

# RESOLUTION 18 - 25

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

**Amendment 3 (Yellow)**

(STANDARD)

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

Committee Action:

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

Approve

Disapprove

Amateur	O		
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		

CONVENTION ACTION:

\_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Approved with Modification \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved

\_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_ Referred to Committee \_\_\_\_\_

PROPOSED CHANGE: (**Check one**) \_\_\_\_\_ Add new rule \_\_\_\_\_ Delete existing rule \_\_\_\_\_ Change existing text  
Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) USEF AR109

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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horse with a loose lead line. ~~Horses are should not be shown or judged using the quarter system. Handler~~  
~~may show their horse from either side.~~ Handlers may use treats to keep **the** horse's attention and focus.

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

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

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

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

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

Contact Person:

SUBMITTED BY: Sport Horse National Show Commission

Region Number:

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

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

Total Number Eligible to Vote: 6 Number of Yes votes: 6 Number of No votes: 0

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

Where documentation of this vote is recorded: In the minutes *(Must have printed documentation on file)*

Date vote taken: August 15, 2026

Contact Person: Jim Porcher

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

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