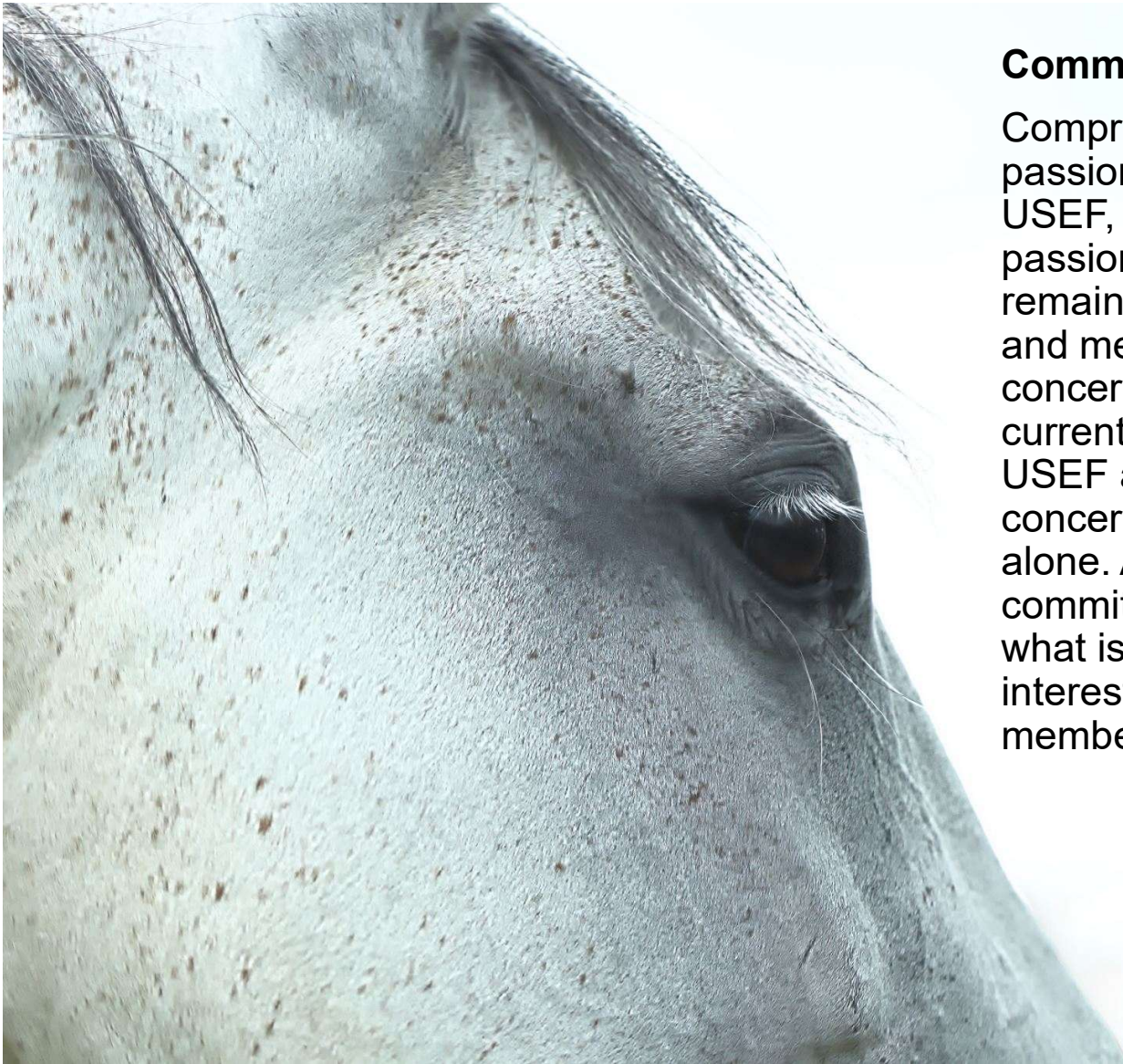


USEF Relationship Ad Hoc Committee

PURPOSE:

***To review AHA's relationship with the
United States Equestrian Federation.***

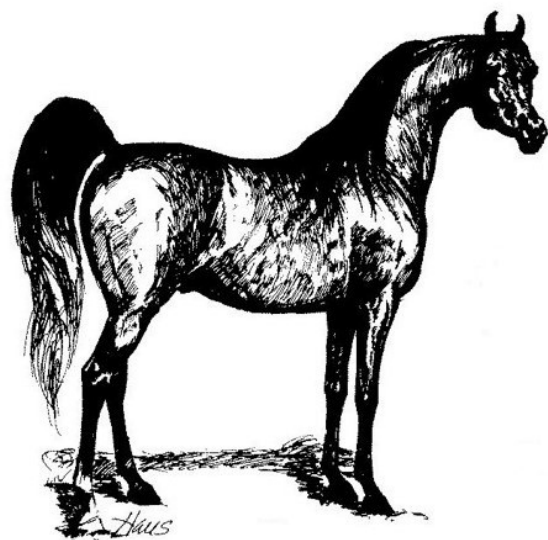


**Committee:**

Comprised of members passionate about leaving USEF, members passionate about remaining with USEF, and members with concerns about our current relationship with USEF and equally concerned about going it alone. All members are committed to determining what is truly in the best interest of AHA and its membership.

Members:

Jim Hitt, Chair
Nancy Harvey
Leslie Lockard
Michael Damianos
Duane Esser
Stan Morey
Lisa Blackstone, AHA President



Objective: To look at three options for the future;

- Determine which of the following three outcomes is most advantageous to the membership of the Arabian Horse Association.
 1. Maintain the current relationship with USEF we have had.
 2. AHA go to USEF with a proposal of what we want and don't want from them in order to maintain our affiliate relationship.
 3. AHA leaves USEF and either goes at it alone or helps create a consortium of sorts with other breeds and/or disciplines.



Process:

The Committee has met monthly and has been fact finding and exploring. We have had various guests and made direct inquiries to help answer questions.



USEF – AHA AFFILIATE AGREEMENT

- USEF OBLIGATIONS (15 Items):

Highlights:

- First Sentence:

“USEF agrees to comply with the requirements necessary to maintain certification by the USOPC, as the NGB, and recognition by the FEI as the National Federation, for equestrian sport in the United States”

- Promote best practices for safeguarding athletes.
- Preserve and protect the welfare of the horse. (Drug testing & Animal Welfare)
- Uphold, maintain, publish rules
- Ensure the integrity of the sport & fair competition free from doping & manipulation.
- Serve as the coordinating body for equestrian sport in the US. (Lobby)
- License Officials & facilitate training & education
- License date for equestrian competition
- Recognize & enforce decisions made by the affiliate.



USEF – AHA AFFILIATE AGREEMENT

- AHA OBLIGATIONS (41 items):
- **Highlights:**
 - Comply with USEF BOD actions & USEF rules,
 - Recognize & reciprocate USEF Hearing Committee decisions.
 - Maintain good standing with USEF.
 - Provide USEF with a copy of financials and federal tax returns.
 - Partner with USEF to promote USEF Clean Sport & Safe Sport.
 - Work with USEF on issues of animal welfare.
 - Adhere to all Safe Sport Requirements
 - Agree USEF retains sole authority over official interpretation of USEF rules.



