

**SUBJECT: Breaking Ties in Working Western (USEF/EC)**

**Amendment 1 - Blue**

*(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

Amateur Committee	O		
Canadian National Show Commission	1		
Competition Advisory Committee	O		
Education/Evaluation Commission	1		
Equitation/Showmanship Committee	1		
Judges & Stewards Steering Committee	1		
Professional Horsemen Committee	1		
U.S. National Show Commission	1		
USEF Arabian Division Committee	1		
Working Western Committee	O		
Youth National Show Commission	1		

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**CONVENTION ACTION:**

Approved                       Approved with Modification                       Disapproved  
 Withdrawn                       Referred to Committee \_\_\_\_\_

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**PROPOSED CHANGE: (Check one)**     Add new rule     Delete existing rule     Change existing text  
 Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) USEF AR210.4

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

Whereas,            Many Working Western horses compete in multiple events/classes, and thus the number of “goes” or “runs” a horse makes has increased, and

Whereas,            In the opinion of the proponent, the efficiency of completing Working Western classes at some shows needs consideration, and

Whereas,            Ties in Working Western Classes can easily occur and it is undesirable to “manipulate scores” in order to avoid ties, and

Whereas,            In the opinion of the proponent, it is desirable to create an equitable way to break some of the ties without run offs which add to the number of goes for a horse and time to a show; Therefore, Be It

Resolved,            That USEF AR210.4 be amended by striking out, inserting new language and creating new sub paragraphs .1 and .2 as follows:

4. Ties for ~~first place~~, Champion and Reserve Champion, and any other tie requiring a run-off, ~~fifth in a Top Five and tenth in a Top Ten class~~ will be worked off using the same pattern, order of go and scoring technique as was used in the event; however, there will not be more than one work off.
  - a. Tied exhibitors can choose to forego a work-off and be named co-champions but must determine the winner of the awards by consensus or by a flip of a coin. If they do not agree, the exhibitor(s) who does not want to work off will forfeit first place to the other. Prize money (if any) for the tied placing(s) involved will be added together and equally split between the respective exhibitors.
  - b. Exhibitors disqualified in a work-off cannot be placed any lower than the lowest consecutive placing which results from breaking the tie.

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- ~~e. Ties for second place in a non-championship class will stand tied and all involved exhibitors will qualify for AHA Regional competition; prize money (if any) for the placings involved will be added together and equally split between the respective exhibitors. All other ties are not worked off and will involve as many places as there are horses tied.~~
- c. *In all Working Western classes (except Reined Cow, Limited Reined Cow Horse Classes, and Reining Seat Equitation), ties for fifth in a Top 5 and tenth in a Top 10 or any tie, other than for Champion or Reserve Champion, that may require being broken will be determined by the horse with the lowest number of "Penalties." "Total Penalty Points". Should the tie persist, the tie shall then be broken by the highest maneuver/obstacle score of a predetermined maneuver or obstacle. If the tie continues to persist, then it shall require a run-off in accordance with AR210.4*
  - 1. *In Reined Cow and Limited Reined Cow Horse classes, ties shall be broken first by the highest score of the "Fence" or "Cow Work." If a tie persists, it shall then be broken by the horse with the lowest number of penalties total penalty points. Should the tie persist, the tie shall then be broken by the highest maneuver/obstacle score of a predetermined maneuver or obstacle. If a tie continues to persist it shall require a run-off in accordance with AR210.4*
  - 2. *In Reining Seat Equitation, ties shall be broken first by the highest "Equitation" score. If a tie persists, it shall then be broken by the horse with the lowest number of penalties total penalty points. Should the tie persist, the tie shall then be broken by the highest maneuver/obstacle score of a predetermined maneuver or obstacle. If a tie continues to persist it shall require a run-off in accordance with AR210.4*
- ~~d. Prize money (if any) for any tied placings involved will be added together and equally split between the respective exhibitors.~~
- d. *Ties for any placing in a non-championship class will be determined by the horse with the lowest number of "Penalties." "Total Penalty Points". Should the tie persist, the tie shall then be broken by the highest maneuver/obstacle score of a predetermined maneuver or obstacle. If the tie continues to persist all horses tied will stand tied and all involved exhibitors will qualify for AHA Regional competition; prize money (if any) for the placings involved will be added together and equally split between the respective exhibitors.*
- ~~e. Ties for sixth in a Top Five and 11th in a Top Ten will be broken by a flip of a coin by the steward in the presence of the riders involved.~~
- e. *In classes with multi go-rounds, ties will be broken in accordance with AR210.4a, b and c utilizing the Total Penalty Points and/or maneuver/obstacle score of the "Final" go-round.*
- f. *In classes with five judges, ties will be broken in accordance with AR210.4a,b,c, and e utilizing the Total Penalty Points and/or maneuver/obstacle scores of only the judges' scores utilized in the final go-round.*

Effective: December 31, 2021 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 101.3.a. has been met)

PROPONENTS FINANCIAL IMPACT (REQUIRED): Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 102.1.e. for financial requirements

None

AHA IMPACT STATEMENT:

Contact Person:

SUBMITTED BY: Working Western Committee

Region Number:

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103  Member Organization  Committee  Commission  Board  Region (*check one* )  
104 Who voted:  Members  Board  Delegates (*check voting body*)  
105 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 61 Number of Yes votes: 24 Number of No votes: 0  
106 How vote was taken:  mail  email  phone  meeting (*check one*) (*Must have Quorum with majority of yes votes*)  
107 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: At the AHA office (*Must have printed documentation on file*)  
108 Date vote taken: August 11-15-, 2020  
109 Contact Person: Jim Hitt (*Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw*)  
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