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### Region 2, 2016, Meetings

January 9, Bakersfield  
June 4, Bakersfield  
November 5, Bakersfield

### AHA Board of Directors

March 11 - 12  
August 6 - 6  
November 16 at Convention



## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Happy Holidays, Everyone,

The 2015 AHA Convention and final Board meeting are now complete. Elsewhere in this newsletter, you'll find a summary of the Convention resolutions, so I won't duplicate that here. I really want to focus on just two items: AHA's Future State Program and Resolution 3-15.

On January 11, 2016, AHA will deliver the first release of our new website. It will focus on the public-facing marketing and information content that will not require a login to view. It will feature a beautiful, modern, and engaging graphic design and very user-friendly navigation and interfaces. AHA hopes that this new website will help us stem and reverse the decline in membership. Because we are not replacing the entire website at once, the new website will also provide navigation to the yet-to-be-replaced functionality of the old website. I encourage all of you explore the new site when it is released.

But wait. There's more. This release is just the first phase of a much bigger program: AHA Future State. The vision for AHA's Future State is that the new website will become the portal, interactive business engine, and process manager for all member and staff-initiated transactions. Since many, if not most, of those transactions involve money, we need a solid, modern financial platform to support them. Our current financial software is antique, forces an unacceptably large amount of manual work, and, for many reasons, needs to be replaced. Therefore, to avoid duplicate work, the next phase will be the implementation of a new financial system. That work will begin immediately following the January 11, 2016 website release and is planned to be completed in June of 2016. With a financial system in place that can support our vision, we can then implement the membership, competition and registration components.

In total, the Future State Program should take about 2.5 years to complete. As it is completed, it will:

- Help us to market AHA's valuable services more effectively;
- Make interfacing with the AHA website much more user-friendly;
- Make transacting business with AHA much easier;
- Significantly reduce the amount of manual work required to complete transactions and thus make AHA more efficient.

Resolution 15-3 passed at Convention by a relatively narrow margin. It changes the number of members a club must have to get another delegate from 50 to 35 and will take effect in December of 2016. Region 2's delegates opposed it because we did not believe that it will accomplish its main goal – to increase Convention attendance. However, since it did pass, our clubs need to be aware. Currently, our biggest clubs are Santa Ynez and San Fernando Valley, and they are the only clubs with more than one delegate.

Two of our clubs, Los Robles and Sierra Valley were decertified at Convention because they fell well below the minimum member count of 10. We tried to get them to join forces to save at least one club, but they were not willing. There are other clubs that are close to the minimum. I want to encourage every club, but especially those close to the minimum, to work hard on adding members this year.

Just a reminder: we have a Region 2 board meeting on January 9, 2016 where we'll finalize our budget and consider some by-law changes. Please be sure that all delegates or alternates attend.

In the mean time, I want to wish everyone a happy holiday season and a prosperous New Year.

Jay Greenberg  
Director

## Convention Report

### **AHA Officers**

Vice President, Nancy Harvey, Region 1  
Treasurer, Robert Nash, Region 9  
Secretary, Jan Decker, Region 13

## Election Results for Convention-Elected Officers/Commissions/ Committees/Boards

### **Commissioner's Review Panel (Terms Expire in 2017)**

Kathie Hart, Amateur, Region 9  
Terry Johohnson, At-Large, Region 17  
Leslie Smith, Breeder, Region 1  
Richard Petty, Judge, Region 8  
Michele Reser, Trainer, Region 14

### **Ethical Practice Review Board (Terms Expire in 2018)**

Bevra Cole, Region 10  
Joe Hull, Attorney, Region 14  
Cory Soltau, Judge, Region 3

### **Judges & Stewards Selection Committee**

**(Terms Expire in 2017)**  
Nancy Miller, Region 10  
Lynn Ridgeway, Region 12  
Phyllis Ryan, Region 5

### **Nominating Committee (Terms Expire in 2017)**

Diana Bein, Region 1  
Mary Ann Hughes, Region 1  
Peggy Weems, Region 4

### **Probable Cause Panel (Term Expires in 2018)**

Jane Whitwell, Region 18

## Election Results for BOD-Elected Commissions/ Committees/ Boards

### **AHA Futurity Commission (Terms Expire in 2018)**

Mary Jane Brown, Region 4  
John Ryan, Region 8

### **AHA National Distance Commission**

**(Term Expires in 2018)**  
Elizabeth Dugnal, Region 6  
Anthony Troyer, Region 11

### **Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Commission**

**(Terms Expire in 2018)**  
Michelle Pease-Paulson, Region 5  
Russ Taylor, Region 9

### **Canadian National Show Commission**

**(Term Expires in 2018)**  
Dave Daugherty, Region 14  
Allen Ehrlick, Region 18

### **Education/Evaluation Commission**

Mary Jane Brown, Region 4  
Term Expires 2018  
Kathy Callahan-Smith, Region 1  
Term Expires 2018  
Chris Culbreth, Region 7  
Term Expires 2018  
Karen Homer-Brown, Region 13  
Term Expires 2017

