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## CHAPTER 13: NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS

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AHA program and event deadlines must be met as specified, whether submitted by postal service, fax, e-mail, internet or other electronic means.

### ARTICLE 1301. MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR NATIONAL SHOWS.

For membership requirements refer to Chapter 7.

### ARTICLE 1302. AHA RULES FOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES.

#### NATIONAL SHOW ADMINISTRATION

Read Chapter 11: AHA Recognized Show Competition Rules, for additional rules, procedures, and information regarding National Shows.

1. The National Championship classes shall be conducted pursuant to rules adopted by the Board of Directors of the AHA.
2. Qualification issues will be resolved by the AHA Competitions Department with the cooperation of all National Show Commissioners.
3. Classes may be added or suspended from the National Championship Shows upon the recommendation of the National Championship and Regional Classes Committee with the AHA Board of Directors approval. (Res. 52-90)
  - a. All classes recommended by the National Championship and Regional Classes Committee and approved by the AHA Board of Directors through 1995 must be held at the National Championship Shows unless suspended.
    - 1) The National Championship and Regional Classes Committee must work with each National Show Commission to determine which Board of Directors approved classes, from 1996 and forward, each AHA National Show will hold. (Refer to Article 1722.)
4. Authority to make arrangements to hold National Championship classes shall be vested in the respective National Championship Show Commissions in accordance with the National Events Operational Procedure (NEOP) Manual.
  - a. The U.S. Show Commission and AHA Board of Directors make every effort to continue to have the U.S. Nationals in an East-West rotation (with the Mississippi River as the dividing line). (Res. 83-94)
5. All funds of the National Championship Shows shall be received and processed in the AHA office.
  - a. For the major events held by AHA, the AHA Treasurer or the Treasurer's designee is the AHA Event Official responsible for financial operations including: collecting and depositing funds, paying event approved bills, defining account procedures and reporting and coordinating accounting staffing requirements.
6. It shall be the duty of AHA's Board of Directors and the respective National Championship Show Commissions to assure that in each Elimination section of a class, proper ribbons are awarded to the finalist horses. The Top Ten horses shall receive Top Ten ribbons and plaques, and appropriate ribbons and trophies shall be presented to the National Champion and Reserve National Champion horses.
7. The National Show Commissions will determine if individual prizes and awards will be presented at the National Shows. (BOD 12/03)
8. All National Championship Shows must be "A" rated by the USEF or be equal to and recognized by the EC.

#### COMMISSIONER SHOWING AT NATIONAL SHOWS

8. Any Commissioner functioning at an event and also participating in the same event as an exhibitor will not have any contact with the judges other than as an exhibitor and will not have any responsibility for the functions of the show office. This will not prevent the commissioner exhibitor from participating in resolving issues brought before the full commission at the show.

#### PRIZE LIST

### ARTICLE 1303. PRIZE LIST REQUIREMENTS AND ENTRY CLOSING

1. Refer to Article 1109. for general information needed in the National Prize List in addition to the following:
  - a. The names and addresses of the National Championship Show Commission.
  - b. The names of the judges who will judge National Championship classes. (Refer to Article 1109.5.)
  - c. All National Shows require a negative coggins test within the last year and current health certificate or as required by the states or countries in which the National Show is held.
2. Beginning January 1, 2001, Classes from the AHA National Class List must be used. (Refer to Article 1722)
2. Entry Closing for National Shows:
  - a. The Canadian & Youth National Shows will close entries at the regular fee six weeks out from the first day of their show, and close post entries at the post entry fee three weeks out from the first day of their show.
  - b. The Sport Horse National Show will close entries six weeks out from the first day of their show. No Post Entries are allowed. (BOD 1/03)
  - c. The U. S. National Show will close entries eight weeks out from the first day of their show. No Post Entries are allowed. (BOD 1/03)
4. Prize money will be paid only to the party whose name appears on the original show entry form. Checks for prize money shall be mailed within 30 days after completion of the show.

The Social Security Number or Federal Taxpayer Identification Number must be on file with AHA before prize money is released. If this information is not on file or is not provided within 120 days after notification, all prize money will be forfeited. Foreign residents winning prize money at an event held in the United States will be subject to income tax of 30% per Internal Revenue Service regulations. This amount will be withheld from total winnings. To obtain more information on this matter, contact the Internal Revenue Service as the Arabian Horse Association is not able to render advice on matters of taxation. In addition, if a prize money check is issued and not presented for payment by December 31 of the year following the year in which the prize money was won, the prize money shall be forfeited.

### ARTICLE 1304. ENTRY FORM REQUIREMENTS FOR NATIONAL SHOWS.

1. Refer to Article 1110. for general information needed on the entry forms of a National Show.
2. National Shows must provide a place on their entry blank for each National class entry to list the show, placing, class title, date, and location of their qualification for that National class.
3. A Judges and Stewards Educational Fee of \$20 per horse entered will be charged at the National Championship Shows. (Res. 9-90) BOD 5/01)

- Majority Opinion System (MOS) (Res. 45-00) scoring operations and training programs will be funded with a charge of \$5 per horse per National Show.

#### NATIONAL CLASS REQUIREMENTS

##### **ARTICLE 1305. AMATEUR OWNER CLASS REQUIREMENTS.**

- AAOTR classes with age splits may not be combined at the National Shows. (Refer to Article 1722.)
- Arabian JOTR English Pleasure and Arabian JOTR Western Pleasure must be split at the Nationals into two age groups: 13 and under, and 14 to 17. (Refer to Article 1722.)

##### **ARTICLE 1306. BREEDING AND IN-HAND CLASS REQUIREMENTS.**

- At the U.S. and Canadian National Championship Shows, Breeding and In-Hand horses will enter in assigned order and be inspected for signs of abuse immediately prior to entrance into the ring for judging. The Order of Go shall be determined and posted by the birth date, oldest to youngest, for Breeding and In-Hand classes. (Res. 20-97)
- Half-Arabian and Anglo-Arabian Mare and Gelding Breeding and In-Hand classes must be split for the National Championship Shows into the following four classes:
  - Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Mare Breeding Saddle/Pleasure Type.
  - Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Mare Breeding Stock/Hunter Type.
  - Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Gelding In-Hand Saddle/Pleasure Type.
  - Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Gelding In-Hand Stock/Hunter Type.
- The U.S. National Show will hold a Junior (3-5) and Senior (6 & over) Mare Championship Class and a Junior (3-5) and Senior (6 & over) Stallion Championship Class. The Canadian National Show will have the option of holding the split classes. BOD 11/04)

##### **ARTICLE 1307. CUTTING CLASS REQUIREMENTS.**

Only registered Arabian Horses and Half-Arabian or Anglo-Arabian Horses may be used to help (turn back horses, etc.) at the National Shows.

