

APPROVED 2008 CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION # 1-08

SUBJECT: AHA Bylaws Nominating Procedures (Bylaws 2/3 Vote)

SUBMITTED BY: Bylaws Committee

STATUS: Active

Whereas, AHA Bylaws Article IX, Section 2, paragraphs b and c refer to procedures prior to the 2004 elections and are therefore obsolete; and

Whereas, AHA Article IX, Section 2, paragraph d provides substitute procedures in force after the 2004 elections; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That the first sentence in AHA Bylaws Article IX, Section 2, paragraph b, which reads "Nominating Procedure until elections occurring in 2004" be deleted and replaced with the following ;
"The members of the Nominating Committee shall be selected as follows:" and, Be It Further

Resolved, That AHA Bylaws Article IX, Section 2, paragraph c be deleted; and, Be It Further

Resolved, That the first phrase of paragraph d, "Beginning with elections occurring at the Annual Convention in 2004," be deleted; and, Be It Further

Resolved, That the affected sections be renumbered and re-lettered appropriately.

Effective: January 1, 2009

RESOLUTION # 2-08

SUBJECT: Bylaw Change Regarding Board of Director Voting (Bylaws 2/3 Vote)

SUBMITTED BY: Bylaws Committee

STATUS: Active

Whereas, The Bylaws Article VII Section 6 paragraph f state: "The Board of Directors may take action by mail, without a meeting, provided that each Director is notified by mail at his last known address of the proposal to be acted upon and all members of the Board individually or collectively consent in writing to such action."; and

Whereas, Current technology enables effective communication by a variety of means. These include e-mail, fax and similar electronic techniques. They can be especially useful when quick action is required; and

Whereas, The current requirement of a unanimous affirmative vote may make achieving a desirable action nearly impossible; and

Whereas, The Bylaws should conform to Colorado Revised Statutes 7-128-201 and 7-128-202; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That AHA Bylaws Article VII Section 6 paragraph f be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

f. Voting by Mail or Electronic Communication

The Board of Directors may take action, without a meeting, by mail, e-mail, fax, or similar electronic communication, provided that:

1. Each and every member of the Board, in writing to the Secretary of the Board, votes for the action, or votes against the action, or abstains from voting, and no Director demands that an action not be taken without a meeting. That writing must be by mail or electronic communication, and shall include the Director's signature. And,
2. The number of affirmative votes for such action meets or exceeds the number that would be necessary to take such action at a meeting at which all Directors were present and voting.
3. The Secretary will record/file the actions taken by the Board of Directors; and Be It Further

Resolved,

That AHA Bylaws Article VIII Section 7 paragraph a be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Paragraph a.

The Secretary shall keep or cause to be kept a full and complete record of the proceedings of the Annual Convention and of meetings of the Board of Directors and of action taken by the Board of Directors by mail *or by any other means*.

Effective: January 1, 2009

RESOLUTION # 4-08

SUBJECT: Defining Extraordinary Resolutions

SUBMITTED BY: Competition Advisory Committee

STATUS: Active

Whereas, History has proven that immediate implementation of actions by resolution has caused problems; and

Whereas, The use of different terminology is confusing to all concerned; and

Whereas, USEF being our ruling body for horse showing has a definition of extraordinary that differs from that of AHA definition in Chapter 9; and

Whereas, The AHA Handbook publication currently follows less than 30 working days after convention; and

Whereas, That in the light of trying to keep our rules simple, uniform and understandable, it would be best that article 901 of the AHA handbook conform in terminology to that of USEF in the matter of extraordinary rule changes; Therefore Be It

Resolved,

That AHA Article 901 be amended as stated in the following (attachment):

Effective: January 1, 2009

Attachment:

ARTICLE 901. RESOLUTIONS.

1. Resolutions may be submitted by any Member Organization (Adult and Life members only), any standing or Ad Hoc Committee of AHA, by a Regional Board of Delegates or by the Board of Directors of AHA. Resolutions submitted by these entities must have received a majority number of affirmative votes (either in person, by phone, by facsimile, by mail, by email or by hand delivery), and must be accompanied by an actual tally of the votes received, a statement of which body voted (Member Organization members, Member Organization Board of Directors, Regional Board, etc.), how the vote was taken (at a meeting, by phone, by facsimile, by mail, by email or by hand delivery), and where the vote is recorded (Member Organization minutes, Member Organization Board minutes, Regional Board minutes, etc.). Resolutions may also be submitted by the President of AHA.

2. *RESOLUTION CATEGORIES*

- a) *EXTRAORDINARY*

- i) *An Extraordinary Resolution, is defined as one that unless expedited would affect;*
 - (1) *The health, safety or well being of the horse and/or rider; and/or*
 - (2) *The financial well being of AHA, and/or Member Organizations; and/or*
 - (3) *Create a severe hardship or gross unfairness to the Association's recognized events and/or*
 - (4) *The Resolution involves other compelling circumstances, clearly specified and*
 - (5) *The resolution contains an additional description outlining the basis upon which the resolution involves one or more of the "extraordinary circumstances" meriting it for consideration as an "Extraordinary Resolution".*
 - ii) *The resolution MUST clearly define how it meets the above criteria.*
 - iii) *It shall be the responsibility of the Agenda and Resolutions Committee to determine whether such resolution meets the criteria necessary to recommend it as Extraordinary.*
 - iv) *Upon passage, the effective date will be Dec 31 of the year adopted or upon approval by USEF/EC, if applicable. The Executive Committee and/or the BOD may make the effective date earlier than Dec 31 if urgency is of utmost importance. Prompt written notice must be given via the Association's web site and/or email and included in the next published handbook.*

- b) *STANDARD*

- i) *Any resolution submitted not meeting the criteria under 901.2.a.*
 - ii) *Upon passage, the effective date will be Dec 31 the year after adoption. (i.e. adopted Nov 2008 – effective Dec 31, 2009)*

3. *Form and Content of Resolutions:*

According to Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, (AHA Article XIII) only the Resolved portions of resolutions are voted upon, and, if passed, included in the AHA Handbook (or submitted to USEF/EC). The Whereas provisions are optional and considered informational only; they are not a portion of the enacted resolution. Therefore, the Resolved must be self-explanatory, self-contained and unambiguous.

