
CHAPTER 11: AHA RECOGNIZED QUALIFYING SHOWS AND EVENTS

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All AHA program and event deadlines must be met as specified, whether submitted by hand delivery, postal service, fax, e-mail, internet or other electronic means.

STANDARD DEFINITIONS:

AHA	Arabian Horse Association
AOTR/AOTH/AOTD	Amateur Owner To Ride/Handle/Drive
AAOTR/AAOTH/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
ACHA	American Cutting Horse Association
ADS	American Driving Society
ABS	Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes

APHA	American Paint Horse Association
AQHA	American Quarter Horse Association
ARHA	American Ranch Horse Association
CAHR	Canadian Arabian Horse Registry
CNAC	Canada's National Arabian Championship
CPAR	Canadian Part Arabian Register
EC	Equestrian Canada (formerly CEF, Equine Canada)
NCHA	National Cutting Horse Association
NRCHA	National Reined Cow Horse Association
NRHA	National Reining Horse Association
NVRHA	National Versatility Ranch Horse Association
RHAA	Ranch Horse Association of America
SHOT	Stock Horse Association of Texas
UPHA	United Professional Horsemen's Association
USCHA	United States Cutting Horse Association
USEA	United States Eventing Association
USEF	US Equestrian Federation (formerly USAE/AHSA)
WCHA	World Cutting Horse Association
WDAA	Western Dressage Association of America
WD	Western Dressage
WSDAC	Western Style Dressage Association of Canada

AHA VALUE SHOW RULES AND GUIDELINES

For current information regarding AHA Value Shows, please refer to the AHA website – www.arabianhorses.org/competition/aha-recognized/value-shows/

COMP 1 - GENERAL GUIDELINES

COMP 101. CONDUCT AND SPORTSMANSHIP

The AHA Board of Directors will strictly enforce and actively support all AHA, USEF and/or EC rules regarding sportsmanship, conduct and courtesy at all AHA Recognized Shows and Events. This includes, but is not limited to, rules that govern owners, exhibitors, agents, trainers, managers, riders, drivers, handlers, competition officials, competition employees, and members of the families of the above, individual members of AHA or any person who acts in a manner in violation of the rules of the Association or deemed prejudicial to the Association's best interests. Any AHA, USEF and/or EC violations committed will be subject to the AHA, USEF and/or EC penalties. (Refer to Chapter 3, Code of Ethics and Sportsmanship, ETHICS 104)

COMP 102. CONFLICTS

All AHA Recognized Shows and Events will be run in accordance with policies and procedures as stated in the AHA Handbook and as determined by the USEF/EC rules. In addition to the above, the National Championship Shows will also be run in accordance with the said National Championship Show Commission and the guidelines set forth by the National Shows Directorate.

COMP 103. BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES AND SHOW MANAGERS/SECRETARIES EXHIBITOR GUIDELINES

1. Show Commission Members, Show Committee Members, AHA Board of Directors and Show Managers/Secretaries of any AHA Recognized Show or Event cannot exhibit their horses at a show or have their horses shown before a judge they directly contacted or employed for that show. (Refer to ETHICS 104.13).
2. Any Commissioner functioning at a National event and also participating in that same event as an exhibitor will not have any contact with the judges other than as an exhibitor and will not have any responsibility for the functions of the show office. This will not prevent the commissioner who is exhibiting from participating in resolving issues brought before the full commission.

COMP 104. DRUG TESTING AND MEASUREMENT OF SHOES

(Res. 12-05)

1. See USEF or EC for Tests and Measurements.
2. The U.S. National Show Commission is required to negotiate a contract with USEF to provide for mandatory drug testing at the U.S. National Show at the annual rate of \$25,000. (Res. 24-04) The Champion and one horse selected

at random from all Top Ten national performance and halter classes are required to have one foot and shoe measured (Refer to Shoeing Regulations, Artificial Markings and Appliances in the Arabian Division of USEF for exemptions). (Res. 53A-92) (Res. 11-14) Further, it is the prerogative of Show Management to require drug testing or to require the shoe and foot measured for any entry at any time during the show.

3. At the Canada's National Arabian Championship (CNAC), a random horse may be selected from the Top Six national performance and halter classes to have one foot and shoe measured and/or drug testing performed (Refer to General in the Arabian Division of EC for exemptions). Further, it is the prerogative of Show Management to require drug testing or to require the shoe and foot measured for any entry at any time during the show.

COMP 105. RULE VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES (BOD 8/02)

1. Membership, registration, and other rule violations will subject the violator to be disqualified. AHA membership and qualifications are required for Regional and National Championship classes (CNAC is currently exempt from qualifications).
2. In the event of any rule violation which necessitates a disqualification of any entry, a notice of disqualification for that entry will be sent to that Show Management and those parties involved.
 - a. Show Management at Qualifying and Regional shows will be required to collect for redistribution: trophies, prizes, ribbons, and monies won. In addition, the disqualified exhibitor(s) will be directed to pay to Show Management a fee of \$50 per horse in conjunction with these penalties. For National Shows, the disqualified exhibitor(s) will be directed to pay Show Management a fee of \$200 and return all awards and prize money awarded. (Failure to pay within 30 days of notice will subject all parties involved to the Suspension Rules of AHA).
 - b. Corrections to the results will be made by AHA upon notification. Show management must correct their results by moving up the placings and forwarding the corrected results within 30 days of notice to all associations that require them.

COMP 2 -

RECOGNITION - REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS - MEMBERSHIP

COMP 201. GENERAL RULES FOR RECOGNITION

ALL AHA RECOGNIZED SHOWS

1. Any Member Organization, non-affiliated entity or individual may request a Show/Event to be recognized by AHA and if recognized, the appropriate results will be recorded by AHA.
 - a. Horse shows and events must obtain AHA Show Recognition in order for exhibitors to earn qualifications and be eligible for AHA programs. **Exception:** see COMP 201.2.b.
 - b. All competitions and classes are to be conducted in accordance with the rules of AHA and the USEF or the EC, whichever shall prevail.
2. Application forms must be obtained from the AHA office or the AHA website. Contact the Regional Director to inquire as to potential conflicting show dates.
 - a. A completed AHA Show Application and applicable fees must be sent to the AHA office. The fees for AHA Recognition are \$125.00 (non-refundable) plus \$7.00 per horse entered (payable in U. S. Funds), to be remitted with show results. **For CNAC, \$10.00 per horse entered (payable in U. S. Funds), to be remitted with show results.**
 - b. Only results from shows and events recognized by AHA will be eligible for National and Regional qualifications or programs sponsored or established by AHA. (**Exception:** Dressage, Western Dressage, Working Hunter, Jumper, Hunter Hack, Eventing/Trials, Combined Driving, Carriage Pleasure Driving, Dressage Driving, Reining, Working Cow, Reined Cow and Cutting refer to AHA Open Qualifying Competition Chapter 15). (BOD 3/15)
3. USEF/EC recognition must be received before the show or event or the AHA Show Number will be invalid. (**Exception:** AHA Value Shows) Refer to COMP 206.2 for Canada's National Arabian Championship approval

4. All shows are encouraged to receive USDF recognition for the Dressage classes. Contact USDF for more information: United States Dressage Federation, Inc call (859) 971-2277.
5. No AHA recognition will be given to shows or events which have unpaid dues, fees, or fines owing to AHA. (Refer to Suspension Rules, Chapter 4)
6. Regardless of geographical location the show sponsor shall be the financially responsible club, organization or individual. (Res. 32-08)
7. No show can be called All-Arabian if it has included any other breed, with the exception of Half-Arabian or Anglo-Arabian.
 - a. Any AHA Member Organization which promotes any breed other than Arabian, Half-Arabian, or Anglo-Arabian in an All-Arabian Show is subject to the revocation of its charter. (Res. 67-89)
 - b. The inclusion of Arabian Division classes in a competition offering divisions for other breeds does not constitute promoting another breed.
8. An individual acting in the capacity of either manager or secretary is required to have an active individual AHA Membership at the time of recognition through the completion of the show results at the AHA office. If at any time the show manager or secretary does not meet this requirement, the show sponsor will automatically be billed for the AHA Membership(s). Additionally, it is recommended that shows use extreme care in the selection of the manager and secretary. A thorough knowledge of the AHA rules is essential for a person serving in either capacity. (BOD 5/09)
9. At least three weeks prior to the start of an AHA Recognized Show or Event, a Certificate of Insurance must be furnished to the AHA office. It should be effective for each day of the competition naming AHA as added insured to the general liability policy with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 for bodily injury and property damage. The general liability policy shall not contain an exclusion of claims from show participants. (EC 7/12)

