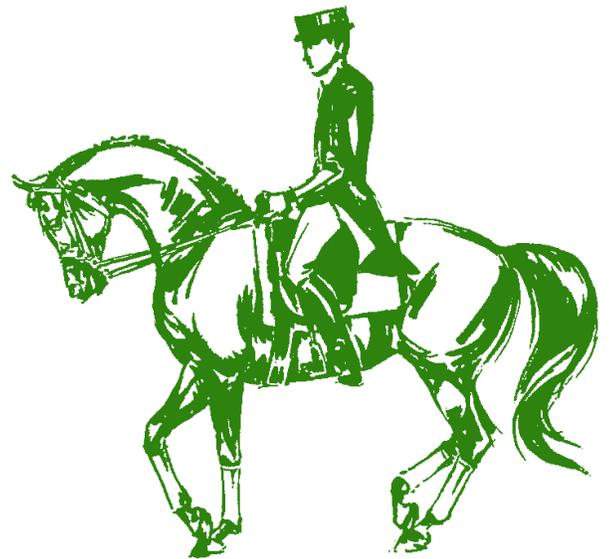


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**This is a quick reference. Please refer to  
the omnibus for complete rules**



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## PATRONSHIPS/ SPONSORSHIP

Platinum Patron	\$1,800
Gold Patron	\$1,500
Elite Sponsorship	\$1,100
Paddock Addition	\$600

### EVENT SPONSORSHIP/PARTICIPATION

Arena Sign	\$400
Dressage Happy Hour per night	\$1,500
<i>Can be split between sponsors</i>	
Class Sponsor	\$250
Class Garland Sponsor	
Champion & Reserve Garland	\$200
Champion Garland	\$135
Reserve Garland	\$65
Decoration & Flowers Sponsor	\$250
Welcome Party Sponsor	\$8,500
<i>Can be split between sponsors</i>	

## OPTIONAL ITEMS

Equine Services Permit	See form
Full Hook Up RV Space	\$500
Electric & Water RV Space	\$450

Call AHA at (303) 696-4500 option #1 or email [NationalEvents@ArabianHorses.org](mailto:NationalEvents@ArabianHorses.org) for more Sponsorship information.

## ENTRY FEES

### CLASS ENTRY FEES:

Class Entry Fee	\$250
Exhibition Classes	\$125
Working Hunter Warm Up (W)	\$30
<i>(R/H combination, included with each Working Hunter class)</i>	

### MANDATORY FEES per horse

Office Fee	<b>\$100</b>
Education/Evaluation Fee (Res. 9-90)	\$25
USEF Fees per horse	<b>\$25</b>
<i>(includes \$10 Admin &amp; \$15 Drug)</i>	
Scoring	\$15
Horse Stall	\$250
Grounds Fee per horse	<b>\$50</b>

### POST FEES > Refer to Important dates & deadlines

Post Horse > per horse	\$500/\$1000
Post Class for pre-entered horses per class	\$125/\$250

### MISC FEES

Shavings	\$12
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### Must be received with your entry by August 11

From August 12 to August 25, you will be able to place feed and bedding orders on the AHA App or website for delivery to your stalls prior to your arrival. **After August 25, you will need to place your order upon arrival at the showgrounds.**

Tack Stall	\$250
WDAA Non-Member	\$55 Adult / \$40 Junior
Failure to Close Open Show Accounts	\$100
Non-Competing Horse	<b>\$450</b>
<i>(includes stall, office, and per horse fee)</i>	
Late Rider/Horse Equ Change not filed before the class	\$50
Scratch Fee per class not filed before the class	\$50
Show Program	\$10
<i>(one free copy is provided to each owner)</i>	

## EXHIBITORS!

**\*Remember to Pick Up Your Awards\***

**THEY WILL NOT BE MAILED!**

*The Awards Room will be open for one hour after completion of classes each day*

# PLEASE REFER TO GENERAL RULES FOR ALL SHOWS

## NEW for 2026

AHA Qualifications are no longer required.  
Refer to Qualifications and Eligibility

Starting in 2027, to expedite and ensure receipt, National entries must be submitted through the online portal to avoid additional fees for AHA staff to process them manually.

## ENTRY INFORMATION

- **EMAILED ENTRIES WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED. EXCEPTION: Email entries will be accepted ONLY on the FIRST DAY the show office opens in order to meet the final deadline for entering any horse or class. The email must be set to [NationalEvents@Arabianhorses.org](mailto:NationalEvents@Arabianhorses.org) and electronically dated before the published deadline.**
- Photocopies of the entry form will not be accepted.
- FULL PAYMENT must accompany your entry.
- Please do not split any charges for an entry between exhibitors, horses, or stables.
- DO NOT SUBMIT AN ENTRY BY MORE THAN ONE METHOD, AS CREDIT CARDS MAY BE CHARGED MULTIPLE TIMES.
- *When entering, please be aware of entering classes that might run in different rings at the same time. Every effort will be made to solve these conflicts, however rings will not be held for extensive periods to solve conflicts. Entry fees will be forfeited in case of time conflicts caused by two rings running simultaneously that cannot be resolved.*
- Exhibitors are advised to use an expedited, traceable mail service when sending entries to ensure they are received by AHA.

