

APPROVED 2006 CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION #7-06

SUBJECT: Conflict of Interest (USEF/EC)

SUBMITTED BY: Region 10

STATUS: Active

- Whereas, The current conflict of interest rules in USEF GR 804 is 90 days for Arabians, and
- Whereas, There is no evidence that a 90 rather than a 30 conflict of interest rule is more effective in eliminating conflicts, and
- Whereas, Removing the 90 day conflict of interest exception for the Arabian division would make the Arabian division consistent with the 30 day conflict of interest rules currently used by the other USEF breeds and disciplines, and
- Whereas, The current 90 day rule makes it very difficult to get judges for all National shows and particularly the U.S. Nationals, and
- Whereas, It is in the best interest of exhibitors to have a larger pool of judges for the Nationals; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That all references in the USEF Rule Book that refer to a 90-day conflict of interest rule for Arabians, including, but not limited to the following sections of GR 804, be amended to remove the reference to Arabians in the exceptions to the 30 day conflict of interest rules:

- GR 804.2
- GR 804.3
- GR 804.4
- GR 804.6
- GR 804.7
- GR 804.8
- GR 804.9
- GR 804.11
- GR 804.12

Effective: When approved by USEF/EC.

RESOLUTION #8-06

SUBJECT: Dressage Shoeing Exemption for Reining Seat Equitation, and Exemption of Aluminum, Rubber, or other Non-Metallic Shoes for the Arabian, Half-Arabian and Anglo-Arabian Division (USEF/EC)

SUBMITTED BY: Arabian Professional & Amateur Horseman's Association

STATUS: Active

- Whereas, Horses ridden in Reining Seat Equitation are not exempt from shoeing regulations under USEF AR103.6, but are often cross entered in Working Western Division classes, and
- Whereas, Working Western Division classes are exempt from shoeing regulations, and
- Whereas, The intent of the current USEF Arabian Division shoeing rule is to protect the health and well being of Arabian and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian horses, and
- Whereas, Comfort, well-being and safety are paramount concerns for exhibitors of Arabians and Half-Arabians/Anglo-Arabians, and

Whereas, Aluminum, rubber or other non-metallic shoes of dimensions in excess of current gauge requirements are sometimes recommended for therapeutic purposes, and

Whereas, By the nature of the materials, aluminum, rubber or other non-metallic shoes pose no risk of “over-shoeing”; Therefore, Be it

Resolved, That Reining Seat Equitation be added to USEF AR103.6; and, Be It Further

Resolved, That aluminum, rubber, or other non-metallic shoes be exempt from dimension requirements for the Arabian, Half-Arabian and Anglo-Arabian Division.

Effective: When approved by USEF/EC.

RESOLUTION #9-06

SUBJECT: Amateur Owned, Trained and Shown Class added to the Arabian Division (USEF/EC)

SUBMITTED BY: Arabian Horse Association of New Mexico

STATUS: Active

Whereas, There is a substantial number of Arabian horse owners whose ownership of their horses takes up most of their disposable income, and due to this financial constraint cannot avail themselves and their horses of professional training, and

Whereas, This same group of owners would like to be able to compete in the show venue in a successful and meaningful way among their peers, and

Whereas, To provide a class for these owners would provide an easy step up to class A shows from the Community Show venue, and

Whereas, An amateur owned, trained, and shown class would enhance the marketability for the moderately priced Arabian and encourage participation of new members, and

Whereas, Other breed organizations have successfully included the AOTS class specification in the USEF Rule Book (i.e. MO167.16), and

Whereas, Classes with these specifications are currently being offered and successfully attended in Class A shows in several states; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, To add an Amateur Owned, Trained, and Shown class in the USEF Arabian Division; and, Be It Further

Resolved, That the wording for that class be as follows:

AMATEUR OWNED, TRAINED, AND SHOWN (AOTS) CLASSES. May be offered in any section. Exhibitors, attendants, and headers must meet the specifications for amateur status. Horses are not to have been professionally trained for a period of one year immediately prior to the competition (riding and driving instruction for the owner to be excluded). In addition, horses are not to be exhibited, prepared, groomed or schooled with the aid of or by a professional while on or off the competition grounds immediately before or during the competition. Horses may be stabled with a professional, and hauled by a professional. Professional help for situations relevant to safety is permitted. Owner must sign as owner, trainer, and rider/driver/handler on the AHA entry blank.

