

1 SUBJECT: AHA Bylaw Governance Change (Bylaws 2/3rds vote)

Amendment 1 (Blue)

2 (EXTRAORDINARY)

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

AHA 2-24 Restructure Resolution Modification Ad Hoc	O		
AHA Futurity Commission	O		
AHA National Distance Commission			
Amateur Committee	O		
Annual Convention Planning Committee			O
Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Commission	O		
Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Trustees	O		
Arabian Horse Foundation	O		
Awards Committee	O		
Board of Directors	O		
Breeding/In-Hand Committee	O		
Budget & Finance Committee	O		
Bylaws Committee	NA		
Commissioner's Review Panel	O		
Competition Advisory Committee	1		
Credentials Workforce			O
Distance Riding Committee	O		
Dressage & Western Dressage Committee	O		
Education/Evaluation Commission	O		
Equine Welfare Committee			
Equitation>Showmanship Committee	O		
Ethical Practice Review Board/Probable Cause Panel			O
Executive Committee	O		
Hunter/Jumper Committee	O		
Internal Audit Committee			O
Judges Selection Committee	NA		
Judges & Stewards Steering Committee	NA		
Local Level Committee	O		
Market Development & Promotion Committee	O		
Membership Committee	O		
National Shows Directorate			O
Nominating Committee	O		
Professional Horsemen Committee	O		
Racing Committee			
Registration Commission	O		
Resolution 5-90 Committee	O		
Sport Horse Committee	O		
Sport Horse National Show Commission			O
U.S. National Show Commission	O		
USEF Arabian Division Committee			O
Working Western Committee	O		
Youth Committee	O		
Youth/Mid-Summer National Show Commission			O

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8 CONVENTION ACTION:

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Approved

Approved with Modification

Disapproved

11         Withdrawn         Referred to Committee \_\_\_\_\_  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)

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 17 RESOLUTION: Use ***bold/italic*** for new wording, ~~strikethrough~~ to indicate deletion  
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19 Whereas,        The purpose of the Arabian Horse Association (the Association) is to *Aid, promote and foster the*  
 20 *preservation and use of purebred Arabian Horses and the Arabian breed; as well as Half-Arabians and*  
 21 *Anglo-Arabian horses, and*

22 Whereas,        The membership of the Association, registrations of Arabian horses, and transfers of Arabian horse  
 23        ownerships has been in a state of continuous decline, and

24 Whereas,        Outside consulting firms engaged by the Association in 2003 and again in 2007 identified the structure of  
 25        the Association as an impediment to operating in a business-like manner or responding to changing  
 26        circumstances and challenges; identified the unwieldy size of the board as a cause of that circumstance;  
 27        and recommended a reduction in the size of the Board, and

28 Whereas,        In the opinion of the proponent, it is necessary and desirable to modify the structure of the Association in  
 29        a manner that allows for the implementation of good business practices and provides for participation of  
 30        the membership at large in the selection of management, while at the same time preserving the rights  
 31        and privileges of the individual organizations that are components of the Association, and

32 Whereas,        In accordance with Article XVI of the Association Bylaws, The Purebred Arabian Trust has consented to the  
 33        adoption of the following Resolution amending the Association Bylaws, and

34 Whereas,        The majority of delegates at the 2024 AHA Convention approved a Reconstruction Resolution and the  
 35        Convention as a whole expressed a desire that some modifications be made to that proposed Resolution  
 36        before approving it by the required 2/3rds majority, and,

37 Whereas,        The President of AHA formed a special Restructuring Resolution Modification Committee consisting of  
 38        members with various viewpoints, specifically with equal numbers of members that had voted for and  
 39        against the 2024 Resolution, and,

40 Whereas,        The Restructuring Resolution Modification Committee worked diligently for several months through all  
 41        aspects of the 2024 proposed Resolution making improvements through modifications and additions to it,  
 42        and,

43 Whereas,        The Restructuring Resolution Modification Committee unanimously agreed that reworked Restructuring  
 44        Resolution is in the best interest of the Arabian Horse Association and its membership; Therefore, Be It

45 Resolved,        That AHA Article IV., Section 1., paragraph c. "Regional Director Duties" be amended by adding a new  
 46        subparagraph (v) to read as follows:

47        **(v) Each Regional Director as defined in Article IV., Section 1., shall be a member of the National Council established**  
 48        **pursuant to paragraph (f) of this Section 3 of Article IV.** and, Be It Further

49 Resolved,        That AHA Article IV., **Section 1. Regions** be amended by inserting a **new paragraph (f) Section 3** that reads  
 50        as follows:

51        **Section 3. of Article IV Paragraph f. National Council**

52        (i) **A National Council consisting of the eighteen Regional Directors is hereby established for the purposes set forth**  
 53        **herein.**

54        (ii) **The Members of the National Council at its first meeting shall elect a Presiding Officer and Secretary to serve**  
 55        **until a successor is elected. Any vacancy occurring shall be filled at the next meeting of the National Council.**

67 (iii) *The National Council shall meet at least once at the Annual Convention ~~of the membership~~ for the purpose of*  
 68 *electing three (3) members ~~of the National Council~~ to serve as Directors on the Association's Board of Directors;*  
 69 *one each from the Western, Central and Eastern Regions. (All 18 members of the National Council shall vote for*  
 70 *all three directors)*  
 71 a. *Western Region (1,2,3,4,5,7,17)*  
 72 b. *Central Region (6,8,9,10,11)*  
 73 c. *Eastern Region (12,13,14,15,16,18)*  
 74 (iv) *The Secretary of the National Council shall certify the names of each of the elected Directors to the President of*  
 75 *the Association.*  
 76 (v) *The National Council's roles and responsibilities shall be determined by the Board of Directors and included in*  
 77 *the AHA Directors Manual.*  
 78 (vi) *Regional Vice Chairs shall be entitled to attend any National Council meeting and vote and shall count in*  
 79 *determining a quorum of the National Council if, and only if, the Regional Director is absent.* and, Be It Further

81 Resolved, That AHA Article V Corporate Powers, Section 3., Powers of the Board of Directors, be amended by  
 82 deleting and inserting as follows:

83 **Section 3. Powers of the Board of Directors**

84 Paragraph a. Annual Budget and Authority.

85 ~~The Board of Directors shall have final authority to approve the annual operating budget and shall have all power to take~~  
 86 ~~any action not inconsistent with law, with the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws, the Merger Agreement with any duly~~  
 87 ~~enacted resolution of the Annual Convention. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board of Directors shall have no power to~~  
 88 ~~take any action regarding the rules, policies, practices, and procedures applied to the Arabian Horse Registry or the Half-~~  
 89 ~~Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Horse Registry.~~

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 91 (i) *The Board of Directors shall have final authority to approve the annual operating budget and shall have all power to*  
 92 *take any action not inconsistent with law, with the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws, the Merger Agreement, or*  
 93 *except as provided in subparagraph (ii) herein, with any duly enacted resolution of the Annual Convention.*  
 94 *Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board of Directors shall have no power to take any action regarding the rules,*  
 95 *policies, practices, and procedures applied to the Arabian Horse Registry or the Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Horse*  
 96 *Registry.*

97 (ii) *A Resolution by the Board that amends or replaces a resolution previously adopted by the Delegates at an Annual*  
 98 *Convention (an Amendatory Resolution) shall take effect on the thirtieth (30<sup>th</sup>) day following adoption unless prior to*  
 99 *that date the Secretary of the Association has received either:*

100 (a) *a written certification from the Presiding Officer of the National Council that at a meeting of the National Council*  
 101 *no fewer than a majority of all members of the National Council voted to disapprove the Amendatory Resolution;*  
 102 *or*  
 103 (b) *written objection to the adoption of the Amendatory Resolution from no fewer than a majority of all members of*  
 104 *the National Council.*

105 (iii) *Immediately upon adoption by the Board of an Amendatory Resolution, the Secretary of the Association shall furnish*  
 106 *each member of the National Council by US mail, postage prepaid, by email or by personal service, as well as each Adult*  
 107 *and Life Member (having an email address on file),*

108 (a) *a copy of the Amendatory Resolution adopted by the Board;*  
 109 (b) *a statement from the Board explaining why the Amendatory Resolution is necessary and in the best interests of the*  
 110 *Association;*  
 111 (c) *the date upon which the Amendatory Resolution will become effective unless disapproved in the manner provided*  
 112 *above.* and, Be It Further

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 114 Resolved, That AHA Article VI, Section 4. Voting, is amended by inserting new paragraphs f to read as follows:

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116 **Paragraph f. Eligibility to Vote.**

117 Only persons who are adult or life members in good standing of the Association on June 30 of the year in which an Annual  
 118 Convention is held and who have been certified by Credentials and who are in attendance at the Convention shall be entitled  
 119 to vote for the election of a President, a Vice President and the election of three Directors. and, Be It Further

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 121 Resolved, That AHA Article VIII. Directors, Section 1. Qualifications is amended by striking out and inserting as follows:

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 123 ***Section 1. Qualifications***

124 The Board of Directors shall consist of twenty-nine (29) persons selected in accordance with this Article. Each Director shall, at all  
 125 times during his or her continuance in office, be an Adult or Life Member in good standing as determined pursuant to Article III,  
 126 Section 1. ~~Each elected member of the Board of Directors shall be an Adult or Life Member. Each appointed member of the Board~~  
 127 ~~of Directors shall be an Adult or Life Member.~~

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 129 ***Section 2. Enumeration***

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 131 *The Board of Directors of the Arabian Horse Association shall consist of fourteen (14) persons comprised as follows:*

132  
 133 (i) *An Executive Committee numbering seven (7) composed of a President and a Vice President, each elected by the*  
*134 membership at large at an Annual Convention; a Treasurer and a Secretary, each appointed by the Board; the*  
*135 immediate past President of the Association; and two At-Large Vice Presidents ~~directors~~ appointed to the Executive*  
*136 Committee by the Purebred Arabian Trust; and*

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 138 (ii) *Seven (7) additional Board members selected as follows: (a) three (3) Directors nominated by the Nominating*  
*139 Committee and elected by the Membership of the Association in attendance at an Annual Convention; (b) three (3)*  
*140 Directors elected by the National Council established pursuant to these Resolutions, and (c) one (1) Director appointed*  
*141 by the Purebred Arabian Trust.*

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 143 (iii) *Subject to the provisions of subparagraph (v) hereof, the directors elected by the Credentialed Voting Members shall be*  
*144 elected and serve for a term of three (3) years. The Directors appointed by the Purebred Arabian Trust will serve at the*  
*145 pleasure of the Trust.*

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 147 (iv) *The President and Vice President shall be elected and serve a term of two (2) years and are eligible to serve no more*  
*148 than three (3) consecutive terms. The appointed Treasurer and Secretary shall serve a term of two (2) years with no*  
*149 term limits.*

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 151 (v) *To facilitate continuity necessary and beneficial to the Board's functions, only a portion of the elected Board members*  
*152 should stand for election or appointment at any Annual Convention. There is, therefore, hereby created Class A*  
*153 Directorships, Class B Directorships and Class C Directorships for the Directors elected by a plurality vote of the*  
*154 Membership.*

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 156 (vi) *(v) The Class A Director to be elected by vote of the membership shall be for an initial term of three (3) years; the Class B*  
*157 Director for an initial term of two (2) years; and Class C Director for an initial term of one (1) year. At Annual*  
*158 Conventions ~~thereafter all Classes of~~ Directors shall be elected to three (3) year terms. The terms of National Council*  
*159 Members, appointed by the National Council, to the Board shall correspond with their term on the National Council.*

160  
 161 (vii) *Excluding the President, Vice President and the three Directors appointed by the Purebred Arabian Trust, the initial*  
*162 Class A Director to be elected by a plurality vote of the membership shall be the first name on an alphabetized list of the*  
*163 last names of the Directors elected by the membership; the initial Class B Director shall be the next name; and the Class*  
*164 C Director shall be the last name on that alphabetized list. Thereafter all Directors to be elected by a plurality vote of the*  
*165 membership shall have a three year term. A successor director shall have the same classification as the director whom*  
*166 he or she succeeds regardless of alphabetizing.*

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168 (vii) **(vi)** Excepting Directors and Officers appointed by the Purebred Arabian Trust who serve at the pleasure of the Trust,  
169 and excepting the succession of a Vice President to the office of President, the President and Vice President will be  
170 limited to three (3) consecutive two (2) year terms. The Directors shall be limited to two (2) consecutive three (3) year  
171 terms of office; and may not again be elected as an Officer or Director until one (1) year following the expiration of their  
172 second term of office. Provided, however, the initial terms of office for Class B Director or Class C Director, as defined  
173 above, shall not count in determining the length of permitted service. Provided, however, no runoff will be required for  
174 the initial election of the Class A Director, the Class B Director, or the Class C Director.