Checks and credit cards covering multiple entries must be accompanied by a detailed description of how the money is to be applied, listing all the horses and total fees per horse, and provide a contact phone number

### Mail to: Attn: Sport Horse Nationals

6030 Greenwood Plaza Blvd., Suite 100  
Greenwood Village, CO 80111

## IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

### Arrival & Stalling Information

- Group Stabling Requests MUST be received by Tuesday, **August 11 Midnight MT**

**Requests received after this date may not be considered.**

**ARRIVAL** NO ARRIVAL is permitted prior to Thursday, September 3, NOON.

**DEPARTURE** – Sunday, **September 13** by Midnight *Stalls must be vacated* \***NO EXCEPTIONS**

**After 10 AM SHARP, you will be billed. The facility late departure fee of \$50 per hour per stall.**

### ENTRY DEADLINES

**NEW for 2026 Online entries will open on May 1<sup>st</sup> and be accepted until July 28, Midnight MT without a post fee.**

**NO Dressage or Combined Training entries will be accepted after August 11.**

**NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED AFTER Thursday September 4 @ NOON Local time for any reason.**

Entries not received by the closing dates may not be listed in the program. Every effort will be made to stall post entries with horses from the same barn.

**EMAILED ENTRIES WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED.**

### Mailed Entries

Exhibitors, please be aware of the new USPS 2026 postmarked policy.

MUST be Post marked Electronic stamped by Tuesday July 21, Midnight (MT)

From July 29 to August 11, Midnight MT

- \$500.00 per horse

From July 30 to Thursday, September 4 @ 5 PM Local Time

- \$1,000.00 per horse

### Online Entries

From July 29 to August 11, Midnight MT

- \$500.00 per horse

From July 30 to August 25 Midnight MT

- \$1,000.00 per horse

**After August 25 Online entry will NOT be available.**

## **ADDING CLASSES FOR HORSES ALREADY ENTERED**

**NEW FORM.** Must be submitted on an **additional class entry form**, and must be signed.

From July 29 to August 11

- o Regular class fee plus \$125 late class fee

From July 30 to Thursday, September 3 @ 5 Local Time

- o Regular class fee plus \$250 late class fee

## **ENTRY REFUNDS**

Please refer to GR 8.10

## **UNREGISTERED HORSES**

Please refer to GR 45

## **SHOW ACCOUNTS**

Please refer to GR 18.7

**All exhibitors MUST leave a form of payment for an open account before any back numbers will be given out.**

All open accounts must be closed by **5 PM on the last day of the show, or management will close all remaining show accounts and will be assessed a Failure to Close Out fee of \$100.00.**

## **HORSES NOT ENTERED IN THE SHOW**

Please refer to GR 31

Non-Competing horses will be accepted at Sport Horse Nationals If a stall is available and must check with the barn manager on stall availability. There will be a \$750.00 fine per NC horse for not filing an official entry form with the show office.

## **CHANGES TO THE ORIGINAL ENTRY**

Please refer to GR 8.9 & GR8.5

Any scratches or changes to the initially entered class, rider, driver, handler, or equitation horse must be recorded with the Show Secretary by

**8 PM > the night prior for Morning classes**

**11 AM > for Afternoon classes**

**4 PM > for Evening classes**

**Changes can be made on the AHA App, website, or in person at the show office.**

**Changes made after the deadline will result in a late change fee.**

## **RIDER/HORSE EQUITATION CHANGES**

Once a class section has run, rider/driver/handler changes for advancing sections are not allowed except for a medical emergency per USEF rules. Please make sure the correct rider is listed for your classes.

## **SCRATCHES**

Scratching as early as possible enables the show commission to make a timely decision on schedule changes. Scratches must be recorded with the Show Secretary to be considered official

**Scratches after the deadline without a vet scratch will result in a late fee.**

**Scratches at the gate MUST file an official scratch form before the end of the session to avoid a no-show fine.**

## **CLASS SECTION REQUESTS**

Please refer to GR 8.6

Exhibitors with possible ring conflicts should identify section requests on the Official Entry Form. At the show, sections can be requested **via the AHA App, website, or in person at the show office.** All requests MUST be submitted BY NOON the day before when the sections are to be posted. Sections will be posted one day prior to the scheduled class.

**If you have multiple classes on the same day, it is strongly advised to look closely at the schedule and request a section that will work best for your situation.**

## **ARENA SIGNS**

Arena signage may be purchased using the form found on the AHA website. Arena signage space is limited and will be sold on a first come, first served basis. AHA will provide the arena signs that will be displayed in the arena of your choice. The signs are 3' x 4'. Logo for the signs must be emailed to **NationalEvents@ArabianHorses.org** to AHA by July 31.

Artwork must be in .jpg or .png format and must be high resolution. AHA is not liable for exact color match. More Information can be found on Sport Horse Nationals webpage or call AHA at (303) 696-4500.

## AWARDS & PRIZE MONEY

Please refer to GR 5 for complete information  
The awards room will be open for your convenience  
September 8- 13, from 8 AM until a 1/2 hour after  
classes end.

All awards not claimed by the close of the show will be  
forfeited with no exceptions.

