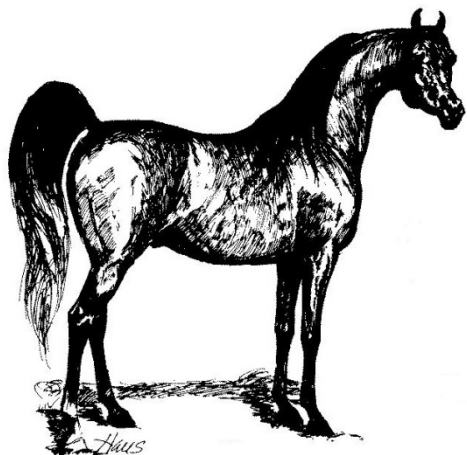


REMINDERS

for the 2025 show season



- **SAFE SPORT SANCTIONS** – Remember to check your entries against the current USEF Safe Sport Suspension list. Please keep in mind that individuals with a sanction listing a breed other than “Arabian” or a discipline must also be checked against your list of entries. **ALL** AHA Recognized shows must adhere to the sanctions posted, including AHA Value Shows. <https://www.usef.org/safe-sport/sanction-list>
- **JUDGES CARDS** - All the current judge’s cards can be found at <http://www.arabianhorses.org/competitions/j-s/jsforms.asp>

➤ **MICROCHIPPING**

The US Equestrian Board of Directors approved a new microchipping rule during the 2023 Mid-Year Board meeting. **Beginning December 1, 2025**, under GR1101.1., all horses competing in USEF licensed or endorsed competitions must be microchipped with a 15-digit ISO compliant 11784/11785 chip.

<https://www.usef.org/compete/resources-forms/competition-management/competition-safety-biosecurity/microchipping>

- **EQUITATION SEATS** – Dressage Seat must be run with Dressage Judges and cannot be run together with the other seats including Western Dressage Seat.
- **HIRING JUDGES** - As a Show Secretary, you may not contact the judge(s) you hire and show to them at your show. Charges can be brought forth against you under ETHICS 104.13 which states: “The individual member(s) acting on behalf of a Member Organization who directly contact or employ a judge shall not show or have their horses shown before that judge in that show for which the judge was employed.”
- **LEVELING PROGRAM** - A rider may choose to ride any and all levels at or above their given level unless so stated in a show’s prize list but cannot ride below their designated level. This applies to all shows unless restricted by show management. **USEF AR110.2. g.** The leveling view can be found at the bottom of the exhibitor’s leveling record which indicates which level they should be competing at. Please be aware of the fact that there are two level views, one for the National level and one for the Regional/Recognized level. There can be differences in the two levels as some people will never aspire to the National level, yet they are very proficient riders at the Regional/Recognized level. **You will be utilizing the Regional/Recognized level view for your shows.**
- **UNRELATED OWNERS IN OWNER CLASSES** – For the purposes of showing in Junior Owner and Amateur Owner classes, two non-related owners will now be able to co-own a horse and show in owner classes provided the following rules are followed. The ownership **MUST** be an **AND** relationship and not an **OR** relationship. **No family member of a professional may enter into this relationship.** “Non-family owners” are defined as two distinct individuals who are not related as family as defined by US Equestrian or Equestrian Canada. The horse must be registered with one of the five Registries in US or Canada or another approved Registry. Family members of these two co-owners are **NOT** permitted to show in owner classes. Both co-owners must be members of USEF or EC and hold valid amateur cards. Co-ownership is limited to two distinct individuals (no farms or business entities). A horse can only be in (1) one non-related Co-ownership per show season – if a co-ownership is terminated, another co-ownership cannot be entered into for that horse until the next year. An individual can only enter into (2) two distinct non-related co-ownerships at any one time. Show management may deny horses in this relationship entry into AO/JO classes with payout in excess of \$2,500. Please see **USEF AR110.4. e** for complete requirements and limitations.

- **HA/AA YEARLING HALTER CLASSES** – The HA/AA Yearling Halter classes at U.S. Nationals are no longer being held as Sweepstakes classes. These classes are included in Category II and require one participation for Regionals and two for U.S. Nationals. Please consider offering these classes in your prize list or listing them in your selections of TBA’s.
- **WESTERN DRESSAGE UPDATE** – An individual may not compete as a Junior Rider and as an Amateur in Western Dressage at the same competition (see USEF WD102.7.c). See the Amateur definition for Western Dressage under WD 102.7.b.
- **WD MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT** - Exhibitors in Western Dressage classes must be an active member of WDAA or pay a non-member fee. Refer to the USEF WD chapter for “Participation in Western Dressage Competitions”.
- **DRESSAGE TEST OF CHOICE CLASSES** - If you offer Test of Choice for a single level in dressage, there are 2 ways to report the results:
 - As one class (preferred).* You can divide the class into A, B, and C sections for each test if your program does automatic calculations, but the final results must be ranked and reported as one class.
 - As separate classes (not preferred).* Each test will be placed as a separate class and the prize list must state which test number is being recorded under which class number. The best way is to have a completely separate class number for each test. (i.e. 1, 2, and 3, vs. 1A, 1B, and 1C).
- **WALK TROT CLASSES & USEF SHOWS** - To have your exhibitors exempt from the USEF membership requirement, “Walk/Trot” must appear in the class title. i.e. Showmanship **Walk/Trot** 10 & Under. If Walk/Trot is not in the title, they will not consider the exhibitor as being exempt from the USEF membership rule and will assess the show the non-member fee. For exhibitors competing in Short Stirrup Reining 10 & Under, USEF membership is required.
- **TBA CLASSES** - To be more exhibitor friendly, the following is an acceptable statement for TBA classes in your prize lists:

“Any class on the AHA Class List or that is recognized by AHA.”