- a. Each resolution must be submitted in writing, in the form in which action is desired.
- b. Each resolution must contain a viable effective date (taking into consideration time requirements dictated by such things as USEF/EC rules, AHA rules, budgeting time frames, legal requirements, etc.).
- c. Resolutions, which change, amend, or add to the AHA Handbook or USEF/EC Rules must refer to the specific chapter affected.
- d. The Whereas section, if used, must contain accurate statements of relevant facts or premises.

- e. Any resolution which requires AHA expenditures must contain a detailed financial impact statement based on accurate premises. The AHA office may be contacted by proponents for assistance in obtaining and presenting accurate financial information.
- f. Any resolution passed by the Convention Delegates must be self-supporting, or it will be held for the next year's fiscal budget. (Res. 9-91) (Res. 3-02)
- g. Each resolution must list the name, phone number and email address of a contact person who, by definition, has the authority to change, withdraw, and/or amend the resolution on behalf of the submitting entity. The contact person should attend convention.
- h. The AHA impact statement for each resolution shall list a contact person. A departmental designation may not be substituted for a person. The contact person and a telephone number, or a designated substitute, shall either be at the Convention or available for consultation during the normal operating hours of the Convention. (Res. 52-96)

4. Resolutions must be submitted as follows:

- a. To the AHA office to be postmarked/electronic transaction dated (Res. 7-93) not later than *August 1st preceding the* next Annual Convention and that all resolutions be printed and returned to Member Organizations not later than 45 days preceding the next Annual Convention. Changes to proposed resolutions shall be accepted no later than 7 days after the resolution submission deadline, except:
 - 1) At the request of the Agenda and Resolutions Committee to comply with Article 901. submission requirements;
 - 2) After the resolutions have been printed for mailing, as an amendment to the resolution pursuant to the Standing Rules of Order and Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.
 - b. Any resolution not submitted to the AHA office by the deadline required, must have signatures of 25 Delegates registered to be at that Convention and the name of the Member Organization each is representing, and must be submitted to the AHA office for review by the Agenda and Resolutions Committee postmarked/electronic transaction dated not later than twenty days before the first day of Convention. (Res. 7-97)
 - 1. *Any such resolution determined by the Agenda and Resolutions Committee to be an extraordinary resolution shall be forwarded to the delegates for consideration at that Convention. Any resolution not determined to be extraordinary shall be considered at the Convention the following year. (Res. 72-71) (Res. 9-87) (Res. 7-97)*
 - c. By a Voting Delegate on the floor of the Convention, provided, however, that such resolution shall be an amendment of a resolution which has been placed on the floor of the Convention in the regular course of business.
 - d. By a Voting Delegate on the floor of the Convention after adoption, by a majority vote of the Convention, or special order of business permitting the same.
5. After resolutions are submitted to the AHA office, the Agenda and Resolutions Committee will review them.
- a. The Committee will adjust the effective date, if necessary, to make it viable *or to comply with Article 901.2.*
 - b. The Committee will strongly urge proponents to withdraw or combine resolutions with comparable intent.
 - c. The Committee will reject resolutions for any of the following reasons:
 - 1) Resolutions which do not conform to the requirements set forth in this Chapter.
 - 2) Resolutions which are recommendations; and/or
 - 3) Resolutions which conflict with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.Note: The AHA office may be contacted for assistance in assuring that resolutions conform to the requirements set forth in this Chapter.
 - d. The Committee will designate the order in which the resolutions will be presented on the Convention floor.

- e. The Committee will make referrals of acceptable proposed resolutions to committees on the Convention agenda.
- 6. Amending and withdrawing resolutions:
 - a. Subject to the time limits set forth in Article 901.4., if the proponent desires to change, amend, withdraw, or combine the resolution, an authorization must be signed and submitted (faxed, mailed, emailed, hand delivered) to the AHA office by the designated contact person.
 - b. Proponents should consult Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised for provisions regarding amending and withdrawing resolutions after resolutions are printed for mailing.
 - c. Any Committee, Commission or Board that studies a resolution that has been referred to it by the Convention Delegates and wants to return that resolution the following year or thereafter, in the same, amended or changed form must meet the requirements of the date deadlines and follow the rules for submitting resolutions.

RESOLUTION # 5-08

SUBJECT: Committee and Commission Limits for Executive Committee and Board Members

SUBMITTED BY: AHA Region 8 Delegates

STATUS: Active

- Whereas, There are approximately 38,000 members in The Arabian Horse Association; and
- Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, there is a continual need to involve more members in the management of our Association to insure its growth and prosperity; and
- Whereas, The following Committees and Commissions have a substantial impact on AHA's financial situation: Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Commission, Budget & Finance Committee, Canadian National Show Commission, Market Development and Promotion Committee, Registration Commission, Sport Horse National Show Commission, US Nationals Commission and Youth National Show Commission; and
- Whereas, The AHA Board of Directors elects all the members of the Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Commission, Sport Horse National Show Commission, U.S. National Show Commission, Youth National Show Commission, and three of the members of both the Market Development and Promotion Committee and the Registration Commission; and
- Whereas, The AHA President appoints all of the members of the Budget and Finance Committee (except the AHA Treasurer, the Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Commission appointee and the Purebred Arabian Trust appointee); and
- Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, for many years, there have been a very limited number of AHA members that are/were involved in running our association; and
- Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, this causes a very limited number of our members to have a very wide range of influence on our major Commissions/Committees; and
- Whereas, The foregoing causes individuals to be in a position to both establish budgets for major Commissions/Committees and then approve said budgets by serving on either the Budget and Finance Committee and/or the Board of Directors; and
- Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, this does not allow for open minded scrutiny and attention to detail of AHA's finances which is not in the best interest for AHA; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, No individual, who is a member of the Executive Committee may serve as a chair of Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Commission, Budget & Finance Committee, Canadian National Show Commission, Market Development and Promotion Committee, Registration Commission, Sport Horse National Show Commission, US Nationals Commission or Youth National Show Commission; and, Be It Further

Resolved, No individual (except the AHA Treasurer), who is a member of the Executive Committee Members of Arabian Horse Association may serve on more than one of the following: Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Commission, Budget & Finance Committee, Canadian National Show Commission, Market Development and Promotion Committee, Registration Commission, Sport Horse National Show Commission, US Nationals Commission or Youth National Show Commission.

