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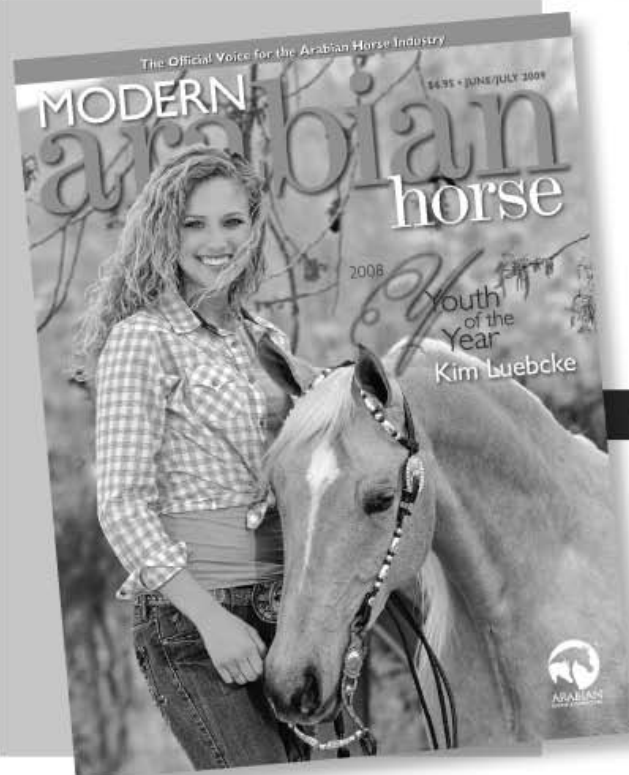
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GENERAL RULES FOR — ALL NATIONAL SHOWS

The Youth, Sport Horse and U.S. shows are conducted in accordance with the rules of the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) and the Canadian Show is conducted in accordance with the rules of Equine Canada (EC). The official rule book of each organization will prevail for this show, particularly the Arabian, Half-Arabian and Anglo-Arabian Horse Division, and the rules of the Arabian Horse Association. Any changes or corrections of the rules will automatically become part of this prize list. And will appear in the *Modern Arabian Horse Magazine*, *USEF Equestrian Magazine* and the AHA website ArabianHorses.org. Each participant in this show is responsible for knowledge of these rules and is subject to these rules. Underlined text indicates changes from 2009. For assistance, please call the AHA office at (303) 696-4500 or fax at (303) 696-4599, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm (Mountain Time) or e-mail us at info.comp@ArabianHorses.org.

ADMISSION TO THE RING

At the discretion of show management, order of entry into the ring may be predetermined for any class.

In all breeding classes, the order of go will be determined and posted by birth date of the horse 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. A maximum of two grooms and one handler per horse will be allowed at the in-gate area. Only standard grooming equipment will be allowed in this area. There shall be no conduct in the in-gate area which disturbs or creates a hazard to horses or handlers. There will be no whips, noise makers or other such equipment, devices or objects in the in-gate area which might disturb or create a hazard to horses or handlers in the area except a show whip carried properly by a handler, or items such as grass, hats and/or treats to maintain the horse's attention.

No person will be permitted to enter the ring except participants in the class,

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.

AHA MEMBERSHIP WITH COMPETITION CARDS

For all National Championship classes, AHA membership with Competition Card is required. This requirement includes at least one recorded owner, and all trainers, drivers, riders, halter handlers, and the person(s) signing the entry blank unless exempted (See *AHA Handbook* for classes that are exempt from the membership requirement).

AHA INDEMNITY AND NON-RESPONSIBILITY CLAUSES

All entries are accepted with the understanding that the Arabian Horse Association and Expo New Mexico, the Idaho Horse Center, Tulsa Expo Square and Evraz Place, 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 Expo New Mexico, Idaho Horse Center, Tulsa Expo Square and Evraz Place 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 signing the entry form.

AWARDS

Types of awards for all shows with the exception of Sport Horse Nationals are as follows: trophy, plaque and championship ribbon to the National Champion; trophy, plaque and Reserve Championship ribbon to the Reserve National Champion; plaques and ribbons to remainder of the Top Ten.

