



AHA
General Rules
for all
National Shows



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Event Numbers

These shows are recognized by the Arabian Horse Association

Youth & Mid Summer Nationals	#16164
Sport Horse Nationals	#16165
U.S. Nationals	#11616

Regular Member United States Equestrian Federation Arabian Division

Youth & Mid Summer Nationals	7318	USDF 7318	WDAA 24-296
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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.

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 submitting 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 order of the judges. 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.

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 AAO TR/AOTR Jackpot Classes, ABS AAOTH Performance Halter Classes or Performance Maturity AAO TR Classes at any National Show.**

1. ARABIAN BREEDERS SWEEPSTAKES (ABS) CLASSES

All Horses entering into Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes (ABS) classes must be Sweepstakes nominated 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 Sweepstakes Nominated 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 AAO TR/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 AAO TR 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. [https://www.performance Futurity Maturity Derby](https://www.performance-futurity-maturity-derby.com)

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 Nationals 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 plus an additional \$910 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 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 change fee up until **October 1**. Class changes will not be allowed for U.S. Nationals after October 1.

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). This transfer can only be applied to the same horse with the transfer fee of \$100. 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 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)

The age of an individual 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 is requested by the Probable Cause Panel or the Ethical Practice Review Board.

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

The horse ended up back in the previous owner's name within a year of the original transfer.

Horse being transferred at less than fair market value (owner to provide proof of the sales amount).

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

The fact that 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-own 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 nonfamily owners must be individuals, no Farm or Corporation co-owned horses are eligible.

Both distinct nonfamily 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 nonfamily owners.

A horse that is co-owned by two distinct nonfamily 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 SFF 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.



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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.

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.**

GR 7 CANCELLATION OR DATE CHANGE OF SHOW

Show Management reserves the right to change the dates and/or the location of the show or to 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 aforementioned fees.

GR 8 CLASS INFORMATION

Standard abbreviations

- 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

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).

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 must be submitted on the Official Entry Form for each show. Please check the box indicating this is added classes 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.
- c. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to be sure 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 on the basis of 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.

By scratching as early as possible enables the show commission to make a timely decision on cancelling 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 done on the AHA App, web site 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 Fee Chart for each show.

6. CLASS SECTIONS

If you have multiple classes 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 in order to aid in conflicts.

a. SECTION REQUESTS

Exhibitors with possible ring conflicts should identify section requests on the Official Entry Form. Once at the show, sections and go-forward sections can be requested via the AHA App, website, or in person at the show office.

Sections can 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. Refer to each show when splits will be posted.**

If a section is not specified, then random entry selection will be used for assigning 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.

Exhibitors with possible ring conflicts should identify section requests on the Official Entry Form. Once at the show, sections and go-forward sections can be requested via the AHA App, website, or in person at the show office. All requests MUST be submitted BY NOON two days prior to when the sections run.

For example, if the class is on Tuesday, sections will be posted on Monday, and section requests must be in by noon on Sunday.

- b. **GO FORWARD** section requests (from elimination sections I, II, and III to A and B sections) will ONLY be accepted **after** you make the cut. They must be submitted within 1 hour after the completion of the elimination section.
- c. **ONCE A CLASS HAS BEEN SECTIONED** 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 sessions** prior to the earliest class involved. 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 all requests for changes and their rulings are final. Exhibitors must return to the Show Office to determine if their request for change has been granted and must sign the request form indicating they are aware of 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 make every effort to notify the exhibitor



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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 individual show's rules for dates and post fees for horses 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

Any changes to the originally 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, web site, 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. Please make sure the correct rider is listed for your classes.

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 the required forms are filed at the horse Show Office.

10. REFUNDS

Cancelations

Cancelations prior to the initial close will be refunded all but the Office fee regardless of the reason.

Cancelations upon receipt of a suitable Veterinarian/Doctors certificate on their official letter head 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 as well as nationalevents@arabianhorses.org.**

The fees refunded are as follows:

Received at the AHA office by;

- a. On or before 30 days prior to the first day of the show. All but the office fee
- b. After 30 days and by **10** days before the first day of the show: class entry & related class fees, the 9-90 fee, and the USEF fee.
- c. After **10** days prior to the first day of the show and during the show. The request must be made 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 a copy of the notification of death (to the appropriate registry) is required before a refund will be made for all fees, with the exception of the office fee, which will be retained by AHA.

