

RESOLUTION 1 - 25**SUBJECT: AHA Bylaw Governance Change (Bylaws 2/3rds vote)****Amendment 1 (Blue)****(EXTRAORDINARY)**

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

Committee Action:

Approve

Disapprove

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

AHA 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

CONVENTION ACTION:

_____ Approved

_____ Approved with Modification

_____ Disapproved

____ Withdrawn _____ Referred to Committee _____

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

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

- Whereas, The purpose of the Arabian Horse Association (the Association) is to *Aid, promote and foster the preservation and use of purebred Arabian Horses and the Arabian breed; as well as Half-Arabians and Anglo-Arabian horses*, and
- Whereas, The membership of the Association, registrations of Arabian horses, and transfers of Arabian horse ownerships has been in a state of continuous decline, and
- Whereas, Outside consulting firms engaged by the Association in 2003 and again in 2007 identified the structure of the Association as an impediment to operating in a business-like manner or responding to changing circumstances and challenges; identified the unwieldy size of the board as a cause of that circumstance; and recommended a reduction in the size of the Board, and
- Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, it is necessary and desirable to modify the structure of the Association in a manner that allows for the implementation of good business practices and provides for participation of the membership at large in the selection of management, while at the same time preserving the rights and privileges of the individual organizations that are components of the Association, and
- Whereas, In accordance with Article XVI of the Association Bylaws, The Purebred Arabian Trust has consented to the adoption of the following Resolution amending the Association Bylaws, and
- Whereas, The majority of delegates at the 2024 AHA Convention approved a Reconstruction Resolution and the Convention as a whole expressed a desire that some modifications be made to that proposed Resolution before approving it by the required 2/3rds majority, and,
- Whereas, The President of AHA formed a special Restructuring Resolution Modification Committee consisting of members with various viewpoints, specifically with equal numbers of members that had voted for and against the 2024 Resolution, and,
- Whereas, The Restructuring Resolution Modification Committee worked diligently for several months through all aspects of the 2024 proposed Resolution making improvements through modifications and additions to it, and,
- Whereas, The Restructuring Resolution Modification Committee unanimously agreed that reworked Restructuring Resolution is in the best interest of the Arabian Horse Association and its membership; Therefore, Be It
- Resolved, That AHA Article IV., Section 1., paragraph c. "Regional Director Duties" be amended by adding a new subparagraph (v) to read as follows:

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

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

~~Section 3. of Article IV Paragraph f. National Council~~

- (i) A National Council consisting of the eighteen Regional Directors is hereby established for the purposes set forth herein.**
- (ii) The Members of the National Council at its first meeting shall elect a Presiding Officer and Secretary to serve until a successor is elected. Any vacancy occurring shall be filled at the next meeting of the National Council.**

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

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

Section 3. Powers of the Board of Directors

Paragraph a. Annual Budget and Authority.

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

- (i) *The Board of Directors shall have final authority to approve the annual operating budget and shall have all power to take any action not inconsistent with law, with the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws, the Merger Agreement, or except as provided in subparagraph (ii) herein, with any duly enacted resolution of the Annual Convention. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board of Directors shall have no power to take any action regarding the rules, policies, practices, and procedures applied to the Arabian Horse Registry or the Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Horse Registry.*
- (ii) *A Resolution by the Board that amends or replaces a resolution previously adopted by the Delegates at an Annual Convention (an Amendatory Resolution) shall take effect on the thirtieth (30th) day following adoption unless prior to that date the Secretary of the Association has received either:*
 - (a) *a written certification from the Presiding Officer of the National Council that at a meeting of the National Council no fewer than a majority of all members of the National Council voted to disapprove the Amendatory Resolution; or*
 - (b) *written objection to the adoption of the Amendatory Resolution from no fewer than a majority of all members of the National Council.*
- (iii) *Immediately upon adoption by the Board of an Amendatory Resolution, the Secretary of the Association shall furnish each member of the National Council by US mail, postage prepaid, by email or by personal service, as well as each Adult and Life Member (having an email address on file),*
 - (a) *a copy of the Amendatory Resolution adopted by the Board;*
 - (b) *a statement from the Board explaining why the Amendatory Resolution is necessary and in the best interests of the Association;*
 - (c) *the date upon which the Amendatory Resolution will become effective unless disapproved in the manner provided above.* and, Be It Further

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

Paragraph f. Eligibility to Vote.

