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SUBJECT: Delay Implementation of Point System

(This section to be completed by the Agenda and Resolutions Committee.)

Committees required to review:

Committee Action:
Approve Disapprove

Board of Directors	_____	_____
Equine Stress/Research & Education Committee	_____	_____
National Championship & Regional Classes Committee	_____	_____
National Event Operational Procedures (NEOP) Committee	_____	_____
Sport Horse Committee	_____	_____
U.S. National Show Commission	_____	_____
Working Western Horse Committee	_____	_____

CONVENTION ACTION:

_____ Approved _____ Approved with Modification _____ Disapproved

_____ Withdrawn _____ Referred to Committee _____

RESOLUTION:

(Refer to Article 901 for submission requirements.)

- Whereas, The AHA Board of Directors adopted a new qualification system based on points that is scheduled to take effect for the 2005 show season; and
- Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, a change of this magnitude should be made only after in depth discussion by both the delegates and the affected committees; and
- Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, the US National Show Commission is not the appropriate body to be making decisions that impact local and regional shows; and
- Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, bypassing the committee structure in place to deal with qualification issues has a chilling effect on future volunteer participation in such committees and inappropriately usurps the function of these committees; and
- Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, point systems as used by the stock horse breeds are not applicable to Arabian shows because the stock horse breeds do not have a regional system and allow multiple judges for the same class making it much easier to earn points without additional stress on people (financial) and horses; and
- Whereas, This new system has raised many concerns among some of the membership and affected committees including the:
 - Negative impact on Regional shows that want to increase not decrease the number of entries.
 - Inequities in the number of points required that will make it very hard for junior pleasure exhibitors to qualify for the multiple classes they participate in.
 - Effect of the new system forcing people to go to additional shows, which adds to the cost of showing and could drive people away from Arabian shows.
 - Additional stress on horses forced to go to additional shows.
 - Use of points for scored classes is in direct contradiction of the expressed desire of the affected committees such as the Dressage Committee.
 - Lack of study on how a new point system may impact exhibitors in various areas of the country.
 - Many unanswered questions about the application of the system could well lead to confusion and loss of confidence in AHA by its showing members; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That the new point qualification system not go into effect in 2005; and, Be It Further

Resolved, That the new point qualification system be referred to the National Championship and Regional Classes Committee; and, Be It Further

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53 Resolved, That the Chair of the National Championship and Regional Classes Committee shall be charged with presenting a
54 recommendation to the first Board meeting in 2005, said recommendation to be based on input from the
55 Committee, each of the National Show Commissions, and affected committees such as Dressage and Working
56 Western.

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58 Effective: Immediately
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60 **PROPONENT'S FINANCIAL IMPACT:**
61 (Refer to Article 901.2.e. for financial requirements.)

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65 **AHA IMPACT STATEMENT:**

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67 For your reference, attached is the August 2004 Board of Director Motion #21 and the Point System Chart.

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69 Contact Person: Jane Whitwell, Agenda & Resolutions Committee
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71 **SUBMITTED BY:**

72 Extraordinary Resolution: Verified by 25 signatures of Registered Delegates on file.

73 Contact Person: Larry Hoffman (Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw)

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