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

Non-Qualified Classes/Horses. All class entry & related class fees (i.e. Cattle, 5 Judge, etc.) for non-qualified National Show entries will be refunded. If the horse is entered in multiple classes, a refund will only be issued for the non-qualified class(es).

Exception: All qualified horses/ riders entered in the same class multiple times **on different horses** or, if qualified and entered into classes where cross entry is prohibited by USEF or AHA, **will not be refunded.**

All refunds will be processed after the conclusion of the show. 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.

GR 9 CLASS CONFLICTS & GATE HOLDS

RING CONFLICT PROCEDURE

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 at the same time. It may also be defined as a horse with two classes scheduled at the same time 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 details of the conflict. The request will be reviewed by a commissioner. The exhibitor requesting the hold must come back to the show office to check if the request was granted or not.

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

GR 10 COVID & HEALTH PROTOCOLS

Exhibitors are advised that All AHA National Shows will follow the current guidelines put in place in accordance with 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 member of the family 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 current USEF Rule Book. For clarification on how a disqualified horse is replaced, refer to the current AHA Handbook.



GR 14 DNA & DNA TESTING

CLASSES REQUIRING DNA

Half-Arabians must have DNA type of the horse and 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;

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

US Nationals

Halter Futurities

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

Performance Futurities

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| HA/AA English Pleasure Futurity | HA/AA Country English Pleasure Futurity |
| HA/AA Western Pleasure Futurity | HA/AA Hunter Pleasure Futurity |
| HA/AA Working Cow Futurity | HA/AA Reining Horse Futurity 5 & Under |
| HA/AA in the Trail Horse Futurity | |

Performance Maturities

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| 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 |

Derbies

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| HA/AA Reining Horse Open Derby | HA/AA in the Western Trail Horse Derby Open |
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Other Association Program Classes

- AEPA Half-Arabian Saddle Seat Futurity
- AWPA Half-Arabian Western Pleasure Futurity
- AHPA HA/AA Hunter Pleasure 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 with the exception of 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 any damages, claims, losses, or actions resulting from their dogs’ behaviors.

Dog owners failing to comply with this rule may be subject to penalty under USEF Chapters 6 and 7, as well as issuance of 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 animal 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

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

It is the prerogative of Show Management to require drug testing.

testing or to require the inspection of shoes, pads, and/or hoof length for any entry at any time during the show. This is to be accomplished prior to the horse leaving 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 are cross entered into 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 take place at the U.S. Nationals.

GR 17 DUPLICATE TROPHIES

Duplicate Awards may be ordered 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 for more information.

GR 18 EMERGENCY CONTACT

AHA and the Show Commissioners advise owners and/or trainers to leave your contact information of where you can be reached for the duration your horse(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 can be found on the AHA website for each show under Exhibitor Information.

Exhibitors are advised to use a form of expedited, traceable mail service when sending entries in order to ensure that their entries are received.

AHA will accept faxed/emailed entries with 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, receipt can not be verified by phone or fax. If confirmation is not received two weeks before the first day of the show, please contact 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 accepted custody of a mail piece, and it 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. If payment is not received by the closing date, the entry will be subject to the post entry fee. 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.



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Credit cards will be charged only for the Entry Total amount listed on 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 in accordance with 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 AND RIDERS NOT QUALIFIED BY THE CLOSING DATE

Horses and riders that 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, MUST enter and pay the entry fees. A Qualification report 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 entries of any exhibitor, 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 as an invalid entry and subject to late or post-entry fees;

- a. **UNREGISTERD 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 closing date of the show.** See each show for further information.
- b. Checks or credit cards for a lesser amount than owed.
- c. NSF checks and credit cards that are declined 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

- 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 MAIL, EMAIL OR FAX 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

Emailed entries Please contact AHA if you do NOT get a return email acknowledging the receipt of your entry on the same or 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

still not complete and is 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 as 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 name (must be an adult) and address of the trainer. If there is no trainer, then the owner for the horse at the show must fill out the trainer information.
- e. Entry Forms are signed in at least 3 places. The Owner, Trainer, and Rider signature lines must be signed. All signatures must be an adult (18 or older).
 - i. If there is no trainer the owner must sign the trainer line.
 - ii. In addition, Coaches (if applicable) must sign the entry blank.
 - iii. If applicable, the Minor Exhibitor Consent to Show section must be filled in and signed.