For Sport Horse Nationals, Champion and Reserve receive a trophy and championship ribbon only, all remaining Top Tens will receive a Top Ten plaque and ribbon. All horses qualifying for the semi-finals will receive a ribbon. In addition, all horses chosen to advance in preliminary and elimination sections will receive a ribbon. **ALL AWARDS NOT CLAIMED BY THE CLOSE OF THE AWARDS ROOM AT 10 A.M. FOLLOWING THE LAST DAY OF CLASSES, WILL BE FORFEITED. AWARDS WILL NOT BE MAILED TO EXHIBITORS AFTER THE EVENT.**

Duplicate trophies and Top Ten plaques may be ordered anytime for any National Show. Duplicate Champion or Reserve Champion Trophies are \$450 and Duplicate Top Ten Plaques are \$100. Duplicate ribbons are not available. All prices include shipping and handling. Forms may be picked up at the Awards Room. Or, if after the Event contact AHA at (303) 696-4500 or e-mail to info.comp@ArabianHorses.org for more information.

AWARDS/SPECIAL

The National Show Commissions will determine if individual prizes and awards will be presented at the National Shows. (*AHA Handbook*) AHA is not liable for payment of donated prize money paid by an outside organization. Exhibitors are instructed to contact the individual horse organizations to complete paperwork.

BEDDING/SHAVINGS

Shavings as well as feed are available for purchase on the show grounds. No deliveries of shavings to the show grounds are allowed. Sawdust is not allowed as bedding material.

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. Horses entered in classes canceled in the 2010 National Arabian and Half-Arabian Championship Horse Shows will retain their eligibility for the 2011 National Show (Res. 61-86).

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. (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.

CLASS CALLS

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.

Due to unforeseeable problems with any mechanical device, the public address system and paddock calls over that system must be considered a courtesy.

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. Due to City of Albuquerque noise ordinance, the public address system is turned off at 10:00 p.m.

CLASS PROCEDURES

1. A class is composed of its preliminaries, eliminations, semi-finals and finals. (See Section or Working Order Change Requests for more information on preliminaries and eliminations.)
2. Riders in reining, trail, working cow, cutting, dressage, working hunter, jumper, sport horse in-hand, and obstacle driving classes may show more than one horse in the class.
3. In all other classes, a horse may be shown in a class by only one rider and only one horse per rider.

CLASS SPECIFICATIONS

Every Class offered herein which is covered by the rules and specifications of the current *USEF or Equine Canada Rule Books* will be conducted and judged in accordance therein.

DISCIPLINE

Exhibitors are advised that any act of dis-

courtesy or disobedience to the officials of this show on the part of the owner, lessee, trainer, groom, rider, driver, handler or member of the family of the person participating in the show will disqualify the horse from adjudication. 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 without being liable for compensation of damages.

Any action(s) against a horse by an exhibitor, which are 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 which may be deemed appropriate by the Commissions. Such action(s) could include, but are not limited to, excessive use of whip, spurs, or bamboo poles. (Refer to the current *AHA Handbook*.) It is a violation of USEF and Equine Canada 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 and Equine Canada Rule Books*).

DISQUALIFICATION

Refer to current *USEF and Equine Canada Rule Books*. For clarification on how a disqualified horse is replaced, refer to the current *AHA Handbook*.

DOGS AND OTHER PETS

All dogs must be confined or on a leash at all times. **No dogs will be allowed in the main arena or paddock area with the exception of Companion/Guide Dogs.** No animal other than horses, dogs, or cats are allowed on the show grounds without the expressed written consent of the National Show Commission. No animals other than horses shall be allowed on the grounds for the purpose of being sold.

DRUG TESTING, SHOE & HOOF MEASURING

It is the prerogative of Show Management to require drug testing or to require the inspection (including measuring the shoe, measurement of hoof length, and presence of a pad) 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 and 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. and Canadian Nationals. Horses will be picked at random. Refer to current Rule Books.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES

Electronic communication devices used for the purposes of coaching, etc., between competitors and individuals outside the ring, shall be prohibited in all classes. In the United States, individuals holding USEF Dispensation Certificates may be allowed exceptions if listed on the Dispensation Certificate. In Canada, individuals must submit a letter from a medical practitioner to the EC Steward.

ENTRIES

Entries must be submitted by mail on the appropriate 2010 Official Entry Form for each show or by using the 2010 Official Entry Form on the secure AHA website. **Exercise your privilege as an exhibitor of one of AHA's National Championship shows by entering your horse online and be eligible for a FREE STALL. One stall will be given away for entries done online for each show. If you choose to not enter online you may still be eligible for the free stall by sending a postcard with your name and entry information. The postcard must be received separate from your entries and before the entry deadline.** Confirmation of entries will be sent in writing via e-mail. If confirmation is not received two weeks prior to the first day of the show, please contact AHA immediately. AHA will not accept faxed or e-mailed entries. Metered mail will only be accepted with an official postmark from country of origin. Farm names will be used as owner only if the stable or farm is the owner appearing on the horse's registration

papers.

