

GENERAL SESSION

RATIFICATION OF AHA ETHICS

(Changes are indicated by bold italics)

Whereas, AHA Handbook, Chapter 3, ETHICS 108.16 – states “Amendment. These rules and procedures may be amended from time to time by the AHA Board of Directors, subject to review and ratification by the Delegates at the next Annual Convention of AHA” and,

Whereas, The AHA Board of Directors adopted an amendment to the AHA ethics “Rules of Conduct” in March, as there is a need to address abusive conduct toward AHA staff and volunteers, and

Whereas, The amendment adopted reads;

ETHICS 104.22

22. In the furtherance of their official duties, all Association representatives, including staff, licensed officials and volunteers shall be treated with courtesy and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.

ETHICS 108.2.b. and c.

- b. Complaints can be filed by individuals, whether members of AHA or not. Complaints can also be filed by boards, commissions, committees, ***staff or volunteers*** of AHA.
- c. Payment of the filing fee will be waived for complaints filed by judges, stewards, and show officials including the AHA Judges and Stewards Commissioner when acting in their official capacity. Payment of the filing fee will also be waived for complaints filed by boards, commissions, committees, ***staff or volunteers*** of AHA. The filing fee shall be waived or reimbursed in cases where AHA has been given proof that the accused has been convicted of abuse, neglect, and/or mistreatment-related offenses involving horses. (Res. 43-91) (Res. 40-94) The EPRB filing fee shall also be waived if an AHA member(s) either admits in writing to, or is convicted in criminal/civil court of misappropriation of funds from either AHA Regionals, events or Member Organizations. (Res. 40-94); Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That the action to amend ETHICS 104 and ETHICS 108.2.b. and c. taken by the AHA Board of Directors be ratified and included in the next issue of the AHA Handbook.