

SUBJECT: Defining Hunter Pleasure Coats (USEF/EC)

(STANDARD)

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

Amateur Committee			
Competition Advisory Committee			
Education/Evaluation Commission			
Professional Horsemen Committee			
USEF Arabian Division Committee			
Youth Committee			

CONVENTION ACTION:

_____ Approved _____ Approved with Modification _____ Disapproved

_____ Withdrawn _____ Referred to Committee _____

PROPOSED CHANGE: (**Check one**) _____ Add new rule _____ Delete existing rule ☒ Change existing text of AR144.2a
Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) USEF AR144.2

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

Whereas, There is confusion among exhibitors and judges alike about what colors and materials are acceptable for Hunter Pleasure coats, and

Whereas, The EEC and APAHA have collaborated to clarify acceptable and unacceptable colors and materials and to set parameters for penalties; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That USEF AR144.2 be amended by striking out and inserting as follows:

AR144 Appointments

2. Attire:

a. Informal attire is required. **Attire should reflect the traditional, conservative appearance of the Hunter division.**

Attire should not distract from the performance of the horse and rider.

1. It includes a coat of conservative color (~~black, blue, gray, green, brown, or burgundy~~ and conservative shades thereof) made of materials that are suitable for and follow the tradition of fox hunting.

a. **Acceptable coat colors include medium or dark hues of blue, brown, black, green, gray, burgundy, and muted earth tones.**

b. **Bright, vivid, or pastel colors are prohibited and must be penalized. Prohibited colors include, but not limited to, purple, teal, red, orange, neon tones, or other highly contrasting colors.**

c. **Hunt coats must be constructed of flat, non-reflective materials.**

d. **Metallic threading, sequins, velvet, satin finishes, or overly reflective materials are prohibited and must be penalized.**

e. **Tasteful and discreet accents from the list of acceptable coat colors and fabrics may be used on collars and pocket flaps or as modest piping. Velvet or Ultrasuede are acceptable accent materials.**

2. It is further recommended that the rider's attire not distract from the performance of the horse and rider.

3. ~~Discrete patterns such as tweeds, hounds tooth, jacquard, pinstripes or subtle plaids are allowed.~~ **Subtle patterns and plaids are permitted provided they remain conservative and understated in appearance.**

a. **Pattern colors must remain within the same tonal color family and may not create a bold or high-contrast visual effect noticeable from a distance.**

b. Loud, bright, oversized, or distracting patterns must be penalized.

c. Brocades, raised patterns, glossy/metallic/~~overly reflective materials~~ or materials are not suitable for hunting must be penalized.

4. ~~Coats must be darker than the breeches or jodhpurs.~~ Hunt coats must be darker in color than the rider's breeches or jodhpurs. The overall presentation should maintain a conservative, appropriate appearance.

5. Shirts must have a choker, similar collar, or tie.

6. Ornamentation other than a stock or lapel pin, tie clip or tack, or monogram are not allowed on any item of attire.

7. Gloves are optional, but if worn, must be of conservative color.

8. Boots and conservatively colored hunting cap, derby, or protective headgear are mandatory.

9. Nonconforming exhibitors must be severely penalized

a. In classes of more than three exhibitors, an exhibitor with non-conforming attire shall not be placed above fourth.

b. In classes of three or fewer exhibitors, non-conforming attire shall be considered a severe penalty by the judge and reflected in the final placings and shall not be eligible to receive first place, with the exception of one-horse classes.

10. Judges must not eliminate a rider for inappropriate attire except for safety. See GR801.

Effective: December 1, 2027 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 ☒ X ☐ Extraordinary ☐ "If indicated as "Extraordinary", the proponent must list reasons which establish Chapter 9, RULE 101.3.a. has been met)

PROPOSERS FINANCIAL IMPACT (**REQUIRED**): Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 102.6. & 102.7 for financial requirements
No financial impact.

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

Contact Person:

SUBMITTED BY: Education/Evaluation Commission Region Number:

☐ Member Organization ☒ Committee ☐ Board ☐ Region

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

Total Number Eligible to Vote: 11 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: J&S Commissioner's Office (*Must have printed documentation on file*)

Date vote taken: August 5, 2026

Contact Person: John Ryan, Chair (*Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw*)

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