

USEF Arabian Committee Rule Proposals

AR106 (working stage-would be a standard)

SUBCHAPTER AR-1 GENERAL SECTION

AR106 Shoeing Regulations, Artificial Markings and Appliances

1. Any machine made shoe (keg), or handmade shoe made of magnetic steel, mild steel, aluminum, rubber or other non-metallic shoe is allowed. Shoes made of tungsten carbide are prohibited.

Aluminum, rubber or other non-metallic shoes are exempt from the dimension requirements and bar shoe requirements.

a. No part of the shoe may exceed the dimensions of 3/8 inch thick by 1 1/8 inches wide (nail heads and/or toe clips are not considered when measuring the shoe). ~~Aluminum, rubber or other non-metallic shoes are exempt from the dimension requirements.~~

b. In the case of a bar shoe, there may be only one bar, which must be either a straight bar, or an egg bar.

1. A straight bar can be located anywhere within the circumference of the shoe.

2. The egg bar is defined as an uninterrupted, oval shaped shoe.

3. A bar is part of the shoe and must not exceed the dimensions of 3/8" thick by 1 1/8" wide at any point on the shoe, nor may the bar extend below the ground surface of the shoe.

c. If a shoe band is used, it may be attached to either the shoe, or the pad if present.

2. Shoeing restrictions based on age of horse or class in which exhibited.

a. Horses less than two years of age must be shown barefoot.

b. Horses two years of age may be shown with a shoe in accordance with AR106.1 However, the use of a bar shoe, or pad(s) of any type or configuration between hoof and shoe is strictly prohibited.

c. Horses three years old, may not have any type of bar shoe.

3. Maximum overall length of toe is:

a. 4 ¾ inches for purebred Arabians.

b. 5 ¼ inches for Half-Arabians and Anglo- Arabians.

c. The overall length of toe includes shoes and any pad(s) present.

4. Method of measuring toe, shoe and pad.

a. Using a six (6) inch metal ruler, the length of the toe is determined by measuring the front of the hoof, in the center, from the hairline to the ground. Hairline is considered the origin of the hair at the coronet band.

b. Shoes are measured with an accurate gauge.

5. Pads.

- a. The use of pad(s) (either full or partial, including rim) made of rubber, leather or plastic, is allowed.
- b. The introduction of a foreign material within, attached to, or between the pad(s), between the pad and the shoe, between the pad and hoof or in conjunction with the pad or shoe (other than accepted packing material such as oakum, pine tar, silicone, foam rubber etc.) designed to add additional weight or enhance action is strictly prohibited.
- c. Material with anti-concussive qualities (such as rubber, silicone, latex, etc.) may be used between the pad and hoof for additional support, provided such material does not extend beyond the inner rim (edge) of the shoe.

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INTENT

Currently the Arabian chapter does not prohibit decorative items to be used when braiding in the mane and tail are permitted. The Arabian committee would like to clarify that only the yarn used to secure the braid may be used as a simple bow for decoration if the exhibitor so desires.

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8. Purebred Arabian horses must wear a long, natural, unbraided/unbanded mane and/or tail (with or without clipped bridle path). Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian horses are not required to have a long mane and/or tail, but an unbraided/unbanded mane and/or tail is mandatory. Exceptions: Horses shown with Hunter, Jumper, Show Hack, Sport Horse or Dressage appointments are permitted to show with a shortened, pulled, or braided mane and/or tail.

Decorative items are prohibited from being used in braided manes and tails, only simple bows made from the yarn to secure the braid(s) are permitted. Cutting horses may be shown with a roached/shaved mane. For Carriage Pleasure Driving see division chapter CP. All horses must have a natural unaltered, unset, and ungingered tail as described in AR105.3 - Ginger, Capsaicin, and other Irritants.

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Breeding/Halter, Sport Horse In-Hand, and Performance Halter classes are judged on conformation and therefore must not allow the use of a bandage under any circumstance.

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~~14. Bandages and boots of any type are prohibited. Exception: Boots and/or bandages are permitted on entries in Jumper, Reining, Working Cow, Cutting, Reined Cow Horse, all ranch classes (exception Ranch Horse Rail Pleasure and Ranch Horse Trail), and Gymkhana classes. In Hunter Seat Equitation boots and conservative colored bandages are permitted.~~

~~a. Roadster horses have the option of using unweighted boots such as quarter boots or bell boots.~~

~~b. In the event of injury, the judge may permit a protective bandage. In the case of inclement weather, competition management may permit the use of bell boots and/or protective bandages on the front legs (Exception: Working Hunters, boots and bandages are prohibited. In the case of inclement weather, competition management may permit the use of bell boots only.~~

14. Bandages and boots of any type are prohibited. Exception:

a. Boots and/or bandages are permitted in: Jumper, Reining, Working Cow, Cutting, Reined Cow Horse, all ranch classes (exception Ranch Horse Rail Pleasure and Ranch Horse Trail), and Gymkhana classes.

b. Boots and conservative-colored bandages are permitted In Hunter Seat Equitation.

c. Unweighted boots, such as quarter boots or bell boots, are permitted in Roadster horse classes.

d. In the event of injury, a protective bandage may be permitted, at the discretion of the judge, except in Breeding/Halter, Sport Horse In-Hand, and Performance Halter classes.

e. In the case of inclement weather, Competition Management may permit the use of bell boots and/or protective bandages on the front legs. In Working Hunters, Breeding/Halter, Sport Horse In-Hand, and Performance Halter classes, in the case of inclement weather, Competition Management may permit the use of bell boots only.