6. INCLUDE WITH YOUR ENTRY

- a. **PHOTOCOPIES of all registration papers.** If the name shown on the registration papers is different 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.

Do not submit your health papers, Coggins, or vaccination records 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 prior to being allowed to unload horses.

- b. **PHOTOCOPIES of Membership Cards** for USEF/EC for every Owner, Trainer, Rider, Driver, Handler, and Coach (if applicable).

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.

USEF/EC Amateur Cards for all individuals riding in Adult Amateur classes.

Proof of USEF/EC membership must accompany your entry.

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 show, 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.***

- c. **UPHA** membership cards for UPHA riders and trainers.
- d. **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 office hours.

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



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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 will be 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 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

Please refer to USEF GR 845

Please check with the state veterinarians of all states you are planning on passing through regarding possible restrictions due to current health-related problems and outbreaks. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to be aware of any additional restrictions that may be in place at the time of crossing state/country boundaries.

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 prior to being allowed to unload horses.

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 prior to entering the stables. 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 manufacturers' 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, the exhibitor, upon request by Competition Management, must provide documentation from the veterinarian on 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 that are 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. If the horse is registered, a photocopy of the original registration papers must be carried with the horse.
- d. If Canadian horses are entering the U.S.A. for breeding or sales purposes, a formal entry must be made. 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 prior to 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), and 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 will be set by the National Show Commission of that show.



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. Fire extinguishers must be provided by the exhibitor. There must be one (1) extinguisher for each two (2) stalls that are covered with nonflammable materials. No aiseways 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 allowed.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Absolutely no overhead draping of horse stalls is permitted.
- ❖ 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

If a competitor is eligible to compete as a Select/Choice/Elite Rider in a section on December 1, 2023, 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



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 AHA competitions.

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)

FOR ALL OWNERS, TRAINERS & COMPETITORS 18 & OVER

Each participant over the age of 18 must have completed and have a current Safe-Sport certificate. Safe Sport for the business/farm or other business entity is not required.

Each participant must submit a valid USEF **COMPETING membership** card. 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

USEF SHOW PASS

1. Non-member participants and Non-Competing members in the role of **Owner, riders, drivers, handlers, vaulters, lungers, lessees, and agents** must pay a Show Pass fee.
2. **Competitions cannot accept payment for a Show Pass from exhibitors. Show Pass purchases can only be made online on the USEF website by exhibitors.**
3. 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.

4. 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.**
5. **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.**

FOREIGN EXHIBITOR

Must have proof, in English, of current membership in good standing of their own National Federation.

FARM/BUSINESS OWNERS

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 the following Show pass rule.

For USEF memberships, contact information is www.usef.org or 859-258-2472.

GR 29 UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION ENTRY AGREEMENT

I have read the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (the "Federation" Entry Agreement (GR 906.4) as printed in the Prize List for the shows listed in this Omnibus (Youth Nationals, Sport Horse Nationals, and U.S. Nationals Competitions) and agree to all its provisions. I understand that by entering any of these Competitions, I am subject to the Federation Rules, the Prize List, and the local rules of the competition. I agree to waive the right to the use of my photos from the competition and agree that any actions against the Federation must be brought in New York State.

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, Vaultor 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.

The construction and application of Federation rules are governed by the laws of the State of New York, and any action instituted against the Federation must be filed in New York State. See GR908.4.

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 GR908.4

**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 way.

Refer to Violations GR 48

GR 31 NON-COMPETING HORSE

A 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.
2. Pay for a stall (per availability), an Office fee, and a \$100 fee per horse. Please check with each show for the total fee.
2. Fill out the official entry form and check the box at the top of the entry form for "Non-Competing."
3. **Sign the back of the entry form in all mandatory places.**
4. Send Full payment with the completed entry form.
5. 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. In order 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 the individual Patron sponsorship available on the AHA website for each National Show for specific

benefit and 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 own cart. Should their cart be damaged or stolen, the patron will be required to replace or repair the golf cart 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 cancelled 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. Prior to the entry closing date, patron fees may be refunded less the non-refundable deposit. After the entry closing date, patronships may still be available. Please contact AHA National Events Sales for more information.