### **Internal Audit Committee**

Dave Waggoner, Region 11  
Term Expires 2018

### **Market Development Promotion Committee (Half/Anglo Reps)**

Mary Trowbridge, Region 8  
Term Expires 2018

### **Registration Commission (AHA Reps)**

Sherry Layne, Region 7  
Term Expires 2018

### **Sport Horse National Show Commission**

**(Terms Expire in 2018)**  
Jill Barton, Region 18  
Catherine Gage, Region 13

### **U.S. National Show Commission**

**(Terms Expire in 2018)**  
Glen True, Region 11  
Lance Walters, Region 16

### **Youth National Show Commission**

**(Terms Expire in 2018)**  
Kelly Charpentier, Region 7  
Mickey Hegg, Region 7

## 2015 AHA Convention Resolution Actions

**NOTE: Some of these resolution are several pages long and contain only a brief summary. If you wish to pursue the complete resolution send an email request to:**

[region2aha@gmail.com](mailto:region2aha@gmail.com)

**1-15. Article I & II Bylaw Amendments (Bylaws 2/3rd vote).** Resolved, that Article I, Section 1 be amended as follows:

Pursuant to its Articles of Incorporation under the laws of the State of Colorado, the name of this organization shall be Arabian Horse Association, hereinafter may be referred to as "AHA" and it shall be a non-profit corporation; and,

Be It Further Resolved, that Article II be amended as follows:

The objects and purposes of Arabian Horse Association shall be those stated in Article II of its Articles of Incorporation, and more specifically to:

1. Be cognizant of the importance of promoting the purebred Arabian Horse and the Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Horse at all times during the performance of activities furthering AHA's objects and purposes (as stated in the Articles of Incorporation and these By-laws).
2. Foster and encourage good relations between AHA and Member Organizations.

3. Foster and encourage good relations, especially and specifically, between AHA and the Canadian Arabian Horse Registry and the Canadian Partbred Arabian Registry. and
4. To maintain and protect the heritage of the purebred Arabian Horse by allowing the Purebred Arabian Registry Members of the Registry Commission to establish and implement any and all necessary rules and procedures to accomplish this end.
5. Aid and encourage the breeding, exhibiting, use and perpetuation of the purebred Arabian Horse as well as Half-Arabian and Anglo-Arabian Horses.
6. Coordinate the activities with all Arabian Horse Organizations in all countries.
7. Promote and encourage the participation of Arabian Horses in open events, activities and multiple disciplines, including recreation.
8. Coordinate and cooperate with the U. S. Equestrian Federation, Inc. and Equine Canada in providing qualified officials and judges for Arabian Horse events and activities.
9. Devise and adopt Arabian event and activity rules, regulations and standards.
10. Formulate publicity and educational programs and other activities in the interest of Arabian Horse owners, Arabian Horse organizations, Member Organizations and enthusiasts.

**2-15. AHA Bylaw Restructure (Bylaws 2/3rd vote).** Resolved, That AHA Bylaws Article IV, Section 3, Paragraph c. be amended by striking out the word "Appointments" and inserting the words "Power to Employ" as the new title, and; Be It Further

Resolved, That the current AHA Bylaws Article IV, Section 5 be deleted and a new Article IX be created to read as follows, (and that the remaining Articles be renumbered accordingly):

"Article IX - Employees. Section 1: The Executive Vice President shall perform such duties as are assigned to the Executive Vice President by the President not inconsistent with law, the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws, the Merger Agreement, or with any other duly enacted resolution of the

Annual Convention. (Res. 3-04)

Section 2: The Executive Vice President shall also make recommendations for approval by the Trustees relating to the staff providing:

- (i) market development and promotion services,
- (ii) purebred registration services, and
- (iii) racing services.

Section 3: To the extent that such recommendations affect the staff that would perform the foregoing services as they relate to purebred horses, the Executive Vice President shall obtain the approval of the Trustees before implementing such recommendations, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. In determining the reasonableness of withholding such approval, among other things, the Trustees may consider the effect of the recommendations on the quality, information, speed, and integrity of the market development services, registry services, and services relating to the Arabian Jockey Club as such services were carried out by AHRA prior to the Merger.