##### **ARTICLE 1308. DRESSAGE CLASS REQUIREMENTS.**

- Competitions are open to Arabians, Half-Arabians, and Anglo-Arabians which are enrolled and qualified according to Chapter 14., and Article 1708.
- No horse may compete in more than two consecutive levels at any specific show.
- National Dressage Competitions will use the highest test for each level.

##### **ARTICLE 1309. EQUITATION CLASS REQUIREMENTS.**

Saddle Seat Equitation, Reining Seat Equitation, and Hunter Seat Equitation Not To Jump must be split at the National Championship Show into two age groups: 13 and under, and 14-17.

##### **ARTICLE 1310. WORKING HUNTER CLASS REQUIREMENTS.**

If a rider in the Working Hunter Over Fences sections of the Working Hunter class has more than one horse entered, and more than one of his/her horse(s) goes forward to the Under Saddle section, another rider(s) may be designated to ride the other horse(s). This new designated rider(s) must report to the Show Office for signature(s) and member numbers before the session that the Under Saddle section is held. Riders with one entry in the Working Hunter class must ride that entry throughout the entire class.

##### **ARTICLE 1311. ARABIAN BREEDERS SWEEPSTAKES CLASS REQUIREMENTS.**

Refer to Chapter 18 for program rules and enrollment fees.

##### **ARTICLE 1312. NATIONAL BREEDING & IN-HAND FUTURITIES CLASS REQUIREMENTS.**

Refer to Chapter 19 for program rules and enrollment fees.

##### **ARTICLE 1313. NATIONAL PERFORMANCE FUTURITIES CLASS REQUIREMENTS.**

Refer to Chapter 20 for program rules and enrollment fees.

#### NATIONAL JUDGES

##### **ARTICLE 1314. GENERAL INFORMATION FOR JUDGES.**

- All judges for National classes shall be Registered ("R") and/or Registered ("S") in the USEF, Senior Judges in the EC roster of judges, and appear on AHA's current list of National and Regional Accredited Arabian Judges List, and be selected by the Judges and Stewards Selection Committee in accordance with the rules of AHA (Res. 15-83) (Res. 5-90), with the exception of the following:
  - Working Hunter.
  - Jumper.
  - Cutting.
  - Dressage.
  - Equitation.
  - Hunter Hack
  - Sport Horse (BOD 5/02)
- The Judges Selection Committee shall select an appropriate number of judges to officiate in a timely and efficient manner at the National Championship Show, giving due consideration to the various judging requirements and specific judging qualifications needed for each class. (Refer to Articles 1123.)
- The Judges and Stewards Selection Committee are to select the Judges and Stewards required for the National Shows from the Recognized Judges & Stewards. In the event that fewer than the required number of Judges are available from the AHA Accredited National/Regional Judge List, (Res. 10-00) then the Selection Committee may select from the AHA Accredited Judge List (Res. 10-00) only after exhausting the list of all AHA Accredited National/Regional Judges (Res. 10-00) in that order. (Res. 38-97)
- Members of the Judges and Stewards Selection Committee may not exhibit at any function for which they select or hire Judges or Stewards. (Res. 5-90)
- Any judge selected as a National Championship Judge may officiate at no more than two Regional Championship Shows that same year. A judge must not judge contiguous Regions in one calendar year. (Refer to Article 1219.6.) Such a judge is prohibited from officiating in any USEF or EC Recognized Arabian class during a 30-day period prior to the date of the National Championship Show (Canadian and Youth Nationals judges are exempted from the 30-day restriction.)

6. Hunter Seat Equitation Judges at the National Championship Show must have at least an USEF "r" or EC equivalent in Hunter Seat Equitation.  
Beginning January 1, 2001, In Equitation classes, the call judge selected to judge the Youth National Show, must hold both an USEF/EC Arabian large 'R' card and an USEF/EC large 'R' card in the discipline seat or an AHA Specialty card in the respective discipline seat they are to judge. (Except Hunter Seat Equitation over obstacles, Refer to Article 1124.) (Res. 31-99)
7. Two or more NCHA approved judges shall judge National Championship Cutting Horse classes (Canadian Nationals exempted).
8. Five judges are required for the Reining Horse, Working Cow Horse and Trail Horse classes.
9. Judges must provide patterns to AHA office 90 days prior to the National Show they are adjudicating.

### SCORING CLASSES AT NATIONALS

#### ARTICLE 1315. GENERAL SCORING/JUDGING INFORMATION.

1. A Champion and Reserve Champion plus eight (8) additional unranked awards shall be made in each National Class to make a Top Ten provided there are 19 or more exhibitors. (Refer to Article 1323.)
2. There shall be no work-off in performance classes either in the sections or in the finals at all AHA National championship classes where multi-judges are used. If the class is too large in the sections, the class shall be split in the ring by entry numbers at the discretion of the judges. (Res. 28-70)
3. Judges may not confer either during the classes or between sections. (Res. 28-70)

### APPROVED NATIONAL SCORING SYSTEMS

#### ARTICLE 1316. THREE JUDGE AND HIGH/LOW ELIMINATION SCORING SYSTEMS

##### THREE JUDGE SYSTEM (Res. 23-06)

1. All **Regional**/National Championship Shows are required to use the AHA approved Three Judge Scoring System in all applicable classes. (Refer to Article 1128)
2. Working Hunter, Hunter Hack, Jumper, Hunter Seat Equitation Over Obstacles, Dressage, Reining Horse, Cutting, Working Cow, Trail, Carriage Driving, Eventing and Sport Horse (BOD 11/01) classes are exempt from using the Three Judge Scoring system.
3. AHA shall train and supply to the National Shows, technicians proficient in the use of the Three Judge Scoring System to score the shows. **For Regional Shows, technicians shall receive training in the use of the Three Judge Scoring system.**
4. Refer to Article 1130 for UPHA scoring.

