
    - d. If a farm associated with a Patronship is being retired, the trainer has the right to continue the Patronship and maintain the seniority provided Patronship payments have been maintained annually.
  4. Patronships are considered as one (1) Farm or one (1) Person.
    - a. An individual may hold an additional Patronship within a Patron's Barn, but those additional Patronships do not affect the "primary" Patron's Barn priority.
  5. Patronships are considered as one (1) Farm or one (1) person.
    - a. An individual may hold an additional Patronship within a Patron's Barn, but those additional Patronships have no effect on the "primary" Patron's Barn priority.
    - b. That other individual's Patronship likewise does not affect another Patron's Barn they may move to; their Patron priority is with themselves.
    - c. Only the named Farm/Person on the Patronship is allowed to hang drapes or signage that identify only that Patron's name.
  6. 80% of the stalls must be in the Patron Trainer's/**Amateur's**/ Farm's barn (for 49 stalls and under). For those with 50 stalls or over, 90% of the stalls must be in the Patron Trainer's/**Amateur's**/Farm's barn, for example if the Patron on record has 30 stalls on their stabling report 24 of those stalls must be in the Patron Trainer's/**Amateur's**/Farm's barn and only 6 stalls may be in another Trainer's/**Amateur's**/barn's Barn.
  7. If that 80%/90% is violated, for example, if the Patron on record has 30 stalls on their stabling report and only 20 of those stalls are in the Patron Trainer's/**Amateur's**/Farm's barn and the other 10 are in another Trainer's/**Amateur's**/Farms barn, then only 4 of those stalls will be allowed to be stabled with the Patron on record. The other 6 stalls will be stalled wherever the Barn Manager can fit them.
  8. Barns with over 100 stalls may not be stalled together. Every attempt will be made to keep stalls as close in proximity as feasibly possible.
  9. For Patrons that exceed their average number of stalls (over the last 5 years), the overflow may be in another location.
  10. If necessary, a Show Commission and/or a Barn Manager can limit the number of tack stalls.

#### **HORSE STALLS TO TACK STALLS ALLOWED Refer to GR 43**

### **GR 33 PHOTOGRAPHS**

Anyone who attends any national show automatically grants AHA permission to publish photos taken by AHA photographers and/or staff in which they and/or their horses appear. No written release is required for AHA to publish these photos for its promotional purposes.

### **GR 34 PHOTOGRAPHY POLICY**

The Arabian Horse Association forbids any pictures taken for the use of paid commercial distribution through websites, social media, or other outlets. Professional Photographers or videographers, as defined by individuals who have or will have images for sale, are not permitted to photograph or video without written permission from the Arabian Horse Association. No photographers other than the official photographer may take pictures in the ring or from the rail. Professional photography equipment, cameras with lenses over 4 inches, will not be permitted except for credentialed media and those holding press passes (to take pictures outside the ring only). Additionally, watermarked photography will be considered professional photography and will not be allowed to be posted on any media outlets by photographers other than AHA or the official photographer.

Media credentials may be issued to credentialed journalists, photographers and videographers from recognized non-equine industry magazines, newspapers, and publications. Those issued media credentials must sign an agreement stating no photographs or videos taken will be sold. Credentials will only be issued to media for the purpose of news gathering and dissemination only.

Equine Industry press passes will be issued to photographers for the price stated in the media policy. However, these press passes will allow photographers to shoot on grounds, not in any show arenas. Press passes can be purchased in the commercial exhibitor office. Violation of the policy will result in removal from the showgrounds. Commercial photographers violating this policy will also be charged a \$1000 fee. This policy extends to violations found post-show through websites, social media, and other outlets.

Refer to Violations GR 48

## GR 35 PRIZE MONEY

**Checks for prize money shall be mailed within 60 days after the show's completion.** Prize money will be paid only to the recorded owner at the time of the show.