A photocopy of current registration papers showing proof of ownership must be submitted with official entry form at the time of making entry. 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 lease or an authorization form must accompany the entry. Any farm, business or corporation owning and/or showing a horse must be a member of AHA, and that membership number must be on the official entry form.

Any farm, business or corporation owning and/or showing a horse must have an AHA Business Membership, and that membership number must be on the official entry form.

Total entry fees, stall fees, tack room fees and office fees must accompany each entry. The 11-90 scoring fee is required for horses in all classes. Entries received without a valid check, money order or credit card number **will not be** considered a valid entry until such time as the fees are received. If entry fees are not received until after the entry closing deadline, the entries will be charged post entry fees.

Exhibitors must complete the qualifications section of the entry form for each class each horse is entered. ALL qualifications must be listed on the entry.

Canadian exhibitors must draw all checks in U.S. funds. 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*.

Credit cards will be charged only for the amount listed on the entry blank. Checks covering more than one entry need to be accompanied by a detailed description of how the money is to be applied.

The following will be considered as an **invalid entry**.

1. Checks for a lesser amount than owed.
2. NSF checks.
3. Credit cards that are declined or invalid card numbers.
4. Credit cards that are for a lesser amount than owed.

All entries considered invalid will be charged post entry fees if the entry fees in their entirety are not received by the closing deadline or by 10 days of notification of such.

All entries must be signed by the (1)

owner (2) the rider, driver, and/or handler, and (3) the trainer or by the agent(s) of such person(s). In the case of an owner, rider, driver or handler under 18, his/her parent or guardian, or if not available, the trainer, must also sign an entry blank on the minor's behalf. If any owner, rider, driver, handler, or trainer permits his/her agent to sign the entry on his/her behalf, the owner, rider, driver, handler, or trainer understands and agrees that he/she is bound by all of the terms and conditions of the entry form. If any of the above persons fails to sign the entry form, his/her first entrance into the ring as an owner, rider, driver, handler, or trainer shall be construed as his/her acceptance of the rules of the competition involved and of AHA and shall ipso facto render him/her subject to said rules.

Any trainer, rider, driver or handler who exhibits horses in this show ring or signs the entry form as the responsible person for any individual's horses at this show must be a member of AHA, and send copies of his or her USEF or EC cards with the entry forms.

ENTRIES/ADDING CLASSES

Additional class entries must be submitted on the Official ADDITIONAL CLASS ENTRY FORM for each show. **Faxed entries will not be accepted.** Additional class entries are restricted to the same deadlines, qualification rules and post entry fees as the original classes entered.

POST ENTRY

Post entries will be accepted from the closing date until the closing of the show office on the first day the office is published to be open or opens which ever is later. For exceptions, please refer to each individual show's rules.

ENTRY REFUNDS

Refunds will be considered upon receipt of a suitable veterinarian certificate attesting to illness or injury, along with a letter from the exhibitor explaining the circumstances.

All fees, except the office fees, USEF fees, and EC fees, will be refunded with a veterinarian certificate postmarked no later than 40 days prior to the first day of the show. Only the class entry fees will be refunded, with a veterinarian certificate postmarked between 40 days and 21 days prior to the first day of the show. **No fees will be refunded for requests postmarked between 20 days**

and the completion of the show.

Death of a horse substitution may be made after the announced date of the closing of entries. All applicable entries fees and late fees apply.

Death of a horse entered in the show will be handled as follows:

1. With a copy of the veterinary letter and/or a copy of notification of death to the appropriate registry regarding the death of the horse a refund will be made for all fees except the offices fee.
2. If the owner wishes to use another qualified horse to replace the deceased horse and use the fees paid, they may do so without the application of Post Entry Fees provided no additional classes are entered. If additional classes for which the new horse is qualified are entered after the close of entries the Post Entry Fee will apply to the substitute horse.

All fees paid for classes cancelled by Show Management shall be refunded in full. The AHA resolution fee will be refunded to horses not qualified for any class entered. Class entry fees will be refunded to all non-qualified classes.

All refunds will be sent by mail.

ENTRY REFUSAL

The Show Management reserves the right to refuse, accept conditionally, or to cancel any entries of any exhibitor, as stated in the current *USEF or Equine Canada Rule Books* and current *AHA Handbook*.

