

APPROVED 2009 CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION # 1-09

SUBJECT: Bylaw Change Regarding Board of Director Voting (Bylaws 2/3 Vote)

SUBMITTED BY: Legal Review Committee

STATUS: Active

Whereas, Colorado Revised Statute permitting action without a meeting was amended effective August 6, 2008; and

Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, Arabian Horse Association Bylaw Article VII, Section 6, Paragraph f., needs to be amended to utilize the change in the above Statute; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That Bylaw Article VII, Section 6, Paragraph f., of the Arabian Horse Association, be amended to read as follows:

Paragraph f. Voting by Mail or Electronic Communication.

1. The Board of Directors may take action, without a meeting, by mail, e-mail, fax, or similar communication when:

A notice stating the action to be taken and the time by which a Director must respond is transmitted by mail, e-mail or fax or similar communication to each member of the Board, and, each member of the Board, by the time stated in the notice:

- (a) Votes in writing for such action; or
- (b) (1) Votes in writing against such action, or abstains in writing from voting, or fails to respond, or vote; and
- (2) Fails to demand that action not be taken without a meeting.

The response required herein must be by mail, e-mail or fax, and, shall include the director's signature.

2. The notice required by subsection 1 of paragraph f shall state:

- (a) The action to be taken; and
- (b) The time by which a Director must respond; and
- (c) That failure to respond by the time stated in the notice will have the same effect as abstaining in writing by the time stated in the notice and failing to demand in writing, by the time stated in the notice, that action not be taken without a meeting; and
- (d) Any other matters the Arabian Horse Association determines to include.

3. The number of affirmative votes for such action meets or exceeds the number that would be necessary to take such action at a meeting at which all Directors were present and voting.

4. All signed written instruments necessary for any action taken pursuant to this section shall be filed with the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors.

Effective: December 31, 2010

RESOLUTION # 2-09

SUBJECT: Handbook Consolidation/Clarification

SUBMITTED BY: Competition Advisory Committee

STATUS: Active

- Whereas, The current AHA Handbook has a considerable amount of outdated and obsolete information; and
- Whereas, AHA Members, Judges, Exhibitors and AHA Staff would benefit from a more streamlined handbook; and
- Whereas, The Competition Advisory Committee and AHA Staff have historically been responsible for reviewing the information found in the AHA Handbook each year prior to printing; Therefore, Be It
- Resolved, That the Competition Advisory Committee, in consultation with AHA Staff, shall be authorized to combine or omit redundant or obsolete portions of the AHA Handbook, so long as the intent of the rules, procedures or pertinent information remains.
- Effective: For the 2011 Handbook
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RESOLUTION # 3-09

SUBJECT: Add Disclosure of Cerebellar Abiotrophy to the AHA Code of Ethics

SUBMITTED BY: AHA Task Force on Genetic Diseases

STATUS: Active

- Whereas, Cerebellar Abiotrophy (CA), also known as Cerebellar Cortical Abiotrophy is a recessive, genetic, neurological condition found almost exclusively in Arabian horses that renders affected animals unusable and often necessitates euthanasia; and
- Whereas, Researchers at the Veterinary Genetics Laboratory of the University of California, Davis (UCD) indicate that CA affects a significant number of horses every year; and
- Whereas, Both carriers and some affected animals are potentially capable of reproduction; and
- Whereas, In September, 2008 Researchers at the UCD Veterinary Genetics Laboratory announced the development of an indirect DNA test to help determine if a horse is a carrier of CA; and
- Whereas, The availability of this test has resulted in the voluntary public disclosure of multiple carrier and affected animals; and
- Whereas, Article 303 of the Code of Ethics and Sportsmanship (EPRB) states: “(1) In every situation, the welfare of the breed shall be paramount over all considerations. The best interests of the Arabian Horse must be the criterion in all transactions... (5) Members and their employees or agents should be fair and honest in all transactions involving horses and should not make any false or misleading statements concerning horses offered for sale or breeding.”; and
- Whereas, A debilitating genetic defect is, by its very nature, detrimental to the Arabian breed; and
- Whereas, Article 304 of the Code of Ethics and Sportsmanship (EPRB) has previously placed a duty to disclose known SCID carrier status of breeding animals since 1984; and