COMP 202. REGIONAL DIRECTOR APPROVAL FOR AHA SHOWS & EVENTS

1. Upon receipt of the AHA Show Application, Regional Director approval will be requested from the Region for which the show is located.
 - a. The Regional Director can intercede to resolve date conflicts and take action to deny approval.
 - b. **Regional Directors and AHA give AHA Member Organizations first consideration for show recognition provided the show has applied for recognition prior to August 1 of the year before the show takes place. Non affiliated organizations which have had an established date for an All-Arabian Show for five years or more shall be given the same priority consideration as the AHA Member Organizations. (Res. 26-83)**
 - b. Shows which have had previous recognition from AHA shall be automatically recognized if the application meets the following criteria:
 - 1) Show must be applying for the same dates (or same weekend/week/etc.) as the previous year.
 - 2) Show must be held at the same grounds as the previous year.
 - 3) Show must maintain same AHA/USEF/EC rating as the previous year.
 - 4) Show must be sponsored by the same organization as the previous year.
 - 5) COMP 205.5 must be adhered to.
 Any show not meeting the above criteria will be sent to the appropriate Regional Director(s) for approval. Regional Directors must notify the AHA office in advance of any show they wish to review before automatic recognition occurs. Nonresponse for more than 10 days by a Regional Director will constitute an automatic approval. (BOD 5/00) (BOD 8/13)
 - c. A show that has been denied approval may appeal to the AHA Board of Directors.
2. Upon AHA's receipt of the completed application form, proper fees, and Regional director's approval, the show will be issued AHA Recognition and the AHA Show Number. (Refer to COMP 201)
3. Refer to COMP 206.2 for Canada's National Arabian Championship approval.

COMP 203. CONCURRENT SHOW/JUDGE SYSTEM

GENERAL

1. This system allows a show to hold concurrently adjudicated classes at the same time/date in a single arena with identical AHA class codes.
 - a. Regionals, Nationals (**includes CNAC**) and Dressage classes cannot be run utilizing this system. Exception: Regionals, East Coast Championship, Pacific Coast Championship, Eastern Canadian Breeders and Western Canadian Breeders Championships may utilize this system in the following classes where exhibitors compete one at a time, i.e., Sport Horse In-Hand, Hunter/Jumper (Over Fences), Cutting, Reining, Working Cow/Herd Work, Ranch Riding, Trail (English and Western), and Trail In-Hand. In addition, concurrent Regional Championships must be from two different Regions, and may not be from the same Region, and will not use the same Regional class title. (Res. 16-19)
 - b. Using two different judges for each class session/division (for record keeping purposes only, AHA will utilize two recording numbers, i.e., Judge A will be recorded under one recording number and Judge B under another).
 - c. AHA encourages a show to run all classes under both judges. (BOD 11/08)
 - d. Working Hunter, Jumper, Trail and Sport Horse In-Hand may be run on open cards. (Res. 16-19)
 - e. Horses in Working Hunter classes would still have to be trotted for soundness for each class when required. (Res. 15-07)
 - f. Two recognition fees (\$125 per show/recording number) must be submitted to the AHA office along with the show applications, plus \$7.00 per horse per show/ recording number must be submitted with the show results. (BOD 11/08)
 - g. A Single Event Membership must be submitted for each owner, trainer, rider, driver, handler without current Competition Level Membership. (BOD 11/08) Note: Back-to-back shows are two separate events and require two separate Single Event memberships. Single Event Memberships are not accepted at Regional Championships. (Res.16-19)
 - h. Only one 9-90 Fee (\$10 per horse) will be charged at concurrently run shows. (Exception: concurrently run Regional Championship classes as outlined in COMP 203.1.a. must pay a 9-90 fee of \$20 per horse per Regional Championship). (BOD 3/20) (Res. 15-07, Res. 16-19) The 9-90 fee from a vetted-out horse will be refunded to the exhibitor by the competition. (Res. 15-11)
 - i. A \$150 penalty per recording number will be assessed if the prize list is not postmarked and submitted to the AHA office within 30 days prior to the first day of the show. (BOD 11/08)
 - j. An office fee of \$100 per recording number will be assessed to a show that submits a prize list without class codes. (BOD 11/08)
 - k. The AHA office must be notified (either by hand delivery, facsimile, mail, or e-mail) of any changes and/or corrections, including, all classes added to the prize list of an AHA Recognized Show (includes adding classes to a TBA list and/or adding a TBA time slot). (Res. 13-10)
 - 1) A \$15 fee per class will be charged for classes added to an AHA Recognized Show or division after the prize list is received by AHA. Classes added to the TBA option list and TBA time slots after the prize list has been received by AHA will also be subject to the \$15 fee per class. (Res. 13-10) (BOD 3/20)
 - 2) A \$15 fee will be charged for TBA slots which were filled with an AHA recognized class code(s). The charge applies to those classes which have results reported. (BOD 3/20)
2. For recognition requirements refer to COMP 201.
3. Concurrently run classes for two different Regions are permitted but must obtain approval from each Regional Director. (BOD 11/08) (BOD 9/21)
4. For Judges and Stewards information, refer to Judges & Stewards Chapter 13. (BOD 11/08)
5. For Equitation Medal Class requirements refer to REQ 109. (BOD 11/08)
6. USEF Cross entry class rules apply to concurrently run shows. (BOD 11/08)
7. To record results properly, the prize list must clearly state which judge will officiate under which assigned recording number. Prize lists must specify the

Region for each judge. (BOD 9/21) In addition, a show using concurrently run classes will be exempt from COMP 301.16 and may run a Championship class once per judge. For additional requirements refer to COMP 301. (BOD 11/08) A competition may choose not to run all classes concurrently. It must be stated in the prize list which recording number the non-concurrent classes will be run under.

8. Results – refer to COMP 603 for complete information. (BOD 11/08).
 - a. Results must be submitted separately under the appropriate recording number.
 - b. Required lists must be submitted with the results for each judge.

COMP 204. CUTTING RULES

CUTTING GENERAL (BOD 11/13)

1. Show management shall appoint a representative of the Cutting contestants or a liaison, to work between contestants and show management.
 - a. Show management may hold a meeting of all contestants prior to the first go-round for the purpose of electing a representative to represent the contestants for the duration of the show. In the event the representative must leave the show for any reason, he/she shall appoint a representative in his/her place for the duration of the show. Any representative so elected or appointed must be a contestant in the contest involved.
 - b. It shall be the duty of the representative to:
 - 1) Represent all contestants with the show management and be the sole liaison with said management.
 - 2) Report if he observes any horse being abused or if there are actions by any contestant detrimental to the best interest of the Association such as the following: loud and profane language, drunkenness or being under the influence of intoxicants, use of devices not permitted by NCHA rules, disrespect to judges, or any other infraction of AHA Rules.
 - c. A representative shall have no contact or communication with a judge(s) beyond that permitted to any contestant.

CUTTING PROTESTS (Res. 12-13)

2. Any Cutting Horse protest procedures not handled at an AHA Recognized Competition by the show Steward will be eligible for filing at the AHA office.
3. Such filings will be handled by a three (3) member panel created by the Working Western Chair. The panel will be created from Working Western Committee Members knowledgeable of the Cutting discipline, one of which must be an active cutting exhibitor. None of the panel members may have a personal conflict with any of the individuals involved with the protest filing.
4. Protest will be:
 - a. Filed within 48 hours from the end of the competition.
 - b. Must be signed by the protestor and submitted to AHA with a non-refundable \$100 filing fee.
 - c. Action to resolve the protest will start within 15 days of receipt. Upon receipt of the properly filed protest, the Working Western Chair will be contacted by the AHA office in order to create the 3-member panel.
 - d. If the panel is unable to resolve the protest within 30 days of receipt, a letter stating the status of the protest shall be sent by the panel to the protester. A letter shall be sent every 30 days thereafter until the protest is resolved.
 - e. The panel reserves the right to designate an individual in order to forward any protest to the Probable Cause Panel that is deemed as violating the AHA Code of Ethics found in ETHICS 104.

