SUBJECT: In-Hand Working Western Performance (USEF/EC)

(Stanard)

Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 101 for submission requirements

Committee Action:

Amateur Committee
Committee Advisory Committee
Education/Evaluation Commission
Judges & Stewards Steering Committee
Professional Horsemen Committee
Working Western Committee
USEF Arabian Division Committee

CONVENTION ACTION:

Approved  Approved with Modification  Disapproved
Withdrawn  Referred to Committee

PROPOSED CHANGE: (Check one) __X__ Add new rule  ____ Delete existing rule  ____ Change existing text

Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) USEF AR-5

RESOLUTION: Use bold/italic for new wording, strikethrough to indicate deletion

Whereas, Many breeders of Arabian and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian horses, breed specifically for Working Western Stock Horse Performance abilities; and

Whereas, In-Hand Working Western Performance has become a very popular class in other breeds; and

Whereas, There has been a steady growth in the Working Western divisions during the last few years; and

Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, evaluation and rewarding of excellence in form to function can improve both the capability and durability of our Working Western stock type horses; and

Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, there is a need for in-hand classes to be offered in conjunction with Working Western class divisions. Classes to be judged by qualified Arabian judges or any judge that is USEF/Western, NRCHA or NCHA carded or any one credentialed to judge a western stock horse, with the goal of evaluating the athletic potential of the horses shown for Working Western; and

Whereas, Currently there is no in-hand division available exclusively to showcase the Arabian and Half-Arabian/Anglo- Arabian Working Western performance horses; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That USEF Subchapter AR 5 be amended by inserting a new section as follows:

Subchapter AR-5 In-Hand Working Western Performance

1. The purpose of In-hand Working Western Performance is to select well-mannered individuals that are the most positive combination of balance, structural correctness, and movement appropriate for various activities of a working ranch horse, while maintaining the breed standards of an Arabian horse. (See also AR-1/101, 103, 104, 105 and AR-2/115

2. For a show to offer this division, the show must also offer at least one class from any one or more of the following divisions: Reining, Reining Seat Equitation, Herd Work, Reined Cow, Working Cow, Cutting, Ranch Riding, Western Trail, Western Dressage or Gymkhana. The In-hand Working Western Performance classes must be held after the conclusion of the other qualifying divisions and classes.
3. Horses are to be shown in a good working halter (rope, nylon or plain leather). A chain or leather strap, under the chin or leather pieces connecting the two sides of the halter under the chin, are permitted. Horses may also be shown in a working bridle suitable to the age of the horse. Silver is allowed but not preferred over a clean working halter or bridle. Lip Cords and chains are not permitted in the horses mouth.

4. Open, Amateur and Junior Exhibitor classes may be held. Classes will not be split by age. Exception: Prospect class for horses two years old and under at the discretion of show management. Classes must be separated by Arabian and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian. In addition, they must be separated by Arabian-stallion, mare and gelding and Half-Arabian - stallion, mare and gelding. All horses three years of age and older must have shown in a performance class in any of the following divisions Reining, Reining Seat Equitation, Herd Work, Reined Cow, Working Cow, Cutting, Ranch Riding, Western Trail, Western Dressage or Gymkhana at the same show in which the In-hand Working Western Performance class is being offered.

5. All stallions 3 years old and over shall be examined to confirm that they have two visible testicles. If examination reveals that a horse is cryptorchid, such horse should be excused from the ring prior to final placing by the judge.

6. No whips, schooling devices, “bagging” shakers, noisemakers or aids of any kind are permitted. Horses may be shown with bridle path, ears, eyes and nose clipped but it is not mandatory. Cutting Horses may be shown shaved/roached. Horses shown clipped will not be preferred over a horse that is shown natural. Appropriate western attire is required which includes, pants (slacks, trousers, jeans), long sleeves and collar (band, stand up, tuxedo, etc.) western hat and cowboy boots. Western suits with tie or bolo is acceptable. No bling, sequins or rhinestones.

7. The horse’s body condition and over all fitness should be assessed. The hair coat should be clean, well-brushed and in good condition. The mane, tail, forelock and wither tuft may not contain ornaments, (ribbons, bows, etc.), hooves should be natural without paint or hoof dressing.

8. Horses will be presented in a relaxed and unstretched manner with the feet squarely underneath the body (no hard stance). Horses will walk to the judge(s) one at a time. As the horse approaches, the judge(s) will step to the right (left of the horse) to enable the horse to trot straight to the cone placed approximately 50 feet (15 meters) away. At the cone the horse will continue trotting, turn to the left making a true “L” and trot toward the next cone placed before the left wall or fence of the arena. After trotting, horses will be lined up head to tail for individual inspection by the judge(s). The judge(s) shall inspect each horse from both sides, front and rear. Excessive schooling, training or shanking, willful abuse, loss of control of the horse by the exhibitor, shall be cause for elimination.

9. At a single judged show, the judge should line the horses to be placed in a head to tail order according to preference.

10. An exhibitor may enter one or more horses in a class, but each horse may have only one rider/handler per class; and, Be It Further

Resolved. That the remaining USEF sub-chapters be re-numbered.

Effective: December 31, 2018 or when approved by USEF/EC

(If a Standard resolution, the effective date will be December 31 of the year after the Convention)
PROPONENTS FINANCIAL IMPACT (REQUIRED): Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 101.3.e. for financial requirements

Time required to set up class codes and qualifications and place into the AHA Handbook and on web: 1 to 4 hours estimated depending on number of classes and qualifications required. Cost Estimated at up to $80. If shows choose to offer these classes, ribbons and trophies will be an additional cost which can be offset by the class entries.

There will be a revenue increase to AHA as these classes are offered and the $4.00 per horse class fee is collected. Estimated that on the low end, 100 horses will compete the first year and revenue to AHA will be $400.00. As the class gains popularity, more revenue will be collected.

AHA IMPACT STATEMENT: None

Contact Person:

SUBMITTED BY: The Arabian Cutting Horse Association Region Number: 8

[ ] Member Organization  [ ] Committee  [ ] Commission  [ ] Board  [ ] Region  (check one)

Who voted:  [ ] Members  [ ] Board  [ ] Delegates  (check voting body)

Total Number Eligible to Vote: 12  Number of Yes votes: 12  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:  Email  (Must have printed documentation on file)

Date vote taken: August 9, 2017

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