What does that all mean for USEF?

- Maintains an excellent hearings program and handles violations that take place at horse shows.
- Administers Safe Sport modules to the membership.
- Random drug testing at USEF /AHAAproved shows. **(Note: AHA pays an extra fee to USEF to test the national shows each year)**
- Offers “Horse of the Year” awards for an additional fee.
- Publishes and maintains the rule book we follow.



What does that all mean AHA?

- Adhere to all USEF rules including some that are not beneficial or supportive to Arabian shows.
- AHA members that compete at USEF shows (including all regional & national shows) must be USEF Members - \$100 annual fee.
- Complete annually a Safe Sport Module.
- Judge Applicants after successfully completing a grueling evaluations must make an application to USEF with references to be licensed.
- Licensed officials must comply with a background check and a diversity module.
- Comply with the USEF timeline for implementation and approval of our rule changes.
- Horse shows must comply with substantial USEF requirements.

On the Surface it all looks simple, but if you look deeper the question arises is USEF our partner or our regulator?



OR



- **“Business is not about one’s own success or failure, but how successful we make our partners.” – Donald Trump, US president**
- **“There's nothing magic about regulations, too much is bad, too little is bad.” - Hillary Clinton, former first lady & former secretary of state.**



Entry Closing:

See premium for
Post entry requirements

Arabian Horse Association of Southern Calif.
 Los Angeles Equestrian Center, Burbank, CA
 September 20 - 22, 2024

Mail Entry & Fees to:

Show Secretary - Nancy Harvey
 400 E. Montebello Ave.
 Sierra Madre, CA 91024

PLEASE TYPE OR CLEARLY PRINT. ONLY ONE HORSE FOR ENTRY FORM. All entries must be complete and contain the correct form. Enclose copies to have registration papers (both sides), purchase contract (if applicable), USEF/CEP membership cards, and/or membership numbers (if applicable) AHR competition cards (if applicable) driver, handler, and owner.

Name of Horse	Register on 1	Date of Birth	Sex	Color	Height
Yes	Date	How USED 1			Where USED 1
Entry/Driver/Handler	ARIA-R	Class 0			Entry Fees \$
If driver indicate Birth date here:					
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FOR ENTRY: TRAINING INFORMATION NAME, HOME, AND ADDRESS/ENTRY FORM (TRAINING HOME DATA) RELEASED: COURTESY OF THE HORSE WORLD THROUGH HORSE, AND ADDRESS/ENTRY FORMS. Each person signing this form on behalf of the horse owner hereby certifies that he/she has been the first and owner of this horse since the date of birth and agrees to the applicable rules, conditions, and terms, unless otherwise indicated, and consent to all such terms. This person agrees that before he/she is accurate in the best of his/her knowledge.

OWNER (Exactly as it appears on horse register on papers or contract)

Name _____ ARIA-R

Farm/Ranch _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ e-mail: _____

SSN/Trax ID _____

TRAINER (If applicable/Address/Entry Form)

Name _____ ARIA-R

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ e-mail: _____

AMATEUR CERTIFICATION (For amateurs in all amateur and amateur owner classes)

Name _____

Age _____ Relationship to horse owner _____

STALLING INFORMATION

Owners, Trainers, Coach, Riders, Drivers & Handlers (or parent if rider, driver or handler is a minor) must sign a USEF and AHR release on reverse of this form.

Total Entry Fees

_____ \$

_____ Horse Stall \$140

_____ Tack Room \$5140

_____ Grounds Fee \$5140/home

_____ (Please include \$5140 home fee)

Mandatory Fees:

_____ Office Fee \$310/home

_____ Calif Drug Fee \$514/home

_____ AHA Resolution 0-907 \$57/home

_____ Arabian H/A division only

_____ AHA Results reporting \$57/home

_____ Arabian H/A division only

_____ Number Fee \$514/home

_____ Non-Member Fees (AAR/AHA)

_____ AHA Single Event Membership \$514/person

_____ Arabian H/A division only

_____ PCHA Non-member Fee \$514/person

_____ PCHA division only

Optional Fees:

_____ AHMS Scholarship Donation \$1.00

_____ TBA Fees - \$60/class TBA Fee only

_____ Sponsorships

_____ RV Parking (\$50/night)

_____ Post Entry Penalty

_____ Post entry penalty

_____ Total Fees

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Note - 4% cc fee when a credit card is used for payment

Credit card information - Name on card _____ phone # _____

CC# _____ CV# _____ exp _____ zip code _____

Arabian Value Show:

- AHA Membership w/ Competition Card
- Registration



LOOK

REGION ONE CHAMPIONSHIP ALL ARABIAN HORSE SHOW DEL MAR HORSE PARK, DEL MAR, CA MAY 29 - JUNE 2, 2024

SEND TO:
NANCY HARVEY
490 E. Montecito Ave.
Sierra Madre, CA 91024
regiononeshowsecretary@gmail.com

PLEASE TYPE OR CLEARLY PRINT. ONLY ONE HORSE PER ENTRY FORM. All entries must be complete and contain the correct fees. Enclose copies of horse registration papers (both sides), purchase contract (if applicable), USEF/CEP membership card, amateur certification (if applicable), link competition cards for each rider, driver, handler and owner.

Name of Horse	Registration #	Date of Birth	Sex	Color	Height
Owner/Driver/Handler	AHA #	Class #			Entry Fee \$
If Minor indicate birth date here:	USEF/CEP #	Class #			Entry Fee \$
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Owner/Driver/Handler	AHA #	Class #			Entry Fee \$
If Minor indicate birth date here:	USEF/CEP #	Class #			Entry Fee \$

FOR MORE THAN ONE HORSE REQUEST ADDITIONAL FORMS OR MAKE PHOTOCOPIES

Each person signing this entry form acknowledges that he/she has read the front AND REVERSE SIDE of this entry form and agrees to the applicable terms, conditions, waivers and consent as set forth herein. Each OWNER (as appears on reg papers or contract)

Name _____ AHA# _____
Address _____ USEF/CEP # _____
City, State, Zip _____ Phone _____

Trainer _____ AHA# _____
Address _____ USEF/CEP # _____
City, State, Zip _____ Phone _____

Amateur Owner Relationship to Horse Owner _____
DRESSAGE INFORMATION - Owner USDF # _____ Rider USDF # _____

CDS INFORMATION - Owner CDS # _____ Rider CDS # _____

WDAA INFORMATION - Owner WDAA # _____ Rider WDAA # _____

STABLE WITH _____
(Request for joint stabling MUST arrive in the same envelope)

Reg Class # Qualifying for _____ Show Name & Date (pre-qual) _____
Qualifying Class Name _____ Rider/Handler _____

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Total Class Fees \$ _____

Post Entry Penalty \$ _____

Stalls @ \$250 \$ _____

Tack/Groom Rooms @ \$250 \$ _____

Ground Fee @ \$50/horse/day \$ _____

Mandatory Fees:

Office Fee @ \$30 per horse \$ 30.00

USEF Drug Fee @ \$23/horse \$ 23.00

Includes \$13 Drugs & \$8 Med. Fee

CA Drug Fee @ \$14/horse \$ 14.00

Number Fee @ \$2/horse \$ 2.00

City of Del Mar Env Fee \$35/horse \$ 35.00

Rae 9-90 Fee @ \$25 horse \$ _____

(Rgt Championship)

Rae 9-90 & Results Fee \$12/horse \$ _____

(Pre-Show)

Media Fee \$15/horse \$ 15.00

Tail Fee (unlimited schooling) \$25/ horse \$ _____

Vet Fee reining (\$10/rst) \$ _____

Non-Member Fees (AHA/WDAA)

AHA Single-Event Membership Fee @ \$40/person \$ _____

WDAA Non-member Fee \$45/person \$ _____

Optional Fees:

Sponsorship \$ _____

Patron Package \$ _____

Advertising \$ _____

RV parking (1st come 1st serve) \$ _____

ENCLOSED TOTAL FEES \$ 119

ENCLOSE CREDIT CARD INFO PAGE OR

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: REGION ONE

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

AMOUNT PAID \$ _____

HORSE NO. _____

USEF Show:

- AHA Membership w/ Competition Card
- Registration
- USEF Membership
- Safe Sport Completion
- Proof of Vaccinations
- Microchipped





OR



- AHA is a breed organization. We have a vested interest in the **ARABIAN BREED**. Our goal is to encourage every member to want to participate at Arabian shows and breed Arabian horses.

Which Image Should we Project?

- USEF has evolved into a discipline-based organization . They hold events geared towards Olympic disciplines. The first sentence of our Affiliate Agreement is **“USEF agrees to comply with the requirements necessary to maintain certification by the USOPC, as the NGB, and recognition by the FEI as the National Federation, for equestrian sport in the United States”**
- Their persona encourages interest in International, FEI, and Olympic disciplines, competitions, and aura.
- Should our “partner” encourage participation away from the breed and towards International disciplines outside of our breed?

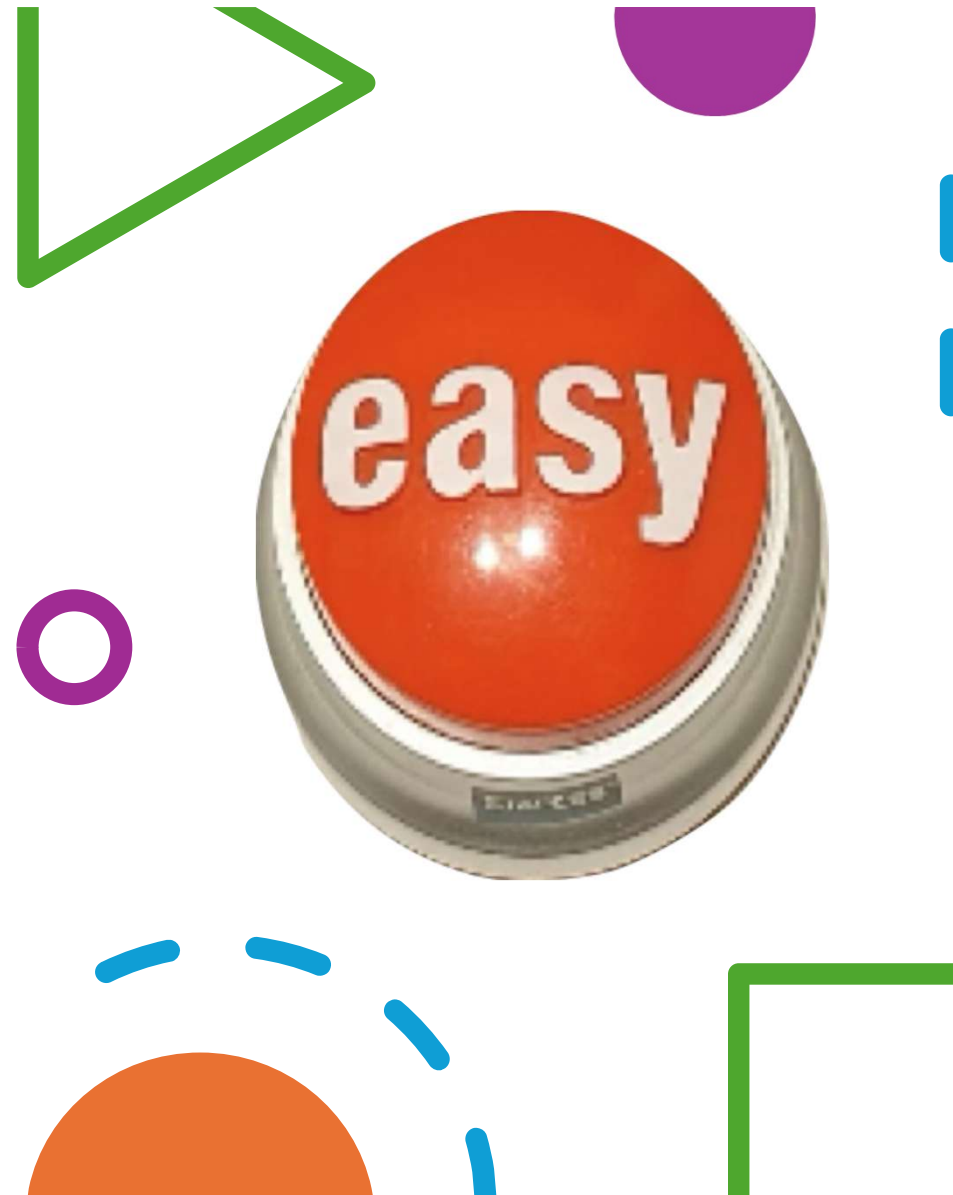
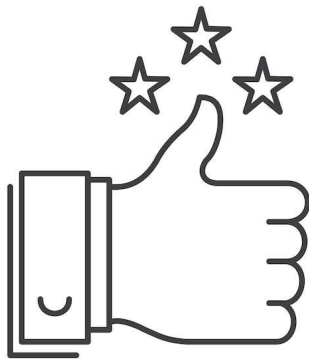
When does
over-regulation
become over-
reach?

**Over-regulation stifles innovation and growth
- Said by *Some Smart Guy***

- GR838.3 A Participant is subject to penalty for the Unethical Treatment of a Covered Horse that occurs after November 30, 2024 somewhere other than at or in connection with a USEF Licensed or Endorsed Competition. For the Unethical Treatment of a Covered Horse under this paragraph that occurs off U.S. soil by a Participant who is a member of a foreign National Federation, the Federation will refer the matter to the relevant National Federation and FEI for resolution.