Duplicate Awards will be for sale in the Awards Room  
for Champion, Reserve Champion Trophy and Top Ten  
Plaques. They can be ordered after the event on the  
Duplicate Award Order form found on the National  
Events Homepage or you can email  
[NationalEvents@ArabianHorses.org](mailto:NationalEvents@ArabianHorses.org)

### RANDOM CLASSES

\$2,500.00 prize money will be paid to 10 classes (3)  
Dressage classes, (1) Carriage Pleasure Driving, (1)  
Working Hunter, (1) Jumper, (2) Sport Horse In Hand  
and (2) Sport Horse Under Saddle] that are randomly  
selected each year.

The Champion will receive \$1,000, the Reserve  
Champion will receive \$500 and the balance of the  
Top Ten will receive \$125.

**The following classes will receive prize money at this  
years Sport Horse Nationals:**

716	HA/AA Working Hunter ATR CH
1801	A/HA/AA Jumper CH
2741	Arabian SH IH Geldings Hunter Type Open
2869	HA/AA SH IH Geldings Hunter Type ATH
1551	Arabians SH US AOTR Hunter Type Open
1766	HA/AA SH US Jr Horse Dressage Type Open
883	A/HA/AA Dressage Prix St. George CH
1417	HA/AA Dressage Third Level CH
1573	Arabian West Dressage Basic Level CH ATR
1281	Carriage PI Driving Double Jeopardy

### ARABIAN BREEDERS SWEEPSTAKES (ABS) PRIZE MONEY CLASSES

**Please refer to GR 3**

1022	ABS Arabian Yearling SH Filly In-Hand
1023	ABS Arabian Yearling SH Colt/Gelding In-Hand
1024	ABS HA/AA Yearling SH Filly In-Hand
1025	ABS HA/AA Yearling SH Colt/Gelding In-Hand
599	Arabian 2 Year-Old SH Colt In-Hand
600	Arabian 2 Year-Old SH Gelding In-Hand
601	Arabian 2 Year-Old SH Filly In-Hand
1331	HA/AA 2 Year-Old SH Colt /Gelding In-Hand
1505	ABS Arabian Sport Horse US AOTR Jackpot
1506	ABS HA/AA Sport Horse US AOTR Jackpot
1504	ABS Dressage Prospect Incentive

## CAMPER & RECREATIONAL VEHICLE FACILITIES

RV Spaces will be available on a first come first serve  
basis for the entire show.

Please find the form on our website

[www.ArabianHorses.org](http://www.ArabianHorses.org)

## CLASS INFORMATION & SPECS

### ARABIAN BREEDERS SWEEPSTAKES (ABS)

Please refer to GR 3

REFER TO SWP 116, SWP 117 AND SWP 118

REGARDING PAYBACK FOR ABS NOMINATED HORSES.

### ABS SPORT HORSE YEARLING IN-HAND

The Yearling Sweepstakes Classes are restricted to  
Breeding Entries only.

Yearlings must be shown in a plain leather stable  
halter as described in AR 183

### ABS DRESSAGE PROSPECT INCENTIVE

The ABS Dressage Prospect Incentive class is restricted  
to 4- and 5-year-old horses enrolled as a Breeding or  
Original Entry.

This class is exempt from the 50% rule. Refer to SWP  
116, SWP 117, and SWP 118 regarding payback for  
ABS-nominated horses.

The AHA Dressage Prospect Incentive Test will be used  
and can be found on the AHA Website.

Horses will be examined for soundness. A jog will be  
scheduled the day prior to the Championship class at  
which time all horses must be presented to the official  
veterinarian and a member of the dressage judging  
panel for examination.

Horses will be jogged on packed dirt or tarmac. Horses  
not presented for the jog or who do not pass the jog  
will not be eligible to show in the class.

Horses who do not pass the jog will be sent to a  
designated holding area and will be re-jogged after all  
the other entries have been jogged. If the horse does  
not pass again, they can be re-presented the next  
morning. The official veterinarian and dressage judge  
who conducted the first presentation will evaluate the  
re-jog.

The two-member judging panel will consist of either  
One (1) USEF 'R' Judge and one (1) USEF 'S' Judge or  
two (2) USEF 'S' judges, both of whom will have the  
Young Horse designation.

The panel shall sit together at C. Judges shall give one  
score and fill out general comments on one Marking  
Sheet.

Competition Management shall provide a sound system and microphone to allow the judges to give the audience a short summary after each ride.

Horses will be ranked in order of their scores in each test.

Breaking of ties for DPI, the marks for "Submission" and "General Impression" will be combined and divided by two in order to break the tie. If still equal, the "Submission" mark would decide. If a tie still exists, breaking of ties will be at the judging panel's discretion. DR123.3

Whips are not allowed.

### **ABS GREEN WORKING HUNTER DERBY**

This class is exempt from the 50% rule. Refer to SWP 116, SWP 117 and SWP 118 regarding payback for ABS nominated horses.

The ABS Green Working Hunter Derby Championship is restricted for Green Working Hunters A/HA/AA which are nominated as a Breeding or Original Entry who are eligible to compete as a green working hunter as outlined in the Arabian Working Hunter rules of USEF.

No qualifications are required and the class is open to any age horse who is eligible to compete as a Green Working Hunter as outlined in the Arabian Working Hunter rules of USEF. The Championship consists of two sections with fence heights offered at both 2'6" and 2'9" and riders choose the height at which their horse(s) compete. First year horses may compete at either 2'6" or 2'9" height but second year horses must compete at 2'9". All horses compete in the first two sections in which they receive numerical scores.