The Social Security Number or Federal Taxpayer Identification Number must be on file with AHA before releasing AHA prize money. All prize money will be forfeited if this information is not on file or provided within 120 days after notification.

If a prize money check issued BY AHA is not presented for payment by December 31 of the year following the year in which the prize money was won, the prize money shall be forfeited.

The prize money shall be forfeited if additional prize money requirements are not fulfilled (See Sweepstakes, Halter Futurity, and Performance Futurity/Maturity Chapters).

Foreign residents winning prize money at an event held in the United States will be subject to an income tax of 30% per Internal Revenue Service Regulations. This amount will be withheld from total winnings.

**AHA is not responsible for prize money provided by Associations other than AHA. I.E. AEPA, AWPA, AHPA, AWWA or the Arabian Halter Futurity (Breeding Pays Futurity).**

## GR 36 PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR

Refer to the current USEF Rule Book.

## GR 37 QUALIFICATIONS

Qualifications have been waived for 2025 & 2026 for the following:

1. Hunter Seat Equitation Over Obstacles ATR
2. Western Dressage Suitability
3. Western Dressage Hack
4. Arabian, HA/AA & A/HA/AA Herd Work
5. Arabian & HA/AA Reined Cow & Limited Reined Cow (Box)
6. Arabian, HA/A & A/HA/AA VRH Limited Ranch Cow Work (box, drive, box, drive)
7. Sport Horse Showmanship
8. Trail In-Hand

You are qualified from the earliest date you earn the participation required. There is no such thing as re-qualifying.

**Please refer to the AHA Handbook or the website at the following link: Qualifications**

[www.arabianhorses.org/competition/resources/qualifications/](http://www.arabianhorses.org/competition/resources/qualifications/)

## ENTERING FOR HORSES & RIDERS NOT QUALIFIED BY THE CLOSING DATE:

1. **Horses and riders that enter by the closing date but are not qualified for a class(es) as of the closing date but intend to qualify for the class(es) before the start of the National Show they are entering PLEASE enter and pay the fees.** This helps determine earlier than the final close if a class must be split. Nonqualified class fee will be refunded.

2. **Qualifications for classes not qualified for by the closing date can be earned up to the start of the show. When results from a qualifying show have not been received and/or recorded with AHA as of the beginning of the show, a verification of qualification form signed by the show secretary will be required before a nonqualified class will be qualified.** Exception: UPHA Arabian Breed National Finals, please refer to USEF EQ /UPHA Rules.

Elite, Choice and Select riders must meet the definition.

Refer to each show and GR 3 for rules regarding eligibility for Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes restricted classes (ABS).

If you have questions, contact AHA Competition Services at (303) 696-4500, option 1, or email **National\_Events@arabianhorses.org**.

## GR 38 SCHEDULE & RING CONFLICTS

See also GR 9 Class conflicts and Gate Holds

**When entering, please be aware of entering classes that might run in different rings at the same time. Every effort will be made to solve these conflicts; however, rings will not be held for extensive periods to solve conflicts. Entry fees will be forfeited in case of time conflicts caused by two rings running simultaneously that can't be resolved.**

It is the policy of the Nationals Show Commissions not to make schedule changes within 24 hours of a class unless there are extenuating circumstances. No classes will be moved in the schedule once the Omnibus is printed other than sections may be added or canceled if entries warrant.

The schedules printed in this prize list are TENTATIVE and based on entry projections for each class and the number of sections required. Any change in the number of entries may affect that class's corresponding number of sections. The Show Commissions will review class entry numbers and sections after the entry deadline and revise the schedule if necessary.

