

1 SUBJECT: Amend AHA Bylaws Articles VI & VIII (Bylaws – 2/3rds vote)

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3 (EXTRAORDINARY)

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

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Committee Action:

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

Approve

Disapprove

Annual Convention Planning			
Board of Directors			
Budget & Finance Committee			
Bylaws Committee			
Executive Committee			

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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12 \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn                      \_\_\_\_\_ Referred to Committee \_\_\_\_\_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)

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

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19 Whereas,                      The 2021 AHA Annual Convention adopted a motion that the 2023 AHA Annual Convention place to  
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22 Whereas,                      The AHA Bylaws do not specifically authorize the AHA Annual Convention to be held in a virtual  
23 place, and

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25 Whereas,                      As the AHA Bylaws Article VI Annual Convention, Section 1., Paragraph (a) currently reads:  
26 (a) "Time and Place: The Annual Convention of Arabian Horse Association shall be held annually at such  
27 time and place as shall be determined by a previous Annual Convention.", and

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29 Whereas,                      It's been AHA's history to interpret the word "place" to mean a hotel in a city with spaces large enough  
30 to accommodate the delegates assembled for the meetings, and

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32 Whereas,                      The 2020 and 2021 AHA Annual Conventions' places of Reno, Nevada and Niagara Falls, Canada were  
33 cancelled by the AHA Board of Directors due to the declared National emergency because of the Covid-19  
34 pandemic and were held in a virtual place, and

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36 Whereas,                      AHA and other organizations were able to have virtual meetings because of State Statutes allowing such  
37 because of the declared Covid-19 pandemic National emergency, and

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39 Whereas,                      The 2020 AHA Convention adopted Resolution 2-20 (which amended AHA Bylaws Article VI, Section 1)  
40 to insert a new Paragraph (b) currently reads:

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(b) "Emergency Provision: If circumstances arise such as a national or local crisis for example war, natural  
42 disaster, pandemic or other national or local emergency that prevent the holding of the Annual Convention,  
43 the Executive Committee, voting at a meeting, by mail, by electronic communications or by telephone,  
44 is authorized to cancel or postpone the Annual Convention, and to take such action necessary to effect the  
45 cancellation or postponement. In the event of the cancellation of the Annual Convention, the election of  
46 the Officers of the Arabian Horse Association (if scheduled for the cancelled Convention) and the  
47 election of the Annual Convention elected committee members will be as provided by a method deemed  
48 appropriate by the Board of Directors. See Article VIII Directors, Paragraph g, Emergency Provision,  
49 sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii)." (Res. 2-20), and

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Whereas, Resolution 2-20 also amended AHA Bylaws Article VIII Directors, by inserting a new Paragraph g. which reads: "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 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.", and

Whereas, These new paragraphs and sub-paragraphs only allow the AHA Board of Directors to cancel conventions due to National emergencies and do not include language allowing virtual conventions, and

Whereas, Since the Covid-19 National emergency and travel restrictions have been lifted or cancelled,the allowing the use of a virtual place to meet are now in question, and

Whereas, the 12<sup>th</sup> Edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised: 9:30 specifically states: "*Except as authorized in the bylaws, the business of an organization or board can be validly transacted only at a regular or properly called meeting that is as defined in 8:2(1), a single official gathering in one room or area - of the assembly of its members at which a quorum is present.*", and

Whereas, Virtual platforms such as Zoom allows members to meet in multiple "places" and allows members to leave (or separate) from the proceedings without being noticed, and

Whereas. The need to include a provision for virtual conventions in the AHA Bylaws is now imperative; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That AHA Bylaws ARTICLE VI ANNUAL CONVENTION, Section 1. be amended by inserting a new title for Section 1 called: ***Conventions***, and be it further

Resolved, That AHA Bylaws ARTICLE VI ANNUAL CONVENTION, Section 1. Paragraph (a) be amended by inserting the following words in the last sentence of the paragraph: ***For the purposes of defining a place see (i) or (ii) below.*** and be it further

Resolved, That AHA Bylaws ARTICLE VI ANNUAL CONVENTION, Section 1. Paragraph (a) be amended by inserting a new sub-paragraph (i) as follows:  
***(i) an In-person Convention is defined as a convention held in a city, in a single room large enough the adequately seat the delegates assembled for the session.***, and be it further

Resolved, That AHA Bylaws ARTICLE VI ANNUAL CONVENTION, Section 1. Paragraph (a) be amended by inserting a new sub-paragraph (ii) as follows:  
***(ii) a Virtual Convention is defined as a convention where the delegates (in various places) are electronically assembled using an internet connected platform.***, and be it further

Resolved, That AHA Bylaws ARTICLE VI ANNUAL CONVENTION, Section 1. Paragraph (b) be amended by striking out the existing language (shown in 7<sup>th</sup> Whereas) and inserting the following new language: ***"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 an In-Person Annual Convention, the Executive Committee, voting at a meeting, by mail, by electronic communications or by telephone, is authorized to cancel, postpone or convert to a Virtual Convention, the In-Person Annual Convention, and to take such action necessary to effect the***

*cancellation or postponement. In the event of the cancellation of the In-Person Annual Convention, the election of the Officers of the Arabian Horse Association (if scheduled for the cancelled 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 if adopted, AHA Bylaws ARTICLE VI ANNUAL CONVENTION, Section 1. will read as follows:

Section 1. Conventions

(a) Time and Place: The Annual Convention of Arabian Horse Association shall be held annually at such time and place as shall be determined by a previous Annual Convention. For the purposes of defining a "place" see (i) or (ii) below.

(i) An In-person Convention is defined as a convention held in a city, in a single room large enough to adequately seat the delegates assembled for the session.

(ii) A Virtual Convention is defined as a convention where the delegates (in various places) are electronically assembled using an internet connected platform.

(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 an In-Person Annual Convention, the Executive Committee, voting at a meeting, by mail, by electronic communications or by telephone, is authorized to cancel, postpone or convert to a Virtual Convention, the In-Person Annual Convention, and to take such action necessary to effect the cancellation or postponement. In the event of the cancellation of the In-Person Annual Convention, the election of the Officers of the Arabian Horse Association (if scheduled for the cancelled 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 AHA Bylaws Article VIII Directors, Paragraph g. be amended by striking out and inserting as follows:

"Paragraph g. Emergency Provision

(i) In the event of a cancellation of ~~the~~ an In-Person Annual Convention by the Executive Committee pursuant to Article VI, Section 1. b., **and in the absence of a Virtual Convention**, 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 **In-Person** 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~~ an In-Person Annual Convention by the Executive Committee pursuant to Article VI, Section 1. b., **and in the absence of a Virtual Convention**, the Board of Directors will nominate and elect the Annual Convention elected committee members. The method of election shall be determined the Board 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 **In-Person** Annual Convention.

Effective: December 31, 2022

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

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

Per (4) of RULE 101.3.a, the Resolution involves other compelling circumstances as clearly specified in the whereases and

Per (5) of RULE 101.3.a, the Resolution contains additional descriptions outlining the basis upon which the resolution involves the need to have Virtual Conventions inserted in the AHA Bylaws because of one or more future AHA Annual Conventions are scheduled to be held through virtual platforms therefore there are "extraordinary circumstances" meriting the Resolutions to be consideration as an "Extraordinary Resolution".

162 PROPONENTS FINANCIAL IMPACT (**REQUIRED**): Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 102.6. & 102.7 for financial  
163 requirements

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165 Positive, provides an option to hold a convention virtually without declared emergencies.  
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167 AHA IMPACT STATEMENT:

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171 SUBMITTED BY: Bylaws Committee Region Number:

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

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

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

175 How vote was taken:  mail  email/other electronic means  phone  meeting (*check one*) (*Must have Quorum with*  
176 *majority of yes votes*)

177 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: In the minutes (*Must have printed documentation on file*)

178 Date vote taken: July 13, 2022

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

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RESOLUTION 2-22

SUBJECT: Amend AHA Bylaws Articles III (Bylaws – 2/3rds vote)
Requiring All Individual Members be Assigned to a Member Organization

(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

Table with 4 columns: Committee Name, Approve, Disapprove, and an empty column. Rows include Board of Directors, Budget & Finance Committee, Bylaws Committee, Executive Committee, Local Level Committee, Membership Committee, Membership Initiative Task Force, and Registration Commission.

CONVENTION ACTION:

Approved Approved with Modification Disapproved
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) Chapter 2, Article III, Section 1

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

- Whereas, Member Organizations are foundational to Arabian Horse Association, and
Whereas, Volunteers run and manage Member Organizations and are primary sponsors of local shows, and
Whereas, Some of the membership categories enumerated in Article III of the AHA Bylaws do not mandate membership in a Member Organization, and
Whereas, In the opinion of the Proponent, all membership categories must include a membership in a Member Organization, Therefore, Be It Resolved

Resolved, That AHA Bylaw, Article III Section 1. Membership Categories be amended by inserting the following in the section:

Membership Categories. Membership privileges and benefits for each category are established by the Board of Directors and may be modified by the Board of Directors from time to time. All individual members, including Life Members, must also be a member of a Member Organization. All individual members may serve on an Arabian Horse Association committee, commission or board as provided in the Arabian Horse Association rules.

Effective: December 31, 2024

(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)

## RESOLUTION 2-22

46 PROPONENTS FINANCIAL IMPACT (**REQUIRED**): Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 102.6. & 102.7 for financial  
47 requirements ~~Minimal cost for technology upgrades to complete the recoding.~~ Estimated that it will be \$20,000 or more for  
48 coding.  
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### 51 AHA IMPACT STATEMENT:

52 In 2021, we processed just shy of 14,000 registration related transactions. Those transactions include work such as  
53 Registrations, Transfers of Ownership, Embryo Transfer Certificates/Permits, Transported Semen/Certificates, Duplicate  
54 Certificates, DNA kits, etc. Just shy of 6000 unique member/owner accounts requested these 14,000 transactions.  
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56 The registration system was developed to encourage membership. If a member/owner was ever a member in the past and  
57 submits new work, the system automatically renews their membership first and then processes the work. For instance, John  
58 Smith was previously a member in 2018 and he sends in a request to transfer the ownership of his horse, the system would  
59 automatically renew that membership and charge him the \$50 membership fee. The request for the transfer of ownership  
60 would show up in his account following the membership transaction. We have done this for nearly three decades. The  
61 rationale was and is that we want our customers/owners to support the association and to receive the lower member rate. The  
62 difference between the member rate and the nonmember rate is \$50 which is the price for membership. This was instituted  
63 premerger and has been continued ever since. It is programmed this way to support our owners/customers and also the  
64 association.  
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66 If this resolution were to pass, we would need to contact each customer to determine which club they would like to be a  
67 member of, the nearly 14,000 transactions/pieces of registration work would remain pending for the vast majority. We have  
68 to contact the customer/owner via phone, email or a letter. If we reach them, we can enter their club membership collect the  
69 additional fee and proceed. If we reach them and they chose not to enter a club, we will then need an option to process the  
70 work at the nonmember rate. This option would have a negative effect on the number of members with the association and  
71 also customer service we provide. We have always been and will continue to be supportive of clubs. This philosophy to all  
72 customers has been in place since the merger. However, based on customer feedback from customers, we know that not all  
73 members/owners would choose to join a club.  
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75 History tells us that some will tell us that they do not show so they have no reason to join a club. This premise is supported  
76 not only by feedback received from members/customers that call and email but also from the feedback we have received and  
77 our most recent Former Member Survey. One of the questions asked why members chose not to renew their club membership  
78 and the most common reason was that either they do not show, or they no longer show. Some will say there isn't a club in  
79 their area. Some will say they are not interested in joining a club for a variety of reasons. Some will say they do not want to  
80 spend any additional money for club membership. In any of these circumstances, we would have to default processing that  
81 work at the nonmember rate. This will greatly affect our membership numbers and revenue.  
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83 Of equal importance is the significant increase it will add to our turnaround time. The majority of registration related work  
84 would remain pending while waiting on an owner's response regarding club selection and the payment of the additional dues.  
85 We do not have the staff in place to make up to 6000 calls, emails and/or letters. This would impact not only the  
86 Registry/Member Services team but also some on the Accounting team as adjustments to fees need to be made by them  
87 whenever any pending work is changed. Of greater importance than the affect this will have internally is the effect this will  
88 have externally to our customers/members. It has always been and continues to be AHA's goal to provide quick, effective,  
89 and professional customer service to all members/owners/breeders/exhibitors. We strongly suggest that individual clubs  
90 utilize the data that is available to their Regional Director to personally reach out to the non-affiliated members in their  
91 area. A personal touch may reap more substantial results.  
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93 It is staff's concern that the unintended consequences of a well-meaning resolution would be:

- 94 Increased turnaround times
- 95 Increased fees to customers for processing registration related work
- 96 Need for additional staff to process registration related work in a timely manner
- 97 Reduction in membership revenue
- 98 Reduced membership makes Corporate Sponsorship harder to acquire
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100 Contact Person: Debbie Fuentes, Registrar and Sr. Director of Membership & Registration Services –  
101 debbie.fuentes@arabianhorses.org or (303) 475-9992  
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## RESOLUTION 2-22

- 104  Member Organization  Committee  Commission  Board  Region (*check one* )
- 105 Who voted:  Members  Board  Delegates (*check voting body*)
- 106 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 14 Number of Yes votes: 14 Number of No votes: 0
- 107 How vote was taken:  mail  email/other electronic means  phone  meeting (*check one*) (*Must have Quorum with*  
108 *majority of yes votes*)
- 109 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: recorded zoom call (*Must have printed documentation on file*)
- 110 Date vote taken: August 11, 2022
- 111 Contact Person: Joshua Schildroth (*Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw*)
- 112 Phone: (647) 242-4855 Email: joshua6654@hotmail.com

1 SUBJECT: Senior Judges (USEF/EC)
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3 (STANDARD)
4 Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 101 & 102 for submission requirements

5 Committee Action:
6 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 Canadian National Show Commission, Competition Advisory Committee, Dressage/Western Dressage Committee, Hunter/Jumper Committee, Sport Horse Committee, Sport Horse National Show Commission, and USEF Arabian Division Committee.

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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

14 PROPOSED CHANGE: (Check one) [X] Add new rule Delete existing rule Change existing text
15 Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) USEF GR1005.1.b

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

- Whereas, AHA has a decade long history of the of the United States and Canada being inextricably linked by virtue of the Arabian breed, and
Whereas, AHA is the body upon which Equestrian Canada depends for the training, testing and ongoing education of Arabian horse show judges, and
Whereas, It is critical for AHA to maintain equity for Arabian judges licensed by USEF and EC; and
Whereas, The movement of our Arabian judges across the borders of our two countries to judge our shows is imperative, and
Whereas, We have many judges who are licensed in more than one division, as well as the Arabian Division; Therefore, Be It

33 Resolved, That USEF GR1005.1.b be amended by inserting the following:
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35 b. Sport horse classes in the Arabian, Half-Arabian and Anglo/Arabian Division must be judged by Federation licensed
36 Dressage Sport Horse Breeding (DSHB) or Hunter Breeding judges, or a Federation or Senior Equestrian Canada
37 judge licensed in Dressage, Hunter or Jumper divisions. A guest card is not required for Federation licensed DSHB,
38 Hunter Breeding, Dressage, Hunter, or Jumper judges. A guest card is required for Senior Equestrian Canada
39 Dressage, Hunter, or Jumper judges. Senior Equestrian Canada judges licensed in the Arabian division, who also
40 have EC licenses in Dressage or Hunter, or Jumper divisions may judge Sport Horse classes in the Arabian,
41 Half-Arabian and Anglo/Arabian Division.

43 Effective: December 31, 2023, or when approved by USEF/EC.
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45 (If a Standard resolution, the effective date will be December 31 of the year after the Convention)

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



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50 It is critical for AHA to maintain equity for Arabian judges licensed by USEF and EC

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52 **PROPONENTS FINANCIAL IMPACT (REQUIRED):** Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 102.6. & 102.7 for financial  
53 requirements

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57 **AHA IMPACT STATEMENT:**

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59 Contact Person:

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61 SUBMITTED BY: Competition Advisory Committee Region Number:

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

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

64 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 9 Number of Yes votes: 7 Number of No votes: 0

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

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

68 Date vote taken: August 12, 2022

69 Contact Person: Janet Henderson *(Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw)*

70 Phone: (905) 658-2658 Email: janet\_arwen@icloud.com

1 **SUBJECT: R Western Dressage Judges for Sport Horse (USEF/EC)**

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3 *(STANDARD)*

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

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6 Committees required to review: *(This section to be completed by the Agenda & Resolutions Committee)* Committee Action:  
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Canadian National Show Commission			
Competition Advisory Committee			
Dressage/Western Dressage Committee			
Sport Committee			
Sport Horse National Show Commission			
USEF Arabian Division Committee			

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8 **CONVENTION ACTION:**

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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 GR1005.1.b  
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17 **RESOLUTION:** Use *bold/italic* for new wording, ~~strike through~~ to indicate deletion

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19 Whereas, Western Dressage was not an organized discipline when the AHA Sport Horse division was created, and  
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21 Whereas, Western Dressage Judges are now recognized and accredited by USEF, and  
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23 Whereas, Western Dressage Judges are required to attend seminars and do apprentice judging to be licensed and are  
24 required to maintain their license with continuing education, and  
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26 Whereas, Western Dressage judges use the same scoring methods and system as Dressage judges, and  
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28 Whereas, Many Western Dressage judges are also accredited Arabian or other breed judges, and  
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30 Whereas, It would be beneficial for clubs to be able to hire one judge who could also serve as a Sport Horse judge  
31 even if they did not offer Dressage classes, and  
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33 Whereas, Currently in order to include Sport horse in Hand and Under saddle classes requires the hiring of a second  
34 judge for those classes and it would be beneficial to many shows to be able to offer some classes without  
35 the expense of a second judge; Therefore, Be It  
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37 Resolved, That USEF GR1005.1.b be amended by inserting as follows:

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39 b. Sport Horse classes in the Arabian, Half-Arabian and Anglo/Arabian Division must be judged by Federation  
40 licensed Dressage Sport Horse Breeding (DSHB) or Hunter Breeding judges, or a Federation or Senior  
41 Equestrian Canada judge licensed in Dressage, **Registered ('R') Western Dressage**, Hunter or Jumper divisions.  
42 A guest card is not required for Federation licensed DSHB, Hunter Breeding, Dressage, Hunter, or Jumper  
43 judges. A guest card is required for Senior Equestrian Canada Dressage, Hunter, or Jumper judges.  
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45 Effective: December 31, 2023, or when approved by USEF/EC

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47 (If a Standard resolution, the effective date will be December 31 of the year after the Convention)  
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49 **RESOLUTION TYPE (REQUIRED):** Standard \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ Extraordinary \_\_\_\_\_ "If indicated as  
50 "Extraordinary", the proponent must list reasons which establish Chapter 9, RULE 101.3.a. has been met)



**RESOLUTION 5 - 22**

1 **SUBJECT: Allow USEF Arabian Judge to Officiate SHIH and SHUS Classes with an AHA Sport Horse Specialty**  
2 **Card; development of the SH Specialty Card (USEF/EC)**

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4 *(STANDARD)*

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

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

Canadian National Show Commission			
Competition Advisory Committees			
Dressage & Western Dressage Committee			
Education/Evaluation Commission			
Eventing & Driving Committee			
Hunter/Jumper Committee			
Sport Horse Committee			
Sport Horse National Show Commission			
USEF Arabian Division Committee			
Youth National Show Commission			

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9 **CONVENTION ACTION:**

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

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

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

- 20 Whereas, USEF GR1005.1.b states: “Sport Horse classes in the Arabian, Half-Arabian and Anglo/Arabian Division must be judged by Federation licensed Dressage Sport Horse Breeding (DSHB) or Hunter Breeding judges, or a Federation or Senior Equestrian Canada judge licensed in Dressage, Hunter or Jumper divisions.”, and
- 24 Whereas, AHA OFFC 104.1b states “A USEF/EC licensed judge in Dressage Sport Horse Breeding, Hunter Breeding, Dressage, Hunter or Jumper divisions, and
- 27 Whereas, A majority of all AHA Rated and AHA Value Shows employ “R” Arabian Judges, it becomes financially impossible for most shows to include Sport Horse classes as they are required to hire an additional judge with all the expenses entailed, and
- 31 Whereas, A majority of all AHA Rated and AHA Value shows already employ “R” Arabian Judges, this will encourage them to be more likely to offer Sport Horse classes since they will already have a judge on staff who can officiate these classes. Additionally, the Sport Horse breeding classes will in turn also be more likely to be held in the main arena which will be motivation to the competitors to support these classes, and
- 36 Whereas, This resolution will ensure that competitors will be adjudicated by a Judge trained specifically in Sport Horse, and
- 39 Whereas, This will allow for the first time, Arabian Judges to Judge Arabian Sport Horses; Therefore, Be It
- 41 Resolved, That USEF GR1005.1.b be amended by inserting as follows:
  - 43 b. Sport Horse classes in the Arabian, Half-Arabian and Anglo/Arabian Division must be judged by Federation licensed Dressage Sport Horse Breeding (DSHB) or Hunter Breeding judges, or a Federation or Senior Equestrian

45 Canada judge licensed in Dressage, Hunter or Jumper divisions *or a Federation licensed Arabian "R" Arabian*  
 46 *Judge with an AHA Specialty Card...*and, Be It Further

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 48 Resolved, That AHA OFFC 104.1.b be amended by inserting as follows:

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 50 b. SPORT HORSE CLASSES: A USEF/EC licensed judge in Dressage Sport Horse Breeding, Hunter Breeding,  
 51 Dressage, Hunter or Jumper divisions *or a Federation licensed Arabian "R" Arabian Judge with an AHA*  
 52 *Specialty Card.* and, Be It Further

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 54 Resolved, That AHA OFFC 104.1.b. be amended by inserting 1) as follows:

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 56 1) The Education and Evaluation Commission together with the AHA Sport Horse Committee will determine the  
 57 parameters of experience required for Sport Horse Specialty Card applicants, the content and delivery of educational  
 58 sessions, all aspects of the approval process, and the ongoing evaluation of officiating experience. The J&S  
 59 Commissioner will have authority to approve or disapprove a candidate.

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

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

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 65 RESOLUTION TYPE (**REQUIRED**): Standard  Extraordinary \_\_\_\_\_ "If indicated as  
 66 "Extraordinary", the proponent must list reasons which establish Chapter 9, RULE 101.3.a. has been met)

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 68 PROPONENTS FINANCIAL IMPACT (**REQUIRED**): Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 102.6. & 102.7 for financial  
 69 requirements.

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 71 This change would actually increase revenue for sponsoring associations by increasing participation at competitions.  
 72 Additionally, sponsoring clubs would save the added costs of hiring a separate official for the sport horse division.

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 74 AHA IMPACT STATEMENT: \$2500.00 per member for the School/Seminar in December

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 76 Additional expense occurs when we need additional teaching videos/presentations which at times involves sending one or  
 77 more of the EEC members to various shows to get more educational tools. Normally this involves traveling/lodging/meals.