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

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

Section 1. Qualifications

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

Section 2. Enumeration

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

- (i) An Executive Committee numbering seven (7) composed of a President and a Vice President, each elected by the membership at large at an Annual Convention; a Treasurer and a Secretary, each appointed by the Board; the immediate past President of the Association; and two At-Large Vice Presidents ~~directors~~ appointed to the Executive Committee by the Purebred Arabian Trust; and*
- (ii) Seven (7) additional Board members selected as follows: (a) three (3) Directors nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected by the Membership of the Association in attendance at an Annual Convention; (b) three (3) Directors elected by the National Council established pursuant to these Resolutions, and (c) one (1) Director appointed by the Purebred Arabian Trust.*
- (iii) Subject to the provisions of subparagraph (v) hereof, the directors elected by the Credentialed Voting Members shall be elected and serve for a term of three (3) years. The Directors appointed by the Purebred Arabian Trust will serve at the pleasure of the Trust.*
- (iv) The President and Vice President shall be elected and serve a term of two (2) years and are eligible to serve no more than three (3) consecutive terms. The appointed Treasurer and Secretary shall serve a term of two (2) years with no term limits.*
- ~~(v) To facilitate continuity necessary and beneficial to the Board's functions, only a portion of the elected Board members should stand for election or appointment at any Annual Convention. There is, therefore, hereby created Class A Directorships, Class B Directorships and Class C Directorships for the Directors elected by a plurality vote of the Membership.~~*
- ~~(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 Director for an initial term of two (2) years; and Class C Director for an initial term of one (1) year. At Annual Conventions thereafter all Classes of Directors shall be elected to three (3) year terms. The terms of National Council Members, appointed by the National Council, to the Board shall correspond with their term on the National Council.~~*
- ~~(vii) Excluding the President, Vice President and the three Directors appointed by the Purebred Arabian Trust, the initial Class A Director to be elected by a plurality vote of the membership shall be the first name on an alphabetized list of the last names of the Directors elected by the membership; the initial Class B Director shall be the next name; and the Class C Director shall be the last name on that alphabetized list. Thereafter all Directors to be elected by a plurality vote of the membership shall have a three-year term. A successor director shall have the same classification as the director whom he or she succeeds regardless of alphabetizing.~~*

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 2. Enumeration

The Board of Directors shall consist of the following persons:

Paragraph a. — Past President

The Immediate Past President.

Paragraph b. — Officers

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

Paragraph c. Regional Directors

A Director from each of the Regions as defined in Article IV, Section 1.

Paragraph d. — At Large Directors

There shall be four (4) At Large Directors initially selected by the AHRA prior to the Merger with and into Arabian Horse 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. Thereafter, two (2) of the four (4) At Large Directors shall be selected by the Trustees each year at the time of the

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

~~Section 3. Selection of Regional and At-Large Directors~~

~~Paragraph a.~~

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

~~Paragraph b.~~

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

~~Section 4. Regional and At-Large Directors Term and Limitation~~

~~Paragraph a.~~

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

~~Paragraph b.~~

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

~~Section 5. Regional and At-Large Directors Vacancies~~

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

~~Section 3-2-6. Meetings~~

~~Paragraph a. Annual Meeting.~~

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

~~Paragraph b. Special Meetings.~~

~~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 Board, in either case upon ten (10) days' notice by first-class prepaid mail, or five (5) days' notice delivered personally or by telephone or electronic mail. Such notice shall state the time and place of the meeting and shall be deemed given at the time when personally delivered, deposited in the mail, sent by electronic mail or orally transmitted to recipient via telephone.~~

~~Paragraph c. Quorum.~~

~~At any meeting of the Board, the presence of a majority of Directors shall constitute a quorum to transact business.~~

~~Paragraph d. Regional Vice-Chair and At-Large Director Alternates.~~

~~Elected Regional Vice-Chairs and alternate At-Large Directors appointed by the Trustees may attend any open meeting of Arabian Horse Association's Board of Directors when the Regional Director is present. Regional Vice-Chairs and alternate At-Large Directors shall be entitled to attend any Board of Directors meeting and vote and shall count in determining a quorum of the Board of Directors if, and only if, the Regional Director or At-Large Director is absent.~~

~~Paragraph d e. Participation in Meetings by Conference Telephone.~~

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

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

- ~~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:
(a) Votes in writing for such action; or
(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.~~
- ~~2. The notice required by subsection 1 of paragraph f shall state:
(a) The action to be taken; and
(b) The time by which a Director must respond; and
(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
(a) Any other matters the Arabian Horse Association determines to include.~~
- 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.**
- 2. The notice required by subsection 1 of paragraph e shall state:
(a) The action to be taken; and
(b) The reason the action must be taken without a meeting; and
(c) The time by which a Director must respond; and**
- ~~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.~~
- 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.**

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

- (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.
- (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

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

Paragraph a.