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176 **(ix)** **(vii)** Vacancies. In the event an office, appointed by the Board or elected by the Credentialled Voting Members in  
177 attendance at an Annual Convention, becomes vacant by reason of resignation or otherwise, the unexpired term of that  
178 office will be appointed by the Board and further for those elected by the Credentialled Voting Members in attendance  
179 at an Annual Convention will be filled by election at the next Annual Convention; the National Council shall elect a  
180 successor to a director elected by it; and the Purebred Arabian Trust shall select a successor to an office appointed by it.

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182 **(x)** **(ix)** Removal for Cause. The Board of Directors may remove a Director for cause upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds  
183 (2/3) of the Directors. Removal "for cause" may be determined by the Board of Directors when the Director has  
184 engaged in inappropriate conduct including, but not limited to, theft, dishonesty, or moral turpitude.

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186 **\*Proviso - To facilitate continuity necessary and beneficial to the Board's functions, only a portion of the elected Board**  
187 **members should stand for election or appointment at any Annual Convention. There is, therefore, hereby created Class**  
188 **A Directorships, Class B Directorships and Class C Directorships for the Directors elected by a plurality vote of the**  
189 **Membership. The Class A Director to be elected by vote of the membership shall be for an initial term of three (3) years;**  
190 **the Class B Director for an initial term of two (2) years; and Class C Director for an initial term of one (1) year. Excluding**  
191 **the President, Vice President and the three Directors appointed by the Purebred Arabian Trust, the initial Class A**  
192 **Director to be elected by a plurality vote of the membership shall be the first name on an alphabetized list of the last**  
193 **names of the Directors elected by the membership; the initial Class B Director shall be the next name; and the Class C**  
194 **Director shall be the last name on that alphabetized list. Thereafter all Directors to be elected by a plurality vote of the**  
195 **membership shall have a three-year term. A successor director shall have the same classification as the director whom**  
196 **he or she succeeds regardless of alphabetizing.**

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198 **Each elected member of the Board of Directors shall be an Adult or Life Member. Each appointed member of the Board of**  
199 **Directors shall be an Adult or Life Member.** and, Be It Further

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201 Resolved, That AHA Article VIII. Directors be amended by striking out and renumbering/re-lettering as follows

202  
203 Section 2. Enumeration  
204 The Board of Directors shall consist of the following persons:

205  
206 Paragraph a. — Past President  
207 The Immediate Past President.

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209 Paragraph b. — Officers  
210 Each person elected or appointed as an officer pursuant to Article IX hereof, shall serve for the period for which so  
211 selected, and until the selection of his or her successor to such office.

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213 Paragraph c. Regional Directors  
214 A Director from each of the Regions as defined in Article IV, Section 1.

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216 Paragraph d. — At Large Directors  
217 There shall be four (4) At Large Directors initially selected by the AHRA prior to the Merger with and into Arabian Horse  
218 Association, two (2) of whom will serve for a one (1) year term and two (2) of whom will serve for a two (2) year term.  
219 Thereafter, two (2) of the four (4) At Large Directors shall be selected by the Trustees each year at the time of the

220 Annual Convention. Each At Large Director shall represent the interest of purebred Arabian Horses and seek to aid,  
 221 promote and foster the preservation and use of the purebred Arabian Horses and the Arabian breed and to engage in  
 222 all activities and undertakings incidental to or designed to further promote these objectives.  
 223

224 **Section 3. Selection of Regional and At Large Directors**

225 **Paragraph a.**

226 The selection of the Regional Directors will be pursuant to Article IV, Section 1, Paragraph a (ii). (Res. 8-14)  
 227

228 **Paragraph b.**

229 Election or appointment of Directors shall be completed no later than thirty (30) days before the opening day of the  
 230 Annual Convention held during the calendar year of the election. (Res. 3-05)  
 231

232 **Section 4. Regional and At Large Directors Term and Limitation**

233 **Paragraph a.**

234 Each Regional and At Large Director's term of office shall be approximately two (2) years, beginning at the close of the  
 235 Annual Convention following his or her election or appointment, as appropriate, and lasting until his or her successor is  
 236 selected and takes office at the close of the Annual Convention following the successor's selection.  
 237

238 **Paragraph b.**

239 No person shall be eligible to hold the office of Regional or At Large Director for a continuous period in excess of two  
 240 (2) consecutive terms (four years). (Res. 8-14) The foregoing limitation shall not preclude a person appointed to a term  
 241 of one year or less by the Trustees or any Director elected to serve the remainder of an unexpired term and thereafter  
 242 being elected and re-elected to serve two (2) consecutive two year terms.  
 243

244 **Section 5. Regional and At Large Directors Vacancies**

245 If the Regional Director position becomes vacant, the Regional Vice Chair shall become the Regional Director and serve out  
 246 the remainder of the Regional Director's term. If the Regional Vice Chair position becomes vacant the Regional Board of  
 247 Delegates shall elect a new Vice Chair. Any At Large Director vacancy shall be filled by the Trustees.  
 248

249 **Section 3 2 6. Meetings**

250 **Paragraph a. Annual Meeting.**

251 There shall be an annual meeting of the Board of Directors at the Annual Convention. Except as otherwise provided by  
 252 law, written notice of any meeting of the Board of Directors (i) shall be given in writing to each Director and delivered  
 253 by first-class, prepaid mail, telecopy, personal delivery, overnight courier, or electronic mail. Any notice given by mail  
 254 must be given to the last address, telecopy number or electronic mail address of the Director shown on Arabian Horse  
 255 Association's records. Notice shall be deemed given at the time of delivery through the means of delivery utilized, and  
 256 (ii) shall state the date, place and hour of the meeting and the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called.  
 257

258 **Paragraph b. Special Meetings.**

259 Special meetings of the Board may be held at any time and place on the call of the President or of a majority of the  
 260 Board, in either case upon ten (10) days' notice by first-class prepaid mail, or five (5) days' notice delivered personally  
 261 or by telephone or electronic mail. Such notice shall state the time and place of the meeting and shall be deemed given  
 262 at the time when personally delivered, deposited in the mail, sent by electronic mail or orally transmitted to recipient  
 263 via telephone.  
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265 **Paragraph c. Quorum.**

266 At any meeting of the Board, the presence of a majority of Directors shall constitute a quorum to transact business.  
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268 **Paragraph d. Regional Vice Chair and At Large Director Alternates.**

269 Elected Regional Vice Chairs and alternate At Large Directors appointed by the Trustees may attend any open meeting  
 270 of Arabian Horse Association's Board of Directors when the Regional Director is present. Regional Vice Chairs and  
 271 alternate At Large Directors shall be entitled to attend any Board of Directors meeting and vote and shall count in  
 272 determining a quorum of the Board of Directors if, and only if, the Regional Director or At Large Director is absent.  
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274 **Paragraph d e. Participation in Meetings by Conference Telephone.**

276 Directors may participate in any regular or special meeting of the Board through use of conference telephone or similar  
 277 communications equipment, so long as all Directors participating in such meeting can hear one another. Participation  
 278 in a meeting in this manner shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.  
 279

280 Paragraph **e** Voting by Mail or Electronic Communication. (Res. 1-09)

- 281 1. ~~The Board of Directors may take action, without a meeting, by mail, e-mail, fax, or similar communication when: A notice stating the action to be taken and the time by which a Director must respond is transmitted by mail, e-mail or fax or similar communication to each member of the Board, and, each member of the Board, by the time stated in the notice:~~
  - 285 (a) ~~Votes in writing for such action; or~~
  - 286 (b) ~~(1) Votes in writing against such action, or abstains in writing from voting, or fails to respond, or vote; and~~  
~~(2) Fails to demand that action not be taken without a meeting. The response required herein must be by mail, e-mail or fax, and, shall include the director's signature.~~
- 290 2. ~~The notice required by subsection 1 of paragraph f shall state:~~
  - 291 (a) ~~The action to be taken; and~~
  - 292 (b) ~~The time by which a Director must respond; and~~
  - 293 (c) ~~That failure to respond by the time stated in the notice will have the same effect as abstaining in writing by the time stated in the notice and failing to demand in writing, by the time stated in the notice, that action not be taken without a meeting; and~~
  - 296 (a) Any other matters the Arabian Horse Association determines to include.
- 298 1. ***The Board of Directors may take action, without a meeting, by mail, e-mail, fax, or similar communication when a notice stating the action to be taken and the time by which a Director must respond is transmitted by mail, e-mail, fax or similar communication to each member of the Board, and, a majority of the members of the Board, by the time stated in the notice, vote in favor of the action proposed to be taken.***
- 303 2. ***The notice required by subsection 1 of paragraph e shall state:***
  - 304 (a) ***The action to be taken; and***
  - 305 (b) ***The reason the action must be taken without a meeting; and***
  - 306 (c) ***The time by which a Director must respond; and***
- 308 3. ~~The number of affirmative votes for such action meets or exceeds the number that would be necessary to take such action at a meeting at which all Directors were present and voting.~~
- 311 3.4. All signed written instruments necessary for any action taken pursuant to this section shall be filed with the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors.

314 Paragraph **f**. Emergency Provision (Res. 2-20) (Res. 1-22)

315 (i) In the event of a cancellation of an In-Person Annual Convention by the Executive Committee pursuant to Article VI, Section 1. b., and in the absence of a Virtual Convention, the Board of Directors will elect the Officers of the Arabian Horse Association (if the election of Officers is scheduled for the cancelled Convention) utilizing the Nominating Committee's slate of officers that was to have been provided to the Delegates at the canceled In-Person Annual Convention. The election shall be conducted by written ballot, or by mail, or by electronic means, as determined by the Board of Directors.

322 (ii) In the event of a cancellation of an In-Person Annual Convention by the Executive Committee pursuant to Article VI, Section 1. b., and in the absence of a Virtual Convention, the Board of Directors will nominate and elect the Annual Convention elected committee members. The method of election shall be determined by the Board of Directors. The staff of the Arabian Horse Association shall provide a list of the committee positions that were to have been elected at the cancelled In-Person Annual Convention. and, Be It Further

329 Resolved, That AHA Article IX. Officers Section 2. Election, paragraph a. and b. is amended by striking out and  
 330 inserting as follows

331 332 Paragraph a.