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 79 Contact Person: Mary Jane Brown – mary.jane.brown@arabianhorses.org

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 81 SUBMITTED BY: MN Half-Arabian Horse Association Region Number: 10

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

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

84 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 5 Number of Yes votes: 5 Number of No votes: 0

85 How vote was taken:  mail  email/other electronic means  phone  meeting (*check one*) (*Must have Quorum with*  
 86 *majority of yes votes*)

87 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: with Contact Person and Meeting Minutes. (*Must have printed documentation*  
 88 *on file*)

89 Date vote taken: August 10, 2022

90 Contact Person: Jeff Rutz (*Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw*)

91 Phone: (651) 792-5851 Email: jeffrutz@meridianenergyproducts.com

1 **SUBJECT: Further Addressing Un-natural and Altered Tails (USEF/EC)**

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3 *(EXTRAORDINARY)*

4 Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 101 & 102 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			
Board of Directors			
Breeding In/Hand Committee			
Competition Advisory Committee			
Dressage/Western Dressage Committee			
Education/Evaluation Commission			
Equine Stress/Research & Education Committee			
Eventing/Driving Committee			
Executive Committee			
Hunter/Jumper Committee			
Professional Horsemen Committee			
Sport Horse Committee			
USEF Arabian Division Committee			
Working Western Committee			
Youth Committee			

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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)

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

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19 Whereas,                      In the fall of 2021, the Education & Evaluation Commission (EEC) realized that the charts dealing with  
20 conduct in Western Pleasure AR143 did not align with the charts in Hunter Pleasure AR139 and Country  
21 English Pleasure AR135 in regards to un-natural/altered tails in the USEF rule book, and  
22
- 23 Whereas,                      The EEC then moved this issue to the Arabian rules committee to make the charts congruent and was  
24 approved as a simple clarification of the charts in November 2021, and  
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- 26 Whereas,                      This clarification moved through the USEF process and was being presented as a clarification to the USEF  
27 Board of Directors at the Mid-Year/June 2022 meeting, and  
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- 29 Whereas,                      There were other AR rules found to be in conflict with each other such as USEF AR104.1 Arabian Breed  
30 Standard that currently reads “*natural high tail carriage, and the tail should be carried straight*” and  
31 AR104.2 Breed Standards Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian that reads “*The tail carriage is preferable high.*”;  
32 which is a difference that needs to be corrected, and  
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- 34 Whereas,                      USEF AR105.2 as currently written conflicts with various other sections within the Arabian rules, and  
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- 36 Whereas,                      Both the USEF and the AHA desire to have congruent rules that are enforceable and defensible, and  
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- 38 Whereas,                      Discussions were held between AHA Leadership and the EEC in June 2022, that led to further  
39 conversations with stakeholders on the direction AHA should take and how to proceed, and  
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- 41 Whereas, The original clarification as defined in the first whereas was withdrawn from the USEF Board of Directors  
 42 meeting with the knowledge that the AHA will address the conflicts through its resolution process, and  
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- 44 Whereas, Leadership of numerous committees of the AHA, in early August 2022 discussed the desired direction for  
 45 this resolution language to be developed, and  
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- 47 Whereas, Tails are a significant breed standard of the Arabian industry, and
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- 49 Whereas, An un-natural tail is undesirable and must be severely penalized, and  
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- 51 Whereas, An altered tail is a welfare issue and constitutes a misrepresentation of the breed type, and  
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- 53 Whereas, Both AHA and USEF seek to remedy these conflicts as soon as possible, as this opens our rules to be in  
 54 conflict with each other and indefensible, and  
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- 56 Whereas, After to effective date of the resolution, or sooner, this resolution will be forwarded to the USEF Board of  
 57 Directors for consideration at the January 2023 meeting with a suggested effective date of 2/1/2023 for  
 58 inclusion of the new and amended language in the USEF Arabian Division; Therefore, Be It  
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- 60 Resolved, That USEF AR 104.2 Breed Standards Half Arabian be amended by striking out the last sentence:  
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 62 ~~The tail carriage is preferable high.~~; and Be It Further  
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- 64 Resolved, That USEF Subchapter AR-1 – General Section AR105.2 be amended by striking out and substituting as  
 65 follows:  
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- 67 ~~2. No horse may compete in a class in the Arabian Division with a tail carriage that has been altered in any manner or~~  
 68 ~~by any means. Violations of this rule are considered serious infractions, because such alterations constitute~~  
 69 ~~misrepresentations of the breed type.~~
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- 71 **2. Natural Arabian Appearance**
- 72 **a. An “altered” tail is considered to have been proven by an evidential proceeding thus rendering the horse**  
 73 **ineligible to enter and compete in any Arabian Division class. No horse may compete in a class in the**  
 74 **Arabian Division with a tail carriage that has been altered in any manner or by any means. Violations of**  
 75 **this rule are considered serious infractions because such alterations constitute misrepresentations of the**  
 76 **breed type.**
- 77 **b. An “unnatural” tail is deemed by opinion to be carried in a manner not consistent with typical Arabian type.**  
 78 **Judges are required to penalize a horse exhibiting unnatural Arabian appearance (unnatural tail carriage).**  
 79 **Conversely, horses with natural Arabian appearance (tail carriage) showing expression that is not angry or**  
 80 **offensive shall not be penalized. A horse’s tail carriage shall be considered “unnatural” when it is obviously**  
 81 **and consistently carried in an unnatural manner throughout its performance in a class.**
- 82 **1. In all non-scored classes, a horse exhibiting unnatural Arabian appearance (tail carriage) must be**  
 83 **penalized and placed at the bottom of the class.**
- 84 **2. In all scored classes, a horse exhibiting unnatural Arabian appearance (tail carriage) must be assessed a**  
 85 **10-point penalty. Exception: Hunter/Jumper and Breeding In-Hand classes using the Score Sheets will**  
 86 **utilize the penalty outlined in AR105.2.b.1.**
- 87 **3. Dressage and Western Dressage are exempt from AR105.2.b.1 and .2;** and Be It Further  
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- 89 Resolved, That USEF AR 106 Shoeing Regulations, Artificial Markings and Appliances.13 be amended by inserting  
 90 as follows:  
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- 92 13. No horse may compete in a class in the Arabian or Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Division with a tail carriage that  
 93 has been altered (***proven by an evidential proceeding***). Violations of this rule are considered serious infractions  
 94 because such alterations constitute misrepresentations of the breed type., and Be It Further  
 95
- 96 Resolved, That USEF AR 106 Shoeing Regulations, Artificial Markings and Appliances.13 be amended by adding a  
 97 new paragraph c. as follows:

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 99 *c. False tails or hair extensions are prohibited, and any horse found to be exhibiting with such during the*  
 100 *competition will be disqualified and the Show Committee shall bar the trainer and the horse found in violation of*  
 101 *this rule from further participation for the remainder of the competition, and the owner(s) shall forfeit all entry*  
 102 *fees and winnings for that horse for the entire competition.;* and Be It Further

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 104 Resolved, That USEF Subchapter AR-2 Purebred Arabian Breeding/Gelding In-Hand Section AR117.3  
 105 Specifications be amended by striking out and inserting as follows:

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 107 .3 A wry tail (*a breeding fault*) or one carried in an unnatural fashion ~~is a breeding fault, and~~, judges must consider it  
 108 as a fault in adjudicating breeding and in-hand classes.;

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 110 Resolved, That USEF AR123.7 Performance Halter be amended by adding a new paragraph f. as follows:

111  
 112 *f. A Ten Point Penalty must be assessed for an unnatural appearance (Horse’s tail is obviously and consistently*  
 113 *carried in an unnatural manner)*

114  
 115 Resolved, That the chart in USEF AR135.9 Country English Pleasure be amended by striking out and adding as  
 116 follows:

117  
 118 unnatural tail carriage (AR105.2) it is the directive of the EEC that horses with unnatural tail carriage be placed ~~either~~  
 119 ~~last on the card or eliminated from judging consideration and not placed in the class~~ *at the bottom of the class*; and, Be It  
 120 Further

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 122 Resolved, That the chart in USEF AR139.4 Hunter Pleasure be amended by striking out and adding as follows:

123  
 124 unnatural tail carriage (AR105.2) it is the directive of the EEC that horses with unnatural tail carriage be placed ~~either~~  
 125 ~~last on the card or eliminated from judging consideration and not placed in the class~~ *at the bottom of the class*; and, Be It  
 126 Further

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 128 Resolved, That the chart in USEF AR 143.5 Western Pleasure be amended by adding new language to the chart as  
 129 follows:

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 131 *unnatural tail carriage (AR105.2) it is the directive of the EEC that horses with unnatural tail carriage be placed at*  
 132 *the bottom of the class*; and, Be It Further

133  
 134 Resolved, That USEF AR177.5 be amended by adding as follows:

135  
 136 5. Scoring (Decimals may be used in scoring)

- 137 10 - Excellent
- 138 9 - Very good
- 139 8 - Good
- 140 7 - Fairly Good
- 141 6 - Satisfactory
- 142 5 - Sufficient (some concern for heritability or soundness)
- 143 4 - Insufficient (definite concern for heritability or soundness)
- 144 3 - Fairly Poor
- 145 2 - Poor
- 146 1 - Very Poor

147 *-10 – A Ten Point Penalty must be assessed for an unnatural appearance (Horse’s tail is obviously and*  
 148 *consistently carried in an unnatural manner)*

149  
 150 Resolved, That USEF AR211.1 Reining Horse be amended by adding a new paragraph .h as follows:

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 152 *h. A Ten Point Penalty must be assessed for an unnatural appearance (Horse’s tail is obviously and consistently*  
 153 *carried in an unnatural manner)*

154  
 155 Resolved, That USEF AR214 Working Cow be amended by adding a new paragraph 5. as follows:

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- 157 5. *A Ten Point Penalty must be assessed for an unnatural appearance (Horse’s tail is obviously and consistently*  
 158 *carried in an unnatural manner) in all Working Cow, Reined Cow, Limited Reined Cow and Herd Work classes.*  
 159

160 Resolved. That USEF AR222.16.d Ranch Horse Riding be amended by adding a new paragraph 4. as follows:

161  
 162 Ten (10) point penalties:

- 163 4. *Unnatural ranch horse appearance (Horse’s tail is obvious and consistently carried in an unnatural manner);*  
 164 *and Be It Further*  
 165

166 Resolved. That USEF AR223.d.1 Ranch Horse Cow Work be amended by striking out as follows:

167  
 168 Ten Point Penalties:

- 169 1. Unnatural ranch horse appearance (Horse’s tail is obvious and consistently carried in an unnatural manner ~~in every~~  
 170 ~~maneuver~~); and Be It Further  
 171

172 Resolved. That USEF AR224 Ranch Horse Rail Pleasure be amended by adding a new paragraph.19 as follows:

- 173  
 174 **19. Horses exhibiting an unnatural tail carriage be penalized and placed at the bottom of the class;** and Be It Further  
 175

176 Resolved. That USEF AR225.6.b.4 Ranch Horse Trail be amended by striking out as follows:

- 177  
 178 4. Ten Point Penalties: Unnatural ranch horse appearance (Horse’s tail is obvious and consistently carried in an  
 179 unnatural manner ~~in every maneuver~~)...; and Be It Further  
 180

181 Resolved. That USEF AR226.3.e Ranch Reining be amended by striking out as follows:

- 182  
 183 e. Ten Point Penalties. Unnatural ranch horse appearance (Horse’s tail is obvious and consistently carried in an  
 184 unnatural manner ~~in every maneuver~~); and Be It Further  
 185

186 Resolved. That USEF AR 227.3.d Ranch Cutting be amended by striking out as follows:

- 187  
 188 d. Ten Point Penalties: Unnatural ranch horse appearance (Horse’s tail is obvious and consistently carried in an  
 189 unnatural manner ~~in every maneuver~~)...; and Be It Further  
 190

191 Resolved. That USEF AR 228.3.d Versatility Ranch Riding be amended by striking out as follows:

- 192  
 193 d. Ten Point Penalties: Unnatural ranch horse appearance (Horse’s tail is obviously and consistently carried in an  
 194 unnatural manner ~~in every maneuver~~)...; and Be It Further  
 195

196 Resolved. That USEF AR 229.2 Ranch Horse Conformation be amended by adding as follows:

- 197  
 198 2. CONDUCT: To be eligible to complete in the ranch horse conformation class the horse must be entered, shown, and  
 199 judged in at least one riding class in the Ranch division at that show. Horses must be at least 3 years of age. Horses  
 200 in each division may be shown together as one class or divided into Purebred, Half-Arabian, Stallions, Mares,  
 201 Geldings, Open, Amateur, Youth, or in any combination deemed appropriate by show management. All stallions  
 202 shall be examined to confirm that they have two visible testicles. All stallions and mares shall be examined for over-  
 203 shot and under-shot mouth. If examination reveals that a horse is a cryptorchid or has an over-/under-shot mouth, the  
 204 judge shall not use such horse in the final placings of the class. ***A horse exhibiting unnatural Arabian appearance***  
 205 ***(tail carriage) must be penalized and placed at the bottom of the class.***; and Be It Further  
 206

207 Resolved. That USEF AR230.3.e Ranch Working Cow be amended by striking as follows:

- 208  
 209 e. Ten Point Penalties: Unnatural ranch horse appearance (Horse’s tail is obviously and consistently carried in an  
 210 unnatural manner ~~in every maneuver~~)...; and Be It Further  
 211

212 Resolved. That USEF AR239 Trail Scoring Penalties be amended by adding a new paragraph .3 as follows:

- 213  
 214 3. **10 POINT PENALTY - A Ten Point Penalty must be assessed for an unnatural appearance (Horse’s tail is**  
 215 ***obviously and consistently carried in an unnatural manner***); and, Be It Further

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217 Resolved, That the remaining section of USEF AR239 be renumbered accordingly.  
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219 Effective: December 31, 2022, or when approved by USEF/EC

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

221  
222 RESOLUTION TYPE (**REQUIRED**): Standard \_\_\_\_\_ Extraordinary X \_\_\_\_\_ “If indicated as  
223 “Extraordinary”, the proponent must list reasons which establish Chapter 9, RULE 101.3.a. has been met)

224 Per (4) of RULE 101.3.a.i the Resolution involves other compelling circumstances as clearly specified in the whereases and;  
225 Per (5) of RULE 101.3.a.i. the Resolution contains an additional description outlining the basis upon which the resolution  
226 involves one or more of the “extraordinary circumstances” (including enforceability and defensibility of the rules of the

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228 PROPONENTS FINANCIAL IMPACT (**REQUIRED**): Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 102.6. & 102.7 for financial  
229 requirements

230 Development of education and training videos for judges and exhibitors alike to ensure compliance with the rules – estimated  
231 cost to be \$350

232 AHA IMPACT STATEMENT:

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234 Contact Person:  
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236 SUBMITTED BY: USEF Arabian Division Committee Region Number:

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

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

239 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 13 Number of Yes votes: 9 Number of No votes: 0

240 How vote was taken:  mail  email/other electronic means  phone  meeting (*check one*) (*Must have Quorum with*  
241 *majority of yes votes*)

242 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: USEF Arabian Division Minutes (*Must have printed documentation on file*)

243 Date vote taken: August 15, 2022

244 Contact Person: Kathy Callahan-Smith (*Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw*)

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**SUBJECT: Shoeing Rule Modification (USEF/EC)**

*(STANDARD)*

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

Committee Action:

Approve                      Disapprove

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

Amateur Committee			
Competition Advisory Committee			
Education/Evaluation Commission			
Equine Stress/Research & Education Committee			
Professional Horsemen Committee			
USEF Arabian Division Committee			

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)

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

- 19 Whereas,            The purpose of shoeing regulations and restrictions is to protect the health and well-  
20 being of our horses, while maintaining a level playing field and the integrity of the sport; and
- 22 Whereas,            The ability to balance and support our horses properly is paramount; and
- 24 Whereas,            The use of a bar, which must be attached to the shoe and meet the gauge restrictions, can be very expensive  
25 to custom make, and
- 27 Whereas,            Some Owners or Trainers may choose to have a horse be shod more frequently to save the custom shoes for  
28 competitions; and
- 30 Whereas,            There is an easier and less expensive solution to balancing movement by using a piece of lead attached to a  
31 pad, that can be easily attached and removed before and after each class or work session; and
- 33 Whereas,            The use of lead is an option for balancing the hoof that is simple, safe, and less expensive than the custom  
34 shoeing costs; and
- 36 Whereas,            In the opinion of the proponent, this less expensive option may encourage more participation due to the  
37 money saved; and
- 39 Whereas,            Establishing a five-ounce limit will ensure that using lead will not be heavier than using a bar; and
- 41 Whereas,            The ability to attach and easily remove a piece of lead to the pad for training or competition purposes is just  
42 one more option to shoe the horse which is being advocated by some Owners, Trainers, Farriers, and  
43 Veterinarians; Therefore, Be It

Resolved,            That USEF AR106.1.b Shoeing Regulations, Artificial Markings and Appliances be amended by adding a  
46 new point .4 that reads:

***.4 There may be one continual piece of lead attached to the pad. The lead is to be attached to the pad anywhere  
inside the circumference of the shoe and may not exceed the thickness of the shoe. The lead may be attached by  
nails or screws. The lead may not exceed 5 ounces in weight. No bar is allowed if lead is used. and, Be It Further***

Resolved,            That USEF AR106.2.c be amended by adding the following:

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c. Horses three years old, may not have any type of bar shoe *or lead*.

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)

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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)

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PROPOSERS FINANCIAL IMPACT (**REQUIRED**): Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 102.6. & 102.7 for financial requirements:

This modification will save money on shoeing expenses and as such, may increase participation in our horse shows.

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AHA IMPACT STATEMENT:

Contact Person:

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SUBMITTED BY: Equine Stress Research & Education Region Number:

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

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

Total Number Eligible to Vote: 90 Number of Yes votes: 80 Number of No votes: 10

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

Where documentation of this vote is recorded: ESRE Committee files (*Must have printed documentation on file*)

Date vote taken: August 10, 2022

Contact Person: Lori Conway (*Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw*)

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**SUBJECT: Use of Tongue Ties in the Show Ring for Horses in Full Bridles and Driving (USEF/EC)**

*(STANDARD)*

Committee Action:

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

Amateur Committee			
Competition Advisory Committee			
Equine Stress/Research & Education Committee			
Equitation/Showmanship Committee			
Professional Horsemen Committee			
USEF Arabian Division Committee			

**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 AR106.11

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

Whereas,            It is the responsibility of AHA to recognize methods to provide the safest show ring environment for both horses and exhibitors, and

Whereas,            It is also of highest priority for AHA to minimize stress of horses in the show ring environment by the authorization of USEF accepted techniques already generally available and in use within the show ring (ie: Saddlebred and Morgan English divisions) and on competition grounds at all recognized AHA shows, and

Whereas,            Horses with nervous tongues become fixated on their tongues which results in a horse’s loss of concentration and focus making them more difficult to train and show thereby elevating their stress level significantly, and

Whereas,            Any horse in the show ring environment with the tendency to place the tongue over the bits is an eminent danger to themselves, their riders and/or drivers, and to all other exhibitors particularly in a driving class, and

Whereas,            A certain number of horses struggle with dorsal displacement of the soft palate, which interferes with breathing and causes significant stress when training and showing, and

Whereas,            The use of tongue ties is the predominant and most humane method to prevent a horse from getting the tongue over the bit and avoiding a dangerous situation for horse, rider/driver, and all other exhibitors and is also the primary method for the prevention of dorsal displacement, and

Whereas,            The use of tongue ties is permitted and routinely used in the work and warm up areas of all Arabian horse shows to aid in reduction of equine stress by lessening training/warm up time and creating a secure bridle environment for both horse and rider/driver, however the tongue tie is not permitted and must be removed prior to entering the show ring; Therefore, Be It

Resolved,            That USEF AR106.11 be amended by adding an exception as follows:

11. Horses must be shown without artificial appliances. Anything that alters the intended use of equipment as provided for in the description of appointments for a given class is considered to be an artificial appliance and is considered illegal tack while competing. This includes but is not limited to tongue ties, mouth ties, and/or nasal strips and tying

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50 and/or securing stirrups, stirrup leathers or foot in any manner to equipment. *Exception: Tongue ties are allowed in*  
51 *the show ring for any horse competing in a full bridle as defined in Tack in Park AR128.1, English Pleasure*  
52 *AR132.1, Country Pleasure ARI36.1, Show Hack AR156.1, and for use by any horse in a full bridle in Saddle*  
53 *Seat Equitation, Side Saddle, Costume, Pleasure Driving, Country Pleasure Driving and Formal Driving*  
54 *divisions.*

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

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

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60 RESOLUTION TYPE (REQUIRED): Standard  Extraordinary \_\_\_\_\_ "If indicated as  
61 "Extraordinary", the proponent must list reasons which establish Chapter 9, RULE 101.3.a. has been met)

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63 PROPONENTS FINANCIAL IMPACT (REQUIRED): Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 102.6. & 102.7 for financial  
64 requirements

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67 AHA IMPACT STATEMENT:

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69 Contact Person: Cathy Vecsey

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71 SUBMITTED BY: Arabian Horse Association of Arizona Region Number: 7

72  Member Organization  Committee  Commission  Board  Region (check one )

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

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

75 How vote was taken:  mail  email/other electronic means  phone  meeting (check one) (Must have Quorum with  
76 majority of yes votes)

77 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: In the club minutes of 8/9/22 (Must have printed documentation on file)

78 Date vote taken: August 9, 2022

79 Contact Person: Cathy Vecsey (Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw)

80 Phone: (203) 414-1541 Email: cathyvecsey@me.com

1 **SUBJECT: Hunter Hack Warmup (USEF/EC)**

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3 (STANDARD)

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

5 Committee Action:

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

Amateur Committee			
Canadian National Show Commission			
Competition Advisory Committee			
Hunter/Jumper Committee			
Professional Horsemen Committee			
Sport Horse Committee			
Sport Horse National Show Commission			
USEF Arabian Division Committee			
Youth Committee			
Youth National Show Commission			

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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 AR164.3, USEF AR159.6  
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17 **RESOLUTION:** Use ***bold/italic*** for new wording, ~~striketrough~~ to indicate deletion

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19 Whereas, Hunter Hack is considered an Introductory class and the goal is to allow the exhibitors the best opportunity  
20 to showcase their horses; warmup over the fences is key, and  
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22 Whereas, The previous wording to allow for that to happen can be interpreted many different ways between show  
23 management, the judge and the exhibitors and it is desirous of this committee to clarify those requirements  
24 and to move them into the proper place in the rulebook while still giving management control of said  
25 warm-up; Therefore, Be It  
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27 Resolved, That USEF AR159.6 be amended by striking out and inserting as follows:

- 28  
29 6. Warmup Rounds: No judged Warmup classes are to be offered, however, all shows are required to offer exhibitors a  
30 warmup round at their division height prior to competition. Although this is a non-judged ~~class round~~, an  
31 entry/schooling fee may be required. Exhibitors can elect to not enter the warmup rounds. ***For Hunter Hack classes,***  
32 ***show management must ensure that exhibitors have the opportunity before the start of the class to warmup over***  
33 ***two fences, in the direction that they are to be jumped. Open hunter schooling satisfies the warm-up requirement***  
34 ***but show management may offer additional warm-up classes or time prior to the start of the class at their***  
35 ***discretion.*** and, Be It Further  
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37 Resolved, That USEF AR164.3.d be amended by striking out and adding as follows:

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39 d. Horses are to be shown first on the flat and then shown over 2 fences. The two fences may be either a single line,  
40 related distance, or two single fences with an unrelated distance, i.e. not in a straight line. Two single fences with an  
41 unrelated distance is preferred. ~~It is required that horses and riders have the opportunity before the start of the class~~  
42 ~~to warmup over two fences, in the direction that they are to be jumped.~~ ***(refer to AR 159.6 for warmup).***  
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44 Effective: December 31, 2023 or when approved by USEF/EC.