The first round is 10-12 fences with the second round over a shortened course of 6-8 fences. The course will include natural elements and options. The second round will be a Handy Hunter Course.

The 12 horses (or less) from the first round, after all ties are broken, are eligible to return for the second round. The final score from each round will be added together to obtain an overall total for each horse. The horse with the highest combined score shall be named Champion and the second highest combined score will be named Reserve Champion. The remaining horses are eligible to be named in the Top Ten.

For complete derby rules refer to USEF AR 171.

### **ABS SPORT HORSE US AOTR JACKPOT**

These classes are restricted to Arabians and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabians enrolled as a Breeding or Original Entry and are 7 years of age and older.

Sweepstakes prize money not awarded will be retained in the Sweepstakes principal fund. The 50% rule does not apply to these classes.

Each competitor will contribute \$500 to a prize money jackpot. The Sweepstakes Program will add \$1,000 per horse, up to a maximum of \$15,000 to each of the two purses.

Sweepstakes prize money and the additional Jackpot prize money will be awarded 20% to the Champion, 10% to the Reserve Champion, and 8.75% to each of the remaining Top Ten. Any Jackpot prize money not distributed shall be equally divided among all placings. A horse that is co-owned by two distinct non-family members per USEF AR 110.e.1 – 10 CAN NOT be shown in the ABS AOTR Jackpot classes.

### **NATIONAL PERFORMANCE MATURITY**

For complete rules regarding the Performance Maturity Program, please refer to Chapter 20 of the AHA Handbook.

Enrollment in the Maturity Program is required to participate in these classes. These classes are for horses that are 5-6 years old. Enrollment into the program will serve as the qualification for the class, no other qualification is required.

**Enrollment into the program does not constitute entry in the Sport Horse National Championship Show. Entry into the corresponding class must also be submitted on the Official Show Entry Form.**

Sport Horse Performance Maturity nomination form and information can be found on the AHA website [www.ArabianHorses.org/export/content.export/aha-forms/270001\\_SHN.pdf](http://www.ArabianHorses.org/export/content.export/aha-forms/270001_SHN.pdf)

Payment can be made in full (postmarked by May 1) or in payments (due May 1, June 1 and July 1). Enrollments made after these dates are subject to late fees. Nominations are allowed (with corresponding late fees) up until the first Post Show Entry Close Date. Prize money for these classes are based on the 50% rule.

**DNA FOR HALF-ARABIANS IS REQUIRED FOR THIS CLASS. please REFER TO GR 3.2.**

**If the DNA is not on file before the class, the horse will be ineligible to be shown.**

### **A/HA/AA \$5,000. MUSICAL FREESTYLE EXHIBITION (ENGLISH OR WESTERN)**

This Musical Freestyle Exhibition class is not recognized by USEF or USDF. The Musical Freestyle Application (with complete rules) must be submitted with your entry. Open to horses entered in First Level and above at this show. **Limited to 15 rides and 1 entry per owner. Rider may only ride 1 horse.** If 15 time slots are not filled then it will be open to; 1) Entries on a waiting list and 2) Entries with duplicate riders and/or duplicate owners.

Musical freestyle is an exciting combination of the technical and artistic aspects of a highly trained horse.

**The helmet rule is in effect. Whips are permitted.**

DNA FOR HALF-ARABIANS IS REQUIRED FOR THIS CLASS. please REFER TO GR 3.1

**If the DNA is not on file before the class, the horse will be ineligible to be shown.**

This is a Jackpot Class only. No additional prize money will be issued from AHA prize money programs.

### **CARRIAGE DRIVING**

Carriage driving classes will follow USEF rules for Pleasure Driving (See Articles CP 101-120). Singles and multiples will be allowed in the Carriage Pleasure Driving classes. For multiples you will need to pick one horse to receive all points, awards, and recognition. Wire wheeled, pneumatic tired and combined driving marathon vehicles will not be permitted. No cantering allowed in the obstacle driving class. In the Ride and Drive the rider and driver may be different. A mandatory safety check will occur on all turnouts.

### **COMBINED TEST BEGINNER NOVICE**

#### **NEW FOR 2026 USEA APPROVED**

Will run in accordance with USEF EV Chapter. Open to horses four years of age or older (EV Appendix 3. 3.1). A combined test is a competition in which you and your horse complete a dressage test and then jump a show jumping course. It's similar to a three-phase horse trials event, but you don't jump a cross-country course.

This class will consist of 2 sections (phases), a Dressage Section Judged by one Eventing or Dressage Judge and a Jumping Section judged by one Eventing or Hunter/Jumper Judge.

The Dressage section will run first then the Jumping section.

Fence heights that will be .80M (2'7") please refer to USEF EV Appendix 2 under Beginner Novice.

The dressage test will be Beginner Novice Test B.

#### **Combined Test Scoring**

For scoring, penalties and eliminations refer to:

Dressage section is EV118-EV120 and EV143

Jumping section is EV126-EV128

#### **FINAL PLACING**

Competitors accumulate penalty points in each section, and at the end of the event, the pair with the lowest score takes home top honors.

### **DRESSAGE**

**It is strongly encouraged that a dressage rider ride the level prior to the National competition that they intend to enter.**

No readers or whips will be allowed, exception Western Dressage classes.

For Reader Exceptions see DR306.7 and Handicapped & Electronic Communication Devices in the General Rules.