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

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

Paragraph b.

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

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

Paragraph b.

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

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

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

Paragraph c.

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

- (i) ~~To develop a standard form to detail the relevant biographical information of each nominee and require each nominee to submit the standard biographical information form to the Nominating Committee at least ninety (90) days prior to the elections at the Annual Convention,~~
To require each nominee to complete a Candidate Questionnaire promulgated by the Nominating Committee addressing, among other matters, the candidate's experience, knowledge and expertise in financial matters, organizational skills, communication skills, and a history of involvement with the Arabian Breed, and to submit the same to the Nominating Committee by a date established, annually, by the Nominating Committee which will be published 30 days in advance of the submission date. Each nominee will be required to be available for interview by the Nominating Committee in person or electronically. The Nominating Committee shall also cause the Arabian Horse Association to distribute prior to election for the President, Vice-President and each of the three (3) Directors, to be elected by the Credentialed Members present at the convention, his or her biographical information as detailed on the standard biographical information form for each candidate put forward as determined by a majority vote of the Nominating Committee having determined each nominee meets the above requirements.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 8. Committee and Commission Assignments

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Contact Person:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Date vote taken: May 22, 2025

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

Phone: (352) 234-7988 Email: peter@conwayarabians.com

RESOLUTION 2 - 25

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

(STANDARD)

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

Committee Action:

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

Competition Advisory Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sport Horse National Show Commission	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
USEF Arabian Division Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
U.S. National Show Commission	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth/Mid-Summer National Show Commission	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

CONVENTION ACTION:

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PROPOSED CHANGE: (**Check one**) ☐ Add new rule ☐ Delete existing rule ☒ X. Change existing text
 Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) USEF GR1211.4.g

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

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

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

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

g. The maximum number of competition rings being used simultaneously at any point during the competition will be counted for the purposes of GR1211. If the number of competition rings being used simultaneously changes within a competition day, competition management is permitted to adjust the number of Stewards and/or TDs in accordance 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.***

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

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

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

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*
56 *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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SUBJECT: Soundness (USEF/EC)

Amendment 2 (Pink)

(EXTRAORDINARY)

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

Committee Action:

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

Approve

Disapprove

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

CONVENTION ACTION:

_____ Approved _____ Approved with Modification _____ Disapproved

_____ Withdrawn _____ Referred to Committee _____

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

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

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

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

- Whereas, Welfare of the Arabian horse is paramount to the Arabian Horse Association and its members, exhibitors and owners, and
- Whereas, The Morgans, Saddlebreds, Hackneys, Roadsters, and National Show Horses all require soundness in their rules of the USEF as follows:
- MO102.3
 - Entries shall be serviceably sound and in good condition. Animals with complete loss of sight in one eye may be found serviceably sound at the judge's discretion, except in a class over fences where a judge may ask a rider to change horses.
 - SB103.2
 - All horses must be serviceably sound. In In-Hand classes for sires and dams or prospective sires and dams, transmissible unsoundness only shall be considered. Horses must not show evidence of lameness, broken wind or complete loss of sight in both eyes.
 - HK102.4
 - TO BE PENALIZED...Horses and ponies must be serviceably sound, i.e., must not show evidence of lameness or broken wind.
 - RD103.1
 - Horses and ponies must be serviceably sound.
 - NS102.1
 - Soundness is required.
- Whereas, It is the desire of the Arabian Division Rules Committee and our Association to ensure Arabian rules support promotion of the welfare of the horse; Therefore, Be It
- Resolved, That USEF AR105.1 be amended by striking out the following:
AR105 Conduct, Specifications, Soundness and Welfare of the Horse
1. All horses, ~~except horses entered in Sub Chapter 28 Equitation and Sub Chapter 29 Showmanship classes,~~ must be serviceably sound. and, Be It Further
- Resolved, That USEF AR 170.2 be amended by striking out and inserting the following:
AR170 Working Hunter Championship Ties

2. If all tied horses are declared unsound, ~~selection of the winner among such tied competitors is left to the discretion of the judges~~ **the entries are eliminated**; and Be It Further

~~Resolved, That USEF AR182.5.5 and 182.5.4 be amended by striking out and inserting the following:~~
AR182 Sport Horse Scoring In-hand Procedures
~~5—Sufficient (some concern for heritability or of soundness)~~
~~4—Insufficient (definite concern for heritability or of soundness); and Be It Further~~