**Please note:** No classes will be moved to an earlier day in the schedule.

**Exceptions:**

1. Dressage classes may move to a different day, depending on entry numbers.
2. Herd classes may not run in the order listed. Once entries are received, the order of classes may change so herd changes can be set.
3. Classes scheduled with only a SF/F that must be divided into sections due to the number of entries will have the sections run in place of the SF/F, which will be later in the schedule.
4. If Sections listed in the tentative schedule are canceled, the SF/F may be moved to run where the sections were scheduled for that class.
5. **Sport Horse in Hand classes at Sport Horse Nationals may not run in the order listed for that day/session. Once entries are received, the order of classes may change depending on class counts.**

Upon arrival, please check the AHA App, the Website, or the Show Office for schedule changes and posted sections.

Please be prepared as no entry fees or other fees will be refunded due to schedule changes. Schedule conflicts between rings are the responsibility of the exhibitor.

Updates to the schedules for all the Nationals shows will be posted on each show's home page and the AHA App. Please refer to the most current schedule before entering the horse show.

## GR 39 SCORING SYSTEM

Scoring Systems are outlined in the AHA handbook under COMP 5 and REQ 2.

All National Championship Shows are required to use the AHA-approved Majority Opinion System (MOS) (Res. 45-00, Res. 31-07) Scoring System in all applicable classes.

All Breeding/Gelding In-Hand classes will be judged comparatively using the Majority Opinion System (MOS).

Working Hunter, Hunter Hack, Jumper, Hunter Seat Equitation Over Obstacles, Hunter Seat Equitation Not to Jump, Dressage, Dressage Seat Equitation, Reining Horse, Reining Seat Equitation, Cutting, Reined Cow, Working Cow, Trail, and Sport Horse classes are exempt from using the Majority Opinion System.

Performance Halter will use the AHA scorecard. The scorecards will be turned into placings and, in turn, run through the Majority Opinion System (MOS) to determine the Champion, Reserve Champion, and Top Five.

Refer to each show for exceptions to the above for the AEPA, AWPA, AHPA, and AWWA associations program classes.

Breeding Pays Futurity (not an AHA program) will use the Scottsdale 5-judge system for the semi-finals and the Majority Opinion System (MOS) for the Finals.

## GR 40 SECURITY

Exhibitors are advised that it is their responsibility to secure their valuables and stall area. The Show has a limited number of security personnel on the premises. Please report any issues related to security breaches.

## GR 41 SHARPS CONTAINERS

For U.S. Competitions (per USEF Rule Book): Show Management will place at least one sharps container per fifty occupied stalls for the disposal of needles and other disposable sharp instruments in convenient locations in barns housing competition horses. It is competition management's responsibility to replace such containers when full and dispose of them properly. Competition management may fine any individuals, including trainers, owners, exhibitors, or their agents, up to \$100 plus clean-up costs for improper disposal of needles or other sharp disposable instruments. Competition management will place a notice of this requirement either in its prize list or on a specific handout given to trainers on check in at the competition. If local law has different requirements, local law will prevail.