If there are classes you do **not** want to offer, please state the exceptions. i.e. “Any class on the AHA Class List or that is recognized by AHA, *with the exception of Dressage, Sport Horse, Cutting, Reined Cow,* “

TBA time slots must be listed in the time schedule. A show will be charged **\$15** for any TBA slots held. See **COMP 301.17.a & b** for details.

REGIONAL TBA CLASSES – TBA Classes may be offered at Regional Championship Shows. (Exception: Sweepstakes mandatory classes must be held and may not be offered as TBA’s. Sweepstakes exempt classes may be TBA’s, however, if added as a TBA, they are ineligible for Sweepstakes money. – refer to COMP 302.4 for list)
- **REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS & OFFSITE CHAMPIONSHIPS** – Please remember Championship classes cannot be duplicated at a Regional Championship or between the Regional and the Regional Offsite Championship. Duplicated classes are defined as classes with the exact same class title. i.e. if your Regional show offers a Hunter Seat Equitation AATR Championship, your Regional Offsite Championships can’t offer that class, but it would be acceptable for the Regional Offsite to offer Hunter Seat Equitation AATR 19-39 and Hunter Seat Equitation AATR 40 and Over. If your Regional Championship offers a Western PL AAOTR 19-39 and a Western PL AAOTR 40 and Over, someone could request that a Western PL AAOTR 50 and Over be added.
- **CHANGES TO SHOW APPLICATION AFTER APPROVAL** - If there is a change in the Manger, Judge or Steward, AHA must be notified in writing prior to the competition or notification should be submitted with the results. If there is a change of Show Secretary, please notify AHA as soon as the change is made. This will ensure the show packet goes to the right person.

- **FORMS** - Please use the website for the most up-to-date versions of the forms you need. Most forms can be found in one convenient location at <https://www.arabianhorses.org/additional/forms/>.
- **RESULTS SUBMISSION** - All AHA Recognized shows must include all horses who were entered, shown, and judged (finished the class) must be reported. Those not placed will require a 0 in the placing field.
- Show results not submitted in an acceptable electronic format will be assessed an office fee in the amount of \$50. Please refer to “**Results Submission Tips**” for more information. <https://www.arabianhorses.org/additional/forms/competition-forms/>
- **ALL FEES MUST BE FULLY DISCLOSED (COMP 301.4)** - For shows in Canada, if you need to add an exchange rate, DO NOT place it within any of the AHA fees.

i.e. <u>Correct</u>	<u>Incorrect</u>
AHA Single Event fee \$35	AHA Single Event fee \$40
<u>CA Exchange</u> \$5	
Total AHA single Event \$40	

- **JUDGING BACK-TO-BACK SHOWS** – This clarification has been added to the AHA Handbook and Arabian Value Show Rules.

Recognized Judges may not adjudicate in back-to-back AHA recognized shows unless they are not adjudicating the same type of classes. Class type is defined by:

- a. Sections – Western, English/Country English, Hunter, Reining, Trail, etc.
- b. By sex for Breeding/In-Hand – Stallion, Mare, Gelding.

For example: A judge may adjudicate Western Pleasure and Stallion Breeding at the first show and then could adjudicate English/Country English Pleasure and Mare Breeding at the second show. Splitting of judging assignments in a back-to-back situation by AO/JO/AAO/AT/JT/AAT within a section is not allowed.

- **SPECIALTY JUDGE CHANGES** – Specialty judges may adjudicate at back-to-back competitions including any preshow and Regional Championships.
- **REMINDER: AHA VALUE SHOW RULES** – These shows do not require USEF approval, but you must still adhere to their rules and Safe Sport Sanctions. You can find the complete rules under on the website under Competitions, AHA Recognized, Value Shows.
- **AMATEUR STATUS FOR VALUE SHOWS** – Since Value Shows do not require a USEF membership for exhibitors, they also do not require a USEF Amateur Card. Utilize the Waiver/Agreement on the website that incorporates the statement that the exhibitor agrees they are in compliance with the USEF Amateur rule for Amateur classes. https://www.arabianhorses.org/export/content.export/aha-docs/ODS_Waiver_Agreement.pdf
- **HALTER SCORING/JUDGING SYSTEMS** – Local level shows may now utilize any halter scoring/judging system that is outlined in the AHA Handbook, and Regional Championship shows may utilize any halter scoring/judging system that is outlined in **COMP 501, 502, 506, or 507**.
- **YEARLINGS IN HALTER CHAMPIONSHIPS** – Yearlings are now eligible to win the Championship in either a Junior Championship or Grand Show Championship class. See **USEF AR118**. Sport Horse Yearlings **can now** be named Champion or Reserve Champion.

- **DISQUALIFICATIONS** - Show Management at Qualifying and Regional shows will be required to collect for redistribution: trophies, prizes, ribbons and monies won. In addition, the disqualified exhibitor(s) will be directed to pay to Show Management a fee of \$50 per horse in conjunction with these penalties. **COMP 105.1.a.**

Please contact AHA at 303-696-4500, option 1 or info.comp@arabianhorses.org with any questions

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