Effective: January 1, 2010

RESOLUTION # 8-08

SUBJECT: Open Hunter/Jumper to Count for Horse Achievement Awards

SUBMITTED BY: Hunter/Jumper Committee

STATUS: Active

Whereas, Several Regions do not offer over fence classes at AHA approved shows; and

Whereas, Arabian bred Hunters and Jumpers enrolled in the Open Show Point program may qualify for Regionals and Nationals at Open USEF/EC rated shows (AHA Article 1402); and

Whereas, Arabian bred Dressage horses may qualify for Regionals/Nationals (AHA Chapter 14), and earn Achievement Award points from Open Dressage shows (AHA art. 2103.6 and 2106); and

Whereas, A point table for Article 2109 exists in the AHA Handbook (see attachment); and Therefore Be It

Resolved, That Arabians and Half Arabian/Anglo Arabians earn Achievement Award Points from Open USEF rated shows; and, Be It Further

Resolved, AHA Article 2109.5 be added to include that the Hunter and Jumper Achievement Points from Open USEF rated shows will be awarded as follows:

1. HUNTERS
 - a. Points for placings from the above table (all horses entered and shown to be counted).
 - b. Exhibitor will send a completed form with proper information and signature for record keeping to the AHA office
2. JUMPERS
 - a. Points for placings from the above table (all horses entered and shown to be counted).
 - b. Exhibitor will send a completed form with proper information and signature for record keeping to the AHA office.

Effective: January 1, 2009

RESOLUTION # 9-08

SUBJECT: Add Eventing to Arabian Division of USEF/EC Rule Book (USEF/EC)

USEF Rule Tracking # 288-08

SUBMITTED BY: Eventing & Driving Committee

STATUS: Active

Whereas, Eventing is Section 95 of the AHA Standard Class List and Articles 2106 and 2209 (Achievement Awards Programs) in the AHA Handbook; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, To add a “Subchapter AR 14, Eventing Section” to the Arabian Division of the USEF Rule Book, with following subchapters being renumbered; and, Be It Further

Resolved, This added section to read:

SUBCHAPTER AR 13 Eventing

AR 164 General.

Eventing classes/competitions held in the Arabian Division are to be conducted in accordance with Eventing Division, Chapter EV.

Effective: Upon approval of USEF/EC

RESOLUTION # 10-08

SUBJECT: Remove Restriction for Carriage Driving Classes (USEF/EC)

USEF Rule Tracking # 290-08

SUBMITTED BY: Eventing & Driving Committee

STATUS: Active

Whereas, Half-Arabians and Anglo-Arabians used for Carriage Pleasure Driving may be Stock-Hunter or Saddle-Pleasure type; and

Whereas, USEF AR248.6 lists “all driving” as Saddle-Pleasure only in competitions with split In-Hand sections; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That USEF AR 248.6 be changed to read:

AR 248 General

6. A Half Arabian or Anglo Arabian entered in the split in-hand sections of stock-hunter or saddle-pleasure at a competition is not eligible to cross enter into classes of the other group at that competition. The two groups shall consist of: Group #1 the Stock-Hunter In-Hand division shall include the following classes: Western Pleasure, Working Western classes, Hunter Pleasure and Working Hunter classes. Group #2 the Saddle-Pleasure In-Hand division shall include the following classes: English Pleasure, Country English Pleasure, Park and all Driving classes. Exception: Horses entered in Pleasure Carriage Driving classes may enter in Group # 1 or Group # 2, but may not enter in both groups at the same competition.

Effective: Upon approval of USEF/EC

RESOLUTION # 11-08

SUBJECT: Hunter Trail Hack (USEF/EC)

USEF Rule Tracking # 510-08 & 511-08

SUBMITTED BY: Aurora Arabian Horse Association

STATUS: Active

Whereas, USEF and Equine Canada currently have a class specification for English Hack Horse; and

Whereas, The English Pleasure nomenclature for this class is no longer relevant or consistent with the English Pleasure Division; and

Whereas, In 2007 at USEF Approved Arabian Horse Shows in English Trail 465 horses competed for a total of 553 entries, and in 2008, reported to USEF as of Aug 01, 2008, 318 horses had competed in English Trail for a total of 388 entries, English Trail is developing a following (information was unavailable from EC at time of submission); and

Whereas, The English Hack Horse class could be a great class to introduce Hunter and Hunter type horses to English Trail; and

Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, this class could increase interest in Hunter Hack and other Hunter Over Fence classes by offering a class with fewer jumps and with other obstacles consistent with training the Hunter, specifically canter poles and trot poles; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That USEF AR247 English Hack Horse be moved and included under the Arabian Hunter Division as AR 148.7 and be renamed “Arabian Hunter Trail Hack”; and, Be It Further

Resolved, That the specifications be changed as follows:

To be shown at a walk, trot and canter, with emphasis on a light rein. *The class conduct be consistent with, AR135 Arabian English Trail General.*

Entries will be called on to negotiate a pattern of obstacles which might reasonably be encountered on a cross-country pleasure ride, including one or more jumps. Bridges and gates, while allowed, are not mandatory. A minimum of 3 and a maximum of 6 obstacles are to be used.

For rules regarding conduct and definitions, reference AR208 (EC B3402) Where AR208 d. Refers to Chapter WS Subchapter USEF WS-3 (EC Chapter 34) WS 125, Conduct and WS 129 Mandatory Dimensions of Trail Obstacles but substitute

3. CAVALETTI with the following:

a. Trot overs: 3 feet to 4 feet apart (space is measured between poles). 4 feet is preferred for most English horses

b. Canter overs: 6' 6" to 8 feet apart - 8 feet is preferable for most English horses.

To be judged on performance, manners and suitability of horse to rider. *Judges may use, but are not required to use, the Arabian English Trail Scoring Procedures specifically:*

AR138 English Trail Scoring General

For rules regarding English Trail Scoring, reference AR207 AR209 (EC B3405).