Whereas, It is in the best interest of the Arabian Horse to also educate owners and breeders about CA so as to encourage responsible breeding practices; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That Article 304, Rules of Conduct, section 7, be amended to read as follows:

7. Members shall not offer a horse capable of reproduction for breeding, transfer of ownership, or lease if the horse is known to such member to be a SCID carrier, a cerebellar abiotrophy (CA) carrier or to be affected by CA without disclosure of that horse's SCID or CA status to all parties to the transaction."

"8. An owner of any mare that produces affected SCID or CA offspring shall immediately notify the stallion owner of a foal's positive SCID or CA diagnosis and cooperate fully with the stallion owner's reasonable efforts to verify that finding."; and, Be It Further

Resolved, That if other resolutions at the 2009 AHA Convention are passed that also amend the language of Article 304, that the staff of the Arabian Horse Association shall be empowered to edit for grammar, style and clarity so as to give full force and effect to all such resolutions.

Effective: December 31, 2009

RESOLUTION # 4-09

SUBJECT: Add Disclosure of Lavender Foal Syndrome (LFS) to the AHA Code of Ethics

SUBMITTED BY: AHA Task Force on Genetic Diseases

STATUS: Active

Whereas, Lavender Foal Syndrome (LFS), also known as Coat Color Dilution Lethal (CCDL), is a recessive, lethal neurologic disorder affecting some bloodlines within the Arabian breed; and

Whereas, Cornell University has recently developed a direct DNA test for LFS that will become commercially available to owners in the very near future; and

Whereas, Article 303 of the Code of Ethics and Sportsmanship (EPRB) states: "(1) In every situation, the welfare of the breed shall be paramount over all considerations. The best interests of the Arabian Horse must be the criterion in all transactions... (5) Members and their employees or agents should be fair and honest in all transactions involving horses and should not make any false or misleading statements concerning horses offered for sale or breeding."; and

Whereas, A lethal or debilitating genetic defect is by its very nature detrimental to the Arabian breed; and

Whereas, Article 304 of the Code of Ethics and Sportsmanship (EPRB) has previously placed a duty to disclose known SCID carrier status of breeding animals since 1984; and

Whereas, It is in the best interest of the Arabian Horse to also educate owners and breeders about LFS, so as to encourage responsible breeding practices; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That Article 304, Rules of Conduct, paragraphs 7 and 8, be deleted and replaced with the following:

7. Members shall not offer a horse capable of reproduction for breeding, transfer of ownership, or lease if the horse is known to such member to be a SCID or Lavender Foal Syndrome (LFS) carrier, without disclosure of that horse's SCID or LFS status to all parties to the transaction."

8. "An owner of any mare that produces affected SCID or LFS offspring shall immediately notify the stallion owner of a foal's positive SCID or LFS diagnosis and cooperate fully with the stallion owner's reasonable efforts to verify that finding."; and, Be It Further

Resolved, That if other resolutions at the 2009 AHA Convention are passed that also amend the language of Article 304, that the staff of the Arabian Horse Association shall be empowered to edit for grammar, style and clarity so as to give full force and effect to all such resolutions.

Effective: December 31, 2009

RESOLUTION # 5-09

SUBJECT: USEF Show Penalty (USEF/EC)

SUBMITTED BY: Region 15

STATUS: Active

Whereas, The USEF enforces the rules for USEF affiliated horse shows; and

Whereas, Rated, member and local shows pay a fee per horse to the USEF for maintenance and enforcement of the rules; and

Whereas, The USEF Handbook does not state that shows are authorized to act as an agent of the USEF; and

Whereas, Shows are charged with the task of enforcing GR 706.1k, which restricts suspended USEF members from being on the grounds and/or participating in any manner; and