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

**RESOLUTION 9 - 22**

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

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PROPOSERS FINANCIAL IMPACT (**REQUIRED**): Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 102.6. & 102.7 for financial requirements

None

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AHA IMPACT STATEMENT:

Contact Person:

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SUBMITTED BY: Hunter/Jumper Committee Region Number:

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

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

Total Number Eligible to Vote: 36 Number of Yes votes: Number of No votes: 0

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

Where documentation of this vote is recorded: With the Chair (*Must have printed documentation on file*)

Date vote taken: August 5-8, 2022

Contact Person: Allan Ehrlick (*Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw*)

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RESOLUTION 10 – 22

SUBJECT: Amends USEF 164.2 - Cross Rails 10 & Under Not to Canter in Under Saddle Classes (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

Table with 4 columns: Committee Name, Approve, Disapprove, and an empty column. Rows include Amateur Committee, Competition Advisory Committee, Equitation/Showmanship Committee, Hunter/Jumper Committee, USEF Arabian Division Committee, and Youth Committee.

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 AR164.2

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

- Whereas, The Cross Rails 10 & Under, Under-Saddle classes are primarily introductory classes where cantering or hand galloping in a group class situation could be a safety concern, and
Whereas, This request would restrict the exhibitor to the walk and trot in these classes as to prevent them from showing in a gait that may not be within their skill set, and
Whereas, This change will aid in the avoidance of potential injury and accidents, and
Whereas, Canterng will still be permitted in the over fences portion of the division for those riders that feel they can safely compete with that gait: Therefore, Be It
Resolved, That AR164.2 be amended by adding the following exception: Under-Saddle classes to be shown at a walk, trot and canter. Light contact with the horse’s mouth is required. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. A horse shall not be eliminated for slight errors. Judges may ask horses to hand gallop collectively, one direction of the ring, (Exception: green classes). No more than eight will be asked to hand gallop at one time. To be judged on performance and manners. Manners to be emphasized in Junior Exhibitor and Amateur classes. (Exception: Cross Rails 10 & Under must not be asked to cantering and or hand galloping are prohibited).

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

This is currently covered by Presidential Modification 5/23/22 which is effective through the end of 2023.

(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)

**RESOLUTION 10 – 22**

49 PROPONENTS FINANCIAL IMPACT (**REQUIRED**): Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 102.6. & 102.7 for financial  
50 requirements NONE  
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53 AHA IMPACT STATEMENT:  
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56 Contact Person:  
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58 SUBMITTED BY: Hunter/Jumper Committee Region Number:

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

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

61 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 36 Number of Yes votes: 26 Number of No votes: 0

62 How vote was taken:  mail  email/other electronic means  phone  meeting (*check one*) (*Must have Quorum with*  
63 *majority of yes votes*)

64 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: With the Chair (*Must have printed documentation on file*)

65 Date vote taken: August 5-8, 2022

66 Contact Person: Allan Ehrlick (*Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw*)

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**SUBJECT: Dressage Seat Equitation – National’s Scoring/Placing (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			
Competition Advisory Committee			
Dressage/Western Dressage Committee			
Equitation/Showmanship Committee			
Sport Horse Committee			
Sport Horse National Show Commission			
USEF Arabian Division Committee			
Youth Committee			
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       Change existing text  
 Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) USEF AR172.1, AR254.3, AR254.4

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

- Whereas,                      The current Dressage Seat Equitation rules for Nationals state that the judges must consult to arrive at a final score together. This is quite a cumbersome process at the end of a large class, with as many as 10 – 25 exhibitors per class in the recent years, and
- Whereas,                      This process causes the exhibitors to wait on their horses for an extra 20+ minutes, often in the heat, and
- Whereas,                      The current process does follow the open dressage rules but in researching the USDF Regional shows, most of them had less than 10 riders in the class, often less than 5. With fewer riders the current process would be much easier. The only show where judges would get experience with using this format with a larger class, would be the select few ‘S’ judges that judge this class for the Dressage Seat Medal Finals at Festival of Champions where they typically have 10-18 riders, and
- Whereas,                      Clearly separately and reorganizing the scoring and tie breaking rules for Regionals vs Nationals for one judge vs the two-judge system at Nationals will bring clarity to the difference in the procedure: Therefore, Be It
- Resolved,                      That USEF AR172.1 be amended by adding a new (letter) point l. as follows:
1. ***For Dressage Seat equitation, follow the directives in AR254 regarding judging and scoring procedures for the class, and, Be It Further***
- Resolved,                      That USEF AR254.3 be amended by striking out and inserting the following:
3. At AHA National Championships, two Federation Registered (R) or Senior (S) judges will officiate, ***each with their own scribe. together, using scribes and the same score sheet.*** Judges should evaluate riders separately from different positions in the ring and then all judges must consult together prior to arriving at final scores. ***judges will give a final percentage score to each rider. Scores from both judges will be added together to give the total score for that***

46 rider. The rider with the highest total score will be named Champion; the rider with the second highest total score  
47 will be named Reserve Champion, etc., until all placings have been filled.

48 a. If a two-judge system is used in a qualifying or Regional Show, the two-judge scoring system will be used as  
49 notated above and, Be It Further

51 Resolved, That USEF AR254.4 be amended by striking out and substituting the following:

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53 4. ~~Federation Dressage Seat Equitation class score sheets must be used. In National Championship classes, the Medal  
54 class score sheet must be used. The final score for each rider must be posted at the conclusion of the class. Ties for  
55 Champion, Reserve, 10th in the Top Ten at National Championship or 5th in the Top Five at Regional  
56 Championship will be broken by the judges~~

57 4. Dressage Seat Equitation Score Sheets:

58 a. Federation Dressage Seat equitation class score sheets must be used in qualifying and Regional  
59 Championship classes. For Regional championships, ties for Champion, Reserve or 5th in the Top Five will  
60 be broken by the judge. If a two judge system is used, ties will be broken as in AR254.4.b

61 b. In National Championship classes, the USEF Dressage Seat Medal class score sheet must be used to record  
62 the final percentage scores from each judge, which will determine placings for each judge. Ties for  
63 Champion, Reserve, 10th in the Top Ten at National Championships will be broken by consulting the Call  
64 Judge's card to break the tie. The rider placing highest on the Call Judge's card will place above the other  
65 rider in the tie. In the event there is a tie within the Call judge's own scores, the Call judge will break their tie  
66 for those placings mentioned above.

67 c. The final scores for each rider must be posted at the conclusion of the class.

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

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

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

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76 PROPONENTS FINANCIAL IMPACT (REQUIRED): Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 102.6. & 102.7 for financial  
77 requirements

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79 None

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81 AHA IMPACT STATEMENT:

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83 Contact Person:

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85 SUBMITTED BY: Dressage and Western Dressage Committee 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: 80 Number of Yes votes: 37 Number of No votes: 0

89 How vote was taken:  mail  email/other electronic means  phone  meeting (check one) (Must have Quorum with  
90 majority of yes votes)

91 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: Google Forms Poll (Must have printed documentation on file)

92 Date vote taken: August 2, 2022

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

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3 (STANDARD)

4 Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 101 & 102 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			
Competition Advisory Committee			
Dressage/Western Dressage Committee			
Sport Horse Committee			
Sport Horse National Show Commission			
USEF Arabian Division Committee			

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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 AR174  
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17 RESOLUTION: Use ***bold/italic*** for new wording, ~~strikethrough~~ to indicate deletion

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

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41 AR174 Purpose  
42 The Sport Horse section was developed to evaluate and encourage the breeding of Purebred Arabian and Half  
43 Arabian/Anglo-Arabian horses suitable for Dressage, ***Western Dressage***, Working Hunter, Eventing, Jumper, Carriage  
44 Pleasure Driving, Combined Driving, Racing, Competitive Trail, and Endurance, and to provide an opportunity to  
45 demonstrate the effectiveness of breeding programs. Form to function will be emphasized  
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47 Effective:            December 31, 2023, or when approved by USEF/EC

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

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

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54 PROPONENTS FINANCIAL IMPACT (REQUIRED): Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 102.6. & 102.7 for financial  
55 requirements

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57 No financial impact as the trophies and ribbons will be the same and the classes are already placed in order by the scorer, and  
58 Data Source already lists "top 4" etc in its data

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60 AHA IMPACT STATEMENT:

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62 Contact Person:

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64 SUBMITTED BY: South Central Arabs of Texas Region Number: 9

65  Member Organization  Committee  Commission  Board  Region (check one )

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

67 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 15 Number of Yes votes: 9 Number of No votes: 0

68 How vote was taken:  mail  email/other electronic means  phone  meeting (check one) (Must have Quorum with  
69 majority of yes votes)

70 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: in minutes (Must have printed documentation on file)

71 Date vote taken: August 10, 2022

72 Contact Person: Karlan Downing, MD (Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw)

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1 **SUBJECT: Working Western Rewrite (USEF/EC)**  
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 3 *(EXTRAORDINARY)*  
 4 Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 101 & 102 for submission requirements

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 6 Committees required to review: *(This section to be completed by the Agenda & Resolutions Committee)* Committee Action:  
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Amateur Committee			
Canadian National Show Commission			
Competition Advisory Committee			
Education/Evaluation Committee			
Professional Horsemen Committee			
USEF Arabian Division			
U.S. National Show Commission			
Working Western Committee			
Youth Committee			
Youth National Show Commission			

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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      X   Change existing text  
 15 Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) USEF AR208 through AR230  
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17 **RESOLUTION:** Use ***bold/italic*** for new wording, ~~strike through~~ to indicate deletion

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 19 Whereas,            The Working Western disciplines have seen evolution and growth, and  
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 21 Whereas,            The previous Working Western rules have needed updating due to industry changes, and  
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 23 Whereas,            Many of the references within USEF SUBCHAPTER AR-26 WORKING WESTERN SECTION to other  
 24 areas are cumbersome to locate in a timely manner, and  
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 26 Whereas,            There is a desire to incorporate those references within that subchapter for ease of time and relevance as  
 27 they may be modified, and  
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 29 Whereas,            There is a need to become more nimble and adjust more timely with rules that change within the disciplines  
 30 in the equine industry; Therefore, Be It  
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 32 Resolved,            That the USEF AR208 through AR230 be amended by striking out the current language; and, Be It Further  
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 34 Resolved,            That the USEF AR Division be amended by substituting a new SUBCHAPTER AR-26 WORKING  
 35 WESTERN SECTION inserting the following language and to be numbered appropriately by USEF to fit  
 36 their format:  
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38 **AR-WW.1 General**

- 39 1. The Arabian Working Western Horse possesses athletic ability, maneuverability and reliability while performing one or  
 40 more Western task-oriented disciplines. The performance of a Working Western horse is pleasing to the eye with a  
 41 willing and engaged attitude while precise in the execution of its task. It is the intent of the Arabian Horse Association  
 42 to mirror whenever appropriate and or possible the organization that is deemed the leader of the specific Working  
 43 Western Discipline: i.e. Reining – The National Reining Horse Association, Working Cow/Reined Cow – The National  
 44 Reined Cow Horse Association, Cutting – The National Cutting Horse Association, Ranch and Versatility Ranch Horse  
 45 – The American Quarter Horse Association.

- 46 2. The Arabian Working Western Horse should exhibit Breed Type while performing its task-oriented disciplines. Breed  
 47 Type includes natural tail carriage. No Horse may compete in a class in the Arabian Division with a tail that has been  
 48 altered in any manner or by any means.
- 49 a. Judges are required to penalize horses exhibiting unnatural Arabian appearance (unnatural tail carriage).  
 50 Conversely, horses with natural Arabian appearance (tail carriage) showing expression that is not angry or offensive  
 51 shall not be penalized.
- 52 b. A horse’s tail carriage shall be considered altered when it is obviously and consistently carried in an unnatural  
 53 manner in every maneuver.
- 54 c. In all scored Working Western classes, a horse exhibiting unnatural Arabian appearance shall be assessed a 10-point  
 55 penalty.
- 56 d. In non-scored Working Western classes, a horse exhibiting unnatural Arabian appearance shall be penalized and  
 57 placed at the bottom of the class.
- 58 3. The Rules contained here within the Arabian Working Western Rules (AR-WW) section of the rulebook may be  
 59 amended as necessary by the Arabian Working Western Committee with the approval of the Arabian Horse  
 60 Association’s Education and Evaluation Committee.
- 61 4. The verbiage “Amateur” and “Non-Pro” are to be considered interchangeable throughout the Working Western rules  
 62 where applicable.

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 64 **AR-WW.2 Western Equipment and Attire**

65 1. WESTERN EQUIPMENT:

- 66 a. BRIDLE. Any western type of headstall without noseband in conjunction with any standard western bit shall be  
 67 allowed. A standard western bit is defined as having a shank with a maximum length overall of 8 1/2”. The  
 68 mouthpiece will consist of a round or oval bar 5/16” to 3/4” in diameter as measured one inch in from the shank. The  
 69 bars may be metal, rubber, or synthetic material and may be inlaid but must be smooth or only latex wrapped. The  
 70 bars may be encased in smooth 5/16” to 3/4” in diameter tubular barrels that rotate around the bars. Nothing may  
 71 protrude below the mouthpiece (bar) such as extensions, prongs, or rivets designed to intimidate the horse. Rollers  
 72 attached to the center of the bit are acceptable and may extend below the bar. Jointed mouthpieces are acceptable  
 73 and may consist of two or three pieces and may have one or two joints. A three-piece mouthpiece may include a  
 74 connecting ring of 1 1/4” or less in diameter or a connecting flat bar of 3/8” to 3/4” (measured top to bottom with a  
 75 maximum length of two 2”), which lies flat in the mouth, or a roller or port as described herein. The port must be no  
 76 higher than 3 1/2” with roller(s) and covers acceptable. Jointed mouthpieces, half-breeds, and spade bits are  
 77 standard. Slip or gag bits, rigid donut mouthpieces and flat polo mouthpieces are prohibited. Roping bits with both  
 78 reins connected to a single ring at center of crossbar shall not be used. Reins must be attached to each shank. When a  
 79 curb bit is used, either a curb chain or flat leather chin strap is required and must be at least 1/2” in width and lie flat  
 80 against the jaws of the horse. No wire, rawhide, metal, or other substance can be used in conjunction with or as part  
 81 of the flat leather chin strap, or curb chain. Round, rolled, braided or rawhide curb straps are prohibited, except  
 82 when used on a ring snaffle when applied below the reins. A light lip strap is permissible. Any rein design or other  
 83 device which increases the effective length and thereby the leverage of the shank of a standard Western bit is  
 84 prohibited
- 85 b. A snaffle bit or hackamore is required in those classes restricted to junior horses. Hackamore/ Bosal or standard  
 86 snaffle are permitted in any class on horses five years old and under, unless prohibited in the prize list. A standard  
 87 snaffle bit is defined as a center jointed single, rounded, unwrapped, smooth mouthpiece of 5/16” to 3/4” diameter  
 88 metal as measured from ring to 1” in from the ring with a gradual decrease to the center of the snaffle. The rings  
 89 may be from 2” to 4” outside diameter of either the loose type, eggbutt, dee, or center mounted without cheeks. If a  
 90 curb strap is used it must be attached below the reins. A hackamore includes a bosal rounded in shape and  
 91 constructed of braided rawhide or leather and must have a flexible non-metallic core, attached to a suitable headstall.  
 92 No other material of any kind is to be used in conjunction with the bosal, i.e., steel, metal, or chains (Exception:  
 93 smooth, plastic electrical tape is acceptable if applied in a smooth, untwisted manner). Attached reins may be of  
 94 hair, rope, or leather. Both hands must be visible to the judge. Two hands may be used on hackamore (Bosal) and  
 95 Western snaffle reins.
- 96 c. Split reins or romal (closed) reins are equally acceptable. Only one hand may be used on reins and hands must not  
 97 be changed except to negotiate an obstacle in a Trail Horse Class. While working a cow in herd work and Limited  
 98 Reined Cow Horse, it is legal to hold the reins and the romal in one hand (rein hand), while doing so, the other hand  
 99 may be used to hold the saddle horn. Hand to be around reins. When ends of split reins fall on side of reining hand,  
 100 one finger between reins is permitted. When using romal or when ends of split reins are held in hand not used for  
 101 reining, no finger between reins is allowed. Rider may hold romal or end of split reins to keep them from swinging  
 102 and to adjust the position of the reins provided it is held with at least 16 inches of rein between the hands.
- 103 d. Rope, riata and/or hobbles are optional.
- 104 e. Hackamore bits, cavesson type nosebands, martingales, draw reins and tie-downs are prohibited.



- 105 g. Junior Horses competing in any non-Junior Horse Working Western class wearing a bridle may compete in any  
 106 Junior Horse Working Western class wearing a hackamore or snaffle: i.e. a junior horse may compete in an open,  
 107 amateur or youth Working Western class in a bridle and return to compete in a Junior Horse Working Western class  
 108 in a snaffle or hackamore.
- 109 h. Boots and/or bandages are permitted in Reining, Reined Cow Horse, Working Cow, Cutting, Ranch Horse Riding  
 110 and Versatility Ranch Horse classes (exception VRH Ranch Conformation and VRH Ranch Trail).
- 111 i. The use of ‘two rein equipment’ is allowed in Two Rein Reined Cow Horse and all VRH classes. The purpose of the  
 112 two-rein option is the transition between the hackamore and bridle and can be used on any aged horse in the above  
 113 stated classes for one year only. The bit and bosal (also referred to as a bosalito) combination must be approved in  
 114 accordance with NRCHA and or AHA rules, below.
- 115 1. In the two-rein class, bosals may be of any size, constructed of braided rawhide or leather and have a non-metal  
 116 flexible core. No iron or foreign substance may be used. The rider must use one hand on the reins. Fingers  
 117 between the reins will be permitted. Both mecate and bridle reins are to be held in the rein hand.
- 118 2. In two-rein classes the use of an approved bit with an approved bosal underneath the bridle in accordance with  
 119 Rule ARWW.2.1 is required. Only one hand may be used on the reins and hands must not be changed. Any  
 120 number of fingers between reins will be permitted.
- 121 j. When riding with a romal in RANCH and VRH CLASSES, a get down rope may be used. A get down rope is  
 122 defined as a small rope tied around the neck of the horse with a bowline or other non-slip knot and run back to the  
 123 rider or tied to the saddle. The get down will be used to lead, ground tie, or tie the horse. When ground-tying with  
 124 split reins, one or both reins may be dropped, romal reins may be loosely draped over the horse when used with or  
 125 without a get-down rope. Hobbles are allowed.
- 126 k. Saddle: Any standard stock saddle with a horn is required, but silver equipment will not count over a good working  
 127 outfit. Tapaderos may not be used.
- 128 l. When exhibitor equipment failure causes a delay or a run to be discontinued, the judge will excuse the horse and the  
 129 entry shall receive a zero score. Exception: In Ranch Rail Pleasure and Ranch Conformation a competitor is entitled  
 130 to request one time out for a period not to exceed not to exceed five minutes in aggregate in order to make obvious  
 131 adjustments, repair broken equipment, rectify a similar condition, or to replace a shoe. (refer to AR 108 for other  
 132 time out rules).
- 133 2. WESTERN ATTIRE:
- 134 a. Riders shall wear Western hat, long-sleeved shirt with any type of collar, trousers or pants (one-piece long-sleeved  
 135 equitation suit is acceptable provided it includes a collar); chaps, shotgun chaps, or chinks, and boots. A vest, jacket,  
 136 coat, and/or sweater may also be worn. Competitors with incomplete attire shall receive a zero score or be  
 137 eliminated from placing.
- 138 b. Spurs are optional at the discretion of the exhibitor; whips are not allowed except with side saddle. (See GR1310  
 139 Dispensations.)
- 140 c. Horse/Exhibitor number - may place number on the left side, both sides of the saddle pad or on the rider’s back.  
 141 Exception: Ranch Rail Pleasure, the number must be on the riders back or both sides of the pad. Horses shown  
 142 without a number, or with a wrong number may be required to pay a \$25 fee at the discretion of show management.  
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**AR-WW.3 English Equipment and Attire (English Trail)**

- 144 1. TACK:
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- 146 a. Bridle shall be light, show type; either snaffle (including full or half cheek), pelham, full bridle or kimberwick bit  
 147 acceptable. Browband/cavessons are required. Drop nosebands are permissible in dressage attire.
- 148 b. Junior Horse classes require a snaffle bit. (Snaffle bit is defined as snaffle bit of at least 3/8” diameter as measured  
 149 ½” from the ring. The snaffle bit may be jointed, double jointed or unjointed. For all junior horse performance  
 150 classes, all snaffle bits must have a round, egg butt or “D” shaped ring with no attachments to the headstall or reins  
 151 through a hook (except for keepers for a full cheek snaffle when section rules allow a full cheek). Full cheek (with  
 152 or without keepers), Half cheek, French and Dr. Bristol snaffle bits are permitted).
- 153 c. Breastplate or breast collar is optional.
- 154 d. No martingales or tie-downs.
- 155 e. Type of English saddle is optional.
- 156 f. Whips, crops and spurs are optional.
- 157 When exhibitor equipment failure causes a delay or a run to be discontinued, the judge will excuse the horse and the  
 158 entry shall receive a zero score.
- 159 2. ATTIRE:
- 160 a. Informal or formal Saddle Seat, Hunt, Show Hack, or Dressage attire is permissible. Competitors with incomplete  
 161 attire shall be penalized at the judge’s discretion.

- b. ASTM Helmets are required for all English Trail classes. Per AR111 exhibitors may not enter the arena without protective headgear.
- c. Horse/Exhibitor number – may place number on the left side, both sides of the saddle pad or on the rider’s back. Horses shown without a number, or with a wrong number may be required to pay a \$25 fee at the discretion of show management.

**AR-WW.4 In-Hand Trail**

- 1. HALTER:
  - a. Suitable halter (leather preferred with or without sliver trim), leather lead with or without a chain to be used. If a chain is used with the lead, it must not be run through the horse’s mouth or over the horse’s nose.
- 2. ATTIRE:
  - a. Western style - Western hat, long sleeve shirt or tunic, long pants, western boots.
  - b. Optional - Western jacket, vest, belt, tie and gloves.
  - c. Hunter – hunt coat, breeches, hunt boots, hunt style shirt with collar. Optional: Hunt cap or helmet with harness, gloves
  - d. Saddle Seat – long sleeve shirt, long pants, vest, tie, paddock, or jodhpur boots. Optional: Derby or soft hat, saddle suit, gloves
  - e. Dressage or Show Hack - Dressage coat or shadbelly dark conservative color, shirt with collar or stock tie, light or white breeches, boots. Optional: helmet or top hat, gloves
  - f. Sport Horse/Halter – long sleeve shirt, long pants, shoes or boots. Optional: hat, gloves, vest sweater or jacket, tie
  - g. Crop, whip, chaps, chinks, or spurs are not allowed.