**Refer to Violations GR 48**

## GR 42 SOLICITATION/SHOPPING EXPO/COMMERCIAL EXHIBITS/OTHER PRODUCT SALES

- A. All flyers, signs, posters, commercial notices, etc., may only be posted in designated areas. All others will be removed immediately. Check with the commercial exhibit office for designated locations. Solicitations will not be allowed on the grounds unless a commercial exhibit booth/space is purchased. No company or business will be permitted to exhibit or hold any sponsored activities without the express written permission of AHA. Solicitation of funds for any political, educational, charitable, or other corporation, association, group, individual, or cause of any kind is strictly prohibited without prior written consent from AHA. Exhibitors must have prior written consent from AHA and the proper state authority to conduct a raffle or drawing of any kind. Commercial Exhibit space must be purchased using the "Application for Exhibit Space", which may be obtained from AHA. The individual facilities contract all Food Concessionaires, and Commercial Exhibitors are not allowed to sell food or drinks.
- B. The advertising and sales of retail products at the show without a permit and payment of an appropriate fee shall not be allowed in the stabling area or anywhere on the show grounds. Violation of such policy will result in the following:
1. **First warning** The offender and/or stall owner of record is asked to cease such sales or pay the fee to obtain the appropriate permit for the activity violated.
  2. **Second warning** The offender and/or stall owner of record will be required to pay double the fee to obtain the appropriate permit required for the activity violated.
  3. **Third warning** The offender and/or stall owner of record will be removed from the show grounds for the remainder of the Horse Show.
- C. Advertising and selling retail products and/or equine services on any AHA National Show Facebook Forum without being confirmed as a commercial vendor is not permitted. Used tack, used show clothing, and sales horses who will be at the show will be permitted.
1. **First warning** The offenders' posts will be removed from the Forum, and they will be asked to cease such sales or pay the fee to obtain the appropriate permit for the activity violated.
  2. **Second warning** The offender's post will be removed from the Forum, and he or she will be required to pay double the fee to obtain the appropriate permit required for the activity violated.
  3. **Third warning** The offender will be removed from the Forum for the remainder of the year and may be asked not to attend the National Show.
- D. The sale of a few pieces of used tack, show clothing and Sale Horses is allowed without a fee and or permit and is not the intent of these policies.

## GR 43 STABLING

### GROUP STABLING

Exhibitors wishing to be stabled together must send entries together **MUST SEND IN** a stall reservation form.

### **SUBMIT ONLY 1 FORM PER GROUP**

This form must be sent with the entries or received by the due date for that show.

**If this form is not filled out completely or correctly listing every owner and horse, your stalling is NOT guaranteed.**

**If your name does not appear on the Stabling Request Form – we cannot guarantee you will be with the group.**

Forms received after the due date on the form may not be honored. Please check each show and form for the due date for that show. All horses not entered into the show (non-competing) must be listed on the stall form.

Every horse must be stabled on the show grounds at least **12 hours** before the start of the first class in which it is to be shown and must remain continuously on the show grounds until it has completed every class it is to be shown.

If the number of horses entered by a trainer or owner exceeds the capacity of the original stalls requested, those horses will be stabled in the order of space available at the time the entry is received.

### 1. ASSIGNMENT/AVAILABILITY

Check each show to see when stalls will be available.

Please note that patronships must represent one entity ONLY, and all stalls assigned to any patron must be designated under a single name (a company, a farm, a training stable, an individual, and a family are all considered single entities). Additional stalls requested after the original stalls are purchased may not be assigned in the same location as the original stalls.

## **2. STALL set up, alterations & DAMAGE**

All stall setups must be completed before the start of the first show day. No set-up or construction will be allowed when the show is in session.

Stall walls may not be cut down.

**If a stall panel is removed, it MUST be moved outside the barns and not left in the center aisle or leaning against other stalls.**

Stalls must be vacated in their original condition. Stalls may not be structurally or otherwise altered in any way (including putting nails into walls).

Any stalls used by exhibitors must be returned to their original condition before leaving the grounds.

**When set up, emergency fire exit signs cannot be moved, altered, or blocked and must always remain visible.**

Exhibitors will be billed for any alteration/damage to their stalls on the premises or any required cleanup of any stalls they use.

## **3. HORSE STALLS**

Each entered horse must pay for one stall. All others are considered tack stalls. No subletting of stalls will be allowed.

Stalls for non-competing horses must have an official entry form on file with the show office and be listed on the stall request form.

## **4. TACK STALLS**

**PLEASE DO NOT LIST ADDITIONAL TACK STALLS ON JUST THE STALL REQUEST FORM OR THEY MAY GET MISSED. PLEASE Fill out an entry form with the Owner/trainer information filled out. Leave the horse information blank.**

Tack stalls will be assigned subject to their availability. Exhibitors will be allowed to order as many tack stalls as they believe they will need. However, management reserves the right to limit the number of tack stalls due to availability.

