

ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION
STANDING RULES OF THE 2004 AHA ANNUAL CONVENTION

1. The current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall be the parliamentary authority governing this Convention and all its committees whenever it is applicable and not inconsistent with the Laws of the State of Colorado, the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws of Arabian Horse Association, or a special adopted rule of this Convention.
2. The minutes of this Convention shall be approved by a committee of at least three persons appointed by the AHA President.
3. All main motions, resolutions, and amendments from the floor must be in writing.
4. All delegates, alternates, and guests wishing to speak shall approach the speakers' areas and, upon being recognized by the Chair, shall state their name, Region, and point of business.
5. There shall be designated seating in the General Session room for the voting delegates and the alternates and observers.
6. Proper identification badges issued by the Credentials Committee shall be worn for admission to the voting delegate seating area of the General Session.
7. There shall be no smoking at the General Sessions.
8. Each nominee for a committee position or office to be elected by the delegates must be acknowledged during a General Session prior to the time of voting. Candidates may stand and be recognized during a General Session but are not required to be present, except for the Nominating Committee nominees who are required by the AHA Bylaws to be present at a General Session.
9. Nominees for each officer position, where there is more than one candidate, shall be given the opportunity to address the delegates in a General Session prior to voting. Each candidate's speech shall be limited to a length of five minutes and shall be timed by the Parliamentarian. The candidate nominated by the Nominating Committee will be given the opportunity to speak first or last. The order of speeches by the other nominees will be determined, if necessary, by coin toss or drawing.
10. Nominations for any office or committee position elected by the Convention delegates may be made by any voting delegate, except that nominations for the EPRB shall be made by a member of the AHA Board of Directors.
11. Announcements shall be made from the main speaker's platform only and shall be in writing, signed by the person submitting the announcement, and sent to the Chair via the AHA Convention office no later than one hour prior to the session in which it will be announced.
12. Only voting delegates have the right to make motions and vote. All members of AHA in good standing have the right to speak to an issue on the floor.
13. The proponent (contact person) may withdraw a resolution prior to it being read to the voting body in the General Session through written notification submitted to the AHA Convention office. The withdrawal of the resolution will be announced in General Session.
14. Once a resolution has been presented to the voting body, any voting delegate may propose amendment(s) to the resolution, move to postpone it to a later time in the General Session, or refer it to a committee. The proponent's approval is not required.
15. If any voting delegate wishes to stop debate, s/he should go to a mike, be recognized by the Chair, then move that debate be stopped. This motion requires a second and a two-thirds vote to adopt.
16. Current year Convention resolutions shall be initially dealt with in numerical sequence.
17. Written and/or verbal reports on the prior year Convention resolutions referred to committees will be taken. Disposition of each of these Convention resolutions carried over to this Annual Convention will be made by the voting delegates.
18. The effective date for passed resolutions will be determined by the Agenda and Resolutions Committee. The following criteria will be used in determining effective dates:
 - a. If an USA Equestrian and/or Equine Canada Rule change is involved, the effective date will be when adopted by USA Equestrian and/or Equine Canada.
 - b. The effective date included in the resolution.
 - c. At the conclusion of the final General Session of the Convention.
19. The adoption of these Standing Rules will also adopt the additional rules included in the AHA Handbook.