COMP 205. REGIONAL RULES

1. A minimum of two AHA Recognized Shows are encouraged to be held within each Region each year in order to hold a Regional Championship Show.
2. If the Region does not sponsor its own Regional Championship Show, applications for the Regional Championships by any member association or any qualified organization will be considered by the Regional Board of Directors.

3. A Regional Show or the show holding the offsite Regional Championship classes must be a USEF or an EC Recognized Show and must be recognized by AHA. Regional offsite shows are required to pay \$50 per offsite show recognition. (BOD 8/14)
4. A Region may hold Regional Championship classes WITHIN its Region provided it is approved by the Director of that Region.
5. A Region may hold Regional Championship classes OUTSIDE its Region provided it is approved by the Director of the Region in which those classes are to be held and the Director of the Region that is making the request.
6. All AHA Regional Shows must submit a Show Recognition Application for AHA recognition for the next year's Regional Show. The Show Recognition Application must be received by the AHA office prior to the closing date of the AHA Annual Membership Convention. If the Show Recognition Application is not received by this date, a \$100 fine will be assessed to the Region. (It is the responsibility of the Regional Director to ensure that the application is submitted by this date).
7. It is required that all AHA Regional Shows send a tentative list of classes to be received in the AHA office for comments not less than 120 days prior to the first day of the Regional Show.
8. At least three weeks prior to the start of a show with Regional Championship classes, a Certificate of Insurance must be furnished to the AHA office. It should be effective for each day of the competition, naming AHA as added insured to the general liability policy with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 for bodily injury and property damage. The general liability policy shall not contain an exclusion of claims from show participants. If the Certificate of Insurance is not submitted to AHA three weeks prior to the start of a show with Regional Championship classes, a \$100 fine will be assessed. Any additional cost for adding AHA as additional insured to their respective insurance policies shall be shared equally between AHA and the respective organizations putting on the show.
9. At the option of Show Management, post entries may be accepted for horses qualifying prior to closing date of entries.
10. If the Regional Championship classes are held in conjunction with a regular show, they must be held separate from those classes that are the same type at that show. A horse may cross-enter the same type of class (Breeding and In-Hand or Performance) provided the same judge does not adjudicate both classes. (Res. 37-77). The exception to this shall be the Cutting Horse, Reined Cow Horse and Working Cow Horse judges. (BOD 3/09)
11. Any two (2) Regional Championship Competitions, Pacific Slope, East Coast Championship, Eastern Canadian and Western Canadian Breeders Championships Competitions are allowed to combine their Regional Championship Competitions. This combined Regional Championship would be: (Res. 17-19)
 - a. Governed and managed by the two (2) competitions involved.
 - b. Each class having one (1) set of judge/officials(s), one (1) set of awards, and one (1) set of National qualifications.
 - c. Entries would be qualified for the Combined Regional Championship Competitions, Pacific Slope, East Coast Championship, Eastern Canadian and Western Canadian Breeders Championships competitions by their participation in qualifying show(s). (BOD 9/21) See Chapters 16 CTR and 17 Endurance for regional qualifications.
 - d. May be used for Regional, Pacific Slope, East Coast, Eastern and Western Canadian Breeders "Main ring" shows, Regional, Pacific Slope, East Coast, Eastern and Western Canadian Breeders Sport Horse shows and/or Regional Distance Rides (Endurance and/or CTR).
 - e. Requires approval from each of the Regional Directors within a combined Regional Championship Competition, Pacific Slope, East Coast Championship, Eastern Canadian and Western Canadian Breeders Championships.

PACIFIC SLOPE CHAMPIONSHIPS, EAST COAST CHAMPIONSHIPS, EASTERN AND WESTERN CANADIAN BREEDERS' CHAMPIONSHIPS

12. For the purpose of qualifications for the Nationals and AHA Programs, Pacific Slope Championships, East Coast Championships, Eastern and Western Canadian Breeders Championships will have the same status, rules and

membership rules as Regional Championship Shows (**Exception:** Yearling Sweepstakes classes at National Shows). See COMP 205.11 for combined Championships. (Res. 17-19)

13. Show application forms must be received by the AHA office prior to the closing date of the AHA Annual Membership Convention. If the show application form is not received by this date, a \$100 fine will be assessed to the show.
14. These shows may modify classes offered, as determined by their respective Show Committees without any further approval being required.
15. Must follow Regional Scoring Rules.
16. Are exempt from COMP 302.4 & REQ 102.2.
17. Pacific Slope Championship and East Coast Championship Shows must obtain the same insurance coverage as Regional Championship Shows and provide Certificate of Insurance three weeks prior to the start of the show with AHA named as an added insured. (COMP 205.8)

COMP 206. NATIONAL RULES

1. The National Championship classes shall be conducted pursuant to rules adopted by the Board of Directors of the AHA.
2. All National Championship Shows must be recognized by the USEF and/or recognized by the EC. **The responsible party for the Canada's National Arabian Championship shall complete an application for recognition and pay the appropriate recognition fee prior to the AHA Annual Convention for the following years show. The AHA Board of Directors is the body which may grant recognition at the November board meeting.**
3. Qualification issues will be resolved by the AHA Competitions Department with the cooperation of all National Show Commissioners.
4. Classes may be added or suspended from the National Championship Shows upon the recommendation of the National Show Commissions.
5. Authority to make arrangements to hold National Championship classes shall be vested in the respective National Championship Show Commissions in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the National Shows Directorate.
 - a. The U.S. Show Commission and AHA Board of Directors make every effort to continue to have the U.S. Nationals in an East-West rotation (with the Mississippi River as the dividing line). (Res. 83-94)
 - b. The Sport Horse National Show Commission shall consider returning to a rotation of an east/west location or a central location beginning with the 2024 Sport Horse National Show. (BOD 9/20)
 - c. The Mid-Summer National Show is promoted, regulated, operated, and managed by the Youth/Mid-Summer National Show Commission. (BOD 12/21)
 - d. **Canada's National Arabian Championship is promoted, regulated, operated, and managed by their own show commission which is not an official National Show Commission under the auspices of AHA.**
6. All funds of the National Championship Shows (**exception: CNAC will receive their entry funds directly**) shall be received and processed in the AHA office.
 - a. For the major events held by AHA, the AHA Treasurer or the Treasurer's designee is the AHA Event Official responsible for financial operations including collecting and depositing funds, paying event approved bills, defining account procedures, and reporting and coordinating accounting staffing requirements.
7. It shall be the duty of AHA's Board of Directors and the respective National Championship Show Commissions to assure that in each Elimination section of a class, proper ribbons are awarded to the finalist horses. The Top Ten horses shall receive Top Ten ribbons and plaques (plaques will not be awarded to Champion and Reserve Champion), and appropriate ribbons and trophies shall be presented to the National Champion and Reserve National Champion horses (**exception: CNAC shall have sole authority over their ribbons and trophies**).
8. The National Show Commissions will determine if individual prizes and awards will be presented at the National Shows. (BOD 12/03)
9. That the number of individuals (other than authorized personnel) for the Championship and Reserve Championship award ceremony photographs at each National Show be determined by the particular Show Commission and be indicated in that section (Youth/Mid-Summer, Sport Horse, **Canadian**, U.S.) of the AHA Omnibus. (BOD 3/22)

- That in the event that any of the AHA National Arabian and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Championship Shows are unable to be held, the appropriate National Commission, in concert with the AHA Board of Directors, will determine at which national event a portion of the canceled classes could be held. (Res. 16-20)

COMP 207. REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

- See USEF/EC Rules for complete Registration requirements for all horses and for registration requirements for horses being shown in Amateur Owner classes. Note, the owner must be recorded with the appropriate registry and must meet the family definition to compete in AO/AAO/JO classes.
- A copy of the registration certificate showing proof of ownership must be submitted with an entry form at the time of making entry. Exception: this requirement is optional if indicated as such in the prize list. (Res. 3-17)
 - In the case of a lessee, pending transfer, contract of sale, or cash sale, a copy of the registration certificate must be submitted, along with proof of lease or ownership and these documents must be attached to the copy of the registration certificate and must contain the correct registered name and number of the horse, date, and the signature of the seller or lessee. This requirement is good only for Open and AT/AAT/JT classes.
- Horses must be registered in order to have results recorded. (Refer to COMP 603.4.f.)