Section 4: All employees shall be subject to the personnel policies and procedures applied uniformly to employees or classifications of employees of AHA and subject to discipline, including discharge, should they fail to conduct themselves in accordance with such policies and procedures as the same may be modified from time to time." And; Be It Further

Resolved, That the verbiage "subject to the provisions in Article IX" be inserted in AHA Bylaws Article IV, Section 3. after the word "President"; and, Be It Further

Resolved, that the current AHA Bylaws Article IV Section 6 be renumbered as Section 5; and, Be It Further

Resolved, that the amended AHA Bylaws Article IV, Section 3, Paragraph c. will read as follows:

"Article IV, Section 3, Paragraph c. Power to Employ The Board of Directors shall have power to employ an Executive Vice President subject to the provisions

in Article IX."

Effective: December 31, 2016

**3-15. Change in Delegate Count (Bylaws 2/3rd vote)** Resolved, That the Arabian Horse Association's Bylaws, ARTICLE VI, DELEGATES, Section 1 Voting Delegates, Paragraph c. Number of Delegates, be changed to read:

Paragraph c. Number of Delegates, Member Organizations shall be entitled to be represented at an Annual Convention by one (1) Voting Delegate per thirty-five (35) Adult or Life Members in good standing (or part thereof). The number of members of a Member Organization for delegate purposes shall be the number of Adult or Life Members on whom dues have been received in the office of Arabian Horse Association as of the thirtieth day of June of each year and remain that number until June 30th of the following year.

Member Organization Membership approved by the Board of Directors of Arabian Horse Association after the thirtieth day of June of each year and prior to the Annual Convention shall have their delegate count for that initial Annual Convention based on the number of Adult or Life Members submitted on their application and remains that number until June 30th of the following year.

Effective: December 31, 2016

**4-15. Definition of Family (USEF/EC)** Resolved, nephew, step-brother and sister, in-laws of the same relation stated above, grand- parents and grand-children of the same relation as stated above.

Effective: December 31, 2016 or when approved by USEF, (reflects current rules of EC)

**8-15. SUBJECT: Clarify Working Hunter Over Fences Rules (USEF/EC)**

Extensive modification of Working Hunter rules. Please contact Region 2 if you wish the full resolution.

**9-15. SUBJECT: Leveling Up Modification (USEF/EC).** Resolved that USEF AR110.2.d be modified as follows:

d. When Leveling classes are offered in conjunction with age groups (i.e. AAOTR/AATR 18-39, AAOTR/AATR 40 and over as well as AAOTR/AATR Select Amateur, AAOTR/AATR Choice Amateur, AAOTR/AATR Amateur, Prime Time) a rider may enter their appropriate level or opt to enter a higher level instead (only one level may be entered). When age divisions are not offered, a show may elect to allow exhibitors to enter their appropriate achievement level and/or any higher level(s) (all appropriate qualifications would be required, if applicable). Riders who are deemed Choice by their leveling points may not level down to Select, in addition, Elite riders may not level down to Choice or Select. Exception: in Working Western classes where levels are run concurrently a show may elect to allow riders to enter up (not down) in all levels in which appropriate qualifications and entry fees are applied in any circumstance. BOD 1/12/14 Effective 12/1/14

Effective: December 31, 2016 or when approved by USEF/EC

**10-15. SUBJECT: Performance Halter Requirements (USEF/EC)** Resolved that a new USEF Subchapter AR 4 be created for Performance Halter Classes as follows;

1. Performance Halter classes (See also AR-1, AR-2 and AR-3).
2. Open, Amateur and Junior Exhibitor classes may be held. Classes will not be split by age. Exception: Prospect class for horses 2 and under at the discretion of show management. Classes must be separated by Arabian and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian. In addition, they must be separated by stallion, mare and gelding. All horses three years of age and older must have been entered and shown in a performance class at the same show as the one in which the performance halter class is being held, or have completed an AHA or AERC sanctioned Endurance ride or a Competitive Trail Ride recognized by AHA or sanctioned by an AHA recognized Competitive Trail riding organization in the past 90 days. Horses qualifying via Endurance or Competitive Trail must present dated proof of completion to the show secretary. If classes are held in conjunction with an AHA or AERC sanctioned Endurance ride or a Competitive Trail ride

ing organization, all registered Arabian and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian horses entered in the ride are eligible to compete.

3. No whips or other attention getting devices are allowed.

4. Horses will be presented in a relaxed and dignified manner. Horses should be positioned with their weight squarely on their feet, not stretched. Horse shall be presented for judging, in a relaxed manner

5. Horses will be judged using the Arabian Performance Halter Score Sheet, with the results based on the total scores. Shows must post the results no later than one hour after completion of the class.