EXHIBITOR PARTIES/ALCOHOL

Show management will not tolerate any under age drinking by exhibitors or anyone associated with the exhibitors. 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 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.

FARRIER PERMIT AND REGISTRATION

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. (Refer to Fee Chart)

FIRE AND SAFETY CODES/ STALL DECORATIONS

All electrical extension cords must be at least 14 gauge of the three-wire (heavy duty) type. Authorized electrical appliances for grooming purposes may be used in designated barn areas only. No unauthorized electrical appliances may be used, and if used, the appliances will be confiscated. 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. 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 aisle ways may be covered overhead. Absolutely no overhead draping of horse stalls is permitted.

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.

No gas, electric or propane heaters, tanks or hot plates allowed in the stalls or stall area at any time. No exposed element heating appliances such as immersion heaters nor open flames are allowed.

Smoking is not permitted in the stall area.

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

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

STALL DAMAGE: DO NOT PUT NAILS INTO STALL WALLS. Do not cut stall walls in any way. Stalls must be vacated in their original condition. **Stalls may not be structurally or otherwise altered in any way.**

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

HANDICAPPED

Individuals must include their USEF Dispensation Certificate with entries if requiring special adaptations. See *USEF and Equine Canada Rule Books*.

HEALTH CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS FOR NATIONAL SHOWS IN THE UNITED STATES

A valid health certificate is required for every horse. All horses six months and older shall be accompanied by an official health certificate of state of origin issued by a state, federal or licensed accredited veterinarian, and such certificate shall 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. **Do not submit your Coggins Test Certificate or Health Certificate with your entries.** Keep the certificates in your possession until such time as it is requested. You may be required to show health papers and proof of a negative Coggins test prior to being allowed to unload horses.

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.

HEALTH CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS FOR NATIONAL SHOWS IN CANADA

Health certificate Requirements—ENTERING U.S.A. All horses require a negative Coggins test, dated and signed by the Health of Animals Veterinarian, within six months of entry to the U.S.A.

All horses require 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.

Foals that are less than five months old and accompanied by the mare require no testing to enter the U.S.A.

All horses must be accompanied by a document indicating proof of ownership. If the horse is registered, a photocopy of the origi-

nal registration papers must be carried with the horse.

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 U.S.A. Port of Entry. There is a fee charged for this service. Canadian show and rodeo 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.

An American horse in Canada for 72 hours or less can re-enter the U.S.A. with an American Health Certificate.

American horses participating in a public recognized show can return to the U.S.A. on the American Health Certificate for up to 90 days, if the owner supplies proof of attending rodeos, horse shows, or race meets. This means you must have a published show program identifying your horse as a competitor in the show.

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.

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.

IN-KIND SPONSORSHIP/ PRODUCT DONATIONS

Companies may distribute giveaways through the purchase of a 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 through the prior approval of AHA Management. All ring presentations must also have prior approval of AHA Management.

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.

JUDGES

The Show Management reserves the absolute right to substitute a judge for the one who is officially designated in this prize list.

MEMBERSHIP

- Each participant must submit a valid AHA Competition Level membership card.
- Walk-Trot Riders must submit a valid membership with Competition Card for National Shows.
- EXCEPTION: Exhibitors in lead-line classes or Parents or Guardians signing for minors.
- Each participant must also submit a valid USEF/EC membership card. Amateur exhibitors must have an Amateur card. For USEF memberships, contact information is www.usef.org or 859-258-2472. For an EC membership card, contact EC at www.equinecanada.ca or (613) 248-3433.

MOTORIZED VEHICLES

USEF GR1301.7 Minors who do not have a valid driver's license which allows them to operate a motorized vehicle in the state or province 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 recognized competitions. Minors who have a valid temporary license may operate the above-described motorized vehicles as long as they are accompanied by an adult with a valid driver's license. Violations of this rule will be cause for sanctions against the parent(s), guardian(s) and/or trainer(s) who are responsible for the child committing the offense. Penalties may include exclusion of the child, parent(s), guardian(s), and/or trainer(s) from the competition grounds for the remainder of the competition and charges being filed against any of the above individuals in accordance with USEF Rule 7. 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 away.

PATRONSHIPS

Each National show has a patron's program with various benefits including preferred stalling, class sponsorship, seating and patron's lounge benefits. See the individual

Patron sponsorship forms in this Prize List for specific benefit and cost information. **Patronship payment in full is listed on the patron form for each show, and should be mailed separate from horse Official Entry Forms.** After entry closing date, any cancelled patronship is only 50% refundable if paid in full. If only minimum payment was made and patronship is not paid in full by date stated on form, no money will be refunded. Prior to 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 Event Sales for more information. ***Patronships are encouraged to be submitted before the deadline to ensure availability and seating.***

PHOTOGRAPHS

Anyone who attends this 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.