Whereas, The location of a show may make it difficult for a show to expel someone from the grounds (i.e. fairgrounds with multiple events; private club where the show leases the grounds); Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That the USEF Arabian Division Committee of AHA is hereby directed to prepare a motion to USEF to modify GR 706.1k and GR 707 of the USEF rules in order to remove the penalty placed on shows for attendance and/or entry of suspended USEF members; and Be It Further

Resolved, That the USEF Arabian Division Committee of AHA submit the proposed motion for approval to the AHA Board of Directors by the first AHA Board of Directors meeting of 2010; and Be It Further

Resolved, That upon approval of the AHA Board of Directors, the USEF Arabian Division Committee of AHA is hereby directed to submit the approved motion to USEF for approval.

Effective: December 31, 2010 or upon approval by USEF/EC

RESOLUTION # 6-09

SUBJECT: Exception for Shows Regarding CPR Certified Personnel (USEF/EC)

SUBMITTED BY: USEF Arabian Division Committee

STATUS: Active

Whereas, Effective March 16, 2009, USEF instituted a rule that requires a first time A or AA rated competitions to have one additional person that is CPR certified, and

Whereas, This may cause unnecessary hardship to first time shows, and

Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, there is no evidence of a need to require an additional CPR certified individual at first time shows; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That USEF GR1211.5.b be amended to read as follows:

Competitions using more than three performance areas simultaneously, and all first year A or AA rated competitions, must have at least one additional person who is CPR certified to assist the medical personnel of record for that competition. (Exception: first year A or AA breed restricted Arabian shows do not require the additional individual who is CPR certified). The additional person may have other duties related to the competition provided they can be immediately available to respond to an emergency. This person must be identified to officials and staff. Dressage arenas do not count as performance areas. If more than six performance areas are used simultaneously there must be at least two additional people who are CPR-certified to assist the medical personnel of record for that competition.

Effective: December 31, 2010 or upon approval by USEF/EC

RESOLUTION # 8-09

SUBJECT: **Tying Stirrups to Equipment (USEF/EC)**

SUBMITTED BY: USEF Arabian Division Committee

STATUS: Active

Whereas, A number of stewards and show officials have reported that exhibitors are tying their stirrups to equipment, and

Whereas, Exhibitors frequently call the USEF office inquiring whether they may tie their stirrups to equipment, and

Whereas, This practice poses a safety hazard; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That USEF AR101.6 shall be amended to read as follows:

Horses must be shown without artificial appliances (see GR802.2). Anything that alters the intended use of equipment as provided for in the description of appointments for a given class is considered to be an artificial appliance. This includes but is not limited to tongue ties and/or mouth ties (see GR802.2), and tying stirrups to equipment. Gag bits are prohibited (Exception: Jumper classes). Action produced by artificial methods shall be penalized. The use of chains, rollers or similar devices on the competition grounds during or before a competition are prohibited and the show committee shall bar violators from further participation for the remainder of the competition, and they shall forfeit all entry fees and winnings for the entire competition.

Effective: December 31, 2010 or upon approval by USEF/EC

RESOLUTION # 9-09

SUBJECT: Sport Horse In Hand Scoring Procedures (USEF/EC)

SUBMITTED BY: Sport Horse Committee

STATUS: Active

Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, Sport Horse In-Hand has become more popular with increasing numbers of entries;

Whereas, It is becoming cost prohibitive to have each judge officiating a separate triangle; and
Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That USEF AR163-5 be changed to read as follows:
When multiple judges officiate the same class, competition management may assign separate or shared triangles. In either case, judges will have separate score sheets and scribes.