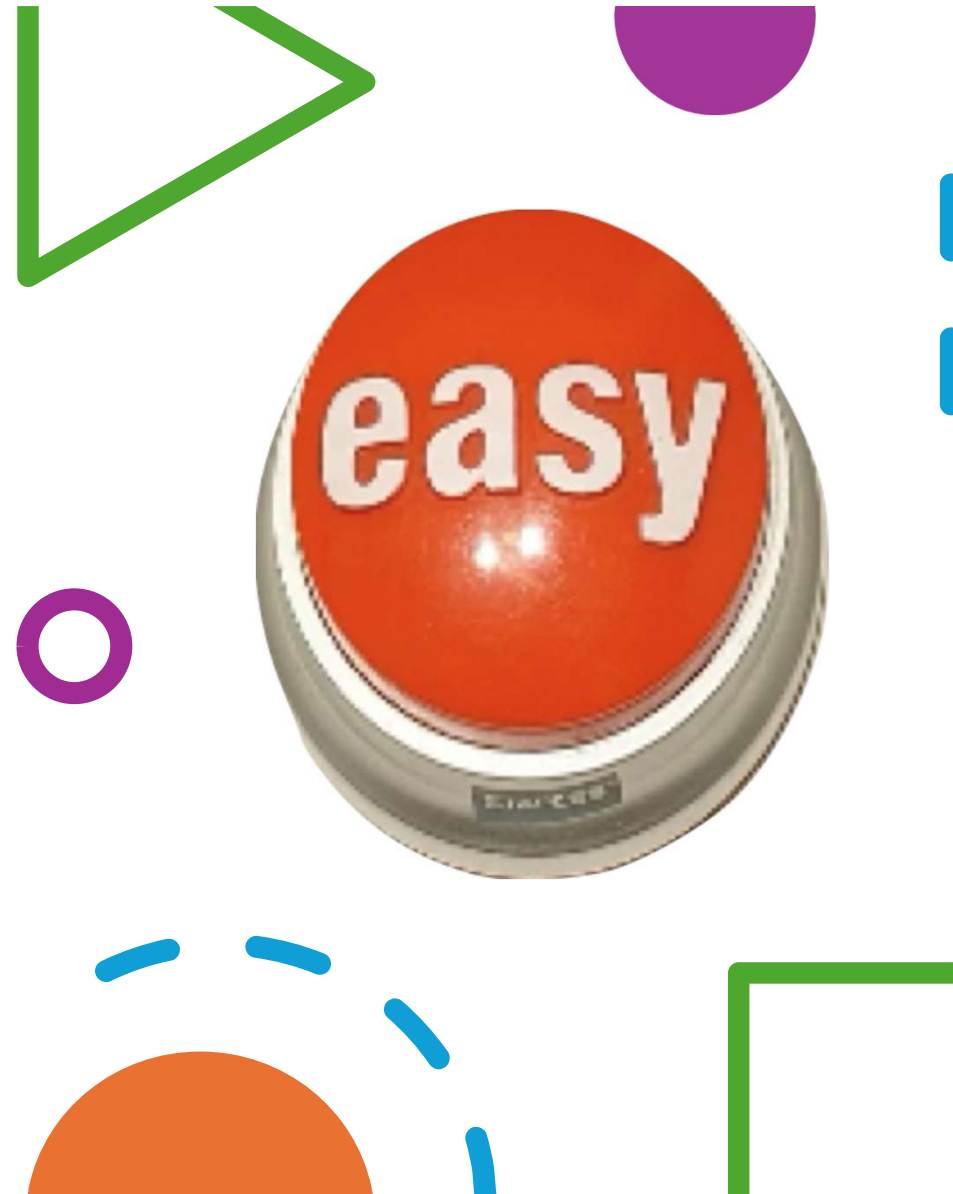
**“Freedom is never more than one
generation away from extinction.” –
Ronald Reagan**

It is undeniable
there are
benefits to our
relationship with
USEF...



Benefits of being an USEF Affiliate..

- Hearing & protests process. - An industry standard. It would require significant expense, legal review, and time to develop our own program to replace what USEF does for us.



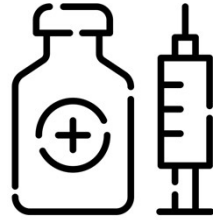
Risk Mitigation



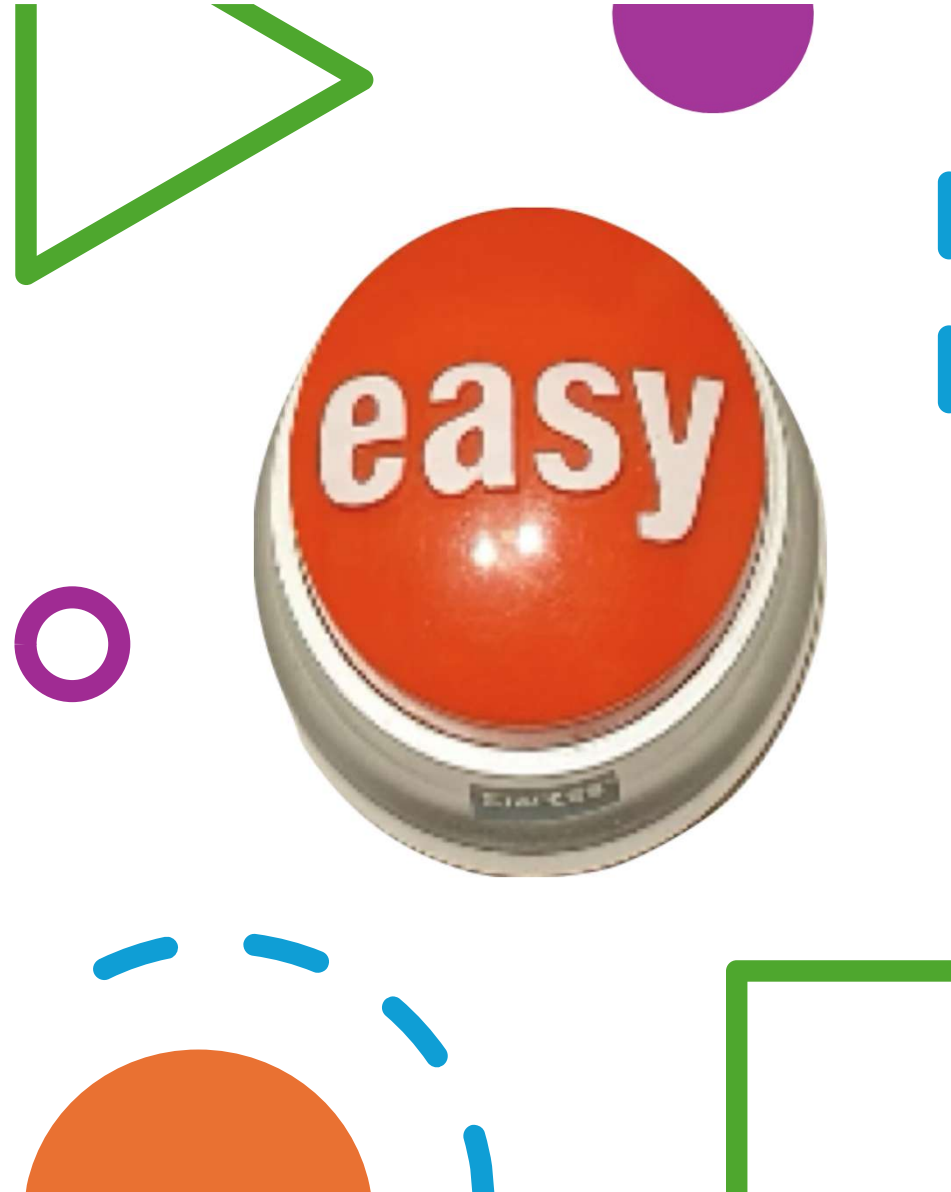
- -While direct indemnification is not provided, the AHA's relationship with USEF confers significant protective advantages. These include a reduced risk profile due to litigants' tendency to pursue larger entities, the opportunity for joint legal defense, and access to risk management resources and expertise on industry standards. Together, these factors constitute an effective risk mitigation strategy that strengthens the AHA's legal and operational resilience.



