

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
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## Rule Change Intent

This proposal will define and reorganize the scoring and tie breaking rules for the Regional and National levels of competition when a one-judge vs two-judge system is utilized. The current system reflects the process used by USDF which works better for smaller sized classes. This change will allow for larger classes to conclude in a more timely manner.

History: The current Dressage Seat Equitation rules for Nationals state that the judges must consult to arrive at a final score together. This is quite a cumbersome process at the end of a large class, with as many as 10 – 25 exhibitors per class in the recent years. This process causes the exhibitors to wait on their horses for an extra 20+ minutes, often in the heat. The current process does follow the open dressage rules but in researching the USDF Regional shows, most of them had less than 10 riders in the class, often less than 5. With fewer riders the current process would be much easier. Therefore, the only show where judges would get experience with using this format with a larger class, would be the select few 'S' judges that judge this class for the Dressage Seat Medal Finals at Festival of Champions where they typically have 10-18 riders.

## Proponent Details

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## Linked Rules

## Comments

## Committee Actions

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## SUBCHAPTER AR-29 EQUITATION SECTION

### AR254 Dressage Seat Equitation

3. At AHA National Championships, two **(2)** Federation Registered (R) or Senior (S) judges will officiate each **with their own scribe** together, using scribes and the same class score sheet. Judges should evaluate riders separately from different positions in the ring. ~~and then all judges must consult together prior to arriving at final scores.~~ **Scores from both judges will be added together to obtain the total score for each rider. The rider with the highest total score will be named Champion; the rider with the second highest total score will be named Reserve Champion, etc., until all placings have been filled.**

**a. If a two-judge system is used in a qualifying or Regional Show, the two-judge scoring system will be used as notated above.**

#### **4. Dressage Seat Equitation Score Sheets:**

**a. Federation Dressage Seat Equitation class score sheets must be used in qualifying and Regional Championship classes. For Regional championships, ties for Champion, Reserve, or 5th in the Top Five will be broken by the judge. If a two-judge scoring system is used, ties will be broken as prescribed in AR254.4.b.**

**b. In National Championship classes, the USEF Dressage Seat Medal class score sheet must be used to record the final scores from each judge, which will determine placings for each judge.** The final score for each rider must be posted at the conclusion of the class. Ties for Champion, Reserve, 10th in the Top Ten at National Championships or 5th in the Top Five at Regional Championship will be broken by the judges **consulting the Call Judge's card. The rider placing highest on the Call Judge's card will place above the other rider in the tie. In the event there is a tie within the Call judge's own scores, the Call judge will, at their discretion, break their tie for those placings mentioned above.**

**c. The final scores for each rider must be posted at the conclusion of the class.**

## SUBCHAPTER AR-16 DRESSAGE SECTION

### AR172 Conduct

**1. For Dressage Seat Equitation, see AR254 regarding judging and scoring procedures for the class.**

**2. 4. Dressage classes held in the Arabian Division to be conducted in accordance with Dressage Chapter DR, except as stated herein:**

**\*\*continue with re-numbering where needed\*\***