AR139 Scoring Penalties

For rules regarding scoring penalties, reference AR208 AR210 (EC B3405) except for AR208AR210.2b, c, d, and e.

Effective: When approved by USEF and EC

RESOLUTION # 12-08

SUBJECT: Trail Course Designers (USEF/EC)

USEF Rule Tracking # 501-08

SUBMITTED BY: Working Western Committee

STATUS: Active

Whereas, Trail is an intricate working western class; and

Whereas, It is an honor to compete in a Regional Championship which is a qualifying class for National Championships; and

Whereas, The quality of courses ensure that the horses winning are performing over courses representative of a Regional Championship and a National qualifying class; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That the Arabian Trail Horse Division add a section for Course Designing as follows:

AR208 Trail Course Designers

- 1. It is recommended that a Course Designer be contracted for all shows and his/her name appear in the prize list. It is recommended that the Course Designer be present and available to the trail arena at all times during the trail classes*
- 2. It is required that a Course Designer, separate from one of the judges, be contracted at every Regional and National Championship Show and his/her name appear in the prize list. At Regional and National Shows, the Course Designer must be present and available to the trail arena at all times during the trail classes.*
- 3. The Course Designer may judge or be an official.*
- 4. Neither the Course Designer nor a member of their family may be a trainer, coach, exhibitor or rider in classes which he/she designs.*
- 5. The Course Designer must supply the judges and office with copies of the trail courses each day.*
- 6. The Course Designer must be a USEF/EC member.*

Effective: When Approved by USEF/EC

RESOLUTION # 13-08

SUBJECT: English Trail Change to Maneuvers (USEF/EC)

USEF Rule Tracking # 443-08, 444-08, 446-08 & 448-08

SUBMITTED BY: Aurora Arabian Horse Association

STATUS: Active

Whereas, English Trail is a relatively new class and as such the rules pertaining to it needs to be reviewed from time to time; and

Whereas, In 2007 at USEF Approved Arabian Horse Shows 465 horses competed in English Trail classes for a total of 553 entries, and in 2008, reported to USEF as of Aug 01, 2008, 318 horses had competed for a total of 388 entries, English Trail is developing a following (information was unavailable from Equine Canada at time of submission); and

Whereas, Recent changes to the Arabian Working Western Division resulted in chapter changes to the USEF rule book that were not reflected in the English Trail Section of the USEF Rule Book; and

Whereas, English horses move considerably differently than Western Horses in that they trot as opposed to jog trot and canter as opposed to lope, and as such the recommended distances between obstacles needs to be adjusted; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That USEF SUBCHAPTER AR-9 ENGLISH TRAIL HORSE SECTION be changed as follows:

AR135 General

The class conduct and scoring system procedures stated herein shall be used in adjudication of all English Trail classes in the Arabian division. For rules regarding English Trail Horse, reference AR207 Trail Horse - General. Reference AR197 for general working specifications. Course to include a minimum of six obstacles and a maximum of eight obstacles.

AR136 Appointments

For rules regarding correct attire and appointments, refer to AR116 (EC B1602), AR120 (ECB1702), AR124 (EC B1802), AR128 (EC B2002), AR132 (EC B1902) or AR143 (B2202). (Hackamores are prohibited.)

AR137 Conduct and Definitions

For rules regarding conduct and definitions, reference AR208 (EC B3402) Where AR208 *d. Refers to Chapter WS Subchapter USEF WS-3 (EC Chapter 34) WS 125, Conduct, and WS 129 Mandatory Dimensions of Trail Obstacles, but* Substitute

3. CAVALETTI with the following:

- a. Trot overs: 3'6" to 4' apart (space is measured between poles). 4 feet is preferred for most English horses
- b. Canter overs: 6'6" to 8' apart - 8 feet is preferable for most English horses.

AR138 English Trail Scoring General

For rules regarding English Trail Scoring, reference AR209 (EC B3405).

AR139 Scoring Penalties

For rules regarding scoring penalties, reference AR 210 (EC B3405) except for AR210.2b, c, d, and e.

AR140 Scoring Procedures

For rules regarding scoring procedures, reference AR211.

AR141 English Trail Horse Class Specifications

For English Trail Horse class specifications, reference AR213.

Effective: When approved by USEF and EC

RESOLUTION # 14-08

SUBJECT: Trail Horse Course Conduct Rule Change (USEF/EC)

USEF Rule Tracking # 502-08

SUBMITTED BY: Working Western Committee

STATUS: Active

Whereas,

Recent changes to USEF Western Division Trail created the need to review AHA Trail Horse Class Conduct to ensure compliance and consistency where appropriate, and acknowledging differences where appropriate; Therefore, Be It

Resolved,

That USEF AR208 (EC B3402) Conduct and Definitions rule be changed as follows:

AR208 Conduct and Definitions

1. All entered exhibitors will be allowed to walk and inspect the course with the judge and with the course designer, if present, prior to the start of the class. In amateur and junior exhibitor classes, exhibitors may be accompanied by their trainer

- a. No time outs will be allowed.
- b. All horses enter the arena with a score of 70. With each obstacle, the judge will instruct a scribe to assign a score as well as any appropriate penalties if one or more occurs. At the end of the work, obstacles scores will be totaled. Any penalties will then be subtracted to arrive at a final score. All horses are judged from the time they enter the arena until the completion of the last obstacle.
- c. Judge(s) may review official video on no score, zero, 10 point, or 5 point penalties only. Refer to AR197.4. (Video review is solely the judge(s) decision.)
- d. Refer to Chapter *USEF WS Subchapter WS-3 (EC Chapter 34)*, *WS125 Conduct*, and *WS129 (EC B3404)* for the mandatory obstacle dimensions, with the following exceptions:

- (1) *In Amateur and Junior to ride classes jumps, mounted may not exceed 18"*
- (2) *Lead over jumps must not exceed 12".*
- (3) *Bridges must be built of sturdy design non slip surface and a bridge should be approximately 3' wide and approximately 6' long. Any bridge deemed to be unsafe by the judge must be altered or removed.*
- (4) *For Lope overs a distance of 6' – 6'6" is preferred.*
- (5) *Tarps are prohibited to be used within an obstacle defined as where the entry will be expected to walk, jog, lope or back. They can be used for decorative purposes but must be secured.*

2. Knockdown: When any component, element, or portion of an obstacle is displaced from its original position-by horse or rider.