333 The President shall be elected by ballot for a two (2) year term. The President will be eligible for a maximum of two (2)  
 334 consecutive terms excluding any period of time completing the term of a predecessor. The two (2) At Large Vice  
 335 Presidents shall be appointed by the Trustees each for a term of one (1) year. All other Officers shall be elected by the  
 336 Voting Delegates for a term of two (2) years to coincide with the election of the President (Res. 6-14) All Officers shall  
 337 serve until their successors are elected (or appointed by the Trustees in the case of At Large Vice Presidents) and take  
 338 office at the close of the Annual Convention following the successor's election or appointment. All elections shall be  
 339 conducted by a written or electronic ballot; except, that in the event but one person is nominated for an office, that  
 340 person will be declared elected by the chair. (Res. 1-20)

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 342 ***The President and Vice President shall be elected by majority vote of the Credentialed Members present at the***  
 343 ***Annual Convention for a period of two (2) years until adjournment of the second Annual Convention following his or***  
 344 ***her election. The two (2) At-Large Vice Presidents shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Trustees.***

345 Paragraph b.

346 In the event there are three or more candidates for any office, and no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast,  
 347 there shall be a run-off between the two candidates receiving the largest number of votes. ***(Provide further, however,***  
 348 ***No runoff will be required to establish the A Director, B Director, and C Director.)*** And, Be It Further

349 Resolved, That AHA Article XI., Committees and Commissions, Section 2. Nominating Committee, subparagraph b (1)  
 350 is amended by striking out and inserting as follows:

351 Paragraph b.

352 The members of the Nominating Committee shall be selected as follows: (Res. 1-08)

353 (i) Each Director of Arabian Horse Association ***member of the National Council*** may place in nomination the name of  
 354 one nominee to be considered by the Delegates for a position on the Nominating Committee. and, Be It Further

355 Resolved, That AHA Article XI, Committees and Commissions, Section 2. Nominating Committee, Paragraph C. be  
 356 amended by striking out and inserting as follows:

357 Paragraph c.

358 The Nominating Committee shall primarily serve as a credentialing committee. At such time, any Adult or Life Member  
 359 in good standing may nominate him/herself as a candidate for any of Arabian Horse Association Offices other than the  
 360 two At-Large Vice President positions. It shall be the duty of the Nominating Committee: (Res. 1-08)

361 (i) ***To develop a standard form to detail the relevant biographical information of each nominee and require each***  
 362 ***nominee to submit the standard biographical information form to the Nominating Committee at least ninety***  
 363 ***(90) days prior to the elections at the Annual Convention,***

364 ***To require each nominee to complete a Candidate Questionnaire promulgated by the Nominating Committee***  
 365 ***addressing, among other matters, the candidate's experience, knowledge and expertise in financial matters,***  
 366 ***organizational skills, communication skills, and a history of involvement with the Arabian Breed, and to submit***  
 367 ***the same to the Nominating Committee by a date established, annually, by the Nominating Committee which***  
 368 ***will be published 30 days in advance of the submission date. Each nominee will be required to be available for***  
 369 ***interview by the Nominating Committee in person or electronically. The Nominating Committee shall also cause***  
 370 ***the Arabian Horse Association to distribute prior to election for the President, Vice-President and each of the***  
 371 ***three (3) Directors, to be elected by the Credentialed Members present at the convention, his or her biographical***  
 372 ***information as detailed on the standard biographical information form for each candidate put forward as***  
 373 ***determined by a majority vote of the Nominating Committee having determined each nominee meets the above***  
 374 ***requirements.***

375 ***\*Proviso – The language in paragraph (i) done in advance for the first election***

376 (ii) To verify the credentials of each nominee by assuring that each nominee is an Adult or Life Member in good  
 377 standing and that each nominee has submitted a standard biographical information form,

378 (iii) To cause Arabian Horse Association to distribute each nominee's biographical information as detailed on the  
 379 standard biographical information form to each Voting Delegate ***in the Delegate Convention Packet and to each***  
 380 ***Non-Delegate voting member in a supplemental voting packet*** prior to the elections, and

381 (iv) Seek and nominate candidates for election to any office when no member of Arabian Horse Association has

390 nominated him/herself to such position. ~~Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in this paragraph shall restrict~~  
 391 ~~nominations being taken from the floor. In the event there were no Candidates put forward from the Nominating~~  
 392 ~~Committee for an open position then and only then Nominations may be accepted from the floor.~~

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 394 (v) ***The Nominating Committee shall also cause the Arabian Horse Association to distribute at least thirty (30) days***  
 395 ***prior to election for each Director to be elected by the Membership his or her biographical information as***  
 396 ***detailed on a standard biographical information form to be promulgated by the Committee.*** and, Be It Further

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 398 Resolved, That AHA Article XI., Committees and Commissions, be amended by creating a new Section 8 as follows:

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 400 ***SECTION 8. Committee and Commission Assignments***

401 ***All Tier A Committees and Commissions as defined in the Handbook will report to and be accountable to the Board of***  
 402 ***Directors. All Tier B committees as defined in the Handbook will report to and be accountable to the National***  
 403 ***Council. The Board of Directors has the authority to change the reporting responsibility of the committees and***  
 404 ***commissions.*** and, Be It Further

405  
 406 Resolved, That upon adoption of the foregoing Resolution by the Delegates at the Annual Convention, the Secretary  
 407 of the Association shall prepare a single document that incorporates all of the additions to and  
 408 eliminations from the Bylaws and shall certify the same to be a true and correct copy of the Bylaws as  
 409 amended by the 2025 Annual Convention of the Arabian Horse Association.

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 411 Effective: Immediately, upon passage at the 2025 convention. Per Executive Committee meeting motion #3-  
 412 8/18/2025 – EC. Approved 4 votes to 3. RULE 101.3.a) iv)

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

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

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 419 Fundamental Resolution that changes the governance of AHA impacting all areas of the organization. Impacts the future  
 420 well-being of the organization and organizations within AHA, including financially.

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

423  
 424 Some positive impact due to higher attendance of convention and smaller Board meetings.

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

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 428 Contact Person:

430 SUBMITTED BY: AHA 2-24 Restructure Resolution Modification Ad Hoc Region Number:

431  Member Organization  Committee  Commission  Board  Region (check one )

432 Who voted:  Members  Board  Delegates (check voting body)

433 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 8 Number of Yes votes: 8 Number of No votes: 0

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

436 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: (Must have printed documentation on file)

437 Date vote taken: May 22, 2025

438 Contact Person: Peter Conway (Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw)

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1 SUBJECT: Modify GR1211.4g to Allow a Reduction in the Number of Stewards Required for Amendment 1 (Blue)  
 2 Large Shows (USEF/EC)

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 4 (STANDARD)

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

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

Competition Advisory Committee			
Sport Horse National Show Commission			
USEF Arabian Division Committee			
U.S. National Show Commission			
Youth/Mid-Summer National Show Commission			

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9 CONVENTION ACTION:

10         Approved         Approved with Modification         Disapproved

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

12 PROPOSED CHANGE: **(Check one)**  Add new rule  Delete existing rule  X. Change existing text

13 Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) USEF GR1211.4.g

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

15 Whereas, USEF requires a minimum number of stewards and technical delegates for large shows with 1501-2000  
 16 horses, and

17 Whereas, The number of stewards and technical delegates does not change when the number of active rings is  
 18 reduced to 1-3 rings (primarily in the evening), results in all stewards being present unnecessarily;  
 19 Therefore, Be It

20 Resolved, That USEF GR1211.4.g be amended by inserting the following:

21        g. The maximum number of competition rings being used simultaneously at any point during the competition will be  
 22 counted for the purposes of GR1211. If the number of competition rings being used simultaneously changes within a  
 23 competition day, competition management is permitted to adjust the number of Stewards and/or TDs in accordance  
 24 with the chart in GR1211/4 and any other applicable rules. **Exception: Arabian: When competition numbers required**  
**3 or more stewards, and the competition is down to one competition arena the number of stewards required to be on**  
**the grounds can be adjusted to 2. Exception: In the Arabian Division, when a competition is required three or more**  
**Stewards, as per the chart in GR1211.4.(e), and the competition is currently utilizing only one competition arena, the**  
**required number of Stewards present on the competition grounds may be adjusted to two.**

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

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

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

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 30 PROPONENTS FINANCIAL IMPACT (REQUIRED): Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 102.6. & 102.7 for financial requirements  
 31 No financial impact.

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

## RESOLUTION 2 - 25

49 Contact Person:

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51 SUBMITTED BY: Magnolia Arabian Horse Association Region Number: 12

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

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

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

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

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

58 Date vote taken: July 28, 2025

59 Contact Person: Cheryl Tobey **(Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw)**

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1 SUBJECT: Soundness (USEF/EC)

Amendment 2 (Pink)

2 (EXTRAORDINARY)

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

4

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

Committee Action:

Approve

Disapprove

Competition Advisory Committee			
Education/Evaluation Commission			
Equitation/Showmanship Committee			
Hunter/Jumper Committee			
Sport Horse Committee			

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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)

16 AR 105.1 , AR 170, AR 182, AR 190, and AR 300

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

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

21

22 Whereas, The Morgans, Saddlebreds, Hackneys, Roadsters, and National Show Horses all require soundness in their  
23 rules of the USEF as follows:

- 24     ○ MO102.3
  - 25         ■ Entries shall be serviceably sound and in good condition. Animals with complete loss of sight in  
26         one eye may be found serviceably sound at the judge's discretion, except in a class over fences  
27         where a judge may ask a rider to change horses.
- 28     ○ SB103.2
  - 29         ■ All horses must be serviceably sound. In In-Hand classes for sires and dams or prospective sires  
30         and dams, transmissible unsoundness only shall be considered. Horses must not show evidence  
31         of lameness, broken wind or complete loss of sight in both eyes.
- 32     ○ HK102.4
  - 33         ■ TO BE PENALIZED...Horses and ponies must be serviceably sound, i.e., must not show evidence of  
34         lameness or broken wind.
- 35     ○ RD103.1
  - 36         ■ Horses and ponies must be serviceably sound.
- 37     ○ NS102.1
  - 38         ■ Soundness is required.

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40 Whereas, It is the desire of the Arabian Division Rules Committee and our Association to ensure Arabian rules  
41 support promotion of the welfare of the horse; Therefore, Be It

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43 Resolved, That USEF AR105.1 be amended by striking out the following:

**AR105 Conduct, Specifications, Soundness and Welfare of the Horse**

44     1. All horses, ~~except horses entered in Sub-Chapter 28 Equitation and Sub-Chapter 29 Showmanship~~  
45         classes, must be serviceably sound. and, Be It Further

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47 Resolved, That USEF AR 170.2 be amended by striking out and inserting the following:

**AR170 Working Hunter Championship Ties**



## 1 SUBJECT: Removing "Substance" from the List of Items to Adjudicate Western Pleasure Jr. Horses (USEF/EC)

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

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

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

13

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

15 Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) USEF AR105.4

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

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19 Whereas, Our young western horses have increasingly shown significant signs of metabolic syndrome and become  
20 overweight at an early age, and

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22 Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, the removal of the class specification of "substance" from the Jr. Horse  
23 classes in the Arabian Western Pleasure Section may remove the idea that an overweight horse is what is  
24 desired; Therefore, Be It

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26 Resolved, That USEF AR105.4 be amended by striking the following:

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28 4. JUNIOR HORSE. To be shown at a walk, jog-trot and lope. To be judged on ~~substance~~, quality, performance,  
29 manners and attitude. In the lineup, horses may be asked to back in a straight line with no additional testing,  
30 returning to the lineup at a walk. Horses may be asked to back on the rail.

