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2 **SUBJECT: Arabian Trail Scoring System – Maneuvers (USEF/EC)**
3 USEF Rule Tracking # 451-08, 452-08 & 512-08

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5 *(This section to be completed by the Agenda and Resolutions Committee.)*
6 Committees required to review:

Committee Action:
Approve Disapprove

Competition Advisory Committee			
Education/Evaluation Commission			
Professional Horsemen Committee			
USEF Arabian Division Committee			
Working Western Committee			

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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12 _____ Withdrawn _____ Referred to Committee _____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, The current Arabian Trail Scoring System has been in place for a number of years; and
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19 Whereas, With any system some changes are necessary to keep up the with growth of the industry; and
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21 Whereas, Many have felt that the Arabian Trail Scoring System should be more in line with other scoring systems
22 currently being used by other breeds and under the Open Western Division; and
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24 Whereas, It is not uncommon for Trail classes at a US and Canadian National Championships to be judged by judges
25 carded in other divisions; and
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27 Whereas, Many judges are accustomed to using the Reining score methodology where the range for maneuvers is
28 between +1 ½ to – 1 ½ and utilizing a methodology that is familiar will make trail classes easier to judge
29 for judges familiar with those processes; and
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31 Whereas, The range of maneuver scores currently +3 to – 3 will be maintained by adding a multiplier or coefficient
32 of two (2) to multiply the total maneuver score to ascertain the Final Maneuver score. This process is well
33 used and easily understood throughout the world, as it is used in Dressage and Warmblood Breeding Horse
34 Evaluations, and is currently familiar to scorers in the Arabian Division as it is used in Dressage and
35 Arabian Sport Horse in Hand; Therefore, Be It
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37 Resolved, The following changes be made to AR 208, AR 209 and AR 211

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39 **AR208 (EC B3402) Conduct and Definitions be changed as follows:**

40 **AR208.1.b (EC B3402.1.b):**

41 All horses enter the arena with a score of 70. With each obstacle, the judge will instruct a scribe to assign a
42 score as well as any appropriate penalties if one or more occurs. At the end of the work, *Maneuver Scores*
43 will be totaled *and multiplied by a coefficient of two (2) to determine the final maneuver score.* The final
44 maneuver score will be added to the starting score of 70. Any penalties will then be subtracted to arrive at
45 a final score. All horses are judged from the time they enter the arena until the completion of the last
46 obstacle.

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48 **AR209 (EC B3405) Trail Scoring General be changed as follows:**

49 Each obstacle will be scored as follows:

- 50 + **1 ½ EXCELLENT**: The horse approaches and negotiates obstacle in correct form with definite style. The
 51 horse performs in an efficient manner with curiosity and athleticism, while maintaining the qualities of an
 52 ideal trail horse. The horse's performance over the obstacle is **VISUALLY IMPRESSIVE**.
 53 + **1 VERY GOOD**: The horse approaches and negotiates obstacle in correct form with noticeable style.
 54 This horse definitely displays many qualities of the ideal trail horse. The horse's performance over the
 55 obstacle is **VISUALLY ATTRACTIVE**.
 56 + **½ GOOD**: The horse approaches and negotiates obstacle in correct form with some degree of style. This
 57 horse may display some qualities of the ideal trail horse, but lacks those qualities to the degree they are
 58 exhibited by the Very Good or Excellent performer. The horse's performance over the obstacle is
 59 **VISUALLY PLEASING**.
 60 **O AVERAGE**: For the most part, horse approaches and negotiates obstacle in correct form. Minimal style
 61 is exhibited. If the horse's performance displays any qualities of the ideal trail horse they are negated by
 62 slight errors in form. The horse's performance over the obstacle leaves a visually **NEUTRAL**
 63 **IMPRESSION**.
 64 - **½ POOR**: The horse fails in some way to approach and/or negotiate obstacle in correct form. There is a
 65 noticeable void in some of the qualities of the ideal trail horse. Willingness to guide or control may have
 66 been compromised but not safety.
 67 - **1 VERY POOR**: The horse approaches and negotiates obstacle, but noticeably fails to do so in correct
 68 form. There is a definite deficiency in the qualities of the ideal trail horse. Safety may have been
 69 compromised. The horse exhibits noticeable resistance.
 70 - **1 ½ EXTREMELY POOR**: The horse approaches and/or negotiates obstacle in unacceptable form, but
 71 avoids elimination. This horse's performance is probably reckless, careless, and/or dangerous. The horse
 72 exhibits significant resistance towards the rider's commands.
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The last sentence of AR 211.1 Scoring Procedures be deleted and replaced with the following:

After entry has completed their pattern and prior to the scoring being completed a coefficient of two (2) will be used to multiply the TOTAL MANEUVER SCORE to obtain the FINAL MANEUVER SCORE. The FINAL MANEUVER SCORE will be added to the STARTING SCORE of 70 prior to the score being adjusted for penalties to obtain the FINAL SCORE.

Effective: When approved by USEF and EC.

PROPONENT'S FINANCIAL IMPACT:

No Financial impact. A new Judges Guide and Score Sheet will have to be designed but as this is distributed to judges and exhibitors via the web site no additional printing costs would be incurred and changes to existing forms can be completed by existing staff with the assistance of volunteers

AHA IMPACT STATEMENT: None.

Contact Person:

SUBMITTED BY:

Name: Education/Evaluation Commission

Region:

Member Organization Committee Commission Board Region (check one)

Who voted: Members Board Delegates (check voting body)

Total Number Eligible to Vote: 9 Number of Yes votes: 5 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: Commission Minutes (Must have printed documentation on file)

Date vote taken: August 15, 2008

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