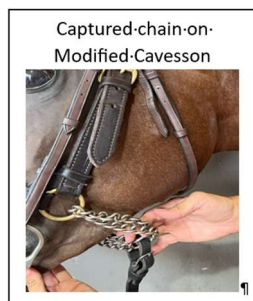


### BREEDING/IN-HAND FIELD GUIDE

#### APPOINTMENTS

- Suitable headstall (with or without bit) with a throatlatch, or a leather stable halter is mandatory.
- Horses braided must be shown in Hunter, Show Hack, or Dressage tack or a leather stable halter.
- Decorative items in manes and tails are prohibited. Only simple bows made from yarn to secure braid(s) are permitted.
- A suitable headstall includes “show halter”, a stable halter, or a modified headstall. A “live chain” or a “captured chain” is permissible.



- One whip or crop optional with maximum length of 6' including lash and appendages.
- Appendages may be ribbon, plastic, etc. and no more than 12" in length. Common use is a plastic bag tied to the lash that has been cut into strips and shortened to 12". Handler may use other items (grass, hat, treats etc.) to maintain attention.
- It is the tradition of the competition ring that handlers be correctly attired for the class in question.

#### CONTROLLED PADDOCK

An area designated by management outside of the show ring. A smaller area may be marked off to limit the area available for one assistant of the on-deck horse, who may have a whip as described above. Management may appoint one person to fill this function for all horses. Horses will enter individually. Only the whip may be used by the assistant and no other assistance may be offered by others. No banging on walls, trash cans, etc., stomping of feet etc. by people other than the one assistant.

[https://www.arabianhorses.org/export/content.export/aha-docs/Paddock\\_Guidelines.pdf](https://www.arabianhorses.org/export/content.export/aha-docs/Paddock_Guidelines.pdf)

#### HELPFUL HINTS

- Discuss with management the plan for Halter warmup. Discuss the controlled paddock. Do they want to have a designated assistant or handler's assistant?
- Know your warmup arena and main arena. Are there trash cans that might be used for noise? Move them out of the way. Is there a good area for cones to be set up for a controlled paddock? Do you have orange cones to mark off the area?
- Helpful items that a steward may have on hand include extra bags to attach to whips, scissors to cut the bags, duct tape, shoelace for a throat latch, safety pins.
- Your presence alone can be enough of a deterrent. Be sure the trainers see you.



#### HANDLER

The horse must be shown throughout the entire class by one (and the same) person. A substitute may be used if during the class the original handler becomes ill or injured. (AR116.2) The time allowed to change handlers will be Time Out Rules (AR108) of 1 time out per class of 5 minutes.

## **ELIMINATION/PENALTIES**

Horses must be **eliminated** for

- any contact of the whip to the horse
- removal of eyelashes,
- changing of the natural color of the mane or tail, or
- applying a product to a horse's hoof to hide or conceal a conformation defect.

Note: Only clear or transparent products may be used on hooves.

Horses are to be **penalized** for

- excessive oil, grease or similar product,
- balding around the eye or muzzle and nostrils,
- excessive use of whip or actions that disturb other entries.

## **IN-HAND COMPLIANCE JUDGE**

Compliance Judge must be an Arabian judge, has no input in actual judging, and ensures compliance with AR115.1 when entries are waiting to be actively evaluated by an officiating judge. This includes excessive use of whip, no contact of the whip, no intimidation (Crouching, cowering, quivering, withdrawing and buckling of knees.) Compliance judge may warn or eliminate the exhibitor for violation of these rules. Decision cannot be protested.