RESOLUTION 14 - 17

SUBJECT: Ranch Horse Riding Modifications (USEF/EC)

(EXTRAORDINARY)

Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 101 for submission requirements

Committees required to review: (This section to be completed by the Agenda & Resolutions Committee)

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Committee Action:

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Amateur Committee
Competition Advisory Committee
Education/Evaluation Commission
Professional Horsemen Committee
Working Western Committee
USEF Arabian Division Committee

CONVENTION ACTION:

X Approved

Approved with Modification

Disapproved

Withdrawn

Referred to Committee

PROPOSED CHANGE: (Check one) ___ Add new rule ___ Delete existing rule ___X___ Change existing text

Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) USEF AR220

RESOLUTION: Use **bold/italic** for new wording, strikethrough to indicate deletion

Whereas, Ranch Horse Riding was created by the passage of Resolution 25-14; and

Whereas, Ranch Horse Riding is gaining in popularity in the Arabian Industry; and

Whereas, It is important to keep consistent with the stock breeds to keep our breed competitive; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That USEF AR208.3 be amended by inserting the following:

3. Boots and/or bandages are permitted in *Ranch Horse Riding*, Reining, Reined Cow Horse, Working Cow and Cutting classes (See AR106.12); and, Be it Further

Resolved, That USEF AR220 be amended by striking and inserting as follows:

Ranch Horse Riding: The purpose of Ranch Horse Riding should reflect the versatility, attitude, and movement of a working horse. The horse’s performance should simulate a horse working outside the confines of an arena and that of a working ranch horse. This class should show the horse's ability to work at a forward, working speed while under control by the rider. Light contact should be rewarded and horse shall not be shown on a full drape of reins. The overall manners and responsiveness of the horse while performing the maneuver requirements and the horse’s quality of movement are the primary considerations. The purpose of the ranch riding class is to measure the ability of the horse to be a pleasure to ride while being used as a means of conveyance from performing one ranch task to another. The horse should reflect the versatility, attitude and movement of a working ranch horse riding outside the confines of an arena. The horse should be well-trained, relaxed, quiet, soft and cadenced at all gaits. The ideal ranch horse will travel with forward movement and demonstrate an obvious lengthening of stride at extended gaits. The horse can be ridden with light contact or on a relatively loose rein without requiring undue restraint, but not shown on a full drape of reins. The overall manners and responsiveness of the ranch riding horse to make timely transitions in a smooth and correct manner, as well as the quality of the movement are of primary considerations. The ideal ranch riding horse should have a natural head carriage at each gait. For rules regarding correct Western appointments, refer to AR144. BOD 11/7/16 Effective 12/1/16; and, Be It Further

Resolved, That USEF AR220.1 be amended by striking and inserting as follows:

1. Each horse will work individually, performing both required **gait maneuvers** and **minimum of three** optional maneuvers. and Horses will be scored on the basis of 0 to 100, with 70 denoting an average performance. Each maneuver will receive a score that should be added or subtracted from 70 and is subject to a penalty that should be subtracted. Each
maneuver will be scored on the following basis, ranging from plus 1 1/2 to minus 1 1/2: -1 1/2 extremely poor, -1 very poor, -1/2 poor, 0 correct, +1/2 good, +1 very good, +1 1/2 excellent. Maneuver scores are to be determined and assessed independently of penalty points; and, Be It Further

Resolved. That USEF AR220.2 be amended by striking and inserting as follows:

2. The required maneuvers will include the walk, **trot**, and lope both directions; and the extended **trot** and extended lope **going** at least one direction; as well as stops, and **a** back; and, Be It Further

Resolved. That USEF AR220.7 be amended by inserting the following:

7. One of the suggested patterns may be used (*from the current AQHA Handbook and* found on AHA website), however, a judge may utilize a different pattern as long as all required maneuvers and the three (or more) optional maneuvers are included. Should a judge use one of his/her own patterns, it is recommended to not have the stop following an extended lope; and, Be It Further

Resolved. That USEF AR220.15.a.5 be amended by striking the following:

15. Ranch Horse Penalties - A contestant shall be penalized each time the following occur:
   a. One (1) point penalties
   1. Too slow/per gait
   2. Over-bridled
   3. Out of frame
   4. Break of gait at walk or jog for 2 strides or less
   5. Split log at lope; and, Be It Further

Resolved. That USEF AR220.15.d be amended by inserting the following:

d. Ten (10) point penalties
   1. Eliminates maneuver
   2. Incomplete maneuver; and, Be It Further

Resolved. That the remaining USEF AR220.15 be re-lettered.

Effective: December 31, 2017 or when approved by USEF/EC

(If a Standard resolution, the effective date will be December 31 of the year after the Convention)

RESOLUTION TYPE (REQUIRED): Standard ____ Extraordinary ____X____ “If indicated as “Extraordinary”, the proponent must list reasons which establish Chapter 9, RULE 101.2 has been met)

RULE 101.2. a) i) (3);

The industry standards and rules have changed so much that these circumstances have created a severe hardship or gross unfairness to the Association’s recognized events. Particularly, the inability of ranch horses to wear protective boots. We are also discouraging cross-over of exhibitors from other breeds and open events due to our rules being so obsolete. When we created the original resolution it took two years to implement. Then it has been two years. In 4 years time the world has evolved rapidly in this event and we must keep up to maintain the integrity of the class.

PROPONENTS FINANCIAL IMPACT (REQUIRED): Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 101.3.e. for financial requirements

No additional cost through BT. Does not change what AHA currently does; staff already copies the AQHA patterns for uploading to the AHA website.

AHA IMPACT STATEMENT: Brings Ranch Riding Scoring into uniformity with other breeds. Will require minimal training for Arabian Judges.

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SUBMITTED BY: Working Western Committee  Region Number:

109  ☐ Member Organization  ☑ Committee  ☐ Commission  ☐ Board  ☐ Region (check one ☑)

110  Who voted:  ☑ Members  ☐ Board  ☐ Delegates (check voting body)

111  Total Number Eligible to Vote:  68  Number of Yes votes:  25  Number of No votes:  1

112  How vote was taken:  ☐ mail  ☑ email  ☐ phone  ☐ meeting (check one) (Must have Quorum with majority of yes votes)

113  Where documentation of this vote is recorded:  At the AHA office (Must have printed documentation on file)

114  Date vote taken:  July 5 – 9, 2017

115  Contact Person:  Michael Damianos (Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw)

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