SUBJECT: Addition of Ranch Horse Cow Work (USEF/EC) Amended on the floor - Amendment #2 (pink)

(STANDARD)

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:

Amateur Committee
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Working Western Committee
USEF Arabian Division Committee

CONVENTION ACTION:

__XX__ Approved _______ Approved with Modification _______ Disapproved

_______ Withdrawn _______ Referred to Committee

PROPOSED CHANGE: (Check one)  __X__ Add new rule ____ Delete existing rule ____ Change existing text

Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) USEF Subchapter AR28

RESOLUTION: Use bold/italic for new wording, strike-through to indicate deletion

Whereas, The addition of Ranch Horse Riding has proven to be very popular in the Arabian industry; and

Whereas, The Ranch Horse grouping of classes has become very popular in the working western industry as a whole among the other breeds and there is a great interest for expansion of this division in the Arabian breed; and

Whereas, It is in the best interest of our breed and Association to facilitate classes that increase participation and marketability of Arabian and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian horses; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That the USEF Rule Book be amended by inserting as a new Subchapter section AR-28 RANCH HORSE COW WORK and the remaining Subchapters be renumbered accordingly:

The ideal ranch horse must also be a cow horse and this class demonstrates and measures the horse’s ability to do cow work. In addition, the ideal ranch cow horse should have a natural ranch horse appearance from head to tail in each maneuver. There is a time limit per horse/rider team to perform the work and the time begins when the cow is turned into the arena. If the time has not elapsed and the judge is satisfied that all requirements of the class have been met, the judge should blow the whistle for the exhibitor to cease work. The judge may blow a whistle at any time for the exhibitor to cease work for safety reasons. Judges will give credit for what they have seen. Only the judge may award a new cow to an exhibitor to replace a cow that will not honor a horse. If the judge awards a new cow, the exhibitor has the option to refuse the new cow by continuing to work. If the exhibitor accepts the new cow, the time for working the cow will start over. If the exhibitor intends to accept the new cow, the exhibitor must pull up immediately. When multiple judges are scoring, any one of the judges may terminate the work or signal for a new cow.

SCORING SYSTEM: Each horse/rider team is scored between 0-100 points and automatically begins the run with a score of 70 points. The horse/rider team is scored on the quality of each maneuver (e.g. -1 ½ extremely poor, -1 very poor, -1/2 poor, 0 correct, +1/2 good, +1 very good and +1 ½ excellent). Plusses and minuses are a reflection of the smoothness, finesse, attitude, quickness, and authority of the horse/rider team when performing the various maneuvers.

RANCH HORSE COW WORK
1. Exhibitors in Ranch Horse Cow Work are allotted one minute and thirty seconds to complete the work. When there is 30 seconds left, the announcer will announce, 30 seconds remaining. At one minute and thirty seconds, the announcer will call for time. Exhibitors are not required to use all of the allotted time, but must ride until the judge whistles the end of the run or time expires, whichever occurs first. There are four parts to the work: boxing the cow; setting up the cow and driving it down the fence to the opposite end of the arena; boxing it at the opposite end of the arena; and, then driving the cow past the middle marker again. There is no expectation that the exhibitor will make a “fence turn,” rather the drive down the fence demonstrates correct position and control around the corner.

Part One- Boxing the Cow: The rider shall ride into the arena, face the cattle entry gate, and signal for their cow to be turned into the arena. The cow shall be controlled on the entry end of the arena for a sufficient amount of time to demonstrate the horse’s ability to “hold” the cow. If the cow does not immediately challenge the horse, the rider shall aggressively move in on the cow to demonstrate the horse’s ability to drive and block the cow.

Part Two- Set Up Cow and Drive Down Fence to Opposite End of the Arena: After the cow has been controlled on the entry end of the arena, the rider shall set the cow up for driving down the side of the arena. When coming out of corner, the horse shall be close enough to cow to demonstrate control with cow against the fence. This distance and control should be maintained for approximately ½ to ¾ the length of arena. Rider will then stop and release the cow and move horse toward center of arena to set the cow up for boxing on opposite end of arena.

Part Three- Boxing the Cow at Opposite End of Arena: The exhibitor will regain control or “hold” the cow at end of the arena to demonstrate the horse’s ability to “hold” the cow.

Part Four- Drive the Cow Back Down the Fence: Past the middle marker and continue until the judge blows the whistle to show completion. The cow should be driven back down the same side of the fence.

2. Credits and Penalties for Ranch Horse Cow Work: All runs begin upon entering the pen; any infractions (such as two hands on the reins, using either hand to instill fear or praise, etc.) are subject to penalty at that time. During the “Boxing” portion of the run, credit will be given for the horse’s expression and its “cow sense” (i.e. making moves with little rider assistance); holding, controlling, and turning the cow; the amount of work actually done; and the degree of difficulty of the work. Credit will be given during the “Set Up Cow and Drive Down Fence” for rating the cow; blocking the cow with pressure towards the end of the arena; driving the cow with control down the side of the arena; and controlling a difficult cow.

- One Point Penalties: Over-bridled (per maneuver); Out of frame (per maneuver); Loss of working advantage; Driving cow down the opposite fence (changing sides); Working out of position; Slipping rein; Failure to drive cow past the middle marker on second drive before time expired.

- Three Point Penalties: Knocking down the cow without having a working advantage; Losing a cow while boxing.

- Five Point Penalties: Spurring in front of the cinch; Blatant disobedience; Use of either hand to instill fear or praise.

- Ten Point Penalties: Unnatural ranch horse appearance (Horse’s tail is obvious and consistently carried in an unnatural manner in every maneuver). Off Pattern.

- Off Pattern (OP): Turning tail; Failure to attempt any part of the class; Repeated blatant disobedience; Schooling after entering the arena prior to calling for cow; Schooling horse between cows if new cow is awarded; Use of two hands (except for junior horses 5 years and under in snaffle bit/hackamore); more than one finger between split reins or any fingers between roman reins. Exhibitors cannot place above others who complete pattern correctly.

Zero Score: Turning tail; Repeated blatant disobedience; Schooling after entering the arena prior to calling for cow; Schooling horse between cows if new cow is awarded; Use of two hands (except for junior horses 5 years and under in snaffle bit/hackamore); more than one finger between split reins or any fingers between roman reins.
Disqualification (DQ): No score; Lameness; Abuse; Illegal equipment; Disrespect or misconduct; Leaving arena before run is complete; Improper western attire; Fall of horse/rider.

3. Exhibitors in the Ranch Horse Cow Work cannot compete in both the Ranch Horse Cow Work, Reined Cow Horse or Working Cow Horse class at the same show with the same horse. However, exhibitors may cross-enter Ranch Horse Cow Work with Reined Cow Horse and Limited Reined Cow Horse classes.

Effective: December 31, 2020 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 _____ X_____ Extraordinary __________ “If indicated as “Extraordinary”, the proponent must list reasons which establish Chapter 9, RULE 101.2 has been met)

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

Programming costs to add code to track results for this new class.

AHA IMPACT STATEMENT: Minimal to no BT impact if the classes created will use the standard existing code for qualifications, Achievement Awards and Leveling (if applicable).

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SUBMITTED BY: Working Western Committee

Region Number:

Member Organization Committee Commission Board Region (check one)

Who voted: Members Board Delegates (check voting body)

Total Number Eligible to Vote: 68 Number of Yes votes: 32 Number of No votes: 4

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

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

Date vote taken: August 8-13, 2019

Contact Person: Sandy Woerle (Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw)

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