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SUBCHAPTER AR-26 WORKING WESTERN SECTION

EO Reason

AR229 Ranch Horse Conformation

INTENT

There has been confusion regarding permitted tack and attire in Arabian Ranch Conformation classes, the committee would like to update the language to aid in clarity.

- Only simple halters are allowed, bridles and silver show halters are not permitted
- Competitors will be eliminated for prohibited equipment
- When a chain is used, it may only be placed under the chin
- The attire rules refer back to the Western Pleasure attire rules, but since this is an in-hand class, chaps and chinks are not required

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3. APPOINTMENTS: Horses **must** ~~are to~~ be shown in a good working halter: rope, braided, nylon, or plain leather (**no bridles or silver halters**). **Competitors must be eliminated for prohibited equipment.** Any horse shown in the ranch horse conformation class may not be shown with a lip cord/chain, however a lead shank with an attached chain may **only** be used under the chin.

a. No whips, nor any other attention getting devices (i.e. treats, candy) are permitted.

b. For rules regarding correct western attire refer to AR144.3. **Exception: Chaps or chinks are not required.**

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SUBCHAPTER AR-31 WALK-TROT/WALK -JOG 10 &
UNDER SECTION

AR262 Conduct

EO Reason

INTENT

The committee would like to allow horse/rider combinations to have the choice to enter the ring for Walk-Trot classes at either the walk or trot/jog. This will also aid larger competitions with large classes to run the class in a timely manner.

SUBCHAPTER AR-31 WALK-TROT/WALK -JOG 10 & UNDER SECTION

AR262 Conduct

1. Competitors to enter the ring in a counter-clockwise direction at a walk **or trot/jog**.

SUBCHAPTER AR-32 ATR/JTR/AATR WALK-TROT/WALK-JOG 11 AND OVER SECTION

AR273 Conduct

1. All Walk/Trot or Jog 11and Over classes are to be judged at the walk/trot or jog only.
 - a. No canter, lope, hand gallop, lengthening, or extension of gaits shall be called.
 - b. Competitors may enter the ring at either a walk or trot/jog.**

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AR269 Walk/Jog Trail Class Specifications

EO Reason

INTENT

The Walk/Jog Trail class is being updated to Walk/Trot-Jog. The attire for the class only refers to Western type attire. The committee is requesting to add a reference to English type attire for those who choose to compete in the English type class.

SUBCHAPTER AR-31 WALK-TROT/WALK -JOG 10 & UNDER SECTION

AR269 Walk/**Trot**-Jog Trail Class Specifications

To be judged over a course of obstacles at a walk and a **trot**/jog (AR236). Horse and rider must follow the appointments as set forth in the Arabian Western Pleasure Subchapter **for a Western Trail Walk/Jog class and the Arabian English Pleasure Sub-Chapter for an English Trail Walk/Trot class**. For approved Trail obstacles, dimensions, definitions, scoring and penalties, refer to Arabian Trail Horse Subchapter.

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SUBCHAPTER AR-31 WALK-TROT/WALK -JOG 10 & UNDER SECTION

EO Reason

AR270 Walk-Trot Cross Rails Specifications

INTENT

On 12.1.2022, AR164.5-6 working hunter cross rail class specifications, will be updated to allow cantering or trotting on the course. AR270 refers back to the Working Hunter subchapter for the class specifications since it is the same class, just in a different location, and in order for the two rules to be aligned, the title for AR270 needs to be adjusted. AHA is requesting this clarification be made so the class specifications for the Cross Rail classes are all consistent within the chapter. The Sub-section title is also being updated to clarify that the classes included within the sub-section are Walk-Trot/Walk-Jog and 10 & Under classes.

For reference, the updated language for AR164.5-6, which will go into effect on 12.1.2022, is included below:

AR164 Working Hunter Division Class Specifications

5. CROSS RAILS. OPEN, AMATEUR. Manners are paramount. Courses must consist of eight (8) cross rail fences that do not exceed 18" in height. Trotting must not be penalized.

6. CROSS RAILS. 10 and Under. Manners are paramount. Courses to consist of eight cross rail fences not to exceed 18" in height. Trotting is not to be penalized.

SUBCHAPTER AR-31 WALK-TROT/WALK -JOG **and** 10 & UNDER SECTION

AR270 ~~Walk-Trot~~ Cross Rails Specifications

Manners are paramount. Horse and rider must follow the appointments as set forth in the Arabian Working Hunter Subchapter. Courses, Conduct, Height of Obstacles, and class specifications are held in accordance with the Arabian Working Hunter Subchapter.