COMP 208. MEMBERSHIP/SINGLE EVENT MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

For complete membership requirements refer to the Membership Chapter.

- Each participant at an AHA Recognized Show or Event, AHA Regional and National Championship Show (including CNAC) Division or Event must submit:
 - A copy of a valid AHA Competition Card. Exception: this requirement is optional if indicated as such in the prize list. (Res. 3-17)
 - Join AHA (Membership with Competition Card) at the show, or
 - Pay a \$40 Single Event Membership fee per person (local shows only).
 - At AHA local recognized shows, any agent who signs for the owner must be a member of AHA or pay the AHA Single Event Membership. For Regional and National shows the agent who signs for the owner must be an AHA member with a Competition Card.
 - Owners must be AHA members with a Competition Card. AHA Single Event Memberships may be obtained only at AHA local recognized shows.
- Single Event Membership is not acceptable at Regional or National Shows, Rides, or events. (Refer to MEM 105, Res. 5-02)
- Exhibitors in Leadline classes or Parents or Guardians signing for minors are exempt from AHA Membership requirements (Refer to MEM 105, Res. 4-99).
- Exhibitors in 10 & Under Walk-Trot/Jog/Showmanship classes are exempt from AHA Membership requirements at Local Shows but must have an AHA Membership with Competition Card at Regional and National Shows. (Note: exhibitors in the 11 & Over Walk-Trot/Jog/Showmanship classes are NOT exempt from this rule at Local Shows)
- Exhibitors in Western Dressage classes must be an active member of WDAA or pay a non-member fee. Refer to the USEF WD chapter for "Participation in Western Dressage Competitions".

COMP 3 - PRIZE LIST REQUIREMENTS

COMP 301. GENERAL PRIZE LIST REQUIREMENTS

A rough draft copy of the prize list may be sent to the Competitions Department for comments prior to final printing. See the USEF or EC Rule Book for complete rules concerning prize lists.

- The AHA Show Number and sponsoring organization must be included on the AHA Recognition Page in both the prize list and program of any AHA Recognized Show. AHA will not publish or promote any show dates in AHA's publication or on the AHA website, which are not AHA Recognized unless prior approval has been received from the AHA BOD. Shows are not to print their prize list or advertise their show as being AHA Recognized until actual notice of recognition along with their AHA Show Number has been received. There will be a firm warning for a first offense, and a fine of \$100 for any violation thereafter.

- The prize list should be submitted to AHA at the earliest possible date, however, if the prize list is not postmarked and submitted to the AHA office within 30 days prior to the first day of the show, a \$150 penalty will be assessed. All shows offering cutting classes must publish the intent to jackpot entry fees to the exhibitor or not, the portion, if any, and any entry fees that will be retained by show management, and the amount of added money for each class within the official prize list. This information is to be finalized at least 30 days prior to the first day of the show. Any changes to the added prize money after the official prize list is publicized must be done as an addendum and notification must be sent to exhibitors via email and/or mail and must be posted on the competition's website (if applicable). Notification must be done at least 15 days before the published close of entries or 30 days before the first day of the show, whichever is deemed the earliest date. (BOD 11/15)
- The prize list (and program if applicable) must state the Region(s) for which the show qualifies regardless of geographical location. (Res. 10-74)
- Fees charged, including AHA, USEF and EC must be fully disclosed. (BOD 11-11)
- All AHA Recognized Shows employing more than one judge must indicate in their prize lists which type of classes each judge will adjudicate. Examples of type: Stallion Breeding and In-Hand, Native Costume, Western, English, etc. (Res. 30-76)
- Any AHA Recognized Show that employs more than one judge to adjudicate a class must use one of the scoring systems listed in the AHA Handbook. The system that is selected must be printed in the prize list for the show.
- The terminology "Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian" must be used instead of the abbreviated form of Half/Anglo Arabian.
- The current AHA Show Recognition Page, with show number, must be included in the prize list. A camera-ready page is available from the AHA office and/or AHA website.
 - The AHA Commissioner's title and mailing address shall be contained in all competition publications. (Res. 5-90)
- The prize list should note prominently that copies of the following must be submitted at the time of entry:
 - The horse's registration certificate (Exception: see COMP 207.2)
 - AHA Competition Cards (Exception: see COMP 208.1.a)
- The following membership statement must appear in bold type in a prominent place:

AHA MEMBERSHIP STATEMENT

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, AT THE TIME OF ENTRY INTO A COMPETITION, MUST SUBMIT A COPY OF A VALID AHA MEMBERSHIP/COMPETITION CARD, JOIN AHA OR PAY AN AHA SINGLE EVENT MEMBERSHIP FEE PER COMPETITOR.

WHEN AN AGENT SIGNS FOR THE OWNER AT AN AHA RECOGNIZED COMPETITION, BOTH THE OWNER AND AGENT MUST BE MEMBERS OF AHA OR PAY THE AHA SINGLE EVENT MEMBERSHIP.

SINGLE EVENT MEMBERSHIP IS NOT ACCEPTABLE AT AHA REGIONAL OR NATIONAL COMPETITIONS.

EXHIBITORS IN 10 & UNDER WALK-TROT CLASSES ARE EXEMPT FROM AHA MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS AT QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS BUT MUST HAVE AN AHA MEMBERSHIP WITH COMPETITION CARD AT AHA REGIONAL AND NATIONAL COMPETITIONS.

EXHIBITORS IN LEAD LINE CLASSES OR PARENTS/GUARDIANS SIGNING FOR MINORS ARE EXEMPT FROM AHA MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS. (BOD 5/12)

- All classes must be listed and coded on the class list and/or the tentative class schedule. An office fee of \$100 will be assessed to shows that submit prize lists without class codes. (BOD 2/04), and \$100 per recording number for Concurrent Class/Judge shows (BOD 11/08).
- AHA recognized classes must be chosen from the AHA Class List.

13. Classes will not count unless they use AHA Approved Scoring Systems or receive dispensation (Refer to COMP 507 – DISPENSATION)
14. Judges and Stewards must be from the AHA Recognized Judges and Stewards List. (**Exception:** Refer to Judges & Stewards Chapter 13)
15. Regional, National, and all AHA Recognized All-Arabian Shows must accept AHA's Standardized Entry Form for their show entries if presented. (Res. 51-89)
16. Only one Championship class with the same title may be held at an AHA Recognized Show/Division. **When entries warrant, the class is to be sectioned and run as a final Championship.** Any show holding more than one Championship class with the same title will be fined \$250. (BOD 6/92) A Concurrent run show is exempt from this rule.
17. The AHA office must be notified (either by hand delivery, facsimile, mail, or e-mail) of any changes and/or corrections, including, all classes added to the prize list of an AHA Recognized Show (includes adding classes to a TBA list and/or adding a TBA time slot). (Res. 13-10)
 - a. A \$15 fee per class will be charged for classes added to an AHA Recognized Show or division after the prize list is printed (excludes TBA classes listed in the prize list). Classes added to the TBA option list and TBA time slots after the prize list has been printed will also be subject to the \$15 fee per class. (Res. 13-10) (BOD 3/20)
 - b. A \$15 fee will be charged for TBA slots which were filled with an AHA recognized class code(s). The charge applies to those classes which have results reported. (BOD 3/20)
18. Arabian, Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Dressage classes must be named in the recognized list of classes to be included in the show results of an AHA Recognized Show. No Dressage qualification enrollment fees will be required for these entries.
 - a. Dressage classes that are open to mixed breeds must be listed separately in the prize list as an Open Dressage Show not recognized by AHA. If the Arabian, Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Dressage classes are included in the Open Dressage Show and are not listed within the recognized classes, these entries will be required to enroll in the Dressage qualification program and send in their Dressage Report Form along with the Open Dressage Show entries.