PHOTOGRAPHY POLICY

Commercial Photographers at all national shows are limited to PRESS PHOTOGRAPHERS ONLY.

A press/commercial photographer is defined as anyone taking photographs/videos for a newspaper, periodic publication, TV, website, etc. However, any press or commercial photographer who intends to sell their photographs (referred to as commercial photographers in the remainder of this document) must sign an agreement stating that they will not sell their photographs until after the conclusion of the event as well as pay the vendor fee appropriate for the national event plus acknowledging that they have read and agree to abide by this policy. Once an official agreement has been signed and appropriate fees collected, an official AHA Press Pass or Commercial Photographer Pass will be issued. Requests for Press Passes/Commercial Photographer Passes may be made in writing to the AHA office up to 30 days prior to the beginning of the show. All Press Passes/Commercial Photographer Passes will be obtained in the Show Commission Office onsite

at the show. Press Passes/Commercial Photographer Passes must be visible and worn at all times while photographing at the event. Only one Press Pass will be issued to any publication. Requests for the Press Pass must come in writing from the publication and the publication must certify that their press photographer will abide by the rules stated in this policy. Violation of this policy may cause denial of a press pass for that publication for future events. Press/Commercial Photographers will be allowed to photograph anywhere on the grounds that have not been designated and posted as a no press/commercial photographer area as posted by each show commission. These areas may include, but are not limited to: show arenas, in gate/out gate areas, alleyways, or paddocks.

The Press Photographers/Commercial Photographers will agree that if found violating this policy they will be assessed a \$1,000 fine and escorted off the grounds. Violators of this policy detected after the event will be invoiced \$1,000 fine and denied a Press Pass/Commercial Photographer Pass for future AHA National Events. Websites and publications will be monitored for compliance with this policy. This policy will be strictly enforced. Official contracted show photographer(s), AHA Staff, and non-commercial photographers are exempt from the policy.

PRIZE MONEY

Prize money will be paid to the party who is listed as the Recorded Owner of the horse on the current Certificate of Registration. Checks for prize money shall be mailed within 30 days after 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 transfer or prize money requirements are not fulfilled by June 30 of the calendar year following the year in which the prize money is won, the prize money shall be forfeited. Canadian citizens winning prize money in the U.S. may contact the AHA Accounting Department for Internal Revenue Service requirements

PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR

Refer to current *USEF and Equine Canada Rule Books*.

QUALIFICATIONS

The classes held in these shows require horses to be qualified according to AHA rules. Regional exceptions may apply to some shows depending on the closing date provided the horse is not previously qualified before the regional show to which the exception applies. (There is no such thing as re-qualifying) See the AHA Handbook.

Refer to the current *AHA Handbook* and *ArabianHorses.org* for complete rules. If you have any questions about qualifications, contact AHA Competition Services at (303) 696-4500, select option 4.

RIDER/HANDLER/EQUITATION HORSE CHANGES

Any changes to the originally entered rider, driver, handler or equitation horse must be made on the appropriate form at the show office at least one session prior to the class involved. Failure to do so will result in a fine. (Refer to Fee Chart for each show). You may not go through the in-gate into a class with a rider, driver or handler that is different from the one designated on the entry form or that has been officially changed at the show office on the proper form.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

The schedules printed in this prize list are 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. Please note that classes which may be divided are subject to be moved ahead on the schedule. Check with the Show Office upon arrival for schedule changes and posted sections.

SCRATCHED CLASSES

A fee will be assessed (per class) to those exhibitors who do not show up for their scheduled class and have not officially scratched their entry at the Show Office prior to the class being called at the gate. (Refer to Fee Chart for each Show). All

exhibitors scratching their class at the gate must also complete the formal scratch form in the show office, or will be subject to class scratch fees.

SECTIONS

Exhibitors can select sections prior to the classes being sectioned and a go forward section request by 1/2 hour after the session the elimination sections were held.

