



U.S.

National Rules

# 2025 USN Omnibus

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## **JUDGES**

*The management reserves the right to vary or add to this list. Panels and/or judge order are subject to change. These judges were selected by the Judges and Stewards Selection Committee.*

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TBA
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*Please refer to the Time Schedule for the judging panels.*

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**FEES:**

Class Entry Fees \$250  
**Exhibition Class Fee** \$125

**Cattle Fees**

C1 Herd \$200  
 C2 Working/Reined Cow/VRH Cow Work \$90  
 C3 Limited Reined Cow \$75

**Mandatory Fees** > per horse

Office Fee \$125  
 Education/Evaluation Fee (Res. 9-90) \$25  
 Scoring \$15

**Jackpot Fees** (JP5)

ABS AAOTR Classes \$500  
 Halter Futurity additional prize money (F3) \$100

**Post Fees** > Refer to Important Dates & Deadlines

Post Entry Fee (per horse) \$500/\$2,000  
 Late Class Post Fee \$100/\$500

**STALL FEES:**

\*Please DO NOT split the cost of tack stalls on your entry form

Horse Stall (each) \$350  
 Tack Stall (each) \$350  
 Turn Back Stalls for Herd Work Exhibitors \$200

For Herd Work Exhibitors only. Please send in an entry form.)

**MISC FEES**

Shavings per bag ( <b>subject to change</b> )	\$12
Late Rider /Scratch Change Fee	\$50
Five Judge Fee (J5)	\$50
Failure to Close Open Show Accounts	\$100
Non-Competing Horse Fee (Includes Office, Stall & Horse fee)	\$575
No show Fee (if not filed in office, per class)	\$200
USEF Fee per horse (\$16 drug, \$8 administration)	\$23

Removal of Stall Panel Bronco Barn Varies up to \$1000  
**(per Panel/Stall) and will result in the loss of being in the Bronco Barn in the future.**

**Use of Propane Water Heaters in Bronco Barn** \$500

**USEF Show Pass** Must be purchased online with USEF**Warm-ups** > online sign-ups only

Cow Practice	\$75
Reining Warm-up per horse	\$40
Trail Warm-ups per class	\$25
Mustang Warm-ups	\$25
<b>Ranch Riding Practice</b>	\$25

**OPTIONAL ITEMS:**

Equine Services	See form
*Souvenir Show Program	\$10

**\*Every Owner will receive a free show program with their entries\***

**PATRONSHIP/EVENT SPONSORSHIP:**

Class Sponsorship	\$300
Platinum Level Sponsorship	\$8,000
Gold Level Sponsorship	\$5,500
Silver Level Sponsorship	\$3,000
Farm Flag Sponsorship (Ford, Pavilion & Mustang)	\$775
Lighted Ford Walk Way Banner Sponsorship	\$3,000

**Arena Sign**

Video Side (Ford, Pavilion & Mustang)	\$750
Non-Video Side (Ford & Pavilion)	\$500

**Patronship**

Full	\$4,200
2 Person (No preferred stalling)	\$2,000
<b>Pavilion Tables</b> (must have a Full Patronship)	\$3,500
<b>Ford Truck (Patrons will have priority)</b>	\$3,000

**Additional Event Sponsorships are available.**

**Call AHA at (303) 696-4500 option #1 or email**  
[nationalevents@ArabianHorses.org](mailto:nationalevents@ArabianHorses.org)



## IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

The US Commission urges exhibitors to enter by the initial close of August 26 and no later than September 9

*The goal is to have a more accurate Tentative Schedule earlier, enabling exhibitors to plan travel, etc., earlier than in past years*

### **ENTRY DEADLINE – TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, MIDNIGHT (MT)**

### **POST ENTRY DEADLINES**

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

### **NEW HORSES**

- **Wednesday, August 27 through Tuesday, September 9** (New horses may be entered online)
  - \$500.00 per horse if qualified for any class before August 27, including classes that do not require qualifications.
- **Wednesday, September 10 through Monday, October 13@ 5 pm Local Time**
  - \$2,000.00 per horse if qualified for any class before August 27, including classes that do not require qualifications

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

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

- **Tuesday, August 26 through Tuesday, September 9**
  - Regular class fee plus \$100 late class fee. *Regardless of when qualified.*
- **Wednesday, September 10 through Monday, October 13 @ 5 pm Local Time**
  - Regular class fee plus \$500 late class fee. *Regardless of when qualified.*

**NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED AFTER October 13 @ 5 pm Local time for any reason.**

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

Horses and riders that enter by August 26 but are not qualified for some of class(es) but intend to qualify for the class(es) before the start of the National Show they are entering **PLEASE** enter the non-qualified class(es) and pay the fees.

*Entering non-qualified class(es) by August 26 helps determine if a class must be split, and a revised schedule can be published before the start of the show.*

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

**The class fee will be refunded if you do not qualify for the class.**

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

## ARRIVAL & STALLING INFORMATION

- Group Stabling Requests MUST be in-house /electronically dated by **Tuesday, September 9** and must list all horses and owners.
- **ARRIVAL** – Saturday, **October 11, NO** Arrivals before 7 AM **NO EXCEPTIONS**
- **DEPARTURE** – Stalls must be vacated by **Monday, October 27, 8 AM**

**BRONCO BARN. NO stall or parts of stalls are permitted to be removed. If you remove a panel, you will not get stabled in the Bronco Barn in the future. Removal of Stall Panel (per Panel/Stall) varies up to \$1000.**

## ENTRY REFUNDS

Please refer to **GR 8.10**

## SHOW ACCOUNTS

Please refer to **GR 18.7**

All open accounts must be closed by **5 PM** on the **last day of the show**, or management will close all remaining show accounts and may be assessed a Failure to Close Out fee of \$100.

## HORSES NOT ENTERED IN THE SHOW (NON COMPETING HORSES)

**Please refer to GR 31** Non-competing horses must be listed on the stall form.

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

## UNREGISTERED HORSES

**Please refer to GR 45**

## RIDER/HANDLER/EQUITATION HORSE CHANGES

**Please refer to GR 8.9**

The order of go in all equitation classes is random.

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

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

**11 AM > for Afternoon classes**

**4 PM > for Evening classes**

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

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

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

## SCRATCHES & NO SHOWS

**Please refer to GR 8.5**

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

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

**11 AM > for Afternoon classes**

**4 PM > for Evening classes**

**Scratches made after the deadline *without a vet scratch* will result in a late fee.**

**Scratches at the gate MUST file an official scratch form before the end of the session to avoid a no show fine.**

**Failure to file a scratch (NO SHOW) will result in a \$200 fine.**

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

**Exhibitors who scratch at the gate MUST still submit an official form.**

## CLASS SECTION REQUESTS

**Please refer to GR 8.6**

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

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

Class sections added to the schedule will be based on the number of entries received by the final close of entries on Monday, October 13, at 5 PM CT. Each day at noon, the number of entries for the following day's classes that are sectioned will be evaluated to determine if they are warranted. If sections are not justified, they will be canceled, and this information will be announced by 5 PM. Please note that any scratches submitted after the noon deadline will NOT be considered when deciding on section cancellations.

Notifications regarding canceled sections will be posted on the AHA App, announced publicly, and displayed on the results boards for the class. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to check and verify whether their sections will run. If you know you will not be showing, please be considerate of your fellow exhibitors and scratch before the cutoff time for cancellations.

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

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

## ARENA SIGNS

Arena signage may be purchased using the form on the AHA website. Space is limited and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. AHA will produce one 3' x 4' sign in the arena of your choice.

The logo for the signs must be emailed to [NationalEvents@ArabianHorses.org](mailto:NationalEvents@ArabianHorses.org) to AHA by **June 1**. The logo must be in .jpg or .png format and be in high resolution. AHA is not liable for exact color match. Please find the Sponsorship Form on the U.S. Nationals webpage or email [NationalEvents@ArabianHorses.org](mailto:NationalEvents@ArabianHorses.org) for more information or questions.

## AWARDS

### **Please refer to GR 5**

The awards room will be open for your convenience from October 17 - 26, from 8 AM until 30 minutes after classes.

**All awards not claimed by the show's close will be forfeited with no exceptions. No awards will be mailed.**

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

## PRIZE MONEY

If a prize money check issued BY AHA is not presented for payment by June 30 of the year following the year in which the prize money was won, the prize money shall be forfeited.

### **ARABIAN BREEDERS SWEEPSTAKES (ABS)**

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

The class list and time schedule will designate classes eligible for sweepstakes prize money.

