

SUBJECT: USEF Relationship with AHA

(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)*

AHA Futurity Commission			
Amateur Committee			
Breeding/In-Hand Committee			
Competition Advisory Committee			
Dressage/Western Dressage Committee			
Education/Evaluation Commission			
Equitation/Showmanship Committee			
Hunter/Jumper Committee			
Professional Horsemen Committee			
Resolution 5-90 Committee			
Sport Horse Committee			
Sport Horse National Show Commission			
U.S. National Show Commission			
USEF Arabian Division Committee			
Working Western Committee			
Youth Committee			
Youth/Mid-Summer 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_____ Withdrawn _____ Referred to Committee _____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)

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

Whereas, The USEF Relationship Ad Hoc Committee was charged with examining the relationship between the Arabian Horse Association and the United States Equestrian Federation

Whereas, The Committee identified three potential courses of action: (i) maintain the current relationship with USEF; (ii) redefine AHA's affiliate relationship with USEF; or (iii) discontinue affiliation with USEF and operate independently or in collaboration with other breeds and/or disciplines; and

Whereas, A substantial segment of AHA membership, primarily within the Main Ring and Working Western disciplines, has expressed a desire to discontinue affiliation with USEF; and

Whereas, A substantial segment of AHA membership, primarily within the Sport Horse disciplines, supports continued affiliation with USEF/USDF; and

Whereas, AHA represents a diverse membership and range of disciplines and cannot prudently alienate or lose any segment thereof; and

Whereas, The USEF Relationship Ad Hoc Committee has determined that given the diversity of the Arabian, Half-Arabian, and Anglo-Arabian Horse, and the diversity of the Arabian Horse Association's membership and disciplines and recognition as a National Governing body for equestrian sport, that maintaining an affiliation with USEF is prudent at this time, and

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40 Whereas, AHA further recognizes the necessity of maintaining and promoting competition opportunities outside of
41 USEF governance in order to effectively serve its entire membership;
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43 Resolved, That AHA shall not enter into any affiliate agreement with USEF that restricts or prohibits AHA from
44 recognizing, sanctioning, or conducting Value Shows or similar formats; and
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46 Resolved, That AHA shall conscientiously negotiate provisions with USEF securing that the Arabian breed is not held
47 to regulatory standards in the General Rules (new or existing) that are detrimental to the Arabian breed
48 and its membership, thus promoting the best interest of the Arabian breed and growing the sport;
49 provided, however, that this standard shall not apply to rules that USEF and AHA determines are essential
50 to all breed and discipline organizations (e.g., SafeSport); and
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52 Resolved, That the AHA Arabian Rules Committee shall have the authority to determine which new or existing
53 General Rules are detrimental to Arabian breed and its membership and shall be listed as an exception to
54 said rule; and
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56 Resolved, That AHA negotiate with USEF to modify the rule implementation date for the Arabian division rules,
57 making them effective either as extraordinary or within a year of passage by AHA based on
58 recommendations by the USEF Arabian Division Committee or the AHA Board of Directors.
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60 Effective: December 31, 2027

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62 (If a Standard resolution, the effective date will be December 31 of the year after the Convention)
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64 RESOLUTION TYPE (REQUIRED): Standard ☒ X ☐ Extraordinary ☐ ☐ "If indicated as "Extraordinary", the
65 proponent must list reasons which establish Chapter 9, RULE 101.3.a. has been met)
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67 PROPONENTS FINANCIAL IMPACT (REQUIRED): Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 102.6. & 102.7 for financial requirements
68 None
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70 AHA IMPACT STATEMENT: *(To be completed by AHA Staff)*

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72 Contact Person:
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74 SUBMITTED BY: USEF Relationship Ad Hoc Region Number:
75 ☐ Member Organization ☒ Committee ☐ Commission ☐ Board ☐ Region *(check one ☒)*

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

77 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 10 Number of Yes votes: 10 Number of No votes: 0

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

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

81 Date vote taken: August 3, 2026

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

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