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

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

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

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

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42 None

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

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46 Contact Person:

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48 SUBMITTED BY: Professional Horsemen's Committee

Region Number:

RESOLUTION 4 - 25

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

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

51 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 96 Number of Yes votes: 31 Number of No votes: 5

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

54 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: At the AHA Office (*Must have printed documentation on file*)

55 Date vote taken: August 12-15, 2025

56 Contact Person: John P. Power (*Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw*)

57 Phone: (941) 565-7670 Email: jpower2726@gmail.com

## 1 SUBJECT: The Importance of Suitability to Discipline When Adjudicating (USEF/EC)

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

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

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## 8 CONVENTION ACTION:

9  Approved  Approved with Modification  Disapproved10  Withdrawn11  Referred to Committee \_\_\_\_\_12 PROPOSED CHANGE: *(Check one)*  Add new rule  Delete existing rule  Change existing text  
13 Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) USEF AR133, AR137, AR142, AR146, AR150, AR154, AR16214 RESOLUTION: Use ***bold/italic*** for new wording, ~~strikethrough~~ to indicate deletion

15 Whereas, To help define and better align all Judges and exhibitors to one point, and

16 Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, "Suitability to the division" is an important component when adjudicating, and

17 Whereas, Class specifications should be listed in order of importance; Therefore, Be It

18 Resolved, That USEF AR133 addressing Park Horse Specifications be amended by striking out and inserting as follows:

1. OPEN. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter. To be judged on ***suitability to discipline***, brilliant performance with proper cadence and balance, presence, quality, manners and conformation.
2. AMATEUR. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter. To be judged on ***manners, suitability to discipline***, brilliant performance with proper cadence and balance, ~~manners~~, quality and suitability of horse to rider.
3. LADIES, GENTLEMEN. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter. To be judged on ***manners, suitability to discipline***, brilliant performance with proper cadence and balance, ~~manners~~, quality and suitability of horse to rider.
4. JUNIOR HORSE. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter. To be judged on ***suitability to discipline***, quality, brilliant performance with proper cadence and balance, and manners. and, Be It Further

19 Resolved, That USEF AR137 addressing English Pleasure Specifications be amended by inserting as follows:

1. OPEN. To be shown at a walk, normal trot, strong trot, canter and hand gallop. To be judged on ***suitability to discipline***, manners, performance, attitude, quality and conformation.
2. AMATEUR. To be shown at a walk, normal trot and canter. To be judged on manners, ***suitability to discipline***, performance, attitude, quality, suitability of horse to rider, and conformation.
3. LADIES, GENTLEMEN. To be shown at a walk, normal trot and canter. To be judged on manners, ***suitability to discipline***, performance, attitude, quality, suitability of horse to rider, and conformation.
4. JUNIOR HORSE. To be shown at a walk, normal trot and canter. To be judged on ***suitability to discipline***, quality, performance, attitude and manners. and, Be It Further

20 Resolved, That USEF AR142 addressing Country English Pleasure Specifications be amended by inserting as follows:

51 1. OPEN. To be shown at a walk, normal trot, strong trot, canter and hand gallop. To be judged on attitude, **suitability to discipline**, manners, performance, quality and conformation.

52 2. AMATEUR. To be shown at a walk, normal trot and canter. To be judged on attitude, manners, **suitability to discipline**, performance, quality, conformation and suitability of horse to rider.

53 3. LADIES, GENTLEMEN. To be shown at a walk, normal trot and canter. To be judged on attitude, manners, **suitability to discipline**, performance, quality, conformation and suitability of horse to rider.

54 4. JUNIOR HORSE To be shown at a walk, normal trot and canter. To be judged on attitude, **suitability to discipline**, manners, quality, and performance. and, Be It Further

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60 Resolved, That USEF AR146 addressing Hunter Pleasure Specifications be amended by striking out and inserting as  
61 follows:

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63 1. OPEN. To be shown at a walk, trot, canter and hand gallop both directions of the ring. To stand quietly and back readily.  
64 To be judged on **suitability to discipline**, manners, performance, ~~suitability as a Hunter~~, quality and conformation.

65 2. AMATEUR. To be shown at a walk, trot, canter and hand gallop both directions of the ring. To stand quietly and back  
66 readily to be judged on manners, **suitability to discipline**, performance, ~~suitability as a Hunter~~, quality and  
67 conformation.

68 3. LADIES, GENTLEMEN. To be shown at a walk, trot, canter and hand gallop both directions of the ring. To stand quietly  
69 and back readily. To be judged on manners, **suitability to discipline**, performance, ~~suitability as a Hunter~~, quality and  
70 conformation.

71 4. JUNIOR HORSE. To be shown at a walk, trot, canter and hand gallop both directions of the ring. To stand quietly and  
72 back readily. To be judged on **suitability to discipline**, quality, performance, ~~suitability as a Hunter~~, manners and  
73 conformation. and, Be It Further

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75 Resolved, That USEF AR150 addressing Western Pleasure Specifications be amended by inserting as follows:

76  
77 1. OPEN. To be shown at a walk, jog-trot, lope and hand gallop. Extreme speed to be penalized. To be judged on  
78 **suitability to discipline**, manners, performance, substance, quality, conformation and attitude. In the lineup, horses  
79 may be asked to back in a straight line with no additional testing, returning to the lineup at a walk. Horses may be  
80 asked to back on the rail.

81 2. AMATEUR. To be shown at a walk, jog-trot and lope. To be judged on manners, **suitability to discipline**, performance,  
82 suitability of horse to rider, substance, quality, conformation and attitude. In the lineup, horses may be asked to back  
83 in a straight line with no additional testing, returning to the lineup at a walk. Horses may be asked to back on the rail.

84 3. LADIES, GENTLEMEN. To be shown at a walk, jog-trot and lope. To be judged on manners, **suitability to discipline**,  
85 performance, suitability of horse to rider, substance, quality, conformation and attitude. In the lineup, horses may be  
86 asked to back in a straight line with no additional testing, returning to the lineup at a walk. Horses may be asked to  
87 back on the rail.

88 4. JUNIOR HORSE. To be shown at a walk, jog-trot and lope. To be judged on **suitability to discipline**, substance, quality,  
89 performance, manners and attitude. In the lineup, horses may be asked to back in a straight line with no additional  
90 testing, returning to the lineup at a walk. Horses may be asked to back on the rail. and, Be It Further

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92 Resolved, That USEF AR154 addressing Ladies Side Saddle Specifications be amended by inserting as follows:

93  
94 OPEN, AMATEUR. To be shown both directions at the walk, trot or jog-trot, canter or lope. Horses should back readily if  
95 requested by the judge and stand quietly. To be judged 85% on manners, **suitability to discipline**, performance,  
96 suitability, quality and conformation; 15% on appropriate side saddle attire. Manners and suitability of purpose shall be  
97 emphasized. (Suitability refers to the horse being suitable as a sidesaddle mount.) and, Be It Further

98  
99 Resolved, That USEF AR162 addressing English Show Hack Specifications be amended by inserting as follows:

100  
101 1. OPEN, AMATEUR, LADIES, GENTLEMEN. To be shown at a walk, trot, canter, and hand gallop; collected and extended  
102 and normal gaits to be called for. To stand quietly and back readily. To be judged on manners, **suitability to discipline**  
103 performance, quality and conformation.

104  
105 Effective: December 31, 2026 or when approved by USEF/EC

106  
107 (If a Standard resolution, the effective date will be December 31 of the year after the Convention)

108

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

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

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115 None

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

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119 Contact Person:

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121 SUBMITTED BY: Professional Horsemen's Committee Region Number:  
122  Member Organization  Committee  Commission  Board  Region (*check one* )  
123 Who voted:  Members  Board  Delegates (*check voting body*)  
124 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 96 Number of Yes votes: 28 Number of No votes: 7  
125 How vote was taken:  mail  email/other electronic means  phone  meeting (*check one*) (**Must have Quorum  
126 with majority of yes votes**)  
127 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: At the AHA Office (*Must have printed documentation on file*)  
128 Date vote taken: August 12-15, 2025  
129 Contact Person: John P. Power (*Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw*)  
130 Phone: (941) 565-7670 Email: jpower2726@gmail.com

1 SUBJECT: Clarifying Country English Pleasure (USEF/EC)

Amendment 1 (Blue)

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

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

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8 CONVENTION ACTION:

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10  Approved  Approved with Modification  Disapproved

11

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) Subchapter AR-8 &amp; Subchapter AR-23

16

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

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19 Whereas, Country pleasure since its inception has looked to separate itself from English pleasure and be a more  
20 relaxed and easier way of going class, and

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22 Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, asking for a "STRONG TROT" and/or a "HAND GALLOP" goes against  
23 what the class title implies, and,

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25 Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, focusing on the finer points of Country Pleasure like attitude, smooth  
26 transitions and quiet mouths, etc. would be a better barometer for what's important, and

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28 Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, the halt and back portion of the required "test" in all Country classes has  
29 proven to be ineffective and time consuming while walking on a loose rein has been found as an adequate  
30 barometer of a "Country" attitude, and

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32 Whereas, Changing the word "Trot" to read "Country Trot" and implementing the above-mentioned changes will  
33 help to bring separation and identity to the Country division; Therefore, Be It

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35 Resolved, That the AR sections contained in Subchapter AR-8 Country Pleasure Section be amended by striking out,  
36 inserting and renumbering the following:

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38 AR135 Conduct

39 1. Competitors enter the ring in a counterclockwise direction, at the ~~normal~~ **Country** Trot.

40 2. Light contact must be maintained with all reins at all gaits.

41 3. It is imperative that the horse gives the distinct appearance of being a pleasure to ride.

42 4. All gaits must be performed with willingness and obvious ease, cadence, balance and smoothness.

43 5. It is mandatory that horses be asked to halt on the rail, stand quietly, back and walk off on a loose rein at least one  
44 direction of the ring. A true flat walk must be demonstrated on a loose rein with horse's neck relaxed and head  
45 slightly lowered. Failure to demonstrate a true flat walk MUST be penalized.46 **6. A back is optional and may be called for on the rail or in line-up.**

47 6. A quiet, responsive mouth is paramount.

48 7. High action at the canter or **Country** Trot must be penalized. Rider to post the trot.

49        8.9. Extreme speed at the **Country** Canter or **Country** Trot must be penalized.

50        9.10. For Country English Pleasure performance criteria, see AR Country English Pleasure Chart below.

	Good	Minor Fault	Major Fault	Elimination General Items
<b>Country</b> Walk	relaxed flat footed moving forward	a few hesitant strides	jigging, anxious not walking, standing or consistent circling in a corner	Blood in the mouth, chin shoulder or flanks (AR105.6)
<b>Country</b> Trot	cadenced unhurried, moderate shift of balance point	a few missed steps varied speed	break of gait aggressive gait extreme speed extreme shift of balance point high action, i.e. consistently trotting over level	lame (AR105.1 - must be serviceably sound) whip marks (AR105.6) abusive treatment (AR105.4)
<b>Country</b> Canter	straight and true	crooked varied speed	chargy wrong lead cross cantering high action	dangerous to other exhibitors (AR105.5)
<b>Country</b> Hand Gallop	<b>true change of gait longer stride</b>	<b>minimal change of stride</b>	<b>cross cantering change of lead extreme speed</b>	rearing, running backwards, bucking, out of control
<b>Stop, back, walk on a loose rein</b>  <b><i>The back is optional</i></b>	<b>straight square halt, straight unhurried back, relaxed walk with lowered frame relaxed gathering of the reins</b>	<b>crooked halt premature back crooked back hesitant walk slight resistance to the gathering reins</b>	<b>antsy or no halt refusal to back forced back no loose rein chargy or no walk no lowered frame no relaxed lowered frame major resistance to the gathering of reins</b>	(AR105.5 - these would be examples of dangerous to others and possibly rider)  fall of horse or rider, if due to bad manners of horse (AR109.1-3)
				Horses with an unnatural tail carriage (see AR105.2b) must be positioned last in the class. BOD 6/20/23 Effective 12/1/23

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53        AR137 Qualifying Gaits

1. **Country** Walk, a four-beat gait: To be true, flat-footed and ground covering.
2. **Normal Country** Trot, a two-beat gait: To be an overall balanced, relaxed, easy-going trot with elasticity and freedom of movement.
3. **Country** Strong Trot, a two-beat gait: To be faster with lengthened stride, maintaining balance, ease and freedom of movement.
4. **3-*Country*** Canter, a three-beat gait: To be smooth, unhurried, straight and correct on both leads.
5. **Country** Hand Gallop: To be a faster gait, lengthened stride and controlled, straight and correct on both leads.