SECTIONS/PRELIMINARIES/ELIMINATIONS

Many National Classes are divided into preliminary and/or elimination sections depending on the number of entries. (Refer to current *AHA Handbook* for information on "Dividing Classes at Nationals") Please check with the Show Office regarding which section you have been assigned. If you miss YOUR SECTION (PRELIMINARY OR ELIMINATION), you have missed YOUR CLASS and will not be allowed to advance further. This policy will be strictly enforced. Preliminary sections are designated by roman numerals, (I, II, III, IV) and always run before eliminations when class entries warrant the use of preliminaries. Capital letters (A & B) designate elimination sections and either follow the preliminaries or can be the first go of the class. Semi-finals are designated by "SF," and finals are the last go of the class and are designated by "FNL." The final and semi-final can be combined as designated with "SF/E." Classes which may be divided are subject to be moved ahead on the schedule. Check with the Show Office for updates.

SECTIONS/SECTION OR WORKING ORDER CHANGE REQUESTS/GO FORWARDS

Entrants with possible ring conflicts should identify section requests on Official Entry Form. If a section is not specified then random entry selection will be used for assigning sections.

Requests for section or working order changes shall be handled as follows:

Random entry selection will be used for assigning sections. Any section request not received with your entries shall not be considered until the time of the show.

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.

Please check with the Show Office regarding 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.

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 initial the request form indicating they are aware of the action taken relative to their request.

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 case, every effort will be made by the Show Office to notify the exhibitor involved of the section/work order change.

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.

SHARPS CONTAINERS

For US Competitions (per *USEF Rule Book*): show management shall 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.

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SOLICITATION/SHOPPING EXPO/ COMMERCIAL EXHIBITS

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.

STALLS/ASSIGNMENT

Those exhibitors wishing to be stabled together **MUST MAIL THE ENTRIES IN THE SAME ENVELOPE**. 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, training stable, an individual, and a family are all considered single entities.) No subletting of stalls will be allowed. Additional stalls requested after the original stalls are purchased may not be assigned in the same location as the original stalls.

STALLS/AVAILABILITY

Any and all stalls used by exhibitors must be returned to their original condition prior to leaving the grounds. Exhibitors will be billed for the cost of repairing any damage to or any required clean-up of any stalls they use.

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.

Stalls will not be allocated to any non-registered Arabian or Half-Arabian/Anglo-

Arabian without written approval of the Show Management.

STALLS/TACK

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 cancelled by show management will be refunded to the exhibitor.

UNAUTHORIZED HORSES AND ANIMALS ON SHOW GROUNDS

Horses and other hoofed animals not entered in the show will not be allowed on the show grounds. Owners/agents will be charged \$300 per unauthorized horse and said horse(s) will be removed from the grounds.

U.S. EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION MEMBERSHIP (U.S. SHOWS)

Life, senior active and junior active members shall be eligible to participate in all classes at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions at the Preliminary Level or above and Combined Driving Competitions at the Advanced Level, Dressage, Reining and Vaulting Competitions and Endurance Rides. A nonmember may participate as a handler, rider, driver, owner, lessee, agent, coach or trainer at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions, Dressage Competitions, Reining Competitions and Combined Driving Competitions upon payment of a \$30 nonmember registration 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) NRHA Endorsed Reining Competitions. 8) Opportunity classes, 9) citizens of other nations who have proof, in English, of current membership in good standing of their own National Federation, 10) USEA beginner novice division; and 11) assistant handlers in Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes. 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) NRHA Endorsed reining competitions. Also exempted from this requirement are residents of other nations who have proof in English of current membership in good standing of their own national federation, 8) USEA Beginner Novice Division, 9) Assistant handlers in dressage sport horse breeding classes.

Every class offered herein which is covered by the rules and specifications of the current USEF Rule Book will be conducted and judged in accordance therewith.

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 Longeur 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 competition. I agree to be bound by the Bylaws and Rules of the Federation and 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, cable-casts, 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 State of New York, and any action instituted against the Federation must be filed in New York State.

VENDORS

A list of Official Vendors for each show is provided in this prize list and on-line at 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](#)" for information on [Commercial Exhibit Space](#).

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.

VETERINARIAN PERMIT AND 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 responsible to follow and abide by the AHA, USEF, Equine Canada, and AAEP rules and practices.

VIDEO AND RECORDING DEVICES

The use of any pictures taken at an event sponsored by AHA for promotional, advertising or commercial purpose without the written consent of AHA is prohibited. Violators will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Professional photographers may not record the event with any kind of camera, or video equipment. **No video cameras, other than those of the contracted official show videographer, will be allowed in the arena buildings or into the competition arenas to include seating areas. This policy will be strictly enforced. Violation of the policy may result in removal from the show grounds. Amateur videographers are exempt from this policy.**

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