Horses may enter no more than two consecutive levels, Freestyle levels included at any one competition. Please see USEF DR 119.2 chart for the levels.

Current USEF / USDF Tests will be used as follows:

Training Level - Test 3

1st Level - Test 3

2nd Level - Test 3

3rd Level - Test 3

4th Level - Test 3

Prix St. Georges - Prix St. Georges

Intermediate I - Intermediate I

**Intermediate A & B (Not Offered at SHN)**

Intermediate II - Intermediate II

Grand Prix - Grand Prix

AHA's Dressage Prospect Incentive Test 2019

Western Dressage Basic Level - Test 4

Western Dressage Level One - Test 4

Western Dressage Level Two - Test 4

Western Dressage Level Three - Test 4

### **ATTENTION COMPETITORS**

Each competitor is responsible for supplying management with correct applicable numbers (USDF and USEF) for horse, owner, rider, and trainer, before the day(s) of the competition.

The scores of competitors who fail to supply correct numbers may not be counted towards national awards.

### **DRESSAGE HELMET RULE**

When cross entry by rider or horse/rider combination is permitted between Dressage and other Arabian classes at a competition, DR120 and DR121 apply only to the designated Dressage warm up and competition areas, or when an exhibitor is actually warming up for Dressage classes.

Helmet rule is also in effect for musical freestyle dressage riders.

### **WESTERN DRESSAGE**

To be eligible to participate and/or compete as an exhibitor, owner, lessee, agent, coach, or trainer in any Western Dressage class or at any Western Dressage Federation Licensed Competition, persons must be active members of WDAA or pay a non-member fee equal to the price of an annual membership for each competition. Please refer to the General Rules GR 28.2.

**Western Dressage Suitability** - Will use the 2 Judge Total Points Judging System. . To be eligible for a Western Dressage Suitability class, a horse must not have shown in a Western Dressage competition/Test at Level 1 or above and/or shown in a Western Dressage Hack class.

**Western Dressage Hack** - Will use the 2 Judge Total Points Judging System.

Once a horse has been entered and shown in a Western Dressage Hack class, that horse may not subsequently be shown in a Western Dressage Suitability class.

### **WORKING HUNTER**

All Fence Heights are listed in the class list for each class.

Working Hunter Championship classes will follow the procedures outlined in the AHA Handbook REQ 213 – NATIONAL.

Working Hunter Championships have two jumping classes (A, B) followed by an under saddle class (C) that is the Final. Riders may not be different from class to class (A, B and C). Exception: In the Working Hunter Championship classes, if an exhibitor is showing more than one horse, they may appoint another **eligible** rider to ride their other entries in the under saddle class per USEF AR 169.3. **This new designated rider(s) must report to the Show Office for signature(s) and to show proof of membership before the session that the Under Saddle class is held REQ 117.2.**

All horses can compete in both jumping rounds; however this is not a requirement.

**A disqualification or elimination from any of the Over Fence's classes or the Under Saddle class does not disqualify the horse from a Championship award.**

Riders may be permitted to ride back-to-back rounds at their discretion.

### **HUNTER SEAT EQUITATION**

Refer to USEF AR-28 & USEF EQ. 2

#### **1. NOT TO JUMP - AR288.1 & EQ108.2**

. Will have a rail work portion and also each competitor will be asked to perform two or more tests. as outlined in the AHA Handbook REQ 209.8.

Judges must work competitors in groups of twenty (20) or less. Exhibitors will be excused from the ring following rail work and will perform their tests individually.

#### **2. OVER OBSTACLES - AR288.2 & EQ-2**

Refer to USEF EQ108.1 & AR 288.1 . Course will be posted 24 hours prior to class.

Fence heights are 2'9". All competitors will

compete in one round over the Hunt Seat Equitation course. **There is no rail work.** The top four competitors from each judge's card will remain in the ring and will be required to perform two or more tests from USEF EQ 113, Test 1-17, as designated by the call judge. In determining the Champion and Reserve Champion in the AHA Hunter Seat Equitation Final, the final test may only be completed by the top four riders.

### **HUNTER HACK**

The fences at National ATR and AAOTR classes will be set at 2'3" and Open Classes at 2'6". Hunter Hack Championship classes will follow the procedures outlined in the AHA Handbook COMP 810.

### **HUNTER HACK JUNIOR HORSE**

Hunter Hack Championship classes will follow the procedures outlined in the AHA Handbook (REQ 210). Fence height 2'3".

### **GREEN WORKING HUNTER**

Qualifications are not required for Green Working Hunter Championships. However, horses must still be eligible to show in the Green Working Hunter as defined by USEF AR 166.1.b.1.b. Refer to AR 170 for breaking ties.

### **WORKING HUNTER 14.2 & UNDER**

This championship is open to any 14.2 and under Working Hunter. Measurement cards must be sent with your entry. Championship will run as defined by USEF in Article AR 169 170

### **LOW WORKING HUNTER (2'6")**

Low Working Hunter EXHIBITION is an open division. Classes to be run under the guidelines of AR-14 WORKING HUNTER. It will consist of two over-fence classes and an under-saddle class. The fence height is 2'6".

### **\$2,500 GRIER SCHOOL HUNTER DERBY (2'6"/2'9"/3')**

For complete Derby rules, refer to USEF AR 171.

Grier School Hunter Derby Championships consist of two over-fence classes.