Drugs & Medication Program



- An industry standard. Necessary for a level playing field.
- The Equine Drugs and Medications Program has worked to protect the welfare of equine athletes and ensure the balance of competition for more than 50 years. The program utilizes veterinarians and technicians around the country to collect blood and urine samples from horses competing at USEF events.
- Drug & Medications Questions:
Email & Phone number
- Barcode Lookup on USEF website for results of tests.



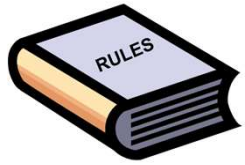


Safe Sport Implementation.

- ***"I. AUTHORITY***

The U.S. Center for SafeSport (Center) is recognized by the United States Congress, the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC), and the National Governing Bodies (NGBs) as the official safe sport organization for all Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American and Para Pan American sports in the United States." – **DIRECTLY FROM SAFESPORT WEBSITE - "SAFESPORT CODE"**





Rule Book

- The USEF Rule book –Rules are managed copyrighted.

Opening Pages	GR General Rules	GR1 Definitions and Governance	GR2 Membership Categories and Requirements	GR3 Competition Licensing
GR4 Drugs and Medications	GR5 Measurement of Entries	GR6 Protest and Charges	GR7 Violations and Penalties	GR8 Conduct of Licensed Competitions
GR9 Competition Prize Lists and Entries	GR10 Licensed Officials	GR11 Federation Records and Awards	GR12 Competition Officials, Employees, and Volunteers	GR13 Competition Participants and Associated Individuals

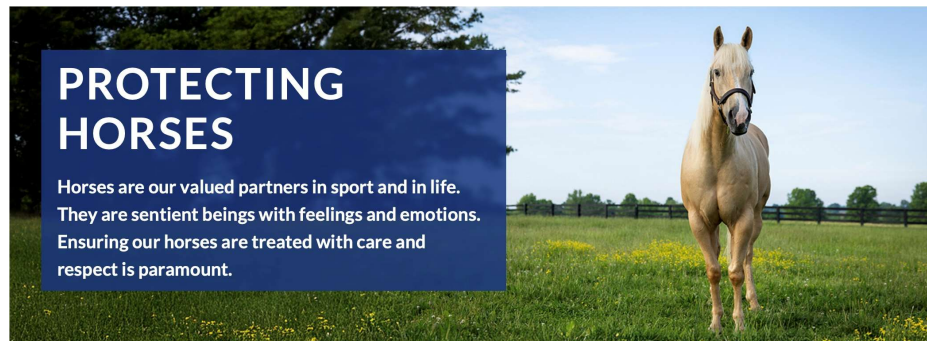
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HU Hunter Division	JP Jumper Division	WD Western Dressage	





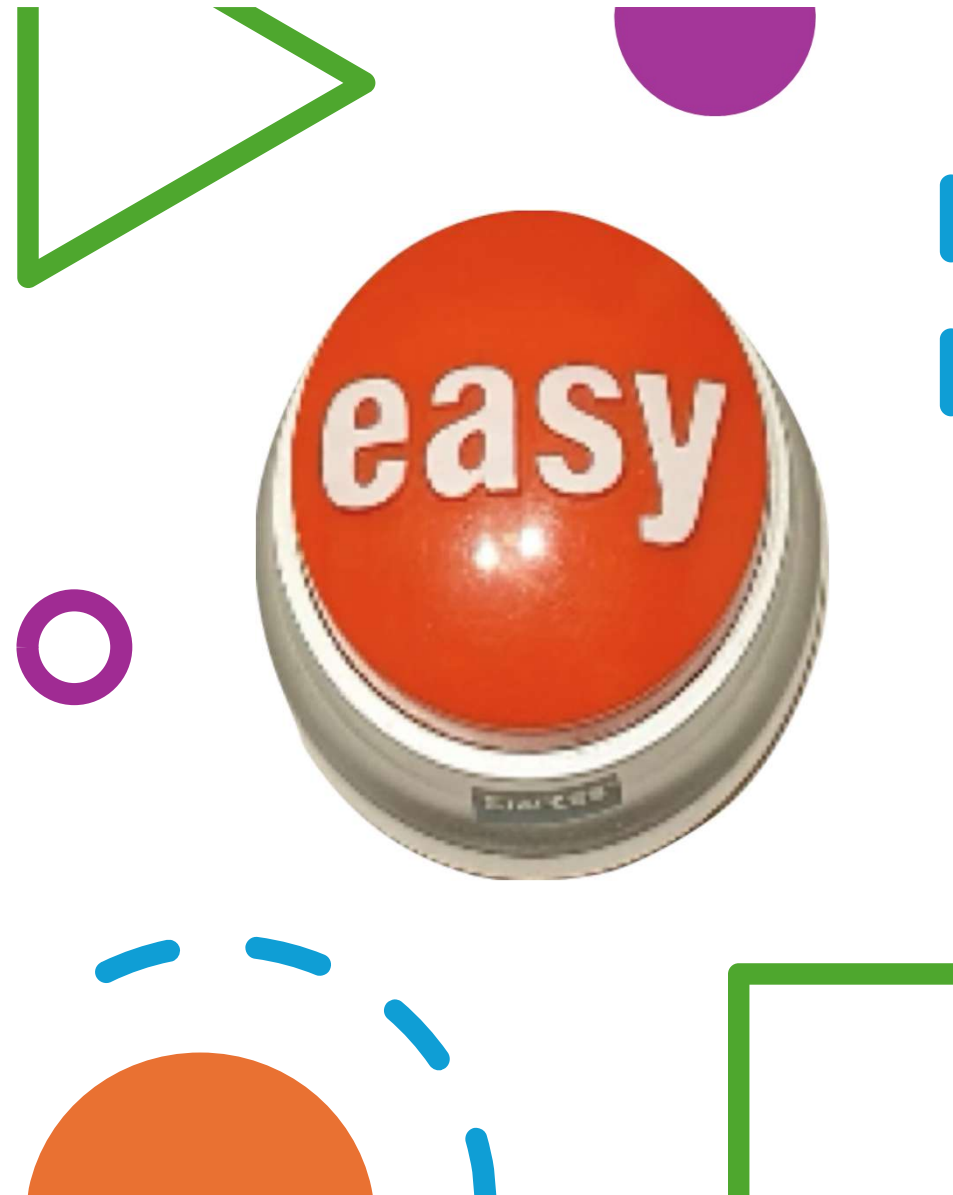
Attention to Animal Welfare

- Public Relations & Public Perception



Other Benefits of being an USEF Affiliate..

- Discounts available on a number of products & services (Membership Perks)
- Insurance available to members for Personal Equine Liability & Accident Death and dismemberment
- Show Steward Training/Education



Challenges of being an USEF Affiliate..