Effective: December 31, 2010 or upon approval by USEF/EC

RESOLUTION # 12-09

SUBJECT: Saddle Seat Equitation Changes (USEF/EC)

SUBMITTED BY: AHYA

STATUS: Active

Whereas, Other breed associations have included among the tests for their Saddle Seat Equitation riders, test #16 in the USEF/EC Equitation section. This test allows the judge to have the riders switch horses. This is an optional test and is used only on the occasion that the quality of rider warrants this level of test at a National level show, and

Whereas, The Arabian Saddle Seat Equitation riders have the same skills and experience as of those in the other breeds utilizing the test, and

Whereas, This proposed change would just allow the judges to use this test and would in no way make the test mandatory; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That AHA Article 1336.6 be changed to read:

6. Saddle Seat. For Championship classes, the 13 and Under Saddle Seat Equitation Division requires all contestants to perform two or more individual tests from USEF Tests 1-12, or EC equivalent. The 14-17 Saddle Seat Equitation Division requires all contestants to perform two or more individual tests from USEF Tests 1-15, or EC equivalent. USEF Test number 16, or EC equivalent, may be used in the final of the 14-17 saddle seat equitation division. Judges must declare their intent to utilize this test 24 hours prior to the session in which the final class is held. Only the top four riders will be chosen based upon cumulative scores, utilizing the scoring system found in Article 1334.4. Markers shall not be used. Judging is based 50% on rail work and 50% on individual work out. The specific horses and riders to be switched will be determined by the procedures found in Article 1220.2, and Be It Further

Resolved. That USEF AR220.2 (and the EC equivalent) be amended to read as follows:

For tests from which judges must choose, see EQ119. Test 16 may be called for at the National level, and Be It Further

Resolved. That the following sentence be added to the end of USEF AR 220.3 (and the EC equivalent):

Test 16 may be called for at the National level.

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RESOLUTION # 13-09

SUBJECT: Arabian, Half-Arabian and Anglo-Arabian Park Horse Class Specifications (USEF/EC)

SUBMITTED BY: AHA Judges and Stewards Steering Committee

STATUS: Active

Whereas, The opening sentence of USEF AR 117 “Qualifying Gaits for the Arabian Park Horse” reads, “The horse is to give a brilliant performance, with style, presence, finish, balance and cadence; and

Whereas, The qualifying gaits in USEF AR 168, Arabian Formal Driving are the same as USEF AR 117; and

Whereas, Balance and cadence is currently listed as being emphasized in the class specifications; and

Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, a brilliant performance can be achieved with proper cadence and balance. When achieved, the horse will attain a brilliant performance along with presence and style; and

Whereas, Half-Arabians and Anglo-Arabians are to be shown in accordance with the same class specifications and under the same rules as in USEF subchapters AR-1, AR-3-AR-28, except as otherwise stated in the subchapter (AR 251 Performance Classes); Therefore, Be It

Resolved. That the opening sentence of USEF AR 117 shall be amended to read, “The horse is to give a brilliant performance, with style, presence, finish, balance and cadence; with proper cadence and balance being paramount;” and, Be It Further

Resolved. That USEF AR 118 Arabian Park Horse Class Specifications shall be amended to read as follows:

1. OPEN, MAIDEN, NOVICE, LIMIT, STALLIONS, MARES, GELDINGS. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter. To be judged on brilliant performance *with proper cadence and balance*, presence, quality, manners and conformation.
2. JUNIOR HORSE (five years old and under). To be shown at a walk, trot and canter. To be judged on quality, brilliant performance *with proper cadence and balance*, and manners.
3. ATR, JTR, AOTR, JOTR, LADIES, GENTLEMEN. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter. To be judged on brilliant performance *with proper cadence and balance*, manners, quality and suitability of horse to rider.
4. CHAMPIONSHIP. To be eligible, a horse must have been entered, shown and judged in a designated qualifying class in the Arabian Park Horse Section at that competition. To be shown at

- a walk, trot and canter. To be judged on brilliant performance, *with proper cadence and balance*, presence, quality, conformation and manners.
5. CHAMPIONSHIP JUNIOR HORSE. To be eligible, a horse must have been entered, shown and judged in a designated qualifying class for junior horses in the Arabian Park Horse Section at that competition. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter. To be judged on quality, brilliant performance *with proper cadence and balance*, manners.
 6. CHAMPIONSHIP ATR, JTR, AOTR, AAOTR, JOTR. To be eligible, a horse must have been entered, shown and judged in a designated qualifying class in the Arabian Park Horse section for amateurs, owners or junior exhibitors at that competition. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter. To be judged on brilliant performance *with proper cadence and balance*, manners, quality and suitability of horse to rider, and Be It Further