#### **ABS AAOTR JACKPOT CLASSES**

**A horse co-owned by two distinct non-family members per USEF AR110.e.1 - 10 can not be shown in the ABS AAOTR Jackpot Classes.**

Each competitor will contribute \$500 to a prize money jackpot. The Sweepstakes Program will add \$15,000 to each of the ten purses. These classes will be for Arabian and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Adult Amateur Owners. They will consist of Western Pleasure AAOTR, Country English Pleasure AAOTR, Hunter Pleasure AAOTR, English Pleasure AAOTR, and Reining AAOTR.

Sweepstakes prize money and the additional Jackpot prize money will be awarded 20% to the Champion, 10% to the Reserve Champion, and 8.75% to each of the remaining Top Ten. Any Jackpot prize money not distributed shall be equally divided among all placings. Sweepstakes prize money not awarded will be retained in the Sweepstakes principal fund. The 50% rule does not apply to these classes.

**For Refunds on ABS AAOTR Jackpot fees, please refer to SWP 116.9 & 116.10**

#### **ABS AAOTR PERFORMANCE HALTER**

**A horse co-owned by two distinct non-family members, per USEF AR 110, e.g., 1 – 10, can not be shown in the ABS AAOTR Performance Halter.**

#### **NATIONAL BREEDING & IN-HAND HALTER FUTURITY**

**Please refer to Class information for more information on the U.S. and CNL Halter Futurity.**

Original nomination fees will be divided equally between the filly, colt, and gelding classes. The renomination fees and \$100 of the class entry fees will go into the prize money pool of the class in which the nominee will show. Prize money for each class will be divided as follows: 25% will be paid to the Champion and 15% to the Reserve Champion, and the remaining Top Ten will receive 7.5%.

A full Top Ten will be awarded. Any prize money not distributed shall be equally divided amongst all placings. Futurity class entries at the national level may show in any national class, breeding/in-hand, or performance, if eligible. (Refer to current AHA Handbook).

#### **NATIONAL PERFORMANCE FUTURITY/MATURITY/DERBY**

Prize Money Payout is based on the 50% rule. If fewer than 19 horses are in the class, 50% of the class, rounded up, will be eligible for Performance Futurity/Maturity payback.

The nomination fees will go into the prize money for that class. Nomination fees not designated will be distributed by percentage of the number of horses shown in each class. Prize money for each class will be divided as follows: 25% will be paid to the Champion, 15% to the Reserve Champion, and 7.5% to each remaining Top Ten. Any remaining Top Ten money will be divided equally between all Top Ten placings.

**For refunds for Performance Futurity/Maturity/Derby fees (please refer to PERF 107.9 and PERF 107.12),**

## **RANDOM CLASSES**

Prize money will be paid to 15 AAOTR performance classes which were randomly selected. There will be no prize money paid in AAOTH classes. Prize money will be paid in the amount of \$2,500 per class. The Champion will receive \$1,000. The Reserve Champion will receive \$500. The balance of the Top Ten will receive \$125. Prize money will be paid based on the 50% class entry rule. If fewer than 19 horses are in the class, 50% of the class, rounded up, will be eligible for amateur prize money payback.

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

- 120 Arabian Pleasure Driving AAOTD CH
- 134 Arabian Country Pleasure Driving AAOTD CH
- 379 Arabian Reining Primetime Non-Pro AAOTR CH
- 383 HA/AA Reining Primetime Non-Pro AAOTR CH
- 617 HA/AA Ladies Side Saddle English AAOTR CH
- 649 HA/AA Trail Horse AAOTR CH
- 758 HA/AA English Show Hack AAOTR CH
- 1189 Arabian Ladies Side Saddle Western AAOTR CH
- 2045 Arabian English Trail Horse AAOTR CH
- 2110 Arabian Country English Pleasure AAOTR 19-39 CH
- 2148 HA/AA Country English Pleasure AAOTR 19-39 CH
- 2171 HA/AA Hunter Pleasure AAOTR 19-39 CH
- 2936 Arabian Hunter Pleasure AAOTR 40-59 CH
- 3127 Arabian Western Pleasure AAOTR 60 & Over CH
- 3129 HA/AA Western Pleasure AAOTR 60 & Over CH

## **CAMPER & HOUSE TRAILER FACILITIES**

Camper and trailer hook-ups are available on a reservation basis through Tulsa Expo Square at (918) 744-1113 ext. 2154. Reservations are encouraged. If reservations are not made, spaces are on a first-come, first-served basis.

## **CLASS INFORMATION & SPECS**

**All classes will be shown and judged under the specifications outlined in the Arabian Division of the USEF Rule Book. Any exceptions will be noted as "USEF Exception."**

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

### **HALTER & PERFORMANCE HALTER**

A handler may only show 1 horse per class.

### **HALTER CLASSES & ARENA RING PROCEDURE**

All classes will be adjudicated comparatively using the three-judge MOS system. The order of go will be determined and posted by birth date, oldest to youngest.

Please refer to the AHA handbook REQ 215 for Class Procedure for Comparative Judging Breeding & In-Hand classes.

The Controlled Paddock will be strictly enforced.

Amateurs will be allowed one handler to walk up the tunnel with them. For all classes, a designated bagger will be located in the controlled paddock if the handler desires.

In all classes, after the judges' cards have been handed in and tabulated, the number one judge will come forward, their Top Ten placings will be called out, and those horses will step forward in placement order from the line-up. The number two judge will then come forward, and their top ten placings will be called out. Those horses will step forward in placement order from the lineup until all judges have their placings announced in a like manner. Upon completion of the above, the final Top Ten, Champion, and Reserve Champion placings will be announced.

### **HALTER CLASS SECTIONS**

Depending on the number of entries, the Yearling Sweepstakes and the Futurity Breeding/In-Hand classes may be divided into sections with no more than 16 in the ring at one time.

### **NATIONAL HALTER FUTURITY CLASSES**

**Refer to Chapter 19 of the AHA Handbook regarding Halter Futurity rules.**

**Nomination into the National Halter Futurity Program does not constitute entry into the U.S. National Show.**

Horses dropped for the Halter Futurity Program can buy back into the program to be eligible to show. The buyback is only

available to horses enrolled in utero into the program. Horses must be reinstated (buy back) into the program by the original closing date for the show. The recorded owner of horses not reinstated into the program by this date will be notified and given seven days to buy back into the program.

## **U.S. NATIONALS HALTER FUTURITY**

Open to 3-year-old horses nominated in utero.

## **2. CANADIAN NATIONAL HALTER FUTURITY**

The U.S. National Championship will host the 2025 Canadian National Halter Futurity classes utilizing a separate panel of judges from the U.S. Halter Futurity Classes.

Open to 3-year-old horses who were nominated in utero.

**Canadian residents who were paid up in the Canadian National Halter Futurity Program and cannot attend the 2025 U.S. National Championship Show can submit a written request to refund that horse's Canadian nomination fees. Refunds will only be issued for Canadian enrollments for Canadian residents only. The amount of the refund will depend on the amount that the current recorded owner of the horse paid in. A written request for a refund will need to be received in the AHA office by Tuesday, August 13, and can be sent to cheryl.holloway@arabianhorses.org**

## **DNA FOR HALF-ARABIANS**

All Half-Arabians must have the DNA type of the horse and the horse's purebred Arabian parent placed on permanent record with the AHA Registry, and the horse must qualify as an offspring of the stated purebred sire or purebred dam through DNA testing to compete in the Halter Futurity and Performance Futurity/ Maturity Classes.

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

## **ARABIAN YEARLING AAOTH & HA/AA YEARLING CLASSES NON-SWEEPSTAKES & 2 YR OLD CLASSES**

**Qualifications Required**

**Regional Yearling Sweepstakes classes do not count as a qualifying class for Nationals either as a placing or participation.**

Arabian Yearling Gelding AAOTH class and HA/AA Yearling Open classes are open to Non-Sweepstakes and Sweepstakes nominated horses.

HA/AA Yearling and HA/AA 2-year-old halter horses are NOT permitted to cross-enter the Amateur Owner to Handle classes (AHA Handbook QUAL 104.1.d).

## **ARABIAN BREEDERS SWEEPSTAKES (ABS) YEARLING CLASSES**

Horses must be enrolled as Breeding Entry to participate in these classes.

To qualify for U.S. Nationals, a Sweepstakes Breeding Entry must have placed as a Regional Top Ten Yearling Sweepstakes class from one of the 18 Regional Championship shows.

## **2-YEAR-OLD CLASSES**

Two-year-old halter horses are NOT permitted to cross-enter the Amateur Owner to Handle classes (AHA Handbook QUAL 104.1.d).

## **ARABIAN BREEDERS SWEEPSTAKES AAOTR PERFORMANCE HALTER**

**A horse co-owned by two distinct non-family members per USEF AR 110.e.1 - 10 cannot be shown in the AAOTH**

**Performance Halter Classes.**

**A handler may only show 1 horse per class. USEF rules AR 116.2.**

Will be judged using the AHA Performance Halter Score Sheet. Will be scored as outlined in **GR 38**.

