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2 **SUBJECT: Hunter Pleasure Specifications (USEF/EC)**  
3 USEF Rule Tracking # 282-08 & 284-08  
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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			
USEF Arabian Division 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12 \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn                      \_\_\_\_\_ Referred to Committee \_\_\_\_\_  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, Hunter Pleasure classes have a “suitability as a hunter” provision; and  
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19 Whereas, Exhibitors and Judges would benefit from more specific descriptions of the frame, stride, and overall  
20 appearance of a hunter pleasure horse; and  
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22 Whereas, Contact with the horse’s mouth is absolutely required to be a suitable hunter; and  
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24 Whereas, The current rule does not specifically prohibit a draped rein; and  
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26 Whereas, A draped rein is not light contact as required in USEF AR127.2; and  
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28 Whereas, Light contact is also used in Western Pleasure specifications; and  
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30 Whereas, Exhibitors and Judges would benefit by more specifically defining the phrase “light contact” in Hunter  
31 Pleasure; and  
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33 Whereas, In order to support the “suitability as a hunter” provision, it is necessary to allow the judges to more  
34 severely penalize infractions; Therefore, Be It
- 35 Resolved, That USEF AR 127.2 be replaced with the following:  
36 *Direct but light contact with the horse’s mouth must be maintained at all gaits. Draped reins are not*  
37 *permissible. Direct contact means that there should be a straight line from the rider’s hands to the horse’s*  
38 *mouth; and Be It Further*
- 39 Resolved, That the introductory paragraph of USEF AR129 be amended to read:  
40 It is imperative that the horse give the distinct impression of being a pleasure to ride and display a  
41 pleasurable and relaxed attitude. *Compared to an English Pleasure, Country English Pleasure or Show*  
42 *Hack horse which is shown in an upright frame, the Hunter Pleasure horse should be longer, flatter, more*  
43 *rectangular frame, with the neck carried lower and in a more relaxed manner with less arch in the neck*  
44 *and less bend at the poll. The stride at every gait should be long, cover ground, and exhibit efficiency of*  
45 *movement. While some degree of carriage is appropriate in an Arabian Hunter Pleasure class, a stride that*  
46 *is short, high, and round is not appropriate. Horses that are, for more than a few strides, high headed,*  
47 *ridden on a draped rein, not in the appropriate frame, short-strided, or behind the vertical must be severely*  
48 *penalized; and Be It Further*
- 49 Resolved, That USEF AR129.2 be amended to read:

50 Trot, a two beat gait: Straight and regular. The trot should be mannerly, cadenced, and balance. To be  
51 performed at a medium speed with a free moving, long, ground covering, efficient stride that is not short,  
52 high, round, or choppy. Rider to post the trot; and Be It Further

53 Resolved, That the following be added as USEF AR127.3 with the following sections to be renumbered:  
54 3. Suitability as a Hunter as found in the AR130 means that the horse is in a frame suitable to take a jump  
55 safely and efficiently.

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57 Effective: Upon approval by USEF/EC  
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59 PROPONENT'S FINANCIAL IMPACT: None.  
60 (Refer to Article 901.2.e. for financial requirements.)  
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63 AHA IMPACT STATEMENT: None.  
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65 Contact Person:  
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67 SUBMITTED BY:

68 Name: USEF Arabian Division Committee Region:

69  Member Organization  Committee  Commission  Board  Region (check one )

70 Who voted:  Members  Board  Delegates (check voting body)

71 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 19 Number of Yes votes: 13 Number of No votes: 0

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

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

74 Date vote taken: July 13, 2008

75 Contact Person: Jill I. Frieders, Chair, USEF Arabian Division Committee (Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw)

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