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62        AR138 Country English Pleasure Class Specifications

1. OPEN. To be shown at a **Country** Walk, **normal Country** Trot, **Country Strong Trot**, **and-*Country*** Canter and **Country Hand Gallop**. To be judged on attitude, manners, performance, quality and conformation.
2. AMATEUR. To be shown at a **Country** Walk, **normal Country** Trot and **Country** Canter. To be judged on attitude, manners, performance, quality, conformation and suitability of horse to rider.
3. LADIES, GENTLEMEN. To be shown at a **Country** Walk, **normal Country** Trot and **Country** Canter. To be judged on attitude, manners, performance, quality, conformation and suitability of horse to rider.
4. JUNIOR HORSE To be shown at a **Country** Walk, **normal Country** Trot and **Country** Canter. To be judged on attitude, manners, quality, and performance.; and, Be It Further

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72 Resolved That the AR sections contained in Subchapter AR-23 Country Pleasure Driving Section be amended by  
 73 striking out and adding the following:

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75 AR198 Conduct

76 1. Competitors enter the ring in a counterclockwise direction at the ~~normal~~ **Country** Trot ....

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78 AR200 Qualifying Gaits

79 1. **Country** Walk, a four-beat gait: To be true, flat-footed and ground covering.

80 2. ~~Normal~~ **Country** Trot, a two-beat gait: To be an overall balanced, relaxed, easy-going trot with elasticity and

81 freedom of movement. High action MUST be penalized.

82 3. **Country** Strong Trot, a two-beat gait: To be faster with lengthened stride, maintaining balance, ease and freedom

83 of movement. High action MUST be penalized.

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85 AR201 Country Pleasure Driving Class Specifications

86 1. OPEN. To be shown at the **Country** Walk ~~and~~ **normal** **Country** Trot ~~and~~ **Country** Strong Trot. To stand quietly and

87 back readily. To be judged on attitude, manners, performance, quality and conformation.

88 2. AMATEUR, LADIES, GENTLEMEN. To be shown at a **Country** Walk ~~and~~ **normal** **Country** Trot ~~and~~ **Country** Strong

89 **Trot**. To stand quietly and back readily. To be judged on attitude, manners, performance, quality, conformation

90 and suitability of horse to driver.

91 3. JUNIOR HORSE. To be shown at a **Country** Walk ~~and~~ **normal** **Country** Trot ~~and~~ **Country** Strong Trot. To stand quietly

92 and back readily. To be judged on attitude, manners, quality and performance.

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

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

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98 RESOLUTION TYPE (REQUIRED): Standard   Extraordinary  "If indicated as "Extraordinary", the

99 proponent must list reasons which establish Chapter 9, RULE 101.3.a. has been met)

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

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104 None

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

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108 Contact Person:

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110 SUBMITTED BY: Professional Horsemen Committee Region Number:

111  Member Organization  Committee  Commission  Board  Region (check one )

112 Who voted:  Members  Board  Delegates (check voting body)

113 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 96 Number of Yes votes: 26 Number of No votes: 10

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

116 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: At the AHA Office (Must have printed documentation on file)

117 Date vote taken: August 12-15, 2025

118 Contact Person: John Power (Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw)

119 Phone: (941) 565-7670 Email: jpower2726@gmail.com

## 1 SUBJECT: Addition of Low Working Hunter 2'6" – Open Division to AHA Recognized Classes (USEF/EC)

2 (STANDARD)

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

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

Committee Action:

Approve

Disapprove

Competition Advisory Committee			
Hunter/Jumper Committee			
Sport Horse National Show Commission			
USEF Arabian Division Committee			

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## 7 CONVENTION ACTION:

8  Approved  Approved with Modification  Disapproved9  Withdrawn  Referred to Committee10 PROPOSED CHANGE: *(Check one)*  Add new rule  Delete existing rule  Change existing text

11 Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) USEF AR166

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

13 Whereas, There is currently no rated Open Working Hunter class specifically designated for fence height 2'6" in the Arabian Division, and

14 Whereas, The current class options either fall below (2'0", unrated) or above (2'9", Modified Working Hunter), creating a significant developmental gap for horses and riders progressing through the hunter pipeline, and

15 Whereas, The 2'6" height is widely recognized as a fundamental and popular entry-level division in both breed and open hunter competition environments, and

16 Whereas, Creating a Low Working Hunter – Open (2'6") class will better serve the needs of horses and exhibitors transitioning from unrated or beginner levels and align with green eligibility standards, Therefore Be It

17 Resolved, That USEF AR166, be amended by inserting a new point 3 and renumbering the remaining section as follows:

## 18 AR166

19 1. Regular Hunter Divisions/Classes to be determined as follows (Note: any class offered at an AHA approved show that does not specifically adhere to the following nomenclature and specifications will be considered an unrated class):

## 20 a. Open:

21 1. Working Hunter - Open 2'. Horses are not required to jog for soundness.  
22 2. Combined Hunter over fences - 2'3" and 2'6" - at the discretion of show management, this division/class(es) may be run as individual classes or as a combined class. When classes are combined, horses can compete at the height of their choice. Horses may only compete once per class and the height (2'3" or 2'6") must be declared to the ingate/whipper prior to the start of the class. Failure to declare which height that the rider wishes to compete at prior to the start of the class will default the entry to the maximum height. If multiple classes or a division is offered at competition, horses may change the height in which they jump each class. This class is an unrated class only and cannot be offered at Regionals or National Championship shows. Horse are not required to jog for soundness.23 3. ***Low Working Hunter – Open - 2'6"***

24 4. Modified Working Hunter Over Fences – Open - 2'9"....(re-number rest of chapter) and, Be It Further

51 Resolved, That this class be added as an official rated class within the Arabian Working Hunter Division, eligible for  
52 qualifications and Regional/National Championship inclusion.  
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54 Effective: December 31, 2026, or when approved by USEF/EC  
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56 (If a Standard resolution, the effective date will be December 31 of the year after the Convention)  
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58 RESOLUTION TYPE (REQUIRED): Standard  Extraordinary \_\_\_\_\_ "If indicated as "Extraordinary", the  
59 proponent must list reasons which establish Chapter 9, RULE 101.3.a. has been met)  
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62 PROPONENTS FINANCIAL IMPACT (REQUIRED): Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 102.6. & 102.7 for financial requirements  
63

64 Boosts Participation: Shows may see increased overall participation and revenue from expanded opportunity, especially at  
65 smaller or regional events seeking to grow hunter divisions. No Added Expense to AHA: AHA will not incur any direct  
66 expense in administering or tracking this class, as it integrates into existing class/qualification systems.  
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68 AHA IMPACT STATEMENT: (*To be completed by AHA Staff*)  
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70 Contact Person:  
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72 SUBMITTED BY: Hunter/Jumper Committee Region Number:

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

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

75 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 57 Number of Yes votes: 40 Number of No votes: 1

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

78 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: Google forms (**Must have printed documentation on file**)

79 Date vote taken: July 13, 2025

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

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1 SUBJECT: Dressage/Western Dressage Warm Up (USEF/EC)

Amendment 1 (Blue)

2 (EXTRAORDINARY)

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

Competition Advisory Committee			
Dressage/Western Dressage Committee			
USEF Arabian Division Committee			

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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 AR177.2

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

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19 Whereas, The existing rules were originally intended to separate Dressage exhibitors from non-dressage exhibitors (Western Pleasure, Country Pleasure, etc.), and

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21 Whereas, Since Dressage and Western Dressage classes can run in the same dressage courts, Competition Management must divide the warm-up space, and

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23 Whereas, Competition management faces difficulties when show facilities lack large enough and available warm up areas to allow for required divided warm up areas for Traditional and Western dressage exhibitors, thereby having to create smaller than optimal areas leading to inadequate and unfair warm up, and

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25 Whereas, Competition managers are faced with additional financial strain if additional warm up areas must be rented to remain rule compliant; Therefore, be it,

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27 Resolved, That USEF AR177.2 be amended by adding a new point b. as follows:

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

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31 b. *Competition Management will have the discretion to allow the Western Dressage exhibitors, following the Western Dressage Equipment/Attire rules, to warm up in the same warm up arena as the Dressage exhibitors. At competition management's discretion, Western Dressage and Dressage exhibitors may be permitted to use the same schooling area simultaneously.* and, Be It Further

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33 Resolved, That the remaining section be re-lettered.

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

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

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

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42 Horse welfare: example - an upper-level horse having to warm up for a test in small divided warm-up area that doesn't allow them to warm up their horse in such a way that it is ready for extensions and half pass etc.

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

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

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61 Contact Person:

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63 SUBMITTED BY: Dressage/Western Dressage Committee Region Number:

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

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

66 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 125 Number of Yes votes: 68 Number of No votes: 1

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

69 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: Zoom file, AHA **(Must have printed documentation on file)**

70 Date vote taken: June 8-14, 2025

71 Contact Person: Laurie Salmi

72 Phone: (407) 866-5767 Email: laurieannsalmi68@gmail.com

1 SUBJECT: Modifying Chain Use in Sport Horse In-Hand (USEF/EC)

2 (EXTRAORDINARY)

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

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

Committee Action:  
Approve Disapprove

Competition Advisory Committee			
Education/Evaluation Commission			
Sport Horse Committee			
Sport Horse National Show Commission			

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6 CONVENTION ACTION:

7  Approved  Approved with Modification  Disapproved

8  Withdrawn  Referred to Committee

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

10 Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) USEF Subchapter AR-17

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

12 Whereas, The safety of exhibitors, show staff, and horses should be of upmost importance, and

13 Whereas, Concerns have been raised about the practicality of the SHIH rules related to horses shown in halters, and

14 Whereas, Chain pressure under the chin can encourage some young horses to invert and rear, and

15 Whereas, At USDF shows, the most common method of using a stud chain with a halter is over the nose, and

16 Whereas, USDF Sport horse handler clinic instructors recommend chains be used over the nose for control and safety, and

17 Whereas, USEF AR183.1 prohibits the use of a chain over the nose when showing with a leather halter; Therefore,  
Be It

18 Resolved, USEF AR183.1 be amended by striking out and inserting as follows:

19 1. Whether used with a bridle or halter, a properly fitted chain should be short enough to prevent the horse from getting it in their mouth and should never be placed ~~over the nose or~~ through the mouth. **When used with a bridle, the chain must never be placed over the nose.** Competitors with non-conforming appointments will be eliminated from judging consideration.

20 Effective: December 31, 2025 or when approved by USEF/EC

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

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

23 This resolution will have a positive impact on the safety and well-being of horses, exhibitors, and competition staff. It will immediately address the safety concerns of showing young horses in SHIH.