Resolved, That USEF AR 168 Arabian Formal Driving Class Specifications shall read as follows:

1. OPEN, MAIDEN, NOVICE, LIMIT, STALLIONS, MARES, GELDINGS, ATD, AOTD. To be shown at a walk and trot. To stand quietly and back readily. To be judged on performance *with proper cadence and balance*, presence, manners quality and conformation.
2. CHAMPIONSHIP. To be eligible, horse must have entered, shown and judged in a designated qualifying class in the Arabian Formal Driving section at that competition. To be shown at a walk and trot. To stand quietly and back readily. To be judged on performance *with proper cadence and balance*, presence, manners, quality and conformation.

Effective: December 31, 2010 or upon approval by USEF/EC

RESOLUTION # 14-09

SUBJECT: Clarification for Select Rider Classes (USEF/EC)

SUBMITTED BY: USEF Arabian Division Committee

STATUS: Active

Whereas, AHA and USEF staff receive numerous calls regarding the select rider division, and

Whereas, AHA and USEF staff feel that if the rules was clarified there will be less confusion by the exhibitors; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That USEF AR113.1.f. shall be amended to read as follows:

- f. Select - AOTR, AAOTR, ATR, AATR, JOTR, JTR –
Riders in the Arabian, Half-Arabian, or Anglo-Arabian Divisions shall not be considered separately when competing in the same performance section. If a rider is eligible to compete as a Select rider in a performance section on December 1, said eligibility remains throughout the current competition year (that eligibility is determined beginning with Regional and National competitions of 1997). (Limited classes beginning in 2001). Classes are open to rider/driver/handler who have not won any of the following:
- (1) One (1) AHA Regional Top Five or higher in that particular performance section in which they are shown. As an example Western Pleasure, Hunter Pleasure, Country English Pleasure and English Pleasure are each separate performance sections.
 - (2) One (1) AHA National Top Ten or higher in that particular performance section in which they are shown.
 - (3) Two AHA Regional Champion Awards in a Select class that particular performance section in which they are shown.
 - (4) Two (2) AHA National Top Ten or higher award in a Select class in that particular performance section in which they are shown.

Effective: December 31, 2010 or upon approval by USEF/EC

RESOLUTION # 17-09

SUBJECT: Equitation Qualification

SUBMITTED BY: Equitation/Showmanship Committee

STATUS: Active

- Whereas, Youth National Equitation Classes require a pattern in every Equitation Division, and
- Whereas, The purpose of the current Medal Point Qualification system was to assure that all riders who qualify for the Youth National Championship, in all Equitation seats must qualify in a class where a pattern is required, and
- Whereas, Medal Classes may be offered at all AHA Recognized Shows, there is an opportunity to show and acquire Competition points at most AHA Recognized shows, and
- Whereas, Winning a Medal in a class of at least 3 horses, or acquiring 10 Medal points, or winning a Regional Top 5 or better are the current qualification requirements, and
- Whereas, There has been confusion as all levels on the difference between AHA Qualification Points and the Medal Points System currently required for National Qualification in Equitation; Therefore, Be It
- Resolved, That AHA Article 1367.4 be deleted and the remaining articles be renumbered; and, Be It Further
- Resolved, That Article 1357 in the AHA Handbook be changed to read:
1. If an Equitation rider will be ineligible to show in the next consecutive year because of being over-age, and qualifies after the closing date of entries of a National Championship Show, but no later than seven days prior to the National Championship Show the rider wishes to enter, the rider may enter no later than seven days prior to that particular National Championship Show.
 2. Effective December 31, 2010, to qualify for a National Championship Show, a rider must win;
 - a. a Medal, in a class of three or more entries, or
 - b. win a total of 5 qualification points (points qualification subject to modification by the AHA Board of Directors) in AHA Medal classes or
 - c. a Top Five or better from corresponding classes in Regional Championship Shows, East Coast Championship or Pacific Slope Championship, or a Top Six or better from corresponding classes in Eastern or Western Canadian Breeders Championship Classes.
 3. All Equitation Medal Classes will award points to riders using the current AHA qualifying point system. (Refer to Article 1367.2 and Article 1367.3.a). Medal eligibility for National Equitation Championship classes is for the current AHA Qualification Period. (Refer to Article 1348.4)
 4. Riders will be qualified for entry in the corresponding Equitation Division determined by the points acquired in a corresponding AHA Medal Class or Regional Championship Class.

