

2020 RESOLUTION LOG

	SUBJECT	CONTACT	FROM	EXTRAORDINARY	ACTION
1	Electronic voting for AHA Elections (Bylaws 2/3 vote)	Cynthia Richardson	AHA BOD	Yes	
2	Emergency Provisions - Amend Articles V, VI and VIII – Bylaws (2/3rds vote)	Charles Bass	Bylaws Committee	Yes	
3	Executive Vice President to Executive Director (Bylaws 2/3 vote)	Cynthia Richardson	Executive Committee	Yes	
4	Scope of C2/TD Responsibility in Regular/Local Competition offering Dressage (USEF/EC)	Carol Spangler	Dressage & Western Dressage Committee	No	
5	Additional Modification to Regulation for Judging Conflicts (USEF/EC)	Mary Jane Brown	Education/Evaluation Commission	Yes	
6	Western Dressage Equitation – Junior Exhibitor Age (USEF/EC)	Carol Spangler	Dressage & Western Dressage Committee	No	
7	Youth National Exception to the Breeding/In-Hand Order of Go (USEF/EC)	Cynthia Richardson	Youth National Show Commission	Yes	
8	Permanent Changes to the Hunter Jog Rules (USEF/EC)	Cricket Gates	Pennsylvania AHA	Yes	
9	Modify AR172.3 Open Dressage Statement for Regular/Local Competitions (USEF/EC)	Carol Spangler	Dressage & Western Dressage Committee	No	
10	Breaking Ties in Working Western (USEF/EC)	Jim Hitt	Working Western Committee	No	
11	Addition of Ranch Horse Reining (USEF/EC)	Sandy Woerle	Working Western Committee	Yes	
12	Addition of Ranch Working Cow (USEF/EC)	Sandy Woerle	Working Western Committee	Yes	
13	Addition of Ranch Cutting (USEF/EC)	Sandy Woerle	Working Western Committee	Yes	
14	Addition of Versatility Ranch Riding (USEF/EC)	Sandy Woerle	Working Western Committee	Yes	
15	Addition of Ranch Horse Conformation (USEF/EC)	Sandy Woerle	Working Western Committee	Yes	
16	Allowing National Classes Change of Venue	Cynthia Richardson	Executive Committee	Yes	

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17	Exempting Western Horsemanship from MOS at Regional Shows	Cricket Gates	Pennsylvania AHA	No	

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1 SUBJECT: Electronic voting for AHA Elections (Bylaws 2/3 vote)

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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

Board of Directors	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bylaws Committee	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Credentials Supervisory Panel	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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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) Add new rule Delete existing rule Change existing text
15 Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) AHA Bylaws Article IX Section 2

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

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19 Whereas, In the current environment of COVID-19 the Board of Directors has approved the site of the 2020 Annual
20 Convention to be virtual, and

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22 Whereas, It is in the best interest of the Association to elect its officers in a timely fashion, and

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24 Whereas, Each delegate has the opportunity to hear the speeches and vote electronically; Therefore, Be It

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26 Resolved, That the last sentence in the AHA Bylaws, Article IX Section 2. Paragraph a. Election, be amended by
27 striking out and inserting the following:

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29 All elections shall be conducted by a written **or electronic** ballot; ~~provided, however,~~ except, that in the event one
30 person is nominated for an office, **that person the election may will be by voice vote declared elected by the chair.**

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32 Effective: Immediately

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

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

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39 The impacts of COVID-19 have challenged the Association to host a virtual Convention in which to conduct the business of
40 the association including officer elections and resolutions consideration.

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

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44 Cost of VVoter technology is \$3,380 and will be included in the revised Convention budget.

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46 AHA IMPACT STATEMENT:

47 RULE 101.3.a.iv indicates the Executive Committee and/or Board of Directors may make the effective date earlier than
48 December 31, if urgency is of the utmost importance. Prompt written nature must be given via the Association's website
49 and/or email and included in the next published handbook. The election of officers in a timely fashion is of utmost
50 importance to the governance of the Association.

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52 Contact Person: Leslie Lockard – Sr. Director of Competitions/Convention – (303) 696-4521 or

53 leslie.lockard@arabianhorses.org

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55 SUBMITTED BY: Board of Directors Region Number:
56 Member Organization Committee Commission Board Region (*check one*
57 Who voted: Members Board Delegates (*check voting body*)
58 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 29 Number of Yes votes: 29 Number of No votes: 0
59 How vote was taken: mail email phone meeting (*check one*) (*Must have Quorum with majority of yes votes*)
60 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: Executive Committee Minutes (*Must have printed documentation on file*)
61 Date vote taken: August 7, 2020
62 Contact Person: Cynthia Richardson (*Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw*)
63 Phone: (303) 378-7845 Email: cynrich213@aol.com

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Section 1. Time and Place
The Annual Convention of Arabian Horse Association shall be held annually as such time and place as shall be determined by a previous Annual Convention, and

Whereas, There are currently no provisions in the Bylaws to address the election of the Officers of the Arabian Horse Association and the committee members elected by the Annual Convention in the event that the Annual Convention is postponed or canceled in the case of a crisis, and

Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, the Arabian Horse Association is in need of a mechanism to contend with a potential need to postpone or cancel the Annual Convention in the event of a crisis, and the effects of the cancellation thereof, Therefore Be It

Resolved, That Bylaws Article V. Corporate Powers, Section 3. Powers of the Board of Directors, Paragraph d. "Executive Committee" be amended by inserting new sub-paragraph headings and a new sub-paragraph as follows:

Paragraph d. Executive Committee

- (i.) Enumeration:** The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the President, a Vice President, two (2) At-Large Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and the Immediate Past President.
- (ii.) Powers:** The Executive Committee is empowered between meetings of the Board of Directors to handle all matters as enumerated in the Arabian Horse Association's "Policies to Govern the Business Operations of AHA".
- (iii.) Limitations:** The limitations that the Board of Directors places on the authority of the Executive Committee are to be set forth in the policy directives approved by the Board of Directors as same may be modified from time-to-time by the Board of Directors. (Res. 5-14)
- (iv.) Emergency Provisions:** *The Executive Committee will have the authority to postpone or cancel an Annual Convention pursuant to Article VI, Section 1, Paragraph b, subject to those limitations provided in Article VIII Section 6. Paragraph g, sub-paragraphs i) and ii), and* Be It Further

Resolved, That Bylaws Article VI, Section 1 be amended by inserting a new paragraph heading and a new paragraph (b) as follows:

Section 1.