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

52 None

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

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56 Contact Person:

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58 SUBMITTED BY: Sport Horse Committee Region Number:

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

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

61 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 149 Number of Yes votes: 103 Number of No votes: 6

62 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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64 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: With Committee Chair (**Must have printed documentation on file**)

65 Date vote taken: May 27, 2025

66 Contact Person: Jennette Aubert, Committee Chair (**Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw**)

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1 SUBJECT: Assigning Who Selects Patterns for Nationals (USEF/EC)

Amendment 1 (Blue)

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

Competition Advisory Committee			
Education/Evaluation Commission	O		
Equitation>Showmanship Committee	O		
National Shows Directorate	O		
Sport Horse National Show Commission	O		
USEF Arabian Division			
U.S. National Show Commission			
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 AR287.9

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

18

19 Whereas, AHA hires some non-USEF judges at their National Shows, and

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21 Whereas, These judges may not be familiar with the quality of our exhibitors and therefore do not know which  
22 patterns are best for said exhibitors, and

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24 Whereas, The judges and the exhibitors want patterns that best fit the exhibitors' skill levels, and

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26 Whereas, All the classes are judged by panels of up to 5 judges and, since the call judge for a particular class may  
27 not be aware of the exhibitors' skill level, said judge may not choose the most appropriate pattern for that  
28 class, and

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30 Whereas, The Judges and Stewards Commissioner is familiar with the needs of the judges and exhibitors and knows  
31 the strengths of the individual judges, and

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33 Whereas, The National shows have a steward check the patterns for any errors before the patterns are released to  
34 the exhibitors and judges, and

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36 Whereas, The National shows release their patterns in advance of the show so the patterns must be vetted way in  
37 advance of the shows; Therefore, Be It

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39 Resolved, That USEF AR287.9 be amended by striking out and inserting as follows:

40 At all AHA Regional and AHA National Competitions ***and Canada's National Arabian Championship*** the Call Judge  
41 shall prepare in writing and have a pattern posted at least 24 hours prior to the first section of the Eliminations. ***At***  
42 ***all National Competitions, the Judges & Stewards Commissioner's office will assign which judge or group is***  
43 ***responsible for the pattern choices*** Subsequent patterns are to be available immediately following the last working  
44 section of each phase. (Exception: Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences, testing of top four. In determining the  
45 Champion and Reserve Champion in the AHA Hunter Seat Equitation Medal Final, the test will not be posted in  
46 advance and will be determined by the Call Judge).

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48 Effective: December 31, 2026 or when approved by USEF/EC  
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50 (If a Standard resolution, the effective date will be December 31 of the year after the Convention)  
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52 RESOLUTION TYPE (REQUIRED): Standard  Extraordinary  "If indicated as "Extraordinary", the  
53 proponent must list reasons which establish Chapter 9, RULE 101.3.a. has been met)  
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56 PROPONENTS FINANCIAL IMPACT (REQUIRED): Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 102.6. & 102.7 for financial requirements  
57 None  
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59 AHA IMPACT STATEMENT: (*To be completed by AHA Staff*)  
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61 Contact Person:  
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63 SUBMITTED BY: National Shows Directorate Region Number:  
64  Member Organization  Committee  Commission  Board  Region (*check one* )  
65 Who voted:  Members  Board  Delegates (*check voting body*)  
66 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 11 Number of Yes votes: 7 Number of No votes: 0  
67 How vote was taken:  mail  email/other electronic means  phone  meeting (*check one*) (*Must have Quorum  
with majority of yes votes*)  
68  
69 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: With the Chair (*Must have printed documentation on file*)  
70 Date vote taken: March 27, 2025  
71 Contact Person: Cynthia Richardson (*Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw*)  
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1 SUBJECT: Dressage Seat Equitation Rule update (USEF/EC)

Amendment 1 (Blue)

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

Competition Advisory Committee			
Dressage/Western Dressage Committee			
Education/Evaluation Commission			
Equitation>Showmanship Committee			
USEF Arabian Division Committee			

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8 CONVENTION ACTION:

9

10  Approved  Approved with Modification  Disapproved

11

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) AR298.11

16 AR298.11

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

18

19 Whereas, The requirements for the Dressage Seat Equitation Medal individual work are three tests (AR299.20.g),  
20 and

22 Whereas, The Dressage Seat Equitation rule AR298.11 does not indicate this requirement, and

24 Whereas, To be consistent with AR299.20.g; Therefore, Be It

26 Resolved, That USEF AR298.11 be amended by inserting the following:

27

28 11. In Regional and National Championship shows, all riders in a class must perform ~~at least three or more~~  
29 independent tests. The judges may, at their discretion, choose to require independent tests in Recognized  
30 shows, and they may select any number of riders in the class to perform one or more independent tests.

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

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

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

38

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

41

42 None

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

45

46 Contact Person:

47

48 SUBMITTED BY: Dressage/Western Dressage Committee

Region Number:

## RESOLUTION 11 - 25

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

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

51 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 125 Number of Yes votes: 54 Number of No votes: 0

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

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

55 Date vote taken: July 27, 2025

56 Contact Person: Laurie Salmi

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1 SUBJECT: Dressage/Western Dressage Walk Trot 11 & Over Rule Language clarification (USEF/EC)

2 (STANDARD)

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

4

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

6 Committee Action:  
Approve      Disapprove

Competition Advisory Committee			
Dressage/Western Dressage Committee			
Education/Evaluation Commission			
USEF Arabian Division Committee			

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8 CONVENTION ACTION:

9

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 AR317

16

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

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19 Whereas,      In the opinion of the proponent, the Walk Trot 11 & over division continues to develop and should match  
20                    the Walk Trot 10 & under division, and

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22 Whereas,      In the opinion of the proponent, it is important that the rules reflect the same requirements and  
23                    guidelines, and

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25 Whereas,      USEF rule AR317 needs to be updated to align with AR309; Therefore, Be It

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27 Resolved,      That USEF AR317 be changed by striking out and inserting the following in AR317.g and creating a new  
28                    AR317.h as follows:

29

30 g. ~~Western Dressage Introductory Walk-Jog Tests must not be combined with any other class. Dressage Seat Equitation~~  
31 ~~and Introductory Walk-Trot tests must be judged by a Dressage Judge.~~

32 h. ***Western Dressage Introductory Walk-Jog Tests must not be combined with any other class (Requires Western***  
***Dressage Judge)***

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

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

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

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

44

45 None

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

48

49 Contact Person:

50

## RESOLUTION 12 - 25

51 SUBMITTED BY: Dressage/Western Dressage Committee Region Number:

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

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

54 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 125 Number of Yes votes: 69 Number of No votes: 0

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

57 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: Zoom File, AHA (**Must have printed documentation on file**)

58 Date vote taken: June 8-14, 2025

59 Contact Person: Laurie Salmi

60 Phone: (407) 866-5767 Email: laurieannsalmi68@gmail.com

1 SUBJECT: Amend Resolution #2-07 to Add Additional Internal Audit Committee Members  
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3 (STANDARD)  
 4 Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 101 & 102 for submission requirements.  
 5

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

Board of Directors			
Budget & Finance Committee			
Internal Audit Committee	0		

7 CONVENTION ACTION:  
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10        Approved        Approved with Modification        Disapproved  
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12        Withdrawn        Referred to Committee \_\_\_\_\_  
 13

14 PROPOSED CHANGE: **(Check one)**    Add new rule    Delete existing rule    Change existing text  
 15 Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC)  
 16

17 RESOLUTION: Use ***bold/italic*** for new wording, ~~strikethrough~~ to indicate deletion  
 18

19 Whereas,       At the meeting of the Internal Audit Committee at the 2024 Annual Convention there was discussion to  
 20 increase the number of members of this committee to assist the accounting staff with tasks; and  
 21

22 Whereas,       It is the recommendation of the current board of directors to add additional responsibilities for the  
 23 Internal Audit Committee; and  
 24

25 Whereas,       It is imperative that the Internal Audit Committee be independent in both fact and appearance; therefore,  
 26 be it  
 27

28 Resolved,       That AHA CBP 22.c be amended by striking out and inserting as follows:  
 29

30       c. Composition: **Three (3) ~~Five (5)~~ Board of Director** members elected by the Board of Directors; **Every Three (3) audit**  
 31 **committee members** must be a member of the Board of Directors **and two (2) members must be an AHA Adult**  
**Member in good standing. The two members will be elected annually by the Board of Directors.**  
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34 Effective:       December 31, 2026  
 35

36 (If a Standard resolution, the effective date will be December 31 of the year after the Convention)  
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38 RESOLUTION TYPE (REQUIRED): Standard   Extraordinary \_\_\_\_\_ "If indicated as "Extraordinary", the  
 39 proponent must list reasons which establish Chapter 9, RULE 101.3.a. has been met)  
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42 PROPONENTS FINANCIAL IMPACT (REQUIRED): Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 102.6. & 102.7 for financial requirements  
 43

44 Minimal time to update the Handbook, Directors' Manual, and website  
 45

46 AHA IMPACT STATEMENT: **(To be completed by AHA Staff)**  
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48 Contact Person:  
 49

50 SUBMITTED BY: Internal Audit Committee

Region Number:

## RESOLUTION 13 - 25

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

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

53 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 4 Number of Yes votes: 4 Number of No votes: 0

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

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

57 Date vote taken: August 11, 2025

58 Contact Person: Cricket Gates (*Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw*)

59 Phone: (717) 579-1565 Email: cjgatesman@gmail.com

1 **SUBJECT: Eliminate the Resolution Mailing**

Amendment 1 (Blue)

2 **(EXTRAORDINARY)**

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

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

Committee Action:

Approve

Disapprove

Annual Convention Planning Committee			
Board of Directors			
Budget & Finance			

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8 CONVENTION ACTION:

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10  Approved  Approved with Modification  Disapproved11  Withdrawn  Referred to Committee \_\_\_\_\_12  
13 PROPOSED CHANGE: **(Check one)**  Add new rule  Delete existing rule  Change existing text  
14 Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC)15  
16 RESOLUTION: Use ***bold/italic*** for new wording, ~~strikethrough~~ to indicate deletion

17 Whereas, We are continually moving toward an electronic society, and

18 Whereas, The printing and collating of the resolution mailing takes staff time, and

19 Whereas, Mailing costs have increased significantly, and

20 Whereas, By eliminating the production of and mailing costs associated with the resolutions would help AHA's  
21 bottom line, and22 Whereas, There is a current provision in RULE 101.4.b which states: "All resolutions will be made available for  
23 electronic download not later than 45 days preceding the next Annual Convention." ; Therefore, Be It24 Resolved, That AHA RULE 101.4.c be ~~eliminated amended~~ by striking out as follows:25  
26 c. ~~Printed copies, if requested, will be mailed to the delegate(s) of the Member Organization, upon convention  
27 registration, not later than 45 days preceding the next Annual Convention. (Res. 4-08) (Res. 2-11)~~

28 Effective: December 31, 2025

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

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31 RESOLUTION TYPE (REQUIRED): Standard  Extraordinary  "If indicated as "Extraordinary", the  
32 proponent must list reasons which establish Chapter 9, RULE 101.3.a. has been met)  
33 Financial well-being of AHA.

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

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36 Will currently save approximately \$4,500 in mailing cost. This cost will increase in the future as we see additional postal  
37 increases. Additional cost of staff time to print, collate and stuff the mailing.38 AHA IMPACT STATEMENT: **(To be completed by AHA Staff)**39  
40 Contact Person:

53 SUBMITTED BY: Annual Convention Planning Region Number:

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

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

56 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 4 Number of Yes votes: 4 Number of No votes: 0

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

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

60 Date vote taken: July 30, 2025

61 Contact Person: Michelle Werts (*Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw*)

62 Phone: (573) 424-4565 Email: Michelle@PerspectiveFarms.com

1 SUBJECT: Increasing the Number of Members on the Education & Evaluation Commission

2 (EXTRAORDINARY)

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

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

6 Committee Action:  
Approve      Disapprove

Board of Directors			
Budget & Finance Committee			
Education/Evaluation Commission			
Resolution 5-90 Committee			

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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)      Resolution 5-90, Part VI as revised November 2024.

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

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19 Whereas,      The current composition of the Education and Evaluation Commission (EEC) is nine (9) individuals. The scope of the contributions from these volunteers throughout the entire year has expanded considerably, and;

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21 Whereas,      At least one member of the EEC has historically been a Steward, or both a Steward and Judge, and this needs to be a requirement; Therefore, Be It

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23 Resolved,      That Resolution 5-90, Part VI, Education and Evaluation Commission, item 12 be revised by striking out and inserting as follows:

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**VI. Education/Evaluation Commission**

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26 12. The Commission will consist of ~~nine (9)~~ **eleven (11) members**, elected by the Board of Directors. The Commission is to consist of any member of AHA who ideally would have relevant experience in the area of educational program development and/or delivery.