5. A rider need not use the horse on which the rider qualified. However, the horse used must be a registered Arabian, Half-Arabian, or an Anglo-Arabian, and riders must use the same horse throughout all phases of the competition unless the show veterinarian certifies that the horse used at the beginning is unsound and the required forms are filed at the horse Show Office.
6. Refer to Article 1351.2. for qualifications pertaining to age of rider. The age of the rider determines the corresponding National Championship age group class entry.
Example: Providing the required qualifications have been met (within the equitation qualification time frame), a 13 year old rider can advance to the 14-17 age group without re-qualifying.
7. In the Equitation Division riders must qualify in the section/class in which they are entered. Equitation sections are: Saddle Seat, Reining/Western Seat, Hunter Seat Over Obstacles, Hunter Seat Not to Jump, Western Horsemanship. (BOD 5/06)

Effective: December 31, 2010

RESOLUTION # 18-09

SUBJECT: Full Top Ten at National Shows and Rides Regardless of Entries

SUBMITTED BY: AHA Judges and Stewards Steering Committee

STATUS: Active

- Whereas, The Arabian Horse Association is taking significant and positive steps to reward and provide incentives to those competing with their Arabians, Half Arabians and Anglo-Arabians in a variety of venues to initiate, encourage and promote new and positive growth for our breeds; and
- Whereas, Competing at AHA “recognized” National Championship horse shows and rides is an excellent opportunity for exhibitors of all disciplines to promote and enjoy their horses; and
- Whereas, The current “Fewer Than 20 Horse” rule states that only 50 percent of competing entries, to a maximum of ten, are awarded a Top Ten at National Events; and
- Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, the current rule unnecessarily discourages and penalizes those competing in any National class with eighteen entries or less; and
- Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, our breeds “smaller” classes typically continue to remain small as many exhibitors in these classes have less incentive to compete when so few entries currently compete in the classes; and
- Whereas, Even classes which are typically “larger” will vary significantly in average entry count, and yet the quantity of entries, large or small, in any class has absolutely no bearing on the quality of horses entered; and
- Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, when compared to many other major horse breed associations, AHA is one of the few that requires a “minimum entry count” in order to award all available prizes for their National championship events; Therefore, Be It
- Resolved, That Article 1323.2, 1505.10 & 1604.8.c shall be amended to reflect that all AHA National Championship Horse Shows, the National Championship Endurance Ride and the National Championship Competitive Trail Ride, will award Top Ten ribbons in every class and ride, no matter how many entries per class or ride compete, (and if ten or fewer, all exhibitors will be awarded a Top Ten ribbon). All Top Ten Awards shall include

qualifications, and all other AHA program benefits with the exception of the Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes, the Horse Achievement Award Program, Amateur Achievement Award Program, High Point Horse Achievement Award, High Point Amateur Achievement Award and Distance Horse Program, which programs shall remain as is; and, Be It Further

Resolved, Each National Prize List shall include the following statement: “Top Ten Awards will be made regardless of the number of competing entries. However, only awards made to the top 50% (rounded up not to exceed 10 awards) will receive Arabian Sweepstakes payout, AHA Horse Achievement Award, Amateur Achievement Award, High Point Horse Achievement Award, High Point Amateur Achievement Award and Distance Award Points.”

Effective: December 31, 2010