- (a)** Time and Place: The Annual Convention of Arabian Horse Association shall be held annually as such time and place as shall be determined by a previous Annual Convention.
- (b) Emergency Provision.** *If circumstances arise such as a national or local crisis for example war, natural disaster, pandemic or other national or local emergency that prevent the holding of the Annual Convention, the Executive Committee, voting at a meeting, by mail, by electronic communications or by telephone, is authorized to cancel or postpone the Annual Convention, and ~~conduct the necessary business to take such action necessary to effect the cancellation or postponement.~~ In the event of the cancellation of the Annual Convention, the election of the Officers of the Arabian Horse Association (if scheduled for the canceled Convention) and the election of the Annual Convention elected committee members will be as provided by a method deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors. See Article VIII Directors, Paragraph g., Emergency Provision, sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii), and* Be It Further

Resolved, That a new subparagraph "g." be added to Article VIII, Directors, Section 6. Meetings to read as follows:

Paragraph g. Emergency Provision

- (i)** *In the event of a cancellation of the Annual Convention by the Executive Committee pursuant to Article VI, Section 1. b., the Board of Directors will elect the Officers of the Arabian Horse Association (if the election of Officers is scheduled for the cancelled Convention) utilizing the Nominating Committee's slate of officers that was to have been provided to the Delegates at the canceled Annual Convention. The election shall be conducted by written ballot, or by mail, or by electronic means, as determined by the Board of Directors.*
- (ii)** *In the event of a cancellation of the Annual Convention by the Executive Committee pursuant to Article VI, Section 1. b., the Board of Directors will nominate and elect the Annual Convention elected committee members. The method of election shall be determined the Board*

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of Directors. The staff of the Arabian Horse Association shall provide a list of the committee positions that were to have been elected at the cancelled Annual Convention.

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Effective: December 31, 2020

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

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

The current international COVID-19 pandemic is the largest pandemic to have occurred in the last 100 years. Federal, State and Local governments have, at times, imposed strict limitations upon the travel and gathering of individuals. An attempt to hold an Annual Convention during such limitations is not in the health and safety of the members, and may directly affect the financial wellbeing of AHA. This Resolution needs to be effective December 31, 2020, in order to have procedures in place to contend with any potential crisis requiring the cancellation of the 2021 Annual Convention or any Convention thereafter.

PROPOSERS FINANCIAL IMPACT (**REQUIRED**): Refer to Chapter 9, Rule 101.3.e. for financial requirements

Allows cancellation and may directly affect the financial well-being of AHA.

AHA IMPACT STATEMENT:

Contact Person:

SUBMITTED BY: Bylaws Committee

Region Number:

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

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

Total Number Eligible to Vote: 9 Number of Yes votes: 6 Number of No votes: 0

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: July 21-24, 2020

Contact Person: Charles Bass, Chair (*Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw*)

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SUBJECT: Executive Vice President to Executive Director (Bylaws 2/3 vote)

(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

Board of Directors	O		
Budget & Finance Committee	O		
Bylaws Committee	O		

CONVENTION ACTION:

Approved Approved with Modification Disapproved
 Withdrawn Referred to Committee _____

PROPOSED CHANGE: (Check one) Add new rule Delete existing rule Change existing text
 Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) Throughout AHA Handbook, documents and website

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

- 19 Whereas, The horse industry has decreased for a number of decades, and
- 21 Whereas, AHA staff has decreased from over 100 at the time of the merger to under 40, and
- 23 Whereas, Policies have changed to allow many of the staff to work from home, and
- 25 Whereas, AHA has consolidated Marketing and National events under a single Director position, and
- 27 Whereas, The definition of Executive Vice President is a higher ranking than a senior vice president and generally has executive decision-making powers, and
- 30 Whereas, The definition of an Executive Director is the highest ranking executive in an organization with ultimate responsibility for making managerial decisions, and
- 33 Whereas, AHA Bylaws ARTICLE V. CORPORATE POWERS Section 3. Powers of the Board of Directors, Paragraph c. Power to Employ. currently states: The Board of Directors shall have power to employ an Executive Vice President subject to the provisions in Article IX., and
- 37 Whereas, AHA Bylaws ARTICLE X. EMPLOYEES currently states:
 - 39 Section 1: The Executive Vice President shall perform such duties as are assigned to the Executive Vice President by the President not inconsistent with law, the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws, the Merger Agreement, or with any other duly enacted resolution of the Annual Convention. (Res. 3-04)
 - 43 Section 2: The Executive Vice President shall also make recommendations for approval by the Trustees relating to the staff providing: (i) market development and promotion services, (ii) purebred registration services, and (iii) racing services
 - 47 Section 3: To the extent that such recommendations affect the staff that would perform the foregoing services as they relate to purebred horses, the Executive Vice President shall obtain the approval of the Trustees before implementing such recommendations, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. In determining the reasonableness of withholding such approval, among other things, the Trustees may consider the effect of the recommendations on the quality, information, speed, and integrity of the market development services, registry services, and services relating to the Arabian Jockey Club as such services were carried out by AHRA prior to the Merger., and

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55 Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, the business model of AHA needs to be modified to reflect the changes in
56 our management structure; Therefore, Be It:

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58 Resolved, That Article V - Corporate Power, Section 3. Board of Directors, Paragraph c. Power to Employ. The Board of
59 Directors be amended by striking out the words ~~Executive Vice President~~ and inserting the word **Executive Director**
60 in the paragraph and Be It Further

61 Resolved, That Article X Section 1. be amended by striking out the words ~~Executive Vice President~~ and inserting the word
62 **Executive Director** in the section and be it Further,

63 Resolved, That Article X Section 2. be amended by striking out the words ~~Executive Vice President~~ and inserting the word
64 **Executive Director** in the section and Be It Further,

65 Resolved, That Article X Section 3. be amended by striking out the words ~~Executive Vice President~~ and inserting the word
66 **Executive Director** in the section and Be It Further,

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68 Resolved, That the following proviso will be enacted once this resolution has become effective: The rules contained
69 in the AHA Handbook: ETHICS 108.4. a.; CBP 101. 16. b. & e., 18., CBP 133. and CBP 143 be corrected by
70 striking out the out the words ~~Executive Vice President~~ and inserting the word **Executive Director** in each
71 of the rules and the AHA Staff will have the authority to make all the necessary changes wherever they
72 may appear in the AHA Handbook, AHA documents and electronic sites.

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74 Effective: December 31, 2020

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

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

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81 -The financial well-being of AHA and extraordinary circumstances of the organization of the office.

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

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85 Cost to implement the changes to the physical documents, web, etc. Cost to make the change within the association. \$2500 in
86 printing and staff time to execute changes.