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28      **g. One of the members is to be currently licensed as a USEF Category 2 Steward or as an EC Steward.**

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30 Effective:      December 31, 2025

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

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

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36 We request that this resolution be considered Extraordinary so that we can lighten the educational load of our current members while maintaining the year-round programs that are either developed or in the process of being developed.

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

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40 The added expense to the Education/Evaluation budget would include travel, lodging, and meals for the dates of the Exhibitor/Judges School and Seminar. This expense could be potentially and partially offset by the savings of guest speaker fees (\$500/day).

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

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53 Contact Person:  
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55 SUBMITTED BY: Resolution 5-90 Committee Region Number:  
56  Member Organization  Committee  Commission  Board  Region (*check one* )  
57 Who voted:  Members  Board  Delegates (*check voting body*)  
58 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 5 Number of Yes votes: 4 Number of No votes: 0  
59 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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61 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: J&S Electronic file (*Must have printed documentation on file*)  
62 Date vote taken: August 8, 2025  
63 Contact Person: Peter Conway (*Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw*)  
64 Phone: (352) 234-7988 Email: peter@conwayarabians.com

1 **SUBJECT: Competition Eligible Horse Certification**

2 *(STANDARD)*

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

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

Committee Action:

Approve

Disapprove

Amateur Committee		
Board of Directors		
Budget & Finance Committee		
Competition Advisory Committee		
Professional Horsemen Committee		
Registration Commission		

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7 CONVENTION ACTION:

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9  Approved  Approved with Modification  Disapproved

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

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

14 Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) AHA Handbook in chapters indicated below

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

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18 Whereas, The welfare, health, and safety of Arabian horses is of primary importance to the Association and its  
19 members; and

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21 Whereas, A primary mission of the Equine Welfare Committee is to reduce stress experienced by Arabian bred  
22 horses; and

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24 Whereas, A primary mission of the Membership Committee is to grow the membership of the Association through  
25 all categories of members; and

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27 Whereas, Many Arabian and part Arabian horses end up, often through no fault of their own, sold through low end  
28 auctions and “kill pens”, separated from their registration papers; and

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30 Whereas, multiple studies have determined that equines suffer great stress in the kill pen pipeline, including  
31 gastroenteric disorders, heat stress, prolonged hunger and thirst, respiratory disorders, resting problems,  
32 restrictions of movement, and sensory overstimulation (EFS Panel of Equine Health and Welfare- EFSA  
33 Journal 2025, <https://doi.org/10.2903/ijfsa.2025.9178>); and

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35 Whereas, The Arabian 300 Club, alone, has assisted with rescue of 4,912 Arabian bred horses, between 2016 and  
36 2024, according to the statistics posted on their website; and Love This Horse Arabian rescue has assisted  
37 with 749 in that same period; and

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39 Whereas, At the same time, membership in the Association has continued to decrease; and

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41 Whereas, Having the ability to compete in breed classes helps to make a horse more marketable and less likely to be  
42 placed into and/or returned to the kill pen cycle; and

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44 Whereas, Current technology allows a horse that has been registered to be identified through DNA testing; and

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46 Whereas, AHA REG 126 currently reads:

47 REG 126. TRANSFER WITHOUT SIGNATURE OF RECORDED OWNER

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49 Whenever legal title to a registered horse passes to another by reason of death of the recorded owner, by  
50 reason of foreclosure of any lien or by any order or decree of court, or otherwise by operation of law, the  
51 AHA Registry may transfer the registration of such horse to the new owner:

52 1. Upon order of a court of competent jurisdiction or other satisfactory proof of authority for the transfer;  
53 2. Upon payment of the transfer fee and any reasonable costs and expenses of investigation; and  
54 3. Upon satisfaction of such other requirements as may be defined by the AHA Registry., and

55 Whereas, The time and expense of a judicial proceeding to obtain a court order can often be prohibitive, for many  
56 persons who acquire horses that have been separated from their registration, and

57 Whereas, The average cost of a small trial typically is between \$25,000 and \$50,000 (<https://www.stimmel-law.com/en/articles/cost-benefit-american-litigation>); and

58 Whereas, Lawful owners of previously registered horses present an opportunity to grow the Association's  
59 membership and revenues by generating additional unknown DNA tests and certifying previously  
60 registered horses as eligible to compete in breed shows and competitions, while providing for the welfare  
61 of known registered Arabian and part-Arabian horses; Therefore, Be It

62 Resolved, That the Table of Contents for Chapter 11 of the AHA Handbook and the titles within such Chapter 11 be  
63 amended by inserting "**and Competition Eligible Horse Certificate**" after "Registration" in the COMP 2  
64 and COMP 207 section titles, and; Be It Further

65 Resolved, That COMP 207 be amended by inserting a new Paragraph 4 as follows:

66 4. **A COMPETITION ELIGIBLE HORSE CERTIFICATE will be issued for a horse proven by their DNA to  
67 have been previously registered as either a purebred, half-Arabian, or Anglo-Arabian, but for which  
68 the recorded owner is not willing or able to transfer the registration of the horse to the horse's  
69 lawful owner. For purposes of the foregoing, a lawful owner is:**

70 (i) **a person who would be considered a bona fide purchaser of the horse for value under the law,  
71 being someone who has acquired the horse through a good faith purchase or inheritance; or**  
72 (ii) **someone who has acquired ownership of the horse from a state licensed rescue, in states which  
73 license rescue organizations, or**  
74 (iii) **501 (c)(3) organization, in states that do not license rescue organizations, after the hold period  
75 required by law in the state where the rescue occurred.**

76 a. **A good faith purchase may be shown through a bill of sale that is not contested by the recorded full  
77 registration owner within sixty days of notice being delivered to the last known address of the last  
78 recorded owner. Such notice shall be issued by AHA through both email and certified mail, return  
79 receipt, if requested by the person claiming ownership of the horse following DNA testing, and such  
80 person has paid to AHA the then established postal service rates for certified mail return receipt  
81 delivery of such notice. If the horse is acquired from a licensed rescue or 501(c)(3) organization in  
82 compliance with applicable law, only email notice is required. The sole bases for the recorded full  
83 registration owner to contest the issuance of a COMPETITION ELIGIBLE HORSE CERTIFICATE are that  
84 (i) the recorded full registration owner sold the horse to the person requesting the COMPETITION  
85 ELIGIBLE HORSE CERTIFICATE or a member of their immediate family and/or a business entity in  
86 which they have an ownership interest or vice versa, and payment or part of the payment is still  
87 owed to the recorded full registration owner; or (ii) a court has determined that the applicant was  
88 not a bona fide purchaser and/or the applicant receiving a COMPETITION ELIGIBLE CERTIFICATE for  
89 the horse would violate the lawful rights of the recorded full registration owner. In this regard, the  
90 Association will recognize any distinction a court or the involved parties would make, in regard to  
91 the activities the COMPETITION ELIGIBLE CERTIFICATE horse could engage in; so that if, for  
92 example, the horse was only to be prohibited from being shown, it might still receive a  
93 COMPETITION ELIGIBLE CERTIFICATE to qualify to compete in distance rides and/or the recreational  
94 riding program, etc. .**

102 b. *Horses with a COMPETITION ELIGIBLE CERTIFICATE will not be recognized for purposes of breeding; but are allowed to compete at breed shows as Arabians, half-Arabians, or Anglo-Arabians, as their DNA determines, for all purposes except (i) classes intended to showcase breeding stock and (ii) classes for which a breeder or prior owner has nominated the horse and paid a nomination or other fee, such as Arabian Breeder's Sweepstakes, Arabian Halter Futurity, and the Arabian Performance Futurity/Maturity Derby Program.*

103 c. *"A Competition Eligible Certificate will be sufficient for the horse to compete at a Regional or National show or in the Arabian Performance Futurity/Maturity Derby Program or other prize money classes where the current owner has paid all involved fees,* and Be It Further

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105 113 Resolved, That COMP 207, Section 1, be amended to read: "See USEF/EC Rules for complete Registration **and/or Competition Eligible Horse Certification** requirements for all horses and for registration **and/or Competition Eligible Horse Certification** requirements for horses being shown in Amateur Owner classes. Note, the owner must be recorded with the appropriate registry and must meet the family definition to compete in AO/AAO/JO classes, **or the owner must be the owner of record of a Competition Eligible Horse Certificated horse to compete it in AO/AAO/JO classes**"; and Be It Further

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108 120 Resolved, That the first sentence of COMP 207, Section 2, be amended to add "**or Competition Eligible Horse Certificate**" following "registration certificate", and Be It Further

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111 123 Resolved, That COMP 207, Section 2 (a), be amended to read as follows: "In the case of a lessee, pending transfer, contract of sale, or cash sale, a copy of the registration certificate **or Competition Eligible Horse Certificate, as applicable**, must be submitted, along with proof of lease or ownership and these documents must be attached to the copy of the registration **or Competition Eligible Horse Certificate** and must contain the correct registered name and number of the horse, date, and the signature of the seller or lessee. This requirement is good only for Open and AT/AAT/JT classes, and Be It Further

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113 130 Resolved, That COMP 207, Section 3, be amended to read as follows: "Horses must be registered **or certificated** in order to have results recorded. (Refer to COMP 603.4.f.) and Be It Further

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116 133 Resolved, That COMP 301, Section 9 (a), be amended by inserting "**or Competition Eligible Horse Certificate**" after "registration certificate", and Be It Further

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119 136 Resolved, That COMP 401, Section 3, be amended to read as follows: "Must provide space for the horse's registered name and number **or, for Competition Certificated horses, for their Competition Eligible Horse Certification number.**" and Be It Further

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122 139 Resolved, That COMP 603.4.f be amended by inserting as follows:

123 f. List the name and registration numbers of all horses. Only horses with permanent registration numbers will be recorded. Horses shown with a pending registration number and their rider, driver, handler will not be recorded. (BOD 1/02). **For horses with A COMPETITION ELIGIBLE HORSE CERTIFICATE, the number on that Certificate will be recorded,** and Be It Further

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126 147 Resolved, That COMP 603, Section 6 (a), be amended by inserting "**or Competition Eligible Horse Certificate**" after "registration", and Be It Further

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129 150 Resolved, That REQ 106, Section 15, be amended by inserting "**or competition**" after "registration", and Be It Further

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132 153 Resolved, That REQ 109, Section 1 (a), be amended by inserting "**or competition certified**" after "registered", and Be It Further

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134 156 Resolved, That REQ 112, Section 3, be amended by inserting "**or competition certified**" after "registered", and Be It Further

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159 Resolved, That QUAL 101, Section 15 (a), be amended by inserting “**or Competition Eligible Horse Certificate**” after  
160 “Certificate of Registration”, and Be It Further

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162 Resolved, That QUAL 109, Section 1, be amended by inserting “**or competition certified**” after “registered”, and Be It  
163 Further

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165 Resolved, That QUAL 117 be amended by inserting “**or competition certified**” after “registered”, and Be It Further

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167 Resolved, That CT 102, sub-section 1 (a) (i) and (ii), be amended by inserting “**or Competition Eligible Horse  
168 Certification**” after “registration”, and Be It Further

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170 Resolved, That CT 113, sub-section 1 (a), be amended by inserting “**or Competition Eligible Horse Certificate**” after  
171 “Certificate of Registration”, and Be It Further

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173 Resolved, That CT 113, sub-section 1 (b), be amended by inserting “**or Competition Eligible Horse Certification**”  
174 after “registration”, and Be It Further