The first round is 10-12 fences with the second round over a shortened course of 6-8 fences. The course will include natural elements and options. The second round will be a Handy Hunter Course.

The 12 horses (or less) from the first round, after all ties are broken, are eligible to return for the second round.

The Championship consists of three sections with fence heights offered at 2'6", 2'9" and 3' and riders choose the height at which their horse(s) compete. First year horses may compete at either 2'6" or 2'9" height but second year horses must compete at 2'9". All horses compete in the first two sections in which they receive numerical scores.

The final score from each round will be added together to obtain an overall total for each horse. The horse with the highest combined score shall be named Champion and the second highest combined score will be named Reserve Champion. The remaining horses are eligible to be named in the Top Ten.

### **JUMPER**

Jumper Attire: USEF JP111.9b Tables: Refer to USEF JP146-JP149

#### **3222 A/HA/AA Optimum Time Jumper**

**Exhibition** (0.70M) JP149.1 Table IV, Sec 1 – 0.70M (Optimum Time First Round)

#### **1805 A/HA/AA Novice Jumper CH** (0.80M)

JP149.1 Table IV, Sec 1 – 0.80M (Optimum Time First Round)

#### **1149 A/HA/AA Power and Speed CH** (0.90M)

JP146.3d Table II, Sec 2(c) – 0.90M (Two Phase One Round)

**1803 A/HA/AA Jumper ATR CH** (0.80M) JP146.3b Table II, Sec 2(b) – 0.80M (Time First Jump-Off, stay in the ring)

**1801 A/HA/AA \$2,500 Jumper Classic CH** (1.0M) JP146.3b Table II, Sec 2(a) – 1.0M (Time First Jump-Off, leave the ring)

### **WORKING HUNTER/HACK WARM UPS**

One Warm up round is included for Working Hunter classes. It will precede the judged round.

If an exhibitor declines to use the warm-up, they may fill out a form from the Paddock/Gate person to take to the show office and a \$30.00 credit will be applied to their account after the show in the Denver Office.

Hunter Hack horses and riders will have the opportunity before the start of the class to school and warm up over the two fences, in the direction they are to be jumped.

There is no charge for this warm-up. Warm-up will be done in groups of five (5) or less, prior to the start of each Hunter Hack class.

**There will be NO warm-up rounds for the Hunter Derby or Hunt Seat Equitation Over Obstacles ATR CH.**

### **ALL DAY OVER FENCE SCHOOLING**

All Day schooling will be on the Sunday before the start of the show. The fee will be \$50 per horse and may be purchased on the Official Entry Form or from the show office. Multiple rounds will be allowed as time permits. Show management has the right to limit the number of rounds per horse.

No horses will be allowed to participate that are not entered in Working Hunter, Hunter Hack, Jumper or Hunt Seat Equitation Over Obstacles or Hunter Derby classes. Both trainers and exhibitors will be allowed to ride the horse during the schooling rounds. Back numbers must be worn during schooling rounds. There will be no predetermined order of go.

### **SPORT HORSE IN-HAND & UNDER SADDLE**

Sport Horse In-Hand classes will be judged using the AHA Sport Horse Score Sheets as specified in the USEF Rule Book. All Sport Horse In-Hand classes will utilize the "Triangle" method of presenting their horses to the judges. Will utilize open cards. Once the number of horses in each of the Sport Horse In-Hand classes has been determined, there will be a time frame allocated for each class. **If you do not show up within the time allotted, you missed your class.** Management will work with exhibitors within the time frame for each class whenever possible.

In keeping with the spirit and tradition of the Sport Horse, the show commission would like to remind exhibitors of the following rules and assure their enforcement.

USEF Rule AR 115.2 Lists causes for mandatory elimination from the ring.

USEF AR 115.3 Lists penalties

USEF Rule AR 181 Describes the conduct of sport horse in-hand classes. The commission would remind exhibitors the triangle will be trotted a second time only at the direction of the judge and that the horse is to be shown in an "open position" for conformation judging, otherwise the entry may be eliminated from judging consideration.

USEF Rule AR-183.1 & 2 Describes Attire and Appointments of sport horse in-hand classes and for the Distinguished Handler Award.

USEF Rule AR 185 Describes Attire and Appointments for sport horse under saddle.

Competitors with non-conforming appointments will be eliminated from judging consideration.

Appointments (tack & attire) must adhere to one discipline (dressage or hunter) and are not to be mixed. In classes not split by type, each exhibitor

must ensure their appointments (tack & attire) adhere to one discipline only (dressage or hunter). In classes split by dressage type and hunter type, each exhibitor must ensure the appointments (tack & attire) are legal for the type shown. **Refer DR120-121, and HU105-107.**

Whips are allowed in Sport Horse Under Saddle Dressage Type per USEF AR 107.17. Arabian Breed shows are exempt from rules in DR that are specific to Dressage National Championships, where whips are prohibited

### **SPORT HORSE IN-HAND SHOWMANSHIP**

Refer to AR 190

**Open to yearlings and over.** Shown on a triangle. The AHA Individual Sport Horse Showmanship Score Sheet shall be used. Two-Judge Total Points System (COMP 502).

To be judged on the presentation of the horse, neatness, and appearance of the handler, overall condition of the horse, handling techniques, appropriate tack and equipment, and ability to show the horse to the best advantage.

