ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION

STANDING RULES OF THE 2026 AHA ANNUAL CONVENTION

A. GENERAL

1. The current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* shall be the parliamentary authority governing this Convention (except for those rules pertaining to scope of notice) and all its committees whenever it is applicable and not inconsistent with the Laws of the State of Colorado, the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws of Arabian Horse Association, or a special adopted rule of this Convention.
2. The minutes of this Convention shall be approved by a committee of at least three persons appointed by the AHA President.
3. There shall be designated seating in the General Session room for the voting delegates and the alternates and guests.
4. Proper identification badges and ribbons issued by the AHA Staff and/or Credentials Workforce must be worn for admission to the voting delegate seating area for all the General Sessions.
5. Announcements shall be made from the main speaker's platform only and shall be in writing, signed by the person submitting the announcement, and sent to the Chair via the AHA Convention office no later than one hour prior to the Session in which it will be announced.
6. Cell phones, iPads, computers, and other electronic devices **must** only be used for reviewing resolutions and when voting. **Livestreaming of convention will not be allowed**; individuals may be asked to leave that General Session and/or that meeting.
7. Any and all cell phone conversations are prohibited in all General Sessions and meetings. Any and all cell phones must be in silent mode.
8. **The following voting methods may be called for by the Presiding Officer: standing, voice, paper ballot or by electronic voting (Vvoter).**
9. ***Adult Members (non-delegates) will be credentialed and receive Vvoter credentials so they may vote at the end of General Session II for the following offices if applicable: AHA President, AHA Vice-President and one (1) Board Member.***

B. MOTIONS, DEBATE and VOTING

1. All convention registered members of AHA in good standing have the right to speak to an issue on the floor. Any delegate, alternate, or guest that is seeking recognition to speak to an issue shall go to a microphone and, upon being recognized by the Chair, shall state their name, their Region, before addressing the delegates. Only voting delegates have the right to make motions and vote on pending business.
2. **A voting delegate or member shall not speak more than twice on the same question or for more than two (2) minutes each time speaking. No delegate or member shall speak for a second time until all delegates or members seeking recognition the first time have spoken.**
3. If any voting delegate desires to stop debate, the delegate shall go to a microphone, be recognized by the Chair, then state: “I call the previous question or I call for the previous question or I move to close debate”. This motion requires a second and a two-thirds vote to adopt.
4. The method of voting on motions such as the adoption of the Credentials Report, the adoption of the Standing Rules, the adoption of the Agenda/Program, the Consent Agenda(s), Resolutions and Amendments to Resolutions not on a Consent Agenda will be handled via the VVoter Platform except where paper ballots are required.
5. Any Ordinary Measure that has more than two (2) choices must have a majority vote (more than half of the votes casts by persons entitled to vote). If there is no declared majority vote, the two (2) highest favorable vote choices will then be placed forward for an additional vote. In the instance of a tie on the additional vote, the Presiding Officer will break the tie.

C. RESOLUTIONS and AMENDMENTS

1. Consent Agenda(s)
   a) The Agenda and Resolutions Committee will be responsible for the Series of Resolutions that are included in the Consent Agenda.
   b) The Consent Agenda can be adopted as presented, which means that all the items included in the agenda are adopted and approved by a single vote of the Convention delegates. These items will not be presented individually and will not be open for discussion or debate on the Convention floor.
   c) The Consent Agenda can also be amended. Individual items can be removed for consideration, discussion, and debate prior to the vote on the consent agenda. The proponent of the resolution or any delegate may remove an item from the Consent Agenda.
   d) The items that are removed from the Consent Agenda will be presented and discussed, debated, and voted on separately by Convention delegates.
2. Resolutions that involve AHA Bylaws amendments and any resolutions (due to their nature) deemed by the Agenda and Resolutions Committee will be considered individually by the convention and will not be included in the Consent Agenda
3. For all resolutions considered by this Convention, the United States Equestrian Federation/Equestrian Canada, USEF Arabian Rules Committee, AHA Staff and the Competitions Advisory Committee shall be authorized to make any changes in punctuation, grammar, spelling, or USEF/AHA rule numbers that are necessary so long as they do not change the intent of the resolution.
4. Written and/or verbal reports on the prior year Convention resolutions referred to committees will be taken. Disposition of each of these Convention resolutions carried over to this Annual Convention will be made by the voting delegates.
5. Amendments
   a. Amendments by the proponent of a resolution prior to the General Session in which the resolution is to be debated will be filed with the AHA office, reviewed by the Agenda & Resolutions Committee for content.

      Once the amendment has been approved by the Agenda & Resolutions Committee, the amendment will

be made available in electronic form via the AHA website or AHA app. No printing and paper copies will be available. All printing of the amendments will be the responsibility of those wanting printed copies.

b. Once a resolution has been presented to the voting body, any voting delegate may amend the resolution per *Robert's Rules of Order*, *Newly Revised* (except for those rules pertaining to scope of notice). The proponent's approval is not required to amend a resolution once it's been open for debate. The following process will be in order for amendments to resolutions once debate has begun:

1) A delegate desiring to amend the resolution that is pending shall file the amendment with the Agenda and Resolutions Committee at a designated location in the General Session area. The amendment will be written down on a form signed by the delegate. Once the amendment has been reviewed by the Agenda and Resolutions Committee for content, it will then be presented to the delegates for adoption by either reading the amendment or by a visual method if available. The amendment will not require a second since it has been approved by the Agenda and Resolutions Committee and sent forward for debate.

2) The amendment will be debated and voted on by the delegates present. A majority vote to adopt is required.

6. The proponent (contact person) may withdraw a resolution prior to it being presented to the voting body in the General Session through written notification submitted to the AHA Convention office. The withdrawal of the resolution will be announced in General Session.

7. The effective date for approved resolutions will be determined by RULE 101 in the current AHA Handbook.

D. NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS and VOTING.

1. Nominees for any Committee, Commission, Panel or Office that will be elected by the Delegates must be acknowledged during a General Session prior to the time of voting. Candidates in attendance at the Convention may stand and be recognized, however candidates are not required to be present.

2. Nominations for any office or committee position elected by the delegates may be made by any voting delegate, except nominations for the EPRB shall be made by a member of the AHA Board of Directors.

3. Nominees for each officer position, where there is more than one candidate, shall be given the opportunity to address the delegates in a General Session prior to voting. Each candidate's speech shall be limited to a maximum length of ten (10) minutes and shall be timed. The order of speeches by the candidates will be determined by a draw. No endorsements for contested positions will be received from the convention floor.

4. Voting for the resolutions and elections for the Officers, the Committees, the Board, and the Panels elected by the Convention will be handled via the VVoter Platform except

where paper ballots are required. Each delegate is responsible for their voting device.

5. Any election that has more than two (2) choices to fill a position must have a majority vote (more than half of the votes casts by persons entitled to vote) to be elected. If there is no declared majority vote, the two (2) highest favorable vote choices will then be placed forward for an additional vote.

6. The vote totals of any election will be announced to the delegates via the Vvoter results and displayed on the overhead screen.