Note: As of 4/1/08, all Mare/Stallion Breeding and Gelding In-Hand classes to be excluded and judged under the Arabian Scoring System. (See USEF Handbook) All UPHA classes to be judged according to Article 1130.

##### HIGH/LOW ELIMINATION SYSTEM (Res. 23-03)

5. The Reining Horse, Working Cow and Trail Horse Classes at the U.S. National Championship Show will use the High/Low Elimination System to score each class.
6. One high score and one low score from the judges of each class will be eliminated and the three remaining scores will be totaled to determine the placings in the class.

7. To offset the cost of the additional two judges, a judge's fee will be assessed to each entry determined by the U.S. National Show Commission with input from the Working Western Committee.

#### ARTICLE 1317. SPECIAL SCORING/JUDGING PROCEDURES.

If there are ten horses or fewer entered in a class, the Top Ten horses will not be reworked for Champion and Reserve Champion, but will be selected by using the same judges' cards used to select the Top Ten horses. In the event of an extreme time constraint, this method may also be used for other classes provided the exhibitors are given 24 hours' notice. This later action must be approved by the respective Championship Show Commission and the Chair of the Regional and National Championship Classes Committee.

#### ARTICLE 1318 SCORING/JUDGING OF PRELIMINARY SECTIONS. (If Not By Ranking of Class)

1. If there is a Preliminary Section offered it will be the first section entered by exhibitors.
2. All judges are used as equals.
3. The Number One Judge (as designated in the prize list) calls the gaits.
4. In order to go on to the Elimination section, an exhibitor must appear on at least two judges' cards.
5. U. S. and Canadian National Shows. To return approximately ten horses from each Preliminary section and to assure that if all the eventual Top Ten started together in one Preliminary section, they could continue without fear of being eliminated from competition on the basis of this system:
  - a. When three judges are officiating, each selecting a number determined by the size of the section and announced before the beginning of the section, and with the requirement that an exhibitor must appear on at least two judges' cards, it is possible more or fewer than ten could return to the next stage.
  - b. Following Table to be reviewed and re-established annually before each U.S. or Canadian National Show:

<b>TABLE A</b>	
Number of horses in a section	Number of Horses to be marked by judge
11-24	10
25-30	11
31-40	12

- c. If ten or fewer horses compete in a regular performance Preliminary section, all will return to the next section: (Exception: Refer to Article 1332. For Driving)
  - 1) The section will be held only if the other section of that class is required to work.
  - 2) If the section is not held, all horses in that section will go forward as if they had competed and been selected.
6. Youth National Show. To return approximately six horses from each Preliminary section.
  - a. When three judges are officiating, each selecting a number determined by the size of the section and announced before the beginning of the section, and with the requirement that an exhibitor must appear on at least two judges' cards, more or fewer than six could return to the next stage.
  - b. Following Table to be reviewed and re-established annually before each Youth National Show:

<b>TABLE B</b>	
Number of horses in a section	Number of Horses to be marked by judge
7-10	7
11-19	8
20 or more	10

- c. If six or fewer horses compete in a regular performance Preliminary section, all will return to the next section. (Exception: Refer to Article 1332. For Driving)
- 1) The section will be held only if the other section of that class is required to work.
  - 2) If the section is not held, all horses in that section will go forward as if they had competed and been selected.
7. In specific Driving and Individual Work classes, if the number of horses scheduled to appear for a section is fewer than the minimum number required to go forward from that section:
- a. The section will be held only if the other section of that class is required to work.
  - b. If the section is not held, all horses in that section will go forward as if they had competed and been selected.

**ARTICLE 1319. SCORING/JUDGING OF PRELIMINARY OR ELIMINATIONS SECTIONS (USING A RANKING TO DICTATE CLASS SIZE)**

1. If there is no Preliminary section, the Elimination section will be the first section entered by exhibitors.
2. All judges are used as equals.
3. The Number One Judge (as designated in the prize list) calls the gaits.
4. In order to go on to the Semi-Final section, and receive a Semi-Finalist ribbon, and in order to have a predetermined number of exhibitors going on to the Semi-Final section, judges will be asked to rank the exhibitors on their cards by placing nine exhibitors. The Scoring System in Article 1316 (Res. 23-06) will be employed to determine which eight exhibitors will go forward to the Semi-Final section.
5. If eight or fewer horses compete in a regular Elimination section, all will return to the next section. The section will be held only if the other section of the class is required to work. (Exception: Refer to Article 1332. for Driving.)

**ARTICLE 1320. SCORING/JUDGING OF SEMI-FINAL SECTIONS.**

1. Will be composed of all entries that come from the Elimination section of that class.
2. All judges will rank 11 entries for Semi-Finals.
3. The Scoring System in Article 1316 (Res. 23-06) will be used to score the Semi-Final sections. An 11th place entry will be determined at this time (in case of disqualification), but not announced. (Refer to Article 1128.)
4. The Number One Judge will call the class.
5. The Top Ten will be selected.

**ARTICLE 1321. SCORING/JUDGING OF FINALS SECTIONS.**

1. Will be composed of the entries that make Top Ten via Semi-Finals.
2. The Scoring System in Article 1316 (Res. 23-06) will be used. (Refer to Article 1128.)
3. All judges will rank all horses.
4. The Number One Judge will call the class.
5. The Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected.

**ARTICLE 1322. SCORING/JUDGING OF SEMI-FINAL/FINAL COMBINATION SECTIONS.**

1. When no Final section is used under the provisions of the rules for National Arabian and Half-Arabian Championship classes, a modification of the previous systems for judging Semi-Finals and Finals is used whereby the Semi-Finals and Finals are combined into one event.
2. The Scoring System in Article 1316 (Res. 23-06) will be used. (Refer to Article 1128.)
3. All judges will rank 11 entries.
4. The Top Ten, Champion, and Reserve Champion will be selected using the same judges' cards.

**ARTICLE 1323. SCORING/JUDGING OF CLASSES BEGINNING WITH FEWER THAN 20 HORSES.**

1. To determine a Top Ten, judges will place only 50% of the number of horses plus one.
2. Only enough Top Ten Awards will be given to equal one-half of the class (rounded-up) (not to exceed ten) of those competing at the closing of the gate at the beginning of the class for all classes shown as a group and all those who pass through the gate in individual activity classes. (e.g., fifteen horses would receive eight awards.)
3. Odd numbers will be rounded up.

