

SUBJECT: Soundness (USEF/EC)

Amendment 2 (Pink)

(EXTRAORDINARY)

Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 101 & 102 for submission requirements.

Committee Action:

Committees required to review: *(This section to be completed by the Agenda & Resolutions Committee)*

Approve

Disapprove

Competition Advisory Committee			
Education/Evaluation Commission			
Equitation/Showmanship Committee			
Hunter/Jumper Committee			
Sport Horse Committee			

CONVENTION ACTION:

\_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Approved with Modification \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved

\_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_ Referred to Committee \_\_\_\_\_

PROPOSED CHANGE: (**Check one**) \_\_\_\_\_ Add new rule \_\_\_\_\_ Delete existing rule \_\_\_\_\_X\_ Change existing text

Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC)

AR 105.1 , AR 170, AR 182, AR 190, and AR 300

RESOLUTION: Use **bold/italic** for new wording, ~~strike through~~ to indicate deletion

- Whereas, Welfare of the Arabian horse is paramount to the Arabian Horse Association and its members, exhibitors and owners, and
- Whereas, The Morgans, Saddlebreds, Hackneys, Roadsters, and National Show Horses all require soundness in their rules of the USEF as follows:
- MO102.3
    - Entries shall be serviceably sound and in good condition. Animals with complete loss of sight in one eye may be found serviceably sound at the judge's discretion, except in a class over fences where a judge may ask a rider to change horses.
  - SB103.2
    - All horses must be serviceably sound. In In-Hand classes for sires and dams or prospective sires and dams, transmissible unsoundness only shall be considered. Horses must not show evidence of lameness, broken wind or complete loss of sight in both eyes.
  - HK102.4
    - TO BE PENALIZED...Horses and ponies must be serviceably sound, i.e., must not show evidence of lameness or broken wind.
  - RD103.1
    - Horses and ponies must be serviceably sound.
  - NS102.1
    - Soundness is required.
- Whereas, It is the desire of the Arabian Division Rules Committee and our Association to ensure Arabian rules support promotion of the welfare of the horse; Therefore, Be It
- Resolved, That USEF AR105.1 be amended by striking out the following:  
**AR105 Conduct, Specifications, Soundness and Welfare of the Horse**
1. All horses, ~~except horses entered in Sub Chapter 28 Equitation and Sub Chapter 29 Showmanship classes,~~ must be serviceably sound. and, Be It Further
- Resolved, That USEF AR 170.2 be amended by striking out and inserting the following:  
**AR170 Working Hunter Championship Ties**

2. If all tied horses are declared unsound, ~~selection of the winner among such tied competitors is left to the discretion of the judges~~ **the entries are eliminated**; and Be It Further

~~Resolved, That USEF AR182.5.5 and 182.5.4 be amended by striking out and inserting the following:~~  
**AR182 Sport Horse Scoring In-hand Procedures**  
~~5—Sufficient (some concern for heritability or of soundness)~~  
~~4—Insufficient (definite concern for heritability or of soundness); and Be It Further~~

Resolved, That USEF AR190.2(b) be stricken as follows  
**AR190 Sport Horse Showmanship**  
b. ~~Unsoundness of the horse being shown shall not penalize a handler unless it is sufficiently severe as to impair the required performance, in which case penalty is at the judge's discretion.; and Be It Further~~

~~Resolved, That USEF AR287.5 be amended as follows:~~  
5. Equitation classes must be conducted according to EQ107 and judged in accordance with EQ102.2-12.  
Exception: Western Horsemanship, Reining Seat Equitation and Dressage Seat Equitation

Resolved, That USEF AR300.2 be stricken as follows:  
**SUBCHAPTER AR-29 SHOWMANSHIP SECTION**  
**AR300 General**  
~~2. Unsoundness of the horse being shown shall not penalize a handler unless it is sufficiently severe as to impair the required performance, in which case penalty is at the judge's discretion.~~

Effective: December 31, 2025, or when approved by USEF/EC

(If a Standard resolution, the effective date will be December 31 of the year after the Convention)

RESOLUTION TYPE (**REQUIRED**): Standard \_\_\_\_\_ Extraordinary X \_\_\_\_\_ "If indicated as "Extraordinary", the proponent must list reasons which establish Chapter 9, RULE 101.3.a. has been met)  
1. The health, safety, well-being of the horse as described in Rule 101.3.a.i.1

PROPOSERS FINANCIAL IMPACT (**REQUIRED**): Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 102.6. & 102.7 for financial requirements  
None

AHA IMPACT STATEMENT: (*To be completed by AHA Staff*)

Contact Person:

SUBMITTED BY: USEF Arabian Division Committee

Region Number:

☐ Member Organization ☒ Committee ☐ Commission ☐ Board ☐ Region (*check one* ☒)

Who voted: ☒ Members ☐ Board ☐ Delegates (*check voting body*)

Total Number Eligible to Vote: 14 Number of Yes votes: 11 Number of No votes: 0

How vote was taken: ☐ mail ☐ email/other electronic means ☐ phone ☒ meeting (*check one*) (*Must have Quorum with majority of yes votes*)

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

Date vote taken: August 11, 2025

Contact Person: Deborah Johnson, Chair (*Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw*)

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