**AR-WW.5 Gaits**

- 1. DEFINITIONS
  - a. The walk is a natural, flat-footed, four-beat gait. The horse must move straight and true at the walk. The walk must be alert, with a stride of reasonable length in keeping with the size of the horse.
  - b. The jog is a smooth, ground-covering two-beat diagonal gait. The horse works from one pair of diagonals to the other pair. The jog should be square, balanced and with straight, forward movement of the feet. Horses walking with their back feet and trotting in the front are not considered performing the required gait. When asked to extend the jog, it moves out with the same smooth way of going.
  - c. The lope is an easy, rhythmical three-beat gait. Horses moving to the left should lope on the left lead. Horses moving to the right should lope on the right lead. Horses traveling at a four-beat gait are not considered to be performing at a proper lope. The horse should lope with a natural stride and appear relaxed and smooth. It should be ridden at a speed that is a natural way of going. The head should be carried at an angle which is natural and suitable to the horse’s conformation at all gaits.
- 2. GAITS - RANCH CLASSES
  - In all gaits, movement of the ranch horse should simulate a horse needing to cover long distances, softly and quietly, like that of a working ranch horse. The following terminology shall apply:
    - a. Walk - the walk is a natural, flat footed, four-beat gait. The gait is rhythmic and ground-covering. As in all gaits, the horse should display a level, or slightly above level topline with a bright, attentive expression.
    - b. Extended Walk – the extended walk is an obvious lengthening of stride that will naturally increase the pace. The horse should move in a natural manner (not a running walk) as if it were moving across an open pasture.
    - c. Trot- the trot is a natural two-beat gait demonstrating more forward motion than the western jog.
    - d. Extended Trot- the extended trot is an obvious lengthening of the stride with a definite increase in pace. The horse should be moving in a manner as if it were covering a large area on a ranch with an above level topline.
    - e. Lope- the lope is a three-beat gait. The lope should be relaxed and smooth with a natural, forward moving stride.
    - f. Extended Lope- the extended lope is not a run or a race but should be an obvious lengthening of the stride, demonstrating a forward, working speed. The horse should display an above level topline with a bright, attentive expression.
- 3. JUDGING OF GAITS
  - There will be an order of priority for evaluating western gaits. This hierarchy of consideration must be adhered to by judges and will be a great aid to exhibitors for how their horses should be presented. Following are the requirements in order of importance.
    - a. Correctness-Concerning correctness, which is the most important element of the hierarchy, judges must assess if the exhibitor has performed each gait correctly as defined during all or the majority of all of the class in order to have a correct or positive evaluation. For western gaits, this includes a four-beat walk, two-beat jog and three-beat lope. The distinctness of the designated cadence for the gait being performed is essential.

- 219 b. Quality-Concerning quality, which is the second most important element in the hierarchy and can only be considered
- 220 positively if the gait performance has complied with the first element of correctness. When evaluating the pleasing
- 221 characteristics of a gait, among many considerations, judges must consider overall gracefulness, relaxed expression,
- 222 topline, softness of movement, consistency, and length of stride of the designated gait.
- 223 c. Degree of Difficulty-Concerning degree of difficulty, this is the least important and last element of the hierarchy.
- 224 This element must only be considered if the requirement for correctness has been met and combination of
- 225 correctness and quality allow the performance to be considered for placement. Difficulty is greatly influenced by
- 226 exhibiting a pleasure horse at a pace and speed that allows for correctness and best quality of a gait for that
- 227 individual. A performance of a walk that is ground covering and free flowing has a high degree of difficulty. A jog
- 228 or lope that is performed with a slow rhythm without sacrificing correct-ness or quality has a high degree of
- 229 difficulty. Slowness that sacrifices correctness or negatively impacts quality shall be considered incorrect and a poor
- 230 performance at best.

231 **AR-WW.6 - Conduct**

- 232 1. The order of go will be drawn in a random manner (computer/electronically, shuffling cards, drawing numbers, etc.).
- 233 When the draw is determined manually:
- 234 a. The competition management shall announce to the exhibitors a specified time and place the drawing will occur.
- 235 The management will have numbers (one through the total number entered) equal to the number of horses entered in
- 236 the class.
- 237 b. At the announced specified time that the draw will take place, all exhibitors wishing to make their own draw will
- 238 assemble with the management. The management will call, in program order, the exhibitors with multiple horses to
- 239 draw first.
- 240 c. Exhibitors with multiple horses will not be back-to-back, where total number of horses entered will permit. If an
- 241 exhibitor with multiple horses draws back-to-back there will be a re-draw. The management will then call the
- 242 remaining exhibitors, in program order, to draw. When the number of horses in a class permits, riders with multiple
- 243 horses must be drawn with a minimum of two horses spread between runs.
- 244 d. No horse shall perform as the first horse in more than one class (go-around/section) per competition unless there are
- 245 more classes than horses. If a horse is drawn up first for the second time, there will be a re-draw.
- 246 e. The number drawn will be that exhibitor's order of go. NO CHANGES with the exception of a valid circumstance
- 247 as determined by the judge(s), and/or steward(s), and /or show management.
- 248 f. Management will draw for those exhibitors who do not appear for the announced drawing.
- 249 2. When the draw is determined by computer/electronically:
- 250 a. Exhibitors with multiple horses will not be back-to-back where the total number of horses entered will permit. When
- 251 the number of horses in a class permits, riders with multiple horses must be drawn with a minimum of two horses
- 252 spread between runs.
- 253 b. No horse shall perform as the first horse in more than one class (go-around/section) per competition unless there are
- 254 more classes than horses. The number drawn will be that exhibitors order of go. No changes with the exception of a
- 255 valid circumstance as determined by the judge(s), and/or steward(s), and/or show management.
- 256 3. The order of go will be posted at least one hour before the start of the class.
- 257 4. When specified patterns are required, patterns for each class must be posted at least one hour prior to the start of the
- 258 class. The posted pattern is to be followed unless a change becomes necessary due to safety considerations. If a pattern or
- 259 course is posted and publicly announced and there is a discrepancy between the posted and the announced pattern, the
- 260 posted pattern is to be followed.
- 261 5. Use of videotape. Videotape may be used by the judge(s) to review any entry's performance only in a class in which
- 262 entries perform individually. Videotaping of such classes is required at National Shows.
- 263 a. The videotape must be provided by an "official competition videographer," and the judge must have reason to
- 264 believe all horses have been videotaped.
- 265 b. Whether or not to review the videotape is the sole discretion of the judge(s), and the decision of the judge(s) in this
- 266 regard is non-protestable.
- 267 c. The judge's decision to review the videotaped performance must be made prior to announcing the official results of
- 268 the class.
- 269 d. If a judge decides to review any videotaped performance in a class, the official results of the class must be delayed
- 270 until after the review and a decision has been made.
- 271 e. Judges may not confer as to any penalty or maneuver score prior to submitting a score. If a major penalty (a penalty
- 272 which results in a no score, a 0, or a 5-point penalty or greater) is unclear, a judge will submit his/her score and ask
- 273 that the score be held, pending a conference and/or review of the official video at the earliest appropriate time.
- 274 Should the judges determine via conference or official video replay that a penalty was incurred, it should be applied.
- 275 If, however, no penalty occurred, the score will be announced as originally submitted. No judge shall be required to
- 276 change his/her score following a conference or official video replay. Each judge's decision is an individual call and

277 based on individual decision from a conference or official video replay. The use of official video equipment by the  
 278 judges is only permissible if the judge has reason to believe that all entries have been videotaped.

- 279 f. For reined cow horse and working cow horse classes, refer also to NRCHA. For all events at which multiple judges  
 280 are utilized, major penalties must be reviewed in accordance with current NRHA rules for reining classes and  
 281 current NRCHA rules for reined cow horse and cow horse classes. Similarly, major penalties must be reviewed for  
 282 trail and ranch riding classes when there is a major penalty marked by at least one judge and at least one of the other  
 283 judges did not. A major penalty shall be deemed a 0 score and all penalties 5 points or greater.  
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286 **AR-WW.7 - General Scoring**

- 287 1. It is mandatory that judges use the prescribed AHA score sheet for Reining, Working Cow, Reined Cow Horse, Cutting  
 288 and all Ranch and VRH classes (exception Ranch Rail Pleasure and VRH Conformation), and Trail classes and it is  
 289 mandatory that the score sheet (or a copy) be posted immediately after each class. Score sheets may be obtained by  
 290 writing: AHA, 10805 E. Bethany Drive, Aurora, CO 80014 or score sheets may be downloaded at  
 291 www.arabianhorses.org
- 292 2. When a judge is adjudicating in a multiple judge system, the scores should be transferred to the ring steward or clerk in a  
 293 manner that the other judges do not hear their score.
- 294 3. In Working Western classes each individual judges scores and cumulative score are required to be announced. If a score  
 295 is being held for review, this is announced instead of the score.
- 296 a. When one judge is used, his score will place the class.  
 297 b. When more than one judge is used, scores will be totaled to determine the placing of the class.  
 298 c. When five judges are used, one high and one low score will be eliminated, and the remaining three scores will be  
 299 totaled to determine the placing of the class.
- 300 4. Ties for, Champion, and Reserve Champion, and any other placing requiring a work-off, will be broken by using the  
 301 same pattern, order of go and scoring technique as was used in the event; however, there will not be more than one work  
 302 off.
- 303 a. Tied exhibitors can choose to forego a work-off and be named co-champions but must determine the winner of the  
 304 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  
 305 forfeit first place to the other. Prize money (if any) for the tied placing(s) involved will be added together and  
 306 equally split between the respective exhibitors.
- 307 b. Exhibitors disqualified in a work-off cannot be placed any lower than the lowest consecutive placing which results  
 308 from breaking the tie.
- 309 c. In all Working Western classes (except Reined Cow, Limited Reined Cow Horse Classes, and Reining Seat  
 310 Equitation), ties for fifth in a Top 5 and tenth in a Top 10 or any tie, other than Champion or Reserve Champion,  
 311 that may require being broken will be determined by the horse with the lowest "Total Penalty Points". Should the tie  
 312 persist, the tie shall then be broken by the highest maneuver/obstacle score of a predetermined maneuver or obstacle.  
 313 If the tie continues to persist, then it shall require a work-off in accordance with AR-WW.7.4
- 314 d. In Reined Cow and Limited Reined Cow Horse classes, ties shall be broken first by the highest score of the "Fence"  
 315 or "Cow Work." In Reining Seat Equitation, ties shall be broken first by the highest "Equitation" score. a. If a tie  
 316 persists in Reined Cow, Limited Reined Cow, or Reining Seat Equitation, it shall then be broken by the horse with  
 317 the lowest total penalty points. Should the tie persist, the tie shall then be broken by the highest maneuver/obstacle  
 318 score of a predetermined maneuver or obstacle. If a tie continues to persist it shall require a work-off in accordance  
 319 with AR-WW.7.4
- 320 e. Ties for any placing in a non-championship class will be determined by the horse with the lowest "Total Penalty  
 321 Points". Should the tie persist, the tie shall then be broken by the highest maneuver/obstacle score of a  
 322 predetermined maneuver or obstacle. If the tie continues to persist all horses tied will stand tied, prize money (if  
 323 any) for the placings involved will be added together and equally split between the respective exhibitors.
- 324 f. In classes with multi go-rounds, ties will be broken in accordance with AR-WW.7.4.a, b, and c utilizing the Total  
 325 Penalty Points and/or maneuver/obstacle score of the "Final" go-round.
- 326 g. In classes with five judges, ties will be broken in accordance with AR-WW.7.4.a,b,c, and e utilizing the Total  
 327 Penalty Points and/or maneuver/obstacle scores of only the judges' scores utilized in the final go-round.
- 328 h. If a mathematical error on a score sheet is discovered, it must be brought to the attention of the competition  
 329 management.
- 330 i. A class will be complete, and the posted scores will be considered "official" thirty minutes following the last class  
 331 of the day.
- 332 j. In Working Western classes where there is more than one go-round, all horses will compete in both go-rounds. The  
 333 top horses will then return for the Final go-round. The order of go shall be drawn for all sections. Scores will be  
 334 accumulative through the Final class. Champion and Reserve Champion, Top Five and Top Ten will be determined

335 by total accumulated score of all works. Ties will be broken in accordance with AR210.4. *BOD 6/28/21 Effective*  
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338 **AR-WW.8 - Reining**

339 1. General

340 The Arabian Reining Horse section shall be conducted in accordance with the current NRHA Handbook for class  
341 conduct, judging, specific scoring and patterns as modified by the following Arabian rules. Where the Arabian rules are  
342 silent, NRHA rules prevail.

- 343 a. There is no restriction on the number of horses a rider may show in a class.
- 344 b. Exception to NRHA rules see AR-WW.1.2
  - 345 1. 10-point penalty: Unnatural Arabian appearance (Horse's tail is obviously and consistently carried in an
  - 346 unnatural manner in every maneuver)
- 347 c. Arabian breed restricted competitions that offer reining classes, but are not licensed as a Reining competition, are
- 348 not required to have video instant replay available to the judges. (Exception: Video Instant Replay is required at
- 349 National level competitions).
- 350 d. Equipment checks are to be conducted either by the (call) judge prior to leaving the arena or by the Steward
- 351 immediately outside of the performance arena after the run.
- 352 e. Patterns must be posted.

353 2. Reining Horse Patterns - Judges must choose from patterns in the current NRHA Handbook.

354 3. Reining Horse Class Specifications

- 355 a. OPEN, AMATEUR, LADIES, GENTLEMEN, JUNIOR HORSE, HACKAMORE (BOSAL). Exhibitors to perform
- 356 a pattern from NRHA Handbook, as instructed by the judge.
- 357 b. To be held following NRHA definitions. Placings in the Non-Pro Divisions do not affect eligibility in the Open
- 358 Section.
  - 359 1. Open- Follows NRHA Open Criteria excluding NRHA Membership or eligible as an AHA Member to compete
  - 360 in Open Reining classes.
  - 361 2. Intermediate Open- Follows NRHA Open Rider criteria excluding NRHA Membership or rider who has not
  - 362 received more than the specified number of AHA National Achievement points in the Reining Section.
  - 363 3. Limited Open-Follows NRHA Limited Open Rider criteria excluding NRHA Membership or rider who has not
  - 364 received more than the specified number of AHA National Achievement points in the Reining Section.
  - 365 4. Non-Pro- Follows NRHA Non-Pro criteria (excluding NRHA Membership) or any amateur rider with a valid
  - 366 AHA Competition Card.
  - 367 5. Intermediate Non-Pro- Follows NRHA Intermediate Rider criteria excluding NRHA Membership) or rider who
  - 368 has not received more than the specified number of AHA National Achievement points in the Reining Section.
  - 369 6. Limited Non-Pro- Follows NRHA Limited Rider criteria (excluding NRHA Membership) or rider who has not
  - 370 received more than the specified number of AHA National Achievement points in the Reining Section.
  - 371 7. Rookie Non-Pro rider - Follows NRHA Rookie Level 1 Rider criteria (excluding NRHA Membership) or
  - 372 amateur rider who has not received more than the specified number of AHA National Achievement points in the
  - 373 Reining Section.
  - 374 8. Primetime Non-Pro Rider- amateur rider must be at least 50 years of age as of December 1st. The Primetime
  - 375 rider must also be entered in one or more of the above classes.
- 376 c. Short Stirrup Reining 10 & under.
  - 377 1. Open to Exhibitors 10 years old and under as of December 1st of the current competition year.
  - 378 2. Riders are allowed to choose the size and speed of the circles. Excessive speed will result in maneuver
  - 379 deduction.
  - 380 3. There will be no penalty for holding the saddle with either hand.
  - 381 4. The rider may ride with standard reins, or with any type of closed reins and may ride with one or two hands on
  - 382 the reins any time during the class.
  - 383 5. This class is to be run with any current NRHA Short Stirrup pattern.

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385 **AR-WW.9 - Western / English / In-Hand Trail**

- 386 1. A Trail horse is one that can maneuver through a course of obstacles with physical skill, expression and a good mental
- 387 attitude. It should travel through and between obstacles with an inquisitive desire to go forward without compromising
- 388 its calm, relaxed attitude, and way of going. It should approach each obstacle squarely with authority and correct form,
- 389 with its own style, yet maintaining its willingness to be dictated to completely by the rider/handler with no apparent
- 390 resistance. Maximum credit should be given to the trail horse that negotiates its way through an entire course efficiently,
- 391 in a timely manner, without excessive hesitation, with curiosity, expression, smoothness and style; in a manner that
- 392 raises the degree of difficulty without sacrificing carefulness, control, and/ or attitude. Ultimately, the trail horse is

- 393 skillful, eye appealing, confident, and leaves one with the impression of being sure, safe and a pleasure to ride over a  
 394 course of obstacles.
- 395 2. All entered exhibitors will be allowed to walk and inspect the course with the judge and with the course designer, if  
 396 present, prior to the start of the class. In amateur and junior exhibitor classes, exhibitors may be accompanied by their  
 397 trainer.
- 398 3. No time outs will be allowed.
- 399 4. The order of go to be drawn.
- 400 5. If at any time the trail obstacle is found to be unsafe, it must be repaired or removed from the course. If it cannot be  
 401 repaired and horses have completed the course, the score for that obstacle shall be deducted. No horse shall be asked to  
 402 repeat the course, except in the case of a tie.
- 403 6. The course must be posted at least twelve (12) hours before the scheduled starting time for the class. Exception: one (1)  
 404 hour at AHA Value Shows and twenty-four (24) hours at Regional and National Championship Shows. At Show  
 405 management's discretion, patterns may be posted on-line up to 30 days prior to a show.
- 406 7. There shall be a minimum of six (6) obstacles and a maximum of ten (10) obstacles on any course. (Exception: National  
 407 Championship classes have no maximum number of obstacles).
- 408 8. The judge may alter the course prior to the course walk.
- 409 9. Trail Horse - Under Saddle
- 410 a. Trail classes may be offered for Western or English, but the two styles are not to be combined into one class at any  
 411 time as there are distinct differences.
- 412 b. There is no rail work. The course must be designed to require each horse to show all three (3) gaits, (walk, jog/trot at  
 413 least thirty (30) feet, lope/canter right and left lead) somewhere between and/or over obstacles as part of its work,  
 414 and quality of movement and cadence should be considered as part of the obstacle score. Unnecessary delays while  
 415 approaching or negotiating an obstacle shall be penalized.
- 416 c. ASTM Helmets are required for all English Trail classes.
- 417 10. Trail Horse - In-hand
- 418 a. In-hand trail classes may be offered for Western and English styles which may be combined.
- 419 b. Judges should consider the overall appearance of the horse, conditioning, grooming and the equipment in the overall  
 420 score. Also, to be considered is the correctness of the horse while being led. For safety reasons, those handlers  
 421 continuously holding the chain on the lead, tightly coiling the lead shank around the hand, or dragging the lead  
 422 shank must be penalized.
- 423 c. There is no rail work. To include a walk and jog/trot of suitable duration to determine the way of going.
- 424 d. Management is encouraged to design courses that can be negotiated in ninety (90) seconds.
- 425 11. Trail Course Designers
- 426 a. It is recommended that a Course Designer be contracted for all competitions and his/her name appears in the prize  
 427 list. It is recommended that the Course Designer be always present and available to the trail arena during the trail  
 428 classes.
- 429 b. It is required that a Course Designer, separate from one of the judges, be contracted at every National Championship  
 430 Competition and his/her name appears in the prize list. At National Competitions, the Course Designer must be  
 431 always present and available to the trail arena during the trail classes.
- 432 c. The Course Designer may judge (except at AHA National Championship competitions) or be an official.
- 433 d. At the Regional and National level, Neither the Course Designer nor a member of his/her family may be a trainer,  
 434 coach, exhibitor, or rider in classes which he/she designs.
- 435 e. The Course Designer must supply the judges and office with copies of the trail courses each day, to comply with  
 436 course posting requirements.
- 437 f. The Course Designer must be a Federation/EC Senior Member in good standing.
- 438 12. Trail Definitions
- 439 a. Knockdown: When any component, element, or portion of an obstacle is displaced from its original position-by  
 440 horse or rider/handler.
- 441 b. Refusal: Any action taken by the horse to avoid performing an obstacle, part of a combination of obstacles or  
 442 portion of a trail course. These actions may include, but are not limited to the following:
- 443 1. Balking: (Any action that results in a horse blatantly and continuously refusing a rider's/handler's command).
- 444 2. Evading or running past an obstacle to be negotiated.
- 445 3. Each complete loss of the gate determined by the entry letting go of gate or dropping a rope gate.
- 446 4. Any blatant action by the horse that demonstrates an unwillingness to approach, negotiate and/or complete an  
 447 obstacle
- 448 5. At the judge's discretion or when a judge has deemed three (3) refusals have occurred at an obstacle the  
 449 exhibitor will proceed to the next obstacle. (In multiple judging situations the call judge will determine when to  
 450 instruct the exhibitor to proceed to the next obstacle.) Any time a judge instructs an exhibitor to proceed to the  
 451 next obstacle, a five (5) point penalty will apply for being asked to move to another obstacle and as such is not

- 452 in accordance with course direction. This penalty is in addition to the two (2) five (5) point penalties received  
 453 for refusals or blatant disobedience for a total of three (3) five (5) point penalties.
- 454 c. Off Course:
- 455 1. Taking an obstacle in the wrong direction.
  - 456 2. Deliberately failing to enter, exit, or work obstacle from correct side or direction.
  - 457 3. Negotiating an obstacle in the wrong sequence including skipping an obstacle unless directed by the judge.
  - 458 4. Not following the correct line of travel (i.e. the drawn pattern and Judge’s instruction/direction).
  - 459 5. Pulling gate when designated to push in course directions (or vice versa) or when using a rope gate, walking  
 460 through gate when designated to back through (or vice versa).
  - 461 6. Sidepassing the wrong end of a horse in slot.
  - 462 7. Riding or leading outside designated boundary marker of the course.
- 463 13. Trail Obstacle Mandatory Dimensions - All elevated poles must be in a pole holder e.g., trail blocks, trail risers, standard  
 464 jump cups or similar type supports. The judge has the right to alter the course.
- 465 1. WALK-OVERS
    - 466 a. Single Poles: Maximum height 16”. In-Hand: Maximum height 12”
    - 467 b. Multiples: Maximum height 10”. In-Hand: Maximum height 8”
    - 468 c. Minimum width between poles 20” to 24” or multiples thereof, between poles is generally considered good  
 469 spacing for walkovers, depending upon difficulty desired. No rolling poles
  - 470 2. LOPE OVERS WESTERN (not allowed In-Hand)  
 471 For lope overs, a distance of 6’- 6’6” is preferred.
  - 472 3. CANTER OVERS ENGLISH (not allowed In-Hand)  
 473 Canter overs: 6’6” to 7’6” apart- 6’6” – 7’ is preferable for most English horses.
  - 474 4. JUMPS  
 475 (Note: ASTM helmets are not required for Western trail classes with jump obstacles. ASTM Helmets are required  
 476 for all under saddle English Trail classes.)
    - 477 a. Mounted: Maximum height 24”
    - 478 b. Amateur and Junior to ride classes mounted, must be cross rails and may not exceed 18”). The height of a cross  
 479 rail shall be measured at the top of the center of the intersection of the poles. The height of the jump cups  
 480 should be set so the angle of the poles does not exceed approximately 30 degrees. c. Lead Over: Maximum  
 481 height 12”
    - 482 c. Minimum width between standards of a jump: 4 feet
    - 483 d. Combinations: 12 feet for a one stride; 6 feet for a no stride
    - 484 e. Box Jumps and L Jumps: Poles must be at least 12 feet long.
  - 485 5. JOG OVERS WESTERN  
 486 Jog overs: 3 feet to 3’6” apart or multiples thereof (space is measured between poles)
  - 487 6. TROT OVERS ENGLISH  
 488 Trot overs: 3’6” to 4’ apart (space is measured between poles). 3’6’ feet is preferred for most English horses.
  - 489 7. TROT/JOG OVERS IN-HAND  
 490 Single or Multiples: In-Hand Maximum height 6”
  - 491 8. BACK THROUGHES
    - 492 a. On ground: 36” between Min.
    - 493 b. Elevated: 40” between Min.
    - 494 c. Barrels: 42” between Min.
  - 495 9. SIDE PASSES
    - 496 a. Single pole: Up to 24” high. In-Hand Trail up to 6”
    - 497 b. Slots: Never closer than 36” wide (space is measured between poles).
  - 498 10. SERPENTINES (jog arounds)
    - 499 a. Cones 8 feet apart (base to base) minimum. Guardrails, if used, should be 6 feet(minimum) to either side of the  
 500 cones.  
 501 (Note: If tall standards are used, dimensions should be looser)
  - 502 11. GATE  
 503 Approximately 60” high with latch available at that height. (Exception: In-Hand Trail gate must be operable by all  
 504 handlers). May be a fixed/hinged gate or rope gate.
  - 505 12. BRIDGE -Suggested (not mandatory) dimensions:
    - 506 a. Bridges must be built of sturdy design non-slip surface and a bridge should be approximately 3’ wide and  
 507 approximately 6’ long. Any bridge deemed to be unsafe by the judge must be altered or removed.
    - 508 b. minimum of 36” wide
    - 509 c. minimum of 6’ long
    - 510 d. no higher than 12”