**ARTICLE 1324. DISQUALIFICATIONS.**

1. Semi-Finalist. If a horse is disqualified that has been named a Semi-Finalist, the entry will be replaced. In Driving classes it will not be replaced. (Refer to Article 1324.8.)
2. Finalist, one horse disqualified. If one Top Ten horse is disqualified before the finals, he will be replaced by the Reserve (11th place) who may compete in the Finals.
3. Finalist, two horses disqualified. If two Top Ten horses are disqualified before the finals and there is an untied 12th place horse, he will compete in the Finals. If there is a tie for 12th place, the vacancy will go unfilled.
4. After Finals. If a Top Ten horse is disqualified after the finals of that class, then the 11th horse will be named Top Ten. The other standings will not change.
5. If for any reason a horse is unable to compete in the Semi-Finals or Finals of his class after having made that cut:
  - a. He may keep all ribbons, etc., won up to that time.
  - b. He forfeits the opportunity to advance further.
6. Champion or Reserve Champion.
  - a. In the event that a Champion is disqualified, the Reserve Champion shall become Champion, and the 3rd place horse shall become Reserve Champion.
  - b. The 11th placed horse will be added to the Top Ten.
7. Both Champion or Reserve Champion.
  - a. If both Champion and Reserve Champion are disqualified, the 3rd place horse shall become Champion, and the 4th place horse shall become Reserve Champion using the standing from the original scoring of the class.
  - b. The 11th place horse will be named Top Ten. The class will not be rescored. The end result will be a Champion, a Reserve Champion, and seven Top Ten horses.
8. Disqualifications in Driving Classes.
  - a. A Reserve horse will be computed but not announced for each section.

- b. The Reserve horse may only be used as a replacement for a horse disqualified in that section before going on to the next section.

#### **ARTICLE 1325. POSTING OF RESULTS.**

1. The entries selected by each judge in Preliminary and Elimination sections will be listed in a form determined by Show Management.
2. Judges' cards will be posted. (Refer to Article 1128). Posting will be done in a place and in a manner selected by Show Management.

#### **ARTICLE 1326. DRUG TESTING AND MEASUREMENTS OF SHOES. (Res. 12-05)**

1. See USEF or EC for Tests and Measurements.
2. The U.S. National Show Commission is required to negotiate a contract with USEF to provide for mandatory drug testing at the U.S. National Show at the annual rate of \$25,000. (Res. 24-04) The Champion and one horse selected at random from all Top Ten national performance and halter classes are required to have one foot and shoe measured. (Res. 53A-92) Further, it is the prerogative of Show Management to require drug testing or to require the shoe and foot measured for any entry at any time during the show.
3. The Canadian National Show Commission is required to negotiate a contract with EC to provide for mandatory drug testing at the Canadian National Show at the annual rate of \$15,000. (Res. 24-04) The Champion and one horse selected at random from all Top Ten national performance and halter classes are required to have one foot and shoe measured. (Res. 53A-92) Further, it is the prerogative of Show Management to require drug testing or to require the shoe and foot measured for any entry at any time during the show.

#### **DIVIDING CLASSES AT NATIONALS**

#### **ARTICLE 1327. GENERAL INFORMATION FOR DIVIDING CLASSES.**

1. A horse may be shown in a class by only one handler/rider or driver. Exception: In Working Hunter, (Refer to Article 1310.) Jumper, Dressage, Reining, Cutting, Working Cow, Trail and Sport Horse In-Hand classes, a rider/handler may show more than one horse. (BOD 5/02)
2. All numbers are for guidance and may vary.
3. A class is composed of all of its sections, including Preliminaries, Elimination, Semi-Finals, Semi-Final/Finals, and Finals.
4. The following dividing procedures are for Championship classes.

#### **ARTICLE 1328. DIVIDING AND SEQUENCE, BASED ON THE NUMBER OF ENTRIES.**

1. Number of horses and type of class must be considered.
2. The number of entries selected as the Top Ten may vary from one to ten, but shall never be more than ten.
3. Classes with fewer than three entries postmarked/electronic transaction dated by closing date:
  - a. Will render that class canceled.
  - b. All entry fees and stall fees will be refunded.
  - c. Except for AHA National Breeding and In-Hand Futurity classes, which will be held regardless of the number of entries. (Res. 61-86)
4. Classes with entries of 3-35 will be divided into two sections, A and B (if numbers justify), followed by:
  - a. Semi-Final followed by Final.
  - b. Semi-Final/Final (held as one event).
5. Classes with entries of 36 and more:

- a. Shall be split into two or more sections at the discretion of Show Management to allow each exhibitor the maximum opportunity to show their horse.
- b. Sections shall be considered as Preliminaries or Eliminations and will consist of not more than 35 entries each.

#### **ARTICLE 1329. DIVIDING CLASSES INTO PRELIMINARIES OR ELIMINATIONS.**

1. Whether a class is divided into Preliminaries or Eliminations is determined by the number which will return from each section.
  - a. As a general rule, Preliminaries will be used when a specific class has more than 50 entries, or a Driving class has more than 28 entries, or when Show Management determines that such is in the best interest of the show.
  - b. Eliminations will be used when a class reaches about 25 entries. Show Management may use Elimination sections to reduce the size of any class when it is determined that such is in the best interest of the show.
  - c. Ideally, a Semi-Final section will have fewer than 25 entries.
  - d. A Semi-Final should have no more than 35 entries.
2. First Division. Management shall place entries in alternate sections if they are needed.
3. Second Division (Preliminary or Elimination).
  - a. In certain classes (selected annually by the Show Commission), exhibitors must file a certification of intent to show with the Show Office.
  - b. Management shall then:
    - 1) Arrange all horses in numerical order and place in alternate sections; or
    - 2) Draw for sections. Section change requests will be taken into consideration.
4. In classes where "Intent To Show" forms are required, the horses will not be assigned to sections until the required form has been submitted at the show. The alternate placing of horses in sections will be utilized at this time.
5. Section change requests will be considered for section assignments whenever possible. This results in a more even distribution of horses per section, as well as being fair to exhibitors who have legitimate conflicts.

