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### Rule Change Intent

The addition of Ranch Horse Riding has proven to be very popular in the Arabian industry. The Ranch Horse grouping of classes has become very popular in the working western industry as a whole among the other breeds and there is a great interest for expansion of this division in the Arabian breed. It is in the best interest of our breed and the AHA to facilitate classes that increase participation and marketability of Arabian and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian horses. AHA is proposing to add a new section AR226 Ranch Horse Conformation which will be located under AR-26 Subchapter and the remaining Subsections be renumbered accordingly.

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### Linked Rules

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AR229 Ranch Horse Conformation

1. GENERAL INFORMATION: The purpose of Arabian Ranch Horse Conformation is to preserve Arabian type and conformation best suited to the function of a natural ranch horse. Selection is based upon well-mannered individuals in the order of their resemblance to the breed ideal that possess the most positive combination of balance, structural correctness, and movement. Individuals should possess appropriate breed and sex characteristics with adequate muscling. The ideal Arabian ranch horse should have a natural ranch horse appearance from head to tail.

2. CONDUCT: To be eligible to compete in the ranch horse conformation class the horse must be entered, shown, and judged in at least one riding class in the Ranch division at that show. Horses must be at least 3 years of age. Horses in each division may be shown together as one class or divided into Purebred, Half-Arabian, Stallions, Mares, Geldings, Open, Amateur, Youth, or in any combination deemed appropriate by show management. All stallions shall be examined to confirm that they have two visible testicles. All stallions and mares shall be examined for over-shot and under-shot mouth. If examination reveals that a horse is a cryptorchid or has an over-/under-shot mouth, the judge shall not use such horse in the final placings of the class.

3. APPOINTMENTS: Horses are to be shown in a good working halter: rope, braided, nylon or plain leather. Any horse shown in the ranch horse conformation class may not be shown with a lip cord/chain, however a lead shank with an attached chain may be used under the chin.
   a. No whips, nor any other attention getting devices (i.e. treats, candy) are permitted.
   b. For rules regarding correct western attire refer to AR144.3.

4. CLASS SPECIFICATIONS:
   a. Each horse enters the arena and walks towards the judge. As the horse approaches, the judge will step to the right to enable the horse to trot straight to a cone placed 50 feet away. At the cone, the horse will continue trotting, turn to the left and trot toward the left wall or fence of the arena. After trotting, horses will be lined up head to tail for individual inspection by the judge. No hard stand-up is permitted. The judge(s) shall inspect each horse from both sides, front and rear and place the horses in order of preference.
   b. Exhibitors may qualify and show more than one horse in ranch horse conformation classes. Once a horse has entered the arena and been trotted for the judge, a designated handler may hold the horse in line-up while that exhibitor shows additional horses.
   c. Any person designated as a handler must also be an exhibitor at same show.
   d. Back tag with horse’s entry number remains with the horse.
   e. In order to earn the title of Arabian (or Half-Arabian) All-Around Ranch Horse a horse must show in a Ranch Horse Conformation class.

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6. Award Categories. National and Regional awards will be awarded in the following categories: Working Western Horse—includes Trail, In-Hand Trail, Reining, Working Cowhorse, Cutting and Western Riding, all Ranch classes.
Horse Riding, one award category;