Effective: When approved by USEF/EC.

RESOLUTION #10-06

SUBJECT: Add ATR and AATR to Select Division (USEF/EC)

SUBMITTED BY: Arabian Horse Association of Eastern Canada

STATUS: Active

- Whereas, Classes offered in the SELECT Division of the USEF Rule Book Article AR113.1.f are open to riders under the following specifications AOTR, AAOTR, JOTR, JTR, and
- Whereas, There is no section for ATR or AATR riders who wish to show in this division and which would balance the JTR in classes offered, and
- Whereas, Adding ATR and AATR will allow adult amateur riders who are not owners to compete; Therefore, Be It
- Resolved, That the designation of ATR and AATR be added to the Select Division in USEF Article AR113.1.f; and, Be It Further
- Resolved, That USEF Article AR113.1.e be deleted and replaced with the following:
e. ATR/ATD/AATR –Amateur to Ride/Amateur to Drive/Adult Amateur to Ride. Refer to GR 808.
- Effective: When approved by USEF/EC.
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RESOLUTION #11-06

SUBJECT: Add Arabian Scoring System (USEF/EC)

SUBMITTED BY: AHA Equine Stress/Research & Education Committee

STATUS: Active

- Whereas, The Arabian Horse Association in its Articles of Incorporation, has stated in AHA Chapter 1, Article II.3 that one of its purposes is to “aid and encourage the breeding, exhibiting and perpetuation of the purebred Arabian Horse as well as Half-Arabian and Anglo-Arabian Horses”, and
- Whereas, It is also stated in AHA Chapter 2, Article II.6 that an additional purpose is to “promote, encourage and stimulate popular interest in the outstanding qualities of the Arabian horse”, and
- Whereas, Further interest in alleviating the stress associated with the present methods exists, and
- Whereas, Interest has arisen amongst the Breeding/Gelding In-Hand community to achieve a more acceptable, definable, reproducible procedure of showing, and more transparency in judging Halter classes, thereby resulting in classes with elegance, engagement of spectators, simplicity and a scored response; Therefore, Be It
- Resolved, That the AHA Handbook shall include the new “Arabian Scoring System” for all Breeding/Gelding In-Hand classes and that AHA Articles 1221.2 and 1316.2 include “Breeding/Gelding In-Hand classes”, making these classes exempt from using the Majority Opinion System (MOS); and, Be It Further
- Resolved, That the Arabian Scoring System shall be added to the list of Scoring Systems in the AHA Handbook. And the following language shall be added to the AHA Handbook, where appropriate:

When adjudicating all Breeding/Gelding In-Hand classes (with the exception of Class A, B, C and Local Competition Championships and ACS Shows) judges will use the “Arabian Scoring System”. The various attributes of the horse, which may include but are not limited to: Arabian Type and Presence, Head, Neck & Shoulder, Body & Substance, Conformation, Legs & Feet, Quality & Movement and Suitability as a Breeding Animal will be scored. There will also be a penalty category for rule infractions, poor manners, undue stress or inhumane treatment.

The horses shall be ranked based on a total numerical score. Ties for Arabian classes will be broken first by the highest total Arabian Type & Presence Score, and then by the highest total score for Movement. Ties for Half-Arabians/Anglo-Arabians will be broken first by the highest total Conformation & Quality at Walk score, and then by the highest total score for Movement. In a multiple judge system the same tiebreakers will be used. If a tie still remains the call judge's card shall break the tie. Each judge(s) scores may be announced immediately following the presentation of the horse. Scores must be posted within an hour of the end of the session in which the final section of the class was held.

