RESOLUTION 14 - 26

SUBJECT: Allowing Show Leases for Owner Classes (USEF/EC) **Withdrawn**

(STANDARD)
Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 101 & 102 for submission requirements.

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

	Committee Action: Approve		Disapprove
AHA Futurity Commission			
Amateur Committee			
Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Commission			
Board of Directors			
Breeding/In-Hand Committee			
Budget & Finance Committee			
Competition Advisory Committee			
Dressage & Western Dressage Committee			
Equitation/Showmanship Committee			
Hunter/Jumper Committee			
Professional Horsemen Committee			
Registration Commission			
Sport Horse Committee			
Sport Horse National Show Commission			
USEF Arabian Division Committee			
U.S. National Show Commission			
Working Western Committee			
Youth Committee			
Youth/Mid-Summer National Show Commission			

CONVENTION ACTION:

_____Approved _____Approved with Modification _____Disapproved

_X __Withdrawn _____Referred to Committee_____

PROPOSED CHANGE: (***Check one***) _X___ Add new rule __X__ Delete existing rule __X__ Change existing text
Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) AHA REQ 114 & USEF AR110.4.a & f

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

Whereas, There is a need to increase participation in AHA events, and

Whereas, Affordability is one of the primary obstacles, and

Whereas, Lesson programs need the ability to provide families with an affordable path from lessons to showing, and

Whereas, Horse owners benefit from increased sources of revenue, and the sharing of expenses, and

Whereas, There is a need for a systematic process for owners to allow the following structure and rules; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That a new AHA REQ 114 be created and inserted as follows:

1. ***Show Lease will be a minimum of one year and a maximum of three years. If no end date is selected on the application, the lease will automatically expire three years form the date it begins.***
2. ***Both the horse owner and lessee must be members of AHA.***
3. ***All Show Leases must be applied for using the official AHA application. Both lessor and lessee must agree to comply with all AHA and USEF Rules and Regulations.***

4. ***No exhibitor can show a leased horse until the official lease application has been submitted and approved, and the required fee paid.***
5. ***Only one show lease at a time will be recognized for a horse.***
6. ***Lessee agrees to provide for the expenses incurred in the care of the horse including boarding, feeding, regular farrier care, and routine veterinary care for the term of the lease.***
7. ***During the term of the Show Lease, only the lessee and lessee's immediate family may show the horse in Owner and Amateur/Youth classes. Other exhibitors may show the horse in Open classes only.***
8. ***Youth and amateur exhibitors may show leased horses if all provisions here set forth are followed:***
    a. ***Horses with an Official Show Lease may be shown in Owner to Ride/Drive/Handle classes.***
    b. ***The lease application will have a selection box where the owner and lessee will designate who shall receive prize money from AHA Prize money programs.***
    c. ***Prize money may be retained by the horse owner or designated to be received by the lessee.***
9. ***During the term of the lease, AHA will not record any further changes in ownership until the lease has been terminated.***
10. ***A Show Lease may be terminated without show restrictions before the minimum one-year requirement in the event of the death of the lessee or with the termination penalty of $1, 000.00 dollars. Any points or qualifications (if applicable) earned during the lease period will not count towards future shows or Year End awards after the termination of the lease. If a lease is terminated for any other reason, the horse may be shown in the Open divisions until the one-year minimum period has expired.***
11. ***A Show Lease must be on file before the lessee can enter or exhibit at any AHA Regional or National show. If the lease expires prior to those entry deadlines, or events, a new show lease will be required.***
12. ***A Show Lease does not grant a lessee or lessee's agent authorization to sign breeders' certificate(s), stallion breeding reports, transfers, or registration applications for the horse.***
13. ***The fee for show lease will be $100.00 dollars. The AHA Board of Directors is authorized to review and change this fee, and the termination fee, as appropriate.***
14. ***If it is determined that either the owner or the lessee has violated the rules of this program, AHA has the right to cancel said lease at any time. Such cancellation will result in the horse being ineligible for further competition under the lease and may nullify AHA show results obtained under such a violation.*** ;and, Be It Further

Resolved, That the remaining AHA REQ chapter be renumbered; and, Be It Further

Resolved That USEF AR110.4.a be amended by inserting as follows:

4. Amateur Owner Classes
    a. Horses entered in amateur owner and junior owner classes must be registered in the name of the competitor or a member of the competitor's family, as defined by AR110.4.d.e. ***(exception: Show Leases registered with AHA – contact AHA for rules and requirements)*** Horses registered in a farm/ranch/syndicate/partnership/corporation name may be shown in Amateur Owner classes provided the family is the sole owner of the farm or entity as defined by AR110.4.d.e. The sale of a horse does not eliminate this registration requirement. (Contracts of Sale or Bill of Sale will not be accepted in Owner classes.) and, Be It Further

Resolved That USEF AR110.4.f be stricken as follows:

~~f. Leased horses are not eligible. (Contracts of Sale or Bill of Sale will not be accepted in Owner Classes.)~~

Effective: December 31, 2027, or when approved by USEF/EC

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

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

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

Templates exist for all required documents making their generation inexpensive. The required fees should offset the staff time needed. This will also provide increase entry income at Regional and National shows.

AHA IMPACT STATEMENT: (***To be completed by AHA Staff***)

There would be a significant IT impact. New database tables and inquiry, creation and updating screens would need to be built. Coding changes would need to be made to any place that checks or lists horse ownership if we need to also account for lessees. Possible areas include DataSource, online Horse Search, online Competition Records, Horse Program Enrollment, National Show Enrollment, Back Office, and various reports. Changes to the registration system to check the new tables to know if transfers can be processed. If options are given for who gets paid out prize money, then all prize money processed will need to be modified to allow for an account other than the recorded owner to be paid. The Prize money processes include Sweepstakes, Sweepstakes Jackpot, Halter Futurities, Performance Futurities/Maturities, and National Random Prize Money. IT implementation is estimated at 2000 hours.

Contact Person: Megan Corgan IT Manager & Senior Business Systems Analyst – megan.corgan@arabianhorses.org or (303) 696-4559

SUBMITTED BY: Serengeti Arabian Horse Associates Region Number: 9

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

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

Total Number Eligible to Vote: 12 Number of Yes votes: 9 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: Membership Minutes (***Must have printed documentation on file***)

Date vote taken: August 3, 2026

Contact Person: Russ Taylor (***Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw***)

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