3. Refusal: Any action taken by the horse to avoid performing an obstacle, part of a combination of obstacles or portion of a trail course. These actions may include, but are not limited to the following:

- a. Balking: (Any action that results in a horse blatantly and continuously refusing a rider's command).
- b. Evading or running past an obstacle to be negotiated.
- c. Each complete loss of the gate *determined by the entry letting go of gate or dropping a rope gate.*
- d. Any blatant action by the horse that demonstrates an unwillingness to approach, negotiate and/or complete an obstacle.

At the judge's discretion or when a judge has deemed three (3) refusals have occurred at an obstacle the exhibitor will proceed to the next obstacle. (In multiple judging situations the call judge will determine when to instruct the exhibitor to proceed to the next obstacle.)

NOTE: Any time a judge instructs an exhibitor to proceed to the next obstacle, a five (5) point penalty will apply for being asked to move to another obstacle and as such is not in accordance with course direction. This penalty is in addition to the two (2) five (5) point penalties received for refusals or blatant disobedience for a total of three (3) five (5) point penalties.

4. Off Course:

- a. Taking an obstacle in the wrong direction.

- b. *Deliberately failing to enter, exit or work obstacle from correct side or direction.*
- c. *Negotiating obstacles in the wrong sequence including skipping an obstacle unless directed by the judge.*
- d. *Not following the correct line of travel (i.e. the drawn pattern and/or Judge's instruction/discretion).*
- e. *Pulling gate when designated to push in course directions (or visa versa) or when using a rope gate, walking through gate when designated to back through (or visa versa).*
- f. *Sidepassing the wrong end of a horse in slot.*
- g. *Riding outside designated boundary marker of the course.*

Effective: When approved by USEF and EC

RESOLUTION # 15-08

SUBJECT: Arabian Trail Scoring Systems – Penalties (USEF/EC)

USEF Rule Tracking # 503-08 & 453-08

SUBMITTED BY: Working Western Committee

STATUS: Active

- Whereas, The current Trail Scoring System has been in place for a number of years; and
- Whereas, With any system some changes are necessary to keep up the with growth of the industry; and
- Whereas, Many have felt that the Arabian Trail Scoring System should be more in line with other scoring systems currently being used by other breeds and under the Open Western Division; and
- Whereas, It is not uncommon for Trail classes at a US and Canadian National Championships to be judged by judges carded in other divisions; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, The AR 210 be deleted and replaced with the following:

AR210 Scoring Penalties (EC B3405)

In addition to the obstacle score, each entry may incur penalties for the following infractions:

1. NO SCORE

- a. *Illegal equipment. This includes any attachment which alters the movement of or circulation to the tail.*
- b. *Abuse to the animal inside or outside the competition arena and/or evidence that an act of abuse has occurred. This includes lameness and/or fresh blood in the mouth, chin, shoulder, barrel, flank or hip areas.*
- c. *Disrespect or misconduct by exhibitor.*

2. ZERO SCORE

a. *Off course including:*

- i. *Pulling gate when designated to push in course directions (or vise versa) or when using a rope gate, walking through the gate when designated to back through (or vice versa)*
- ii. *Sidepassing the wrong end of horse in slot*
- iii. *Working obstacles out of sequence*
- iv. *Deliberately failing to enter, exit or work obstacle from correct side or direction*

v. *Riding outside designated boundary marker of the course*

b. Two hands on reins (Exception: Snaffles or Hackamore) *or changing hands on reins; except for junior horses shown with hackamore or snaffle bit, only one hand may be used on the reins, except that it is permissible to change hands to work an obstacle.*

c. More than one finger between split reins

d. Fingers between closed reins

e. Failure to maintain 16 inches of rein between hands when using romal reins *except to work an obstacle*

f. Fall of horse or rider

g. Equipment failure or loss of shoe that delays completion of course.

h. *Dropping a rein that contacts the ground while the horse is in motion*

Note: Neither a “no score” nor a “zero score” penalty may receive an award in that class. A “zero” score may advance in a multiple-go event.

3. 10 POINT PENALTIES

a. Temporary loss of control, stampeding, running through or jumping over entire obstacle when jump is not called for. *This penalty can be awarded when an entry has completed an obstacle and has sufficiently destroyed the obstacle or where it is impossible to ascertain if the obstacle has been completed in any manner.*

b. Blatant disobedience (kicking, bucking, rearing, biting, striking, horse leaving designated ground tie area).

4. 5 POINT PENALTIES

a. Each refusal. Refusals are cumulative. After three (3) refusals at a single obstacle or when deemed necessary by the judge, the judge will ask the contestant to proceed to the next obstacle for a total of 15 penalty points. *When the refusal is the result of a complete loss of the gate the entry may retrieve the gate and continue. If they are unable to retrieve the gate and the judge asks them to move on they will have been deemed to have earned three refusals for a total of three (3) five (5) point penalties*

b. Placing two or more feet outside of a confining element.

c. Horse misses/evades an element/component of an obstacle that is part of a series.

d. *Losing drag or object being carried.*

e. Placing one foot off side of bridge *or falling off side of bridge*

f. *Spurring or obvious cueing or touching of horse in front of forward cinch including, but not limited to use of free hand to instill fear or praise*

g. Performing obstacle at the wrong gait or lead.

5. 2 POINT PENALTIES

a. Knockdowns or obviously displacing the original configuration of an obstacle.

b. Placing one foot outside of a confining element.

c. *Break of gait for more than two strides. When an entry is transitioning down from a lope to a walk, a couple of steps of jog is acceptable and will not result in a penalty however the judge may take that transition into consideration in the maneuver score. The same would be for when a horse momentarily hesitates before undertaking a series of walkovers, working the bridge, or any other maneuver from the walk. A momentary halt is not considered a break of gait, and in fact is desired. If the entry takes two or more steps back it would be considered a refusal and be subject to a five (5) point penalty.*

d. Holding of saddle with free hand. (Exception: over a jump, elevated jog over(s) or elevated lope over(s).

e. Approaching obstacle at wrong gait or lead. During transition areas between obstacles, if horse is, for instance, loping where a jog is called for, or jogging where a walk is called for, a two point penalty has occurred.