- Additional regulations
- Two rule books (AHA & USEF) Often difficult to find a rule
- Two year rule change process
- Safe Sport implementation.
- Branding not specific and/or possibly counter productive to the Arabian Horse.
- USEF does not always accept or gives “push back” to our rule changes.
- AHA must accept show approval rules. Distance restrictions are particularly difficult at times.
- Bureaucracy of USEF makes it difficult to effect positive changes in a timely manner.



USEF Rate Increases

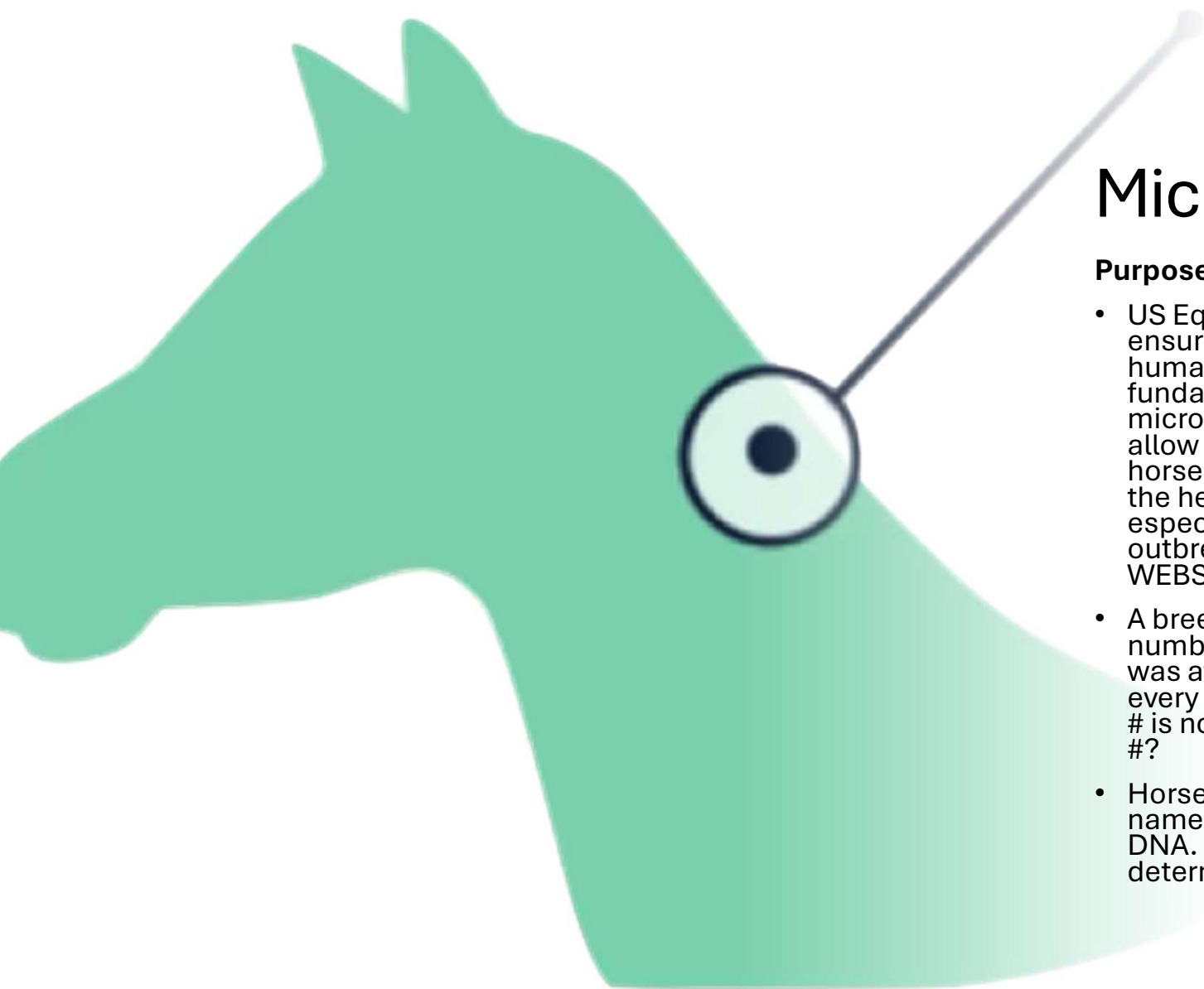


Beginning **December 1, 2025**, administrative fees (formerly \$8) will increase to \$10. Show passes (formerly \$45) will increase to \$85.

Beginning **April 1, 2026**, the following fee changes will apply:

- Competing Membership fee will increase from \$80 to \$100
- Subscriber Membership Fee will increase from \$25 to \$35
- Annual Horse Recording will increase from \$95 to \$115
- Lifetime Horse Recording will increase from \$300 to \$500
- Individual Lifetime Foal Recording will increase from \$35 to \$50

You can save on your competing membership by enrolling in a three-year membership for \$285.



Microchipping...

Purpose:

- US Equestrian strives to consistently ensure the safety and welfare of both our human and equine athletes. One fundamental aspect of equine safety is microchipping. Microchips in horses allow for immediate onsite verification of horses for the purpose of safeguarding the health of each horse. This is vital, especially during times of disease outbreaks or natural disasters. - USEF WEBSITE
- A breed organization has registration numbers imputed on entries to track who was at a horse show. Unless you scan every horse at the competition, the scan # is no more valuable than a registration #?
- Horse must be entered by their registered name with their registration # verified by DNA. Do we need a microchip to determine eligibility?



events >



22. NOVEMBER

Equestrian UC Davis vs Oklahoma

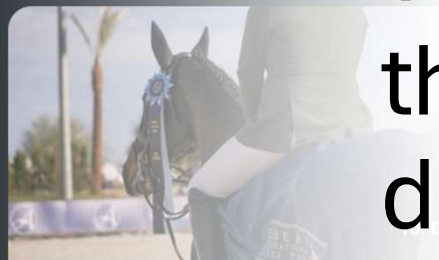
Equestrian Center Ocala / United States



02. DECEMBER

CSI5* Major League Show Jumping Desert Holiday I

Desert Horse Park, CA / United States



CSI5* Major League Show Jumping Desert Holiday II

Desert Horse Park, CA / United States

Sterling USEF Pony Finals



Szy Zhou & Editorial

Pony Medal



USEF Victory & Currie Cooper

Large Regular Pony Hunter National Championship



USEF Elin Uhrig & Juan Bay

Large Pony Jumper National Championship

What do
these images
do for the
Arabian
Breed?



**Maryland Five Star at Fair Hill CCI5* and
USEF 3* National Championship**



USEF Pony Finals
Kentucky Horse Park



**U.S. Dressage Festival of Champions
including the Adequan®/USEF Para
Dressage National Championship**
Wayne



**USEF Combined Driving National
Championship at Live Oak Inn**
Live Oak

Jumpers



**Adequan®/USEF JUNIOR HUNTER
CHAMPIONSHIP – EAST**
Wayne



Blenheim June Classic
San Juan Capistrano



Split Rock Hunter Jumper 2 CSI3*
Kentucky Horse Park



Split Rock Hunter Jumper 1 CSI3*
Kentucky Horse Park



**Land Rover Kentucky Three-Day Event &
Invitational CSI4***
Kentucky Horse Park



**Maryland Five Star at Fair Hill CCI5* and
USEF 3* National Championship**
Elkton



**USEF Winner of the Land Rover
Kentucky Three-Day Event CCI5***
Tamra Smith & Mai Baum



**USEF Land Rover Kentucky
Three-Day Event presented by MARS
Energy CCI4*-S Show Jumping**

How About These?