Horses must be enrolled as a Breeding or Original Entry to be shown in these classes. The horse must have been entered, shown, and judged in any Performance Class at U.S. Nationals. Showmanship Classes do not count as Performance Classes. Performance Halter rules, specifications, and procedures will be strictly enforced. They must be entered, shown, and judged (per USEF GR 147) in a performance class or section of a performance class at U.S. Nationals for which they are qualified. **THIS IS the ONLY qualification required.**

**If a horse places in the Performance Halter class and then scratches all performance classes OR is excused or disqualified in a performance class after placing in the Performance Halter class, that horse will be disqualified from the Performance Halter, and GR 117 rules will be followed. No refund of the forfeited Performance Halter class will be issued.**

## **PERFORMANCE CLASSES**

**All classes will be shown and judged under the specifications outlined in the Arabian Division of the USEF Rule Book. Exceptions will be noted as "USEF Exception."**

## **LEVELED CLASSES – SELECT**

**Please refer to GR 27**

Select riders may cross-enter any other class they are eligible for.

## **ARABIAN BREEDERS SWEEPSTAKES AAOTR JACKPOT CLASSES**

**A horse co-owned by two distinct non-family members per USEF AR 110.e.1 - 10 can not be shown in the AAOTR Jackpot classes.**

These classes are restricted to Arabians and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabians enrolled as Breeding Entries (BE) or Original Entries (OE) and are 6 years of age or older.

**Program enrollment as a BE or OE is the only qualification required.**

All classes will be shown and judged under the specifications outlined in the Arabian Division of the USEF Rule Book.

ABS COUNTRY ENGLISH PLEASURE AAOTR JACKPOT

ABS HA/AA COUNTRY ENGLISH PL AAOTR JACKPOT

ABS ENGLISH PLEASURE AAOTR JACKPOT

ABS HA/AA ENGLISH PLEASURE AAOTR JACKPOT

ABS HUNTER PLEASURE AAOTR JACKPOT

ABS HA/AA HUNTER PLEASURE AATOR JACKPOT

ABS WESTERN PLEASURE AAOTR JACKPOT

ABS HA/AA WESTERN PLEASURE AAOTR JACKPOT

ABS REINING HORSE AAOTR JACKPOT

ABS HA/AA REINING HORSE AAOTR JACKPOT

## **ARABIAN ENGLISH PLEASURE ASSOCIATION FUTURITY (AEPA)**

**This prize money is separate from AHA prize money programs and is not issued by AHA.**

For complete rules, deadlines, and information, please visit the AEPA website at

**[www.arabianenglishperformanceassociation.com](http://www.arabianenglishperformanceassociation.com)**

The AEPA Arabian and Half-Arabian English Performance Futurities, for 4-year-olds, are held yearly at the U.S. National Arabian Horse Show. Prize money, and the prize money per class placing, is determined by the AEPA. AHA will award a National Champion, Reserve National Champion, and a Top Ten in the Saddle Seat Futurity Class.

To participate in the Futurities, the eligible 4-year-old owner or agent MUST fill out the AEPA Nomination form and send it to AEPA with full payment. **\*\*You will also need to complete the U.S. Nationals Entry Form and pay AHA fees to compete\*\***

**All fees must be paid in full to AEPA and AHA to be considered complete.**

An AEPA representative may choose to meet with the riders at the U.S. National Show before one or both sections of the Futurity class. During this meeting, the representative will advise the riders of class procedures, rules, and how the horses are to be presented.

Horses can wear a martingale with a snaffle bit or a full bridle. Any Bit that is USEF legal for any Arabian English Division class is legal for the AEPA classes.

## **SEMI FINALS (Pattern)**

A panel of 5 Judges will be used to Judge the Pattern Class using the total point system.

The horses will be presented one at a time riding the AEPA Pattern and Judged and scored using the AEPA Score Card. A rider can ride up to 3 horses in the Pattern Class. A horse's entry into the ring for the pattern class is determined by the AEPA Class Order of Go Rules. If a horse throws a shoe during the Pattern Class, the rider may call a Time Out and exit the ring to have the shoe nailed on, OR the rider can continue with the remainder of the Pattern Class. If a rider exits the ring to resolve the thrown shoe problem, the horse's current scoring in the Pattern Class does not count. When the thrown shoe problem is resolved the horse is assigned a new order of go position as described in the Paddock rules. When the horse returns to the ring, the scoring begins with a NEW scorecard.

## **FINAL (Rail)**

3 Judges will be selected from 5 used for the SF using MOS.

Ten horses from the SF class will advance to the Finals. The rider of the horse in the rail class does not have to be the same rider that rode the horse in the Pattern Class. If there is a change of rider, please notify the show office and an AEPA representative 24 hours prior to the rail class.

After the class has been judged, all horses will remain in the ring near the out-gate area. The horses' placings in the class are announced in reverse order. The Champion remains alone in the ring, and there may be a brief interview of the Champion before the Champion exits the ring.

## **ARABIAN WESTERN PLEASURE ASSOCIATION FUTURITY (AWPA)**

**This prize money is separate from AHA prize money programs and is not issued by AHA.**

For current and complete rules, deadlines, and information, please visit the AWPA website at

**www.arabianwesternpleasure.com**

If you have questions, please email **arabianwesternpleasure1@gmail.com**

The AWPA Arabian and Half-Arabian Western Pleasure Futurities are held yearly at the U.S. National Arabian Horse Show. The classes are open to four-year-olds. The AWPA determines prize money. AHA will award a National Champion, Reserve National Champion, and 8 Top Ten in the AWPA Futurity Classes.

**The ONLY four-year-olds allowed to compete in the U.S. National AWPA Futurities will strictly be those nominated in utero by December 31st of their breeding year.** The Mare Nomination list is available at **arabianwesternpleasure.com**

To participate in the AWPA Futurities, the owner or agent MUST complete the AWPA Entry form and provide payment on the AWPA website. **\*\*You must also complete the U.S. Nationals Entry Form and pay AHA fees to compete\*\*.**

**All fees must be paid in full to both AWPA and AHA to be considered complete.**

A five-judge total points system will be used. Judges will be drawn randomly from the U.S. Nationals judging panels. Quality is the number one criterion for judging, followed by performance, suitability, and manners. In the event of a tie, the final placing will be determined by the placing and the number of places each horse received.

Placings will be turned into points using the following table:

**1st = 40   2nd = 36   3rd = 32   4th = 28   5th = 24**

**6th = 20   7th = 16   8th = 12   9th = 8   10th = 4**

**11th or any Reserve = 0**

An AWPA representative may choose to meet with the riders at the U.S. National Show prior to one or both sections of the Futurity class. During this meeting, the AWPA representative will advise the riders on class procedures, rules, and how the horses are to be presented.

Entries will be shown and judged under the class specifications outlined in the Arabian Division of the USEF Rule Book section for Western Pleasure Junior Horses, with the exception that quality is the number one criterion for judging, followed by performance, suitability, and manners.

### **ELIMINATIONS**

Class eliminations will be run as standard Western Pleasure Junior Horse classes. Entries will be shown at a walk, jog, and lope in both directions of the ring. Seven (7) horses will advance from each section to the finals.

### **FINALS CLASS PROCEDURE**

#### **Phase 1. Rail Work (80% of judging OR score)**

The judging criteria will be in this order: quality, performance, suitability, and manners. After the rail work is completed, exhibitors will be asked to line up head to tail, split evenly by numbers on either long side of the arena.

#### **Phase 2. The Stand Up (20% of judging OR score)**

Two attendants per horse will be allowed into the arena to ONLY assist with removing saddles and pads. Saddle racks, towels, and brushes will be allowed.

Riders are to stand up their horse to be assessed for confirmation that it is suitable for a Western pleasure horse, according to the judges. The horses shall stand relaxed with weight evenly dispersed on all four feet (not stretched). Whips may not be used. Once the judging is complete, the horse should then be resaddled. After all horses have been re-tacked, riders will be asked to remount, and attendants will be excused from the ring.

#### **Phase 3. Placing & Awards**

Exhibitors will be retired to the paddock after the judges turn in their cards. The Top Ten will then be called back into the ring in numerical order. The Reserve Champion and then the Champion will be placed and given their awards. The horses will leave the arena in reverse order of their placings (tenth place first and Champion last). As they exit, the prize money won by each will be announced.

## **ARABIAN HUNTER PLEASURE ASSOCIATION FUTURITY (AHPA)**

**This prize money is separate from AHA prize money programs and is not issued by AHA.**

For current and complete rules, deadlines, and information, please visit the AHPA website at **www.arabianhunterpleasure.com**

To participate in the AHPA Futurities, the owner or agent MUST complete the AHPA Entry form. **\*\*You will also need to complete the U.S. Nationals Entry Form and pay AHA fees to compete \*\***

**All fees must be paid in full to both AHPA and AHA to be considered complete.**

The Futurity classes are open to four-year-old Arabian & Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian horses nominated in their three-year-old year.