### **SPORT HORSE TWO-YEAR-OLD IN-HAND**

Two-Year-Old horses may be shown in a bridle, or a plain leather stable halter as described in USEF AR 183. **Two year olds my show in Sport Horse Showmanship**

### **SPORT HORSE IN-HAND SUPREME CHAMPION**

Champions from each of the Sport Horse In-Hand 3 & Over classes from both the Arabian and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian classes are eligible to show in this class. Only a Supreme Champion will be placed.

### **SPORT HORSE IN-HAND JUVENILE SUPREME CHAMPION**

Champions from each of the Sport Horse Yearling and 2-year-Old In-Hand classes in both the Arabian and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian classes will be allowed to show in this class. Only a Supreme Champion will be placed.

### **SUPREME CLASS PROCEDURE & SCORING**

The AHA Supreme Score Card will be utilized. Scorecard and class procedure are on the website. Horses will enter the ring one at a time, in walk-in, back-number order.

Judging begins when the horse enters the ring. The horse shall enter at a walk to the first marker then pick up the trot to the second marker. Upon reaching the third marker the horse will walk to the judges to be presented for judging conformation. In order to satisfy a proper presentation to the judge,

horses should be shown in an “open position,” with horse’s head and neck in a natural and comfortable carriage. Following the evaluation by the judges, horses shall walk away from the judges and then strike a trot until they resume their position in the lineup. The judges will complete the scorecards, turned in and the next horse will enter the ring for evaluation.

The placings will be turned in points using the points table under scoring.

## **COMPETITION ARENAS**

**Lunging or long lining is NOT allowed in the indoor arenas.**

**The indoor arenas will be available for schooling beginning Saturday, September 5. Riding, schooling or lunging is allowed in the outdoor Schooling rings and Outdoor Ring (see map) prior to Saturday, September 5 and during the show.**

The climate-controlled indoor arenas at the World Equestrian Center connect to stable areas by covered walkways, so once you arrive, you’ll never have to go outside. The entire facility is kept at a comfortable 68 degrees throughout. The state-of-the-art HVAC systems keep fresh air flowing. Industrial fans keep the air circulating in each arena.

The following table specifies the dimensions and footing of the competition and warm-up arenas:

**R & L Arena** 120 X 615, Custom blended GGT Footing, climate controlled

**The Sanctuary** 210 X 350, Custom blended GGT Footing, climate controlled

**Roberts Arena** 108 x 260, Premium footing, climate controlled

**Roberts Arena schooling Arena** 60 X 150, Premium footing

**Bradley Arena schooling for the Sanctuary** 108 x 208, Custom blended GGT Footing

#### **WEC Outdoor Horse Show complex:**

Jumper Ring 300’ x 180’

Hunter 1 280’ x 150’

Hunter 2 285’ x 150’

Schooling 1 220’ x 180’

Schooling 2 280’ x 135’

Lunging Ring 320’ x 220’

The management may move classes to other arenas if weather or class schedule issues necessitate such a move.

## DOGS

Please refer to GR 14

## MOTORIZED VEHICLE/GOLF CARTS

All Golf Cart rentals will go through the facility of WEC.

Please refer to GR 30 and USEF Rule GR1301.7 regarding the motorized vehicles, including golf carts, motorcycles, scooters or other farm utility vehicles by minors.

## QUALIFICATIONS & ELIGIBILITY

AHA Qualifications are no longer required.

However, All USEF definitions and AHA definitions for Elite, Choice, and Select Riders must be met.

Refer to each show and GR 3 for rules regarding eligibility for Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes restricted classes (ABS).

Horses must still be eligible to show in the Green Working Hunter as defined by USEF AR162 b.1a.

## RING/CLASS CONFLICTS & GATE HOLDS

Please refer to GR 9 & GR 38

**Definition:** A class conflict shall be defined as an exhibitor who has a class in which they must exhibit a horse in another arena at the same time. It may also be defined as a horse with two classes scheduled at the same time in different arenas. If an exhibitor has a conflict between scheduled classes or rings, they can request a gate hold at the show office.

All requests must be submitted to the show office **at least 12 hours prior to the class** or a **minimum of 2 sessions** prior to the session with the conflict. The request will be reviewed by a commissioner. The exhibitor requesting the hold must come back to the show office to check if the request was granted or not.

**Requests not submitted 12 hours or at least 2 sessions prior MAY not be considered.**

## SCORING SYSTEMS

All Sport Horse In-Hand will be scored using the **Two-Judge Total Points System (COMP 502)**.

**Exception:** The Sport Horse In-Hand Supreme will be judged with all 4 Sport Horse In-Hand Judges using the Total Points System.

Western Dressage Hack and Suitability will be scored using the Two-Judge Total Points System

Carriage Driving will be judged by 1 judge.

The Combined Test will utilize 1 Eventing Judge or 1 Dressage and 1 Jumper Judge.

Dressage will be judged by 2 Judges and scored according to the USEF Rulebook and the AHA Handbook (REQ 208).

The Two-Judge Total Point system will be used for Sport Horse Showmanship and Under Saddle **not divided by type**, Working Hunter, Hunter Hack, Hunt Seat Equitation and Jumper classes. Placings will be turned into points using the table below.

ALL Sport Horse Under Saddle classes **divided by type** will be judged using the 3 judges MOS scoring system (COMP 506).

