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2 **SUBJECT: Update Judges & Stewards Selection Committee and Procedures**

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

5 Committees required to review:

Committee Action:
Approve Disapprove

6 Canadian Show Commission	_____	_____
Judges & Stewards Selection Committee	_____	_____
Judges & Stewards Selection Review Ad Hoc Committee	_____	_____
Judges & Stewards Steering Committee	_____	_____
National Event Operational Procedures (NEOP) Committee	_____	_____
Sport Horse Committee	_____	_____
U.S. National Show Commission	_____	_____
Youth National Show Commission	_____	_____

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8 **CONVENTION ACTION:**

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10 _____ Approved _____ Approved with Modification _____ Disapproved
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12 _____ Withdrawn _____ Referred to Committee _____
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14 **RESOLUTION:**

15 (Refer to Article 901 for submission requirements.)

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17 Whereas, Resolution 20-80 states:
18 "That the names of the judges who will judge the next year's National Championship Show be first
19 made public at the annual IAHA Convention. This announcement to be made coincident with the
20 results of the election of the Judges Selection Committee."; and
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- 22 Whereas, Resolution 31-99 states:
23 "That the call judge selected to judge the IAHA Youth National shows in the equitation divisions hold
24 both an AHSA/CEF Arabian large R card and an AHSA/CEF large R card in the discipline seat or an
25 IAHA Specialty card in the respective discipline seat they are to judge. (Except for Hunt Seat
26 Equitation over Obstacles.)"; and
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- 28 Whereas, Number IX, with all of the amendments, of Resolution 5-90, #9 (as amended) states:
29 "(IX) Judges & Stewards Selection Committee
30 That the Judges and Stewards Selection Committee (previously Judges Selection Committee) be
31 established with the initial members of the current Judges Selection Committee becoming members of
32 the new Judges & Stewards Selection Committee. The purpose of the Judges and Stewards Selection
33 Committee to be as follows:
34 1) This Committee is to select the Judges and Stewards required for the National Shows from the
35 approved Judges & Stewards, up to 12 months in advance. In the event that less than the
36 required number of Judges are available from the IAHA Accredited National Judge List (#10-
37 00) then the Selection Committee may select from the IAHA Accredited Judges List (#10-00)
38 only after exhausting the list of all IAHA Accredited National/Regional Judges (#10-00), in
39 that order. (38-97)
40 2) At least 30 days prior to finalizing their selections and assignments that the Selection
41 Committee provide a confidential list of the individuals proposed by the Committee and their
42 proposed assignments to the IAHA Commissioner for comment or other input to the Judges &
43 Stewards Selection Committee (#11-00)
44 3) The Selection Committee will have the final responsibility for the selection and assignment of
45 judges and stewards for national events. (#11-00)
46 4) The Selection Committee is to make selection of a Judge or Steward for any other IAHA
47 sponsored functions as directed by the Commissioner, Executive Committee, Board of
48 Directors or Convention actions.

- 49 5) The Judges and Stewards will be selected from the then current IAHA approved list
- 50 maintained by the Commissioner, unless specific exception is recommended by the Selection
- 51 Committee and approved by the Education/Evaluation Commission following consultation
- 52 with the Commissioner. (#11-00) (#8-00)
- 53 6) Members of the Committee may not exhibit at any functions for which they select or hire
- 54 Judge or Steward.
- 55 7) The Committee will consist of 6 members elected by the convention delegates with a 2-year
- 56 rotating term. The 3 members receiving the highest number of votes will serve a 2-year term.
- 57 Members of this committee may not serve more than 6 consecutive years. Terms commence
- 58 on January 1st following election.
- 59 8) Members of this Committee will be ineligible to serve any Judges and Stewards Committee
- 60 or Commissions or to serve on the (38-97) National Show Commissions. Current members to
- 61 continue until existing terms expire.
- 62 9) The Judges and Stewards Selection Committee will coordinate with the Commissioner
- 63 (#11-00)
- 64 10) The AHSA Arabian Division Rules Committee be authorized to submit the following
- 65 proposed rule change as an extraordinary matter to the AHSA, requesting it to be effective
- 66 March 1, 1991:
- 67 "The IAHA Commissioner's title and mailing address shall be contained in all Competition
- 68 publications."; and
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70 Whereas, The Judges & Stewards Review Ad Hoc Committee has met several times to review the above process
 71 and has found that the committee structure and procedures used to select Judges and Stewards is
 72 obsolete and in need of updating in order to provide the best team of judges and stewards for each
 73 National Show; and

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 75 Whereas, The National Show Commissions are responsible for the show, class schedule and must listen to
 76 complaints concerning the selection of judges and stewards, and at times have difficulty with the
 77 selection themselves, which would indicate that they should have representation on this Committee;
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 80 Whereas, There are several judges on the National list that have obligations to their clients and personal reasons
 81 that would exclude them from accepting the position of judge for certain National Shows; and

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 83 Whereas, More judges may be able to accept a National Show Judging position when requested if a procedure
 84 was in place that would fit into their schedule; and

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 86 Whereas, With a procedure in place that would allow judges to rate themselves in each discipline and note which
 87 disciplines they preferred adjudicating, the judging teams could be more compatible; and