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88 AHA IMPACT STATEMENT:

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90 Contact Person:

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92 SUBMITTED BY: Executive 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: 7 Number of Yes votes: 7 Number of No votes: 0

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: Executive Committee Minutes (*Must have printed documentation on file*)

98 Date vote taken: August 6, 2020

99 Contact Person: Cynthia Richardson (*Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw*)

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SUBJECT: Scope of C2/TD Responsibility in Regular/Local Competition Offering Dressage (USEF/EC)

(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

Competition Advisory Committee	O		
Dressage & Western Dressage Committee	O		
Education/Evaluation Commission	O		
USEF Arabian Division Committee	O		

CONVENTION ACTION:

Approved Approved with Modification Disapproved
 Withdrawn Referred to Committee _____

PROPOSED CHANGE: (Check one) Add new rule Delete existing rule Change existing text
 Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) USEF GR1039 & GR1211

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

- 19 Whereas, Dressage is a popular, albeit expensive, division in many breed-restricted competitions, and
- 21 Whereas, A breed-restricted Regular/Local competition may choose to also offer open-to-all-breeds Dressage classes, and
- 24 Whereas, Per GR1211.3a:
 - Lower level breed-restricted Dressage may be officiated by the show’s C2 Steward or by a Dressage Technical Delegate (TD)
 -Higher levels of breed-restricted Dressage classes require a TD
 -All levels of open-to-all-breeds Dressage classes require a TD; and
- 30 Whereas, GR1039.6b goes on to address the dual-licensed C2/TD: “A person holding both C2 and DTD licenses [C2/TD] may serve in both roles at Licensed Breed Competitions offering ‘breed restricted’ Dressage classes at Prix St. Georges or higher,” and
- 34 Whereas, At present, 15% of USEF-licensed Dressage Technical Delegates also hold C2 licenses (C2/TD), eligible to serve in each of the above categories, and
- 37 Whereas, Until recently, one C2/TD was deemed sufficient for all classes at breed-restricted competitions, including open-to-all-breeds Dressage classes, and
- 40 Whereas, GR1039.6b is now being interpreted by USEF staff as, “the dual-licensed C2/TD may serve in both roles only for breed-restricted Dressage classes,” so that breed-restricted competitions choosing to offer open-to-all Dressage classes must hire an additional TD to officiate those classes, and
- 44 Whereas, Per the United States Dressage Federation, in 2019 six USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized breed-restricted competitions offered open-to-all-breeds Dressage classes, with an average of 13 rides per show. This is a small number of shows. But for those that are affected, USEF’s recent reinterpretation of the rule is causing a disproportionately large financial impact, and
- 49 Whereas, There is no clear provision in USEF rules for a C2/DTD to officiate open Dressage classes in addition to breed-restricted classes (other than dressage) in the same competition; Therefore, Be It
- 51 Resolved, That GR1039.6b be amended by striking out, inserting and adding the following language:

- 53 GR1039 Conflicts of Interest and Restrictions - Stewards and Technical Delegates
 54 6. Stewards and technical delegates are not to be used as Competition Staff, a Competition Official (Directors, Officers,
 55 Chairman of the Show Committee, Manager, Secretary, Judge, Veterinarian, and Course Designer), FEI Official, or in
 56 any other paid position not related to their proper duties at Licensed Competitions where they are officiating with the
 57 following exceptions:
 58 b. C2 Stewards who are also licensed as Dressage Technical Delegates may serve in both roles at ~~Licensed~~ **Regular**
 59 **and Local Breed Restricted** Competitions offering ~~‘breed-restricted’~~ Dressage classes at ~~Prix St. Georges or higher,~~
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 62 Resolved, That GR1211.3a be amended by striking out, inserting and adding the following language and sub
 63 paragraph .1 and .2:
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65 GR1211 Appointment of Officials and Employees

- 66 3. Stewards/Technical Delegates.
 67 a. Appoint and identify in the prize list and catalogue one or more licensed Federation Stewards licensed to officiate in
 68 the divisions and sections for which the competition is approved who shall be present at each session of the
 69 competition. A technical delegate must be appointed for Eventing Competitions, Dressage Competitions and
 70 Regular and Local Competitions offering “open” Dressage Division classes (i.e., classes which are not limited to
 71 certain breeds) or classes above Third Level. ~~(Exception: A Category 2 or Combined Category steward may officiate~~
 72 ~~through Fourth Level in the Andalusian, Arabian, Friesian, Morgan or other breed-restricted Divisions at regular or~~
 73 ~~local competitions, only if classes are not part of an “open” Dressage Division.)~~ If required to officiate, a Dressage
 74 Technical Delegate must be present and officiate for all Dressage classes held on the day(s) which he/she is in
 75 attendance. If no other classes except Dressage are held on a licensed day of a **Regular or Local Breed Restricted**
 76 **Competition** ~~breed-restricted regular or local competition~~, a steward does not need to be present in addition to the
 77 Dressage Technical Delegate. **Exceptions:**
 78 1. **A C2 Steward may officiate through Fourth Level for breed restricted Dressage classes at Regular or Local**
 79 **competitions.**
 80 2. **A dually licensed C2 Steward/DTD may officiate for any level Dressage class, Open or breed restricted, at a**
 81 **Regular or Local Breed Restricted Competition.**

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 83 Effective: December 31, 2021 or when approved by USEF/EC

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 85 (If a Standard resolution, the effective date will be December 31 of the year after the Convention)
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87 RESOLUTION TYPE (REQUIRED): Standard X Extraordinary _____ “If indicated as
 88 “Extraordinary”, the proponent must list reasons which establish Chapter 9, RULE 101.3.a. has been met)
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90 PROPONENTS FINANCIAL IMPACT (REQUIRED): Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 102.1.e. for financial requirements

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 92 Only breed-restricted competitions that choose to add open-to-all-breeds Dressage to their class list will be affected. They
 93 will save the cost of hiring a separate TD for the day that those open classes are offered, typically \$250-300/day + expenses.
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95 AHA IMPACT STATEMENT:

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 97 Contact Person:
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99 SUBMITTED BY: Dressage & Western Dressage Committee Region Number:

100 Member Organization Committee Commission Board Region (check one)

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

102 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 65 Number of Yes votes: 31 Number of No votes: 0

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

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- 105 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: With the Chair *(Must have printed documentation on file)*
- 106 Date vote taken: August 7, 2020
- 107 Contact Person: Carol Spangler *(Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw)*
- 108 Phone: (909) 573-4983 Email: wrks4good@aol.com

1 **SUBJECT: Additional Modification to Regulation for Judging Conflicts (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

Canadian National Show Commission	O		
Competition Advisory Committee	O		
Education/Evaluation Commission	O		
Judges & Stewards Selection Committee	O		
Judges & Stewards Steering Committee	O		
Professional Horsemen Committee	O		
Sport Horse National Show Commission	O		
USEF Arabian Division Committee	O		
U.S. National Show Commission	O		
Youth National Show Commission	O		

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8 **CONVENTION ACTION:**

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12 Withdrawn Referred to Committee _____

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14 **PROPOSED CHANGE: (*Check one*)** Add new rule Delete existing rule Change existing text
15 Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) USEF GR1304.4.a

