
RESOLUTION # 10-15

SUBJECT: Performance Halter Requirements (USEF/EC)

SUBMITTED BY: Competition Advisory Committee

TYPE: Standard

Whereas, Many breeders of Arabian and Half-Arabian /Anglo-Arabian horses breed specifically for performance abilities, and

Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, evaluation and rewarding of excellence in conformation and structure can improve both the capability and durability of our performance horses, and

Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, there is a need for in-hand classes, open to all divisions, and judged by approved Arabian judges, with the goal of evaluating the breed character and athletic potential of the horses shown, and

Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, horses being shown in performance are often engaged in physical activities at shows such as lessons, training, and showing in multiple performance classes, that make the energy level required for a traditional Arabian halter presentation impractical, and

Whereas, Approved shows are already offering such classes; there is a need for uniformity of rules and procedures, and

Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, approved shows will benefit financially from having halter classes available for horses already competing in performance divisions,

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 riding 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 Education/Evaluation Commission has the authority to create and modify the Performance Halter Score Card to meet the needs of this class.

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