#### **ARTICLE 1330. DIVIDING AMATEUR OR JUNIOR CLASSES.**

1. A legitimate effort will be made to keep Amateur to Ride or Junior to Ride class sections at 25 or fewer horses.
2. A legitimate effort will be made to keep Open class sections at 30 or fewer horses.

#### **ARTICLE 1331. DIVIDING REINING HORSES CLASSES.**

1. U.S. Nationals
  - a. Classes having no more than 20 entries:

The first section shall be a Semi-Final. The ten horses or one-half of those competing (rounded-up) with the highest total scores shall be named Top Ten and advance to the Finals.
  - b. Classes having more than 20 entries:
    - 1) A Preliminary section will be held, and the 20 horses with the highest total score will advance to the Semi-Final.
    - 2) All ties for 20th place will advance.
2. Canadian Nationals and Youth Nationals.
  - a. Classes having no more than 30 entries:

The first section shall be a Semi-Final. The ten horses or one-half of those competing (rounded-up) with the highest total scores shall be named Top Ten and advance to the Finals.

- b. Classes having more than 30 entries:
  - 1) A Preliminary section will be held, and the 20 horses with the highest total score will advance to the Semi-Final.
  - 2) All ties for 20th place will advance.

**ARTICLE 1332. DIVIDING COMBINATION AND DRIVING CLASSES.**

1. Since safety dictates the number of Driving horses that can compete in the ring at one time, Table A will be used to determine class and section breakdown.
2. If fewer than eight horses compete in a Driving Preliminary or Elimination section, that section should be conducted in the same manner as any other section.
3. In Driving, so that there will be 14 or fewer horses in each section, Table A will be used in dividing Driving classes with numbers that will produce such entries in the sections. Eight horses will be ranked with seven horses going forward.
4. In all classes after Preliminary sections are complete, all Eliminations at the same level may be held consecutively.
5. The Finals will be held as determined by Show Management using Table A:

Note: "Table A" may be modified at National Show Management's discretion.

<u>TABLE A: DIVISION OF CLASSES</u>						
<i>(Numbers are for Driving classes and will be different for other classes)</i>						
# OF ENTRIES	TYPE OF DIVISION	# OF PRELIMINARIES	ELIMINATIONS	SEMI-FINALS	FINALS	EVENTS
14 or fewer	B-1	---	---	X	X	1 or 2
15-28	B-2	---	---	X	X	3 or 4
29-42	B-3	I, II, III	A, B	X	X	6 or 7
43-56	B-4	I, II, III, IV	A & B	X	X	7 or 8
57-70	B-5	I, II, III, IV, V VI, VII, VIII	A & B	X	X	11 or 12
71-83	B-6	I, II, III, IV, V VI, VII, VIII, IX	A & B	X	X	12 or 13
85-98	B-7	I, II, III, IV, V VI, VII, VIII, IX, X	A & B	X	X	14 or 15

**SCORING/JUDGING SPECIALTY CLASSES AT NATIONALS**

**ARTICLE 1333. SCORING/JUDGING DRESSAGE.**

1. Refer to the National Show prize list for the appropriate dressage tests each year.
2. Tests to be ridden from memory.
3. Whips are prohibited.
4. Top Ten to be selected using the highest test of each USEF level.
5. The horse in the Top Ten with the highest score shall be named National Champion.
6. The horse in the Top Ten with the second highest score shall be named National Reserve Champion.
6. The remaining Top Ten shall be named in a random, undesignated order.
7. Ties will be broken according to USEF procedures.

**ARTICLE 1334. SCORING/JUDGING WORKING HUNTER.**

1. The Working Hunter Championship classes shall consist of two sections: Over Fences followed by one section Under Saddle.
2. All horses are allowed to jump in both Over Fences sections; however this is not a requirement.
  - a. The first order of go shall be drawn.

- b. Riders may be permitted to ride back-to-back rounds at their discretion.
- c. Management may permit a rider to compete out of order to minimize delays.
3. The highest ten scoring horses plus two reserve horses from each section (if fewer than 20 horses 50% of each section), shall be jogged in, dismounted, in judge's order of preference (use numerical order for multiple judges) for soundness following the conclusion of the second Over Fences section. Only the ten highest scoring horses (if fewer than 20 horses 50% of each section) from each Over Fences section will receive a Semi-Finalist ribbon at the end of the jog for soundness judging and will advance to and compete in the Under Saddle section. (BOD 3/06)
4. In each of these sections, each judge will place up to ten horses. Scores will be assignable as follows:
  - a. 1st place = 20 points
  - b. 2nd place = 16 points
  - c. 3rd place = 14 points
  - d. 4th place = 12 points
  - e. 5th place = 10 points
  - f. 6th place = 8 points
  - g. 7th place = 6 points
  - h. 8th place = 5 points
  - i. 9th place = 4 points
  - j. 10th place = 3 points
5. Only the ten highest scoring horses (if fewer than 20 horses 50% of the section) in section A receive points in section A. Only the ten highest scoring horses (if fewer than 20 horses 50% of the section) in section B receive points in section B. Only the ten highest scoring horses in both section A and section B receive points in both sections.
6. Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected from the four horses having acquired the most points in the two Over Fences sections based on total points earned in all three sections. If a tie exists in the Over Fences sections between any of the four horses with the highest points, the tied horses will go forward into the Under Saddle section. The selection of the remainder of the Top Ten (if fewer than 20 horses 50% of the class) will be based on the total points earned in all three sections.
7. After the Under Saddle section, ties will be resolved by using the sum of the points acquired in the two over fences sections. If a tie persists, the Number One Judge will break the tied horses without reworking them.
8. A Reserve to the Top Ten will be selected but, not announced, in case of disqualification.