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

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19 Whereas, Resolution 2-17, Modification to Regulation for Judging Conflicts was passed which amended USEF
20 GR1037.1 (which is now GR1038.1) as follows:
21 1. A judge may not be an owner of any interest in a horse (including but not limited to syndicate and
22 partnership shares), nor may he/she be an exhibitor, trainer, coach, lessor, lessee, rider, driver, halter
23 handler, steward, technical delegate, or manager, nor may he/she be a family member of a competition
24 licensee, steward, technical delegate or manager at any Federation Licensed Competition at which
25 he/she is officiating, including unrated classes. Exceptions: In the Eventing division and in the
26 Dressage division, except for Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes, horses may be shown Hors de
27 Concours in classes where the owner is not officiating. See also GR1304.17-.20. For Hunter and
28 Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation Judges, please see GR1304.21-26. For Arabian judges, please see:
29 1304.2 - 1304.3. and,

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31 Whereas, USEF GR1304.2 and GR1304.3 were amended as follows:
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33 2. No member of a judge's family, nor any cohabitant, companion, domestic partner, housemate, or
34 member of a judge's household nor any of the judge's clients, employers or employees or employers of
35 a member of the judge's family may compete as trainer, coach, exhibitor, rider, driver, handler, owner,
36 lessor or lessee in any division, or Dressage class unless the relationship is terminated 30 days prior to
37 the competition. For purposes of this rule included as employers are any individuals, corporations,
38 partnerships, foundations, trusts or non-pro organizations and shareholders owning five or more
39 percent of the stock of any corporation which employs the judge or a member of the judge's family,
40 and any officers, directors and partners of any corporation or partnership and officers, directors or
41 trustees of any trust or foundation or non-pro t organization which employs the judge or a member of
42 the judge's family. The hiring of a judge to officiate at Licensed Competitions shall not constitute
43 employment for purposes of this rule. Exception:
44 a. For the Arabian division, the aforementioned may compete in sections which the judge is not
45 officiating.
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- 47 3. No judge’s trainer nor any of the judge’s trainer’s clients may compete as trainer, coach, exhibitor,
- 48 rider, driver, handler, owner, lessor or lessee in any Division or Dressage class unless the relationship
- 49 is terminated 30 days prior to the competition. Exception:
- 50 a. For the Arabian division, the aforementioned may compete in sections which the judge is not
- 51 officiating; and,

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 53 Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, family members’ clients may compete in divisions/sections that a judge is
 54 not adjudicating at that show, Therefore, Be It

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 56 Resolved, That USEF GR1304.4 be amended by inserting the following language and the addition of .a:

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- 58 4. No horses trained by a member of the judge’s family may compete in any division or Dressage unless
- 59 the client/ trainer relationship is terminated 30 days prior to the competition. Stud fees, retiree board
- 60 and broodmare board excluded. Exception: American Saddlebred and Hackney classes where
- 61 requirements that nominations or qualifying be accomplished in advance of the competition (i.e.
- 62 Futurities, Sweepstakes, Classics, etc.), a judge may be substituted in that class for the officially
- 63 appointed judge who has a conflict. Such substitution shall not affect the restrictions referred to in
- 64 GR1304.2-.4 on the substituted judge. **Exception:**
- 65 a. ***For the Arabian division, the aforementioned may compete in the section, in which the judge is***
- 66 ***not officiating.***

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

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

72 RESOLUTION TYPE (**REQUIRED**): Standard _____ Extraordinary X “If indicated as
 73 “Extraordinary”, the proponent must list reasons which establish Chapter 9, RULE 101.3.a. has been met)

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 75 There is a financial impact and a loss of revenue for several shows due to this current restriction.

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

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 79 None

81 AHA IMPACT STATEMENT:

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 83 Contact Person:

85 SUBMITTED BY: Education/Evaluation Commission Region Number:
 86 Member Organization Committee Commission Board Region (*check one*)

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

88 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 9 Number of Yes votes: 8 Number of No votes: 0

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

90 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: J & S Office (*Must have printed documentation on file*)

91 Date vote taken: August 10-14, 2020

92 Contact Person: Mary Jane Brown (*Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw*)

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1 SUBJECT: Western Dressage Equitation – Junior Exhibitor Age (USEF/EC)

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3 (STANDARD)

4 Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 101 for submission requirements

5
6 Committees required to review: (This section to be completed by the Agenda & Resolutions Committee) Committee Action:
Approve Disapprove

Competition Advisory Committee	O		
Dressage & Western Dressage Committee	O		
USEF Arabian Division Committee	O		
Youth Committee	O		

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8 CONVENTION ACTION:

9
10 _____ Approved _____ Approved with Modification _____ Disapproved
11
12 _____ Withdrawn _____ Referred to Committee _____

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14 PROPOSED CHANGE: (Check one) Add new rule _____ Delete existing rule _____ Change existing text
15 Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) USEF AR110.6.h & AR222.a

16
17 RESOLUTION: Use **bold/italic** for new wording, ~~strike through~~ to indicate deletion

18
19 Whereas, The AR Western Dressage section AR222 refers to the Western Dressage Division for rules. Within WD,
20 the age for Junior Riders is stated in WD143, WD144 and WD145. The age listed in WD does not align
21 with the AR 110.6 Junior Exhibitor age, and

22
23 Whereas, To be consistent with the AHA Junior rider ages defined in AR110.6, an exception will need to be added;
24 Therefore, Be It

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26 Resolved, That USEF AR110.6 be amended by adding a new .h as follows:

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28 ***h. The Junior Exhibitor age from the Western Dressage Division, Chapter WD does not apply for Arabian***
29 ***Western Dressage classes.*** and, Be It Further

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31 Resolved, That USEF AR222 be amended by adding a new .a as follows:

32
33 ***a. Junior exhibitor ages will be defined in accordance with AR110.6 for Arabian Western Dressage classes. The***
34 ***Junior Exhibitor age from the Western Dressage Division, Chapter WD does not apply for Arabian Western***
35 ***Dressage classes.***

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37 Effective: December 31, 2021 or when approved by USEF/EC

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

40
41 RESOLUTION TYPE (REQUIRED): Standard Extraordinary _____ “If indicated as
42 “Extraordinary”, the proponent must list reasons which establish Chapter 9, RULE 101.2 has been met)

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

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47 None

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49 AHA IMPACT STATEMENT:

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51 Contact Person:

1 **SUBJECT: Youth National Exception to the Breeding/In-Hand Order of Go (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

Breeding/In-Hand Committee	O		
Competition Advisory Committee	O		
Education/Evaluation Commission	O		
USEF Arabian Division Committee	O		
Youth Committee	O		
Youth National Show Commission	O		

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8 **CONVENTION ACTION:**

9
10 _____ Approved _____ Approved with Modification _____ Disapproved
11
12 _____ Withdrawn _____ Referred to Committee _____
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14 **PROPOSED CHANGE: (Check one)** Add new rule _____ Delete existing rule _____ Change existing text
15 Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) AR113.2
16

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

18
19 Whereas, The Youth National Show has many divisions, and
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21 Whereas, Many of the youth ride in multiple divisions, and
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23 Whereas, The Youth National Show holds three rings simultaneously, and
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25 Whereas, This causes numerous conflicts, and
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27 Whereas, Many of the horses are also shown in halter, and
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29 Whereas, Halter can use the out of the ring procedure, and
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31 Whereas, Being able to change the order of go in a halter class would allow some of the conflicts to be solved;
32 Therefore, Be It
33