- 511 13. ANY OTHER MANEUVERS: Figure horse’s wheelbase at five feet front hooves to back hooves.
- 512 14. UNACCEPTABLE OBSTACLES
- 513 a. Live Animals
- 514 b. Hides
- 515 c. PVC poles
- 516 d. Dismounting
- 517 e. Rocking or moving bridges
- 518 f. Water box with floating or moving parts
- 519 g. Flames, dry ice, fire extinguisher, etc.
- 520 h. Logs or poles elevated in a manner that permits such to roll
- 521 i. Tarps are prohibited to be used within an obstacle, defined as where the entry will be expected to walk, jog,
- 522 lope or back. They can be used for decorative purposes but must be secured.
- 523 j. Hay bales
- 524 k. Rolling Poles
- 525 14. Trail Scoring General
- 526 a. All horses enter the arena with a score of 70. With each obstacle, the judge will instruct a scribe to assign a score as
- 527 well as any appropriate penalties if one or more occurs. At the end of the work, obstacle scores will be totaled. Any
- 528 penalties will then be subtracted to arrive at a final score. All horses are judged from the time they enter the arena
- 529 until the completion of the last obstacle.
- 530 b. Judge(s) may review official video (if available) on no score, zero, 10 point, or 5 point penalties only. Refer to
- 531 AR208.4 (Video review is solely the judge(s) decision.)
- 532 c. Each obstacle will be scored as follows: Half point increments can be used from +3 to –3.
- 533 **+3 EXCELLENT:** The horse approaches and negotiates obstacle in correct form with definite style. The horse
- 534 performs in an efficient manner with curiosity and athleticism, while maintaining the qualities of an ideal trail horse.
- 535 The horse’s performance over the obstacle is **VISUALLY IMPRESSIVE**.
- 536 **+2 VERY GOOD:** The horse approaches and negotiates obstacle in correct form with noticeable style. This horse
- 537 displays many qualities of the ideal trail horse. The horse’s performance over the obstacle is **VISUALLY**
- 538 **ATTRACTIVE**.
- 539 **+1 GOOD:** The horse approaches and negotiates obstacle in correct form with some degree of style. This horse may
- 540 display some qualities of the ideal trail horse but lacks those qualities to the degree they are exhibited by the Very
- 541 Good or Excellent performer. The horse’s performance over the obstacle is **VISUALLY PLEASING**.
- 542 **0 AVERAGE:** For the most part, horse approaches and negotiates obstacle in correct form. Minimal style is
- 543 exhibited. If the horse’s performance displays any qualities of the ideal trail horse, they are negated by slight errors
- 544 in form. The horse’s performance over the obstacle leaves a visually **NEUTRAL IMPRESSION**.
- 545 **-1 POOR:** The horse fails in some way to approach and/or negotiate obstacle in correct form. There is a noticeable
- 546 void in some of the qualities of the ideal trail horse. Willingness to guide or control may have been compromised but
- 547 not safety.
- 548 **-2 VERY POOR:** The horse approaches and negotiates obstacle, but noticeably fails to do so in correct form. There
- 549 is a definite deficiency in the qualities of the ideal trail horse. Safety may have been compromised. The horse
- 550 exhibits noticeable resistance.
- 551 **-3 EXTREMELY POOR:** The horse approaches and/or negotiates obstacle in unacceptable form but avoids
- 552 elimination. This horse’s performance is probably reckless, careless, and/or dangerous. The horse exhibits
- 553 significant resistance towards the rider’s commands.
- 554 15. Scoring Procedures
- 555 a. The class conduct and scoring system procedures stated herein shall be used in adjudication of all Trail classes in the
- 556 Arabian division. Competition Management shall provide scribe(s) at judge(s) request.
- 557 b. When a judge is adjudicating in a multiple judge system, the scores should be transferred to the ring steward or clerk
- 558 in a manner that the other judges do not hear their score.
- 559 c. All individual judges of Trail classes are required to announce the score of each horse immediately following the
- 560 horse’s work and prior to the work of the subsequent horse. If a score is being held for review, this is announced
- 561 instead of the score.
- 562 1. When one judge is used, their score will place the class.
- 563 2. When more than one judge is used, scores will be totaled to determine the placing of the class.
- 564 3. When five judges are used, one high and one low score will be eliminated, and the remaining three scores will
- 565 be totaled to determine the placing of the class.
- 566 d. The prescribed AHA score sheet must be used. Obstacle scores and any penalties will be totaled to arrive at a final
- 567 score.
- 568 e. Score sheets must be posted.



- 569 f. For method of breaking ties in Trail classes see AR-WW.6.4. In the event of a further tie, refer to the order of the  
 570 judges' cards (i.e., #1, #2, #3).
- 571 g. Judge(s) may review official video (if available) on no score, zero, 10 point, or 5 point penalties only. Refer to  
 572 AR204  
 573 (Video review is solely the judge(s) decision.)
- 574 16. Scoring Penalties
- 575 1. **NO SCORE**
- 576 a. Illegal equipment. (AR144). This includes any attachment which alters the movement of or circulation to the  
 577 tail.
- 578 b. Abuse to the animal inside or outside the competition arena and/or evidence that an act of abuse has occurred.  
 579 This includes lameness and/or fresh blood in the mouth, chin, shoulder, barrel, flank, or hip areas.
- 580 c. Disrespect or misconduct by exhibitor.
- 581 d. No whips allowed in In-Hand Trail.
- 582 2. **Disqualified 0 - Score**
- 583 a. Use of two hands (except snaffle bit or hackamore classes designated for two hands) or changing hands on  
 584 reins; except for junior horses shown with hackamore or snaffle bit, only one hand may be used on the reins,  
 585 except that it is permissible to change hands to work an obstacle as outlined in Art. 144, or to straighten reins  
 586 when stopped (Exception: Does not apply for English Trail or In-Hand Trail.)
- 587 b. Failure to maintain 16" of rein between hands. (Exception: Does not apply to English Trail or In-Hand Trail.)
- 588 c. No attempt to perform an obstacle.
- 589 d. Equipment failure that delays completion of pattern excessively or repeatedly touching the horse on the neck to  
 590 lower the head.
- 591 e. Entering or exiting an obstacle from the incorrect side or direction.
- 592 f. Working obstacle, the incorrect direction; including overturns of more than 1/4 turn.
- 593 g. Riding outside designated boundary maker of the arena or course area.
- 594 h. Failure to ever demonstrate correct gait as designated.
- 595 i. Failure to follow the correct line of travel between obstacles excessive schooling, pulling, turning, stepping or  
 596 backing anywhere on course.
- 597 j. Baiting is not allowed in In-Hand Trail.
- 598 3. **10 POINT PENALTIES**
- 599 a. Unnatural Arabian appearance (Horse's tail is obviously and consistently carried in an unnatural manner in  
 600 every maneuver)
- 601 4. **5 POINT PENALTIES**
- 602 a. Dropping slicker or object required to be carried on course, each refusal (three refusals move to the next  
 603 obstacle), balk, or evading an obstacle by shying or backing.
- 604 b. Letting go of gate or dropping rope gate.
- 605 c. Use of either hand to instill fear or praise.
- 606 d. Falling or jumping off or out of a bridge or water box with more than one foot once the horse has got onto or  
 607 into the obstacle.
- 608 e. Stepping outside of the confines of an obstacle with designated boundaries (i.e. back through, 360 degree box,  
 609 side pass) with more than one foot once the horse has entered the obstacle.
- 610 f. Missing or evading a pole that is a part of a series of an obstacle with more than one foot.
- 611 g. Blatant disobedience (including kicking out, bucking, rearing, striking).
- 612 h. Holding saddle with either hand (EXCEPTION: Jumps, Elevated Lope Overs, or Elevated Jog Overs).
- 613 i. Handler touching the horse with either hand in In-Hand unless instructed by the judge, course designer or  
 614 performing a side pass.
- 615 j. Performing entire obstacle on the wrong lead.
- 616 5. **3 POINT PENALTIES**
- 617 a. Incorrect or break of gait at walk or jog for more than two strides.
- 618 b. Approaching an obstacle at the wrong gait or lead.
- 619 c. Out of lead or break of gait at lope (except when correcting an incorrect lead.)
- 620 d. Knocking down an elevated pole, cone, barrel, plant, obstacle, or severely disturbing an obstacle.
- 621 e. Falling or jumping off or out of a bridge or water box with one foot once the horse has got onto or into that  
 622 obstacle stepping outside of the confines of an obstacle with designated boundaries (i.e., back through, 360-  
 623 degree box, side pass) with one foot once the horse has entered the obstacle. Missing or evading a pole that is  
 624 part of a series of an obstacle with one foot.
- 625 6. **1 POINT PENALTIES**
- 626 a. Each hard hit, bite, or stepping on a log, cone, plant, or a component of the obstacle.

- 627 b. Incorrect or break of gait at walk or jog for two strides or less: both front or hind feet in a single-strided slot or
- 628 space at a walk or jog.
- 629 c. Skipping over or failing to step into required space; split pole in lope-over.
- 630 d. Incorrect number of strides, if specified.

631 17. Class Specifications

- 632 1. Under Saddle
  - 633 a. OPEN, AMATEUR, LADIES, GENTLEMEN.
  - 634 b. JUNIOR HORSE (See AR132.1. a, AR136.1. a, AR144.2. b and DR121).
  - 635 c. GREEN: A Green Trail Horse is a horse of any age in its first or second competition year showing in any under
  - 636 saddle trail class at AHA/Federation/EC competition.
- 637 2. In-Hand
  - 638 a. OPEN, AMATEUR, JUNIOR EXHIBITOR.
  - 639 b. Weanlings, Yearlings, Two-year-old's, Two & under, Three & over.
  - 640 c. Colts, Stallions, Fillies, Mares, and Geldings.

641 18. Walk-Trot/Jog Trail Class Requirements

- 642 a. Riders may not be more than ten years of age as of December 1 of the current competition year. Horse and rider
- 643 must follow the appointments as set forth in AR-WW.2 for Western Walk/Jog Trail and AR-WW.3 for English
- 644 Walk/Trot Trail. The rider must never have been judged in a class at a Licensed Competition that required a canter
- 645 or lope. Exception: Short Stirrup Reining Riders and Cross Rails 10 & Under.
- 646 b. Acceptable Obstacles:
  - 647 1. WALK-OVERS – Where consecutive poles exist, no more than 2 may be elevated with a maximum height of 8".
  - 648 Minimum width between poles 20" to 24" or multiples thereof, between poles is generally considered good
  - 649 spacing for walkovers, depending upon difficulty desired. No rolling poles
  - 650 2. JOG-OVERS WESTERN - No elevated poles. Jog overs: 3 feet to 3'6" apart or multiples thereof (space is
  - 651 measured between poles)
  - 652 3. TROT-OVERS ENGLISH – No elevated poles. Trot overs: 3'6" to 4' apart (space is measured between poles).
  - 653 3'6' feet is preferred for most English horses.
  - 654 4. Serpentine – Walk Around – No more than 5 consecutive cones.
  - 655 a. Western Trail Walk/Jog-minimum 6 feet apart (base to base). Guardrails, if used, should be 4 to 5 feet to
  - 656 either side of the cones.
  - 657 b. English Trail Walk/Trot-minimum 8' feet apart (base to base). Guardrails, if used, should be 5 to 6 feet to
  - 658 either side of the pylons.
  - 659 5. Serpentine – Jog or Trot Around – No more than 5 consecutive cones
  - 660 a. Western Trail Walk/Jog-minimum of 10 feet apart (base to base). Guardrails, if used, should be 8 to 10 feet
  - 661 on either side of cones.
  - 662 b. English Trail Walk/Trot-minimum of 12 feet apart (base to base). Guardrails, if used, should be 10 to 12
  - 663 feet on either side of cones.
  - 664 6. Open Gates – The actual opening and closing of a gate may not be negotiated, however, simulation of doing so
  - 665 by touching gate standards is encouraged. A single non-elevated walk over pole may be placed in the "open"
  - 666 gate.
  - 667 7. Bridge – A safe unobstructed bridge (no poles or obstacles on the bridge) Bridges should be of sturdy design
  - 668 with a non-slip surface.
  - 669 a. Minimum 40" wide
  - 670 b. Minimum 6 feet long
  - 671 c. Maximum 8" in height
  - 672 8. Straight Back Through – of reasonable width 42" or greater.
  - 673 9. Turns of 90 or 180 degrees within a box or confined area no smaller than 8' x 8'; 270 or 360 degrees within a
  - 674 box or confined area of no less than 10' x 10'.
  - 675 10. Prohibited Obstacles:
    - 676 a. Water
    - 677 b. Water boxes (empty)
    - 678 c. Drags
    - 679 d. Pick-up object
    - 680 e. Closed gates
    - 681 f. Side pass

682 **AR-WW.10 - Working Cow Horse**

- 683 1. General
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685 These classes will be held in accordance with the National Reined Cow Horse Association (NRCHA) rules for class  
686 conduct, judging, specific scoring and patterns as modified by the following Arabian Rules. Where Arabian Rules are  
687 silent, NRCHA rules prevail. Refer to Chapter 6 Broken Equipment, Chapter 15 Self Adjusted Monitor System, Chapter  
688 17 Scoring, Chapter 19 Judging for herd work, reined work, and cow work, and Chapter 22 Judges Score Sheet regarding  
689 working cow and reined cow horse classes held at licensed competitions. For further information regarding the conduct  
690 of Working Cow competitions, contact the NRCHA, 13181 US Highway 177, Byars, OK 74831; (580) 759-4949 phone;  
691 www.nrcha.com.

- 692 2. Exceptions and Notes: The working cow horse class consists of only the cow work.
  - 693 a. See AR-WW.2 for Appointments.
  - 694 b. See AR105.6 for inhumane treatment and undue stress.
  - 695 c. See AR-WW.7 for scoring Working Cow classes with more than one go-round and for breaking ties.
  - 696 d. See AR-WW.1.2 10-Point Penalty: Unnatural Arabian appearance (Horse’s tail is obviously and consistently carried  
697 in an unnatural manner in every maneuver)
- 698 3. Working Cow Horse classes consist of only the cow work (fence work).
  - 699 a. No reining patterns: only the fence work (boxing, turns on the fence and circling).
- 700 4. Working Cow Horse Class Specifications
  - 701 a. BITTED, HACKAMORE (BOSAL), For competitions offering only one Working Cow Horse class, bitted and  
702 hackamore horses shall compete together. Dry work will not be required.
  - 703 b. OPEN, AMATEUR, LADIES, GENTLEMEN, JUNIOR HORSE classes may be offered.

704 **AR-WW.11 - Reined Cow Horse and Herd Work**

- 705 1. General
  - 706 These classes will be held in accordance with the National Reined Cow Horse Association (NRCHA) rules for class  
707 conduct, judging, specific scoring and patterns as modified by the following Arabian Rules. Where Arabian Rules are  
708 silent, NRCHA rules prevail. Refer to Chapter 6 Broken Equipment, Chapter 17 Scoring, Chapter 19 Judging for herd  
709 work, reined work, and cow work, Chapter 20 Patterns, Chapter 21 Pattern Description (Maneuvers) and Chapter 22  
710 Judges Score Sheet regarding working cow classes held at licensed competitions. For further information regarding the  
711 conduct of Reined Cow classes contact the NRCHA, 13181 US Highway 177, Byars, OK 74831; (580) 759-4949 phone;  
712 www.nrcha.com. Exceptions:
    - 713 a. See AR-WW.2 for Appointments.
    - 714 b. See AR105.6 for inhumane treatment and undue stress.
    - 715 c. See AR-WW.1.2 10-Point Penalty: Unnatural Arabian appearance (Horse’s tail is obviously and consistently  
716 carried in an unnatural manner in every maneuver)
    - 717 d. See AR-WW.5. f for scoring Reined Cow Horse and Herd Work classes with more than one go-round and for  
718 breaking ties.
    - 719 e. The Reined Cow Horse classes consist of the reined work (dry pattern) and fence work (cow work).
      - 720 1. Reined work (dry work) patterns (NRCHA patterns) must be posted.
      - 721 2. Boxing/Limited Reined Cow Horse consists of the reined work (dry pattern) and the boxing phase only of the  
722 cow work.
      - 723 3. Box – Drive Classes consist of the reined work (dry pattern) and the required cow work which is Box, drive,  
724 box, drive in that order.
      - 725 4. Herd Work may be run as a stand-alone class or may be incorporated as a 3rd phase of a Reined Cow Horse  
726 Futurity or Bridle Spectacular, Hackamore Spectacular or Two Rein Spectacular.
- 727 2. Classes
  - 728 1. Reined Cow Horse class
    - 729 a. The Reined Cow Horse class consists of two mandatory phases, the reined work and the cow work (boxing,  
730 fence turns and circling in that order). Each phase will have equal bearing and the final placings will be  
731 determined by the total of both scores (Exception: Boxing/Limited Rein Cow Horse).
    - 732 b. In cases of ties for first place the entry with the highest cow work score will prevail. If the cow work scores are  
733 identical, the tied entries for first place will work off with an additional cow work. All ties for other than first  
734 place will remain tied for points and prize money purposes and riders will flip for ribbons. Horses receiving a  
735 zero score in one phase and a score in the other are eligible for placing. Horses receiving a zero in both phases  
736 or a no score in either or both phases are ineligible for placing.
  - 737 2. Boxing class
    - 738 a. Boxing consists of a NRCHA Reined Cow Horse reining pattern and showing the ability to hold a single cow  
739 (boxing) on the end of the arena. This class introduces the rider to the boxing phase of the cow work. Judging  
740 begins when the contestant enters the arena. Schooling is not permitted between the completion of the rein work  
741 and the cow work, or between cows if a new cow is awarded. The penalty is a score of zero. Each contestant  
742 upon receiving a cow in the arena, shall hold that cow on the prescribed end of the arena for 50 seconds,  
743 demonstrating the ability of the horse and rider to control the cow. It is legal to hold the reins and romal in one

- 744 hand (rein hand) while boxing the cow. Time must begin when the gate closes behind the cow after being let  
 745 into the arena. The announcer or judge shall signal the completion of the 50 seconds with a whistle or horn. The  
 746 horse must be scored using the “limited cow work scoring guidelines”.
- 747 3. Box Drive class
- 748 a. The goal of this class is to introduce the rider to the “fence work” phase of the cow work.
- 749 b. The Box Drive class consists of a NRCHA Reined Cow Horse reining pattern and four parts to the cow work.
- 750 c. The horse will be scored using the Box Drive scoring guidelines.
- 751 d. Judging begins when the contestant enters the arena.
- 752 e. There shall be no schooling between entering the arena and the completion of the cow work, or between cows if  
 753 a new cow is awarded. The penalty for this is 0.
- 754 f. The required pattern for the cow work is: box, drive, box, drive, in that order.
- 755 **A. Part One - Box:** At the start of the work, each contestant, upon receiving a cow in the arena, shall hold that  
 756 cow on the prescribed end of the arena for a sufficient time to demonstrate the ability of the horse to contain the  
 757 cow at that end. If the cow does not immediately challenge the horse, the rider shall aggressively move in on the  
 758 cow to demonstrate his horse’s ability to drive and block the cow on the entry fence.
- 759 **B. Part Two - Drive:** After a reasonable amount of time, the contestant shall set up and drive/rate the cow  
 760 down the fence, opposite fence of the judges, to the opposite end of the arena. When coming out of corner, the  
 761 horse shall be close enough to the cow to demonstrate control with the cow against the fence. This distance and  
 762 control should be maintained for approximately 1/2 to 3/4 the length of arena. Upon reaching the opposite end of  
 763 the arena, the rider will then stop the horse square or parallel to the fence, without making a fence turn, and  
 764 release the cow.
- 765 **C. Part Three - Box:** Move horse toward center of arena to set the cow up for boxing. Again, box the cow for  
 766 a sufficient time to demonstrate the ability of the horse to contain the cow at that end. If the cow does not  
 767 immediately challenge the horse, the rider shall aggressively move in on the cow to demonstrate his horse’s  
 768 ability to drive and block the cow on the entry fence.
- 769 **D. Part Four - Drive:** After a reasonable amount of time, the contestant shall set up and drive/rate the cow  
 770 down the fence, opposite fence of the judges, to the opposite end of the arena. When coming out of corner, the  
 771 horse shall be close enough to the cow to demonstrate control with the cow against the fence. This distance and  
 772 control should be maintained past the center marker and continue until the judge signifies the competition of the  
 773 run or time expires. The rider will then stop the horse square or parallel to the fence, without making a fence  
 774 turn, and release the cow.
- 775 g. Time Limit / Terminating the Work -Each contestant is allotted one minute and forty-five seconds to complete  
 776 the four-part cow pattern work.
- 777 1. The judge may blow his/her whistle once at any time during the work to terminate it.
- 778 2. If at any time a judge feels that the contestant is out of control endangering themselves and/or the horse, the  
 779 judge may terminate the work, and a zero score will be given.
- 780 3. Exhibitors are not required to use the allotted time to complete the pattern.
- 781 4. Time shall begin when the gate closes behind the cow after being let into the arena. When there are 30  
 782 seconds left, the announcer will announce “30 seconds” remaining and at one minute and forty-Five  
 783 seconds, the announcer will call for “time.”
- 784 5. Judging ends when the exhibitor drives the cow past the middle marker the second time, judge ends the run  
 785 with a whistle/horn or the allotted time ends, whichever occurs first.
- 786 4. Herd Work - Judging will begin at the timeline. The contes- tant shall approach the herd with no hesitation, weaving  
 787 or reluctance on the part of the horse to enter the herd sufficiently deep enough to show his ability to make a cut.  
 788 The horse shall work quietly, but alertly, causing very little disturbance to the herd or the animal brought out. Credit  
 789 will be given for driving cattle, clearing the herd by a sufficient distance, and setting up a cow while holding it in a  
 790 working position as near the center of the arena as possible. The degree of difficulty, eye appeal and the amount of  
 791 courage in staying on a tough cow will be taken into consideration. The amount of time spent working cattle in the 2  
 792 1/2 minute period will have a positive effect on the total score. The horse should show a great deal of expression but  
 793 no ill will toward the animal. Judging will end at the whistle.
- 794 a. If an exhibitor is taking an excessive amount of time to get to the herd after their number is called the following  
 795 will occur: the designated judge will contact the announcer and the announcer will give the exhibitor a “second  
 796 call”. If the exhibitor still is not starting to the herd, a 15 second call will be given and then the time clock will  
 797 be started. Special consideration will be given to exhibitors who helped the previous exhibitor in the herd.
- 798 5. Two Rein – Separate Two Rein classes may be held and are open to horses of any age in their first year showing in  
 799 the bridle (using two rein equipment) that have not shown in the bridle down the fence or in boxing in any judged  
 800 classes or events prior to December 1 of the current competition year with the exception of horse sales and National  
 801 High School Rodeo Events. Horses may cross over to the Open class but must utilize the equipment required for that  
 802 Open class.