6. 1 POINT PENALTIES

a. Double striding or adding strides or adding steps. (Walkovers, jogovers, lopeovers, tires).

b. *Skipping slot (walkovers, jogovers, lopeovers, or tires)*

c. *Major hit or stepping on an element of an obstacle, log, pole, cone or obstacle.*

d. *Each time switching leads where not called for, picking up wrong leads, or cross leading.*

NOTE: If a horse switches leads and must be broken down to correct the lead, then two penalties have been incurred (The first for switching leads (1 point) and the second for breaking of gait (1 or a two point penalty depending on the number of strides)

e. Break of gait for less than two strides. When an entry is transitioning down from a lope to a walk, a couple of steps of jog is acceptable and will not result in a penalty however the judge may take that transition into consideration in the maneuver score. The same would be for when a horse momentarily hesitates before undertaking a series of walkovers, working the bridge, or any other maneuver from the walk. A momentary halt is not considered a break of gait, and in fact is desired. If the entry takes two or more steps back it would be considered a refusal and be subject to a five (5) point penalty.

Effective: When approved by USEF and EC.

RESOLUTION # 19-08

SUBJECT: Callers for FEI Level Dressage Classes (USEF/EC)

USEF Rule Tracking # 289-08

SUBMITTED BY: Dressage Committee

STATUS: Active

Whereas, USEF DR 122.1 requires “All FEI Tests (including FEI Junior Tests) and all Freestyle Rides must be ridden from memory”; and

Whereas, The USEF Arabian Rules created an exception that allows callers in all Regional Championship Dressage classes (see USEF AR 156.4); and

Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, the USEF Arabian Rules need to be amended to clarify that all FEI Tests (including FEI Junior Tests) and all Freestyle Rides must be ridden from memory, including but not limited to Regional Championship rides; Therefore Be It

Resolved, That USEF AR 156.4 shall be amended to read:

4. A caller, if supplied by the competitor, may be used in any AHA Regional Championship Dressage class. (*Exception: all FEI Tests, including FEI Junior Tests, and all Freestyle Rides must be ridden from memory.*)

Effective: When approved by USEF/EC

RESOLUTION # 20-08

SUBJECT: Jumper Attire & Appointments (USEF/EC)

USEF Rule Tracking # 287-08

SUBMITTED BY: Hunter/Jumper Committee

STATUS: Active

Whereas, USEF Arabian jumper rules do not specify attire regulations (Subchapter AR 11); and

Whereas, USEF Arabian jumper rules do not specify whether draw reins are permitted (AR 150);
Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That USEF AR 150 (2) be amended by adding “draw reins are prohibited, except in the schooling area”; and, Be It Further

Resolved, That USEF AR 150 be amended to read as follows:

AR 150 General.

2. Type of English saddle is optional. Any type of bridle is allowed, including, but not limited to gag bits and mechanical hackamores. Martingales, tiedowns, boots and bandages are allowed. *Draw reins are prohibited, except in the schooling area.*

3. *For rules regarding attire, refer to JP111.5.*

Effective: Upon approval of USEF/EC.

RESOLUTION # 21-08

SUBJECT: Hunters 14.2H and Under (USEF/EC)

USEF Rule Tracking # 285-08 & 286-08

SUBMITTED BY: Hunter/Jumper Committee

STATUS: Active

Whereas, Arabian Pony Hunters is included on the AHA Official Class List (ART 1136); and

Whereas, The USEF already have rules in place for Welsh (Chapter WL) and Pony Hunters (Chapter HP); and

Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, awareness of the Hunter divisions based on entry height would encourage more participation in Working Hunter classes at the Local, Regional and National level, presenting them with an opportunity in which to compete against similar entries; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, USEF AR147 Height of Obstacles be amended to include the following:

AR 147 Height of Obstacles

7. HORSES 14.2H AND UNDER HUNTER classes: fence height not to exceed 2'6". Minimum of 8 fences. (Refer to HP101.5, HP101.6, GR502, HP126, HP127 and Subchapter HP-11 for eligibility and horse measuring. For courses, refer to HP107-109); and, Be It Further

Resolved, USEF AR148 be changed to read:

AR 148 Arabian Hunter Class Specifications

7. HORSES 14.2H AND UNDER HUNTER, ATR, JTR,AATR, AOTR,JOTR, AAOTR WORKING HUNTER OPEN, HANDY, STAKE, MODIFIED. To be judged on manners, performance and soundness. Stallions and adult riders permitted (AR112.11, AR102) unless prohibited in the prize list. Open to animals that do not exceed 14.2 hands in height. Cross entries permitted in any other Arabian, Half-Arabian or Anglo-Arabian breed restricted class Owner must possess a current measurement card or valid

measurement form issued by the Federation (see rules GR502 and HP126); and Be It Further

Resolved, That the AHA Official Class List (ART 1136) be changed from Pony Hunter to Horses 14.2H and Under Hunter.

Effective: Upon approval of USEF/EC

RESOLUTION # 22-08

SUBJECT: Sport Horse In-Hand Appointments (USEF/EC)

USEF Rule Tracking # 449-08

SUBMITTED BY: Sport Horse Committee

STATUS: Active

Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, there has been some confusion throughout the Regions in regards to the intent of the cavesson style noseband and the intent of Resolution 6-07 was to eliminate any other type of noseband(s) or attachment(s); and

Whereas, After further discussion by the Sport Horse Committee, it was decided that in the best interest of the Sport Horse in Hand that the following clarification of USEF AR 159.3 be made; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, USEF AR159.3 be changed to read as follows:

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. Use of a noseband is optional, but if used, must be a cavesson, flash, figure 8, mexican, dropped, or crescent style noseband. A split or single lead made of either leather or chain (or combination of both) 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 plain leather stable halter. Horses under age two must be shown in a plain leather stable halter. Horses wearing non-conforming appointments will be eliminated from judging consideration.