**TABLES USED IN JUMPING CLASSES**

**ARTICLE 1335. SCORING/JUDGING JUMPER.**

1. Championship Jumper classes held in the United States will be judged in accordance with either USEF JP144.3 (a). Table II, Sec. 2 (a) or USEF JP144.3 (d). Table II, Sec. 2 (d) (See 2005 USEF Rule Book) - Time first jump-off with designated number of competitors to jump-off.
  - a. Each horse will jump the course once and will be scored on the number of faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the time allowed to complete the course. All horses will be timed to establish the jump order for the jump-off, if any.
2. Championship Jumper classes held in Canada will be judged in accordance with EC rules. A competition not against the clock with a time allowed but in the event of equality of penalties for first place, there will be a first jump-off not against the clock and, in the event of further equality of penalties for 1st place, there will be a second jump-off against the clock. Other competitors are placed according to their penalties in the first jump-off and, if necessary, in the first round.

**PROCEDURES FOR JUMPER CLASSES**

3. Jump Order.

- a. First go-round will be random selection.
- b. Jump-off is earned by the time taken to complete the course in the first go-round. The horse completing the course in the fastest time will jump last in the jump-off. The horse with the next fastest time jumps next to last, etc.
4. An 11th place (Reserve) horse shall be selected, but not announced, in case there is a disqualification.
5. In case of disqualification, all horses move up in order to the vacant position. The Reserve horse is added to the Top Ten.
6. Horses will be scored on faults and/or penalties. Any ties with equality of faults and/or penalties will be decided by time. Should an equality of faults and time occur after the jump-off for the last place Top Ten, or the Champion, tied horses will jump again over the same jump-off course which may be raised or shortened. Time decides any equality of faults until ties are broken.
7. Time Allowed.
  - a. Time allowed to complete the course must be announced before the class starts.
  - b. The time allowed is based on a speed of 382 yards per minute (360 yd/mi in very small or indoor arenas). In all jumper rounds one time fault will be charged for each second or fraction thereof by which the time allowed is exceeded. After the first horse has completed the course without disobedience, if the judge decides that the time allowed is inaccurate, the time may be adjusted once and announced before the next horse begins. Any entry failing to complete the course within the time limit (i.e., double time allowed to complete the course) is eliminated. The competitor's time should be announced. (BOD 2/04)
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. Markers shall not be used. The Arabian Division does not allow riders to exchange horses. Judging is based 50% on rail work and 50% on individual work out.
7. Reining Seat. For Championship classes, the 13 and Under and the 14-17 Reining Seat Equitation Division shall require all contestants to perform both the rail work and a Reining pattern as outlined in USEF Reining, and EC equivalent.
8. Hunter Seat Over Obstacles. In Hunter Seat Equitation Over Obstacles, the top four from each judge's card are required to perform two or more tests from USEF Test 1-7, 9-15, 17-19, or EC equivalent. Only one rider per horse.
9. Hunter Seat Not To Jump. In Hunter Seat Equitation Not To Jump, all riders are required to perform the pattern. Markers shall not be used as picking the spot is part of the class. Riders 14-17 shall perform two or more individual tests from USEF Test 1-4, 8-9, 11-15, 17-19, or EC equivalent. (Res. 30-97) Riders 13 and under shall perform two or more individual tests from USEF Test 1-4, 8, or EC equivalent. (Res. 30-97)
10. Western Horsemanship. For Championship classes, all contestants are required to perform the rail work and a minimum of four test from USEF AR215. (BOD 5/06)
11. UPHA Arabian Breeds Challenge Cup. (Res. 85-94) For program rules, Refer to Article 1121.

#### ARTICLE 1337. SCORING/JUDGING CUTTING HORSE

#### ARTICLE 1336. SCORING/JUDGING EQUITATION.

1. The system of judging shall be established by the AHA Equitation Committee subject to the approval of the National Championship Show's Commissions and the AHA Board of Directors.
2. The Call Judge shall prepare in writing and have a pattern posted at least 24 hours prior to the first section of the Eliminations. Subsequent patterns are to be available immediately following the last working section of each phase.
3. The pattern must be publicly announced before the first rider begins the workout. Reasonable time will be allowed for contestants to ask questions, if necessary. Judges shall not confer with riders individually. Once the first rider begins, no more questions shall be allowed nor further instruction given. Each contestant in Championship Finals is required to perform the pattern of each phase in which the contestant is a participant.
  - a. Riders in the line-up in all seats will be excused from the ring during individual pattern work. (BOD 1/03)
4. Rail and individual work of each Championship class shall be conducted and judged as one entire class, even though rail work may be divided. If a Championship class is divided into phases or sections, each phase or section shall be conducted and judged as a whole. An equitation class will begin when the last horse enters the arena (and the gate is closed) whether that be for instructions or rail.
  - a. Once the class has begun, no individual shall ride or in any way school an entered horse unless that individual is the person entered on and showing said horse.
  - b. Once the class has begun, no equipment may be added or interchanged except that permitted by an individual seat.
5. Rail work shall consist of no more than 25 entries in one group. Division shall be made by assigning each consecutive entry to one of as many different groups as may be required.
1. All Cutting Horse classes shall be judged in accordance with the TACHA and the NCHA rules.
2. In the Open with 20 or fewer entries and Non-Pro classes, there will be two go-rounds. All horses will go forward to compete in all sections or go-rounds
  - a. The first go-round will be the Semi-Final.
  - b. The second go-round will be the Final, and the 10 horses or one-half of those competing (rounded-up); with the highest combined scores will be named Top Ten, Reserve Champion and Champion. (Non-working finals)
3. In the Open classes and the Non-Pro classes with 21 or more entries, there will be three go-rounds. All horses will go forward to compete in all sections or go-rounds
  - a. The first go-round will be the Preliminary section.
  - b. The second go-round will be the Semi-Finals.
  - c. The third go-round will be the Final, and the ten horses or one-half of those competing (rounded-up) with the highest combined scores accumulated will be named Top Ten, Reserve Champion and Champion. (Non-working finals)
4. Ties in Cutting Horse classes for Champion, Reserve Champion, or the last place of the placings shall be resolved as follows:
  - a. Go to Number One Judge's total scores for that class.
  - b. If tie persists, go to Number One Judge's scores in the Final go-round for that class.
  - c. If tie continues, use a work-off.
  - d. Repeat if necessary.
5. The Cutting Horse Futurity classes (Open and Non-Pro) shall have two go-rounds and a working Finals. The horses with the highest combined scores accumulated in the go-rounds will compete in the Finals; the number of horses going to the Finals shall be one half the number rounded up of the number of entries, not to exceed ten. Accumulated scores of the two go-

rounds plus finals will determine the winners. (BOD 2/04, BOD 11/04)

