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Rule Change Intent

The intent of this proposal is to add Western Dressage to the list of different disciplines which describe breeding type of a Sport Horse in the Arabian/Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian breed.

History: Western Dressage was not an organized discipline when the AHA Sport Horse division was created. Western Dressage is currently one of the fastest growing equine disciplines in the world, as is Subchapter AR-27 in the Arabian Rules. The Western Dressage National Championship classes have always been held at the AHA Sport Horse National Show, and the Western Dressage chapter in the USEF rule book states : WD101 Goals and Objectives The goal of Western Dressage is to develop a partnership between a happy equine athlete working in harmony with his rider. A system of progressive training produces a horse that is physically strong, balanced, supple, and flexible; this equine athlete also demonstrates a calm, confident, attentive attitude and is happy to do his job. 1. A Western Dressage horse achieves this goal by using the principles of classical dressage training while emphasizing the lightness and harmony with the rider which is a hallmark of a Western Dressage horse.

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Linked Rules

Comments

Committee Actions

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SUBCHAPTER AR-17 SPORT HORSE SECTION

AR174 Purpose

The Sport Horse section was developed to evaluate and encourage the breeding of Purebred Arabian and Half Arabian/Anglo-Arabian horses suitable for Dressage, **Western Dressage**, Working Hunter, Eventing, Jumper, Carriage Pleasure Driving, Combined Driving, Racing, Competitive Trail and Endurance, and to provide an opportunity to demonstrate the effectiveness of breeding programs. Form to function will be emphasized.

A Western Dressage horse, if shown in Sport Horse In Hand or in Sport Horse Under Saddle, must conform to the appointment rules listed in AR-17 for those classes.

Please see GR1005.1 for Sport Horse judging and guest card requirements. DR126.1.d.1(exception Arabian Sport Horse Classes). In the event that a Competition Management intends to schedule a Dressage Judge outside of the limitations of DR126.1d.1-2, it must be specifically noted in the contract. Management must also specify in the contract which classes the Dressage judge is contracted to judge, i.e. Dressage and/or Sport Horse. Management and the Dressage judge must agree upon the contract provisions, to eligible overtime and compensation; both Management and the Dressage judge must sign and date the contract.