NOTE: See USEF rules governing the rating requirements to qualify for USDF Regional Championship Classes.

COMP 302. REGIONAL PRIZE LIST REQUIREMENTS

Refer to COMP 301 for general information needed in the Regional prize list.

1. Regional Championship classes in each designated Region, shall be determined by the Region and may include Regional Championship classes that do not correspond with classes offered at the U.S. National Show. (Refer to QUAL 105) TBA classes may be offered at Regional Championship Shows. (**Exception:** Sweepstakes mandatory classes must be held and may not be offered as TBA's, Sweepstakes exempt classes may be TBA's – refer to COMP 302.4 for list) (BOD 8/11)
2. A Regional Show may hold its specialty classes in another Region if that show designates in its prize list the Region for which the specialty classes qualify.
3. Regional prize lists should include all off-site Regional Championship classes, their location, date, judges, and contacts.
4. All Sweepstakes classes must be offered in the Regional Show's prize list or that show must pay a \$500 fine per class not offered (**Note:** The Reining / Trail / Working Cow / Cutting / Sport Horse Under Saddle / Dressage / Working Hunter are exempt from this rule – See SWP 118). Exempt Sweepstakes classes added as TBA's are ineligible for Sweepstakes prize money payout (refer to SWP 116.3).
5. Regional prize lists must contain a statement that an AHA Competition Card and Regional qualifications are required for Regional Championship classes. Single Event memberships are not permitted.
6. AHA class codes must be used. Use the championship class codes for Regional Championship classes.

7. Regional prize lists must state whether a full Top Five or 50% Top Five will be given (Refer to REQ 201.2). If awarding a full Top Five, then the following statement must be included in bold type:

"Top Five Awards will be made regardless of the number of entries in a class. However, only awards made to the top 50% of the class (rounded up and not to exceed 5 awards) will receive Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes payout, AHA Horse Achievement Award, Amateur Achievement Award (Adult and Youth), and High Point Horse and High Point Amateur Achievement Award points."

COMP 303. NATIONALS PRIZE LIST REQUIREMENTS AND ENTRY CLOSING

1. Refer to COMP 301 & 302 for general information needed in the National Prize List in addition to the following:
 - a. The names and locations of the National Championship Show Commission.
 - b. The names of the judges who will judge National Championship classes.
 - c. All National Shows must designate which current health documentation is required for their show.
2. Classes from the AHA Class List must be used. (Refer to the online AHA Class List)
3. The time frame for the close of entries for National Shows is addressed by the guidelines set forth by the National Shows Directorate (**exception: CNAC**) and will be listed in the AHA Omnibus for each specific National Show. (BOD 3/07)
4. Prize money will be paid to the recorded owner of the horse at the time of the show. If a horse is sold and the transfer date is during the dates of the show, the prize money will be issued to the new recorded owner of the horse. Checks for prize money shall be mailed within 60 days after completion of the show. See SWP 117, FUT 105 and PERF 112 for prize money deadlines.
5. The Social Security Number or Federal Taxpayer Identification Number must be on file with AHA before prize money is released. If this information is not on file or is not provided within 120 days after notification, all prize money will be forfeited. Foreign residents winning prize money at an event held in the United States will be subject to income tax of 30% per Internal Revenue Service regulations. This amount will be withheld from total winnings. To obtain more information on this matter, contact the Internal Revenue Service as the Arabian Horse Association is not able to render advice on matters of taxation. In addition, if a prize money check is issued and 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. **Payout for any prize money payout won at Canada's National Arabian Championship will be the sole responsibility of that Show Commission.**

COMP 4 - ENTRY FORM REQUIREMENTS

COMP 401. ENTRY FORMS - GENERAL

See the USEF or EC Rule Book for complete rules concerning entry forms.

1. Must clearly state name and address of Show/Entries Secretary.
2. Must provide space for AHA membership numbers of at least one owner, all riders, drivers, Breeding and In-Hand handlers, and trainers. Provide space for AHA Single Event Membership fee. Also provide space for all signatures.
3. Must provide space for the horse's registered name and number.
4. Itemize all entry and exhibitors' fees. A Judges and Stewards Educational Fee of \$5.00 per horse entered will be charged at all AHA Recognized Shows. (BOD 11/12) (Refer to Regional and Nationals Entry Form Requirements for J & S fee) These fees must be submitted along with the show results to the AHA office. (Res. 9-90) (Res. 32-15) One Judges and Stewards Educational Fee will be charged for any competitions holding concurrently adjudicated classes in a single arena with the identical AHA class code. (Res. 15-07) The 9-90 fee from a vetted-out horse will be refunded to the exhibitor by the competition. (Res. 15-11)
5. Include AHA disclaimer statement of show liability. The AHA disclaimer statement should be of the same size printing type as required by USEF.

COMP 402. REGIONAL ENTRY FORM REQUIREMENTS

1. Refer to COMP 401 for general information needed on the entry forms of a Regional Show. (Refer to COMP 208 for membership requirements)

2. Regional Shows must provide an AHA approved form or a place on their entry blank for each regional class entry to list the show, placing, participation, number in class, class title, date, and location of their qualification for that regional class.
3. A Judges and Stewards Educational fee of \$20 (BOD 3/20) per horse entered will be charged at the Regional Championship Show and must be submitted along with the show results to the AHA office. (Res. 9-90) The 9-90 fee from a vetted-out horse will be refunded to the exhibitor by the competition. (Res. 15-11)

COMP 403. NATIONAL ENTRY FORM REQUIREMENTS

1. Refer to COMP 401 & 402 for general information needed on the entry forms of a National Show. (Refer to COMP 208 for membership requirements)
2. A Judges and Stewards Educational Fee of \$25 per horse entered will be charged at the National Championship Shows (**including CNAC**). (Res. 9-90) (BOD 3/20) The 9-90 fee from a vetted-out horse will be refunded to the exhibitor by the competition. (Res. 15-11)
3. MOS (Res. 37-07) scoring operations and training programs will be funded with a charge of \$15 per horse per National Show (**CNAC is exempt**). (BOD 2/15)
4. **An AHA \$10 per horse fee (payable in U. S. Funds) will be charged at the Canada's National Arabian Championship and will be remitted with show results.**

COMP 404. AHA TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR ENTRY & RELEASE, WAIVER AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

AHA ENTRY AGREEMENT

I have read the rules concerning competitions as printed in the Arabian Horse Association® (AHA®) Handbook and Directory and agree to be bound by and subject to those Rules.

AHA ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE, AND INDEMNIFICATION

This document waives very important legal rights. Read it carefully before signing.

In consideration for AHA permitting me to participate in this Competition, and by signing the entry blank, I agree as follows:

I AGREE that I choose to participate voluntarily in this Competition, as a rider, driver, handler, leasee, owner, agent, coach, trainer, junior exhibitor, or as a parent or guardian of a junior exhibitor. **I AM FULLY AWARE AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT HORSE SPORTS AND PARTICIPATION IN THIS COMPETITION INVOLVE SERIOUS RISK OF HARM INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, RISKS OF ACCIDENT, SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH, BROKEN BONES, HEAD INJURIES, TRAUMA, PAIN AND SUFFERING, AND PROPERTY DAMAGE. I ASSUME ALL RISKS OF HARM TO ME, MY HORSE, OR MY PROPERTY.**

I AGREE as a Horse Show Participant (or Parent/Guardian of Participant if a minor) to waive all claims which may otherwise arise from, including but not limited to infectious bacteria, viruses, fungi/mold, parasites or other agents which may be present at the Horse Show (and most other outdoor locations) and can cause infection in humans, as well as in animals.

I AGREE for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns to release AHA, the Competition, the facilities leased by the Competition and the owner(s) of the facilities, and all of their respective officers, officials, directors, employees, agents, personnel, volunteers, affiliated organizations and insurers (collectively, the "Released Parties") from any and all claims for damage, loss, or injury to myself, other persons, horses or other property belonging to me to the fullest extent permitted by law that arises out of or relates in any way to the Competition and my participation in the Competition **INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DAMAGES, LOSS, OR INJURY RESULTING FROM ANY ACTS, FAILURE TO ACT, NEGLIGENCE OR NEGLECT OF OTHER ENTRANTS, THE RELEASED PARTIES, THEIR CONTRACTORS OR INVITEES**, as well as for theft, vandalism, fire, other casualty damage, or damage arising out of any defects in the premises.