Current AHA and USEF/EC Membership is required to participate in all AHA & AHPA programs.

**A horse co-owned by two distinct non-family owners cannot be shown in an AHPA Futurity class at any show.**

The AHPA Futurity classes will be judged and run according to the Junior Horse rules in the Hunter Pleasure Section of the Arabian Chapter of the current USEF rulebook.

The AHPA Futurities will use a five (5) judge system and be randomly selected from the AHA U.S. Nationals Judging Panel.

### **Eliminations**

Eight (8) horses will be selected from each section to move forward to compete in the AHPA Hunter Pleasure Futurity Finals. Each judge's placing will be ranked, and points will be applied according to the following table:

**1st = 50   2nd = 46   3rd = 42   4th = 38   5th = 34**  
**6th = 30   7th = 26   8th = 22   9th = 18   10th = 14**  
**11th = 10**

### **FINALS**

Judges will complete two cards in the final. One will be completed after Phase 1, and the second will be completed after Phase 2. Points from each card will be combined to determine the final placings. Each judge's placing will be ranked, and points will be applied in the following tables.

#### **Phase 1. Rail Work (75% of judging)**

In the finals, judges are not to walk the line after completing this phase. Each judge's placing will be ranked, and points will be applied according to the following table:

**1st = 38   2nd = 35   3rd = 32   4th = 29   5th = 26**  
**6th = 23   7th = 20   8th = 17   9th = 14   10th = 11**  
**11th = 8**

#### **Phase 2. Conformation & Suitability (25% of judging)**

Please refer to the AHAP website for complete details on this phase. Two headers/attendants properly attired in business attire or appropriate show attire will be allowed into the arena per horse to assist in removing the saddle. They will be allowed to bring a saddle rack, one body brush, one tail brush, and one rag/cloth to prepare the horse. After all horses have been re-tacked, riders will be asked to remount, and attendants will be excused from the ring.

Judges will place emphasis on correct conformation, soundness, and movement. Each judge's placing will be ranked, and points will be applied according to the following table:

**1st = 12   2nd = 11   3rd = 10   4th = 9   5th = 8**  
**6th = 7   7th = 6   8th = 5   9th = 4   10th = 3**  
**11th = 2**

#### **Phase 3. Placing & Awards**

The scores from phases 1 and 2 will be added together for the final placing.

After the judging is completed, the horses will be retired from the lineup to the paddock or the in-gate area. The Top Ten will be announced in numerical order. As they exit, the total of their prize money will be announced.

### **ARABIAN HALTER BREEDING PAYS FUTURITY ASSOCIATION**

**This prize money is separate from AHA prize money programs and is not issued by AHA.**

For current and complete rules, deadlines, and information, please visit the Arabian Halter Futurity website at [arabianhalterfuturity.com](http://arabianhalterfuturity.com)

The USEF will recognize these classes but are not rated classes. As non-rated classes, they will not earn USEF points towards end-of-the-year awards.

All 2-year-old Purebred Arabians are eligible to enroll. Both professionals and amateurs are encouraged to show.

If you have questions, please email [breedingpaysfuturity@gmail.com](mailto:breedingpaysfuturity@gmail.com)

To participate in the Breeding Pays Futurities, the owner or agent MUST complete the Breeding Pays Futurity form with full payment to the Breeding Pays Futurity. **\*\*You must also complete the U.S. Nationals Entry Form and pay AHA fees to compete.\*\***

**All fees must be paid in full to both Breeding Pays Futurity and AHA to be considered complete.**

### **SEMI-FINALS**

If 15 horses or fewer are entered, the semi-final class will be canceled, and all entered will move forward to the finals. If 16 horses or more are entered, the Semi-Final class will be split equally and run consecutively; the 12 highest-scoring horses in the Semi-Final will go forward to the Finals.

Exit-the-ring procedure will be utilized. Will be judged using the Arabian Breeders World Cup Scoring System with 5 judges. Only one handler per horse is permitted in the ring at any one time. Handlers may present more than one horse.

### **FINALS**

Will be judged using 3 of the 5 semi-final judges using MOS. To receive the prize money payouts, horses must compete and be judged in the Finals. Handlers are eligible to show only one horse in the finals. If a handler qualifies more than one horse for the finals, a substitute handler will be allowed **but must be recorded at the show office.**

### **PLACING & AWARDS**

The top three highest-scoring amateurs will be announced and presented with their awards. The Top Ten will be announced and presented their awards (4th -10th awarded). The Bronze Champion, then the Silver Champion, then the Gold Champion will be announced and presented each of their awards individually.

## **ARABIAN WORKING WESTERN ALLIANCE RANCH HORSE CHALLENGE**

***This prize money is separate from AHA prize money programs and is not issued by AHA.***

For current and complete rules, deadlines, and information, please visit the AWWA website at  
[www.arabianworkingwestern.com](http://www.arabianworkingwestern.com)

To participate in the AWWA Ranch Horse Challenge, an exhibitor must complete the AWWA Entry Form on the AWWA website. There are no qualifications to compete in the Ranch Horse Challenge; however, no horse will be allowed to compete unless all fees have been paid in full.

**\*\*You must also complete the U.S. Nationals Entry Form and pay AHA fees to compete.\*\* All fees must be paid in full to both AWWA and AHA to be considered complete.**

The AWWA Arabian and the HA/AA Ranch Horse Challenge classes are held yearly at the U.S. National Arabian Horse Show. They are open to any registered Arabian or HA/AA horse ages 4 years & older.

The AHA will award a National Champion, a Reserve National Champion, and 8 Top Ten awards. The AWWA will determine the prize money.

A rider may show up to three horses in each AWWA Ranch Horse Challenge class.

A random order of go will be posted no later than one hour prior to the start of class.

Each horse will be required to complete the AWWA-designated pattern using the five-judge high/low elimination scoring system as outlined in AHA COMP 509.

The pattern will consist of at least six, but no more than eight, maneuvers.

The AWWA pattern will be available on the first day the AHA U.S. Nationals Show Office opens.

Maneuvers will test and display the versatility and athletic capabilities of a horse that is able to perform in multiple disciplines.

For a list of possible maneuvers, please go to the AWWA website.

The Top 10 Ranch Horse Challenge winners will return to the ring for Awards in numerical order. All winners will be announced and exit the arena in reverse placing order.

The Top 3 Amateurs will be recognized and presented with their awards following the Top 10 presentation.

## **AWWA INCENTIVE FUND AWARDS**

AWWA Incentive Fund awards are available to eligible 4-year-olds who are entered and shown in their respective Ranch Horse Challenge class and possess an AWWA Incentive Certificate. Please go to the AWWA website for complete rules and forms. Incentive Fund awards and any payback are separate from the Ranch Horse Challenge awards and prize monies. There is no additional entry fee for Incentive Fund awards.

After completing the AWWA Ranch Horse Challenge class, the 15 highest-scoring AWWA Incentive Fund 4-year-olds will be asked to unsaddle in the paddock area to return for the In-hand Ranch Conformation portion of their class.

Scores from the "In-Hand" Conformation portion of the Incentive Fund class will be added to the 3-judge total from the "Under-Saddle" Pattern portion of the Incentive Fund class to determine the final placings for the AWWA Incentive Fund 4-year-olds.

## **IN-HAND CONFORMATION SECTION**

Class procedure for the In-Hand Conformation will follow class specifications outlined in the Arabian Division of the USEF rule book for Ranch Horse Conformation.

The exhibitor with more than one horse in the Conformation portion may find an additional handler for the other horse(s).

**AHA & USEF membership rules apply to substitute handlers, and the show office must be notified.**

ALL 15 Finalists will be judged using the total points system.

Points will be assigned to each placing for each judge, beginning with 15 points for first, 14 for second, 13 for third, and so on, down to 1 point for 15th place.

Any ties in the tabulation of In-Hand Conformation scores will be left tied. Please see the AWWA website for complete rules. After all judges' cards are turned in, the 15 Finalists are excused to the paddock area to tack up for final placings. The Top 10 Incentive Fund horses will return to the arena for award presentation based on the combined total of their In-Hand Conformation score and Under-Saddle Pattern Work score.

Beginning in 2028, there will be additional awards for those eligible 4-year-olds who are a result of breedings purchased through the AWWA Stallion Service Auction.

Proceeds from the AWWA Stallion Service Auction are also set aside for Sire recognition.

## **CONCURRENT CLASSES**

The following classes will run concurrently. If entering concurrent classes, both class fees must be paid. Results will be recorded separately, and awards will be given to each class.