34 Resolved, That USEF AR113.2 be amended by inserting the following language:

- 35
36 2. At all AHA Regional and National level competitions, the order of go shall be determined and posted by the birth
37 date oldest to youngest, including post entries (*exception: The Youth National Championship Show Commission*
38 *which may modify the order of go to avoid conflicts with other rings*). The procedure (for selecting the order of go)
39 may be used at other licensed competitions at the discretion of competition management. All In-hand classes will be
40 conducted as Breeding and Gelding In-Hand Classes.
41

42 Effective: December 31, 2020 or when approved by USEF
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44 (If a Standard resolution, the effective date will be December 31 of the year after the Convention)
45

46 **RESOLUTION TYPE (REQUIRED):** Standard _____ Extraordinary _____ “If indicated as
47 “Extraordinary”, the proponent must list reasons which establish Chapter 9, RULE 101.3.a. has been met)
48

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49 Being able to resolve conflicts allows the Youth to participate in multiple classes throughout the show and helps to keep from
50 having to give up a finals due to a conflict in another ring. With the Youth having age groupings, we do not want to limit
51 their chances at a National Championship before they age out.
52

53 **PROPONENTS FINANCIAL IMPACT (REQUIRED):** Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 102.1.e. for financial requirements
54

55 The change might allow some Youth to enter an additional class, but more important will help to resolve the conflicts that
56 already exist.
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58 **AHA IMPACT STATEMENT:**

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60 Contact Person:
61

62 **SUBMITTED BY:** Youth Show Commission Region Number:

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

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

65 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 6 Number of Yes votes: 6 Number of No votes: 0

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

67 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: Minutes *(Must have printed documentation on file)*

68 Date vote taken: August 15, 2020

69 Contact Person: Cynthia Richardson *(Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw)*

70 Phone: (303) 378-7845 Email: cynrich213@aol.com

1 **SUBJECT: Permanent Changes to the Hunter Jog Rules (USEF/EC)**

Amendment 1 - Blue

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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	0		
Canadian National Show Commission	1		
Competition Advisory Committee	1		
Education/Evaluation Commission	1		
Hunter/Jumper Committee	1		
Professional Horsemen Committee	1		
Sport Horse Committee	1		
Sport Horse National Show Commission	1		
USEF Arabian Division Committee	1		
Youth Committee	1		
Youth National Show Commission	1		

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8 **CONVENTION ACTION:**

9
10 _____ Approved _____ Approved with Modification _____ Disapproved
11
12 _____ Withdrawn _____ Referred to Committee _____
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14 **PROPOSED CHANGE: (Check one)** _____ Add new rule _____ Delete existing rule X Change existing text
15 Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) USEF AR159.5
16

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

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19 Whereas, Due to COVID-19, USEF issued a presidential modification changing the procedure for jogging
20 for soundness at the conclusion of jumping rounds in the working hunter sections, and
21
22 Whereas, Exhibitors preferred this new procedure because it does not require the stripping of tack, and tacking up the
23 horse to complete the under saddle portion, and
24
25 Whereas, Show management preferred this new procedure because it proved to be an immense time saver; Therefore,
26 Be It

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28 Resolved, That USEF AR159.5 be amended by striking out and inserting the following:

29
30 All horses must be serviceably sound (See HU 121). All horses being considered for an award must jog for soundness
31 ~~with the rider dismounted~~ (Exception: Under Saddle classes, Working Hunter classes with specifications that do not
32 require horses to jog, local or unrated classes). ~~Horses must return to the ring for soundness wearing an acceptable~~
33 ~~approved bridle.~~ **Horses are required to trot a circle on a loose rein at the end of each over fences performance.**
34

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

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37 (If a Standard resolution, the effective date will be December 31 of the year after the Convention)
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39 **RESOLUTION TYPE (REQUIRED):** Standard _____ Extraordinary X “If indicated as
40 “Extraordinary”, the proponent must list reasons which establish Chapter 9, RULE 101.3.a. has been met)
41

42 Because the current wording approved by USEF in the presidential modification would expire when the presidential
43 modification expires, which is unknown at present, for consistency and to prevent a lapse, resolution, if approved, should be
44 deemed extraordinary.

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SUBJECT: Modify AR172.3 Open Dressage Statement for Regular/Local Competitions (USEF/EC)

(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

Competition Advisory Committee	O		
Dressage & Western Dressage Committee	O		
Sport Horse Committee	O		
USEF Arabian Division Committee	O		

CONVENTION ACTION:

_____ Approved _____ 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 AR172

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

Whereas, Arabian competitions may choose to offer Dressage classes that are open to all breeds (“Open Dressage”),
and

Whereas, These Open Dressage classes must be conducted under the Dressage rules set forth in USEF Chapter DR,
and

Whereas, USEF AR172 includes exceptions to Chapter DR which apply only to Arabian Dressage classes, and

Whereas, There is a need to clarify that these exceptions do not apply to Open Dressage classes held as part of an
Arabian competition; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That USEF AR172.3 be amended by striking out and inserting the following language:

2. When cross entry by rider or horse/rider combination is permitted between Dressage and other Arabian and/or Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian classes at a competition, DR120 and DR121 apply only to the designated Dressage warm-up and competition areas, or when exhibitor is actually warming-up for Dressage class.
3. ~~Horses entered~~ ***Entries*** in Open Dressage classes must comply with ~~DR121.8~~ ***DR120 and DR121 from the time horses are admitted to the grounds until the conclusion of their participation in the Open Dressage Classes.***

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(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)

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

None

AHA IMPACT STATEMENT:

Contact Person:

52
53 SUBMITTED BY: AHA Dressage and Western Dressage Committee Region Number:

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

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

56 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 65 Number of Yes votes: 23 Number of No votes: 1

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

59 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: Word doc/mailed. (*Must have printed documentation on file*)

60 Date vote taken: August 13, 2020

61 Contact Person: Carol Spangler (*Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw*)

62 Phone: (909) 573-4983 Email: wrks4good@aol.com

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

Table with 4 columns: Committee Name, Approve, Disapprove, and an empty column. Rows include Amateur Committee, Canadian National Show Commission, Competition Advisory Committee, Education/Evaluation Commission, Equitation/Showmanship Committee, Judges & Stewards Steering Committee, Professional Horsemen Committee, U.S. National Show Commission, USEF Arabian Division Committee, Working Western Committee, and Youth National Show Commission.