6. A horse will be eliminated and excused if it:

- a) is crouching, cowering, buckling at the knees, sweating, trembling, racing backwards or sideways to escape their handlers or other behavior indicating fear, stress or intimidation. This rule will be strictly enforced;
- b) exhibits any welt or swelling that look like a whip mark, regardless of how this was caused;
- c) is obviously limping or of impaired gait;
- d) horse (AR109.3) has fallen;
- e) see AR105.6 for inhumane treatment and undue stress.

7. A horse may be disqualified, penalized and/or excused for the following:

- a) exhibits disruptive behavior such that it or other horses are unable to be inspected by the judge;
- b) exhibits behavior such that the safety of it, the handler, an exhibitor, a judge or another horse is endangered;
- c) is not under the control of the exhibitor;
- d) breaks loose from the exhibitor;
- e) shanking is not permitted.

8. Horses may be shown in a traditional style Arabian show halter, a Western style show halter, or a leather stable halter. Horses may be shown in bridles appropriate to their performance divisions.

9. Horses may be shown braided if braiding is appropriate for their performance division(s). Braiding is not required.

10. Exhibitors may wear any clothing appropriate to the show ring that they feel best represents their horse, and allows them to show their horse to his/her best advantage. Suits or riding habits are

not required.

11. Chains through the mouth are not permitted. A chain or leather straps, under the chin or leather pieces connecting the two sides of the halter under the chin, are permitted

12. No whips, schooling devices, "bagging" shakers, noisemakers or aids of any kind are permitted.; and

Be It Further Resolved, That a new section for Performance Halters for Class Specifications be included under the new AR Subchapter 4;

1. Shows may use either In the Ring, or Exit the Ring as identified under USEF AR116.6.a and AR116.6.b.

2. For Purebred Performance Halter for Colt/Stallion, Filly/Mare, and Gelding classes, emphasis is placed in the following order: Athletic Structure; Breed type; Quality, Balance and Substance; Neck and Shoulder; Back, Loin, and Hip; Legs and Feet; Movement.

3. For Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Performance Halter for Filly/Mare and Gelding classes, emphasis is placed in the following order: Athletic Structure; Quality; Balance and Substance; Neck and Shoulder; Back; Loin and Hip; Legs and Feet; Movement

4. For definitions/rules/restrictions not covered herein refer to AR-1, AR-2 and AR-3; and,

Be It Further Resolved, That the remaining USEF subchapters be renumbered, and,

Be It Further Resolved That the remaining USEF subchapters be renumbered, and,

Be It Further Resolved, That the Education/Evaluation Commission has the authority to create and modify the Performance Halter Score Card to meet the needs of this class.

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**13-15. Cross Rail 10 & Under Class (USEF/EC)**. Resolved, That USEF AR253 Cross Rails 10 & Under Specifications be changed to read:

Manners are paramount. Horse and rider must follow the appointments as set forth in the Arabian Working Hunter Subchapter. Courses, Conduct, Height

of Obstacles, and class specifications are held in accordance with the Arabian Working Hunter Subchapter., and; Be It Further

Resolved, That USEF AR162.9 Working Hunter Division/Class Specifications be changed to read:

9. Cross Rails 10 & Under. Manners are paramount. Riders are allowed to choose the gaits on course. Courses to consist of 8 cross-rail fences, not to exceed 18" in height. Trotting the full course is not to be penalized.; and, Be It Further

Resolved, That USEF AR249 be changed to read;

1. Saddle Seat Equitation To be shown at a walk and trot
2. Hunter Seat Equitation on the Flat. To be shown at a walk and trot
3. Hunter Seat Equitation over Cross Rails. Riders are allowed to choose the gaits over 8 cross rail fences not to exceed 18" in height. and; Be It Further

Resolved, That USEF AR 245.2 be changed to read;

2. A rider must never have been judged in a class at a Recognized or Licensed Competition that required a canter or lope. Exception: Short Stirrup Reining Riders and Cross Rail 10 & Under Riders.; and, Be It Further

Resolved, That USEF AR227 be changed to read;

WALK-JOG TRAIL – Riders may not be more than ten years of age as of December 1st of the current competition year. Horse and rider must follow the appointments as set forth in the Arabian Western Pleasure Sub-Chapter. The rider must never have been judged in a class at a Licensed Competition that required a canter or lope.

Exception: Short Stirrup Reining Riders and Cross Rails 10 & Under. Obstacles are to consist of no more than three non-elevated poles and no more than three jog over poles, serpentine(s), open gates, straight back through. Prohibited obstacles include water, tarps, drags, pick-up objects and closed gates.

