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## Rule Change Intent

The intent of this proposal is to allow a continual piece of lead attached to the pad and not exceeding five (5) ounces in weight to the Arabian shoeing regulation rules,

The purpose of shoeing regulations and restrictions is to protect the health and well-being of our horses, while maintaining a level playing field and the integrity of the sport. The ability to balance and support our horses properly is paramount. The use of a bar, which must be attached to the shoe and meet the gauge restrictions, can be very expensive to custom make and often requires a horse be shod more frequently to save the custom shoes for competitions. There is an easier and less expensive solution to balancing movement by using a piece of lead attached to a pad, that can be easily attached and removed before and after each class or work session. The use of lead is an option for balancing the hoof that is simple, safe, and less expensive than the custom shoeing costs; and this less expensive option may encourage more participation due to the money saved. Establishing a five-ounce limit will ensure that using lead will not be heavier than using a bar. The ability to attach and easily remove a piece of lead to the pad for training or competition purposes is just one more option to shoe the horse which is being advocated by Owners, Trainers, Farriers, and Veterinarians.

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## Linked Rules

## Comments

## Committee Actions

Nat'l Breed &amp; Disciplines Council - Advisory

## SUBCHAPTER AR-1 GENERAL SECTION

### AR106 Shoeing Regulations, Artificial Markings and Appliances

1. Any machine made shoe (keg), or handmade shoe made of magnetic steel, mild steel, aluminum, rubber or other non-metallic shoe is allowed. Shoes made of tungsten carbide are prohibited.
  - a. No part of the shoe may exceed the dimensions of 3/8 inch thick by 1 1/8 inches wide (nail heads and/or toe clips are not considered when measuring the shoe). Aluminum, rubber or other non-metallic shoes are exempt from the dimension requirements.
  - b. In the case of a bar shoe, there may be only one bar, which must be either a straight bar, or an egg bar.
    1. A straight bar can be located anywhere within the circumference of the shoe.
    2. The egg bar is defined as an uninterrupted, oval shaped shoe.
    3. A bar is part of the shoe and must not exceed the dimensions of 3/8" thick by 1 1/8" wide at any point on the shoe, nor may the bar extend below the ground surface of the shoe.
    4. ***There may be one continual piece of lead attached to the pad. The lead must be attached to the pad anywhere inside the circumference of the shoe and must not exceed the thickness of the shoe. The lead must be attached by either nails or screws. The lead must not exceed five (5) ounces in weight. No bar is permitted on the same foot if lead is used.***
  - c. If a shoe band is used, it may be attached to either the shoe, or the pad if present.
2. Shoeing restrictions based on age of horse or class in which exhibited.
  - a. Horses less than two years of age must be shown barefoot.
  - b. Horses two years of age may be shown with a shoe in accordance with AR106.1 However, the use of a bar shoe, or pad(s) of any type or configuration between hoof and shoe is strictly prohibited.
  - c. Horses three years old, may not have any type of bar shoe ***or lead***.
3. Maximum overall length of toe is:
  - a. 4 3/4 inches for purebred Arabians.
  - b. 5 1/4 inches for Half-Arabians and Anglo- Arabians.
  - c. The overall length of toe includes shoes and any pad(s) present.
4. Method of measuring toe, shoe, and pad, ***and lead***.
  - a. Using a six (6) inch metal ruler, the length of the toe is determined by measuring the front of the hoof, in the center, from the hairline to the ground. Hairline is considered the origin of the hair at the coronet band.
  - b. Shoes are measured with an accurate gauge.
  - c. ***Lead is weighed with a calibrated scale, which must be provided by show management.***
5. Pads.
  - a. The use of pad(s) (either full or partial, including rim) made of rubber, leather or plastic, is allowed.
  - b. The introduction of a foreign material within, attached to, or between the pad(s), between the pad and the shoe, between the pad and hoof or in conjunction with the pad or shoe (other than accepted packing material such as oakum, pine tar, silicone, foam rubber etc.) designed to add additional weight or enhance action is strictly prohibited. ***A piece of lead, five (5) ounces or less, attached to the pad is not considered foreign material.***
  - c. Material with anti-concussive qualities (such as rubber, silicone, latex, etc.) may be used between the pad and hoof for additional support, provided such material does not extend beyond the inner rim (edge) of the shoe.
6. At the discretion of a judge or a steward officiating at a licensed Arabian competition, or Arabian classes in any Federation Licensed Competition, or at the request of the Show Committee (See GR1201 License - Operation of Competition) inspection of shoes, pad(s) and/or hoof length may be required.
  - a. Inspection shall include measuring the shoe, measurement of hoof length, and in the case of the presence of a pad, inspection of the pad(s), ***and weighing of lead***.
  - b. Inspection may include but is not limited to, visual, x-ray, metal scan, or manual separation of pads, ***and weighing of lead***.
  - c. Shoes and pads, if present, cast after entering or before exiting the arena in any class, not exempt from shoeing regulations, shall be inspected as described above by a licensed steward or judge officiating at the competition. ***If lead is attached or has separated from the cast shoe/pad, it must be weighed. Show management must determine the location and timing of weighing and consistently apply it at the entire competition.***
  - d. Any trainer, exhibitor and/or agent of a horse subject to the inspection each may request to be present and

heard while said inspection is being performed by said licensed official(s).

e. Prior to any disqualification and/or other penalties imposed on a horse at a competition, the inspecting officials shall make reasonable efforts to notify and have present, the owner(s) and trainer(s) of said horse, or agent(s) at the inspection.

f. The inspecting officials shall take possession of any shoe, and/or pad(s) and measure the shoe with an accurate gauge and inspect pad(s). ***If lead is cast, the inspecting official must take possession of the lead. If the lead remains attached, the horse must report upon exiting the ring to an inspecting official (s) for the lead to be weighed if it has not already been weighed in the ring.*** Measurement of hoof length shall be made in accordance with AR106.4 Method of Measuring Toe and Shoe.

g. In the event that the inspecting officials find a violation of the shoe measurement, hoof length and/or pad(s), ***and lead*** rules the horse shall be disqualified for the remainder of the competition, and the owner shall be required to forfeit all prize money, sweepstakes and trophies, entry fees, ribbons, and points won at said competition by said horse.

h. Additionally, any forbidden foreign material found within, attached to, or between the pad and the shoe, between the pad and hoof, or in conjunction with the pad or shoe is in violation of AR106.5b. The steward shall report the alleged rule violation to the Federation. The trainer and/or owner may be subject to disciplinary action.

1. In the event the Hearing Committee determines a violation has occurred, the trainer, owner and/or their agents each shall be subject to any and all penalties imposed by the Hearing Committee at its discretion pursuant to Chapter 7, including suspensions, fines, and the revocation and redistribution of winnings. Notice or notices of which shall be published on the Federation's website. The suggested penalty is a minimum of 30 days and a maximum of one year suspension. Subsequent violations of this rule by any individuals/entities shall be subject to such greater penalties as determined at the discretion of the Hearing Committee.

2. The horse and/or the owner may be suspended for any period of time specified by the Hearing Committee.