CONVENTION ACTION:

Approved 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 AR210.4

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.*

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(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*)
110 Phone: (303) 917-4119 Email: jimhittreg8@msn.com

SUBJECT: Addition of Ranch Reining (USEF/EC)

Amendment 1 - Blue

(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	1		
Professional Horsemen Committee	1		
Working Western Committee	O		
USEF Arabian Division Committee	O		

CONVENTION ACTION:

_____ Approved _____ Approved with Modification _____ Disapproved

_____ Withdrawn _____ Referred to Committee _____

PROPOSED CHANGE: (*Check one*) Add new rule _____ Delete existing rule _____ Change existing text

Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) USEF AR 26

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 REINING and the remaining Subchapters be renumbered accordingly:

The ranch reining class measures the ability of the ranch horse to perform basic handling maneuvers with a natural head carriage in a forward-looking manner. The ideal Ranch Reining horse should have a natural ranch horse appearance from head to tail in each maneuver.

1. **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. -1½ extremely poor, -1 very poor, -1/2 poor, 0 correct, +1/2 good, +1 very good, and +1½ 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.

2. **CONTENT:** Horses will be shown individually. All runs begin upon entering the pen and any infractions are subject to penalty at that time such as two hands on the reins (except for junior horses 5 years & under wearing snaffle bit or hackamore), using either hand to instill fear or praise, etc. Patterns may be chosen from any of the ranch reining patterns found in the VRH section of the AQHA Handbook or on the AHA website.

3. **CREDITS AND PENALTIES:** To rein a horse is not only to guide him but also to control his every movement. The best reined horse should be willingly guided or controlled with little or no apparent resistance and dictated to completely. Any movement on his own must be considered a lack of control. All deviations from the exact written pattern must be considered a lack of, or temporary, loss of control; and, therefore, a fault that must be marked down according to severity of deviation. The horse/rider team’s overall performance should be credited for smoothness, finesse, attitude, quickness and authority of performing various maneuvers while using controlled speed which raises the degree of difficulty and makes the horse/rider team more exciting and a pleasure to watch.

- **One-half (1/2) Penalties:** Starting a circle or exiting a roll-back at a trot for up to two (2) strides; Delayed change of lead

52 by one stride where the lead change is required by the pattern description; Failure to remain a minimum of twenty feet from
53 the wall or fence when approaching a stop and/or roll-back; Over-spin or under-spin up to 1/8 turn.

54 - 1 Point Penalties: Over-bridled (per maneuver), Out of frame (per maneuver), Out of lead in the circles, figure eights, or
55 around the end of the arena (this penalty is cumulative and will be deducted for each quarter of a circle the horse is out of
56 lead); Over- or under-spinning 1/8 to 1/4 turn. Slipping rein.

57 - 2 Point Penalties: Break of gait; Freeze up in spins or roll-backs; Failure to stop or walk before executing a lope departure
58 on trot-in patterns; Failure to be in a lope prior to the first marker on run-in patterns; Failure to completely pass the
59 specified marker before initiating a stop position, Trotting beyond two strides, but less than 1/2 circle or 1/2 length of the
60 arena.

61 - 5 Point Penalties: Spurring in front of cinch; Blatant disobedience; Use of either hand to instill fear/praise; Use of two
62 hands per maneuver; More than one finger between split reins or any fingers between romal reins per maneuver. Excess
63 rein may be straightened anytime during the pattern, provided the rider’s free hand remains behind the rein hand. Any
64 attempt to alter tension or length of the reins from the bridle to the rein hand is considered use of two hand and a 5-point
65 penalty will be applied.

66 - 10 point Penalties: Unnatural ranch horse appearance (Horse’s tail is obvious and consistently carried in an unnatural
67 manner in every maneuver); Off pattern; Inclusion of maneuver (e.g. over or under-spinning, backing more than two
68 (2) strides, etc.).

69 Zero Score: Leaving arena before pattern is complete; Repeated blatant disobedience;

70 No Score: Lameness; Abuse; Illegal equipment; Disrespect or misconduct; Improper western attire; Fall of horse/rider.

71
72 Show Management has the discretion to ~~allow~~ **prohibit** the cross-entering of Ranch Reining with Reining by the same
73 horse/rider team at their show, **but the prohibition must be clearly stated in the prize list.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

93
94 Contact Person: Maggie Harrison, PL SQL Developer – (303) 696-4564 or maggie.harrison@arabianhorses.org

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96 SUBMITTED BY: Working Western Committee Region Number:

97 Member Organization Committee Commission Board Region (check one)

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

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

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

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- 101 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: At the AHA Office *(Must have printed documentation on file)*
- 102 Date vote taken: August 11-15, 2020
- 103 Contact Person: Sandra Woerle *(Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw)*
- 104 Phone: (715) 638-0369 Email: woerle79@aim.com

1 **SUBJECT: Addition of Ranch Horse Working Cow (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	O		
Professional Horsemen Committee	O		
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
11
12 _____ Withdrawn _____ Referred to Committee _____
13

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

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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 classes 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
23
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
26
27 Resolved, That the USEF Rule Book be amended by inserting as a new section AR 26 RANCH HORSE WORKING
28 COW and the remaining Subchapters be renumbered accordingly:
29

30 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,
31 the ideal ranch cow horse should have a natural ranch horse appearance from head to tail in each maneuver. Holding the saddle horn is
32 permitted. 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
33 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
34 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
35 credit for what they have seen. Only the judge may award a new cow to a contestant to replace a cow that will not honor a horse. If the
36 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,
37 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
38 multiple judges are scoring, any one of the judges may terminate the work or signal for a new cow.
39

40 1. **SCORING SYSTEM.** Each horse/rider team is scored between 0-100 points and automatically begins the run with a score of 70 points.
41 The horse/rider team is scored on the quality of each maneuver (e.g. -1½ extremely poor, -1 very poor, -1/2 poor, 0 correct, +1/2 good, +1
42 very good, and +1½ excellent). Plusses and minuses are a reflection of the smoothness, finesse, attitude, quickness, and authority of the
43 horse/rider team when performing the various maneuvers.
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45 2. **CONTENT.** Exhibitors in the open, amateur and youth divisions are allotted three minutes to complete the work. When there is one
46 minute left, the announcer will announce, one minute remaining. At three minutes, the announcer will call for time. There are three parts
47 to the class: boxing, fence work and roping or circling.

48 **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
49 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
50 the cow. If the cow does not immediately challenge the horse, the rider shall aggressively move in on the cow to demonstrate his horse’s
51 ability to drive and block the cow on the entry fence.