Patronship Stabling/Rules. All patrons are subject to the current stabling rules.

1. Patron stalling is assigned prior to any non-Patrons.
 - a. Every effort will be made to stable non-patron groups together that have accurately filled out their stabling request form.
 - b. Priority for Patron stalling assignments will be based on the number of continuous years as a Patron, the prior year's stalling location, and number of stalls needed.
 - c. If a Patron wishes to move to another Patron barn, they will be placed on a waiting list for that barn.
2. The entry form (or electronic entry) must be signed by the trainer listed on the Patronship for the exhibitor to be stabled with said Patron. A stabling form for each National Show will be used that lists the horse, owner, and trainer.
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 and 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, 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 to the barn manager will be required.
 - 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 additional Patronship may be held by an individual within a Patron's Barn, but those additional Patronships have no effect on the "primary" Patron's Barn priority.
 - b. That other individuals' 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 name.
5. 80% of the stalls must be in the Patron Trainer'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/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/Farm's barn and only 6 stalls may be in another Trainer's/Farm's Barn.
6. 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/Farm's barn and the other 10 are in another Trainer's/Farms barn then only 4 of those stalls will be allowed to be stabled with the Patron on record. The other 6 stalls will be stalled wherever the Barn Manager can fit them.
7. 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.
8. For Patrons that exceed their average number of stalls (over the last five years), the overflow may be in another location.
9. If necessary, a Show Commission and/or a Barn Manager can limit the number of tack stalls.



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HORSE STALLS TO TACK STALLS ALLOWED

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.

10 Horse Stalls & Under	6 Tack Stalls	51 to 55 Horse Stalls	26 Tack Stalls
11 to 15 Horse Stalls	8 Tack Stalls	56 to 60 Horse Stalls	28 Tack Stalls
16 to 20 Horse Stalls	11 Tacks Stalls	61 to 65 Horse Stalls	30 Tack Stalls
21 to 25 Horse Stalls	14 Tack Stalls	66 to 70 Horse Stalls	32 Tack Stalls
26 to 30 Horse Stalls	16 Tack Stalls	71 to 75 Horse Stalls	34 Tack Stalls
31 to 35 Horse Stalls	18 Tack Stalls	76 to 80 Horse Stalls	36 Tack Stalls
36 to 40 Horse Stalls	20 Tack Stalls	81 to 85 Horse Stalls	38 Tack Stalls
41 to 46 Horse Stalls	22 Tack Stalls	86 to 90 Horse Stalls	40 Tack Stalls
46 to 50 Horse Stalls	24 Tack Stalls	91 to 95 Horse Stalls	42 Tack Stalls
		96 to 100 Horse Stalls	44 Tack Stalls

Over 100 horses, you get 1 additional tack stall for every 5 horses.

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 longer than 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 any 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. These press passes will allow photographers to shoot on grounds, however, 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. Additionally, commercial photographers found violating this policy will be assessed 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

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

The Social Security Number or Federal Taxpayer Identification Number must be on file with AHA before AHA 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.

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

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 current USEF Rule Book.

GR 37 QUALIFICATIONS

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](#)

ENTERING FOR HORSES AND 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 MUST enter and pay the fees.** This helps in determining earlier than the final close if a class must be split or not.
- 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 start of the show, a verification of qualification form signed by the show secretary will be required before a nonqualified class will be qualified.***

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 any questions, contact AHA Competition Services at (303) 696-4500, option 1, or email NationalEvents@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 to not 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 the corresponding number of sections in that class. The Show Commissions will review class entry numbers and sections after the entry deadline and will revise the schedule accordingly if deemed necessary.



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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 SFF, which will be later in the schedule.
- 3. 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.**

Please check the AHA App, the Website, or the Show Office upon arrival 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 prior to 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.

Sport Horse In-Hand classes are judged by 2 judges, and the Sport Horse In-Hand Supreme will use 4 judges. Both will use the total score 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 Futurity, Maturity, and Challenge classes.

