

1 SUBJECT: Ranch Horse Riding Modifications (USEF/EC)

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3 (EXTRAORDINARY)

4 Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 101 for submission requirements

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

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

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8 CONVENTION ACTION:

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10 Approved _____ Approved with Modification _____ Disapproved
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12 _____ Withdrawn _____ Referred to Committee _____

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14 PROPOSED CHANGE: (Check one) _____ Add new rule _____ Delete existing rule Change existing text
15 Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) USEF AR220

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

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19 Whereas, Ranch Horse Riding was created by the passage of Resolution 25-14; and
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21 Whereas, Ranch Horse Riding is gaining in popularity in the Arabian Industry; and
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23 Whereas, It is important to keep consistent with the stock breeds to keep our breed competitive; Therefore, Be It
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25 Resolved, That USEF AR208.3 be amended by inserting the following:

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27 3. Boots and/or bandages are permitted in **Ranch Horse Riding**, Reining, Reined Cow Horse, Working Cow and Cutting
28 classes (See AR106.12); and, Be it Further

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30 Resolved, That USEF AR220 be amended by striking and inserting as follows:

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32 ~~Ranch Horse Riding. The purpose of Ranch Horse Riding should reflect the versatility, attitude, and movement of a working~~
33 ~~horse. The horse's performance should simulate a horse working outside the confines of an arena and that of a working ranch~~
34 ~~horse. This class should show the horse's ability to work at a forward, working speed while under control by the rider. Light~~
35 ~~contact should be rewarded and horse shall not be shown on a full drape of reins. The overall manners and responsiveness of~~
36 ~~the horse while performing the maneuver requirements and the horse's quality of movement are the primary considerations.~~
37 **The purpose of the ranch riding class is to measure the ability of the horse to be a pleasure to ride while being used as a**
38 **means of conveyance from performing one ranch task to another. The horse should reflect the versatility, attitude and**
39 **movement of a working ranch horse riding outside the confines of an arena. The horse should be well-trained, relaxed,**
40 **quiet, soft and cadenced at all gaits. The ideal ranch horse will travel with forward movement and demonstrate an obvious**
41 **lengthening of stride at extended gaits. The horse can be ridden with light contact or on a relatively loose rein without**
42 **requiring undue restraint, but not shown on a full drape of reins. The overall manners and responsiveness of the ranch**
43 **riding horse to make timely transitions in a smooth and correct manner, as well as the quality of the movement are of**
44 **primary considerations. The ideal ranch riding horse should have a natural head carriage at each gait.** For rules regarding
45 correct Western appointments, refer to AR144. BOD 11/7/16 Effective 12/1/16; and, Be It Further

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47 Resolved, That USEF AR220.1 be amended by striking and inserting as follows:

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49 1. Each horse will work individually, performing both required *gait maneuvers* and *minimum of three* optional maneuvers.
50 ~~and~~ **Horses will be** scored on the basis of 0 to 100, with 70 denoting an average performance. **Each maneuver will**
51 **receive a score that should be added or subtracted from 70 and is subject to a penalty that should be subtracted. Each**

52 *maneuver will be scored on the following basis, ranging from plus 1 1/2 to minus 1 1/2.: -1 1/2 extremely poor, -1 very*
53 *poor,-1/2 poor, 0 correct, +1/2 good, + 1 very good, + 1 1/2 excellent. Maneuver scores are to be determined and*
54 *assessed independently of penalty points; and, Be It Further*
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56 Resolved, That USEF AR220.2 be amended by striking and inserting as follows:
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58 2. The required maneuvers will include the walk, ~~jog~~ *trot*, and lope both directions: and the extended ~~jog~~ *trot* and extended
59 lope ~~going~~ at least one direction; as well as stops, and ~~a~~ back; and, Be It Further
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61 Resolved, That USEF AR220.7 be amended by inserting the following:
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63 7. One of the suggested patterns may be used (*from the current AQHA Handbook and* found on AHA website), however,
64 a judge may utilize a different pattern as long as all required maneuvers and the three (or more) optional maneuvers are
65 included. Should a judge use one of his/her own patterns, it is recommended to not have the stop following an extended
66 lope; and, Be It Further
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68 Resolved, That USEF AR220.15.a.5 be amended by striking the following:
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- 70 15. Ranch Horse Penalties - A contestant shall be penalized each time the following occur:
71 a. One (1) point penalties
72 1. Too slow/per gait
73 2. Over-bridled
74 3. Out of frame
75 4. Break of gait at walk or jog for 2 strides or less
76 5. ~~Split leg at lope~~; and, Be It Further
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78 Resolved, That USEF AR220.15.d be amended by inserting the following:
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- 80 *d. Ten (10) point penalties*
81 *1. Eliminates maneuver*
82 *2. Incomplete maneuver*; and, Be It Further
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84 Resolved, That the remaining USEF AR220.15 be re-lettered.
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86 Effective: December 31, 2017 or when approved by USEF/EC
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88 (If a Standard resolution, the effective date will be December 31 of the year after the Convention)
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90 RESOLUTION TYPE (**REQUIRED**): Standard Extraordinary "If indicated as
91 "Extraordinary", the proponent must list reasons which establish Chapter 9, RULE 101.2 has been met)
92 RULE 101.2. a) i) (3);
93 The industry standards and rules have changed so much that these circumstances have created a severe hardship or gross
94 unfairness to the Association's recognized events. Particularly, the inability of ranch horses to wear protective boots. We are
95 also discouraging cross-over of exhibitors from other breeds and open events due to our rules being so obsolete. When we
96 created the original resolution it took two years to implement. Then it has been two years. In 4 years time the world has
97 evolved rapidly in this event and we must keep up to maintain the integrity of the class.
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99 PROPONENTS FINANCIAL IMPACT (**REQUIRED**): Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 101.3.e. for financial requirements
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101 No additional cost through BT. Does not change what AHA currently does; staff already copies the AQHA patterns for
102 uploading to the AHA website.
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104 AHA IMPACT STATEMENT: Brings Ranch Riding Scoring into uniformity with other breeds. Will require minimal
105 training for Arabian Judges.
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107 Contact Person: Stan Morey, Judges & Stewards Commissioner – stan.morey@arabianhorses.org – (303) 696-4538

RESOLUTION 14 - 17

108 SUBMITTED BY: Working Western Committee Region Number:

109 Member Organization Committee Commission Board Region (check one)

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

111 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 68 Number of Yes votes: 25 Number of No votes: 1

112 How vote was taken: mail email phone meeting (check one) (Must have Quorum with majority of yes votes)

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

114 Date vote taken: July 5 – 9, 2017

115 Contact Person: Michael Damianos (Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw)

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