52 **Part Two – Fence Work:** After the cow has been controlled on the entry end of the arena, the rider shall set the cow up and drive it
53 down either side of the arena. The cow should be turned on the fence at least once in each direction. The first run out for a turn shall be

54 past the half-way mark of the arena. All turns down the side shall be completed before reaching the end fence.
 55 **Part Three – Roping or Circling:** The amateur and youth exhibitor has the option of circling the cow in the middle of the arena in both
 56 directions in lieu of roping. An amateur or youth exhibitor may circle or rope the cow but cannot combine the two to get credit for this
 57 portion of the run. Open exhibitors must rope the cow. To rope the cow, the exhibitor must be carrying a rope when the run starts. The
 58 exhibitor may pull up after the fence work, take down the rope and proceed to rope and stop the cow. The exhibitor must then rope the
 59 cow and bring it to a stop. In the roping portion of the class, two throws are permitted and the horse will be judged on two maneuvers:
 60 tracking/rating and stopping the cow. It is not necessary that the exhibitor catch to receive a score in the roping portion. The catch is legal
 61 as long as the cow looks through the loop and the rope pulls tight on any part of the animal’s body except the tail. The rope may be tied
 62 or dallied. If exhibitor does not catch, the horse will be given credit for tracking and rating and will be assessed the appropriate penalty.
 63 To circle the cow, the exhibitor will maneuver the cow smoothly at least 360 degrees in each direction without interference from the
 64 fence. The circle’s size, symmetry, speed and relative balance from right and left show control. Tightening the circles down with fast
 65 head-to-head speed will be a credit situation. The circles should be completed before the cow is exhausted. Once an exhibitor has
 66 committed to circling a cow, if the cow falls no new cow will be awarded. The exhibitor will complete the run by riding around the
 67 fallen cow to fulfill circling requirements. In the circling portion of the judging, one whistle will terminate the work and two whistles will
 68 award a new cow.
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70 3. CREDITS AND PENALTIES. All runs begin upon entering the pen; any infractions (such as two hands on the reins, using either hand
 71 to instill fear or praise, etc.) are subject to penalty at that time. During Boxing, credit will be given for the horse’s expression and its cow
 72 sense (i.e., making moves with little rider assistance); holding, controlling, and turning the cow; the amount of work actually done; and the
 73 degree of difficulty of the work. Credit will be given during Fence Work for making the first run past the center of the arena; making turns
 74 right on the cow; and controlling a difficult cow. If Roping, credit will be given for rating and following cow to allow rider the optimal
 75 roping position; stopping hard; and staying in the ground during the hold. Credits for each element of Roping range from -1 1/2 to +1 1/2
 76 points. If Circling, credit will be given when the horse works willingly; acknowledges the cow; and gets close enough to the cow to control
 77 the circles. Credits for Circling range from -1 1/2 to +1 1/2 points for each direction.
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79 Penalties will be assessed as follows:
 80 **One Point Penalties:** Over-bridled (per maneuver), out of frame (per maneuver), loss of working advantage; Using the corner or
 81 the end of the arena to turn the cow when going down the fence; changing sides of arena to turn cow; for each length horse runs
 82 past cow; working out of position; slipping rein; failure to drive cow past middle marker on first turn; two-loop catch in amateur
 83 and youth classes.
 84 **Two Point Penalties:** Going around the corner of the arena before turning cow; when working an animal in the open field (at
 85 least 20’ from the side of arena) and the animal gets within 3 feet from the end fence before being turned; an illegal catch, or
 86 failure to catch if roping in amateur and youth classes.
 87 **Three Point Penalties:** Exhausting or overworking the cow before circling or roping; hanging up on the fence (refusing to turn);
 88 knocking down the cow without having a working advantage; two-loop catch when roping in Open class.
 89 **Five Point Penalties:** Failure to turn the cow both directions on the fence; spurring in front of cinch; blatant disobedience; use of
 90 either hand to instill fear/praise; an illegal catch or failure to catch when roping in Open class.
 91 **Ten Point Penalties:** Unnatural ranch horse appearance (Horse’s tail is obvious and consistently carried in an unnatural manner
 92 in every maneuver); Off-Pattern.
 93 **Zero Score:** Turning tail; failure to attempt any part of the class (includes failure to attempt to rope in the
 94 Open class); repeated blatant disobedience; schooling after entering the arena prior to calling for cow; schooling horse between
 95 cows if new cow is awarded, complete loss of rope in Open class; complete loss of rope in amateur or youth classes once
 96 committed to roping; use of two hands (except junior horses shown in a snaffle bit/hackamore), more than one finger between
 97 split reins or any fingers between romal reins.
 98 **No Score:** bringing the cow straight over backwards landing on its back or head with all four feet in the air, lameness, abuse,
 99 illegal equipment, disrespect or misconduct, leaving arena before run is complete; improper western attire; fall of
 100 horse/rider. Note: If the Open rider runs out of time to rope, there will be no credit for the stop/hold maneuver and a
 101 5-point penalty for failure to catch. Riders may still earn credit for tracking/rating, control/position and speed/degree of difficulty.
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103 4. Exhibitors in the Ranch Working Cow cannot compete in both the Ranch Working Cow and the Ranch Horse Cow Work or Limited
 104 Reined Cow Horse at the same show on the same horse. However, exhibitors may cross-enter Ranch Working Cow and Working Cow
 105 Horse and Reined Cow Horse
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107 Effective: December 31, 2020 or when approved by USEF/EC

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 109 (If a Standard resolution, the effective date will be December 31 of the year after the Convention)
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111 RESOLUTION TYPE (**REQUIRED**): Standard _____ Extraordinary X _____ “If indicated as
 112 “Extraordinary”, the proponent must list reasons which establish Chapter 9, RULE 101.2 has been met)
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114 Compelling circumstances necessitate the expedition of a full complement of Ranch Horse classes. Whereby, three Ranch
 115 Horse classes become effective December 31, 2020, it is advantageous to all parties involved for the inclusion of the
 116 remaining Ranch Horse classes for efficacy.

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

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

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

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125 Contact Person: Maggie Harrison, PL SQL Developer – (303) 696-4564 or maggie.harrison@arabianhorses.org

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127 SUBMITTED BY: Working Western Committee Region Number:

128 Member Organization Committee Commission Board Region (check one)

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

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

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

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

133 Date vote taken: August 11-15, 2020

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

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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)** 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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90 Contact Person: Maggie Harrison, PL SQL Developer – (303) 696-4564 or maggie.harrison@arabianhorses.org

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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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1 **SUBJECT: Addition of Versatility Ranch Riding (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	O		
Professional Horsemen Committee	O		
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)** 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, ~~striketrough~~ to indicate deletion

