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Rule Change Intent

A majority of all USEF licensed competitions restricted to the Arabian breed (not including Regional and Nationals) employ "R" Arabian Judges, 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. A majority of all USEF licensed competitions restricted to the Arabian breed (not including Regional and Nationals) already employ "R" Arabian Judges, this 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. 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.

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Linked Rules

Comments

Committee Actions

Arabian

Licensed Officials

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Nat'l Breed & Disciplines Council - Advisory

1. A judge licensed in a division restricted to one breed may judge all classes restricted to entries of that breed even though the judge 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, see must be judged by:
~~Federation licensed Dressage Sport Horse Breeding (DSHB) or Hunter Breeding judges, or a Federation or Senior Equestrian Canada judge licensed in 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 Dressage, Hunter, or Jumper judges.~~
 - 1. Federation licensed Dressage Judge, Dressage Sport Horse Breeding Judge, Hunter or Jumper Judge, or**
 - 2. Senior Equestrian Canada Dressage, Hunter, or Jumper Judge with a Guest Card, or**
 - 3. Senior EC licensed Arabian Judge with an AHA Sport Horse Specialty Card and a Guest Card at non-Regional Championships or non-National Championship competitions, or**
 - 4. Federation Arabian Judge with an AHA Sport Horse Specialty Card at non-Regional Championship or non-National Championship competitions, or**
 - 5. Dually licensed Senior Equestrian Canada Arabian Judge, who also holds an EC Dressage, Hunter, or Jumper license (of any license level), with a Guest Card.**
 - c. Refer to GR1005.33 for Western Dressage.
2. In competitions restricted to entries of one breed, (i.e. Arabian, Morgan, Friesian), a judge licensed in a specific division (i.e. Hunter, Saddle Seat Equitation, Reining) may officiate the sections at that competition in which they are licensed. In this case, a guest card is not required, nor is a Special Judges card required for recorded judges licensed in a specific division in order to judge these classes.
3. The following individuals shall comply with the background check and training requirements of USEF Safe Sport Policy:
 - a. All Federation Licensed Officials, including Guest Judges, Certified Eventing Cross Country Course Designers, and Certified Schooling Supervisors;
 - b. All individuals seeking FEI licensure through the Federation; and
 - c. Current Federation FEI officials.
4. It is the responsibility of the Licensed Official to ensure that they are eligible to officiate by complying with all licensure and memberships requirements prior to first day of competition.
8. Arabian
 - a. U.S. Regional Shows, Pacific Slope Championships, East Coast Championships, East and West Canadian Breeders Championships, and U. S. National Championship classes must be judged by a Federation Registered ('R) Arabian Division judge or Equestrian Canada Senior judge who is on the AHA Recognized Judges List as an accredited National/ Regional judge. Exception: AHA "Specialty" classes: Working Hunter, Jumper, Cutting, Dressage, Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation, Reining, Working Cow, Reined Cow Horse, Trail, Carriage Driving, and Sport Horse. Detailed specifications for these sections can be found in the AHA Handbook.
 - b. There is no limit to the number of Guest Cards an official may receive for Arabian Specialty carded judges (i.e. Reining, Working Cow Horse, Trail).
 - c. There is no limit to the number of Guest Cards an official may receive for Arabian foreign experts.
 - d. Breeding/gelding in-hand - Guest cards will only be granted to foreign breeding experts and/or those holding a Specialty Card with the Arabian Horse Association. A list of foreign experts will be maintained by the Federation Licensed Officials Department.
 - e. Reining – Judges licensed by the National Reining Horse Association (NRHA) and/or the National Reined Cow Horse Association (NRCHA) and/or those holding a Specialty Card with the Arabian Horse Association may officiate in Reining classes with a Guest Card.
 - f. Trail- National Reining Horse Association (NRHA), National Reined Cow Horse Association (NRCHA) judges licensed in another breed (i.e. AQHA, APHA, ApHC, etc.) and/or those holding a Specialty Card with the Arabian Horse Association are allowed a Guest Card. Guest Cards are not required for Trail Course Designers (see AR237).
 - g. Working/Reined Cow Horse Classes- National Reining Horse Association (NRHA), National Reined Cow Horse Association (NRCHA) judges licensed in another breed (i.e. AQHA, APHA, ApHC, etc.) and/or those holding a Specialty Card with the Arabian Horse Association are allowed a Guest Card.
 - h. Ranch Riding - National Reining Horse Association (NRHA), National Reined Cow Horse Association (NRCHA), judges licensed by another breed organization (i.e. AQHA, APHA, ApHC, etc.), and those holding a Specialty Card with

the Arabian Horse Association may officiate in Ranch Riding classes with a Guest Card.

i. Sport Horse – Senior Equestrian Canada judges licensed in Dressage, Hunter, or Jumper divisions may officiate with a guest card. See GR1005.1.