Effective: When approved by USEF/EC

RESOLUTION # 23-08

SUBJECT: Sport Horse Show Hack Attire (USEF/EC)

USEF Rule Tracking # 020-08

SUBMITTED BY: Sport Horse Committee

STATUS: Active

Whereas, It was approved last year to omit the color of breeches in the show hack classes because of the different styles of riding attire that are appropriate for this class; and

Whereas, After much discussion, the committee feels that leaving out the colors would create more problems in the future; and

Whereas, The words, "light colored" breeches should be added; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That the first sentence of USEF AR159.5a be deleted and replaced with the following:

a. Conservatively colored short, dark coat, with tie, stock tie or choker collar, white *or light colored* breeches, boots or smooth leather half-chaps, hunt cap, derby, top hat or protective headgear.

Effective: When approved by USEF/EC

RESOLUTION # 28-08

SUBJECT: Shoeing Requirements (USEF/EC)

USEF Rule Tracking # 280-08

SUBMITTED BY: USEF Arabian Division Committee

STATUS: Active

Whereas, The current shoeing regulations are in effect through November 30, 2008; and

Whereas, We need to amend the rules to allow the current shoeing regulations to remain in effect;
Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That USEF AR103.2 be amended by removing the phrase “Through November 30, 2008”; and Be It Further

Resolved, That the Arabian Division USEF Committee shall seek a USEF Presidential Modification to make this resolution effective December 1, 2008.

Effective: December 1, 2008

RESOLUTION # 29-08

SUBJECT: Hunter Pleasure Specifications (USEF/EC)

USEF Rule Tracking # 282-08 & 284-08

SUBMITTED BY: USEF Arabian Division Committee

STATUS: Active

Whereas, Hunter Pleasure classes have a “suitability as a hunter” provision; and

Whereas, Exhibitors and Judges would benefit from more specific descriptions of the frame, stride, and overall appearance of a hunter pleasure horse; and

Whereas, Contact with the horse’s mouth is absolutely required to be a suitable hunter; and

Whereas, The current rule does not specifically prohibit a draped rein; and

Whereas, A draped rein is not light contact as required in USEF AR127.2; and

Whereas, Light contact is also used in Western Pleasure specifications; and

Whereas, Exhibitors and Judges would benefit by more specifically defining the phrase “light contact” in Hunter Pleasure; and

- Whereas, In order to support the “suitability as a hunter” provision, it is necessary to allow the judges to more severely penalize infractions; Therefore, Be It
- Resolved, That USEF AR 127.2 be replaced with the following:
Direct but light contact with the horse’s mouth must be maintained at all gaits. Draped reins are incorrect. Direct contact means that there should be a straight line from the rider’s hands to the horse’s mouth; and Be It Further
- Resolved, That the introductory paragraph of USEF AR129 be amended to read:
It is imperative that the horse give the distinct impression of being a pleasure to ride and display a pleasurable and relaxed attitude. *Compared to an English Pleasure, Country English Pleasure or Show Hack horse which is shown in an upright frame, the Hunter Pleasure horse should be in a longer, more rectangular frame, with the neck carried lower and in a more relaxed manner with less arch in the neck and less bend at the poll. The stride at every gait should be long, cover ground, and exhibit efficiency of movement. While some degree of carriage is appropriate in an Arabian Hunter Pleasure class, a stride that is short, high, and round is not appropriate. Horses that are, for more than a few strides, high headed, ridden on a draped rein, not in the appropriate frame, on the forehand short-strided, or behind the vertical must be severely penalized; and Be It Further*
- Resolved, That USEF AR129.2 be amended to read:
Trot, a two beat gait: Straight and regular. The trot should be mannerly, cadenced, and balance. To be performed at a medium speed with a free moving, *long*, ground covering, *efficient* stride that is not short, high, round, or choppy. *Rider to post the trot; and Be It Further*
- Resolved, That the following be added as USEF AR127.3 with the following sections to be renumbered:
3. Suitability as a Hunter as found in the AR130 means that the horse is in a frame suitable to take a jump safely and efficiently.
- Effective: Upon approval by USEF/EC

RESOLUTION # 30-08

SUBJECT: Hunter Pleasure Attire (USEF/EC)

USEF Rule Tracking # 283-08

SUBMITTED BY: USEF Arabian Division Committee

STATUS: Active

- Whereas, Exhibitors in Hunter Pleasure classes are increasingly not following the attire traditions of the Hunter ring; and
- Whereas, The current language in USEF AR128.4 is ambiguous; Therefore, Be It
- Resolved, That USEF AR 128.4 be replaced by:
Informal attire is required. It includes a coat of conservative color (black, blue, gray, green, or brown, and conservative shades thereof) made of materials that are suitable for hunting. Discrete patterns such as tweeds, hounds tooth, jacquard, pinstripes, or subtle plaids are allowed. Coats must be darker than the breeches or jodhpurs. Brocades, raised patterns, or glossy/metallic/shiny fabrics or materials are not suitable for hunting. Ornamentation other than a stock or lapel pin, tie clip or tack, or monogram are not

allowed on any item of attire. Gloves are optional, but, if worn, must be of conservative color. Boots and a conservatively colored hunting cap, derby or protective headgear are mandatory. Protective headgear may be worn without penalty (see GR801). Non conforming exhibitors must be severely penalized.

Effective: Upon approval of USEF/EC

RESOLUTION # 32-08

SUBJECT: Show Sponsor Requirements

SUBMITTED BY: Competition Advisory Committee

STATUS: Active

Whereas, Currently shows must qualify for the Region in which the sponsoring organization/individual resides; and

Whereas, Shows that qualify for a Region other than the one in which they are held in require approval from both Regional Directors; and

Whereas, Show sponsors are financially responsible for any fees associated with the event; and

Whereas, Shows that qualify for a Region different than the one in which they are held, require a sponsoring organization/individual from the qualifying Region. This sponsor, in fact, may not be actually involved with the show but will receive bills for fees associated with the event; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, Article 1104.1.a be changed to read as follows:

a. The show sponsor shall be the financially responsible club, organization, or individual.

Resolved, 1104.1.b be deleted, with the remainder of the rule to be re-lettered as required.