#### ARTICLE 1338. SCORING/JUDGING REINING HORSE.

1. U.S. Nationals
  - a. In Reining classes having no more than 20 entries, the first section shall be a Semi-Final. The ten horses or one-half of those competing (rounded up) with the highest total scores shall be named Top Ten and advance to the Finals.
  - b. In Reining classes having more than 20 entries, the first section will be a Preliminary section, and the 20 horses with the highest scores will advance to the Semi-Final. All ties for 20th place will advance.
2. Canadian Nationals and Youth Nationals
  - a. In Reining classes having no more than 30 entries, the first section shall be a Semi-Final. The ten horses or one-half of those competing (rounded up) with the highest total scores shall be named Top Ten and advance to the Finals.
  - b. In Reining classes having more than 30 entries, the first section will be a Preliminary section, and the 20 horses with the highest scores will advance to the Semi-Final. All ties for 20th place will advance.
3. All individual judges are required to announce the scores of each horse immediately following the work of that horse and prior to the work of the subsequent horses.
4. All scores awarded in the Preliminary and Semi-Finals sections shall be cumulative, and the total shall determine (1) the Top Ten. Work orders shall be drawn in all sections.
5. The Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected from those Top Ten horses working in the final section. The Champion will be the horse awarded the highest score in the final section. The Reserve Champion will be the horse awarded the second highest score in the final section. No scores from the preceding works will be considered in the finals section.
6. When more than one judge is used, scores will be totaled to determine the placings of the class. (Refer to Article 1316.5., 6., 7.) When one judge is used, their score will place the class. Ties for Champion, Reserve Champion, and 10th in a Top Ten class will be worked off using the same pattern, order of go, and scoring technique as was used in the event. If a tie still persists. See USEF AR192.3. (See 2005 USEF Rule Book)
7. Reining Horse classes will be video taped. This will be done in accordance with USEF/EC rules.

#### ARTICLE 1339. SCORING/JUDGING WORKING COW HORSE.

##### FIRST GO-ROUND/SEMI-FINAL

1. The first go-round shall be the Semi-Final. The order of go will be drawn. The Show Management shall announce to the exhibitors a specified time and place that the drawing will occur. Management will have numbers in the class in a basket (i.e. hat or something similar). At the announced specified time that the draw will take place all exhibitors wishing to make their own draw will assemble with the management. Management will call, in program order, the exhibitors with multiple horses, and these exhibitors will draw first. Exhibitors with multiple horses will not be back to back, where total number of horses entered will permit. If one exhibitor with multiple horses draws back to back, the exhibitor puts the last number drawn back in the hat and re-draws. The management will then call the remaining exhibitors in program order, to draw from the hat. No horse shall perform as the first horse in more than one class (go-round/section) per competition unless there are more classes than horses. If a horse drawn first for the second time, exhibitor puts the number back and re-draws. The number drawn will be that exhibitor's order of go. NO CHANGES except the Management reserves the right to

alter the order of go if such operation is in the best interest of the show. Management will draw for those exhibitors who do not appear for the announced drawing.

2. The order of go will be posted at least one hour before the start of the class.
3. All individual judges are required to announce the scores of each horse immediately following the work of that horse and prior to the work of subsequent horses.
4. The ten horses or one-half of those competing (rounded-up) with the highest total scores shall be named Top Ten and advance to the Finals.
5. All ties for 10th place in a Top Ten will be worked off using the same pattern and order of go. If a tie still persists the tie will be broken by a flip of a coin in the presence of the Show Steward (BOD 8-04)

##### FINALS:

6. The order of go will be drawn. When more than one judge is used scores will be totaled to determine the placing of the class. When five judges are used, one high and one low score will be eliminated and the remaining three scores will be totaled to determine the placing of the class. When one judge is used, their score will place the class. Ties for Champion and Reserve Champion will be worked off using the same pattern and order of go. If a tie still persists for Reserve Champion, the tie will be broken by a flip of a coin in the presence of the Show Steward. If a tie for Champion still persists the tied exhibitors will be named Co-Champions and all applicable monies will be split. A coin may be flipped to determine distribution of awards. (BOD 8-04)
7. All individual judges are required to announce the scores of each horse immediately following the work of that horse and prior to the work of subsequent horses.
8. The Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected from those Top Ten horses working in the final section. The Champion will be the horse awarded the highest score in the final section. The Reserve Champion will be the Horse awarded the second highest score in the final section. No scores from the preceding works will be considered in the finals section. (BOD 11/04)

#### ARTICLE 1340. SCORING/JUDGING NATIONAL REINED COW HORSE. (BOD 8/06)

1. To be eligible each exhibitor must properly enter a Reining class AND the corresponding Working Cow class. (Example: PB Open Reining with PB Open Working Cow)
2. Each exhibitor must be properly qualified in both events under AHA rules.
3. Each exhibitor must pay a class entry fee, office fee and recording fee.
4. Only one horse/rider combination will be allowed per entry. Any exhibitor may enter more than one horse.
5. Titles will be awarded by highest accumulative of the two (Reining/Cow work) FIRST GO ROUND scores.
6. National Champion, Reserve National Champion and a Top Ten will be named in each class. Only enough Top Ten awards will be given to equal one half of the class, rounded up and not to exceed ten.
7. In the event of a tie for Champion or Top Ten, the horse with the highest fence score will be named the winner. Should those horses have the same fence score, the highest reined score would then determine the winner. In the unlikely event that both the fence and reined scores are the same, the horses would then be named Co-Champions (or additional Top Ten).
8. All other AHA/USEF rules to apply.