Resolved, That USEF AR190.2(b) be stricken as follows
AR190 Sport Horse Showmanship
b. ~~Unsoundness of the horse being shown shall not penalize a handler unless it is sufficiently severe as to impair the required performance, in which case penalty is at the judge's discretion.; and Be It Further~~

~~Resolved, That USEF AR287.5 be amended as follows:~~
5. Equitation classes must be conducted according to EQ107 and judged in accordance with EQ102.2-12.
Exception: Western Horsemanship, Reining Seat Equitation and Dressage Seat Equitation

Resolved, That USEF AR300.2 be stricken as follows:
SUBCHAPTER AR-29 SHOWMANSHIP SECTION
AR300 General
~~2. Unsoundness of the horse being shown shall not penalize a handler unless it is sufficiently severe as to impair the required performance, in which case penalty is at the judge's discretion.~~

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RESOLUTION TYPE (**REQUIRED**): Standard _____ Extraordinary X _____ "If indicated as "Extraordinary", the proponent must list reasons which establish Chapter 9, RULE 101.3.a. has been met)
1. The health, safety, well-being of the horse as described in Rule 101.3.a.i.1

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

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

Contact Person:

SUBMITTED BY: USEF Arabian Division Committee

Region Number:

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

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

Total Number Eligible to Vote: 14 Number of Yes votes: 11 Number of No votes: 0

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

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

Date vote taken: August 11, 2025

Contact Person: Deborah Johnson, Chair (*Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw*)

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

(STANDARD)

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

Committee Action:

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

Approve

Disapprove

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

CONVENTION ACTION:

_____ Approved _____ Approved with Modification _____ Disapproved

_____ Withdrawn _____ Referred to Committee _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

None

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

Contact Person:

SUBMITTED BY: 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*
53 *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*)
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SUBJECT: The Importance of Suitability to Discipline When Adjudicating (USEF/EC)

(STANDARD)

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

Committee Action:

Approve

Disapprove

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

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

CONVENTION ACTION:

_____ Approved _____ Approved with Modification _____ Disapproved

_____ Withdrawn _____ Referred to Committee _____

PROPOSED CHANGE: (**Check one**) _____ Add new rule _____ Delete existing rule X Change existing text
Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) USEF AR133, AR137, AR142, AR146, AR150, AR154, AR162

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

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

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

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

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

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

Resolved, That USEF AR142 addressing Country 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 attitude, **suitability to discipline**, manners, performance, quality and conformation.
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.
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.
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

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

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

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

1. OPEN. To be shown at a walk, jog-trot, lope and hand gallop. Extreme speed to be penalized. To be judged on **suitability to discipline**, manners, performance, substance, quality, conformation and attitude. In the lineup, horses may be asked to back in a straight line with no additional testing, returning to the lineup at a walk. Horses may be asked to back on the rail.
2. AMATEUR. To be shown at a walk, jog-trot and lope. To be judged on manners, **suitability to discipline**, performance, suitability of horse to rider, substance, quality, conformation and attitude. In the lineup, horses may be asked to back in a straight line with no additional testing, returning to the lineup at a walk. Horses may be asked to back on the rail.
3. LADIES, GENTLEMEN. To be shown at a walk, jog-trot and lope. To be judged on manners, **suitability to discipline**, performance, suitability of horse to rider, substance, quality, conformation and attitude. In the lineup, horses may be asked to back in a straight line with no additional testing, returning to the lineup at a walk. Horses may be asked to back on the rail.
4. JUNIOR HORSE. To be shown at a walk, jog-trot and lope. To be judged on **suitability to discipline**, substance, quality, performance, manners and attitude. In the lineup, horses may be asked to back in a straight line with no additional testing, returning to the lineup at a walk. Horses may be asked to back on the rail. and, Be It Further

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

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

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

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

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

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

None

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

Contact Person:

SUBMITTED BY: Professional Horsemen’s Committee

Region Number:

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

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

Total Number Eligible to Vote: 96 Number of Yes votes: 28 Number of No votes: 7

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

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

Date vote taken: August 12-15, 2025

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

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SUBJECT: Clarifying Country English Pleasure (USEF/EC)

Amendment 1 (Blue)

(STANDARD)

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

Committee Action:

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

Approve

Disapprove

Amateur Committee			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		

CONVENTION ACTION:

_____ Approved _____ Approved with Modification _____ Disapproved

_____ Withdrawn _____ Referred to Committee _____

PROPOSED CHANGE: (**Check one**) _____ Add new rule _____ Delete existing rule X Change existing text
Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) Subchapter AR-8 & Subchapter AR-23

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

AR135 Conduct

- Competitors enter the ring in a counterclockwise direction, at the ~~normal~~ **Country Trot**.
- Light contact must be maintained with all reins at all gaits.
- It is imperative that the horse gives the distinct appearance of being a pleasure to ride.
- All gaits must be performed with willingness and obvious ease, cadence, balance and smoothness.
- 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 direction of the ring. A true flat walk must be demonstrated on a loose rein with horse's neck relaxed and head slightly lowered. Failure to demonstrate a true flat walk MUST be penalized.
- ~~A back is optional and may be called for on the rail or in line up.~~
- A quiet, responsive mouth is paramount.
- High action at the canter or **Country Trot** must be penalized. Rider to post the trot.