Effective: December 31, 2016 or when approved by USEF/EC

#### **14-15. Clarity on Hunter Hack Fence Heights (USEF/EC)**

Resolved, That USEF AR162.6 Working Hunter Division/Class Specifications be changed as follows:

6. HUNTER HACK. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter. Eight horses, if available, but never more than eight at a time, are required to hand gallop one direction of the ring. Horses are also required to jump two fences. To be judged on performance, manners and soundness. This class does not count toward any Working Hunter Division Championship. Horses eliminated during either phase of the class cannot be considered for an award. Causes for elimination are per HU, subchapter HU 5.
- a. Classes that can be offered Open, Junior Horse, ATR, AATR, JTR, AOTR, JAOTR. Age splits are permitted.
  - b. Premiums / Prize Lists MUST indicate the maximum height of the fences either 2', 2'3", 2'6". One of the two fences must be at that height, plus or minus 2". The first fence must be no lower than 2'. The second fence should be an oxer not wider than 18" and equal to or higher than the first fence.
  - c. Regional and National Junior Exhibitor, Amateur and Junior Horse classes will be set at 2'3", Open Classes at 2'6".
  - d. Horses are shown first on the flat and then shown over 2 fences. The two fences may be either a single line, related distance, or two single fences, with an unrelated distance, i.e. not in a straight line. Two single fences with an unrelated distance is preferred. It is required that horses and riders have the opportunity before the start of the class to warm up over the two fences, in the direction that they are to be jumped.
  - e. For Hunter Hack, it is not required that courses be posted. If no other over fence classes are offered the course designer will set two fences, as per section d. above in consultation with the judge. If there is no designated course designer then show management, with the judge will set the two fences as per section d. above. If

over fences classes are being held and multiple fences are available in the arena to jump, the fences will be determined in consultation with the judge and course designer. If a course is not posted, instructions will be given by the judge to the exhibitors as to which two fences are to be jumped.

Effective: December 31, 2016 or when approved by USEF/EC

**15-15. Creation of Sport Horse Showmanship (USEF/EC)** Resolved, That a new USEF AR176 Sport Horse Showmanship be created as follows;

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

#### 2. General

a. Classes may be divided by age of handler.

b. Unsoundness of the horse being shown shall not penalize a handler unless it is sufficiently severe as to impair the required performance, in which case penalty is at the judge's discretion.

c. Offering prize money in Youth Sport Horse Showmanship is prohibited.

d. A minimum of six ribbons should be awarded, but no more than ten places are recommended.

e. Hair must be neat and securely fastened so as not to cover the handler's number. The handler's number must be worn on the back and must be clearly visible.

f. Excessive coaching or unauthorized assistance in any manner is subject to penalty or disqualification at the judge's discretion. It is recommended that stallions be prohibited, but it must be stated in the prize list.

#### 3. Class Conduct

a. The AHA Individual Sport Horse Showmanship Score Sheet shall be used. Each judge will be assigned a scribe who will record scores and comments as dictated by the judge. Horses will be shown individually on the triangle. The AHA score sheets will be provided to competition management by AHA. Competition management may make as many individual copies as necessary for their competition.

b. Following a posted or announced order, or on request from the judge, entries in each class will approach the judging area one at a time, and walk to the apex of the triangle. The presentation judging while the horse is stationary may take place before or after performance on the triangle, so wait for the judge's instructions. Wait for the judge's request to proceed on the triangle. The handler will lead the horse on the perimeter of the triangle at the walk and trot, returning to the apex and wait for further instructions. At the completion of the judging, the handler will lead the horse away from the judging area. The triangle may be adjusted to fit local conditions.

c. The horse is to be shown in an "open position." The traditional way of showing open position would be with the right front leg slightly back and the right hind leg slightly forward; but as long as all four legs of the horse are visible to the judge when standing on either side of the horse, this stance would be acceptable. The horse's head and neck should be allowed to show in a natural and comfortable carriage, and the handler should stand away from the horse with a loose lead line.

d. Judge must excuse from the ring any unruly horse or one whose actions threaten to endanger other exhibitors or their entries.

e. A whip may be used to guide the horse.

f. Decimals may be used in scoring.

g. Tied scores for Sport Horse Showmanship shall be broken first by referring to presentation and handling score, then movement scores (walk and trot presentation). If still tied, the tie will be broken at the judge's discretion.

h. Scores shall be reported as a total possible 100 points. All scores and placings must be posted.

i. If a mathematical error on the score sheet is discovered, it must be brought to the attention of competition management within one hour of the official posting of the scores from the last class of the competition day. Competition management must announce said posting, and must make score sheets available to competitors as soon as possible after completion of the class.

