

SUBJECT: Addition of Ranch Reining (USEF/EC)

Amendment 1 - Blue

(EXTRAORDINARY)

Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 101 for submission requirements

Committee Action:

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

Amateur Committee	O		
Competition Advisory Committee	O		
Education/Evaluation Commission	1		
Professional Horsemen Committee	1		
Working Western Committee	O		
USEF Arabian Division Committee	O		

CONVENTION ACTION:

_____ Approved _____ Approved with Modification _____ Disapproved

_____ Withdrawn _____ Referred to Committee _____

PROPOSED CHANGE: (*Check one*) Add new rule _____ Delete existing rule _____ Change existing text
 Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) USEF AR 26

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

- Whereas, The addition of Ranch Horse Riding has proven to be very popular in the Arabian industry; and
- Whereas, The Ranch Horse grouping of classes has become very popular in the working western industry as a whole among the other breeds and there is a great interest for expansion of this division in the Arabian breed; and
- Whereas, It is in the best interest of our breed and Association to facilitate classes that increase participation and marketability of Arabian and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian horses; Therefore, Be It
- Resolved, That the USEF Rule Book be amended by inserting as a new section AR- 26 RANCH REINING and the remaining Subchapters be renumbered accordingly:

The ranch reining class measures the ability of the ranch horse to perform basic handling maneuvers with a natural head carriage in a forward-looking manner. The ideal Ranch Reining horse should have a natural ranch horse appearance from head to tail in each maneuver.

1. **SCORING SYSTEM:** Each horse/rider team is scored between 0-100 points and automatically begins the run with a score of 70 points. The horse/rider team is scored on the quality of each maneuver (e.g. -1½ extremely poor, -1 very poor, -1/2 poor, 0 correct, +1/2 good, +1 very good, and +1½ excellent). Plusses and minuses are a reflection of the smoothness, finesse, attitude, quickness, and authority of the horse/rider team when performing the various maneuvers.
2. **CONTENT:** Horses will be shown individually. All runs begin upon entering the pen and any infractions are subject to penalty at that time such as two hands on the reins (except for junior horses 5 years & under wearing snaffle bit or hackamore), using either hand to instill fear or praise, etc. Patterns may be chosen from any of the ranch reining patterns found in the VRH section of the AQHA Handbook or on the AHA website.
3. **CREDITS AND PENALTIES:** To rein a horse is not only to guide him but also to control his every movement. The best reined horse should be willingly guided or controlled with little or no apparent resistance and dictated to completely. Any movement on his own must be considered a lack of control. All deviations from the exact written pattern must be considered a lack of, or temporary, loss of control; and, therefore, a fault that must be marked down according to severity of deviation. The horse/rider team’s overall performance should be credited for smoothness, finesse, attitude, quickness and authority of performing various maneuvers while using controlled speed which raises the degree of difficulty and makes the horse/rider team more exciting and a pleasure to watch.
 - **One-half (1/2) Penalties:** Starting a circle or exiting a roll-back at a trot for up to two (2) strides; Delayed change of lead

52 by one stride where the lead change is required by the pattern description; Failure to remain a minimum of twenty feet from
53 the wall or fence when approaching a stop and/or roll-back; Over-spin or under-spin up to 1/8 turn.

54 - 1 Point Penalties: Over-bridled (per maneuver), Out of frame (per maneuver), Out of lead in the circles, figure eights, or
55 around the end of the arena (this penalty is cumulative and will be deducted for each quarter of a circle the horse is out of
56 lead); Over- or under-spinning 1/8 to 1/4 turn. Slipping rein.

57 - 2 Point Penalties: Break of gait; Freeze up in spins or roll-backs; Failure to stop or walk before executing a lope departure
58 on trot-in patterns; Failure to be in a lope prior to the first marker on run-in patterns; Failure to completely pass the
59 specified marker before initiating a stop position, Trotting beyond two strides, but less than 1/2 circle or 1/2 length of the
60 arena.

61 - 5 Point Penalties: Spurring in front of cinch; Blatant disobedience; Use of either hand to instill fear/praise; Use of two
62 hands per maneuver; More than one finger between split reins or any fingers between romal reins per maneuver. Excess
63 rein may be straightened anytime during the pattern, provided the rider’s free hand remains behind the rein hand. Any
64 attempt to alter tension or length of the reins from the bridle to the rein hand is considered use of two hand and a 5-point
65 penalty will be applied.

66 - 10 point Penalties: Unnatural ranch horse appearance (Horse’s tail is obvious and consistently carried in an unnatural
67 manner in every maneuver); Off pattern; Inclusion of maneuver (e.g. over or under-spinning, backing more than two
68 (2) strides, etc.).

69 Zero Score: Leaving arena before pattern is complete; Repeated blatant disobedience;

70 No Score: Lameness; Abuse; Illegal equipment; Disrespect or misconduct; Improper western attire; Fall of horse/rider.

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72 Show Management has the discretion to ~~allow~~ **prohibit** the cross-entering of Ranch Reining with Reining by the same
73 horse/rider team at their show, **but the prohibition must be clearly stated in the prize list.**

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75 Effective: December 31, 2020 or when approved by USEF/EC

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

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79 RESOLUTION TYPE (REQUIRED): Standard _____ Extraordinary X “If indicated as
80 “Extraordinary,” the proponent must list reasons which establish Chapter 9, RULE 101.2 has been met).

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82 Compelling circumstances necessitate the expedition of a full complement of Ranch Horse classes. Whereby, three Ranch
83 Horse classes become effective December 31, 2020, it is advantageous to all parties involved for the inclusion of the
84 remaining Ranch Horse classes for efficacy.

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87 PROPONENTS FINANCIAL IMPACT (REQUIRED): Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 101.3.e. for financial requirements

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89 Programming costs to add code to track results for this new class.

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91 AHA IMPACT STATEMENT: Minimal to no BT impact if the classes created will use the standard existing code for
92 qualifications, Achievement Awards and Leveling (if applicable).

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94 Contact Person: Maggie Harrison, PL SQL Developer – (303) 696-4564 or maggie.harrison@arabianhorses.org

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96 SUBMITTED BY: Working Western Committee Region Number:

97 Member Organization Committee Commission Board Region (check one)

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

99 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 61 Number of Yes votes: 30 Number of No votes: 1

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

RESOLUTION 11 - 20

- 101 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: At the AHA Office *(Must have printed documentation on file)*
- 102 Date vote taken: August 11-15, 2020
- 103 Contact Person: Sandra Woerle *(Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw)*
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