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

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

	Good	Minor Fault	Major Fault	Elimination General Items
Country 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)
Country 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)
Country Canter	straight and true	crooked varied speed	chagy wrong lead cross cantering high action	dangerous to other exhibitors (AR105.5)
Country Hand Gallop	true change of gait longer stride	minimal change of stride	cross cantering change of lead extreme speed	rearing, running backwards, bucking, out of control (AR105.5 - these would be examples of dangerous to others and possibly rider)
Stop, back, walk on a loose rein The back is optional	straight square halt, straight unhurried back, relaxed walk with lowered frame relaxed gathering of the reins	crooked halt premature back crooked back hesitant walk slight resistance to the gathering reins	antsy or no halt refusal to back forced back no loose rein chagy or no walk no lowered frame no relaxed lowered frame major resistance to the gathering of reins	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	

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.

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

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

AR198 Conduct

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

AR200 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. High action MUST be penalized.
3. **Country Strong** Trot, a two-beat gait: To be faster with lengthened stride, maintaining balance, ease and freedom of movement. High action MUST be penalized.

AR201 Country Pleasure Driving Class Specifications

1. OPEN. To be shown at the **Country** Walk ~~and normal Country~~ Trot and **Country Strong** Trot. To stand quietly and back readily. To be judged on attitude, manners, performance, quality and conformation.
2. AMATEUR, LADIES, GENTLEMEN. To be shown at a **Country** Walk ~~and normal Country~~ Trot and **Country Strong** Trot. To stand quietly and back readily. To be judged on attitude, manners, performance, quality, conformation and suitability of horse to driver.
3. JUNIOR HORSE. To be shown at a **Country** Walk ~~and normal Country~~ Trot and **Country Strong** Trot. To stand quietly and back readily. To be judged on attitude, manners, quality and performance.

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

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

None

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

Contact Person:

SUBMITTED BY: Professional Horsemen Committee

Region Number:

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

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

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

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

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

Date vote taken: August 12-15, 2025

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

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

(STANDARD)

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

Committee Action:

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

Approve

Disapprove

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

CONVENTION ACTION:

☐ Approved
 ☐ Approved with Modification
 ☐ Disapproved
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 ☐ Referred to Committee _____

PROPOSED CHANGE: (**Check one**) ☒ Add new rule
 ☐ Delete existing rule
 ☐ Change existing text
 Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) USEF AR166

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

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

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

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

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

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

AR166

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):

a. Open:

1. Working Hunter - Open 2'. Horses are not required to jog for soundness.
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.

3. Low Working Hunter – Open - 2'6"

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

RESOLUTION 7 - 25

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 ☒ X ☐ 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
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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*)

81 Phone: (505) 228-6865 Email: jsporcher@icloud.com

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

Amendment 1 (Blue)

(EXTRAORDINARY)

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

Committee Action:

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

Approve

Disapprove

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

CONVENTION ACTION:

☐ Approved
 ☐ Approved with Modification
 ☐ Disapproved
☐ Withdrawn
 ☐ Referred to Committee

PROPOSED CHANGE: (**Check one**) ☐ Add new rule ☐ Delete existing rule ☒ Change existing text
 Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) USEF AR177.2

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 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.
- 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

Resolved, That the remaining section be re-lettered.

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

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

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

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.