### Points Table

Place	1	2	3	4	5	6
Points	20	16	14	12	10	8
Place	5	6	7	8	9	10
Points	10	8	6	5	4	3

**No points are awarded to any reserve or 11<sup>th</sup>-place.**

## STABLING/ARRIVAL INFORMATION & FEED & BEDDING

Please refer to GR 43

### FEED & BEDDING

Exhibitors are permitted to bring in outside feed and bedding for personal use, **HOWEVER, third party deliveries or sales are strictly prohibited.**

Shavings may be ordered with your entry and will be delivered to your stall prior to your arrival.

For delivery to your stalls prior to your arrival, **you can place your order on the AHA App or website from August 12 to 25. After August 25, you will need to place your order upon arrival to the showgrounds.**

**Feed and bedding orders received by Thursday, September 10, at 5 PM can be placed on your open account. After that time, they will need to be paid when the order is placed.**

## **STABLING**

**NO ARRIVAL is permitted prior to Thursday, September 3, NOON.**

**Stalls must be vacated by Sunday, September 13, by 10 AM.**

**Past 10 AM SHARP, you will be billed the facility's late departure fee of \$50 per hour per stall. \*NO EXCEPTIONS**

**Hot plates, grills, either electric, gas, or charcoal, are not allowed in any of the stalls or barn areas.**

Exhibitors will be financially responsible for any alteration/ damage per stall (horse or tack).

Stalls are permanent and/or temporary with doors.

All entered horses will be automatically charged for 1 horse stall even if it will be occupying a vacated stall for a vet out or scratched horse, with the exception of legal substitutions per GR 8.7.

**A stall reconciliation form will be required from the barn manager for any stall refunds.**

## **HORSE & TACK STALLS**

***ANY STALLS listed on the stall request form that are NOT PAID FOR with a horse entry will be invoiced regardless of use, and payment is due at the show.***

To order additional tack stalls, fill out an entry form with the Owner/trainer information must be filled out. Leave the horse information blank. **Payment is due with the entry form.**

Tack stalls may be used for the following purposes: sitting areas, dressing rooms, tack rooms, ready rooms, feed rooms, staff sleep rooms, and equipment storage rooms.

***For additional horse stalls, fill out an entry form with the owner & trainer information completed. If the owner is unknown, please use the trainer for the owner's information. For the horse information, put in "TBA". Payment for Mandatory fees is due with the entry form. Classes can be added until the close of entries at the show. Late fees apply if applicable.***

## **GROUP STABLING**

**New for 2026.** The group stabling form is available only online. No other form will be accepted.

**SUBMIT ONLY 1 FORM PER GROUP**

AHA must receive a Stable Request for exhibitors wishing to be part of a group (including online entries and non-competing horses), filled out completely and listing every owner and horse; *otherwise, your stalling is NOT guaranteed.*

**This form must be received by Tuesday, August 11, Midnight MT. Requests received after this date may not be considered.**

If your name does not appear on the Stabling Request Form, we cannot guarantee you will be with the group.

## **PATRON/ELITE STABLING**

**Please refer to GR 32 & GR 43**

Preferred stalling will be available only to those who are participating as Paton or Elite Sponsors for 2024. Platinum Patronship stalls will be assigned first, followed by Gold Patrons and then Elite Sponsors. All others will be stalled following the stabling of Patrons and Sponsors. These stall assignments will be based first on the category of Patronship/Sponsorship and then by overall seniority within the show.

**If a patron purchases a paddock, WEC rules only allow 1 horse in the paddock at the same time and must be monitored by a human at all times.**

Stalling seniority from the past sponsorship program will carry over.

**Deadline to enroll as a Paton or Elite Sponsor to receive stalling preference is July 31.**

## **WEC AND FIRE MARSHAL RULES**

**Please refer to GR 23**

**WEC Paddock Rules - only 1 horse in the paddock at the same time and must be monitored by a human at all times.**

Show Management and exhibitors of any animal brought to the Facility must observe all State of Ohio animal health regulations.

All dogs must be restrained on a leash at all times. Pet owners will be responsible for clean-up of droppings.

All horses must be washed in the designated wash areas only. No washing may be done in the stalls or alleyways.

Fireworks and firearms are prohibited from the grounds.

Tack stalls may be used for the following purposes: sitting areas, dressing rooms, tack rooms, ready rooms, feed rooms, staff sleep rooms, and equipment storage rooms.

**Hot plates, grills, either electric, gas, or charcoal, are not allowed in any of the stalls or barn areas.**

## VACCINATION & EQUINE HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

### Please refer to GR 21

Any updates on the following requirements will be posted on the AHA website.

**BRING ALL HEALTH & VACCINATION PAPERS WITH YOU. Do not send them to AHA.**

All horses entering the World Equestrian Center grounds must have:

- Proof of a current negative Coggins test (within 12 months).
- A 30-day certificate of veterinary inspection is required for all horses arriving from outside the state of Ohio.
- Proof of mandatory vaccinations is required per USEF rules.

Horses that fail to arrive with appropriate equestrian forms and paperwork cannot unload onto the showgrounds.

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## VIOLATIONS

The AHA National Show Commissions have the authority to penalize participants for infractions of the AHA Rules and/or violation of any show facility rules. At the Commission's direction, such penalties can include (but are not limited to): fines, suspension, loss of patron seniority and/or cancellation of patronship and the associated benefits.

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