- 803 3. Specifications
- 804 1. BITTED, HACKAMORE (BOSAL). For competitions offering only one Reined Cow Horse class, bitted and
- 805 hackamore horses shall compete together.
- 806 2. OPEN, AMATEUR, LADIES, GENTLEMEN, JUNIOR HORSE. Classes may be offered
- 807 3. BOXING/LIMITED REINED COW HORSE, and BOX DRIVE classes are for non-pro/amateur exhibitors.
- 808 Boxing/Limited Reined Cow Horse and Box Drive classes are for amateur and junior riders who cannot have shown
- 809 down the fence 3 actual runs in any judged classes or events with the exception of horse sales. Or, riders who have
- 810 not shown in any cow horse class down the fence for 5 years. Being entered in a class that includes the fence work
- 811 will be counted as going down the fence regardless if the rider boxed the cow and pulled up before the run was
- 812 completed. This class is also open to approved Non-Pro Limited riders who comply with all eligibility rules (See
- 813 NRCHA Non-Pro eligibility rules/Federation Amateur rules). After Non-Pro competitors reach the age of fifty (50),
- 814 they may fall back into the Non-Pro Boxing/Limited class (Boxing/Limited Reined Cow Horse). The Non-Pro
- 815 Boxing/Limited Competitors;
- 816 a. May not go down the fence again in any judged class(es) or event(s), with the exception of horse sales.
- 817 b. May fall back into the Non-Pro Limited Reined Cow Horse division/class only once.
- 818 c. Versatility Ranch Cow Work Classes affect the eligibility of a rider to compete in the Boxing/Limited Reined
- 819 Cow Horse classes and vice versa as follows: Exhibitors in the Boxing/Limited Reined Cow, VRH Limited
- 820 amateur and VRH Limited youth Ranch Cow Work may not have shown more than three times down the fence
- 821 in any Cow Horse class, Reined Cow Horse class or VRH Cow Work class.
- 822 d. A Non-Pro exhibitor may show in both the Reined Cow Horse and Box-Drive classes or both the
- 823 Boxing/Limited Reined Cow and Box-Drive classes, but not both the Reined Cow and Boxing Classes.
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**AR-WW.12 - Cutting**

826 Cutting classes held in the Arabian Division shall be conducted in accordance with the rules adopted by the Working Western

827 Committee of the Arabian Horse Association. Refer to the AHA Handbook, Chapter 11, COMP. 807.

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**AR-WW.13 - Western Riding**

- 830 1. General - The horse is judged on quality of gaits, lead changes at the lope, response to the rider, manners and disposition.
- 831 The horse should perform with reasonable speed, and be sensible, well-mannered, free and easy moving. Credit shall be
- 832 given for, and emphasis placed on smoothness, even cadence of gaits (i.e., starting and finishing pattern with the same
- 833 cadence), and the horse's ability to change leads precisely, easily and simultaneously both hind and front at the center
- 834 point between markers. In order to have balance, with quality lead changes, the horse's head and neck should be in a
- 835 relaxed, natural position, with his poll level with or slightly above the level of the withers. He should not carry his head
- 836 behind the vertical, giving the appearance of intimidation, or be excessively nosed out, giving a resistant appearance. The
- 837 horse should have a relaxed head carriage showing response to the rider's hands, with a moderate flexion at the poll.
- 838 Horses may be ridden with light contact or on a reasonably loose rein. The horse should cross the log both at the jog and
- 839 the lope without breaking gait or radically changing stride.
- 840 2. The judge will select one of the 15 patterns to be performed. The judge is responsible for the pattern being correctly set.
- 841 See AQHA Rulebook for patterns.
- 842 a. The small circles represent pylon markers which are recommended. These should be separated by a uniform
- 843 measured distance of not less than 30 feet (9 meters) nor more than 50 feet (15 meters) on the sides with 5 markers
- 844 (see diagram). In pattern 1, the three markers on the opposite side should be set adjacent to the appropriate markers.
- 845 It is recommended that markers be set a minimum of 15 feet (4 1/2 meters) from the fence and with 50 to 80 feet (15
- 846 to 24 meters) width in the pattern, as the arena permits.
- 847 b. A solid log or pole should be used and be a minimum of 8 feet (2.5 meters) in length.
- 848 c. The long serpentine line indicates the direction of travel and gaits at which the horse is to move. The shaded area
- 849 represents the lead changing area between the markers. The dotted line (...) indicates walk, the dash line (- - -) jog,
- 850 and the solid line (-) lope.
- 851 d. A cone shall be placed along the wall or rail of the arena to designate where the exhibitor should initiate the walk.
- 852 On western riding patterns 1, 3, 5 and Level 1 pattern 1, the start cone should be placed a minimum of 15 feet before
- 853 the first pat- tern maker. On western riding patterns 2, 4 and Level 1 patterns 2 and 4, the start cone should be placed
- 854 even with the first pat- tern marker. The on-deck exhibitor should not go to the start- cone until the contestant on
- 855 pattern has cleared the working area by the start-cone for the final time.
- 856 3. SCORING AND PENALTIES. See current AQHA Rulebook.
- 857 a. Exceptions: See AR-WW.1.2 10-Point Penalty: Unnatural Arabian appearance (Horse's tail is obviously and
- 858 consistently carried in an unnatural manner in every maneuver)
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**AR-WW.14 - Ranch Riding**

## RESOLUTION 13 – 22

861 Ranch Riding classes will be held in accordance with the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) rules for class  
862 conduct, judging, specific scoring and patterns as modified by the following Arabian Rules. Where the Arabian Rules are  
863 silent, AQHA rules prevail.

- 864 1. General Information
- 865 a. The purpose of the ranch riding class is to measure the ability of the horse to be a pleasure to ride while being used  
866 as a means of conveyance from performing one ranch task to another.
  - 867 b. The horse should reflect the versatility, attitude and movement of a working ranch horse riding outside the confines  
868 of an arena. The horse should be well-trained, relaxed, quiet, soft and cadenced at all gaits. The ideal ranch horse  
869 will travel with forward movement and demonstrate an obvious lengthening of stride at extended gaits.
  - 870 c. The horse can be ridden with light contact or on a relatively loose rein without requiring undue restraint, but not  
871 shown on a full drape of reins.
  - 872 d. The overall manners and responsiveness of the ranch riding horse to make timely transitions in a smooth and correct  
873 manner, as well as the quality of the movement are of primary considerations.
  - 874 e. The ideal ranch riding horse should have a natural head carriage at each gait.
- 875 2. For rules regarding correct Western appointments, refer to AR-WW.2. Patterns must be chosen from the current AQHA  
876 Patterns which may be found in the AQHA Rulebook (SHW 417) and may be downloaded at [www.arabianhorses.org](http://www.arabianhorses.org)
- 877 3. The overall cadence and performance of the gaits should be free-flowing and ground covering for all gaits, with an  
878 emphasis on forward movement.
- 879 4. Transitions should be performed where designated, with smoothness and responsiveness.
- 880 5. No time limit.
- 881 6. Posting at the extended jog is acceptable.
- 882 7. Touching or holding the saddle horn is acceptable.
- 883 8. Hoof polish is discouraged.
- 884 9. It is customary to not remove the hair from the insides of the ears, but horses with clean clipped ears will not be  
885 penalized.
- 886 10. Trimming of the bridle path, fetlocks or excessive (long) facial hair is allowed.
- 887 11. Appointments with silver should not count over a good working outfit. Silver on bridles and saddles and the use of  
888 weighted reins is discouraged.
- 889 12. Ranch Horse Penalties – Ranch Horse Penalties shall follow the current AQHA penalties with the following exceptions:
- 890 1. Ten (10) point penalties
    - 891 A. Eliminates or adds maneuver
    - 892 B. Incomplete maneuver
    - 893 C. Off pattern
  - 894 2. Zero (0) score
    - 895 A. Major disobedience or schooling
    - 896 B. Illegal use of fingers or hands on reins
- 897 Although penalties as described in the current AQHA Rules shall take precedent, as of the 2022 AQHA Rule Book  
898 (SHW 419) the following penalties shall be appropriately assessed:
- 899 13. A contestant shall be penalized each time the following occur:
- 900 1. One (1) point penalty
    - 901 a. Too slow/per gait
    - 902 b. Over-bridled
    - 903 c. Out of frame
    - 904 d. Break of gait at walk or jog for 2 strides or less
  - 905 2. Three (3) point penalties
    - 906 a. Break of gait at walk or jog for more than 2 strides
    - 907 b. Break of gait at lope, except when correcting an incorrect lead Wrong lead or out of lead
    - 908 c. Out of lead or cross-cantering more than two strides when changing leads
    - 909 d. Draped reins
    - 910 e. Trotting more than three strides when making a simple lead change
    - 911 f. Severe disturbance of any obstacle
  - 912 3. Five (5) point penalties
    - 913 a. Blatant disobedience (kick, bite, buck, rear, etc.)
  - 914 4. Ten (10) point penalties
    - 915 a. Unnatural (Arabian) Ranch Horse appearance (Horse's tail is obviously and consistently carried in an  
916 unnatural manner in every maneuver)
  - 917 5. No Score/Disqualification (DQ): Lameness; abuse; illegal equipment; disrespect or misconduct; leaving  
918 working area before pattern is complete; fall of horse/rider.

- 919 14. No specific penalties will be incurred for nicks/hits on logs/poles, but deduction may be made in maneuver score.  
 920 15. No specific penalties will be incurred for over/under-spins, but deduction may be made in maneuver score.

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 922 **AR-WW.15 - Ranch Rail Pleasure**

923 1. General Information

- 924 a. The ranch horse rail pleasure class measures the ability of the horse to be a pleasure to ride while being used as a  
 925 means of conveyance from one ranch task to another and should reflect the versatility, attitude, and movement of a  
 926 working horse. The horse should be well-broke, relaxed, quiet, soft, and cadenced at all gaits. The horse should be  
 927 ridden on a relatively loose rein with light contact and without requiring undue restraint. The horse should be  
 928 responsive to the rider and make timely transitions in a smooth and correct manner. The horse should be soft in the  
 929 bridle and yield to contact. The ideal ranch rail pleasure horse should have a natural head carriage at each gait. In all  
 930 gaits, movement of the ranch rail pleasure horse should simulate a horse needing to cover long distances, softly and  
 931 quietly, like that of a working ranch horse. This class should show the horse's ability to work at a forward, working  
 932 speed while under control by the rider. Light contact should be rewarded, and horse shall not be shown on a full  
 933 drape of reins. The overall manners and responsiveness of the horse while performing the maneuver requirements  
 934 and the horse's quality of movement are the primary considerations.
- 935 b. This class is intended as a rail class but individuals working off the rail will not be penalized, and riders are  
 936 encouraged to use adequate space given the extension of gaits required.
- 937 c. Offered for horses three years of age or older.
- 938 2. Required gaits are the walk, trot, extended trot, lope and extended lope, both directions of the arena. The extended walk  
 939 and back are optional gaits that may be called at the judge's discretion. For gaits descriptions refer AR-WW.5.2.
- 940 3. Class Specifications: Horses to enter at walk or trot in either direction at discretion of the judge. Entries will be worked  
 941 both directions of the ring at all qualifying gaits. The overall manners and responsiveness of the horse while performing  
 942 the requirements and the horse's quality of movement are the primary considerations.
- 943 4. Part of the evaluation of this class is on smoothness of transitions. A horse may be collected from the extended trot as the  
 944 horse moves into the lope. The transition from the extended lope down to the trot is a transition to the seated trot, not the  
 945 extended trot. Therefore, an extra cue to achieve this gait is expected. Horses that complete this total transition within  
 946 three strides calmly and obediently should be rewarded. Horses that attempt to stop or do stop prior to trotting will be  
 947 penalized. Judges expect to see horses that have been trained to respond to cues and when cues are applied correctly, it  
 948 could be a credit earning situation.
- 949 5. A ranch horse should be willingly guided or controlled with little or no apparent resistance. Any movement on his own  
 950 must be considered a lack of control.
- 951 6. Penalties. An exhibitor shall be penalized for:
- 952 a. Too slow a gait  
 953 b. Over-bridled  
 954 c. Out of frame  
 955 d. Break of gait  
 956 e. Wrong lead, out of lead, or cross-cantering  
 957 f. Draped reins  
 958 g. Trotting more than two strides when taking lead  
 959 h. Blatant disobedience (kick, bite, buck, rear, etc.)  
 960 i. Schooling  
 961 j. Spurring in front of cinch  
 962 k. Use of either hand to instill fear/ praise
- 963 7. A horse shall be disqualified for lameness. *BOD 11/22/21. Effective 12/1/21*
- 964 8. Apparel and Equipment: For rules regarding correct Western appointments, refer to AR-WW.2
- 965 9. Posting at the extended trot is acceptable.
- 966 10. Touching or holding the saddle horn is acceptable.
- 967 11. Hoof polish is discouraged.
- 968 12. It is customary to not remove the hair from inside of the ears, but horses with clean clipped ears will not be penalized.
- 969 13. Trimming of the bridle path, fetlocks, or excessive (long) facial hair is allowed.
- 970 14. Appointments with silver should not count over a good working outfit. Silver on bridles and saddles and the use of  
 971 weighted reins are discouraged.
- 972 15. It is suggested that competitors use a breast collar and rear cinch.
- 973 16. Horses 5 years and under, may be shown in a snaffle bit/hackamore.
- 974 17. Prohibited equipment includes tie downs, cavessons, gag bits, slip bits, mechanical hackamores and running martingales.
- 975 18. A horse exhibiting unnatural Arabian appearance shall be penalized and placed at the bottom of the class (AR-WW.1.2.  
 976 d).
- 977 19. Horses may cross-enter with any other pleasure class at the same show. *BOD 6/28/21 Effective*

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**AR-WW.16 - Versatility Ranch Horse Division (VRH)**

1. General Information
  - a. The Versatility Ranch classes will be held in accordance with the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) rules for class conduct, judging, specific scoring, and patterns as modified by the following Arabian Rules. Where the Arabian Rules are silent, AQHA rules prevail.
  - b. The Versatility Ranch Horse division demonstrates the performance, versatility, and conformation of the Arabian and Half Arabian Horse as a working ranch horse. The intent is to reward an exhibitor and/or horse based on their level of expertise. Classes within the Versatility Ranch Horse Division may be held individually at approved Arabian Horse Association competitions or held collectively as a Versatility Ranch Horse Competition.
2. VRH Ranch Riding and VRH Ranch Trail may be combined and held at the same time or held independently. If combined, each class will be scored individually and placed individually.
3. VRH Ranch Reining and VRH Ranch Cow Work may be combined and held at the same time, or each class held separately. If combined, each class will be scored individually and placed individually.
4. Multiple arenas may be used and encouraged to expedite the show to finish in a timely manner. Clinics or educational opportunities may be offered and are encouraged to be held prior to the competition.
5. POINTS. Points will be awarded in each individual class according to the placing received and based on the total number of horses competing in that class. Points earned in each individual class only count toward any award or qualification for the Versatility Ranch Horse division and do not count toward any other award or qualification for any other approved AHA class or AHA show award and shall not affect leveling any other class.
6. ALL-AROUND VERSATILITY RANCH HORSE. The title of All-Around Versatility Ranch Horse may be awarded for each show in the open, amateur and youth divisions, if earned. Each division is to be calculated independently based on the number of horses competing in that division. Divisions may not be held concurrently (i.e., open classes may not run currently with amateur classes). All-around versatility ranch horse points are based on a one horse/one rider combination. (See exception in ranch conformation for exhibitor with multiple horses.) A horse/rider team is all-around eligible if it competes in at least one cattle class, at least one non-cattle riding class, and ranch conformation in the same division. At VRH shows, all exhibitors in every class must be placed. In scored classes, all exhibitors in class will be ranked according to score, placed from the highest to the lowest score. In ranch conformation, the entire class in each division must be placed. In all classes, the highest placing all-around eligible exhibitor will receive 50 credits, regardless of the number of other horses entered or eligible. Second highest all-around eligible exhibitor will receive 49 credits and so on. For example, an exhibitor competing for the all-around may place 16th in the class but is also the highest placing all-around eligible entry they will receive 50 credits. An exhibitor placing 22 in the same class, that is the second highest all-around eligible entry, will receive 49 credits and so on. Another example: In a class of six entries, if the highest placing all-around exhibitor places second, it will receive 50 credits. The second highest all-around eligible horse/rider team places fourth in the class, they would receive 49 credits and so forth. After totaling credits for all-around-eligible entries in each class, the exhibitor receiving the highest number of credits in that division will be named the All-Around versatility ranch horse in that division and will receive additional points based on the number of horses competing for the all-around title.
7. If there are ties in the final placing for the all-around Versatility Ranch Horse, they will be broken by the highest placing horse in the VRH Ranch Cow Work, VRH Limited Ranch Cow Work, whichever is applicable to the division. If this does not break the tie, other classes will be used in the following order: VRH Ranch Cutting, VRH Ranch Reining, VRH Ranch Trail, VRH Ranch Riding, and VRH Ranch Conformation.
8. CLASS PARTICIPATION - No horses less than 3 years of age may be exhibited.
9. No hoof polish.
10. No braided or banded manes/tails or tail extensions, except in any VRH class where roping is involved, the horse's mane may be braided for a distance of 12"- 16" in front of the saddle pad. No ribbons or other kind of ornamentation will be allowed.
11. Trimming inside ears is discouraged.
12. Trimming bridle path is allowed, also trimming of fetlocks or excessive (long) facial hair.
13. Equipment with excessive silver should not count over a good working outfit. Excessive silver on bridles and saddles is discouraged.
14. Holding the saddle horn with either hand will not be penalized in any class.
15. Posting at the extended trot is acceptable.
16. Romal reins are allowed in all VRH classes, including VRH and Ranch Cutting. When riding with a romal, a get down rope may be used. A get down rope is defined as a small rope tied around the neck of the horse with a bowline or other non-slip knot and run back to the rider or tied to the saddle. The get down will be used to lead, ground tie, or tie the horse. When ground-tying with split reins, one or both reins may be dropped, romal reins may be loosely draped over the horse when used with or without a get-down rope. The get-down rope may also be run through a bosalito, as long as the bosalito is not tight enough to function as a cavesson. If a bosalito is used, it must allow approximately 2 fingers (1 inch)



- 1037 to pass freely between the nose and the bosalito. The bosalito must be constructed of a flexible braided rawhide, leather  
 1038 or rope, the core of which must be flexible. Absolutely no rigid material will be permitted under the jaws, regardless of  
 1039 how padded or covered. Hobbles are allowed.
- 1040 17. The use of two-rein equipment is allowed in all VRH classes for one year only.
- 1041 18. When exhibiting in a snaffle bit or hackamore, an exhibitor may switch between two hands and one hand on the reins at  
 1042 any time.
- 1043 19. SCORING SYSTEM. The scoring system is designed to be positive, straightforward, and always encourage growth and  
 1044 improvement in both horse and rider. The scoring system is designed to give credit for the work done.
- 1045 20. Except for the conformation class, each horse/rider team is scored between 0-100 points and automatically begins the run  
 1046 with a score of 70 points. The horse/rider team is scored on the quality of each maneuver (e.g., -1 1/2 extremely poor, -1  
 1047 very poor, -1/2 poor, 0 correct, +1/2 good, +1 very good, +1 1/2 excellent). Plusses and minuses reflect the smoothness,  
 1048 finesse, attitude, quickness and authority of the horse/ rider team when performing the various maneuvers. Penalties may  
 1049 be accrued for incorrect maneuver execution.
- 1050 21. In each class, the entire class will be scored and placed. All exhibitors in each class will be ranked according to scores,  
 1051 placed from the highest to the lowest scores.
- 1052 22. No horse/rider team shall be disqualified except for lameness, abuse, illegal equipment, disrespect, or misconduct,  
 1053 leaving working area before pattern is complete, improper western attire and or fall of horse/rider. Disqualified horses  
 1054 will count as entries in the class but will not receive points.
- 1055 23. In the case of a fall by a horse or rider, the run shall end when the rider or horse fall to the ground. A horse is considered  
 1056 to have fallen when all four feet are extended in the same direction. A rider is considered to have fallen when the rider is  
 1057 no longer astride.
- 1058 24. In the case of equipment failure that delays competition or becomes unsafe, the run is stopped, and the horse/ rider team  
 1059 will be given credit for what they have accomplished prior to that point and will be considered off-pattern (OP), and  
 1060 receive the appropriate penalty.
- 1061 25. In each class, a specific maneuver will be designated by the judge to be the tiebreaker. The tie-breaker maneuvers will  
 1062 be made prior to the start of the class and so noted on score sheets. Ties will be broken according to AR-WW.7
- 1063 26. JUDGING PROCEDURES. Judges shall use approved score sheets to score all classes. Specific maneuvers will be  
 1064 selected by the judge prior to the class as tie-breaking maneuvers.
- 1065 27. During the class, a scribe shall assist each judge by recording the score after each of the maneuvers on the appropriate  
 1066 class score sheet. Judges shall sign their score sheets.
- 1067 28. Class score sheets shall be posted as soon as possible after each class to allow riders to evaluate their performance.
- 1068 29. Exhibitors competing for the All-Around Versatility Ranch Horse, shall have their class placing credits entered into the  
 1069 all-around tabulation. Credits from each class shall be added together for the overall placing for the event. Ties for the  
 1070 all-around versatile ranch horse are broken first using the highest placing in the ranch cow work class, or the limited  
 1071 ranch cow work class, whichever is applicable to the division. If this does not break the tie, other classes will be used in  
 1072 the following order: ranch cutting, ranch reining, ranch trail, ranch riding, and ranch conformation.
- 1073 30. At the option of show management, when using two judges to determine one set of winners, the classes will first be  
 1074 placed under each judge and class placing points awarded and posted. One judge shall be designated as the “tie-breaker  
 1075 judge” before judging begins. The composite results (combined results used to determine an overall winner) shall be  
 1076 determined as follows: All class placing points will be added for each judge to determine an all-around winner. If there is  
 1077 a tie, the tie-breaker judge’s class placing will determine the winner. Ties for the all-around winner are broken first  
 1078 using the highest placing in the ranch cow work class, or the limited ranch cow work class, whichever is applicable to the  
 1079 division.