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

None

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

Contact Person:

SUBMITTED BY: Dressage/Western Dressage Committee

Region Number:

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

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

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

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

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

Date vote taken: June 8-14, 2025

Contact Person: Laurie Salmi

Phone: (407) 866-5767

Email: laurieannsalmi68@gmail.com

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

(EXTRAORDINARY)

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

Committee Action:

Approve Disapprove

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

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

CONVENTION ACTION:

____ Approved ____ Approved with Modification ____ Disapproved
____ Withdrawn ____ Referred to Committee _____

PROPOSED CHANGE: (**Check one**) ____ Add new rule ____ Delete existing rule ____X_ Change existing text
Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) USEF Subchapter AR-17

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

Whereas, The safety of exhibitors, show staff, and horses should be of utmost importance, and
Whereas, Concerns have been raised about the practicality of the SHIH rules related to horses shown in halters, and
Whereas, Chain pressure under the chin can encourage some young horses to invert and rear, and
Whereas, At USDF shows, the most common method of using a stud chain with a halter is over the nose, and
Whereas, USDF Sport horse handler clinic instructors recommend chains be used over the nose for control and safety, and
Whereas, USEF AR183.1 prohibits the use of a chain over the nose when showing with a leather halter; Therefore, Be It
Resolved, USEF AR183.1 be amended by striking out and inserting as follows:

- 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.

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

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

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

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.

PROPOSERS 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*
63 *with majority of yes votes)*

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)*

67 Phone: (610) 751-3700 Email: jennetteaubert@gmail.com

RESOLUTION 10 - 25

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

Amendment 1 (Blue)

(STANDARD)

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

Committee Action:

Approve

Disapprove

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

Committee	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	

CONVENTION ACTION:

_____ Approved _____ Approved with Modification _____ Disapproved

_____ Withdrawn _____ Referred to Committee _____

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

Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) USEF AR287.9

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLUTION 10 - 25

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

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

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

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

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

Contact Person:

SUBMITTED BY: National Shows Directorate

Region Number:

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

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

Total Number Eligible to Vote: 11 Number of Yes votes: 7 Number of No votes: 0

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

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

Date vote taken: March 27, 2025

Contact Person: Cynthia Richardson (*Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw*)

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RESOLUTION 11 - 25

SUBJECT: Dressage Seat Equitation Rule update (USEF/EC)

Amendment 1 (Blue)

(STANDARD)

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

Committee Action:

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

Approve

Disapprove

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

CONVENTION ACTION:

_____ Approved _____ Approved with Modification _____ Disapproved

_____ Withdrawn _____ Referred to Committee _____

PROPOSED CHANGE: (Check one) _____ Add new rule _____ Delete existing rule ☒ Change existing text

Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) AR298.11

AR298.11

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

None

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

Contact Person:

SUBMITTED BY: 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*
53 *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
57 Phone: (407) 866-5767 Email: laurieannsalmi68@gmail.com

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

(STANDARD)

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

Committee Action:

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

Approve

Disapprove

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

CONVENTION ACTION:

☐ Approved
 ☐ Approved with Modification
 ☐ Disapproved
☐ Withdrawn
 ☐ Referred to Committee _____

PROPOSED CHANGE: (Check one) ☐ Add new rule ☐ Delete existing rule ☒ Change existing text

Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) USEF AR317

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

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

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

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

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

- g. ~~Western Dressage Introductory Walk-Jog Tests must not be combined with any other class~~ ***Dressage Seat Equitation and Introductory Walk-Trot tests must be judged by a Dressage Judge.***
- h. ***Western Dressage Introductory Walk-Jog Tests must not be combined with any other class (Requires Western Dressage Judge)***

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

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

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

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

None

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

Contact Person:

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*
56 *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

SUBJECT: Amend Resolution #2-07 to Add Additional Internal Audit Committee Members*(STANDARD)*

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

Committee Action:

Approve

Disapprove

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

Board of Directors			
Budget & Finance Committee			
Internal Audit Committee	O		

CONVENTION ACTION:

_____ Approved

_____ Approved with Modification

_____ Disapproved

_____ Withdrawn

_____ Referred to Committee _____

PROPOSED CHANGE: (Check one) _____ Add new rule _____ Delete existing rule ☒ Change existing text

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

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

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

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

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

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

- c. Composition: ~~Three (3)~~ ***Five (5)*** ~~Board of Director~~ members elected by the Board of Directors; ~~Every Three (3)~~ ***audit 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.***

Effective: December 31, 2026

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

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

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

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

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

Contact Person:

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*
55 *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

SUBJECT: Eliminate the Resolution Mailing

Amendment 1 (Blue)

(EXTRAORDINARY)

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

Committee Action:

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

Approve

Disapprove

Annual Convention Planning Committee			
Board of Directors			
Budget & Finance			

CONVENTION ACTION:

☐ Approved
 ☐ Approved with Modification
 ☐ Disapproved
☐ Withdrawn
 ☐ Referred to Committee

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

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

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

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

Whereas, Mailing costs have increased significantly, and

Whereas, By eliminating the production of and mailing costs associated with the resolutions would help AHA's bottom line, and

Whereas, There is a current provision in RULE 101.4.b which states: "All resolutions will be made available for electronic download not later than 45 days preceding the next Annual Convention." ; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That AHA RULE 101.4.c be ~~eliminated~~ amended by striking out as follows:

~~c. Printed copies, if requested, will be mailed to the delegate(s) of the Member Organization, upon convention registration, not later than 45 days preceding the next Annual Convention. (Res. 4-08) (Res. 2-11)~~

Effective: December 31, 2025

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

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

Financial well-being of AHA.