The "Arabian Scoring System's" composition, format and scoring procedures described herein may be modified by the AHA Education and Evaluation Commission. (See attached Example for the 2007 Arabian Score Card); and, Be It Further

Resolved. That the following changes be made in the USEF Rulebook:

SUBCHAPTER AR-2. BREEDING/GELDING IN-HAND CLASSES

AR106.3 – General Shall be changed to read:

A suitable headstall equipped with a throatlatch is mandatory. Horses shown braided must be shown in Hunter, Show Hack or Dressage appointments (See AR143.1 and AR132.1) or in a leather stable halter. A whip or crop is optional, at the discretion of the handler (See GR320). One whip or crop per handler allowed, however, whips are not mandatory and handlers are allowed to use items such as grass, hat and/or treats to maintain a horse's attention. Whips are to be no longer than 6' including lash/snapper/appendage. Small appendages (no more than 12 inches) of ribbon, plastic etc. are permitted. (GR320 to be modified to allow small appendages in the Arabian division.)

AR107 Conduct and Specifications

AR107.1b – Shall be changed to read:

Show management shall have the option of choosing one of two class procedures.

(A) – In the Ring Class Procedure

(B) – Exit the Ring Class Procedure

AR107.1c – (A) – In the Ring Class Procedure

Judging begins when the first horse enters the ring. From the moment the horse enters the ring its movement is being evaluated and scored. The horse shall enter at a trot, and at the handler's discretion may either proceed directly along the rail, or trot a counterclockwise circle at the in-gate end of the arena and then proceed along the rail to the far end of the arena. Upon each horse reaching the designated position at the far end of the arena they are to remain relaxed. The judge(s) will then ask for the next horse to enter the ring.

When all horses have entered the ring the horses shall be asked to walk collectively counter-clockwise and/or clockwise past each (and all) judge(s). They shall walk in a relaxed manner on a loose lead with the handler at the side of their horse, whips down. The lead line must maintain a discernible drape and the handler must not place their hand on the chain or close enough to in any way restrict the natural head and neck motion. The handler may not unnecessarily impede the forward motion of the horse while at the walk. Following the cessation of the walk all horses shall relax within the ring and only the horse "on deck" shall be prepared to show.

Each horse shall be led to the judge(s) at the walk and presented for judging. In order to satisfy a proper presentation to the judge, horses should stand correctly, bearing weight on all four feet (not stretched), in a quiet and deliberate manner. Following the evaluation by the judge(s), horses shall walk away from the judge(s), and then strike a trot before turning left and proceeding counter clockwise down the rail. They shall resume their relaxed position at the end of the arena. The scores for all categories will be completed, recorded, and may be announced at this time.

AR107.1d – Shall be deleted.

AR107.1f – Shall be changed to read:

(B) Exit the Ring Class Procedure

All class entrants must be in a "controlled paddock" outside the ring until entering the ring. Horses enter individually in the designated order of go (AR107.1a). The horse shall enter at a trot, and at the handler's discretion may either proceed directly along the rail, or trot a counterclockwise circle at the in-gate end of the arena and then proceed along the rail to a designated point by the judges. The horse shall then walk in a relaxed manner on a loose

lead with the handler at the side of their horse, whips down. The lead must maintain a discernible drape and the handler must not place their hand on the chain or close enough to in any way restrict the natural head and neck motion. The handler may not unnecessarily impede the forward motion of the horse while at the walk. Each horse shall be led to the judge(s) at the walk and presented for judging. In order to satisfy a proper presentation to the judge, horses should stand correctly, bearing weight on all four feet (not stretched), in a quiet and deliberate manner. Following the evaluation by the judge(s), horses shall walk away from the judge(s), and then strike a trot. At the handler's discretion they may trot a counter clockwise circle and then proceed towards the exit, or proceed directly towards the exit. The scores for all categories will be completed, recorded, and announced at this time. The horse shall be excused from the ring to the controlled paddock where it shall remain until the placings are announced, and the next horse shall enter promptly and be presented accordingly until the class is completed.

AR107.1g – Shall be changed to read:

Only the horse “on deck” shall be allowed to prepare for their presentation to the judge(s). Preparation shall include controlled circling and positioning of the horse for presentation to the judge(s). The only shanking allowed shall be limited to an unruly horse in order to regain control. All other exhibitors must remain relaxed within the ring or they shall be penalized.