I AGREE to indemnify and hold harmless (that is pay all losses, damages, attorneys fees and costs of) the Released Parties from and against any and all claims, demands, penalties, actions, losses, costs, damages, injuries, liabilities and obligations (including attorney's fees) of whatsoever kind and nature, which may be asserted against or incurred by any of them as a result of (1) my participation in the Competition or (2) any act, failure to act, or neglect (a) by me, my agents, employees,

riders, handlers, trainers, coaches, drivers, contractors or invitees, or (b) by any animal owned or exhibited by me or in my custody or control.

I AGREE and represent that I am qualified and eligible to enter and/or participate in the Competition, and every horse I am entering is qualified and eligible as entered.

I AGREE to accept AS FINAL any decision of AHA, the Show Commission or Show Officials concerning my qualification or the qualification of my horse to enter the Competition or any results of the Competition, except to the extent that the Rules of AHA, the Competition, Equestrian Canada or U.S. Equestrian Federation permit a protest or hearing of such decisions. Should a hearing be requested, **I agree to accept AS FINAL** the decision of the particular hearing body. **I agree to release, hold harmless and not to sue** AHA, the Competition Sponsor, their officers, directors, employees, volunteers or members concerning any decision of AHA, the Competition, its Show Commission, Show Officials or any hearing body that relates to my qualifications or my horse(s)' qualifications to enter the Competition or any results of the Competition.

I AGREE that AHA has the sole right to control, sell, supervise or give away (or assign to others the right to do so) the exclusive rights to broadcast, televise, reproduce, transmit and disseminate all or part of this event, and I agree that AHA may use or assign, in any way AHA sees fit, photographs, films, videos, audios, cablecasts, or other likenesses of me and my horse taken during the course of the Competition for the promotion, coverage or benefit of the Competition or AHA. Those likenesses shall not be used to advertise a product and they may not be used in such a way which implies endorsement of any company, product, product category or service. 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.

By signing below as a parent or guardian of a junior exhibitor, I consent to the child's participation and agree to all of the above provisions and further agree to assume all of the obligations of this AHA Assumption of Risk, Release and Indemnification personally and on behalf of the child.

This AHA Assumption of Risk, Release and Indemnification is governed by the Laws of the State of Colorado and is intended to be interpreted as broadly as possible. I agree that exclusive jurisdiction and venue (place) for any legal action against AHA, its officers, directors, employees, volunteers, or agents shall be in the local district courts or the federal court of the State of Colorado. If any part of this agreement is determined to be unenforceable, all other parts shall remain in effect.

COMP 5 - APPROVED SCORING SYSTEMS

COMP 501. SINGLE JUDGE SYSTEM

Using this system, all classes will be judged by one judge, and those placings shall prevail.

COMP 502. TWO JUDGE TOTAL POINT/SCORE SYSTEM

1. Using this system, all classes will be judged by two judges. These two judges are designated as the Number One Judge and the Number Two Judge in the prize list.
2. Each judge will judge independently.
3. Scores from both judges will be added together to give the total score for that horse. The horse with the highest total score will be named Champion; the horse with the second highest total score will be named Reserve Champion, etc., until all placings have been filled. (Refer to REQ 212 for Sport Horse In-Hand and Under Saddle)
4. The Number One Judge will call the gaits in all performance classes.
5. The judges' cards will be posted.
6. In the event of a tie on the total for Champion, Reserve, or the last place of the placings, the Number One Judge's card will be consulted to break the tie. The horse placing highest on the Number One Judge's card will place above the other horses in the tie. For purposes of breaking ties, a horse appearing on the Number One Judge's card places above those not on the other card.

COMP 503. THREE JUDGE TOTAL POINT SYSTEM

1. Using this system, all classes will be judged by three judges. These three judges are designated in the prize list as the Number One Judge, the Number Two Judge, and the Number Three Judge.
2. Each judge will judge independently.

3. Each placing will have a point value as established by the Show Committee. Scores earned by each horse from all judges will be added together to give the total score. The horse with the highest total score will be named Champion; the horse with the second highest score will be named Reserve Champion, etc., until all placings have been filled.
4. The Number One Judge will call the gaits in all performance classes.
5. The judges' cards will be posted.
6. In the event of a tie on the total score for Champion or Reserve to the last place, the Number One Judge's card will be consulted to break the tie. The horse placing highest on the Number One Judge's card will place above the other horses in the tie. If the tied horses do not appear on the Number One Judge's card, the Number Two Judge's card will be used to break the tie in the manner described above. The Number Two Judge's card will be used to break ties only after all possible ties have been resolved using the Number One Judge's card. For purposes of breaking ties, a horse appearing on a judge's card places above those not on the other cards.

COMP 504. THREE JUDGE SYSTEM

1. Using this system, all classes will be judged by three judges. These three judges are designated as the Number One Judge, the Number Two Judge, and the Number Three Judge in the Prize List.
2. Each judge will judge independently.
3. Each placing will have a point value according to the Three Judge System. Scores earned by each horse from all three judges will be added together to give the total score for each horse. The Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected as follows:
 - a. Only the first-place horse on each of the three judge's cards will be a candidate for Champion. If the same horse appears first on two or more of the judge's cards, that horse will be named Champion. If different horses appear on each of the three judge's cards, the one with the highest total points will be named Champion. Any tie with the points will be resolved by the placing on the number one judge's card, and then on the number two judge's card, and then on the number three judge's card as circumstances dictate under this system.
 - b. After the Champion has been determined, the remaining first place horses, and the horse or horses placing second below a first place for the Champion on a judge's card used for the Champion placing, are the only candidates for Reserve Champion. If the same horse appears first on a judge's card and second below a first place for the Champion on a judge's card used for the champion placing (or two or more second placings as herein described), such horse will be named Reserve Champion. If no horse fits within the criteria stated in the preceding sentence on two or more of the judges' cards, the horse with the highest total points after the Champion has been named will be named Reserve Champion. Any tie with the points will be resolved by the fall of the cards as stated in the last sentence of a. above.
4. After the Champion and Reserve Champion have been determined, the placing of the remainder of the class will be based on points with the highest point total placing highest in the class until all placings required have been determined. Any tie with the points will be resolved by the fall of the cards as stated in the last sentence of a. above.
5. The Number One Judge will call the gaits in all performance classes.
6. The judges' cards will be posted.

COMP 505. EUROPEAN JUDGING SYSTEM

1. A European Judging System may be utilized at any AHA Recognized Show (except Regional & Nationals) if it includes the following basic elements:
 - a. Uses one to five judges. The system requires that the judge(s) scores be announced after each horse is evaluated. The placing in each class will be based on the total score for each horse. The score for type will be utilized as the first tie breaker.
 - b. The Number One Judge's card will break ties not decided by the type score. Subsequent judges' cards (in numerical order) will be utilized to break ties if the tie is not resolved by the Number One Judge's card.
 - c. This system may or may not be utilized in Championship classes.
- d. Shows may utilize a European Judging System to select Top Ten and Champion and Reserve Champion.

COMP 506. MAJORITY OPINION SYSTEM (MOS) (BOD 11/95) (Res. 45-00)

Utilized for Arabian Breeds Challenge Cup (UPHA)

1. The Majority Opinion System (MOS) is a method of scoring judges' cards for a multi-judge panel where each judge has the power of one full vote to place all competitors in a class. Final placings are scored by at least a two-thirds majority of those votes favorable to each place being awarded. All judges tie the same number of entries per class, that number depending on the number of entries in the class.
2. Using this system, all classes will be judged by three judges. These three judges and their cards are designated as Number One (A), Number Two (B) and Number Three (C).
3. The Number One (Call) Judge is appointed in rotation and the three judges rotate their positions in the ring for each class.
4. Each judge will judge independently with no conferring (except in the presence of the Ringmaster when a workout is to be called) until the cards are handed in.
5. Ties are resolved by the two-thirds majority vote opinion of the three judges.
6. The United Professional Horsemen's Association (UPHA) Arabian Breeds Challenge Cup will resolve a three-way identical tie for first place by a mandatory workout of the tied exhibitors. If the tie is not resolved after the workout, the class is determined by the Fall of the Cards.
7. The judges' cards will be posted.
8. A computer can be utilized during the show.