<i>10 Horse stalls and under</i>	<i>10 tack stalls</i>
<i>11-15 horse stalls</i>	<i>12 tack stalls</i>
<i>16-20 horse stalls</i>	<i>14 tack stalls</i>
<i>21-25 horse stalls</i>	<i>16 tack stalls</i>
<i>26-30 horse stalls</i>	<i>18 tack stalls</i>
<i>31-35 horse stalls</i>	<i>20 tack stalls</i>
<i>36-40 horse stalls</i>	<i>24 tack stalls</i>
<i>41-50 horse stalls</i>	<i>26 tack stalls</i>
<i>51-60 horse stalls</i>	<i>30 tack stalls</i>
<i>61-70 horse stalls</i>	<i>34 tack stalls</i>
<i>71-80 horse stalls</i>	<i>38 tack stalls</i>
<i>81-90 horse stalls</i>	<i>42 tack stalls</i>
<i>91-100 horse stalls</i>	<i>46 tack stalls</i>
<i>101 horse stalls and over</i>	<i>50 tack stalls</i>

## **5. TEAR DOWN OF STALLS**

**At all National Shows, no common alleyways or access points are to be blocked while the show is in progress; a Show Commission can set additional parameters around tearing down in specific barns that may hinder or impede the National Show.**

### **GR 44 UNAUTHORIZED ANIMALS ON SHOW GROUNDS**

Unauthorized animals are not allowed on the show grounds without prior permission from Show Management. At the discretion of management, owners/agents may be charged \$300 per unauthorized animal(s) and unauthorized animal(s) may be removed from the grounds.

### **GR 45 UNREGISTERED HORSES**

All Horses must have a certificate of registration when entering any National Show. **Entries for horses with pending registrations will be held until the registration is complete. A post-entry fee will be charged if the registration is NOT completed by the show's closing date.**

**PLEASE REFER TO GR 19**

## **GR 46 VENDORS & COMMERCIAL EXHIBITORS**

A list of Official Vendors for each show is provided in this prize list and online at [www.ArabianHorses.org](http://www.ArabianHorses.org). Other suppliers may be used, but deliveries from vendors other than the Official Show Vendors may not be made on the show grounds. See "Solicitations" GR42 for information on Commercial Exhibit Space.

### **Commercial Exhibitors**

Equine Service Providers (see GR22), including Non-Vet and Non-Farrier, will be expected to pay their vendor fees, which the National Show Commission of that show will set.

Commercial Exhibitors without a permit or payment of appropriate fee shall not be allowed in the stabling area or anywhere on the show grounds. Advertising and selling retail products or equine services on any AHA National Show Facebook Forum without being a confirmed vendor is not permitted. Advertisements will be allowed from the close of entries to the show's last day for each show. This is further outlined in the omnibus.

Each National Show Commission will determine the price based on the length of the show, cost, and number of horses at the show.

## **GR 47 VETERINARIAN INSPECTION**

All animals are subject to a physical inspection and may be examined for the use of mydriatic drugs by the show veterinarian at the discretion of the Show Commission. The Show Management reserves the right to refuse entry onto the show grounds to any horse exposed to or harboring a communicable disease. AHA also reserves the right to a postmortem examination, free of charge, on any horse that dies on the showgrounds.

## **GR 48 VIOLATIONS**

The AHA National Show Commissions have the authority to penalize participants for infractions of the AHA Rules and/or violation of any show facility rules. At the Commission's direction, such penalties can include (but are not limited to) fines, suspension, loss of patron seniority, and/or cancellation of patronship (and the associated benefits).

**AT THE DIRECTION OF THE AHA JUDGE'S & STEWARD'S COMMISSIONER**

**AND THE AHA EDUCATION AND EVALUATION COMMISSION, THE JUDGE(S) WILL  
PENALIZE HORSES WITH UNNATURAL TAILS.**

**CONVERSELY, HORSES WITH NATURAL TAIL CARRIAGE SHOWING EXPRESSIONS THAT  
ARE NOT ANGRY OR OFFENSIVE WILL NOT BE PENALIZED.**