4. For appointments, see AR177

#### 5. Showmanship Faults/Eliminations

*Contact Region 2 at [www.ahareg2.org](http://www.ahareg2.org) for tables appearing here in the resolution that will not fit in this newsletter.*

and be it further Resolved that remaining sections be renumbered.

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**16-15. Limited Reined Cow Horse Defined (USEF/EC).** Resolved, That USEF AR213.3 be modified as follows;

3. Limited Reined Cow Horse: This class introduces the rider to the boxing phase of the cow work....; and, Be It Further

Resolved, That USEF AR214.3 be deleted and the remaining section be renumbered;

3. LIMITED REINED COW HORSE, AMATEUR. Limited Reined Cow Horse classes are for amateur and junior riders who cannot have shown down the fence 3 actual runs in any judged classes or events with the exception of horse sales. Being entered in a class that includes the fence work will be counted as going down the fence regardless if the rider boxed the cow and pulled up before the run was completed. This class is also open to approved Non-Pro Limited riders who comply with all eligibility rules (See NRCHA Non-Pro eligibility rules/USEF Amateur rules). After Non-Pro competitors reach the age of fifty (50), they may fall back into the Non-Pro Limited class (Limited Reined Cow Horse). The Non-Pro Limited Competitors;

a. May not go down the fence again in any judged class(es) or event(s) with the exception of horse sales.

b. May fall back into the Non-Pro Limited Reined Cow Horse division/class only once.

Effective: December 31, 2016 or upon approval by USEF/EC

**18-15. (USEF/EC)** Resolved, That USEF AR229 Hunter/Jumper Seat Equitation be modified as follows;

Balance of this resolution very long. Contact Region 2 for full copy.

#### **20-15. Western Seat Equitation (USEF/EC)** Resolved, that USEF AR231.6 be created to read,

Mandatory Causes for Elimination

- a) See AR105.6 for inhumane treatment and undue stress
- b) Excessive schooling or training
- c) Fall of horse or rider
- d) Illegal use of hands on reins
- e) Use of prohibited equipment
- f) Spurring/kicking in front of cinch
- g) Equipment failure that delays completion of the pattern or rail

Effective: December 31, 2016 or when adopted by USEF/EC

#### **22-15. Western Horsemanship Extended Gaits on the Rail (USEF/EC)**

Resolved, that USEF AR233.1 be amended to read:

Riders enter the ring at a jog and are judged at a flat-footed four beat walk, two beat jog and a three beat lope both ways of the ring. Extended jog and lope may be called on the rail and/or in the pattern. The order to reverse may be executed by turning toward or away from the rail.

Effective: December 31, 2016 or when adopted by USEF/EC

#### **23-15. Western Horsemanship Causes for Elimination (USEF/EC).**

Resolved, that USEF AR233.5 be amended to read;

#### 5. Mandatory Causes for Elimination

- a) See AR105.6 for inhumane treatment and undue stress
- b) Excessive schooling or training
- c) Fall of horse or rider
- d) Illegal use of hands on reins
- e) Use of prohibited equipment
- f) Spurring/kicking in front of cinch
- g) Equipment failure that delays completion of the pattern or rail

Effective: December 31, 2016 or when adopted by USEF/EC

#### **24-15. Western Horsemanship Rider Position in Extended Gaits (USEF/EC).** Resolved That a new USEF

AR234.1 and 234.2 be created to read:

1. Extended jog: The rider should stay square and maintain proper overall body position yet animate their seat to encourage forward motion of the horse.

The lower leg, while maintaining light contact and proper position may also become moderately more active to encourage the horse to lengthen its stride while maintaining cadence. The horses stride should lengthen or extend not quicken. The length of stride should not be any greater than is comfortable for the individual horse to carry and maintain.

2. Extended lope: The rider should have a square balanced torso over a soft, connected seat. The rider's seat may rhythmically drive the stride of the horse forward yet not interfere with the cadence of the gait. The horse should transition within a few strides from the lope to the extended lope, which is a lengthened stride not a quickened pace. The length of stride should not be any greater than is comfortable for the individual horse to carry and maintain.

Effective: December 31, 2016 or when adopted by USEF/EC

**27-15. Showmanship Class Procedure (USEF/EC).** Resolved, That USEF AR241.2 be amended to read:

The pattern for each class must be posted one hour (Regionals and Nationals – 24 hours) prior to the start of the class and indicate which one (1) of the three (3) procedures will be used.