**AR-WW.17 - VRH Ranch Riding**

- 1082 1. General - The purpose of the VRH Ranch Riding class is to measure the ability of the horse to be a pleasure to ride while  
 1083 being used as a means of conveyance from performing one ranch task to another. The horse should reflect the versatility,  
 1084 attitude, and movement of a working ranch horse riding outside the confines of an arena. The horse should be well-  
 1085 trained, relaxed, quiet, soft, and cadenced at all gaits. The ideal ranch horse will travel with forward movement and  
 1086 demonstrate an obvious lengthening of stride at extended gaits. The horse can be ridden with light contact or on a  
 1087 relatively loose rein without requiring undue restraint, but not shown on a full drape of reins. The overall manners and  
 1088 responsiveness of the ranch riding horse to make timely transitions in a smooth and correct manner, as well as the quality  
 1089 of the movement are of primary considerations. The ideal VRH ranch riding horse should have a natural ranch horse  
 1090 appearance from head to tail in each maneuver.
- 1091 2. Horse may cross enter Western Pleasure and Ranch Riding or Western Pleasure and VRH Ranch Riding at the same  
 1092 show regardless of the division (youth, amateur, or open).
- 1093 3. Horses shall be shown individually, and the class may be conducted inside or outside of an arena. The pattern may be  
 1094 started either to the right or left direction. Show management has the option to set markers to designate gait changes. If  
 1095 the class is held inside an arena, the course shall be set up to make approximately one pass of the arena in each direction.

1096 The optional ranch riding patterns (found in the AQHA Rulebook or downloaded at [www.arabianhorses.org](http://www.arabianhorses.org)) may be  
 1097 used, or another pattern may be used if all elements of the class are fulfilled as follows:

- 1098 - Horses will be shown individually at three gaits; walk, trot and lope in each direction of the arena.
- 1099 - Horses will also be asked to reverse, stop and back.
- 1100 - The judge must ask for an extended trot and extended lope at least one direction of the ring.

1101 4. CREDITS AND PENALTIES. Part of the evaluation of this class is on smoothness of transitions. A horse may be  
 1102 collected from the extended trot as the horse moves into the lope. The transition from the extended lope down to the trot  
 1103 is a transition to the seated trot not the extended trot. Therefore, an extra cue to achieve this gait is expected. Horses that  
 1104 complete this total transition within three strides calmly and obediently should be rewarded. Horses that attempt to stop  
 1105 or do stop prior to trotting will be penalized. Judges expect to see horses that have been trained to respond to cues. To  
 1106 see these cues applied discretely and the horse responding correctly could be a credit- earning situation. Maneuver  
 1107 evaluations and penalty applications are to be determined independently. The following penalties will be applied to each  
 1108 occurrence and be deducted from the final score:

- 1109 a. VRH Ranch Riding Penalties – VRH Ranch Riding Penalties shall follow the current AQHA penalties with the  
 1110 following exceptions -
  - 1111 1. Ten (10) point penalties
    - 1112 A. Eliminates or adds maneuver
    - 1113 B. Incomplete maneuver
    - 1114 C. Off pattern
  - 1115 2. Zero (0) score
    - 1116 A. Major disobedience or schooling
    - 1117 B. Illegal use of fingers or hands on reins
- 1118 b. Although penalties as described in the current AQHA Rules shall take precedent, as of the 2022 AQHA Rule Book  
 1119 (SHW 560.3) the following penalties shall be appropriately assessed:
  - 1120 - **1 Point:** Over-bridled (per maneuver); out of frame (per maneuver); too slow; break of gait at walk or trot for two  
 1121 (2) strides or less.
  - 1122 - **3 Point:** Wrong lead or out of lead; draped reins; break of gait at lope, except when correcting an incorrect lead;  
 1123 break of gait at walk or trot for more than two (2) strides; out of lead or cross-cantering more than two strides  
 1124 when changing leads; trotting more than three strides when making a simple lead change.
  - 1125 - **5 Point:** Spurring in front of cinch; blatant disobedience; use of either hand to instill fear/praise.
  - 1126 - **10 Point:** Unnatural (Arabian) Ranch Horse appearance (Horse’s tail is obviously and consistently carried in an  
 1127 unnatural manner in every maneuver)
  - 1128 - **No Score/Disqualification (DQ):** Lameness; abuse; illegal equipment; disrespect or misconduct; leaving working  
 1129 area before pattern is complete; improper western attire; fall of horse/rider.

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 1131 **AR-WW.18 VRH Ranch Trail**

- 1132 1. General - The VRH Ranch Trail class should test the horse’s ability to cope with situations encountered while being  
 1133 ridden through a pattern of obstacles generally found during everyday ranch work. The horse/rider team is judged on the  
 1134 correctness, efficiency, and pattern accuracy with which the obstacles are negotiated, and the attitude and mannerisms  
 1135 exhibited by the horse. Judging emphasis is on identifying the well broke, responsive, and well-mannered horse which  
 1136 can correctly navigate and negotiate the course. The ideal VRH ranch trail horse should have a natural ranch horse  
 1137 appearance from head to tail in each maneuver.
- 1138 2. Horses may cross enter Trail and VRH Ranch Trail regardless of division (youth, amateur, or open).
- 1139 3. The VRH Ranch Trail course will include no less than six and no more than nine obstacles. It is mandatory that the horse  
 1140 be asked to walk, trot and lope during the course. Walk can be part of obstacle score or be scored with the approaching  
 1141 obstacle. Trot must be at least 35 feet and score with approaching obstacle. Lope must be lead-specific, at least 50 feet  
 1142 and score with approaching obstacle. Care must be exercised to avoid setting up any obstacles that may be hazardous to  
 1143 the horse or rider.
- 1144 4. When setting courses, management will be mindful that the idea is not to trap a horse/rider team or eliminate it by  
 1145 making an obstacle too difficult. All courses and obstacles are to be constructed with safety in mind to reduce the risk for  
 1146 accidents. Show committee shall have the option of setting up the trail course to best fit the arena conditions. An outdoor  
 1147 course is recommended if appropriate terrain is available. Each single-performance event can be time consuming,  
 1148 especially with large classes, so it is imperative that time restrictions are placed on this class. The show committee, either  
 1149 through a pilot run or estimation, shall select a course that has a continuous and positive flow that can be negotiated in  
 1150 four minutes or less.
- 1151 5. Judges must walk the course and have the right and duty to alter the course if it is not in keeping with the intent of the  
 1152 class. Judges may remove or change any obstacles they deem unsafe, non-negotiable, or unnecessarily difficult. Any  
 1153 time a trail obstacle becomes unsafe during a class, it shall be repaired or removed from the course. If the course cannot

- 1154 be repaired and some horses have completed the course, the score for that obstacle shall be deducted from all previous  
 1155 draws in that class.
- 1156 6. The course must be designed using the mandatory obstacles and maneuvers plus optional obstacles. Combining two or  
 1157 more of the obstacles is acceptable.
- 1158 7. **PROHIBITED OBSTACLES:** Tarps, water obstacles with slick bottoms, PVC pipe used as a jump or walk over, tires,  
 1159 rocking or moving bridges, painted logs or poles, logs elevated in a manner that permits such to roll in a dangerous  
 1160 manner.
- 1161 8. **MANDATORY OBSTACLES AND/OR MANUEVERS.**
- 1162 a. Ride over obstacles on the ground (natural logs are required). Walk, trot or lope may be used but only one gait is  
 1163 required.
- 1164 - **Walkovers:** Walk over no more than five logs no more than 10 inches high and spacing between 26–30 inches.  
 1165 The formation may be straight, curved, zig- zagged or raised.
- 1166 - **Trot-overs:** Trot over no more than five logs no more than 10 inches high. The space between logs or poles should  
 1167 be 36-42 inches. The formation can also be straight, curved, zig-zagged or raised.
- 1168 - **Lope-overs:** Lope over no more than five logs no more than 10 inches high. The space between logs should be 6 to  
 1169 7 feet. The formation can also be straight, curved, zig-zagged or raised.
- 1170 b. Opening, passing through and closing a hinged swinging gate (not a rope gate): Use gate that will not endanger  
 1171 horse or rider and requires minimum side-passing.
- 1172 c. Ride over wooden bridge: Bridge should be sturdy, safe, and negotiated at a walk only. Heavy plywood lying flat on  
 1173 the ground is an acceptable simulation of a bridge. Suggested minimum width shall be 36 inches wide and at least 6  
 1174 feet long.
- 1175 d. Backing obstacles: Backing obstacles are to be spaced at a minimum of 28 inches. If elevated, 30 inch spacing is  
 1176 required. Back through and around at least three makers. Back through L, V, U or straight or similarly shaped course  
 1177 which may be elevated no more than 24 inches.
- 1178 e. Side-pass obstacle: Any object which is safe and of any length may be used to demonstrate responsiveness of the  
 1179 horse to leg signals. Raised side pass obstacles should not exceed 12 inches.
- 1180 f. Drag an object: For open, and amateur classes ONLY. The drag is not to be used in youth and rookie classes. Drag  
 1181 may be a complete figure eight (or other shape) and may begin in either direction. The exhibitor must have the rope  
 1182 dallied on the saddle horn (half or full dally) for the duration of the drag.
- 1183 9. **OPTIONAL OBSTACLES.** Optional obstacles may be used provided the obstacles can be found in everyday ranch  
 1184 work. Optional obstacles from which selections can be made include, but are not limited to:
- 1185 - A jump obstacle whose center height is not less than 14 inches high or more that 25 inches high. Holding the  
 1186 saddle horn is permissible for this obstacle.
- 1187 - Only live or stuffed animals which would normally be encountered in an outdoor setting may be used but not to be  
 1188 used to spook a horse.
- 1189 - Carry object from one part of the arena to another.
- 1190 - Remove and replace materials from a mailbox.
- 1191 - Trot through cones spaced a minimum of 6 feet apart.
- 1192 - Cross natural ditches or ride up embankments.
- 1193 - Swing rope or throw rope at a dummy steer head.
- 1194 - Step in and out of obstacle.
- 1195 - Put on slicker or coat.
- 1196 - Stand to mount with mounting block.
- 1197 - Walk through water obstacle.
- 1198 - Open gate on foot.
- 1199 - Pick up feet.
- 1200 - Walk through brush.
- 1201 - Ground tie. (Hobbles are allowed)
- 1202 - Lead at the trot.
- 1203 10. At show management option the competition trail course may be made available to exhibitors or posted prior to the day of  
 1204 competition. It must be posted at least one hour prior to competition. Printed handouts for exhibitors are helpful and  
 1205 encouraged.
- 1206 11. **CREDITS AND PENALTIES.** All runs begin upon entering the pen and any infractions are subject to penalty at that time  
 1207 (such as two hands on the reins, using either hand to instill fear or praise, etc.). The rider has the option of eliminating  
 1208 any obstacle, however this will result in being “off pattern” (OP) and the horse/rider team will receive a 10-point penalty  
 1209 for each obstacle eliminated. A judge may ask a horse to pass on an obstacle after three refusals or at any time for safety  
 1210 concerns and will then likewise receive a 10-point penalty.
- 1211 12. Credit is given to horse/rider teams who negotiate the obstacles correctly and efficiently. Horses should receive credit for  
 1212 showing attentiveness to obstacles and ability to negotiate through the course when the obstacles warrant it while

1213 willingly responding to rider’s cues on more difficult obstacles. Quality of movement and cadence should be considered  
 1214 part of the maneuver score for the obstacle. Maneuver evaluations and penalty applications are to be determined  
 1215 independently. The following penalties will be applied to each occurrence and be deducted from the final score:

- 1216 a. VRH Ranch Trail Penalties – VRH Ranch Trail Penalties shall follow the current AQHA penalties with the  
 1217 following exceptions -  
 1218 1. Ten (10) point penalties  
 1219 A. Eliminates or adds maneuver  
 1220 B. Incomplete maneuver  
 1221 C. Off pattern  
 1222 2. Zero (0) score  
 1223 A. Major disobedience or schooling  
 1224 B. Illegal use of fingers or hands on reins
- 1225 b. Although penalties as described in the current AQHA Rules shall take precedent, as of the 2022 AQHA Rule Book  
 1226 (SHW 561.11) the following penalties shall be appropriately assessed:  
 1227 - **1 point:** Over-bridled (per maneuver); out of frame (per maneuver); each hit, bite or stepping on a log, cone plant  
 1228 or any component of the obstacle; incorrect or break of gait at walk or trot for two (2) strides or less; both front  
 1229 or hind feet in a single-stride slot or space at a walk or trot; skipping over or failing to step into required space;  
 1230 split pole in lope-over; incorrect number of strides, if specified; one to two steps on mount/dismount or ground  
 1231 tie except shifting to balance.  
 1232 - **3 point:** Wrong lead or out of lead, draped reins; break of gait at lope, except when correcting an incorrect lead;  
 1233 break of gait at walk or trot for more than two (2) strides; three to four steps on mount/dismount on ground tie.  
 1234 - **5 point:** Spurring in front of cinch; blatant disobedience; use of either hand to instill fear/praise; knocking over,  
 1235 stepping out of or falling off an obstacle; dropping an object required to be carried; 1st or 2nd cumulative  
 1236 refusal; letting go of gate; five or more steps on mount/ dismount or ground tie.  
 1237 - **10 point:** Unnatural (Arabian) Ranch Horse appearance (Horse’s tail is obviously and consistently carried in an  
 1238 unnatural manner in every maneuver)  
 1239 - **Off-Pattern (OP):** Incomplete maneuver; eliminating or adding a maneuver; 3rd refusal; repeated blatant  
 1240 disobedience, and failure to dally and remain dallied during the drag; use of two hands (except junior horses  
 1241 shown in a snaffle bit/hackamore), more than one finger between split reins or any fingers between romal reins  
 1242 (except in the two-rein); failure to open and shut gate, or failure to complete gate.  
 1243 - **No Score/Disqualification (DQ):** Lameness, abuse, leaving working area before pattern is complete, illegal  
 1244 equipment, disrespect or misconduct, improper western attire; fall of horse/rider.  
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1246 **AR–WW.19 VRH Ranch Reining**

- 1247 1. General - The VRH Ranch Reining class measures the ability of the ranch horse to perform basic handling maneuvers  
 1248 with a natural head carriage in a forward-looking manner. The ideal VRH Ranch Reining horse should have a natural  
 1249 ranch horse appearance from head to tail in each maneuver. Patterns may be chosen from any of the ranch reining  
 1250 patterns or approved by the show management and judge.  
 1251 2. Horse may cross enter Reining and VRH Ranch Reining regardless of division  
 1252 3. CREDITS AND PENALTIES. All runs begin upon entering the pen and any infractions are subject to penalty at that  
 1253 time such as two hands on the reins, using either hand to instill fear or praise, etc.  
 1254 4. To rein a horse is not only to guide him but also to control his movement. The best reined horse should be willingly  
 1255 guided or controlled with little or no apparent resistance. All deviations from the exact written pattern must be  
 1256 considered a lack of or temporary loss of control and therefore a fault that must be marked down according to severity of  
 1257 deviation. The horse/rider team’s overall performance should be credited for smoothness, finesse, attitude, quickness,  
 1258 and authority of performing various maneuvers while using controlled speed which raises the degree of difficulty and  
 1259 makes the horse/rider team more exciting and pleasing to watch.
- 1260 5. PENALTIES:  
 1261 a. VRH Ranch Reining Penalties – VRH Ranch Reining Penalties shall follow the current AQHA penalties with the  
 1262 following exceptions:  
 1263 1. Ten (10) point penalties  
 1264 A. Eliminates or adds maneuver  
 1265 B. Incomplete maneuver  
 1266 C. Off pattern  
 1267 2. Zero (0) score  
 1268 A. Major disobedience or schooling  
 1269 B. Illegal use of fingers or hands on reins
- 1270 b. Although penalties as described in the current AQHA Rules shall take precedent, as of the 2022 AQHA Rule Book  
 1271 (SHW 562.4) the following penalties shall be appropriately assessed:

- 1272 - **One-half (1/2) point:** Starting a circle or exiting a roll-back at a trot for up to two (2) strides; delayed change of
- 1273 lead by one stride where the lead change is required by the pattern description; failure to remain a minimum of
- 1274 twenty feet from the wall or fence when approaching a stop and/or roll-back; over-spin or under-spin up to 1/8
- 1275 turn.
- 1276 - **1 point:** Over-bridled (per maneuver), out of frame (per maneuver), out of lead in the circles, figure eights or
- 1277 around the end of the arena (this penalty is cumulative and will be deducted for each quarter of a circle the
- 1278 horse is out of lead); Over or under spinning 1/8 to 1/4 turn. Slipping rein.
- 1279 - **2 point:** Break of gait; freeze up in spins or rollbacks; failure to stop or walk before executing a lope departure on
- 1280 trot-in patterns; failure to be in a lope prior to the first marker on run-in patterns; failure to completely pass the
- 1281 specified marker before initiating a stop position, trotting beyond two strides, but less than 1/2 circle or 1/2
- 1282 length of the arena.
- 1283 - **5 point:** Spurring in front of cinch; blatant disobedience; use of either hand to instill fear/praise
- 1284 - **10 Point:** Unnatural (Arabian) Ranch Horse appearance (Horse's tail is obviously and consistently carried in an
- 1285 unnatural manner in every maneuver)
- 1286 - **Off-Pattern (OP):** breaking pattern; inclusion of maneuver (e.g., over or under-spinning, backing more than two
- 1287 (2) strides, etc.); trotting in excess of 1/2 circle or 1/2 length of the arena; repeated blatant disobedience; use of
- 1288 two hands (except junior and Level 1 horses shown in a snaffle bit/ hackamore), more than one finger between
- 1289 split reins or any fingers between romal reins (except in the two-rein).
- 1290 **—No Score/Disqualification (DQ):** Lameness; abuse; illegal equipment; disrespect or misconduct; leaving arena
- 1291 before pattern is complete; improper western attire; fall of horse/rider.
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1293 **AR-WW.20 VRH Ranch Cow Work**

- 1294 1. General - The ideal Ranch horse must also be a cow horse and this class demonstrates and measures the horse's ability to
- 1295 do cow work. In addition, the ideal ranch cow horse should have a natural ranch horse appearance from head to tail in
- 1296 each maneuver. Holding the saddle horn is permitted. There is a time limit per horse/rider team to perform the work
- 1297 depending on the division and the time begins when the cow is turned into the arena. If the time has not elapsed and the
- 1298 judge is satisfied that all requirements of the class have been met, the judge should blow the whistle for the exhibitor to
- 1299 cease work. The judge may blow a whistle at any time for the exhibitor to cease work for safety reasons. Judges will give
- 1300 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
- 1301 a horse. If the judge awards a new cow, the exhibitor has the option to refuse the new cow by continuing to work. If the
- 1302 exhibitor accepts the new cow, the time for working the cow will start over. If the exhibitor intends to accept the new
- 1303 cow, the exhibitor must pull up immediately. When multiple judges are scoring, any one of the judges may terminate the
- 1304 work or signal for a new cow.
- 1305 2. CONTENT. Exhibitors in the open, amateur and youth divisions are allotted three minutes to complete the work. When
- 1306 there is one minute left, the announcer will announce, one minute remaining. At three minutes, the announcer will call
- 1307 for time. There are three parts to the class: boxing, fence work and roping or circling.
- 1308 - **Part One – Boxing the Cow:** The rider shall ride into the arena, face the cattle entry gate and signal for their cow
- 1309 to be turned into the arena. The cow shall be controlled on the entry end of the arena for a sufficient amount of
- 1310 time to demonstrate the horse's ability to hold the cow. If the cow does not immediately challenge the horse, the
- 1311 rider shall aggressively move in on the cow to demonstrate his horse's ability to drive and block the cow on the
- 1312 entry fence.
- 1313 - **Part Two – Fence Work:** After the cow has been controlled on the entry end of the arena, the rider shall set the
- 1314 cow up and drive it down either side of the arena. The cow should be turned on the fence at least once in each
- 1315 direction. The first run out for a turn shall be past the half-way mark of the arena. All turns down the side shall
- 1316 be completed before reaching the end fence.
- 1317 - **Part Three – Roping or Circling:** The amateur and youth exhibitor has the option of circling the cow in the
- 1318 middle of the arena in both directions in lieu of roping. An amateur or youth exhibitor may circle or rope the
- 1319 cow but cannot combine the two to get credit for this portion of the run. Open exhibitors must rope the cow or
- 1320 receive a penalty. Open exhibitors choosing to circle, will receive a 10-point penalty.
- 1321 a. To rope the cow, the exhibitor must be carrying a rope when the run starts. The exhibitor may pull up after
- 1322 the fence work, take down the rope and proceed to rope and stop the cow. The exhibitor must then rope the
- 1323 cow and bring it to a stop. In the roping portion of the class, two throws are permitted, and the horse will be
- 1324 judged on two maneuvers: tracking/rating and stopping the cow. It is not necessary that the exhibitor catch
- 1325 to receive a score in the roping portion. The catch is legal if the cow looks through the loop and the rope
- 1326 pulls tight on any part of the animal's body except the tail. The rope may be tied on or dallied. If the
- 1327 exhibitor does not catch, the horse will be given credit for tracking and rating and will be assessed the
- 1328 appropriate penalty per AHA/AQHA judging rules.
- 1329 b. To circle the cow, the exhibitor will maneuver the cow smoothly at least 360 degrees in each direction
- 1330 without interference from the fence. The circle's size, symmetry, speed, and relative balance from right and

left show control. Tightening the circles down with fast head-to-head speed will be a credit situation. The circles should be completed before the cow is exhausted. Once an exhibitor has 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 fallen cow to fulfill circling requirements. In the circling portion of the judging, one whistle will terminate the work and two whistles will award a new cow.

3. **CREDITS AND PENALTIES.** All runs begin upon entering the pen; any infractions (such as two hands on the reins, using either hand 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 sense (i.e., making moves with little rider assistance); holding, controlling, and turning the cow; the amount of work done; and the 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 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 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 points. If Circling, credit will be given when the horse works willingly; acknowledges the cow; and gets close enough to the cow to control the circles. Credits for Circling range from -1 1/2 to +1 1/2 points for each direction. Maneuver evaluations and penalty applications are to be determined independently. The following penalties will be applied to each occurrence and be deducted from the final score:
- a. **VRH Ranch Cow Work Penalties – VRH Ranch Cow Work Penalties shall follow the current AQHA penalties with the following exceptions:**
    - 1. **Ten (10) point penalties**
      - A. Eliminates or adds maneuver
      - B. Incomplete maneuver
      - C. Off pattern
      - D. Circling in lieu of Roping in an Open class
    - 2. **Zero (0) score**
      - A. Major disobedience or schooling
      - B. Illegal use of fingers or hands on reins
  - b. Although penalties as described in the current AQHA Rules shall take precedent, as of the 2022 AQHA Rule Book (SHW 563.2) the following penalties shall be appropriately assessed:
    - **1 point:** Over-bridled (per maneuver), out of frame (per maneuver), loss of working advantage; Using the corner or 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 past cow; working out of position; slipping rein; failure to drive cow past middle marker on first turn; two-loop catch in amateur and youth classes.
    - **2 point:** Going around the corner of the arena before turning cow; when working an animal in the open field (at least 20’ from the side of arena) and the animal gets within 3 feet from the end fence before being turned; an illegal catch (loop fails to pass over head or pulls tight on tail only), or failure to catch if roping in amateur and youth classes.
    - **3 point:** Exhausting or overworking the cow before circling or roping; hanging up on the fence (refusing to turn); knocking down the cow without having a working advantage; two-loop catch when roping in an open class.
    - **5 point:** Failure to turn the cow both directions on the fence; spurring in front of cinch; Blatant disobedience; use of either hand to instill fear/praise; an illegal catch (loop fails to pass over head or pulls tight on tail only), or failure to catch when roping in an open class.
    - **10 point:** Unnatural (Arabian) Ranch Horse appearance (Horse’s tail is obviously and consistently carried in an unnatural manner in every maneuver)
    - **Zero Score/Off-Pattern (OP):** Turning tail; failure to attempt any part of the class (includes no attempt at roping or circling in the open divisions); repeated blatant disobedience; schooling after entering the arena prior to calling for cow; schooling horse between cows if new cow is awarded, or complete loss of rope in an open class; complete loss of rope in amateur or youth classes, once committed to roping; use of two hands (except junior horses shown in a snaffle bit/hackamore), more than one finger between split reins or any fingers between romal reins (except in the two-rein).
    - **No Score/Disqualification (DQ):** bringing the cow straight over backwards landing on its back or head with all four feet in the air, lameness, abuse, illegal equipment, disrespect or misconduct, leaving arena before run is complete; improper western attire; fall of 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 5-point penalty for failure to catch. Riders may still earn credit for tracking/ rating, control/position and speed/ degree of difficulty.