#### **ARTICLE 1341. SCORING/JUDGING TRAIL HORSE.**

1. National Championship Shows must use the Trail Scoring System as defined by USEF rules.
2. U.S. Nationals, Canadian Nationals and Youth Nationals  
The first section shall be a Semi-Final. The ten horses or one-half of those competing (rounded up) with the highest total scores shall be named Top Ten and advance to the Finals. In the Semi-Final section, order to go will be determined by draw. (See USEF Rules)
3. All individual judges are required to announce the scores of each horse immediately following the work of that horse and prior to the work of the subsequent horses.
4. The total score of the Semi-Final shall determine (1) the Top Ten, and (2) the order of work in the Final section. The Top Ten horse receiving the highest score will work last. The next highest will work next to last, etc.
5. The Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected from those Top Ten horses working in the final section. The Champion will be the horse awarded the highest score in the final section. The Reserve Champion will be the horse awarded the second highest score in the final section. No scores from the preceding works will be considered in the final section.
6. When more than one judge is used, scores will be totaled to determine the placings of the class. When five judges are used, one high and one low score will be eliminated and the remaining three scores will be totaled to determine the placing of the class. When one judge is used, their score will place the class. Ties for Champion, Reserve Champion, and 10th in a Top Ten class will be worked off using the same pattern, order of go. If a tie still persists for Reserve Champion or Top Ten, the tie will be broken by a flip of a coin in the presence of the Show Steward. If a tie for Champion still persists the tied exhibitors will be named Co-Champions and all applicable monies will be split. A coin may be flipped to determine distribution of awards. (BOD 8/04)

#### **ARTICLE 1342. SCORING/JUDGING HUNTER HACK (BOD 5/02)**

1. Hunter Hack Championship classes shall consist of flat work and two fences as per USEF specifications. All horses in each section shall be required to jump two fences and do the flat work even if class is split into preliminaries and/or elimination rounds due to size. (For rules on dividing classes, see Articles 1327. – 1330.)
2. In Preliminary and Elimination sections the judges will rank 9 horses and the top 8 will move forward.
3. In the Semi-Final/Finals all judges will rank 11 horses and the Top Ten and a Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded.
4. If there are fewer than 20 horses in the Semi-Final/Finals see Article 1323.
5. If there are multiple judges, the Show Commission may determine which scoring system is to be used out of those listed in Articles 1125. –1129 and providing it is listed in the prize list.

#### **ARTICLE 1343. SCORING/JUDGING SPORT HORSE (BOD 5/02)**

1. Sport Horse In-Hand Classes shall be scored and judged in accordance with USEF rules. The AHA Sport Horse In-Hand Score Sheets shall be utilized.
2. Sport Horse Under Saddle Classes
  - a. In Preliminary and Elimination sections the judges will rank 9 horses and the top 8 will move forward.
  - b. In the Semi-Final/Finals all judges will rank 11 horses and the Top Ten and a Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded.
  - c. If there are fewer than 20 horses in the Semi-Final/Finals see Article 1323.

- d. If there are multiple judges, the Show Commission may determine which scoring system is to be used out of those listed in Articles 1125. –1129 and providing it is listed in the prize list.

#### **ARTICLE 1344. CONFLICTS.**

1. The National Championship Shows will be run in accordance with policies and procedures as stated in the AHA Handbook and as determined by the said National Championship Show Commission and the USEF/EC rules.
2. All classes are to be conducted in accordance with the rules of AHA and the USEF or the EC, whichever shall prevail.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **ARTICLE 1345. THE NATIONAL YEARLING BREEDERS SWEEPSTAKES JACKPOT CLASSES.**

1. National Yearling Breeders Sweepstakes Jackpot Classes Offered:
  - a. Arabian Yearling Fillies
  - b. Arabian Yearling Colt/Geldings
  - c. Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Yearling Fillies
  - d. Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Yearling Colt/Geldings
2. Judging System.
  - a. The judging system used will be the current AHA system utilized at the U.S. National Championship Horse Show. The filly classes will be judged by the judges judging the stallion halter class. The colt/gelding classes will be judged by the judges judging the mare halter class.
  - b. In the Final sections, after the judges' cards have been handed in, the number one judge will come forward and his/her Top Ten placings will be called out and those yearlings will step forward in placement order from the line-up. The number two judge will then come forward and his/her Top Ten placings will be called out and those yearlings will step forward in placement order from the line-up and so forth until all judges have had his/her placings announced in like manner. Upon completion of the above, the yearlings will exit the ring and re-enter as called for the final Top Ten, Champion and Reserve Champion of the class.
  - c. Class participants will be subject to AHA/USEF Arabian Division Rules.
3. Jackpot Fee. The jackpot fee for each entry into the U.S. National yearling class shall be \$250. All other National entry fees must be paid for each entry, such as: class entry fee, stall fee, office fee, etc.
4. Prize Money at U.S. National Championship Show.
  - a. Jackpot prize money will be the Jackpot fees paid into each U.S. National Championship class.
    - 1) Jackpot fees will go into the jackpot for the class that horse is entered in (i.e. \$250 fee paid for an Arabian colt will go into the jackpot for the Arabian Yearling Colt/Gelding class).
  - b. Bonus prize money will be the interest earned from the donated ABS Nominated Sires Silent Stallion Service Auction restricted fund which includes any other additional outside funding.
    - 1) The number of Arabian Yearling Breeders Sweepstakes Regional entries and the number of Half-Arabian Yearling Breeders Sweepstakes Regional entries will be used to determine the percentage of bonus prize money to be paid to each

breed division which will then be divided equally between their classes.

- c. Jackpot prize money for each class and the divided bonus prize money will be combined and paid at the U.S. National Championship Show as follows: Champion-25%, Reserve Champion-15%, and remaining Top Ten-7.5% each.
- d. Refer to Sweepstakes Chapter 18 for Allocated Prize Money payout.
- e. Refer to Article 1717 for qualifications.

**ARTICLE 1346. THE AHA CANADIAN NATIONAL ARABIAN GELDING, FILLY & COLT 2-YEAR-OLD JACKPOT CLASSES.**

1. Judging System
  - a. The judging system used will be the current AHA system utilized at the Canadian National Championship Horse Show. The judges used for the breeding classes will judge these classes respectively.
2. Class participants will be subject to EC/AHA Arabian Division Rules.
3. Refer to Article 1717 for qualifications.

**ARTICLE 1347. THE AHA SPORT HORSE NATIONAL ARABIAN GELDING, FILLY & COLT 2-YEAR-OLD JACKPOT CLASSES.**

1. Judging System
  - a. The judging system used will be the current AHA system utilized at the Sport Horse National Championship Horse Show. The judges used for the in-hand classes will judge these classes respectively.
2. Class participants will be subject to AHA/USEF Arabian Division Rules.
3. Refer to Article 1717 for qualifications.