A/HA/AA Trail Futurity, Arabian Trail Junior Horse & HA/AA Trail Junior Horse

Ranch Horse Riding Futurity & Ranch Horse Riding Junior Horse

Reining Open, Intermediate Open, & Reining Derby

Reining Intermediate AAOTR & Reining Prime Time AAOTR

**Ranch Riding AATR 19 – 54 & Ranch Riding AATR Select 19 - 54**

## **AHA PERFORMANCE FUTURITY/MATURITY/DERBY RULES**

**Please refer to GR 3.2 & the AHA handbook PERF 102**

***All classes will be shown in accordance with the USEF Junior Horse rules; any exceptions are noted under each class. A horse co-owned by two distinct non-family members per USEF AR110.e.1 – 10 cannot be shown in the Performance Maturity AAOTR Classes at any National Show.***

Enrollment in the Performance Futurity/Maturity/Derby is required to be eligible to show in these classes. Enrollment in the program does not constitute entry into the U.S. National Championship Show. Enrollment must be postmarked/electronic transaction dated by the final close date for that National Show.

**The owner must:**

- **Enroll the horse into the Performance Futurity/Maturity/ Derby Program.**
- **Enter the horse into the corresponding Performance Futurity/Maturity/Derby class(es) for that Nationals.**

Payments can be made in full (postmarked by June 1) or in installments (due June 1, July 1, and August 1). Enrollments made after these dates are subject to late fees. The U.S. National Futurity/Maturity Enrollment Form is on the AHA website. For additional information, see Chapter 20 of the AHA Handbook.

**Entries in the following classes are prohibited from showing in the corresponding Open classes.**

### **ENGLISH PLEASURE FUTURITY**

Open to horses 3 years old and must never have been shown in a bridle. A bridle is defined as having any bit that has a shank. Martingales are allowed.

**USEF Exception** Entries must be shown in a single snaffle (Refer to AHA Handbook PERF 108.5); cavessons are required.

### **COUNTRY ENGLISH PLEASURE FUTURITY**

Open to horses 3 years old and must never have been shown in a bridle. A bridle is defined as any bit that has a shank.

**USEF Exception** Entries must be shown in a single snaffle (Refer to AHA Handbook PERF 108.5); cavessons are required. A running martingale is optional.

### **HUNTER PLEASURE FUTURITY**

Open to horses 3 years old and must never have been shown in a bridle. A bridle is defined as any bit that has a shank.

**USEF Exception** Entries must be shown in a single snaffle (Refer to AHA Handbook PERF108.3); cavessons are required.

### **WESTERN PLEASURE FUTURITY**

Open to horses 3 years old and must never have been shown in a bridle. A bridle is defined as any bit that has a shank.

**USEF Exception** Entries must be shown in a snaffle bit or hackamore (Refer to AHA Handbook perf 108.4).

**3 & 4-year-olds entered into the following classes are prohibited from showing in the corresponding Open classes.**

### **HERD WORK FUTURITY**

There will be 1 go-round. Open to horses 6 & Under. Each exhibitor must pay a class entry fee and cattle fee.

Entries are to be shown and judged under the classifications set forth in the NRCHA Rule Book.

Horses must be shown in a snaffle bit or hackamore (Refer to AHA Handbook PERF 108.4 – will follow requirements for Working Cow Horse Division and PERF 108.6).

### **REINING FUTURITY**

**There will be 1 go-round.** Open to horses 5 & Under.

**USEF Exception** Entries must be shown in a snaffle bit or hackamore (Refer to AHA Handbook perf 108.4)

### **RANCH RIDING FUTURITY**

There will be 1 go-round. Open to horses 5 & Under.

Entries must be shown in a snaffle bit or hackamore (Refer to PERF 108.4 – will follow requirements for Western Pleasure Division, and PERF 108.6).

### **A/HA/AA WESTERN TRAIL HORSE FUTURITY**

Open to horses 5 & Under.

All entries will compete in two go-rounds. The final results are based on an accumulative score from both go-rounds.

**USEF Exception** Entries must be shown in a snaffle bit or hackamore.

**Horses in the following classes may show in any corresponding class for which it is qualified.**

**COUNTRY ENGLISH PLEASURE MATURITY AAOTR**

Open to horses 5 - 6 yrs. old.

**ENGLISH PLEASURE MATURITY AAOTR**

Open to horses 5 - 6 yrs. old.

**HUNTER PLEASURE MATURITY AAOTR**

Open to horses 4 - 5 yrs. old.

**WESTERN PLEASURE MATURITY AAOTR**

Open to horses 4 - 5 yrs. old.

**OPEN REINING DERBY**

Open to horses 6 - 8 yrs. old.

All entries will compete in 1 go round.

**A/HA/AA WESTERN TRAIL HORSE DERBY**

Open to horses 6 - 8 yrs. old.

The Junior Horse/Futurity trail course will be used.

All entries will compete in two go rounds. The final results to be based on an accumulative score from both go-rounds.

**WORKING WESTERN CLASSES**

- Refer to USEF AR -26 and the current AHA Handbook for complete class procedures. (REQ 214)
- **Classes that run as 2 go-rounds, the top 16 horses from the 1<sup>st</sup> go (SF) will advance to a 2nd go-round (FNL)** with the Champion, Reserve Champion, and Top Ten determined by the cumulative score of both go-rounds.
- Exhibitors will be eligible to show in both go-rounds provided they do not receive a “no score”.
- An exhibitor receiving a “no score” is ineligible to receive a placing or advance to the second go-round.
- Exhibitors receiving a “zero score” in the first Go-Round (Semi Final) are eligible to show in the second (Final) go-round and an exhibitor may receive a zero score in either go-round and be eligible to receive a placing **provided they obtain a score, other than zero, in one of the go-rounds and their cumulative score merits such placing.**
- In Reined Cow Horse, the exhibitor may not place unless they obtain a score in one phase of the other go-round, i.e. if a “zero score” is awarded in both the reined work and fence work they can’t place. If a zero score is awarded in the reined work and a 65 in the fence work, this constitutes a total score of 65 which is eligible for placement.

**ENGLISH TRAIL OPEN**

Will have 1 go-round.

**TRAIL UNDER SADDLE**

Trail will have 2 go-rounds. Exhibitors receiving a “no score” are not eligible to advance. The **first go-round will be run as a Semi Final, with the top 16 horses advancing to a second go-round final.**

**ENGLISH/WESTERN TRAIL IN-HAND**

**QUALIFICATIONS HAVE BEEN WAIVED FOR 2025 & 2026**

Trail in hand will have 1 go-round.

**RANCH HORSE RAIL PLEASURE**

Will be scored using the MOS system

**RANCH RIDING WILL HAVE 1 GO-ROUND.**

**REINING WILL HAVE 1 GO-ROUND.**

**REINING HORSE AAOTR/NON-PRO**

Will have 1 go-round.

**AAOTR** — Open to all qualified adult amateur-owner riders. Must be eligible in the level as an NRHA Non-Pro.

**Intermediate Non-Pro AAOTR** — may not have more than 110 AHA National Achievement points in the Reining Section.

**Rookie Non-Pro AATR** — may not have more than 40 AHA National Achievement points in the Reining Section. Follows NRHA Rookie Level 1 Rider criteria as outlined in NRHA.

Rookie May cross-enter into any other Reining AAOTR/Non-Pro Class.

**Primetime Rookie Non-Pro AATR** — may not have more than 40 AHA National Achievement points in the Reining Section AND Rider must be 50 or older as of December 1, 2024

## **REINING HORSE INTERMEDIATE OPEN**

Rider may not have more than **110** AHA National Achievement points in the Reining Section.

## **WORKING COW HORSE/REINED COW HORSE**

### **QUALIFICATIONS HAVE BEEN WAIVED FOR 2025 & 2026**

Will have 1 go-round.

All NRCHA rules regarding patterns, scoring, and judging shall apply.

In the event of a tie for Champion or Reserve Champion, the horse with the highest fence score will be named the winner.

If a tie remains based on the fence score, a work-off will be run to determine the placings.

Cows will be reused from the Herd work in the Working Cow Divisions.

## **LIMITED REINED COW HORSE**

### **QUALIFICATIONS HAVE BEEN WAIVED FOR 2025 & 2026**

Will have 1 go-round.

The cattle fee must be paid along with the entry fee.

Limited Reined Cow Horse introduces the rider to the boxing phase of the cow work.

Amateur riders may not have gone down the fence in any judged class(es) or event(s) except for horse sales. Being entered in a class that includes the fence work will be counted as going down the fence regardless if the rider boxed the cow and pulled up before the run was completed.