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MPK PP MK Jakubowice 2025
SPORT 26 Aug 2025 - 30 Aug 2025

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Royal Ascot Race Days
SPORT 16 Jun 2025 - 17 Jun 2025

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Elzer Reitertage
SPORT 22 May 2025 - 24 May 2025

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Springfestival Erbenheim
SPORT 29 Apr 2025 - 03 May 2025

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HMP DiM, HPP DiM - Krajkowo 2025
SPORT 26 Mar 2025 - 29 Mar 2025

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Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show
SPORT 12 Feb 2025 - 22 Feb 2025

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56th Annual Holiday Festival Arabian & Half Arabian Show
SPORT 27 Nov 2024 - 30 Nov 2024

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Royal Ascot Race Days
SPORT 17 Jun 2024 - 18 Jun 2024

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Breeders' Cup
SPORT 02 Nov 2023 - 03 Nov 2023

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Tournée des Super As - Tours Pernay
SPORT 02 Jun 2023 - 03 Jun 2023

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68th Annual Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show
SPORT 17 Feb 2023 - 24 Feb 2023

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Breeders' Cup - World Championships
SPORT 03 Nov 2022 - 04 Nov 2022

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Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ of Great Britain at the Longines Royal International Horse Show
SPORT 26 Jul 2022 - 30 Jul 2022

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Le Mans BJ 34 - Tournée des As Poney, Pro, Amateur, Club, et Poney
SPORT 29 Oct 2021 - 31 Oct 2021

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Arabian Sport Horse Nationals
SPORT 16 Sep 2021

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SEARCH RESULTS: “ARABIAN”

- Scottsdale 2025
- Florida (Holiday Festival) 2024
- Scottsdale 2023
- Sport Horse Nat’ls 2021



Microsoft

The needs and point of view of the Disciples vs the needs and point of view of the Breeds. Rules & Regulations that cover a very large group of are very difficult to administer with the possible specificity of each of the breeds. This can become cumbersome for an umbrella organization, however, as a partner, the umbrella organization needs to acknowledge and integrate the needs of their partners for both of the entities to succeed.

Examples:

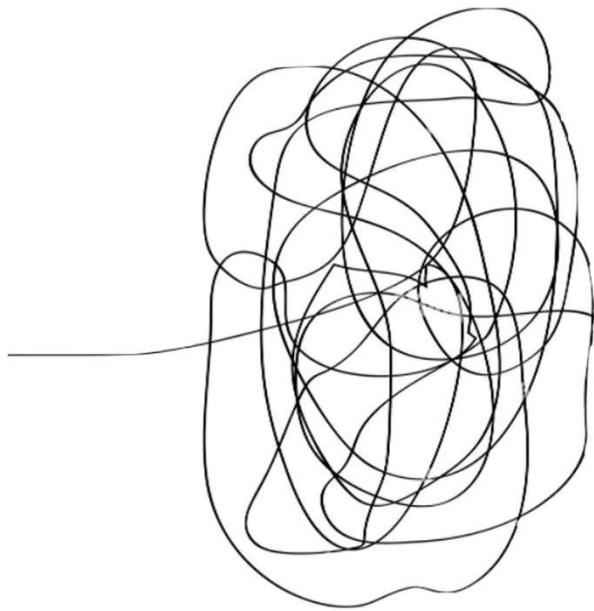
UPHA Class Experience

- AHA Response
- UPHA Response
- USEF Response

Judge Experience

- What the partner planned to do
- What ultimately was done

Working with a group that is not your partner
can end up being a.....



mo·rass | mə'ras |

noun

1 an area of muddy or boggy ground: *in midwinter the track beneath this bridge became a muddy morass*

2 a complicated or confused situation: *she would become lost in a morass of lies and explanations.*

Drug Testing:

AQHA currently contracts with USEF for drug testing, should we leave USEF it would be our hope to follow suit and contract. However, there are other labs that provide this service.

In 2023 approximately 20 Arabian shows were tested including the 3 national shows. AHA paid additional fees for testing at the national shows. Every horse at an USEF show incurs a USEF Federation Fee \$25.





SAFE SPORT ACT (Safe Sport Website)

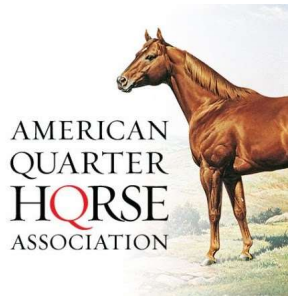
The Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017 codified the U.S. Center for SafeSport, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, as the nation's safe sport organization. It gave us the scope and authority to resolve abuse and misconduct reports for more than 11 million individuals **throughout the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Movement**—from whom we are fully independent

Safe Sport (USEF Website):

The U.S. Center for SafeSport was created to address the issue of abuse in sport. The Center works with National Governing Bodies, including US Equestrian, to enforce the SafeSport Code and the Federal Safe Sport Act. The policies in both the Code and Federal Law are aimed at protecting athletes from harm and abuse and **apply to all Olympic and amateur sporting disciplines**

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THESE ORGANIZATIONS DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN SAFE SPORT.



Membership Survey - Demographics

- 65% have competed over 10 years.
- 60% were over 50 years
- 60% no longer compete because of expense
- 90% were female

Based on these percentages, the respondents were primarily an informed group. (Experienced & Knowledgeable)

Membership Survey – Results

(nearly 2000 responses)

- 70% of respondents WOULD NOT find a USEF membership valuable if not required.
- 70% of respondents DO NOT participate in the Horse of the Year Program
- 70% of respondents believe AHA can provide a level playing field without USEF
- 70% of respondents believe a drug testing program is important
- 60% of respondents place LITTLE or NO value on USEF being a NGB
- 45% of respondents believe Safe Sport is a valuable program.



*“The measure of
intelligence is the ability
to change.”*

– Albert Einstein



Are we at a fork in the road?

Board Motion 11/19/2025



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MOTION FORM

Whereas, The Arabian Horse Association (AHA) is member organization of USEF/EC; and

Whereas, USEF/EC are believed to devote little attention to promotion and advancement of the Arabian Horse and seemingly fail to fairly represent the interests of AHA through its 18 Regions; and

Whereas, AHA members face increased costs for competing in AHA events including proposed increase in membership fees to USEF/EC and lack of reciprocity between USEF and EC adds further complications for AHA members; and

Whereas, Several breed organizations are independent from USEF/EC;

Whereas, AHA is on the cusp of change for the better; Therefore, Be It

Moved, That it is the sentiment of the Board of Directors of AHA representing our membership that the current relationship between AHA and USEF is unsatisfactory and must be resolved.

Effective: Immediately

The decision to stay, attempt a compromise, or leave is up to the members of the association.