241.2.a In the Ring – Exhibitors enter arena and remain collectively for the entire class. Exhibitors are to enter the arena at the walk. Trot at the marker and line up at the discretion of the ring-master.

241.2.b In and Out of the Ring – Exhibitors enter arena one at a time and are excused at the completion of their pattern.

241.2.c At the Gate – Exhibitors enter arena one at a time and are gathered in arena for final inspection as a collective group.

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**28-15. Showmanship Judging Guidelines (USEF/EC).**

Contact Region 2 for full resolution.

**29-15. Removal of Showmanship Antiquated Tests (USEF/EC).** Resolved, that USEF AR243 be amended to read:

Tests from which the Judge may choose:

1. Walk or trot horse to or from judge.
2. Set horse up.
3. Back horse.
4. Movement of handler so as not to obstruct judge's view of the horse.
5. Turn horse (90, 180, 270, 360 degrees, etc.)
6. Trot down rail or around ring.
7. Move the horse to a different spot in the line up.
8. Pick up horse's hoof.
9. Mouth horse.
8. 10. Questions on relevant subjects such as:

- a) Parts of the horse
- b) Grooming
- c) Basics in horse care
- d) Proper attire

NOTE: If questions are asked, the same or similar questions must be used with each handler so tested.

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**30-15. Showmanship Causes for Elimination (USEF/EC).** Resolved that USEF AR244 be amended to read: Mandatory Causes for Elimination

1. Horse escapes from exhibitor
2. See AR105.6 for inhumane treatment and undue stress
3. Excessive schooling or training
4. Loss of control or severe disobedience that endangers others to include but not limited to: biting, pawing, rearing, bolting, lunging, breaking away, kicking out or continuously circling the exhibitor – The judge can deem it necessary to excuse the exhibitor.
5. Whip marks
6. Equipment eliminations
  - a. Western
    1. Lead strap/chain cannot run through the horse's mouth or over the nose
    2. Horse may not be shown in a bridle
    3. Horse may not be shown in a hackamore or bosal b.

English Hunter Style

1. Full Bridle
  - a. Modified Cavsson is not allowed

- c. Lead straps cannot be used – with or without a chain
  2. Snaffle
    - a. Modified Cavsson is not allowed
    - b. Lead strap cannot be attached to only one side of the bit c. Chain cannot run through the bit
  - c. English/Saddle Seat Style
    1. Full Bridle
      - a. Modified Cavsson is not allowed
      - c. Lead straps cannot be used – with or without a chain
    2. Snaffle
      - a. Modified Cavsson is not allowed
      - b. Lead strap cannot be attached to only one side of the bit
      - c. Chain cannot run through the bit
- Dressage or Show Hack Style.

1. Full Bridle
  - a. Modified Cavsson is not allowed
  - b. Lead straps cannot be used – with or without a chain
2. Snaffle
  - a. Modified Cavsson is not allowed
  - b. Lead strap cannot be attached to only one side of the bit c. Chain cannot run through the bit

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**31-15. Defining Sport Horse Under Saddle Walk/Trot 10 & Under (USEF/EC).** Resolved, That a new USEF AR252 be added to read:

AR252 Sport Horse Under Saddle Walk-Trot 10 & Under (Requires a judge licensed to adjudicate sport horse classes). To be judged on manners, performance, suitability of horse to rider, quality and conformation. To be judged on the rail at a walk and trot. Classes may be divided by dressage type or hunter type. Cross entering is permitted. and, Be It Further

Resolved, that the remaining sections be renumbered; and, Be It Further

Resolved, that USEF AR248.1 be changed to read:

1. English/Country English/Hunter Pleasure/Cross Rails/Sport Horse Under Saddle

- a. Walk – A four-beat gait
- b. Trot – A two-beat gait.

and, Be It Further

Resolved, that USEF AR247.1 be changed to read:

1. For attire and appointments for Pleasure classes, refer to AR130, AR138, AR142, AR178, and DR120.

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**32-15. Providing Additional Funding for the Education of AHA's Judges and Stewards.** Resolved, That Resolution 9-90 be amended as follows;

3) Charges of \$3-\$15 per horse entered in AHA approved competitions with the per horse charge to be reviewed annually beginning in 1993 by the Board of Directors. The initial fee structure is \$ 15 ( \$20 BOD 5/01) per horse entered in either the National Shows, (38-97) \$10 (\$15 BOD 5/01 ) at the Regionals, and \$3 (\$4 BOD 11/12) for all other competitions (recognized CTR and Endurance Rides are exempt from the 9-90 fee assessment). One Judges and Stewards Educational Fee will be charged for any competitions holding concurrently adjudicated classes in a single arena with the identical AHA class code. (Res. 15-07)

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**33-15. SUBJECT: Ranking of Top Ten Awards at National Shows.** Resolved, that the awards shall remain "Top Ten" awards; and, Be It Further

Resolved, that recordation of said ranking shall be kept on file and available from AHA until such time as the ranking can be added to the horse's permanent record and available on line; and, Be It Further

Resolved, that the incorporation of the ranking of Top Ten's be added to and incorporated within the programming of and for AHA future state; and, Be It Further

Resolved, that Resolution 32-72 be rescinded.