This class is also open to approved Non-Pro Limited riders who comply with all eligibility rules (See NRCHA Non-Pro eligibility rules/USEF Amateur rules). After Non-Pro competitors reach the age of fifty (50), they may fall back into the Non-Pro Limited class (Limited Reined Cow Horse). The Non-Pro Limited Competitors may fall back into the Non-Pro Limited Reined Cow Horse division/class only once.

## **HERD WORK**

### **QUALIFICATIONS HAVE BEEN WAIVED FOR 2025 & 2026**

Will have 1 go-round.

Entries will be shown and judged under the class specifications set forth in the NRCHA Rule Book.

## **VRH LIMITED RANCH COW WORK AATR**

### **QUALIFICATIONS HAVE BEEN WAIVED FOR 2025 & 2026**

Will have 1 go-round.

Exhibitors in the VRH Limited amateur may not have shown more than three times down the fence in any Cow Horse class, Reined Cow Horse class or VRH Cow Work class.

## **VRH LIMITED RANCH COW WORK OPEN EXHIBITION**

**NO QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED**

Will have 1 go-round.

## **VRH RANCH TRAIL**

Will have 1 go-round.

## **PRACTICE / WARM UPS**

All equipment used in warm up will be in accordance with USEF and AHA Rules.

### **RANCH PRACTICE**

**You can sign up on the AHA app and website.**

Limited to 1 warm-up per horse

During the Ranch Practice, the exhibitor may not switch horses or riders. Each rider will have 2 minutes in the ring and the opportunity to ride through a pen with cattle.

### **COW PRACTICE**

**You can sign up on the AHA APP and website. There will be separate practices for herd work and fence work.**

**Limited to 1 warm up per horse.**

During the Cow Practice, the exhibitor may not switch horses or riders.

### **REINING WARM-UP**

**You can sign up on the AHA app and website.**

During the Reining warm-up, the exhibitor may not switch horses or riders.

## TRAIL WARM-UP

**You can sign up on the AHA APP and website. Trail practice is no longer automatically added per class.**

You will be able to sign up for specific courses depending on the class. For each course, there will be 20-minute sessions with approximately 8 - 10 horses warming up on the course during that time frame. There will also be a general warm-up session. During the Trail warm-up, the exhibitor may not switch horses or riders.

## MUSTANG WARM-UP

**You can sign up on the AHA APP and website.**

5-minute slots will be available for general working warm-ups; these slots can be used for reining, ranch, etc. One warm-up per horse. During the warm-up, the exhibitor may not switch horses or riders.

## COMPETITION ARENAS

All arenas have sandy loam footing.

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

### ArenaDimensions

Pavilion	92' x 197'
Ford Truck Arena	150' x 300'
Mustang Arena	150' x 250'
Herd work	90' Diameter

## CONTROLLED PADDOCK PROCEDURE

**Please refer to GR 9**

## DOGS & OTHER PETS/ANIMALS

**Please refer to GR 14**

City of Tulsa regulations require that dogs must be on a leash at all times!

## DRUG TESTING, SHOE & HOOF MEASURING

**Please refer to GR 15**

Complimentary hoof measurements will NOT be provided by USEF/EC Stewards at any National Show.

## EQUINE HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

**Please refer to GR 21**

## FIRE MARSHALL REGULATIONS / EXPO GOUNDS RULES

**Refer to GR 23**

**NO PROPANE WATER HEATERS ARE ALLOWED. INSIDE ANY BARN FOR ANY CURCUMSTANCES. ANY FOUND WILL BE CONFISCATED AND A \$500 FINE ISSUED.**

**BRONCO BARN. NO stall or parts of stalls are permitted to be removed . If you remove a panel, you will never get stabled in the Bronco Barn in the future. Removal of Stall Panel (per Panel/Stall) Varies up to \$1000.**

## FORMAL NIGHTS

Formal nights are designated for the evenings of Friday, October 24 and Saturday, October 25.

## GATE HOLDS & RING CONFLICTS

**Please refer to GR 9** (Class Conflicts and Gate Holds)

### RING CONFLICT PROCEDURE

**Definition:** A class conflict shall be defined as an exhibitor who has a class in which they must exhibit a horse in another arena at the same time. It may also be defined as a horse with two classes scheduled at the same time in different arenas. Ford Truck Arena takes priority, Mustang second, and the Pavilion third.

### GATE HOLDS & GENERAL CONFLICTS

**The exhibitor/agent must file a gate hold in writing with the show office at least 12 hours or a minimum of 2 sessions prior to the session with the conflict.**

### WORKING WESTERN CONFLICT PROCEDURE:

The exhibitor/agent must contact the show commissioner/show secretary **in writing at least 12 hours or a minimum of 2 sessions prior to the session with any conflict with a draw.**

If there is a conflict, the exhibitor's draw may be moved to the top of the posted draw go-order. **Exception:** Herd work will follow NCHA Rules.

Each order of go for every Working Western class will have three slots available for these conflicts.

The U.S. Nationals Show Commission has the right to deviate from this procedure only if the deviation does not create an excessive hold in any class in any arena (Excessive is defined as more than 15 minutes). A Working Western class should never be held once the class has started for longer than it takes to complete an arena drag or approximately 10 minutes.

## MOTORIZED VEHICLE/GOLF CARTS

Please check the AHA web site for further details regarding the golf cart vendor.

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

## PARKING INFORMATION

There is NO charge for entrance onto the grounds or for parking.

Designated lots will be marked for Patrons, Judges and Officials. You must have a Parking tag for these lots or your vehicle will be towed. Parking is not allowed in any fire lanes or any barn areas.

## PATRONSHIPS

### **Refer to GR 32**

The deadline to enroll as a Patron (with fees paid in full) to receive stalling preference is the close of entries (August 22). Patrons canceling prior to May 1 will not be invoiced. Canceling May 2 until the close of entries, a \$500 fee will be owed. Canceling after the close of entries until the start of the show will require that 50% of the patron package price be paid. Changes to patron package levels will NOT be allowed after the close of entries.

### **PATRON STALLING**

#### **Please refer to GR 32.1 & 2**

Exhibitors stalled in the Oklahoma Ford Dealers Barn must maintain their decorations until after the last class in Ford Truck Arena on Saturday Night. Anyone tearing down prior to that will lose their stalling location in that barn for the following year. There will be no access down the esplanade to the Oklahoma Ford Dealer's barn for horse trailers until after the last class of the show.

### **PAVILION TABLES**

In order to purchase a Pavilion Table, you **MUST** have a full Patronship. The submission of a signed Pavilion Table constitutes an agreement by the signed party for payment. There are 8 seats in a table, and it costs \$3,500 per table; seats cannot be sold individually. Canceling after the closing date to the start of the show requires that 50% of the cost of the Pavilion Table is paid. Pavilion Tables are sold on a first come first serve basis; there are only 20 total tables available.

### **FORD TABLES**

Ford Tables are available on a first-come, first-served basis, prioritizing Patrons. There will be eight tables. If any tables remain unsold, they will be available to any exhibitor. The submission of a signed Ford Table constitutes an agreement by the signed party for payment. There are 8 seats per table, and tables cost \$3,500; seats cannot be sold individually. Canceling after the closing date to the start of the show requires that 50% of the cost of the Ford Table is paid.

## QUALIFICATIONS

### **Please refer to GR 37**

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

**If Results from a qualifying show have not been recorded, a qualification report signed by the show secretary will be required before a non-qualified class will be qualified.**

### **QUALIFICATION HAVE BEEN WAIVED FOR THE FOLLOWING CLASSES FOR 2025 & 2026**

Herd Work      Reined Cow Horse      Working Cow Horse  
VRH Limited Ranch Cow Work (Box-Drive-Box)      English/Western Trail In-Hand

## SCORING SYSTEMS

### **Please refer to GR 39**

The MOS Scoring system will be used in all classes including Breeding and Gelding In-Hand classes. **EXCEPTION:** Reining, Trail, Working Cow, Herd Work, and Ranch Riding. See the AHA Handbook for information on this scoring system. All sections will be ranked. Nine (9) horses will be selected from each preliminary (I, II, III) or Elimination (A/B) section for 18 in the Finals except where noted in specific class rules for AEPA, AWPA, AHPA, AWWA, and Breeding Pays Futurities.

For Working Western, the five-judge high low-out judging system will be utilized. One high score and one low score for each horse from each class will be eliminated (Reined Cow is a total of both phases), and the three remaining scores will be totaled to determine the placings in the class.

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

For exceptions, see the AEPA, AWPA, AHPA, AWWA, and Breeding Pays classes for scoring.

## SEATING

There will be no charge for general admission seating; however, reserved Patron seating will still be available.

Full Patron packages receive four (4) Prime seats as part of their patron package and 1/2 Patron packages receive two Prime seats included in their package. Patrons may initially purchase additional Prime seats. Patron Prime seats are assigned first come, first served based on the date of receipt of the Patron deposit. AHA reserves the right to move or add on patron seating sections in addition to those originally indicated in the seating charts.

