

**SUBJECT: Addition of Ranch Horse Conformation (USEF/EC)**

**Amendment 2 - Pink**

*(EXTRAORDINARY)*

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		
Competition Advisory Committee	O		
Education/Evaluation Commission	2		
Professional Horsemen Committee	1		
Working Western Committee	1		
USEF Arabian Division Committee	O		

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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\_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn                      \_\_\_\_\_ Referred to Committee \_\_\_\_\_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 AR 26

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**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 section AR- 26 RANCH HORSE CONFORMATION and the remaining Subchapters be renumbered accordingly:

The purpose of Arabian Ranch Horse Conformation is to preserve Arabian type and conformation best suited to the function of a natural ranch horse. Selection is based upon well-mannered individuals in the order of their resemblance to the breed ideal that possess the most positive combination of balance, structural correctness, and movement. Individuals should possess appropriate breed and sex characteristics with adequate muscling. The ideal Arabian ranch horse should have a natural ranch horse appearance from head to tail.

1. CONTENT: To be eligible to compete in the ranch horse conformation class the horse must be entered, shown and judged in at least one riding class in the Ranch division at that show. Horses must be at least 3 years of age. Horses in each division may be shown together as one class or divided into Purebred, Half-Arabian, Stallions, Mares, Geldings, Open, Amateur, Youth, or in any combination deemed appropriate by show management. All stallions shall be examined to confirm that they have two visible testicles. All stallions and mares shall be examined for over-shot and under-shot mouth. If examination reveals that a horse is a cryptorchid or has an over-/under-shot mouth, the judge shall not use such horse in the final placings of the class.

Horses are to be shown in a good working halter: rope, braided, nylon or plain leather. Any horse shown in the ranch horse conformation class may not be shown with a lip cord/chain, however a lead shank with an attached chain may be used under the chin.

No whips, nor any other attention getting devices (i.e. treats, candy) are permitted.

For rules regarding correct western attire refer to AR144.3.

52 Each horse enters the arena and walks towards the judge. As the horse approaches, the judge will step to the right to enable  
53 the horse to trot straight to a cone placed 50 feet away. At the cone, the horse will continue trotting, turn to the left and trot  
54 toward the left wall or fence of the arena. After trotting, horses will be lined up head to tail for individual inspection by the  
55 judge. No hard stand-up is permitted. The judge(s) shall inspect each horse from both sides, front and rear and place the  
56 horses in order of preference.

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58 Exhibitors may qualify and show more than one horse in ranch horse conformation classes. Once a horse has entered the  
59 arena and been trotted for the judge, a designated handler may hold the horse in line-up while that exhibitor shows additional  
60 horses. Back tag with horse’s entry number remains with the horse. In order to earn the title of Arabian (or Half-Arabian)  
61 ~~Versatility All-Around~~ Ranch Horse a horse must show in a Ranch Horse Conformation class. Therefore, restricting  
62 exhibitors from showing multiple horses in Ranch Horse Conformation makes horses ineligible for the title of ~~Versatility All-~~  
63 ~~Around~~ Ranch Horse which will also affect the overall results for other exhibitors competing for this title. Any person  
64 designated as a handler must also be an exhibitor at same show.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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86 SUBMITTED BY: Working Western Committee Region Number:

87  Member Organization  Committee  Commission  Board  Region (*check one* )

88 Who voted:  Members  Board  Delegates (*check voting body*)

89 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 61 Number of Yes votes: 30 Number of No votes: 1

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

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

92 Date vote taken: August 11-15, 2020

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

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