

1 **SUBJECT: Addition of Ranch Cutting (USEF/EC)**

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3 *(EXTRAORDINARY)*

4 Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 101 for submission requirements

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

Amateur Committee	O		
Competition Advisory Committee	O		
Education/Evaluation Commission	1		
Professional Horsemen Committee	1		
Working Western Committee	O		
USEF Arabian Division Committee	O		

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8 **CONVENTION ACTION:**

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10 Approved Approved with Modification Disapproved
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12 Withdrawn Referred to Committee _____

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14 **PROPOSED CHANGE: (Check one)** X Add new rule Delete existing rule Change existing text
15 Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) USEF AR 26

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17 **RESOLUTION:** Use *bold/italic* for new wording, ~~strike through~~ to indicate deletion

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19 Whereas, The addition of Ranch Horse Riding has proven to be very popular in the Arabian industry; and
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21 Whereas, The Ranch Horse grouping of classes has become very popular in the working western industry as a whole
22 among the other breeds and there is a great interest for expansion of this division in the Arabian breed; and
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24 Whereas, It is in the best interest of our breed and Association to facilitate classes that increase participation and
25 marketability of Arabian and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian horses; Therefore, Be It
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27 Resolved, That the USEF Rule Book be amended by inserting as a new section AR- 26 RANCH CUTTING and the
28 remaining Subchapters be renumbered accordingly:
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30 This class is judged on the ability of the horse to work a cow by separating it from the herd and holding it to demonstrate the
31 horse's ability to work the cow. A single cow is cut from the herd and the horse must demonstrate its ability to work the cow.
32 A Ranch Cutting horse should have a natural ranch horse appearance from head to tail in each maneuver. The objective will
33 be to cut one or two cows, based on the division, from the herd and work the cow(s) with the assistance of two turn-back
34 riders and two herd holders. Show management may supply two herd holders and two turn back riders or exhibitors may
35 supply their own helpers. If an exhibitor is a herd holder or turn back rider, he or she may use the horse that they are
36 competing on, or use a different horse. Herd holders' and turn back riders' horses should be Arabian or Half-Arabian horses.
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38 1. **SCORING SYSTEM:** Each horse/rider team is scored between 0-100 points and automatically begins with a score of 70
39 points. Each horse/rider team is judged on the quality of each maneuver (e.g. -1½ extremely poor, -1 very poor, -1/2 poor, 0
40 correct, +1/2 good, +1 very good, and +1½ excellent). Plusses and minuses are a reflection of the smoothness, finesse,
41 attitude, quickness, and authority of the horse/rider team when performing.
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- 43 2. **CONTENT:**
44 A. For Open and Amateur division competition there will be a two-minute time limit. Each exhibitor must work two head
45 and has the option of ending their run before the two-minute limit or working the full two minutes.
46 B. For youth competition, there will be a one and one-half minute time limit. Each exhibitor may work one or two cows and
47 has the option of ending their run before the one and one-half minute time limit or working the full one and one-half minutes.
48 Working two cows does not assure extra credit to the run.
49 C. Time will begin when a rider crosses a time line just prior to entering the herd. Time should not start until contestant
50 crosses a pre-determined and marked timeline. The rider will then separate quietly his/her cow from the herd.
51 D. Unnecessary roughness or disturbing the herd excessively could result in disqualification.

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53 3. CREDITS AND PENALTIES: Ultimate credit will be given to the horses demonstrating excellence in the herd work by
54 committing to, driving, setting up, and working a cow in the center of the arena with minimal disturbance to the herd. The
55 horse will be judged on its performance and natural ability. Horses will not be penalized for reining during the cutting
56 portion, but should display natural ability.

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58 Penalties should be assessed as follows:

59 - **1 Point Penalties:** Over-bridled (per maneuver), Out of frame (per maneuver), Losing working advantage; Toe, foot, or
60 stirrup on the shoulder; Working out of position.

61 - **3 Point Penalties:** Cattle picked up or scattered; Spurring on shoulder; Pawing or biting cattle; Back fence; Hot quit.

62 - **5 Point Penalties:** Horse quitting cow; Losing cow; Changing cattle after a specific commitment; Failure to separate a
63 single animal after leaving the herd; Blatant disobedience; Use of two hands (per cow) except for junior horses 5 years and
64 under wearing a snaffle bit or hackamore; More than one finger between split reins or any fingers between romal reins (per
65 cow).

66 - **10 point Penalties:** Unnatural ranch horse appearance (Horse’s tail is obvious and consistently carried in an unnatural
67 manner in every maneuver); Turn tail; Failure to cut two cows in Amateur or Open division.

68 **Zero Score:** Repeated blatant disobedience;

69 **No Score:** Lameness; Abuse; Illegal equipment; Disrespect or misconduct; Improper western attire; Fall of horse/rider.
70 Excessive disturbance of herd to the point that exhibitor is asked to leave the arena.

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72 Effective: December 31, 2020 or when approved by USEF/EC

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

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76 **RESOLUTION TYPE (REQUIRED):** Standard _____ Extraordinary X “If indicated as
77 “Extraordinary,” the proponent must list reasons which establish Chapter 9, RULE 101.2 has been met).

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79 Compelling circumstances necessitate the expedition of a full complement of Ranch Horse classes. Whereby, three Ranch
80 Horse classes become effective December 31, 2020, it is advantageous to all parties involved for the inclusion of the
81 remaining Ranch Horse classes for efficacy.

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

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

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

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92 SUBMITTED BY: Working Western Committee Region Number:

93 Member Organization Committee Commission Board Region (check one)

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

95 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 61 Number of Yes votes: 29 Number of No votes: 2

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

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

98 Date vote taken: August 11-15, 2020

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

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