Patrons can also purchase additional seating on the Official Patron Seating form for \$100 per seat. If you do not hold a Patronship but would like to sit with a Patron you may purchase seats with approval from the Patron.

All seat sales are non-refundable.

## STABLING/ARRIVAL INFORMATION & FEED & BEDDING

### **Please refer to GR 43**

### **FEED & BEDDING**

Feed and Bedding are available through Expo Feed & Bedding and for ON-SITE purchases. The contact phone number is 918-428-3299. Email: [bedding@exposquare.com](mailto:bedding@exposquare.com)   Website <https://expobeddingfeed.company.site>

Please order feed and bedding prior to your arrival on the enclosed form. Exhibitors are permitted to bring in outside feed and bedding for personal use.

**HOWEVER, third-party deliveries or sales are strictly prohibited.**

### **STABLING**

**BRONCO BARN. NO stall or parts of stalls are permitted to be removed. If you remove a panel, you will never get stabled in the Bronco Barn in the future. Removal of Stall Panel (per Panel/Stall) Varies up to \$1000.**

- If a stall panel is removed, they **MUST** be moved to the outside of the barns and not left in the center aisle or leaning against other stalls
- Stalls must be vacated in their original condition. Stalls may not be structurally or otherwise altered in any way (including putting nails into walls). **NOTE:** Any and all stalls used by exhibitors must be returned to their original condition prior to leaving the grounds. Exhibitors are financially responsible and will be billed for the cost of repairing any damage to or any required clean-up of any stalls they use.
- All stall fees must be paid in full at the time of entry as follows:
- \$350 per stall. Stalls are wood, metal, and/or vinyl with half-open, pipe, or solid fronts with doors.

- No subletting of stalls will be allowed.
- All entered horses will be automatically charged for one (1) horse stall, even if it will be occupying a vacated stall for a vet out or scratched horse, except for legal substitutions per GR 8.7. A stall reconciliation form will be required from the barn manager for any stall refunds. No subletting of stalls will be allowed.
- All stall setups must be completed before the start of the first show day.
- NO set up or construction will be allowed when the show is in session.
- If you use a stall that is not assigned to you, you will be charged the stall fee plus an additional fee of \$100 per stall.
- **All barns located in the Oklahoma Ford Dealer barn must decorate their stall fronts and may not be torn down prior to the end of the show on the final Saturday.**
- Stall walls may not be cut down.
- When setting up, emergency fire exit signs cannot be moved, altered or blocked and MUST remain visible at all times.
  - **Private schooling areas or bathing areas are NOT permitted in any stall areas.**
  - **Absolutely no concealment or covering stalls except for sitting areas for people, dressing rooms, tack, or storage areas.**
- Exhibitors will be financially responsible for any alteration/ damage to their stalls on the premises.
- Removal of Stall Panel Varies (per Panel/Stall)

#### ARRIVAL

**Saturday, October 11 NO Arrivals before 7 AM**

**IF YOU ARRIVE PRIOR TO 5 PM MONDAY, OCTOBER 14 THERE IS NO GUARANTEE STALLS IN SAGE NET WILL BE READY**

#### DEPARTURE

**Monday, October 27 8 AM Stalls must be vacated**

#### TACK STALLS

Refer to GR 43.4

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

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

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

Tack stalls will be assigned subject to their availability.

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

#### TURN BACK STALLS

**Turnback stalls are NOT available with the online entry system and are only available for horses used for Cow classes.**

Please use an entry form filling out the trainer information and put **TURN BACK HORSE** in for the horse information.

#### GROUP STABLING & STALL RESERVATION FORM

Refer to GR 43

**SUBMIT ONLY 1 FORM PER GROUP**

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

**This form must be received BEFORE September 9, at Midnight (MT) In-House/Electronically Dated to guarantee the request.**

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

After September 9, for additional stalls, you MUST contact the Barn Manager.

#### PATRON STABLING

**PLEASE refer to GR 32 & GR 43**

The deadline to enroll as a Patron, with fees paid in full to receive stalling preference, is June 1. Preferred Patron stalling will be available only to 2025 Patrons. Patron stalling assignments will be based on overall Patron seniority within the show. Stalling seniority from the past sponsorship program will carry over.

## **VIOLATIONS**

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

*Exhibitors!  
Remember to pick up  
your awards!  
They will NOT be mailed*

## NEW/CHANGES FOR 2025

# **2025 Omnibus General Rules**

## **Contact info**

### **Arabian Horse Association**

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[www.ArabianHorses.org](http://www.ArabianHorses.org)

## **AHA Officers**

<b>Lisa Blackstone</b>	President
<b>Duane Esser</b>	Vice President
<b>Bruce M Johnson</b>	Vice President At-Large
<b>Peter R Conway</b>	Vice President At-Large
<b>Lance Walters</b>	Treasurer
<b>Nancy Harvey</b>	Secretary
<b>Deborah Johnson</b>	Immediate Past President

## **AHA Directors**

Debbie Price	Region 1
Katie Russell	Region 2
Gretchen McDaniel	Region 3
Peggy Weens	Region 4
Michelle Pease-Paulson	Region 5
Claude Clark	Region 6
Mary Lou Houge	Region 7
Jim Porcher	Region 8
Deborah Cinotto	Region 9
Hillary Hoffman	Region 10
Tony Reid	Region 11
Michael Wilson	Region 12
Ronald Grekiere	Region 13
David Daugherty	Region 14
Cricket Gates	Region 15
Lurline Combs	Region 16
Carla Jackson	Region 17
Josh Schildroth	Region 18
Elizabeth Haar	Director at Large
Jim Hagale	Director at Large
Ralph Manning	Director at Large
Susan Racey	Director at Large

## **Event Numbers**

These shows are recognized by the Arabian Horse Association

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

Regular Member United States Equestrian Federation Arabian Division.

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

## **Judges & Stewards**

### Selection Committee

### **Judges & Stewards Commissioner**

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### **Administrative Assistant**

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Howard Schatzberg, Vice Chair AZ

Jeffery Caldwell SC

Ronald A Gekiere MI

Matt Kwapich NM

Carl Malicote SC

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

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**EVERY CLASS OFFERED HEREIN, WHICH IS COVERED BY THE RULES AND SPECIFICATIONS OF THE CURRENT USEF/EC RULE BOOK, WILL BE CONDUCTED AND JUDGED IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH.**  
**ANY CHANGES OR CORRECTIONS AFTER THE PUBLICATION OF THE OMNIBUS FOR ANY RULES WILL AUTOMATICALLY BECOME PART OF THIS PRIZE LIST AND WILL APPEAR ON THE AHA WEBSITE (WWW.ARABIANHORSES.ORG).**

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

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

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

#### **MICROCHIPPING**

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

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

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

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

**Violations Please refer to GR 48**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **GR 3 ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION PROGRAM CLASSES**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **2. NATIONAL PERFORMANCE FUTURITY/MATURITY/DERBY**

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

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

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

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

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

**The owner must:**

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

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

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

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

#### **POST ENTRIES**

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

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

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

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

#### **TRANSFERS**

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

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

## GR 4 AMATEUR OWNER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## GR 5 AWARDS

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

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

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

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

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

### **AWARDS CEREMONY**

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

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### **AWARDS/SPECIAL**

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

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

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

## GR 6 BEDDING/SHAVINGS

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

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## GR 7 CANCELLATION OR DATE CHANGE OF SHOW

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

## GR 8 CLASS INFORMATION

### *Standard abbreviations*

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

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

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

### **1. ADDING CLASSES**

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

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

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

### **3. CLASS CALLS**

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

### **4. CLASS PROCEDURES**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**11 AM > for Afternoon classes**

**4 PM > for Evening classes**

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

## **6. CLASS SECTIONS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **8. POST ENTRIES**

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

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

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

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

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

**11 AM > for Afternoon classes**

**4 PM > for Evening classes**

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

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

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

## **10. REFUNDS**

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

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

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

Cancelations are made upon receipt of a suitable Veterinarian/Doctors certificate on their official letterhead attesting to illness or injury, along with a letter from the exhibitor explaining the circumstances. If an injured horse is enrolled into the Performance Futurity/Maturity/Derby Program, submit the vet statement to [info.comp@arabianhorses.org](mailto:info.comp@arabianhorses.org) as well as [nationalevents@arabianhorses.org](mailto:nationalevents@arabianhorses.org).

The fees refunded are as follows:

**Received at the AHA office by:**

- a. On or before 30 days before the first day of the show. All but the office fee
- b. After 30 days and by 10 days before the show's first day: class entry & related class fees (see exceptions below), the 9-90 fee, and the USEF fee.
- c. After 10 days and during the show. The request must be made in writing to the show commission for review.