Effective: December 31, 2016

**35-15. National/Regional Level Judges Ongoing Evaluation.** Resolved, that Resolution #5-90 (I) be amended to include the following provision:

8(a) once a judge has reached National/Regional level status, the ongoing evaluation of the judge shall be completed by the Commissioner. The Commissioner may receive input from the Education and Evaluation Commission based upon their interview process, but only the Commissioner has the authority to maintain the judge's status, remove the National/Regional status or suspend the judge's status. A determination to change the status is subject to a de novo review by the Education and Evaluation Commission, if so requested by the judge, and such review requires a 2/3 vote of the Education and Evaluation Commission to overturn the action of the Commissioner; and Be It Further

Resolved, That Resolution #5-90 (VII) 9(c) be revised as follows:

9(c) ongoing evaluation of judge applicants, "r" and "R" Judge's and Steward's performances to include a regular evaluation of the Judge's and Steward's and their performance at the level of competition assigned. Such evaluation to result in the official being: (8-00)  
-Raised to a higher level of competition  
-Continue at the same level of competition  
-Removed to a lower level of competition when available (10-00)  
-Remove from AHA approved list

Ongoing review of National/Regional level judge's performance to include regular evaluation of the Judges and their performance. Such evaluation is to be forwarded to the Commissioner for his/her review and action.

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# 2016 Nationals Shows' Judges

## *Youth Nationals July 23 - 30, 2016 Oklahoma City, OK*

### Panel 1

Todd Hickerson  
Mike Miller  
John Rannenber

### Panel 2

Jeff Lee  
Lorne Robertson  
Margo Smith Shallcross

### Panel 3

Randy Henry  
Leslie Stohlgren  
TBA

### Panel 4

Kari Albiol  
Joan Shelton-Palelek  
Corky Sutton

### Dressage

Trenna Atkins  
Dorie Vlaten-Schmitz

### Cutting

TBA

### Stewards

Connie Curtis (Lead Steward)  
Jean Kraus  
Cindy Reid (Night)  
Dorothy Trapp

## *Canadian Nationals August 14 - 20, 2016 Brandon, Manitoba, Canada*

### Panel 1

Duane Esser  
John Lambert  
Kim Morgan

### Panel 2

Bruce Bates  
Liz Bentley  
Len Hansen

### Working Western

Mary Jane Brown  
Jim Hitt  
Deb Witty

### Dressage

Elaine Potter

### Hunter/Jumper

Paddy Downing-Nygaard

### Stewards

Jill Barton  
Tina Collins  
Neil Ratledge (Night)  
Dr. Jackie Taylor

## *Sport Horse Nationals September 21 - 25, 2016 Nampa, Idaho*

### Hunter/Jumper

Peggy Beachy  
Kathleen Stamps

### Sport Horse

Woody Dykers (HB)  
Meg Schulman (HB)  
TBA (DB)  
TBA (DB)

### Dressage

Beth Barritt  
Melissa Creswick  
Dolly Hannon  
Donna Richardson  
Diane Royce  
Charlotte Trentelman

### Carriage Driving

Kail Palmer-Miller

### Technical Delegate

Joyce Hamblin

### Stewards

Beverly Bedard  
TBA

## *U.S. Nationals October 21 - 29, 2016 Tulsa, OK*

### In-Hand Breeding

Koenraad Detailleur (Belgium)  
Kathy Murphy Economy  
Dana Gardner

Cory Soltau  
Jerzy Zbyszewski

### English

Chris Culbreth  
Brian Ferguson  
Gayle Lampe

### Western

Kelly Elm  
Jeremy Harper  
Rick Maxson

### Hunter Pleasure/Show Hack

Grace Greenlee  
Christine Johnston  
Pamela Zimmerman

### Working Western

TBA

### Cutting

TBA

### Stewards

Patricia Hough  
Matt Kwapich (Night)  
Patty Jean Lebon  
Adele Maurer (Lead Steward)  
Frances Newsom  
Nancy Noble  
TBA (Night0)

*The End*



*To all our Club Members*



*From Region 2*