**AR-WW.21 VRH Limited Ranch Cow Work Amateur/Youth (Box - Drive - Box -Drive)**

**Note:** “Open VRH Limited Ranch Cow Work” classes may be held at the Local and Regional level (not a National Level class)

- 1390 1. Content. Exhibitors in the VRH Limited amateur and VRH Limited youth Ranch Cow Work may not have shown more  
 1391 than three times down the fence in any Cow Horse class, Reined Cow Horse class or VRH Cow Work class. Limited  
 1392 Ranch Cow Work exhibitors are allotted one minute and forty-five seconds to complete the work. When there is 50  
 1393 seconds left, the announcer will announce, “50 seconds remaining”. At one minute and forty-five seconds, the announcer  
 1394 will call for time. Exhibitors are not required to use all the allotted time but must ride until the judge whistles the end of  
 1395 the run or time expires, whichever occurs first. There are four parts to the work: boxing the cow; setting up the cow and  
 1396 driving it down the fence to the opposite end of the arena; boxing it at the opposite end of the arena, and then driving the  
 1397 cow past the middle marker again. There is no expectation that the exhibitor will make a fence turn, instead the drive  
 1398 down the fence demonstrates correct position and control around the corner.
- 1399 • **Part One – Boxing the Cow** – The rider shall ride into the arena, face the cattle entry gate, and signal for their  
 1400 cow to be turned into the arena. The cow shall be controlled on the entry end of the arena for a sufficient  
 1401 amount of time to demonstrate the horse’s ability to hold the cow. If the cow does not immediately challenge  
 1402 the horse, the rider shall aggressively move in on the cow to demonstrate his horse’s ability to drive and block  
 1403 the cow.
  - 1404 • **Part Two - Set Up Cow and Drive Down Fence to Opposite End of Arena** – After the cow has been controlled  
 1405 on the entry end of the arena, the rider shall set the cow up for driving down the side of the arena. When coming  
 1406 out of corner, the horse shall be close enough to cow to demonstrate control with cow against the fence. This  
 1407 distance and control should be maintained for approximately 1/2 to 3/4 the length of arena. Rider will then stop  
 1408 and release the cow and move horse toward center of arena to set the cow up for boxing.
  - 1409 • **Part Three – Boxing the Cow at Opposite End of Arena** – The exhibitor will regain control or hold the cow at  
 1410 end of the arena to demonstrate the horse’s ability to “hold” the cow.
  - 1411 • **Part Four – Drive the Cow back down the fence** - (original side) past the middle marker and continue until the  
 1412 judge blows the whistle to show completion. While boxing the cow at the opposite end, if the rider loses control  
 1413 and allows the cow to cross the center line, the judge will whistle the end of the run. The rider will receive an  
 1414 off-pattern penalty (OP) of ten points for the run.
- 1415 2. Credits and Penalties. All runs begin upon entering the pen; any infractions (such as two hands on the reins, using either  
 1416 hand to instill fear or praise, etc.) are subject to penalty at that time. During Boxing, credit will be given for the horse’s  
 1417 expression and its ‘cow sense’ (i.e., making moves with little rider assistance); holding, controlling, and turning the cow;  
 1418 the amount of work done; and the degree of difficulty of the work. Credit will be given during Set Up Cow and Drive  
 1419 Down Fence for rating the cow; blocking the cow with pressure towards the end of the arena; driving the cow with  
 1420 control down the side of the arena; and controlling a difficult cow. Maneuver evaluations and penalty applications are to  
 1421 be determined independently. The following penalties will be applied to each occurrence and be deducted from the final  
 1422 score:
- 1423 a. VRH Ranch Limited Cow Work Penalties – VRH Ranch Limited Cow Work Penalties shall follow the current  
 1424 AQHA penalties with the following exceptions:
    - 1425 1. Ten (10) point penalties
      - 1426 A. Eliminates or adds maneuver
      - 1427 B. Incomplete maneuver
      - 1428 C. Off pattern    - 1429 2. Zero (0) score
      - 1430 A. Major disobedience or schooling
      - 1431 B. Illegal use of fingers or hands on reins  - 1432 b. Although penalties as described in the current AQHA Rules shall take precedent, as of the 2022 AQHA Rule Book  
 1433 (SHW 564.2) the following penalties shall be appropriately assessed:
    - 1434 - **1 point:** Over-bridled (per maneuver); out of frame (per maneuver); loss of working advantage; driving cow down  
 1435 the opposite fence (changing sides); working out of position; slipping rein; in limited cow work, failure to drive  
 1436 cow past the middle marker on second drive before time expired.
    - 1437 - **3 point:** Knocking down the cow without having a working advantage; losing a cow while boxing.
    - 1438 - **5 point:** Spurring in front of cinch; blatant disobedience; use of either hand to instill fear/praise.
    - 1439 - **10 point:** Unnatural (Arabian) Ranch Horse appearance (Horse’s tail is obviously and consistently carried in an  
 1440 unnatural manner in every maneuver)
    - 1441 - **Zero Score/Off-Pattern (OP):** Turning tail; failure to attempt any part of the class; repeated blatant disobedience;  
 1442 schooling after entering the arena prior to calling for cow; schooling horse between cows (if new cow is  
 1443 awarded); use of two hands (except junior and level 1 horses shown in a snaffle bit/hackamore), more than one  
 1444 finger between split reins or any fingers between romal reins (except in the two- rein).
    - 1445 - **No Score/Disqualification (DQ):** lameness, abuse, illegal equipment, disrespect, or misconduct, leaving arena  
 1446 before run is complete; improper western attire, fall of horse/rider.

- 1449 1. General - This class is judged on the ability of the horse to work a cow by separating it from the herd and holding it to  
 1450 demonstrate the horse’s ability to work the cow. A single cow is cut from the herd and the horse must demonstrate its  
 1451 ability to work the cow. The ideal VRH Ranch Cutting horse should have a natural ranch horse appearance from head to  
 1452 tail in each maneuver.
- 1453 2. Objective will be to cut two cows from the herd and work the cow(s) with the assistance of two turn-back riders and two  
 1454 herd holders. Show management may supply two herd holders and two turn back riders, or exhibitors may supply their  
 1455 own helpers. If an exhibitor is a herd holder or turn back rider, he or she may use the horse that they are competing on or  
 1456 use a different horse. Herd holders’ and turn back riders’ horses are encouraged to be Arabian and or Half Arabian  
 1457 Horses at the local and Regional shows but must be Arabian and or Half Arabian horses at the National shows.
- 1458 3. In all divisions, there will be a two-minute time limit. The announcer/timekeeper will give a warning when one minute of  
 1459 the two-minute working time has expired. Each exhibitor must work two head and has the option of ending their run  
 1460 before the two-minute limit or working the full two minutes.
- 1461 4. Time will begin when a rider crosses a timeline just prior to entering the herd. Time should not start until contestant  
 1462 crosses a pre-determined and marked timeline. The rider will then quietly separate his/her cow from the herd.
- 1463 5. Unnecessary roughness or disturbing the herd excessively could result in disqualification.
- 1464 6. Ultimate credit will be given to horses demonstrating excellence in the herd work by committing to, driving, setting up  
 1465 and working a cow in the center of the arena with minimal disturbance to the herd.
- 1466 7. Exhibitors will not be penalized for reining during the cutting portion but should display natural ability.
- 1467 8. Scoring. 100 percent will be judged by the horse’s performance and natural ability.
- 1468 9. Penalties should be assessed as follows:
- 1469 a. VRH Ranch Cutting Penalties – VRH Ranch Cutting Penalties shall follow the current AQHA penalties with the  
 1470 following exceptions:
- 1471 1. Ten (10) point penalties
- 1472 A. Eliminates or adds maneuver
- 1473 B. Incomplete maneuver
- 1474 C. Off pattern
- 1475 2. Zero (0) score
- 1476 A. Major disobedience or schooling
- 1477 B. Illegal use of fingers or hands on reins
- 1478 b. Although penalties as described in the current AQHA Rules shall take precedent, as of the 2022 AQHA Rule Book  
 1479 (SHW 566.8) the following penalties shall be appropriately assessed:
- 1480 - **1 point:** over-bridled (per maneuver), out of frame (per maneuver), losing working advantage; toe, foot, or stirrup  
 1481 on the shoulder; working out of position
- 1482 - **3 points:** cattle picked up or scattered; spurring on shoulder; pawing or biting cattle; back fence; hot quit
- 1483 - **5 points:** horse quitting cow; losing cow; changing cattle after a specific commitment; failure to separate a single  
 1484 animal after leaving the herd; blatant disobedience
- 1485 - **10 point:** Unnatural (Arabian) Ranch Horse appearance (Horse’s tail is obviously and consistently carried in an  
 1486 unnatural manner in every maneuver)
- 1487 - **Zero Score/Off Pattern (OP):** turn tail; failure to cut two cows; repeated blatant disobedience; use of two hands  
 1488 (except junior horses shown in a snaffle bit/ hackamore), more than one finger between split reins or any fingers  
 1489 between romal reins (except in the two-rein)
- 1490 - **No Score/Disqualification (DQ):** lameness; abuse; disrespect or misconduct; illegal equipment; excessive  
 1491 disturbance of herd to the point that exhibitor is asked to leave the arena; leaving arena before run is complete,  
 1492 fall of horse/rider; improper western attire

**AR-WW.23 VRH Ranch Conformation**

- 1495 1. General - The purpose of ranch conformation is to preserve the Arabian and Half Arabian Horse type selecting well-  
 1496 mannered individuals in the order of their resemblance to the breed ideal and that are the most positive combination of  
 1497 balance, structural correctness, and movement with appropriate breed and sex characteristics and adequate muscling. The  
 1498 ideal VRH Ranch Conformation horse should have a natural ranch horse appearance from head to tail. A horse  
 1499 exhibiting unnatural Arabian appearance shall be penalized and placed at the bottom of the class (AR-WW.1.2. d)
- 1500 2. To be eligible to compete in the ranch conformation class the horse must be shown in at least one riding class in that  
 1501 division at the same show.
- 1502 3. Horses must be at least 3 years of age. Horses in each division may be shown together as one class or divided into  
 1503 Purebred, Half-Arabian, Stallions, Mares, Geldings, Open, Amateur, Youth, or in any combination deemed appropriate  
 1504 by show management.
- 1505 4. All stallions shall be examined to confirm that they have two visible testicles. All stallions and mares shall be examined  
 1506 for over-shot and under-shot mouth. If examination reveals that a horse is a cryptorchid or has an over-/under-shot  
 1507 mouth, the judge shall not use such horse in the final placings of the class.



**RESOLUTION 13 – 22**

- 1508 5. Horses are to be shown in a good working halter: rope, braided, nylon or plain leather. Any horse shown in the ranch
- 1509 horse conformation class may not be shown with an allowed lip cord or safety lead; however, a lead shank with an
- 1510 attached chain may be used under the chin or over the nose.
- 1511 6. As the horse approaches, the judge will step to the right to enable the horse to trot straight to a cone placed 50 feet away.
- 1512 At the cone, the horse will continue trotting, turn to the left and trot toward the left wall or fence of the arena. After
- 1513 trotting, horses will be lined up head to tail for individual inspection by the judge. The judge shall inspect each horse
- 1514 from both sides, front and rear and place the horses in order of preference.
- 1515 7. Exhibitors may qualify and show more than one horse in ranch conformation classes. Not allowing these horses to be
- 1516 shown by other exhibitors will make them ineligible for the all-around which will also affect the overall all-around
- 1517 results for other exhibitors. Any exhibitor at the same show can show the second or third horse for competitors who
- 1518 qualified more than one horse for the VRH Ranch Conformation.
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Effective: December 31, 2022, or when approved by USEF/EC

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

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1524 RESOLUTION TYPE (**REQUIRED**): Standard \_\_\_\_\_ Extraordinary  X  “If indicated as

1525 “Extraordinary”, the proponent must list reasons which establish Chapter 9 of the AHA Handbook, RULE 101.3.a.i (2) & (3)

1526 has been met

1527 This resolution is deemed “Extraordinary” to bring the Working Western rules into compliance with the way the other

1528 organizations and disciplines currently operate and amend their rules (the Working Western Industry as a whole).

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1531 PROPONENTS FINANCIAL IMPACT (**REQUIRED**): Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 102.6. & 102.7 for financial

1532 requirements

1533 None

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1536 AHA IMPACT STATEMENT:

1537 Contact Person:

1540 SUBMITTED BY: Working Western Committee

Region Number:

1541  Member Organization  Committee  Commission  Board  Region (*check one* )

1542 Who voted:  Members  Board  Delegates (*check voting body*)

1543 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 78 Number of Yes votes: 57 Number of No votes: 0

1544 How vote was taken:  mail  email/other electronic means  phone  meeting (*check one*) (*Must have Quorum with*

1545 *majority of yes votes*)

1546 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: At the AHA office (*Must have printed documentation on file*)

1547 Date vote taken: July 29 – August 3, 2022

1548 Contact Person: Jim Hitt (*Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw*)

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1 **SUBJECT: Horse Substitution in Equitation Classes (USEF/EC)**

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3 *(STANDARD)*

4 Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 101 & 102 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			
Competition Advisory Committee			
Equitation/Showmanship Committee			
Sport Horse Committee			
Sport Horse National Show Commission			
USEF Arabian Division Committee			
Youth Committee			
Youth National Show Commission			

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

18  
19 Whereas,                      It has become apparent that people at the National Shows are pushing the rule of changing horses in the  
20 equitation classes once a section has run, and

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22 Whereas,                      We need to become consistent with the rule found in USEF EQ requiring riders to remain on the same  
23 mount throughout all phases of the class with the exception outlined below; Therefore, Be It

24  
25 Resolved,                      That USEF AR243.3 be amended by inserting a point a. and adding a new point b. as follows:

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27                      3. Competitions may offer classes restricted to Arabians and/or Half-Arabians/Anglo-Arabians. The breed restrictions  
28 must be clearly stated in the prize list for the benefit of all potential exhibitors.  
29                      a. Once an equitation class or section has begun, no individual shall ride or school an entered horse during the  
30 class or section unless that individual is the person entered on and showing said horse in that class or section  
31 (Exception: Reining Seat Equitation). Any violation will result in disqualification of the rider in that class.  
32                      b. ***At the National level, the same horse must be used in all Phases/Section of the equitation class, unless the***  
33 ***animal is sick or lame, in which case a veterinarian’s certificate is required.*** and, Be It Further  
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35 Resolved,                      That a new AHA REQ 108.12 be amended by adding a new paragraph 12 as follows:

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37                      ***12. The same horse must be used in all Phases/Section of the equitation class, unless the animal is sick or lame, in***  
38 ***which case a veterinarian’s certificate is required.***  
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40 Effective:                      December 31, 2023 or when approved by USEF/EC.

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42 (If a Standard resolution, the effective date will be December 31 of the year after the Convention)  
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44 **RESOLUTION TYPE (REQUIRED):** Standard \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ Extraordinary \_\_\_\_\_ “If indicated as  
45 “Extraordinary”, the proponent must list reasons which establish Chapter 9, RULE 101.3.a. has been met)  
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47 PROPONENTS FINANCIAL IMPACT (**REQUIRED**): Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 102.6. & 102.7 for financial  
48 requirements

49  
50 None

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52 AHA IMPACT STATEMENT: None

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54 Contact Person:  
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56 SUBMITTED BY: Equitation/Showmanship Committee                          Region Number:

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

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

59 Total Number Eligible to Vote:    73                  Number of Yes votes:    23                  Number of No votes:    1

60 How vote was taken:  mail  email/other electronic means  phone  meeting (*check one*) (*Must have Quorum with*  
61 *majority of yes votes*)

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

63 Date vote taken: August 10-12, 2022

64 Contact Person: Michelle Pease-Paulson                          (*Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw*)

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1 **SUBJECT: Horsemanship Lead Changes (USEF/EC)**  
2  
3 (STANDARD)  
4 Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 101 & 102 for submission requirements

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

Amateur Committee			
Canadian National Show Commission			
Competition Advisory Committee			
Education/Evaluation Commission			
Equitation/Showmanship Committee			
Judges & Stewards Steering			
Professional Horsemen Committee			
USEF Arabian Division Committee			
Youth Committee			
Youth National Show Commission			

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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                        X   Change existing text  
15 Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) USEF AR252.4  
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17 **RESOLUTION:** Use ***bold/italic*** for new wording, ~~strikethrough~~ to indicate deletion

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19 Whereas,                      It is the desire of Equitation and Showmanship to bring lead changes in Horsemanship in line with those  
20 already allowed in Hunter Seat Equitation, and  
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22 Whereas,                      The Youth Committee and the Education and Evaluation Commission have given their full support of a  
23 resolution regarding lead changes in Horsemanship; Therefore, Be It  
24  
25 Resolved,                      That USEF AR252.4 be amended by striking out and inserting the following:  
26 Demonstrate a ~~simple change of lead. (In a simple change of lead, the horse is brought back to a walk or~~  
27 ~~jog and restarted into the lope on the opposite lead.)~~ ... ***lead change, simple or flying. Judge may not***  
28 ***designate type of change. (A simple lead change is performed through the walk or jog within three***  
29 ***strides. Flying changes should be simultaneous front and rear. All changes should be smooth and***  
30 ***timely.***  
31

32 Effective:                      December 31, 2023, or when approved by USEF/EC  
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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   X   \_\_\_\_\_ Extraordinary \_\_\_\_\_ “If indicated as  
37 “Extraordinary”, the proponent must list reasons which establish Chapter 9, RULE 101.3.a. has been met)  
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39 **PROPOSERS FINANCIAL IMPACT (REQUIRED):** Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 102.6. & 102.7 for financial  
40 requirements  
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42 None  
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44 **AHA IMPACT STATEMENT:** N/A

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46 Contact Person:  
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48 SUBMITTED BY: Equitation & Showmanship Committee                      Region Number:  
49  Member Organization     Committee     Commission     Board     Region    (*check one* )  
50 Who voted: Equitation & Showmanship Subcommittee                       Members     Board     Delegates  
51 (*check voting body*)  
52 Total Number Eligible to Vote:    73            Number of Yes votes:    36            Number of No votes:    0  
53 How vote was taken:  mail     email/other electronic means     phone     meeting    (*check one*)    (*Must have Quorum with*  
54 *majority of yes votes*)  
55 Where documentation of this vote is recorded:    At the AHA Office                      (*Must have printed documentation on file*)  
56 Date vote taken:    August 11 – 14, 2022  
57 Contact Person:    Michelle Pease-Paulsen                      (*Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw*)  
58 Phone:    (253) 279-5995                      Email:    Parklne@comcast.net

1 **SUBJECT: Judges and Stewards Selection Committee Election Changes**

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3 (STANDARD)

4 Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 101 & 102 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

5-90 Committee			
Board of Directors			
Canadian National Show Commission			
Executive Committee			
Judges & Stewards Selection Committee			
Sport Horse National Show Commission			
USEF Arabian Division Committee			
U.S. National Show Commission			
Youth National Show Commission			

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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                        X   Change existing text  
15 Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) AHA CBP 111.24  
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17 **RESOLUTION:** Use *bold/italic* for new wording, ~~strikethrough~~ to indicate deletion

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- 19 Whereas,                      The Resolution 5-90 committee is charged with reviewing the processes and functions within the  
20 parameters of the document (5-90); and  
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- 22 Whereas,                      Currently the six members of the Judges and Stewart selection committee are elected by the Delegates to  
23 serve two rotating terms (maximum 6 years consecutive); and  
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- 25 Whereas,                      When the Judges and Stewards Selection committee are involved in the selection process, they are often  
26 reviewing a judge’s availability for up to three years in advance; and  
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- 28 Whereas,                      If members of the Judges and Stewards Selection committee were elected for three-year terms (maximum 6  
29 consecutive years) there would be more continuity in the selection process; Therefore, Be It  
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- 31 Resolved,                      That AHA CBP 111. 24 (g) be amended by striking out and inserting as follows:  
32 The six members are elected by the Convention Delegates for *three two* -year rotating terms. Members of  
33 this committee may not serve more than six consecutive years. Terms commence on January 1 following  
34 the election; and, Be It Further  
35
- 36 Resolved,                      That when adopted, the following Procedures will be effective but will not be included as part of CBP  
37 111.24 (g) in the AHA Handbook:  
38 Procedures:  
39 1. It is understood and agreed, that there will be an election held in 2023 and the new procedure of  
40 electing members to the committee for a three-year term rather than a two-year term.  
41 2. In 2023 an election will be held during the Annual Convention with at least three names placed in  
42 nomination. The two candidates receiving the highest vote totals will be elected to serve a three-year  
43 term and the candidate receiving the third highest vote totals will be elected to serve a two-year term.  
44 3. In 2024 an election will be held during the Annual Convention with at least three names placed in  
45 nomination. The two candidates receiving the highest vote totals will be elected to serve a three-year  
46 term and the candidate with the third highest vote totals will be elected to serve a one-year term.

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47 4. Beginning in 2025 (and thereafter) an election will be held during the Annual Convention with at least  
48 two names placed in nomination and the two candidates receiving the highest votes will be elected for  
49 a three-year term.  
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51 Effective: December 31, 2023

52 (If a Standard resolution, the effective date will be December 31 of the year after the Convention)  
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54 RESOLUTION TYPE (**REQUIRED**): Standard  X  Extraordinary \_\_\_\_\_ “If indicated as  
55 “Extraordinary”, the proponent must list reasons which establish Chapter 9, RULE 101.3.a. has been met)  
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57 PROPONENTS FINANCIAL IMPACT (**REQUIRED**): Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 102.6. & 102.7 for financial  
58 requirements:  
59 None  
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61 AHA IMPACT STATEMENT:

62 Contact Person:  
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64 SUBMITTED BY: 5-90 Committee Region Number:

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

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

67 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 4 Number of Yes votes: 4 Number of No votes: 0

68 How vote was taken:  mail  email/other electronic means  phone  meeting (*check one*) (*Must have Quorum with*  
69 *majority of yes votes*)

70 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: With the Chair (*Must have printed documentation on file*)

71 Date vote taken: August 10, 2022

72 Contact Person: Peter Conway (*Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw*)

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