AR107.1j – Shall be changed to read:

A “controlled paddock” is an area designated by show management outside the competition ring for Breeding/Gelding In-Hand classes. The USEF Steward and/or the Show Commission shall supervise this area. Only one specified person appointed by the show committee shall be in the controlled paddock to assist with the entrance(s) into the arena.

Effective: When approved by USEF/EC and to go into effect April 1, 2008.

RESOLUTION #12-06

SUBJECT: Eligibility to Judge Carriage Pleasure Driving (USEF/EC)

SUBMITTED BY: USEF Arabian Division Rules Committee

STATUS: Active

Whereas, Eligibility to judge Arabian Carriage Pleasure Driving classes needs to be clarified; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, USEF GR1004. be amended to add a subparagraph 17 which shall read as follows:

Judges licensed by the ADS in Pleasure Driving are eligible to officiate Carriage Pleasure Driving classes at Federation licensed Arabian competitions. A Guest Judge card is required. See GR1009.6b(2); and, Be It Further

Resolved, USEF GR1009.6b be amended to add a subparagraph (2) which shall read as follows:

An ADS Pleasure Driving judge may officiate alone in Arabian Carriage Pleasure Driving classes at an “A”, “B”, “C” or local member rated Arabian competition. A Guest Judge card is required; and, Be it Further

Resolved, USEF Subchapter AR-14. Pleasure (Carriage) Driving Section be renamed as follows to match the recently approved name change for the open Pleasure Driving Division which as of December 1, 2006 will be known as the Carriage Pleasure Driving Division:

Subchapter AR-14. Carriage Pleasure Driving Section; and, Be It Further

Resolved, USEF AR164 General be changed to read:

1. Pleasure (Carriage) Driving Classes held in the Arabian Division are to be conducted in accordance with Driving-Pleasure Driving Division, Chapter D.P.

Effective: When approved by USEF/EC.

RESOLUTION #13-06

SUBJECT: Hunter Type Browbands or Cavessons (USEF/EC)

SUBMITTED BY: USEF Arabian Division Committee

STATUS: Active

Whereas, The current hunter pleasure rules indicate that a dressage type browband may be used, and

Whereas, The dressage rules were recently amended to allow ornamented browbands; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That the second and third sentences of USEF AR128.1 be amended to read:

AR128.1 Browbands/cavessons must be of hunter type. Ornamented bridles, browbands, or cavessons are not permitted.

Effective: When approved by USEF/EC.

RESOLUTION #14-06

SUBJECT: Inclusion of Anglo-Arabian Stallions in Sport Horse In-Hand and Performance Classes (USEF/EC)

SUBMITTED BY: Sport Horse Committee

STATUS: Active

Whereas, USEF AR158 refers to USEF AR243.3 and USEF AR243.4 for eligibility of Half-Arabian and Anglo-Arabian stallions competing in the Sport Horse Section, and

Whereas, USEF AR243.4 states “Half-Arabian stallions may compete in Sport Horse In-Hand classes for Half-Arabian and Anglo-Arabian horses”, and

Whereas, This statement was originally meant to include the Half-Arabian stallions, and not to exclude Anglo-Arabian stallions, and

Whereas, USEF AR245.3 is further cause for misinterpretation; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That USEF AR243.4 be deleted and replaced with the following:

Half-Arabian and Anglo-Arabian stallions may compete in their corresponding Sport Horse In-Hand classes and may compete in Sport Horse performance classes for Half-Arabian and Anglo-Arabian horses; and, Be It Further

Resolved, That USEF AR245.3 be changed to read:

Half-Arabian and Anglo-Arabian colts/stallions may compete in weanling and yearling Breeding/In-Hand classes for geldings.

Effective: When approved by USEF/EC.