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176 Resolved, That END 103, Section 2 (a), be amended by inserting “**or competition certified**” after “registered”; and  
177 “**or Competition Eligible Horse Certificate, as applicable**” after “registration papers”, and Be It Further

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179 Resolved, That END 104, Section 1, be amended by inserting “**or Competition Eligible Horse Certification**” after  
180 “registration”, and Be It Further

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182 Resolved, That END 106 be amended by inserting “**or competition certified**” after “registered”, and Be It Further

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184 Resolved, That END 110, Section 1, be amended by inserting “**or Competition Eligible Horse Certification**” after  
185 “registration”, and Be It Further

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187 Resolved, That END 112, Section 1 (a), be amended by inserting “**or competition certified**” after “registered” and “**or  
188 Competition Eligible Horse Certificate, as applicable**” after “registration papers”, and Be It Further

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190 Resolved, ***That as it is anticipated that the foregoing resolution will cause a financial impact on the Arabian Horse  
191 Association, to modify its data base and/or software programs to incorporate and maintain the  
192 Competition Eligible Horse Certification program, fees to certify or transfer a horse with a Competition  
193 Eligible Horse Certification be established by the Board of Directors, based on the recommendation of a  
194 new Competition Eligible Horse Certification Committee to be formed and charged with the duty of  
195 administrating the program, and Be It Further***

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197 Resolved, ***That such fees be established and adjusted from time to time, if necessary, to bring the certification and  
198 transfer fees in line with the costs of creating and maintaining the Competition Eligible Horse Certification  
199 program, using the fees generated both through certification and transfer of Competition Eligible Horse  
200 Certification horses; and through fees generated through competitions at which such horses compete;  
201 and the committee will provide a report to the AHA Board of Directors from time to time and Be It Further***

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203 Resolved, That ACH 101, Paragraph 3 be amended by inserting as follows:

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205 3. All horses must be registered by the Arabian Horse Registry of America, Inc., the Canadian Arabian  
206 Horse Registry, the Half-Arabian Registry, or the Anglo-Arabian Registry or the Canadian Partbred  
207 Arabian Register ***or a COMPETITION ELIGIBLE HORSE CERTIFICATE issued by AHA (See COMP 207,  
208 4.), and Be It Further***

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210 Resolved, ***That USEF SUBCHAPTER AR -1 rules be amended to include a COMPETITION ELIGIBLE HORSE  
211 CERTIFICATE as an alternative to a certificate of registration, and Be It Further***

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213 Resolved, That REC 102, Section 2, be amended by inserting “**or holding a Competition Eligible Horse Certificate**”  
214 after “registered”, and Be It Further

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216 Resolved, That MEM 102, Section 4 (a), be amended by inserting "***or holding a Competition Eligible Horse Certificate***" after "registered", and Be It Further

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219 Resolved, That PERF 104, Section 1, be amended by inserting "***or Competition Eligible Horse Certification***" after "registration", and Be It Further

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222 Resolved, That PERF 106, Section 1, be amended to read: "Horses must be registered with AHA, CAHR, or CPAR and possess a current Certificate of Registration ***or Competition Eligible Horse Certificate; provided that horses for whom a prior owner nominated the horse and paid the nomination fee may not be shown in Performance Futurity/Maturity/Derby classes, unless the new owner holds the Certificate of Registration in their name or the prior owner who nominated the horse approves, in writing, for the horse to be competed with a Competition Eligible Horse Certificate***", and Be It Further

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229 Resolved, That PERF 106, Section 2, be amended by inserting "***or Competition Eligible Horse Certification***" after "registration", and Be It Further

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232 Resolved, That PERF 107, Section 11, be amended by inserting "***or Competition Eligible Horse Certificate, as applicable***" after "Certificate of Registration", and Be It Further

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235 Resolved, That ACH 101, Section 1, be amended by inserting "***or have a Competition Eligible Horse Certificate***" to the end of such Section, and Be It Further

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238 Resolved, That ACH 101, Section 6, be amended by inserting "***or holding a Competition Eligible Horse Certificate***" after "registered", and Be It Further

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241 Resolved, That ACH 102, Section 6, be amended by inserting "***or holding a Competition Eligible Horse Certificate***" after "registered", and Be It Further

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244 Resolved, That AWD 104, be amended by inserting "***or Competition Certified***" after "registered", and Be It Further

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246 Resolved, That AWD 105, Sections 4 and 6, be amended by inserting "***or Competition Certified***" after "registered", and Be It Further

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249 Resolved, That AWD 106, Section 1, be amended by inserting "***or Competition Certified***" after "registered", and Be It Further

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252 Resolved, That AWD 107, Section 2 (b), be amended by inserting "***or Competition Certified***" after "registered", and Be It Further

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255 Resolved, That AWD 108, Section 1, be amended by inserting "***or Competition Certified***" after "registered", and Be It Further

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258 Resolved, That AWD 111, Section 1 (c), be amended by inserting "***or Competition Certified***" after "registered", and Be It Further

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261 Resolved, That YTH 109, Section 1, be amended by inserting "***or Competition Certified***" after "registered", and "***or Competition Eligible Horse Certification***" after "registration", and Be It Further

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264 Resolved, That SUS 102, Section 1 (c), be amended by inserting "***or Competition Eligible Horse Certificate***" after "registration", and Be It Further

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267 Resolved, That SUS 102, Section 3 (d), be amended by inserting "***or Competition Eligible Horse Certificate***" after "registration", and Be It Further

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270 Resolved, That SUS 103, Section 4, be amended by inserting "***or Competition Eligible Horse Certificate***" after "registration", and Be It Further

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273 Resolved, That MEM 105, Section 1 (c) and sub-sections (1), (2), and (3), be amended by inserting “**or Competition**  
274 **Eligible Horse Certificate**” after “registration papers”, and Be It Further

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276 Effective: December 31, 2026

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

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

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

284 The proponent has obtained a bid to prepare a stand alone database of \$15,000.

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286 **AHA IMPACT STATEMENT:**

287 Note: a stand alone database will not tie into the current database and do the functions requested.

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289 A total of 424 hours estimated to modify the HRS system, 300 hours estimated to modify the website, 150 hours estimated  
290 for Web Services, Back Office and PARS changes. \$87,000 estimated to implement.

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292 Contact Person: Bill Arakali – bill.arakali@arabianhorses.org

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295 **SUBMITTED BY:** Equine Welfare **Region Number:**  
296  Member Organization  Committee  Commission  Board  Region (**check one** )  
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298 Who voted:  Members  Board  Delegates (**check voting body**)  
299 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 134 Number of Yes votes: 54 Number of No votes: 0  
300 How vote was taken:  mail  email/other electronic means  phone  meeting (**check one**) (**Must have Quorum**  
301 **with majority of yes votes**)  
302 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: At the AHA Office (**Must have printed documentation on file**)  
303 Date vote taken: May 19, 2025  
304 Contact Person: Sue Schultz (**Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw**)  
305 Phone: (618) 624-3478 Email: sschultz@sandbergphoenix.com

1 SUBJECT: Work-Off Procedure for National Championship Hunter Seat Equitation Over Obstacles Classes (USEF/EC)  
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3 (STANDARD)

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

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 6 Committees required to review: *(This section to be completed by the Agenda & Resolutions Committee)* Committee Action:  
 Amateur Committee      Approve      Disapprove  
 Competition Advisory Committee      Approve      Disapprove  
 Equitation/Showmanship Committee      Approve      Disapprove  
 Hunter/Jumper Committee      Approve      Disapprove  
 Sport Horse National Show Commission      Approve      Disapprove  
 USEF Arabian Division Committee      Approve      Disapprove  
 Youth Committee      Approve      Disapprove

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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 AR288.2.b.6.

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

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 19 Whereas,      The current rules under AR288.2 (Hunter Seat Equitation Over Obstacles) outline course requirements,  
 20 but do not define a standardized procedure for conducting a work-off at National Championships; and

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 22 Whereas,      The absence of a clearly defined work-off protocol can lead to inconsistency in judging and confusion  
 23 among exhibitors, particularly at the national level where placings carry significant weight; and

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 25 Whereas,      A structured and transparent work-off procedure enhances fairness, promotes exhibitor understanding,  
 26 and strengthens the integrity of the equitation division; and

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 28 Whereas,      Protocol for other National Championship equitation classes differ considerably from Hunter Seat  
 29 Equitation Over Obstacles; and

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 31 Whereas,      The intent of Equitation Over Obstacles classes includes evaluating the rider's ability to interpret and  
 32 respond to instruction under pressure in addition to demonstrating technical riding ability; Therefore, Be  
 33 It

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 35 Resolved,      That AR288.2.b.6 be amended to include a new subsection j, with the following language added:

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 37      j. ***In National Championship Equitation Over Obstacles classes, the top four exhibitors shall be brought back  
 into the ring for a work-off at the judges' direction. Once the instructions are read aloud, exhibitors must  
 remain in the ring and will complete the work-off individually in the test order specified by the judges. The  
 returning four will ride in the reverse order of the judges' placings, i.e., fourth, third, second, first.  
 Interpretation of the work-off instructions shall be considered part of the judging criteria. Questions may be  
 asked prior to the start of the work-off. Obstacles included in the work-off must have been part of the  
 original course and must be jumped in the original direction unless otherwise specified.***

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 39 Effective:      December 1, 2026, or when approved by USEF/EC

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

## RESOLUTION 17 - 25

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

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

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

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58 Contact Person:

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60 SUBMITTED BY: Sport Horse National Show Commission Region Number:  
61  Member Organization  Committee  Commission  Board  Region (*check one* )  
62 Who voted:  Members  Board  Delegates (*check voting body*)  
63 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 6 Number of Yes votes: 6 Number of No votes: 0  
64 How vote was taken:  mail  email/other electronic means  phone  meeting (*check one*) (**Must have Quorum  
with majority of yes votes**)  
65 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: In the minutes (**Must have printed documentation on file**)  
66 Date vote taken: July 28, 2025  
67 Contact Person: Jim Porcher (*Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw*)  
68 Phone: (505) 228-6865 Email: jsporcher@icloud.com

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:

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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		

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8 CONVENTION ACTION:

9  Approved  Approved with Modification  Disapproved10  Withdrawn  Referred to Committee11 PROPOSED CHANGE: **(Check one)**  Add new rule  Delete existing rule  Change existing text

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

13 RESOLUTION: Use **bold/italic** for new wording, ~~strikethrough~~ to indicate deletion14 Whereas, Because the handler is being judged in this class, and only one back number is issued per horse, there  
15 would be no way to differentiate handlers if the same horse were shown multiple times, therefore a horse  
16 may only be shown once in this class; and17 Whereas, The popularity of Sport Horse In Hand Showmanship has grown considerably in recent years, drawing  
18 more exhibitors from a variety of disciplines; and19 Whereas, There has been ongoing confusion among exhibitors and judges regarding the proper stance and  
20 presentation for horses in Sport Horse In Hand Showmanship; and21 Whereas, The quarter system is traditionally associated with stock horse showmanship classes and is not aligned  
22 with the presentation standards or judging emphasis of Sport Horse In Hand classes; and23 Whereas, Clarifying that horses are not to be shown or judged using the quarter system will help ensure consistent  
24 expectations and judging across all Sport Horse In Hand Showmanship classes; and25 Whereas, Providing a clear definition of "open position" will improve exhibitor understanding, enhance fairness in  
26 competition, and support the integrity of the Sport Horse In Hand Showmanship division; Therefore, Be It

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

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

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

31 c. The horse is to be shown in an "open position." The traditional way of showing open position would be with  
32 the right front leg slightly back and the right hind leg slightly forward; also acceptable **is** all four legs of the  
33 horse ~~are being~~ visible to the judge when standing on either side of the horse. The horse's head and neck  
34 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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