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19 Whereas, The addition of Ranch Horse classes 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 VERSATILITY RANCH
28 RIDING and the remaining Subchapters be renumbered accordingly:
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30 A superior ranch riding horse has a free-flowing stride of reasonable length in keeping with his conformation and covering a
31 reasonable amount of ground as if he was going across the pasture to do a task on the ranch in a timely fashion. Ideally, the
32 horse should have a balanced, flowing motion, while exhibiting correct gaits with proper cadence and rhythm reflecting the
33 versatility, attitude, and movement of a working ranch horse riding outside the confines of an arena. The ideal ranch horse
34 will travel with forward movement and demonstrate an obvious lengthening of stride at extended gaits. The horse can be
35 ridden with light contact or on a relatively loose rein without requiring undue restraint, but not shown on a full drape of reins.
36 The overall manners and responsiveness of the Versatility Ranch Riding horse to make timely transitions in a smooth and
37 correct manner, as well as the quality of the movement and consistency of the gaits are of major consideration. The ideal
38 Versatility Ranch Riding horse should have a natural ranch horse appearance from head to tail in each maneuver.
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40 1. SCORING SYSTEM: Each horse/rider team is scored between 0-100 points and automatically begins the run with a score
41 of 70 points. The horse/rider team is scored on the quality of each maneuver (e.g. -1½ extremely poor, -1 very poor, -1/2
42 poor, 0 correct, +1/2 good, +1 very good, and +1½ excellent). Plusses and minuses are a reflection of the smoothness,
43 finesse, attitude, quickness, and authority of the horse/rider team when performing the various maneuvers.
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45 2. CONTENT: Horses will be shown individually at three gaits; walk, trot and lope in each direction of the arena. Horses
46 will also be asked to reverse, stop and back. The selected pattern must ask for an extended trot and extended lope at least one
47 direction of the ring. The pattern may be started either to the right or left direction. Show management has the option to set
48 markers to designate gait changes. The pattern may be set outside or inside an arena. If the class is held inside an arena, the
49 course shall be set up to make approximately one pass of the arena in each direction. One of the suggested patterns for
50 Versatility Ranch Riding may be used from the current AQHA Handbook in the Versatility Ranch Horse (VRH) section or
51 on the AHA website. A judge may utilize a different pattern as long as all required gaits and maneuvers are included.

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3. CREDITS AND PENALTIES: Part of the evaluation of this class is on smoothness of transitions. A horse may be collected from the extended trot as the horse moves into the lope. The transition from the extended lope down to the trot is a transition to the seated trot not the extended trot. Therefore, an extra cue to achieve this gait is expected. Horses that complete this total transition within three strides calmly and obediently should be rewarded. Horses that attempt to stop or do stop prior to trotting will be penalized. Judges expect to see horses that have been trained to respond to cues. To see these cues applied discretely and the horse responding correctly could be a credit-earning situation. Penalties will be assessed as follows:

One Point Penalties: Over-bridled (per maneuver), out of frame (per maneuver), too slow, gapping mouth, break of gait at walk or trot for two (2) strides or less.

Three Point Penalties: Wrong lead or out of lead, draped reins, break of gait at lope, break of gait at walk or trot for more than two (2) strides.

Five Point Penalties: Spurring in front of cinch, blatant disobedience, use of either hand to instill fear/praise, use of two hands per maneuver, 1st or 2nd cumulative refusal, more than one finger between split reins or any fingers between romal reins per maneuver.

Ten Point Penalties: Unnatural ranch horse appearance (Horse’s tail is obvious and consistently carried in an unnatural manner in every maneuver) breaking pattern, leaving working area before pattern is complete, repeated disobedience.

No Score: lameness, abuse, illegal equipment, disrespect or misconduct, improper western attire, fall of horse/rider

4. No horse may cross enter Western Pleasure and Versatility Ranch Riding at the same show regardless of the division (Open, Amateur or Youth). However, horses may cross-enter Versatility Ranch Riding and Ranch Horse Ranch Riding.

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

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

PROPOSERS 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: 61 Number of Yes votes: 31 Number of No votes: 0

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

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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		

CONVENTION ACTION:

Approved
 Approved with Modification
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 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 AR 26

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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84 Contact Person: Maggie Harrison, PL SQL Developer – (303) 696-4564 or maggie.harrison@arabianhorses.org
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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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SUBJECT: Allowing National Classes Change of Venue

Amendment 1 - Blue

(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

Board of Directors	0		
Canadian National Show Commission	1		
Sport Horse National Show Commission	1		
U.S. National Show Commission	1		
Youth National Show Commission	1		

CONVENTION ACTION:

_____ Approved _____ Approved with Modification _____ Disapproved

_____ Withdrawn _____ Referred to Committee _____

PROPOSED CHANGE: (Check one) Add new rule _____ Delete existing rule _____ Change existing text
 Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) AHA COMP 206

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

Whereas, Resolution 32-91 that created the Youth National Show was passed at the IAHA convention in 1991, and

Whereas, Resolution 32-01 that created the Sport Horse National Show was passed at the IAHA convention in 2001, and

Whereas, Both of these resolutions actually created some limitations which are not consistent with our current practices, including the implementation of change should the show be eliminated and the ability to combine with another national event should there be a need to do so, and

Whereas, In this changing time of our industry, it is of the utmost importance that we, as an Association be able to be nimble in our class offerings and show offerings; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That the following word be stricken from Resolution 32-91:

“...a ~~separate~~ Youth National Show...”; and, Be It Further

Resolved, That the following wording be deleted for Resolution 32-01:

~~That in the event that the Sport Horse National Arabian and Half Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Show is not to be held, the full compliment of classes which were removed from the U.S. National Show when the Sport Horse Nationals was formed will be reinstated replaced in the U.S. National Arabian Championship class line up in that year;~~ and, Be It Further

Resolved, That a AHA COMP 206 be amended by adding COMP 206.10 as follows:

10. That in the event that any of the AHA ~~Horse~~ National Arabian and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Championship Shows are unable to be held ~~at their scheduled venues~~, the appropriate National Commission, in concert with the AHA Board of Directors, will determine at which national event a portion of the canceled classes ~~are to~~ could be held.

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52 RESOLUTION TYPE (REQUIRED): Standard _____ Extraordinary X "If indicated as
53 "Extraordinary", the proponent must list reasons which establish Chapter 9, RULE 101.3.a. has been met)

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55 Given the current circumstances with the pandemic, we realize it is in our best interest to place safe guards in our rules so we
56 can continue to conduct business with as little disruption as possible.

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

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61 AHA IMPACT STATEMENT: Prize money classes designated to run only at certain National Events may require additional
62 coding to pay out the prize money after being held at a different Nationals. It is possible that such changes would delay
63 issuing prize money for those classes past published deadlines.

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65 Contact Person: Maggie Harrison, PL SQL Developer – (303) 696-4564 or maggie.harrison@arabianhorses.org

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67 SUBMITTED BY: Executive Committee Region Number:

68 Member Organization Committee Commission Board Region (check one)

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

70 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 7 Number of Yes votes: 6 Number of No votes: 0

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

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

73 Date vote taken: August 13, 2020

74 Contact Person: Cynthia Richardson (Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw)

75 Phone: (303) 378-7845 Email: cynrich213@aol.com

RESOLUTION 17 - 20

- 52 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 22 Number of Yes votes: 16 Number of No votes: 0
- 53 How vote was taken: mail email phone meeting (*check one*) (*Must have Quorum with majority of yes votes*)
- 54 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: With Cricket Gates (*Must have printed documentation on file*)
- 55 Date vote taken: August 7, 2020
- 56 Contact Person: Cricket Gates (*Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw*)
- 57 Phone: (717) 579-1565 Email: cjgatesman@gmail.com