A majority of all AHA Rated and AHA Value Shows employ "R" Arabian Judges, and it becomes financially impossible for most shows to include Sport Horse classes as they are required to hire an additional judge with all the expenses entailed. Since a majority of all AHA Rated and AHA Value shows already employ "R" Arabian Judges, this change will encourage them to be more likely to offer Sport Horse classes since they will already have a judge on staff who can officiate these classes. Additionally, the Sport Horse breeding classes will in turn also be more likely to be held in the main arena which will be motivation to the competitors to support these classes. This proposal will ensure that competitors will be adjudicated by a Judge trained specifically in Sport Horse. This will allow for the first time, Arabian Judges to Judge Arabian Sport Horses.

Western Dressage judges use the same scoring methods and system as Dressage judges, and many Western Dressage judges are also accredited Arabian or other breed judges. It would be beneficial for clubs to be able to hire one judge who could also serve as a Sport Horse judge even if they did not offer Dressage classes. Currently in order to include Sport horse in Hand and Under saddle classes requires the hiring of a second judge for those classes and it would be beneficial to many shows to be able to offer some classes without the expense of a second judge. AHA requests adding a "R" WD carded judge to the list of who may officiate Arabian Sport Horse classes.

AHA is the body upon which Equestrian Canada depends for the training, testing and ongoing education of Arabian horse show judges. It is critical for AHA to maintain equity for Arabian judges licensed by USEF and EC. The movement of our Arabian judges across the borders of our two countries to judge our shows is imperative, and we have many judges who are licensed in more than one division, as well as the Arabian Division. AHA requests that Senior EC judges who are licensed in Dressage or Hunter, or Jumper divisions as well as in the Arabian breed be permitted to judge Arabian Sport Horse classes at Federation licensed competitions when a guest card is obtained.
1. A judge licensed in a division restricted to one breed may judge all classes restricted to entries of that breed even though he may not be licensed in the divisions for all types of classes offered. Exceptions:
   a. A licensed Dressage judge must judge Dressage classes.
   b. Sport Horse classes in the Arabian, Half-Arabian and Anglo/Arabian Division must be judged by: (i) Federation licensed Dressage Sport Horse Breeding (DSHB) judges, or (ii) Federation Hunter Breeding judges, (iii) Federation ‘R’ Western Dressage judges, or a (iv) Federation or Senior Equestrian Canada judges licensed in Arabian, Dressage, Hunter, or Jumper divisions. A guest card is not required for Federation licensed DSHB, Hunter Breeding, Dressage, Hunter, or Jumper judges. A guest card is required for Senior Equestrian Canada Arabian, Dressage, Hunter, or Jumper judges.