

RESOLUTION 10 - 18

SUBJECT: Clarifying Sport Horse Showmanship (USEF/EC)

Amendment 2 (pink)

(STANDARD)

Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 101 for submission requirements

Committee Action:

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

Table with 4 columns: Committee Name, No action, Approve, Disapprove. Rows include Competition Advisory Committee, Dressage Committee, Equitation/Showmanship Committee, Hunter/Jumper Committee, Sport Horse Committee, USEF Arabian Division Committee, and Youth Committee.

CONVENTION ACTION:

Approved XX 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Withdrawn Referred to Committee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 AR184

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

Whereas, The AHA Sport Horse Division continues to grow; and

Whereas, It is the desire of the AHA Sport Horse Committee members to have our Showmanship division rules be more clearly defined; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That USEF AR184 Sport Horse Showmanship be amended by striking out and inserting as follows;

1. Purpose

To be judged on presentation of horse, neatness and appearance of handler, overall condition of the horse, handling techniques, appropriate tack and equipment, and ability to show the horse to the best advantage.

2. General

- a. Classes may be divided by age of handler.
b. Unsoundness of the horse being shown shall not penalize a handler unless it is sufficiently severe as to impair the required performance, in which case penalty is at the judge's discretion.
c. Offering prize money in Youth Sport Horse Showmanship is prohibited.
d. A minimum of six ribbons should be awarded, but no more than ten places are recommended.
e. Hair must be neat and securely fastened so as not to cover the handler's number.
f. The handler's number must be worn on the back and must be clearly visible. Number should may be attached by string around waist or attached to shirt, jacket or vest with magnets or safety pins.
g. Excessive coaching or unauthorized assistance in any manner is subject to penalty or disqualification at the judge's discretion. It is recommended that stallions be prohibited, but it must be stated in the prize list.

h. Hooves must be clean and may be painted clear, translucent, oiled or shown naturally.

3. Appointments - Exhibitors tack and attire must match their specified discipline and are not to be mixed. Refer to USEF/EC DR and HU rules.

a. Tack (see AR179)

b. Attire:- Refer to AR179.3, DR and HU rules

1. Sport Horse Style: conservative casual attire consisting of casual khaki or black pants and collared short or long-sleeved shirt. Shirts should be of a solid color and not distracting. Jacket, hat, helmet, vest and gloves are optional.

2. Dressage Style: attire including breeches (white or light colored), tall or field boots, shirt with stock tie. Jacket, hat, helmet and gloves are optional.

~~3. Hunter Style: attire including breeches (light colored), field boots, shirt tie or choker collar. Jacket, hat, helmet and gloves are optional.~~

~~1-4. The handler may carry only one whip, maximum length of six feet (6'), including lash and without attachments (i.e., plastic bags, ribbons, etc.).~~

3. 4. Class Conduct

- a. The AHA Individual Sport Horse Showmanship Score Sheet shall be used. Each judge will be assigned a scribe who will record scores and comments as dictated by the judge. Horses will be shown individually on the triangle. The AHA score sheets will be provided to competition management by AHA. Competition Management may make as many individual copies as necessary for their competition.
- b. Following a posted or announced order, or on request from the judge, entries in each class will approach the judging area one at a time, and walk to the apex of the triangle. The presentation judging while the horse is stationary may take place before or after performance on the triangle; the handler must wait for the judge's instructions before proceeding on the triangle. The handler will lead the horse on the perimeter of the triangle at the walk and trot, returning to the apex and wait for further instructions. At the completion of the judging, the handler will lead the horse away from the judging area. The triangle may be adjusted to fit local conditions.
- c. The horse is to be shown in an "open position." The traditional way of showing open position would be with the right front leg slightly back and the right hind leg slightly forward; ~~but as long as~~ **also acceptable** all four legs of the horse are visible to the judge when standing on either side of the horse, ~~this stance would be acceptable.~~ The horse's head and neck should be allowed to show in a natural and comfortable carriage, and the handler should stand away from the horse with a loose lead line. **Handler should not stand directly in front of the horse.** Handlers may use treats to keep horse's attention and focus.
- ~~d. Judge must excuse from the ring any unruly horse or one whose actions threaten to endanger other exhibitors or their entries **the handler or judge.**~~
- ~~d. e.~~ A whip may be used to guide the horse.
- ~~e. f.~~ Decimals may be used in scoring.
- ~~f. g.~~ Tied scores for Sport Horse Showmanship shall be broken first by referring to presentation and handling score, then movement scores (walk and trot presentation). If still tied, the tie will be broken at the judge's discretion.
- ~~g. h.~~ Scores shall be reported as a total possible 100 points. All scores and placings must be posted.
- ~~h. i.~~ If a mathematical error on the score sheet is discovered, it must be brought to the attention of competition management within one hour of the official posting of the scores from the last class of the competition day. Competition management must announce said posting, and must make score sheets available to competitors as soon as possible after completion of the class.

~~4. For appointments, see AR179~~

5. Showmanship Faults/~~Eliminations~~

- a. Not following the judge's instructions.
- b. Handlers not showing the horse, but just showing themselves.
- c. Not lining up in front of the judge when walking and trotting.
- d. Standing in a position to obstruct the judge's view of the horse. **Handler should not stand directly in front of the horse.**
- e. Excessive use of the whip, ~~or actions that may disturb others entries.~~
- f. Not holding the shank **lead/reins safely; correctly or jerking the shank excessively excessive shanking.**
- g. Improper attire or attire not clean and neat.
- h. Horse in poor condition, not clean or **im**properly groomed.
- i. Improperly **fitting** tack or tack that is not clean (~~i.e., **kimberwicks are prohibited.**~~).

6. Showmanship eliminations

- ~~a. j.~~ Number not worn or ~~improperly displayed.~~
- ~~b. k.~~ Any handler not having his horse under sufficient control must be dismissed from the ring by the judge and be eliminated.
- c. Intentional contact with whip to horse.**
- d. Illegal equipment (i.e., kimberwicks prohibited).**

Effective: December 31, 2019 or when approved by USEF/EC

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

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

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

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115 AHA IMPACT STATEMENT: None.

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117 Contact Person:

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119 SUBMITTED BY: Sport Horse Committee

Region Number:

120  Member Organization     Committee     Commission     Board     Region (check one )

121 Who voted:                     Members     Board     Delegates                    (check voting body)

122 Total Number Eligible to Vote:    73            Number of Yes votes:    28            Number of No votes:    3

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

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

125 Date vote taken: August 13-15, 2018

126 Contact Person: Janet Henderson                    (Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw)

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