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 89 Whereas, All judges will be reviewed by the Commissioner’s Office to validate that there are no pending
 90 disciplinary actions where a judge would not be able serve; and

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 92 Whereas, To eliminate the secret knowledge of who are the selected judges (which is usually not secret) for the
 93 National Shows, announcements could be made upon the receipt of each judge’s contract through the
 94 official publications of AHA, therefore requiring that Resolution 20-80 be rescinded; and

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 96 Whereas, The Education/Evaluation Commission no longer offers classes and designations for specialty judges,
 97 therefore the statement in Resolution 31-99 “...or an IAHA Specialty card in the respective discipline
 98 seat they are to judge” should be deleted; Therefore, Be It

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 100 Resolved, That Resolution 20-80 be rescinded; and, Be It Further

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 102 Resolved, That the statement “or an IAHA Specialty card in the respective discipline seat they are to judge” in
 103 Resolution 31-99 be deleted; and, Be It Further

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- 105 Resolved, That Number IX Judges & Stewards Selection Committee of Resolution 5-90 (as amended) be deleted
 106 and replaced with the following:
 107 “(IX) Judges & Stewards Selection Committee
 108 The purpose of the Judges and Stewards Selection Committee to be as follows:
 109 1) The Judges & Stewards Selection Committee is to select the Judges and Stewards required for the
 110 National Shows from the AHA approved Judges & Stewards lists, up to 12 months in advance.
 111 2) Prior to December 1, 2004, the Judges & Stewards Commissioner’s office shall send a questionnaire to
 112 each of the eligible judges on the AHA National/Regional Judge’s List with a mandatory written
 113 response from each judge, returned to the Commissioner’s office postmarked no later December 31,
 114 2004 with all the stipulations listed in the remainder of this paragraph 2. Commencing in 2005 the
 115 Judges & Stewards Commissioner’s office shall send a questionnaire to each of the eligible judges on
 116 the AHA National and Regional Judge’s List no later than November 1st of each year with a mandatory
 117 written response from each judge, returned to the Commissioner’s office postmarked no later than
 118 November 30th of that year. A letter of notice will be sent previous to the questionnaire. The
 119 questionnaire must include a discipline rating by each judge, which disciplines each judge prefers
 120 adjudicating, what National Shows are preferred in the next three years, and what organization licenses
 121 are held by the judge. After review and/or comments by the Commissioner, the Commissioner will
 122 provide a confidential alphabetical list, by discipline, to the Judges & Stewards Selection Committee
 123 for their selection process. The Committee will return their confidential selections to the Judges &
 124 Stewards Commissioner’s Office for phone contact and contract commitments. The name of each
 125 judge will be announced through the official communications of AHA upon the receipt of each
 126 contract.
 127 3) The Judges & Stewards Selection Committee will have the final responsibility for the selection and
 128 assignment of judges and stewards for National Shows.
 129 4) The Selection Committee is to make the selection of a judge or steward for any other AHA sponsored
 130 functions as directed by the Commissioner, Executive Committee, Board of Directors or Convention
 131 actions.
 132 5) Members of the Committee are not restricted from showing at National Shows.
 133 6) The present structure of the Judges & Stewards Selection Committee will be discontinued effective
 134 1/01/05. Commencing on 1/01/05, the Committee will consist of seven (7) members, three of whom
 135 will be elected by the convention delegates and serve 3-year rotating terms with one
 136 committeeperson’s term expiring each year. The three present committee members whose terms expire
 137 in 2005 shall serve as the three elected members in the above described committee structure until the
 138 Annual Convention in 2005. At the Annual Convention in 2005, the Convention shall elect 3 members
 139 of the committee, and the candidate receiving the highest number of votes will serve a 3-year term, the
 140 next highest will serve a 2-year term, and the next highest will serve a 1-year term . Thereafter, one of
 141 the convention elected positions will be elected each year, and the elected members may not serve
 142 more than 6 consecutive years. The other four members of the committee shall consist of one
 143 commissioner from each of the four National Shows, to be elected annually by each respective
 144 National Show Commission with terms commencing upon election. At the Annual Convention after
 145 the election results are known and before December 15 of each year, the committee shall elect one of
 146 its members to serve as chair. The Chair of the Education/Evaluation Commission shall serve in a non-
 147 voting advisory capacity to the committee.
 148 7) The Judges and Stewards Selection Committee will coordinate with the Commissioner.”; and, Be It
 149 Further
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151 Resolved, That all corresponding changes be made to Articles in the current AHA Handbook where appropriate.
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 153 Effective: Immediately
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157 PROPONENT'S FINANCIAL IMPACT:

158 (Refer to Article 901.2.e. for financial requirements.)

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160 There would be two additional attendees to the meeting which adds two flights of \$350 each \$700

161 And lodging for two nights at \$80 each \$320

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163 AHA IMPACT STATEMENT:

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167 SUBMITTED BY:

168 Name: Judges & Stewards Selection Review Ad Hoc Committee

169 Member Organization Committee Commission Board Region (check one)170 Who voted: Members Board Delegates (check voting body)

171 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 5 Number of Yes votes: 5 Number of No votes: 0

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

174 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: Minutes of Meeting

175 Date vote taken: June 22, 2004

176 Contact Person: Bill Pennington (Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw)

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