RESOLUTION #15-06

SUBJECT: Jumper Class Specifications (USEF/EC)

SUBMITTED BY: AHA Competition Advisory Committee

STATUS: Active

Whereas, USEF Rule Book, Article JP120.1 states:
Level 1. Fences 3'0" to 3'3" in height and 3'3" to 3'9" in spread...
Level 2. Fences 3'3" to 3'6" in height and 3'6" to 4'0" in spread..., and

Whereas, USEF Rule Book, Article AR155 Arabian Jumper Class Specifications states:
1. ATR, AOTR, JTR – Obstacles to start at 3' to maximum height of 3'3" with spreads to 4'.
2. OPEN – Obstacles to start at 3'3" to maximum height of 3'6" with spreads to 5'., and

Whereas, These two rules contradict with respect to the allowable fence spreads in relation to corresponding fence heights; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That USEF Article AR155 be amended to read:
"1. ATR, AOTR, JTR – Obstacles to start at 3' to maximum height of 3'3" with spreads to 3'9".
2. OPEN – Obstacles to start at 3'3" to maximum height of 3'6" with spreads to 4'."

Effective: When approved by USEF/EC.

RESOLUTION #17-06

SUBJECT: Leadline Rules to be Added to USEF Rules (USEF/EC)

SUBMITTED BY: USEF Arabian Division Committee

STATUS: Active

Whereas, There are no Leadline rules in the USEF Arabian Rules, and

Whereas, There is a great deal of inconsistency across the country on how to run the class, and

Whereas, Because of the lack of rules, safety of the child may be an issue, and

Whereas, There are suggested rules for Leadline in the AHA Handbook. (AHA Article 1119). These rules should be placed in the USEF Rule Book; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That the reference to Leadline class procedure be deleted from the AHA Handbook; and, Be It Further

Resolved, The USEF Arabian Division Rules shall be amended to include the following:

LEADLINE

GENERAL RULES

1. Open to riders who are at least two (2) years of age and have not reached their seventh (7) birthday as of December 1.
2. Leaders must be at least fourteen (14) years of age.
3. The safety of all exhibitors must be of the primary consideration when conducting the class. Any action by any exhibitor, leader or horse that endangers that exhibitor or leader must be penalized and will be considered as cause for elimination.
4. Safety is of the utmost importance in tack and attire.
 - a. Saddle must fit rider.
 - b. Rider's feet must be engaged in the stirrups/iron.
 - c. Leading rein must be attached to a cavesson or a halter placed under or over the bridle.
 - d. It is strongly encouraged that the riders wear protective headgear (ASTM/SEI).
 - e. Boots are required.
5. There shall be only one rider on each horse entered.
6. Stallions are prohibited.

7. This class should not be placed and similar awards should be presented to all exhibitors.

CLASS CONDUCT

1. Competitors to enter the ring in a counter-clockwise direction at a walk.
2. Leaders are to walk on the near side of the horse.
3. To be shown both directions of the ring at the walk.
4. Entries shall line up on command and stand quietly.

APPOINTMENTS

1. Appointments and recommended attire for a pleasure type class: See USEF Arabian Division rules for: Western Pleasure, Country English Pleasure, English Pleasure, Hunter Pleasure, Show Hack, Mounted Native Costume or Ladies Side Saddle type respectively.

Effective: When approved by USEF/EC.

RESOLUTION #18-06

SUBJECT: Sport Qualification in the Senior Stallion and Senior Mare Breeding Classes Be Rescinded

SUBMITTED BY: Arabian Horse Association of Arizona

STATUS: Active

Whereas, The Arabian Division has become highly specialized, and

Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, more stress is put on the horse by exposure to multiple trainers and disciplines, and

Whereas, The owner should have the choice to exhibit in whatever class the owner chooses, and

Whereas, Performance horses are currently not required to earn a Breeding qualification to go forward in performance competition, and

Whereas, Judges for Breeding classes should be able to discern athletic ability through "form to function" in their evaluation, and

Whereas, Breeding classes should be exactly that; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That the requirements for a performance qualification as set forth in AHA Article 1711.2, 1711.3, and 1711.4 in the Senior Stallion and Senior Mare Breeding classes be rescinded and the remaining AHA Article 1711.5 be renumbered.