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

Will currently save approximately \$4,500 in mailing cost. This cost will increase in the future as we see additional postal increases. Additional cost of staff time to print, collate and stuff the mailing.

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

Contact Person:

RESOLUTION 14 - 25

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*
58 *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

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

(EXTRAORDINARY)

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

Committee Action:

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

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

CONVENTION ACTION:

☐ Approved
 ☐ Approved with Modification
 ☐ Disapproved
☐ Withdrawn
 ☐ Referred to Committee _____

PROPOSED CHANGE: (**Check one**) ☐ Add new rule ☐ Delete existing rule ☒ Change existing text
 Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) Resolution 5-90, Part VI as revised November 2024.

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

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;

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

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

VI. Education/Evaluation Commission

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.

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

Effective: December 31, 2025

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

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

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.

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

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).

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

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SUBMITTED BY: Resolution 5-90 Committee

Region Number:

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

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Total Number Eligible to Vote: 5 Number of Yes votes: 4 Number of No votes: 0

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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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Where documentation of this vote is recorded: J&S Electronic file (*Must have printed documentation on file*)

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Date vote taken: August 8, 2025

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

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SUBJECT: Competition Eligible Horse Certification

(STANDARD)

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

Committee Action:

Approve Disapprove

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

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

CONVENTION ACTION:

____ Approved ____ Approved with Modification ____ Disapproved

~~XXX~~ Withdrawn Referred to Committee _____

PROPOSED CHANGE: (**Check one**) ☒ Add new rule ____ Delete existing rule ____ Change existing text
Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) AHA Handbook in chapters indicated below

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Whereas, AHA REG 126 currently reads:

REG 126. TRANSFER WITHOUT SIGNATURE OF RECORDED OWNER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(i) a person who would be considered a bona fide purchaser of the horse for value under the law, being someone who has acquired the horse through a good faith purchase or inheritance; or

(ii) someone who has acquired ownership of the horse from a state licensed rescue, in states which license rescue organizations, or

(iii) 501 (c)(3) organization, in states that do not license rescue organizations, after the hold period required by law in the state where the rescue occurred.

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

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- 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.*
- 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*

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 Certified horse to compete it in AO/AAO/JO classes**"; and Be It Further

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

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

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

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

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 Eligible Certified horses, for their Competition Eligible Horse Certification number.**" and Be It Further