COMP 507. ARABIAN SCORING SYSTEM (Res. 11-06)

1. When adjudicating Breeding/In-Hand classes judges may utilize the "Arabian Scoring System". (Res. 7-17) The various attributes of the horse, which may include but are not limited to: Arabian Type and Presence, Head, Neck & Shoulder, Body & Substance, Conformation, Legs & Feet, Quality & Movement and Suitability as a Breeding Animal will be scored. There will also be a penalty category for rule infractions, poor manners, undue stress, or inhumane treatment. The horses shall be ranked based on a total numerical score. Ties for Arabian breeding classes will be broken first by the highest total Arabian Type Score, second by the highest total score for Movement, third by the highest total Conformation score, and finally by call judge's card. Ties for Arabian gelding classes will be broken first by the highest total Conformation score, second by the highest total score for Movement, and finally by call judge's card. Ties for Half-Arabians/Anglo-Arabians will be broken first by the highest total Conformation score, second by the highest total score for Movement, and finally by call judge's card. In a multiple judge system, the same tiebreakers will be used. If a tie remains the call judge's card shall break the tie. Each judge(s) scores may be announced immediately following the presentation of the horse. Scores must be posted within an hour of the end of the session in which the final section of the class was held. The "Arabian Scoring System's" composition, format and scoring procedures described herein may be modified by the AHA Education and Evaluation Commission.

PERFORMANCE HALTER (Res. 10-15)

2. Shows may use either "In the Ring" or "Exit the Ring" procedure as identified in the Halter section of the Arabian Division in USEF/EC.
3. For Purebred Performance Halter for Colt/Stallion, Filly/Mare, and Gelding classes, emphasis is placed in the following order: Athletic Structure; Breed type; Quality, Balance, and Substance; Neck and Shoulder; Back, Loin and Hip; Legs and Feet; Movement.
4. For Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Performance Halter for Filly/Mare, and Gelding classes, emphasis is placed in the following order: Athletic Structure; Quality, Balance, and Substance; Neck and Shoulder; Back, Loin and Hip; Legs and Feet; Movement.
5. See the Subchapter for Performance Halter Classes in the Arabian Division of USEF/EC for additional requirements.
6. Ties in Performance Halter classes will be broken using the method described in COMP 507.1 for Arabians and Half-Arabians/Anglo-Arabians.

COMP 508. REGIONAL SCORING SYSTEMS

1. All Regional Championship Shows, Pacific Slope Championship and East Coast Championship are required to use the AHA Approved Majority Opinion System (MOS) Scoring System in all applicable classes. (COMP 506) (Res. 45-00, Res. 31-07) Exception; Breeding/In-Hand classes, Regional Horse Shows that had 250 horses or less (as determined from the previous competition year) may choose to use Two (2) Regional/National level judges utilizing the Two Judge Total Point/Score System of scoring (COMP 502) and Regional Horse Shows that had 150 horses or less (as determined from the previous competition year) may choose to use One (1) Regional/National Judge. (Res.49-12) (Res. 7-17)
2. 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, Working Cow, Trail, Sport Horse, Ranch Horse-scored (Ranch Rail requires MOS) classes are exempt from using Majority Opinion System (MOS) scoring. Regional Championship Shows that had 250 horses or less (as determined from the previous competition year) are exempt from using Majority Opinion System (MOS) scoring. (Res. 45-00, Res. 31-07) (BOD 5/02) (Res. 49-12)
3. With the exceptions of COMP 508.1 and 508.2 all other Regional Championship classes, Pacific Slope Championship classes and East Coast Championship classes must use three judges (Res.45-00, Res. 31-07). Eligibility for a Regional Show to utilize the Two Judge or One Judge would be based on the horse numbers from the previous year's Regional Show. (Res. 49-12)
4. AHA shall train and supply to the Regional Shows, technicians proficient in the use of the Majority Opinion System (MOS) (Res. 45-00) to score the shows. With the exceptions outlined in COMP 508.1 and 508.2, Show Management may elect to combine the duties of scorer with the duties of Ring secretary and/or announcer. (Res. 49-12)
5. Breeding/In-Hand classes at the Regional level may utilize the scoring systems outlined in COMP 501, 502, 504, 506 or 507. If the "Arabian Scoring System" is utilized, the final placings for Champion, Reserve Champion and Top Five will be determined by the Majority Opinion System (MOS). The score cards will be turned into placings and in turn run through the Majority Opinion System (MOS) to determine the final outcome of the Championship class. (Res. 11-06) See REQ 215 for class procedure for comparative judging. (Res. 7-17)
6. Performance halter horses will be judged using the Arabian Performance Halter Score Card. See REQ 216 for Regional Procedure.

COMP 509. NATIONAL SCORING SYSTEMS

1. All National Championship Shows (**including CNAC**) are required to use the AHA approved Majority Opinion System (MOS) (Res. 45-00, Res. 31-07) Scoring System in all applicable classes. (COMP 506)
2. Breeding/In-Hand (Res.11-06), Performance Halter, 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 (BOD 11/01) classes are exempt from using the Majority Opinion System (MOS) (Res. 45-00, Res. 31-07) (BOD 5/02) Exceptions: Performance Halter – when utilizing a three-judge panel. (BOD 12/20)
 - a. Breeding/In-Hand classes will use the Majority Opinion System (MOS) or the Three Judge System. For comparative judging, see REQ 215 for class procedure. (Res. 7-17)
 - b. For Performance Halter, see COMP 508.6 and adjust for a Top Ten placing.
3. AHA shall train and supply the National Shows technicians who are proficient in the use of the Majority Opinion System (MOS) (Res. 45-00, Res. 31-07) to score the shows.
4. When utilizing a five-judge panel, all Breeding/In-Hand classes judges will use the "Arabian Scoring System" in the qualifying sections. See USEF/EC rules. For the final comparative Breeding/In-Hand Championships, judges' individual score or placing cards will be given to show management for tabulation. Final placing shall be determined by combining all five judge's cards using the table below: (Res. 7-17)

1st place = 120 4th place = 78 7th place = 45 10th place = 21

2nd place = 105 5th place = 66 8th place = 36

3rd place = 91 6th place = 55 9th place = 28

- a. In the event of a tie, Judge no. 1 is the first tiebreaker; if judge no. 1 did not use any of the tied horses, then judge no. 2 becomes the tie-breaker judge; if judge no. 2 did not use any of the tied horses, then judge no. 3 is used, etc., until the judge is found that used at least one of the tied horses.
- b. This method, and only this method, is used to break all ties in the Breeding/In-Hand finals.
- c. For comparative judging, see REQ 215 for class procedure.

5. High/Low Elimination System (Res. 23-03): The Reining Horse and Trail Horse Classes at the U.S. National Championship Show will use the High/Low Elimination System to score each class. The High/Low Elimination System **may** be used for Breeding/In-Hand and cattle classes when using the Arabian Scoring System at the U.S. **and Canadian** National Championship Shows to score each class. (BOD 11/08) (Exception 609.6)
 - a. One high score and one low score from the judges of 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.
 - b. To offset the cost of the additional two judges, a Judge's Fee may be assessed to each entry determined by the U.S. National Show Commission. The Working Western Committee will provide input for the judge's fee on the Working Western classes.
6. The method of scoring Breeding/In-Hand will be designated in the Omnibus for each National Championship Show. (Res. 7-17)

COMP 510. DISPENSATION

1. Dispensation: (Res. 20-13, Res. 7-17)
 - a. That any AHA Recognized Competition (with the exception of Regionals and Nationals) may be able to apply for dispensation from using the Scoring Systems in COMP 501 through 507.
 - b. That said competition applying for dispensation must state which Scoring System they wish to use.
 - c. That the application must be submitted to the AHA office 60 days prior to the start date of the competition (to be on an official form that includes a check list). The application must state compelling reasons for dispensation for the competition and/or AHA. The Competition Advisory Committee, in conjunction with the Sr. Director of Competitions and the Judges & Stewards Commissioner, will review the application and verify all necessary requirements have been fulfilled to warrant approval. Should dispensation be disapproved, the competition may appeal to the AHA Executive Committee.
 - d. If another system is granted (not found in the AHA Handbook) those judging rules must be included in the competition's prize list.
 - e. In the event that any comparative judging system is used, the procedure in REQ 215 must be adhered to.
 - f. Dispensation shall be done on a competition-by-competition basis and approval of one year does not guarantee future approvals for said competition. Any competition who files an application and is denied dispensation but uses any other method of adjudication and not those found in COMP 501 through 507, will not have their Breeding/In-Hand classes recognized/recorded by AHA.