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **RING CONFLICT PROCEDURE**

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **GR 10 HEALTH PROTOCOLS**

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

## GR 11 DISCIPLINE

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

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

Refer to Violations GR 48

## GR 12 DISPUTE NOT COVERED BY RULES

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

## GR 13 DISQUALIFICATION

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

## GR 14 DNA & DNA TESTING

### CLASSES REQUIRING DNA

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

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

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

### The following classes require DNA

#### Sport Horse Nationals

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

#### U.S. Nationals

##### *Halter Futurity*

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

##### *Performance Futurity*

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

#### *Performance Maturity*

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

#### *Derby*

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

#### *Other Association Program Classes*

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

## DNA TESTING

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

## GR 15 DOGS & OTHER PETS/ANIMALS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## GR 16 DRUG TESTING, SHOE & HOOF MEASURING

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

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

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

## GR 17 DUPLICATE TROPHIES

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

## GR 18 EMERGENCY CONTACT

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

## GR 19 EXHIBITOR ENTRY INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **1. ENTRY REFUSAL**

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

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

#### **2. INVALID ENTRIES**

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

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

#### **3. ONLINE ENTRIES**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The entry form is completed with the following:

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

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

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

b. **PHOTOCOPIES of:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Check each show for the show's office hours.

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

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

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

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

## **GR 20 EXHIBITOR PARTIES/ALCOHOL**

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

Refer to Violations GR 48

## **GR 21 EQUINE HEALTH & VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS**

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

**Please refer to USEF GR 844**

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

### **1. VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Absolutely no overhead draping of horse stalls is permitted.

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

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

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

NO SMOKING is permitted in any arenas or barns.

Parking is not allowed in any fire lanes.

Combustible trash must be removed at least once a day.

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

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

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

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

## GR 24 HANDICAPPED & ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES

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

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

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

## GR 25 IN-KIND SPONSORSHIP/PRODUCT DONATIONS

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

## GR 26 INSURANCE ADVISORY

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

## GR 27 LEVELED CLASSES

### SELECT, CHOICE & ELITE CLASSES

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

#### Achievement Level Riders

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

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

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

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

**I Ranch Riding**

**m Ranch Rail**

## GR 28 MEMBERSHIP

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **FOREIGN EXHIBITOR**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **SAFE SPORT**

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

**All participants must adhere to the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code, USEF Safe Sport Training and the Minor Athlete Abuse Policies.**

**Safe Sport for the business/farm or other business entity is not required. Starting Dec 1, 2024 a member of that business, Farm or Entity MUST have a current USEF Competing membership with a current Safe Sport Certificate.**

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

## **USEF SHOW PASS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **FARM/BUSINESS OWNERS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Non-competing horses must:

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

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

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

### **GR 32 PATRONSHIPS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Patronship Stabling/Rules**

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

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

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

trainer. The form should include a statement to refer to Patrons stabling rules for priority stabling procedures in the omnibus.

3. The transferring of a Patronship to a non-immediate family member will not be allowed.
  - a. A Patron who has maintained a Patronship seniority that is retiring may elect to pass their patronship on to an immediate family member.
  - b. The family member receiving the seniority will be required to maintain the Patronship payments annually. Additionally, in order to keep the original stabling area, the family member may not exceed the number of stalls required by the original Patron.
  - c. **To confirm the transfer of a patronship, an email shall be sent to the show commission for approval.**
  - d. If a farm associated with a Patronship is being retired, the trainer has the right to continue the Patronship and maintain the seniority provided Patronship payments have been maintained annually.
4. Patronships are considered as one (1) Farm or one (1) Person.
  - a. An individual may hold an additional Patronship within a Patron's Barn, but those additional Patronships do not affect the "primary" Patron's Barn priority.
5. Patronships are considered as one (1) Farm or one (1) person.
  - a. An individual may hold an additional Patronship within a Patron's Barn, but those additional Patronships have no effect on the "primary" Patron's Barn priority.
  - b. That other individual's Patronship likewise does not affect another Patron's Barn they may move to; their Patron priority is with themselves.
  - c. Only the named Farm/Person on the Patronship is allowed to hang drapes or signage that identify only that Patron's name.
6. 80% of the stalls must be in the Patron Trainer's/**Amateur's**/ Farm's barn (for 49 stalls and under). For those with 50 stalls or over, 90% of the stalls must be in the Patron Trainer's/**Amateur's**/Farm's barn, for example if the Patron on record has 30 stalls on their stabling report 24 of those stalls must be in the Patron Trainer's/**Amateur's**/Farm's barn and only 6 stalls may be in another Trainer's/**Amateur's**/barn's Barn.
7. If that 80%/90% is violated, for example, if the Patron on record has 30 stalls on their stabling report and only 20 of those stalls are in the Patron Trainer's/**Amateur's**/Farm's barn and the other 110 are in another Trainer's/**Amateur's**/Farms barn, then only 4 of those stalls well be allowed to be stabled with the Patron on record. The other 6 stalls will be stalled wherever the Barn Manager can fit them.
8. Barns with over 100 stalls may not be stalled together. Every attempt will be made to keep stalls as close in proximity as feasibly possible.
9. For Patrons that exceed their average number of stalls (over the last 5 years), the overflow may be in another location.
10. If necessary, a Show Commission and/or a Barn Manager can limit the number of tack stalls.

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

**GR 33 PHOTOGRAPHS**

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

**GR 34 PHOTOGRAPHY POLICY**

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

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

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

Refer to Violations GR 48

## GR 35 PRIZE MONEY

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

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

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

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

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

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

## GR 36 PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR

Refer to the current USEF Rule Book.

## GR 37 QUALIFICATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Elite, Choice and Select riders must meet the definition.

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

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

## GR 38 SCHEDULE & RING CONFLICTS

See also GR 9 Class conflicts and Gate Holds

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

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

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

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

**Exceptions:**

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

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

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

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

## **GR 39 SCORING SYSTEM**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **GR 40 SECURITY**

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

## **GR 41 SHARPS CONTAINERS**

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

**Refer to Violations GR 48**

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

A. All flyers, signs, posters, commercial notices, etc., may only be posted in designated areas. All others will be removed immediately. Check with the commercial exhibit office for designated locations. Solicitations will not be allowed on the grounds unless a commercial exhibit booth/space is purchased. No company or business will be permitted to exhibit or hold any sponsored activities without the express written permission of AHA. Solicitation of funds for any political, educational, charitable, or other corporation, association, group, individual, or cause of any kind is strictly prohibited without prior written consent from AHA. Exhibitors must have prior written consent from AHA and the proper state authority to conduct a raffle or drawing of any kind. Commercial Exhibit space must be purchased using the "Application for Exhibit Space", which may be obtained from AHA. The individual facilities contract all Food Concessionaires, and Commercial Exhibitors are not allowed to sell food or drinks.

B. The advertising and sales of retail products at the show without a permit and payment of an appropriate fee shall not be allowed in the stabling area or anywhere on the show grounds. Violation of such policy will result in the following:

1. **First warning** The offender and/or stall owner of record is asked to cease such sales or pay the fee to obtain the appropriate permit for the activity violated.
2. **Second warning** The offender and/or stall owner of record will be required to pay double the fee to obtain the appropriate permit required for the activity violated.
3. **Third warning** The offender and/or stall owner of record will be removed from the show grounds for the remainder of the Horse Show.

C. Advertising and selling retail products and/or equine services on any AHA National Show Facebook Forum without being confirmed as a commercial vendor is not permitted. Used tack, used show clothing, and sales horses who will be at the show will be permitted.

1. **First warning** The offenders' posts will be removed from the Forum, and they will be asked to cease such sales or pay the fee to obtain the appropriate permit for the activity violated.
2. **Second warning** The offender's post will be removed from the Forum, and he or she will be required to pay double the fee to obtain the appropriate permit required for the activity violated.
3. **Third warning** The offender will be removed from the Forum for the remainder of the year and may be asked not to attend the National Show.

D. The sale of a few pieces of used tack, show clothing and Sale Horses is allowed without a fee and or permit and is not the intent of these policies.

## GR 43 STABLING

### GROUP STABLING

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

### SUBMIT ONLY 1 FORM PER GROUP

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

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

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

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

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

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

### 1. ASSIGNMENT/AVAILABILITY

Check each show to see when stalls will be available.

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

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

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

Stall walls may not be cut down.

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

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

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

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

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

## **3. HORSE STALLS**

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

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

## **4. TACK STALLS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **GR 45 UNREGISTERED HORSES**

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

**PLEASE REFER TO GR 19**

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

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

### **Commercial Exhibitors**

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

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

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

## **GR 47 VETERINARIAN INSPECTION**

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

## **GR 48 VIOLATIONS**

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

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

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

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