

1 SUBJECT: Further Defining SHIH Showmanship (USEF/EC)

Amendment 3 (Yellow)

2 (STANDARD)

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

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

Committee Action:

Approve

Disapprove

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Competition Advisory Committee			
Sport Horse Committee	1		
Sport Horse National Show Commission	1		
USEF Arabian Division Committee			1
Youth Committee	1		
Youth/Mid-Summer National Show Commission	O		

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8 CONVENTION ACTION:

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10  Approved  Approved with Modification  Disapproved

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12  Withdrawn  Referred to Committee

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14 PROPOSED CHANGE: **(Check one)**  Add new rule  Delete existing rule  Change existing text

15 Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) USEF AR109

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

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19 Whereas, Because the handler is being judged in this class, and only one back number is issued per horse, there  
20 would be no way to differentiate handlers if the same horse were shown multiple times, therefore a horse  
21 may only be shown once in this class; and

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23 Whereas, The popularity of Sport Horse In Hand Showmanship has grown considerably in recent years, drawing  
24 more exhibitors from a variety of disciplines; and

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26 Whereas, There has been ongoing confusion among exhibitors and judges regarding the proper stance and  
27 presentation for horses in Sport Horse In Hand Showmanship; and

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29 Whereas, The quarter system is traditionally associated with stock horse showmanship classes and is not aligned  
30 with the presentation standards or judging emphasis of Sport Horse In Hand classes; and

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32 Whereas, Clarifying that horses are not to be shown or judged using the quarter system will help ensure consistent  
33 expectations and judging across all Sport Horse In Hand Showmanship classes; and

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35 Whereas, Providing a clear definition of “open position” will improve exhibitor understanding, enhance fairness in  
36 competition, and support the integrity of the Sport Horse In Hand Showmanship division; Therefore, Be It

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38 Resolved, That a new USEF AR190.2.i be created as follows:

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40 i. **A horse may only be shown once per class and no handler may show more than one horse per class.** and, Be  
41 It Further

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43 Resolved, That USEF AR190.4.c be amended by striking out and inserting as follows:

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45 c. The horse is to be shown in an “open position.” The traditional way of showing open position would be with  
46 the right front leg slightly back and the right hind leg slightly forward; also acceptable *is* all four legs of the  
47 horse ~~are being~~ visible to the judge when standing on either side of the horse. The horse’s head and neck  
48 should be allowed to show in a natural and comfortable carriage, and the handler should stand away from the

49 horse with a loose lead line. ***Horses are should not be shown or judged using the quarter system. Handler***  
50 ***may show their horse from either side.*** Handlers may use treats to keep ***the*** horse's attention and focus.  
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52 Effective: December 31, 2026 or when approved by USEF/EC  
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54 (If a Standard resolution, the effective date will be December 31 of the year after the Convention)  
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56 RESOLUTION TYPE (REQUIRED): Standard   Extraordinary  "If indicated as "Extraordinary", the  
57 proponent must list reasons which establish Chapter 9, RULE 101.3.a. has been met)  
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60 PROPONENTS FINANCIAL IMPACT (REQUIRED): Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 102.6. & 102.7 for financial requirements  
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63 AHA IMPACT STATEMENT: (*To be completed by AHA Staff*)  
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65 Contact Person:  
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67 SUBMITTED BY: Sport Horse National Show Commission Region Number:  
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Member Organization  Committee  Commission  Board  Region (*check one* )

69 Who voted:  Members  Board  Delegates (*check voting body*)  
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Total Number Eligible to Vote: 6 Number of Yes votes: 6 Number of No votes: 0

71 How vote was taken:  mail  email/other electronic means  phone  meeting (*check one*) (***Must have Quorum with majority of yes votes***)  
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73 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: In the minutes (***Must have printed documentation on file***)  
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Date vote taken: August 15, 2026

75 Contact Person: Jim Porcher (***Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw***)  
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