COMP 6 - SHOW REPORTING

COMP 601. EVALUATION FORMS (BOD 11/24)

1. Competitions are required to make available Confidential Evaluation forms for exhibitors to submit to AHA.
2. Competitions may find the form available on the AHA website: https://www.arabianhorses.org/export/content.export/judges-stewards/judges/Form_JudgesRating.pdf.

COMP 602. AHA CLASS LIST

1. The AHA Class List will be available on the AHA website indicating correct Class Codes.

2. This list, in class sequence order, shall supersede any statements concerning designated classes that qualify for Regional and National Championship classes in the prize list.
 - a. This does not affect USEF/EC Championship eligibility.
 - b. This does not affect classes listed in the individual show's prize list requiring specific placings to "show back" into Championship classes.

COMP 603. SHOW & EVENTS RESULTS REPORTING

1. All COMPLETE and CORRECT Show and Event Results Reports must be received by AHA on official Results Forms (or computer print outs including all required information) and postmarked/electronic transaction dated no later than 10 calendar days after the close of the show. (Res. 7-93) Show and Event results must be sent by certified mail returned receipt or signature delivery confirmation. (BOD 11/01) Complete results include cover sheet, results, all applicable fees, membership, single event memberships, memberships paid at the show or event, including Regional Shows and events, horse, owner, rider and trainer lists and all other pertinent information.
2. All show results must be submitted electronically. Those shows that do not submit results in an acceptable electronic format will be assessed an office fee in the amount of \$50. Contact the Competition Records Department at the AHA office for complete details. You must also submit a hard copy along with your electronic transfer.
3. Shows and Events which have their results postmarked/electronic transaction dated (Res. 7-93) after 10 days will be assessed a \$50 penalty per day the results are late. (BOD 8/22)
4. It is mandatory that a Result Report Sheet be returned to the AHA office for each and every class or division in the Show or Event and must include:
 - a. Notification if it is canceled, added (according to USEF/EC rules), split, combined, etc.
 - b. The number of horses that are competing at the closing of the gate and the beginning of the class for all classes shown as a group and all those who pass through the gate in individual activity classes will determine the number of horses in each class. (BOD 8/05)
 - c. All AHA Recognized shows (excluding Nationals) must place first (1) through sixth (6) regardless of the number of awards recognized or issued. (BOD 11/06) In addition, all horses participating in the class must be reported. Participation definition: (BOD 9/21) **In addition, ALL PLACINGS given for AHA Recognized classes or divisions must be submitted if placing more than six.**
 - i. In a class where horses compete together, participated means a horse/rider/driver/handler must have been entered, shown, and judged (perform at all required gaits both ways of the ring and remain in the ring until excused by the judge). In other words, finishing the class.
 - ii. In a class where horses compete individually, participated means a horse/rider must have completed the individual requirements of the class and be eligible to receive a score.
 - iii. Horses which are excused/disqualified/eliminated/received a "no score" are not considered "adjudicated".
 - d. List 1st through 8th places on AHA Medal classes. If the judge places fewer than eight placings in an AHA Medal class, indicate this on the Class Results Sheet. (Refer to AHA Medal class requirements REQ 109 and COMP 603.4.c for participation reporting requirements)
 - e. List the total entries shown for each class or division.
 - f. List the name and registration numbers of all horses. Only horses with permanent registration numbers will be recorded. Horses shown with a pending registration number and their rider, driver, handler will not be recorded. (BOD 1/02)
 - g. List the name and AHA membership number of all owners and riders, drivers, handlers. (Refer to Chapter 7 regarding Membership.)
 - h. The Working Hunter Champion results if awarded. (See USEF/EC rules.)
 - i. For Dressage classes:
 - 1) For Dressage Walk-Trot 10 & Under through Level 3 submit all placings, participation, and percentage scores.
 - 2) For Level 4 and higher submit all placings, participation, and percentage scores.

- 3) USDF Result Report Forms will be accepted if horse registration numbers and all owner and rider AHA member numbers are included.
- j. Sport Horse In-Hand Championships and Reserve Championships will have the number in the class determined by two horses in each lead-in class to that Championship. Such as: a 2 & Under Filly class, a 3 through 5 yr. Mare class, and a 6 & Over Mare class will have 6 horses in the Championship & Reserve Championship class. A 3 & Under Stallion class and a 4 & Over Stallion class will have 4 horses in the Championship and Reserve Championship class. **Note:** If one horse qualifies in two different classes, it will only be counted once, i.e.

Class	Placing	Exhibitor #
1	1 st	101
1	2 nd	102
2	1 st	103
2	2 nd	104
3	1 st	103
3	2 nd	105

The number in the Championship would be five (5).

- k. Addresses and dates of birth of riders in Walk-Trot/Jog classes. (BOD 8/08)
- l. Report all scores of 68 and better for Working Cow, Cutting, Reining, Herd Work, Trail, Ranch Riding classes and all scores of 136 or better for Reined Cow classes.
- m. AHA Recognized Competitions holding Cutting classes will report to AHA the prize money earnings for each Arabian/Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian in addition to the placings. (Res. 12-13)
- n. Report all horses participating in Cutting, Working Cow, Herd Work and Reined Cow Horse classes. Participation is defined as entered, shown, and scored in that class. A zero is considered a score and a NS or no score is not considered a score. (BOD 11/17)
5. Proof of membership with a Competition Card must accompany Show/Competition results from local or regional shows when the member joins at the show. (BOD 8/04)
6. The following information must be sent, on a separate list or lists, with the show results:
 - a. Horses – A complete horse list must be submitted including exhibitor number, horse name and registration number. It is preferred that the list be in numeric order by the exhibitor number.
 - b. Owners - A complete owner list must be submitted including owner name, AHA membership number (or indicate that a Single Event Membership fee was paid "PAID", or a membership was not applicable "NOT APP"), and exhibitor number(s). It is preferred that the list be in alphabetical order by owner last name.
 - c. Riders/Drivers/Handlers – A complete rider/driver/handler list must be submitted including rider/driver/handler name, AHA membership number (or indicate that a Single Event Membership fee was paid "PAID", or a membership was not applicable "NOT APP"), and exhibitor number(s). It is preferred that the list be in alphabetical order by rider/driver/handler last name.
 - d. Trainers – A complete trainer list must be submitted including the trainer's name, AHA membership number (or indicate that a Single Event Membership fee was paid "PAID", or a membership was not applicable "NOT APP"), and exhibitor number(s). It is preferred that the list be in alphabetical order by trainer last name.
 - e. Walk-Trot/Jog Riders – A complete walk-trot/jog list must be submitted including the addresses and dates of birth for all walk-trot/jog riders. (BOD 8/08)
7. At AHA's request, a competition must furnish entry blanks, judges' cards, class sheets, or any other documents, within the time requested, to the AHA office. These records must be kept on the competition grounds during all sessions of the competition and retained for three (3) years.

COMP 604. REGIONAL SHOW RESULTS REPORTING

It is the responsibility of the Regional Director to ensure that all Regional class results are submitted to the AHA office as per COMP 603.

COMP 605. CANADA'S NATIONAL ARABIAN CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW RESULTS REPORTING

It is the responsibility of the Show Secretary to ensure that all National class results are submitted to the AHA office as per COMP 603