Do we have a balanced
partnership?
Promotes growth



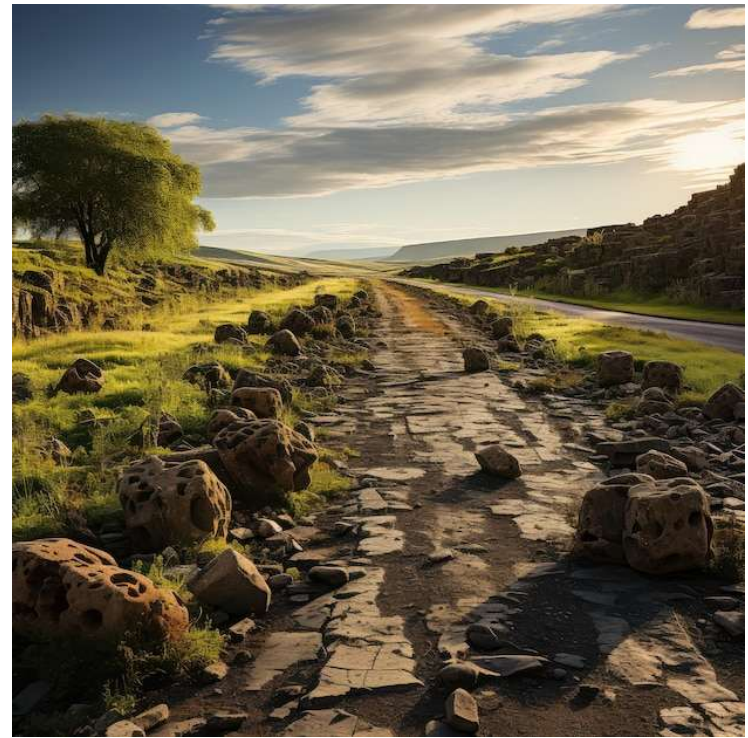
Or are we merely regulated?
Stifles growth

- If there is NO compromise possible, which **pain** do you chose?

- The toil, time, expense and possible mistakes in becoming an independent A.H.A.
- Continue accepting regulation, bureaucracy, & over-reach for the perception of safety U.S.E.F. provides.

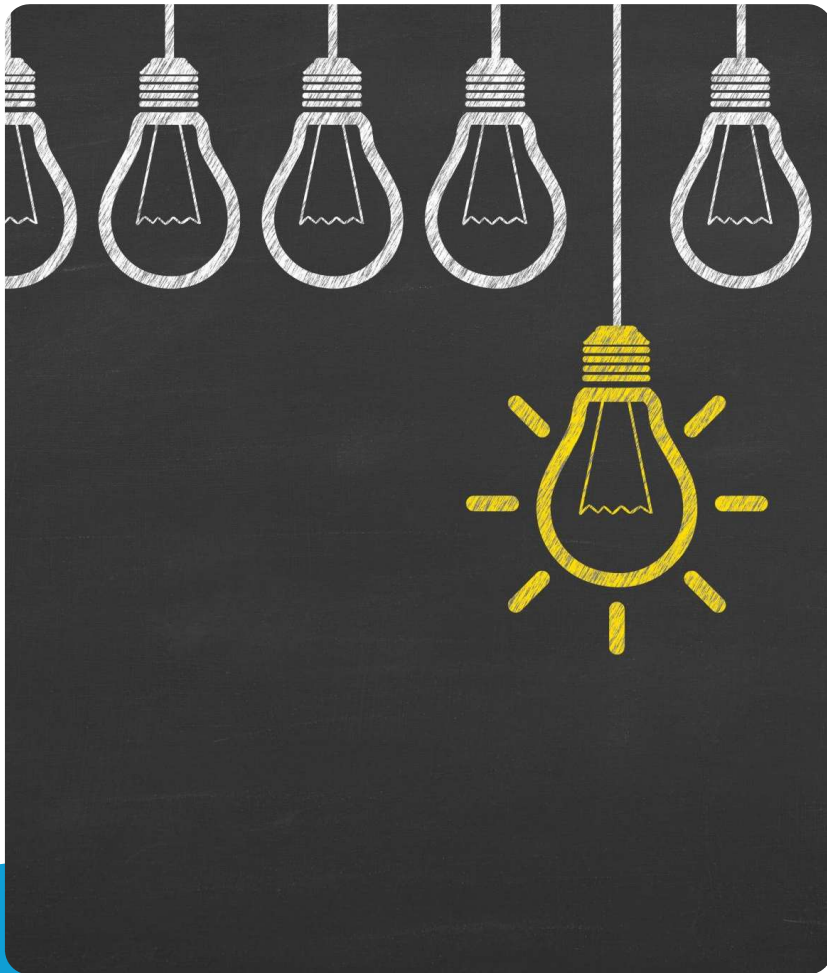


The journey to independence...





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- The decision is up to the members
 - It is the members responsibility to communicate to your leaders the path you choose.
 - To remain or leave are legitimate options.
 - There is no absolute, "NO", to either alternative, but there is a cost to "YES" for either one.



Thought:

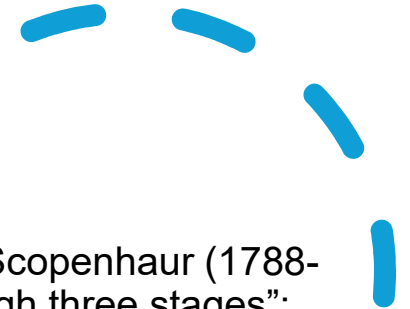
The German Philosopher Aurthur Scopenhaur (1788-1860) wrote “All truth passes through three stages”:

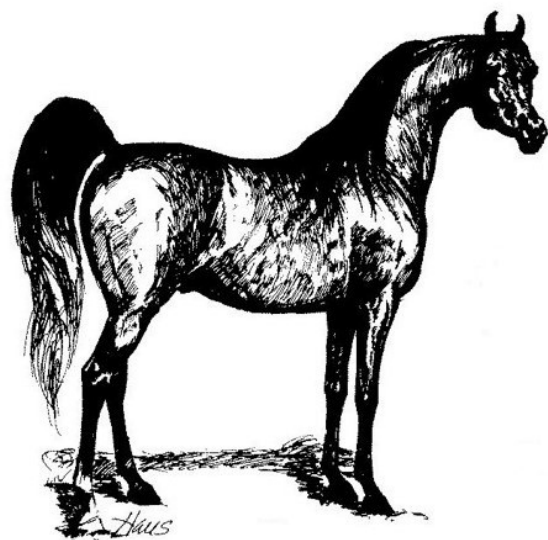
First it is ridiculed

Second, it is violently opposed

Third, it is accepted as being self evident

We are on a quest for truth as to what is best for our Association and its membership with respect to our affiliation with USEF.





Objective: To look at three options for the future;

- Determine which of the following three outcomes is most advantageous to the membership of the Arabian Horse Association.
 1. ~~Maintain the current relationship with USEF we have had.~~
 2. AHA go to USEF with a proposal of what we want and don't want from them in order to maintain our affiliate relationship.
 3. AHA leaves USEF and either goes at it alone or helps create a consortium of sorts with other breeds and/or disciplines.

Thank you for your time...

- The USEF Relationship Ad Hoc Committee.