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 be posted in designated areas only. All others will be removed immediately. Check with the show office or 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. All Food Concessionaires are contracted by the individual facilities, 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 in the same envelope with a stall reservation form. **If this form is not filled out completely or correctly listing every owner and horse, your stalling is NOT guaranteed.** This form must be sent with the entries **or received by the due date for that show.** Stalls are assigned using this form. ***If your name does not appear on the Stabling Request Form – we cannot guarantee you will be with the group.***

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.

Every horse is required to 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 in which 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.



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1. ASSIGNMENT/AVAILABILITY

Check each show as to when stalls will be available.

Please note that patronships must represent one entity ONLY, and all stalls assigned to any one 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 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).

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

When set up, emergency fire exit signs cannot be moved, altered, or blocked and must remain visible at all times.

Exhibitors will be billed for any alteration/damage to their stalls on the premises to 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 any 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

If you are ordering just tack stalls, **please** do not list them on just the stall reservation form or they may be missed. Please use an entry form leaving the horse information blank.

Tack stalls will be assigned subject to their availability. Exhibitors will be allowed to order tack stalls per the individual National Show's policy. Management reserves the right to limit the number of total tack stalls due to availability. Tack stalls that are canceled by show management will be refunded to the exhibitor.

5. TEARDOWN 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 tear 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 closing date of the show.**

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. 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.

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

Commercial Exhibitors without a permit or payment of appropriate fee shall not be allowed in the stabling area or anywhere on the show grounds. The advertisement and sales of retail products or equine services on any AHA National Show Facebook Forum without being a confirmed vendor is not permitted. Advertisements will be permitted from the close of entries to the end of the show, per 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 which may be harboring a communicable disease. AHA also reserves the right to a postmortem examination free of charge, on any horse, which dies on the show grounds

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 BE PENALIZING HORSES WITH UNNATURAL TAILS. CONVERSELY, HORSES WITH NATURAL TAIL CARRIAGE SHOWING EXPRESSION THAT IS NOT ANGRY OR OFFENSIVE WILL NOT BE PENALIZED.



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APAHA PREAMBLE

We, as Professional and Amateur Horsemen of the Arabian Horse Association, pledge to assume a positive role as leaders in the Arabian horse community. While achieving the goals of promoting, showing, and caring for the horse, we shall protect the health, image, and welfare of the breed.

Therefore, we set forth the following standards:

We shall comply with and actively encourage all Professional and Amateur Horsemen to adhere to all rules and regulations of AHA, USEF, CAHR, and EC.

We shall instill confidence, trust, and mutual respect in our clients, fellow exhibitors, and the public by a commitment to ethical practice and avoidance of any action conducive to discrediting the Arabian horse, AHA, or our fellow horsemen.

We shall ensure that the welfare of the Arabian horse is paramount and that every Arabian horse be treated humanely and with dignity, respect, and compassion.

As Horsemen we agree that it is our obligation, not only to the horse but to each other, to have a reciprocal relationship wherein we are compelled to comment to our peers on their actions as well as be receptive of comments on our actions if those actions might be perceived or interpreted as abusive or inappropriate.

There should be no malicious force during training. Good horsemanship teaches a horse to respond to the aids with confidence. Abusive practices are those that inflict injury or result in intimidation and fear. This may include jerking, spurring, or whipping when employed in a manner that increases a horse's fear, confusion, or distress.

While most types of tack and training methods are not themselves abusive, we understand that anything used wrongly, overused, or overdone can prove to be abusive or perceived to be abusive by onlookers.

The duration of training sessions should consider climate conditions, intensity of work, footing, and the condition of each horse to ensure there is no undue stress.

We shall conduct all business affairs with integrity, sincerity, and accuracy in an open and forthright manner.

We shall act with integrity in financial dealings with clients, professionals, and the public. We shall employ a policy of full disclosure to our horse's owners, as well as potential buyers, about all facts and knowledge regarding a horse they own or are considering purchasing.

Horsemen will never perform, condone, or allow surgical alteration or procedure on an Arabian horse unless professionally prescribed by a licensed veterinarian, and then only for the survival or threatened health of an Arabian or Half-Arabian horse. This includes altering the natural carriage of the tail, which is one of our breed standards and characteristics.

Horsemen will not administer to any horse engaged in competition drugs or medications that give an unfair competitive advantage or serve no required therapeutic purpose.