

SUBJECT: Addition of Western Dressage to the Sport Horse Disciplines (USEF/EC)

(STANDARD)

Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 101 & 102 for submission requirements

Committee Action:

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

Canadian National Show Commission	O		
Competition Advisory Committee			O
Dressage/Western Dressage Committee	O		
Sport Horse Committee	O		
Sport Horse National Show 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 Withdrawn Referred to Committee _____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 AR174

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

- Whereas, Western Dressage was not an organized discipline when the AHA Sport Horse division was created, and
- Whereas, Western Dressage is currently one of the fastest growing equine disciplines in the world, and is Subchapter AR-27 in the Arabian Rules, and
- Whereas, The Western Dressage National Championship classes have always been held at the AHA Sport Horse National Show, and
- Whereas, The Western Dressage chapter in the USEF rule book states: “WD101 Goals and Objectives The goal of Western Dressage is to develop a partnership between a happy equine athlete working in harmony with his rider. A system of progressive training produces a horse that is physically strong, balanced, supple, and flexible; this equine athlete also demonstrates a calm, confident, attentive attitude and is happy to do his job. 1. A Western Dressage horse achieves this goal by using the principles of classical dressage training while emphasizing the lightness and harmony with the rider which is a hallmark of a Western Dressage horse”, and
- Whereas, A Western Dressage horse, if shown in Sport Horse In Hand or in Sport Horse Under Saddle, shall conform to the appointment rules listed in AR-17 for those classes; Therefore, Be It
- Resolved, That USEF SUBCHAPTER AR-17 SPORT HORSE SECTION AR174 be amended by inserting as follows:

AR174 Purpose
The Sport Horse section was developed to evaluate and encourage the breeding of Purebred Arabian and Half Arabian/Anglo-Arabian horses suitable for Dressage, ***Western Dressage***, Working Hunter, Eventing, Jumper, Carriage Pleasure Driving, Combined Driving, Racing, Competitive Trail, and Endurance, and to provide an opportunity to demonstrate the effectiveness of breeding programs. Form to function will be emphasized

Effective: December 31, 2023, or when approved by USEF/EC

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