Effective: January 1, 2007

RESOLUTION #23-06

SUBJECT: Replace the Majority Opinion System (MOS) with the Three Judge System for National Shows

SUBMITTED BY: Arabian Horse Association of Arizona

STATUS: Active

Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, AHA's current Majority Opinion System (AHA Article 1130) is the cause of great confusion, and

Whereas, Most exhibitors find MOS hard to understand and are often frustrated with the outcome, and

Whereas, Numerous times horses have been named champion without a first place ranking on any judge's card. This does not seem logical or exhibitor friendly, and

Whereas, In the spirit of competition, the champion should have a first place ranking on at least one judge's card in a multiple judge system; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That in order to replace the MOS scoring system with the three judge scoring system at all National Championship Shows AHA Articles 1316.1, 1316.2 and 1316.3 be deleted and replaced with the following:

1. All National Championship Shows and Regional Championship Shows are required to use the AHA approved Three Judge Scoring System in all applicable classes (Refer to Article 1128).
2. Working Hunter, Hunter Hack, Jumper, Hunter Seat Equitation Over Obstacles, Dressage, Reining Horse, Cutting, Working Cow, Trail, Carriage Driving & Eventing, and Sport Horse (BOD 11/01) classes are exempt from using Three Judge Scoring System. Effective April 1, 2008, all Breeding/Gelding In-Hand classes are also exempt from using the three judge scoring system.
3. AHA shall train and supply to the National Shows, technicians proficient in the use of Three Judge Scoring System to score the shows.

Effective: January 1, 2007

RESOLUTION #24-06

SUBJECT: Double Notice/Dismissal of Stayed EPRB Cases by December 31

SUBMITTED BY: Ethical Practice Review Board

STATUS: Active

Whereas, The Ethical Practice Review Board rules provide in AHA Article 308 (1) (e) that "In the event charges are filed involving a matter which is or becomes the subject of litigation or arbitration, the PCP and the EPRB shall stay all proceedings in that matter pending the final outcome of the litigation or arbitration...", and

Whereas, AHA maintains open files on any matters stayed pursuant to this provision, and

Whereas, Several matters have been stayed for many years, and no information has been provided to AHA as to the status of the litigation or arbitration, and

Whereas, It is in the best interest of the parties and AHA that matters be resolved by the EPRB hearing process or dismissed if the parties are not interested in proceeding further, and

Whereas, A requirement that the complainant advise AHA on an annual basis of the status of the litigation or arbitration will insure that the cases move forward as appropriate or be dismissed; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That AHA Article 308 (1) (e) be amended to include the following language:

... "In all cases stayed pursuant to this provision, the complainant must notify AHA in writing as to the status of the litigation by December 31 of each year. Failure to do so will result in automatic dismissal of the EPRB complaint."

Effective: January 1, 2007

RESOLUTION #25-06

SUBJECT: AHA Reining Seat Equitation Score Sheets

SUBMITTED BY: Working Western Horse Committee

STATUS: Active

Whereas, The quality of the Working Western judging is now and has always been a topic of concern, and

Whereas, In the past there has not been an acceptable level of accountability with regards to the Reining Seat Equitation Championship and medals, and

Whereas, While educating our judges has been a primary objective, it is obvious that education alone cannot solve this problem; Therefore, Be It

Resolved. That AR217.3 be amended as follows:
“For AHA Reining Seat Medal, Regional and National Classes, the 14-17, 13 & under, and/or 17 & under Reining Seat Equitation Divisions shall require all contestants to perform a Reining Horse Pattern as described in RN107.”; and, Be It Further

Resolved. That AR217.4 read as follows:
“Judges are required to use the AHA prescribed Reining Seat Equitation Score Sheet for Reining Seat Medal Classes in USEF/EC A Rated, Regional and National Championship shows and these score sheets be posted in accordance with USEF rules (AR199.5)”; and, Be It Further

Resolved. That the prescribed AHA Reining Seat Equitation Score Sheet (as attached) may be modified as required by the Working Western Equitation and Education/Evaluation Committees; and, Be It Further

Effective: When approved by USEF/EC.