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

- 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

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

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

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

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,	<i>That as it is anticipated that the foregoing resolution will cause a financial impact on the Arabian Horse</i>
191		<i>Association, to modify its data base and/or software programs to incorporate and maintain the</i>
192		<i>Competition Eligible Horse Certification program, fees to certify or transfer a horse with a Competition</i>
193		<i>Eligible Horse Certification be established by the Board of Directors, based on the recommendation of a</i>
194		<i>new Competition Eligible Horse Certification Committee to be formed and charged with the duty of</i>
195		<i>adminstrating the program, and Be It Further</i>
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197	Resolved,	<i>That such fees be established and adjusted from time to time, if necessary, to bring the certification and</i>
198		<i>transfer fees in line with the costs of creating and maintaining the Competition Eligible Horse Certification</i>
199		<i>program, using the fees generated both through certification and transfer of Competition Eligible Horse</i>
200		<i>Certification horses; and through fees generated through competitions at which such horses compete,</i>
201		<i>and the committee will provide a report to the AHA Board of Directors from time to time and Be It Further</i>
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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,	<i>That USEF SUBCHAPTER AR -1 rules be amended to include a COMPETITION ELIGIBLE HORSE</i>
211		<i>CERTIFICATE as an alternative to a certificate of registration, and Be It Further</i>
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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 <i>“or holding a Competition Eligible Horse Certificate”</i> after “registered”, and Be It Further
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219	Resolved,	That PERF 104, Section 1, be amended by inserting <i>“or Competition Eligible Horse Certification”</i> after
220		“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
223		possess a current Certificate of Registration <i>or Competition Eligible Horse Certificate; provided that</i>
224		<i>horses for whom a prior owner nominated the horse and paid the nomination fee may not be shown in</i>
225		<i>Performance Futurity/Maturity/Derby classes, unless the new owner holds the Certificate of</i>
226		<i>Registration in their name or the prior owner who nominated the horse approves, in writing, for the</i>
227		<i>horse to be competed with a Competition Eligible Horse Certificate</i> , and Be It Further
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229	Resolved,	That PERF 106, Section 2, be amended by inserting <i>“or Competition Eligible Horse Certification”</i> after
230		“registration”, and Be It Further
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232	Resolved,	That PERF 107, Section 11, be amended by inserting <i>“or Competition Eligible Horse Certificate, as</i>
233		<i>applicable”</i> after “Certificate of Registration”, and Be It Further
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235	Resolved,	That ACH 101, Section 1, be amended by inserting <i>“or have a Competition Eligible Horse Certificate”</i> to
236		the end of such Section, and Be It Further
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238	Resolved,	That ACH 101, Section 6, be amended by inserting <i>“or holding a Competition Eligible Horse Certificate”</i>
239		after “registered”, and Be It Further
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241	Resolved,	That ACH 102, Section 6, be amended by inserting <i>“or holding a Competition Eligible Horse Certificate”</i>
242		after “registered”, and Be It Further
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244	Resolved,	That AWD 104, be amended by inserting <i>“or Competition Certified”</i> after “registered”, and Be It Further
245		
246	Resolved,	That AWD 105, Sections 4 and 6, be amended by inserting <i>“or Competition Certified”</i> after “registered”,
247		and Be It Further
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249	Resolved,	That AWD 106, Section 1, be amended by inserting <i>“or Competition Certified”</i> after “registered”, and Be It
250		Further
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252	Resolved,	That AWD 107, Section 2 (b), be amended by inserting <i>“or Competition Certified”</i> after “registered”, and
253		Be It Further
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255	Resolved,	That AWD 108, Section 1, be amended by inserting <i>“or Competition Certified”</i> after “registered”, and Be It
256		Further
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258	Resolved,	That AWD 111, Section 1 (c), be amended by inserting <i>“or Competition Certified”</i> after “registered”, and
259		Be It Further
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261	Resolved,	That YTH 109, Section 1, be amended by inserting <i>“or Competition Certified”</i> after “registered”, and <i>“or</i>
262		<i>Competition Eligible Horse Certification”</i> after “registration”, and Be It Further
263		
264	Resolved,	That SUS 102, Section 1 (c), be amended by inserting <i>“or Competition Eligible Horse Certificate”</i> after
265		“registration”, and Be It Further
266		
267	Resolved,	That SUS 102, Section 3 (d), be amended by inserting <i>“or Competition Eligible Horse Certificate”</i> after
268		“registration”, and Be It Further
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270	Resolved,	That SUS 103, Section 4, be amended by inserting <i>“or Competition Eligible Horse Certificate”</i> after
271		“registration”, and Be It Further

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

Effective: December 31, 2026

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

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

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

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

AHA IMPACT STATEMENT:

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

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

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SUBMITTED BY: Equine Welfare

Region Number:

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

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

Total Number Eligible to Vote: 134 Number of Yes votes: 54 Number of No votes: 0

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

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

Date vote taken: May 19, 2025

Contact Person: Sue Schultz (**Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw**)

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

(STANDARD)

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

Committee Action:

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

Approve

Disapprove

Amateur Committee			
Competition Advisory Committee			
Equitation/Showmanship Committee			
Hunter/Jumper Committee			
Sport Horse National Show Commission			
USEF Arabian Division Committee			
Youth Committee			

CONVENTION ACTION:

_____ Approved _____ Approved with Modification _____ Disapproved

_____ Withdrawn _____ Referred to Committee _____

PROPOSED CHANGE: (**Check one**) ☒ Add new rule ☐ Delete existing rule ☐ Change existing text
Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) USEF AR288.2.b.6.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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

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49 RESOLUTION TYPE (**REQUIRED**): Standard X 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*
65 *with majority of yes votes*)

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

67 Date vote taken: July 28, 2025

68 Contact Person: Jim Porcher

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

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SUBJECT: Further Defining SHIH Showmanship (USEF/EC)

Amendment 3 (Yellow)

(STANDARD)

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

Committee Action:

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

Approve

Disapprove

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

CONVENTION ACTION:

_____ Approved _____ Approved with Modification _____ Disapproved

_____ Withdrawn _____ Referred to Committee _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Contact Person:

SUBMITTED BY: Sport Horse National Show Commission Region Number:

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

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

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

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

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

Date vote taken: August 15, 2026

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

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