

SUBJECT: Sport Horse Appointments/Attire (USEF/EC)

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

Committee Action:

Committees required to review:

Approve

Disapprove

Sport Horse Committee			
USEF Arabian Division Committee			

CONVENTION ACTION:

Approved
 Approved with Modification
 Disapproved
 Withdrawn
 Referred to Committee _____

RESOLUTION:

(Refer to Article 901 for submission requirements.)

Whereas, Further simplification and clarification is required in our sport horse division; Therefore, Be it

Resolved, That USEF rule AR159 be changed to read:

AR159: *Appointments and Attire:*

1. Braiding is optional.
2. Boots or bandages of any kind are forbidden during a class. *In the event of injury, the judge may permit a protective bandage. In the case of inclement weather, competition management may permit the use of bell boots and/or protective bandages on the front legs.*
3. **SPORT HORSE IN-HAND CLASSES:** Bridles are mandatory on horses three years and older. *A bridle shall be a dressage type snaffle bridle or hunter type snaffle bridle. Snaffle may be with or without cheeks, keepers allowed. Noseband optional but if used, it must be a cavesson style noseband. A split or single chain may be used, attached through both sides of the bit, with/or instead of reins. Horses aged two years may be shown in a bridle (as listed above), or a brown or black plain leather stable halter. Horses under age two years must be shown in a brown or black plain leather stable halter. Horses wearing non-conforming appointments will be eliminated from judging consideration*
 - (a) Conservative casual attire is recommended for the handler. *This would include casual pants and shirt. Also acceptable would be Dressage or hunter attire including breeches, boots, shirt with tie, stock tie or choker collar. Jackets, hats, vests, and gloves are optional. The handler may carry only one whip, maximum length of six feet, including lash and without attachments (i.e. plastic bags, ribbons, etc.)*
4. **SPORT HORSE UNDER SADDLE CLASSES.** *Dressage type snaffle bridle with snaffle bit; OR hunter type snaffle or pelham bridle. Converters on pelham bridle not permitted and two reins are required. Snaffles with or without cheeks, keepers allowed. Unconventional bits may be penalized at the discretion of the judge, BUT kimberwicks and double bridles are prohibited. Cavesson nosebands to be used, but flash nosebands would be acceptable when using a snaffle bridle with snaffle bit. Martingales not permitted. A dressage, forward seat or English all purpose saddle is to be used. No saddle seat type saddles allowed. Girth may be leather or other suitable material. Horses wearing non-conforming appointments will be eliminated from judging consideration.*
 - (a) *Attire for Sport Horse Under Saddle will be either dressage or hunter attire. Dressage attire will be defined as white or light coloured breeches, short riding coat of conservative colour, with tie, choker or stock tie, boots, a hunt cap, derby, top hat or protective headgear..*

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Hunter attire will be defined as light coloured breeches, short riding coat of conservative colour, with tie or choker, boots, and hunt cap or protective headgear. It is recommended that attire reflect the appointments used on the horse.

*Gloves of conservative colour are optional for either style of attire. Spurs and whip are optional. Half Chaps are allowed.
If a whip is used, it must be no longer than 43.3 inches or 110 cm. including lash.*

5. SPORT HORSE SHOW HACK CLASSES. *Dressage style snaffle bridle, or hunter style snaffle or pelham bridle, or dressage style double bridle or hunter style double bridle acceptable. Converters on pelham bit not permitted and two reins are required. Kimberwick bit is prohibited. If using a double bridle of either style, the lever arm (length below mouthpiece) must not exceed 3.94 inches or 10 cm. The inside diameter of the bridoon ring must not exceed 3.15 inches or 8 cm. Cavesson nosebands to be used but flash nosebands would be acceptable when using a snaffle bridle and snaffle bit. Martingales are not permitted. A dressage, forward seat or English all purpose saddle is to be used. No saddle seat type saddles allowed.*

Girth may be leather or other suitable material. Horses wearing non-conforming appointments will be eliminated from judging consideration.

- (a) *Sport Horse Show Hack Attire: Conservatively coloured short, dark coat, with tie, stock tie or choker collar, white or light-coloured breeches, boots, hunt cap, derby, top hat or protective headgear. Half-chaps not allowed.
Formal attire consisting of white breeches, top hat and shadbelly coat may be worn.
It is usual to wear such attire after 6:00 p.m. or in championship classes or in championship shows.
Spurs and whip are optional. Please see AR159.4(a).*

Effective: When approved by USEF/EC

PROPONENT'S FINANCIAL IMPACT:
(Refer to Article 901.2.e. for financial requirements.)

AHA IMPACT STATEMENT:

Contact Person:

SUBMITTED BY:

Name: Sport Horse Committee

Region:

Member Organization Committee Commission Board Region (check one)

Who voted: Members Board Delegates (check voting body)

Total Number Eligible to Vote: 61 Number of Yes votes: 61 Number of No votes: 0

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

Where documentation of this vote is recorded: Committee minutes (Must have printed documentation on file)

Date vote taken: November 16, 2006

Contact Person: Janet Henderson, Chair (Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw)

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