Effective: January 1, 2009

RESOLUTION # 34-08

SUBJECT: Hunter Over Fences Scoring at Regionals and Nationals

SUBMITTED BY: Sport Horse National Show Commission

STATUS: Active

Whereas, Under the current rules for scoring Arabian Hunter over Fence Championship classes at Regional and National Championships, only 10 or 50% of the class, if less than 20 compete, moves forward to phase C – Under Saddle Phase; and

Whereas, In the event that one or more of the horses are eliminated after the class is completed for any reason it is normal in Hunter Divisions for the judge to place the number of ribbons plus 2 reserves; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That AHA Article 1334. SCORING/JUDGING WORKING HUNTER, be deleted and replaced with the following:

1. The Working Hunter Championship classes shall consist of two sections, Over Fences followed by one section Under Saddle.

2. All horses are allowed to jump in both Over Fences sections; however this is not a requirement.
 - a. The first order of go shall be drawn.
 - b. Riders may be permitted to ride back-to-back rounds at their discretion.
 - c. Management may permit a rider to compete out of order to minimize delays.
3. The highest ten scoring horses plus two reserve scoring horses from each section (if fewer than 20 scoring horses 50% of each section *plus two reserve horses, if available, who have received scores*), shall be jogged in, dismounted, in judge's order of preference for soundness following the conclusion of the second Over Fences section. When using more than one judge, points are assigned as per 4 below. Points from each judge will be added together to get the total points for each horse. Horses will be jogged in ranked order. In the event of a tie for the 12 to be jogged (if fewer than 20 scoring horses 50% of each section plus two reserve horses, if available who have received scores) all horses tied for the jog will be jogged for soundness. If a horse is eliminated during the jog for soundness judging, that horse(s) placing will be removed from the judge's card, and the class rescored. No additional horse will be brought forward to fill the 12th spot on the card. All horses that were called back to be jogged for soundness in either over fences section will advance to and compete in the Under Saddle section.
4. In each of these sections, each judge will place up to ten horses *plus two reserves (if less than 20 horses 50% plus 2)*. Scores will be assignable as follows:

a. 1st place = 20 points	g. 7th place = 6 points
b. 2nd place = 16 points	h. 8th place = 5 points
c. 3 rd place = 14 points	i. 9th place = 4 points
d. 4th place = 12 points	j. 10th place = 3 points
e. 5th place = 10 points	k. 11 & 12 place = 0 points
f. 6th place = 8 points	
5. Only the ten highest scoring horses (if fewer than 20 horses 50% of the section) in section A receive points in section A. Only the ten highest scoring horses (if fewer than 20 horses 50% of the section) in section B receive points in section B. Only the ten highest scoring horses in both section A and section B receive points in both sections.
6. Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected from the four horses having acquired the most points in the two Over Fences sections based on total points earned in all three sections. The selection of the remainder of the Top Ten (if fewer than 20 horses 50% of the class) will be based on the total points earned in all three sections.
7. After the Under Saddle section, in the event of a tie for Champion, Reserve Champion or Top Ten, the points earned in the Under Saddle section will be dropped and the tie resolved by using the sum of the points acquired in the two over fences sections. If a tie persists, the Judge will break the tied horses without reworking them. When a Multi-Judge System is used, when a tie persists after the Under Saddle scores are dropped the horse scoring higher on the Call Judge's card will be used to break the tie. If a tie still persists, the Call Judge will break the tied horses without reworking them.
8. A Reserve to the Top Ten will be selected but, not announced, in case of disqualification.

Effective: January 1, 2009

RESOLUTION # 35-08

SUBJECT: Judges & Stewards Commissioner Authority & Establish Peer Review Panel

SUBMITTED BY: Resolution 5-90 Task Force

STATUS: Active

Whereas, Under the original 5-90, the Commissioner was empowered to take action which he deemed appropriate in any matter in which the Commissioner considers, in his sole opinion, that failure to act immediately will result in immediate and irreparable harm to

the public or exhibitor's confidence in the conduct of the Judges or Stewards of an AHA approved competition; and

Whereas, This empowerment was removed by resolution 16-00 which shifted said responsibility to the competition officials or management; and

Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, the Commissioner needs the authority originally created by 5-90 restored so as to effectuate the original purpose and intent of 5-90; and

Whereas, That the Commissioner's office should be responsible for the ongoing evaluation of Judges and Stewards in terms of their actual judging performance and compliance with the class specifications and procedures and all other matters involving a Judge's or steward's performance; and

Whereas, The Commissioner needs the authority to convene peer review panel(s) to assist the office in evaluating judges' performance; and

Whereas, The Commissioner should have the authority to warn, suspend, require more education of, or remove a judge or steward from the AHA Approved Judges & Stewards List, subject to a review by the Education and Evaluation Commission if so requested; Therefore Be It

Resolved, That the Commissioner's office shall be responsible for the ongoing evaluation of judges and stewards in terms of their actual judging performance and compliance with the class specifications and procedures and all other matters involving a judge's or steward's performance; and, Be It Further

Resolved, The Commissioner may establish a Peer Review Panel(s) to assist in the ongoing evaluation of judges and stewards at any AHA recognized competition. Said Panel Review members must consist of National/Regional level judges or stewards and be approved by the Education and Evaluation Commission (EEC). Furthermore, any compensation or expense for said panel(s) to come from the 5-90 budgets; and, Be It Further

Resolved, That Resolution 5-90 (1) 14 be amended to read: The Commissioner is empowered to take action which the Commissioner deems appropriate in any matter in which the Commissioner considers, in his sole opinion, that failure to act in a timely manner will result in immediate and irreparable harm to the public or exhibitor's confidence in the conduct of the Judges and Stewards of any AHA approved competition; and, Be It Further

Resolved, That the Commissioner be empowered to warn, to require more education of, to suspend, or remove a judge or steward from the AHA Approved Judges & Stewards List, as appropriate. Said action subject to a de novo review by the Education and Evaluation Commission, if so requested by the judge or steward, and such review shall require a 2/3 vote of the entire EEC to overturn the actions of the Commissioner. Policies and procedures for the review process, with input from the EEC, to be created and implemented by the effective date.

Effective: January 1, 2009
