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Dear Mr. Morey:

Thank you for submitting a request for a Presidential Modification on behalf of the Arabian Horse Association to the application of AR247 and AR258. A Presidential Modification is granted in cases of substantial, extraordinary circumstances. When measured against that criterion, it has been determined that your request meets the standard for a Presidential Modification and is, therefore, approved.

As a result, Arabian Hunt Seat Equitation class rules will be modified as attached for the remainder of the 2023 competition year and the 2024 competition year.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Federation office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas F. X. O'Mara".

Thomas F. X. O'Mara
President

cc: William J. Moroney, CEO
Terri Dolan, National Breeds and Non-FEI Disciplines Sport Director
Nicole Zerbee, National Breeds and Disciplines Operations Manager

Attachment

SUBCHAPTER AR-29 EQUITATION SECTION

AR247 Hunter Seat Equitation

3. Hunter Seat Equitation – Not to Jump.

Horses to be shown at the Walk, Posting Trot, Sitting Trot and Canter. A lengthening or shortening of stride may be called for at any gait. Horses may be asked to back on the rail or in line up. Additional tests, EQ112~~3~~, may be called for but if the class entry is age restricted, the tests must be consistent with AHA Medal class requirements as outlined below.

a. For AHA Hunter Seat Equitation – Not to Jump Medal (13 & Under), Regional (13 & Under) and National (13 & Under). Not to Jump classes, all contestants are required to perform both the rail work and two or more individual tests from Equitation rule EQ 113, Tests ~~4-5, 7~~ **1-6, 20**.

b. For AHA Hunter Seat Equitation – Not to Jump Medal (14--18, 18 & Under and Adult), Regional (14--18, 18 & Under and Adult) and National (14 -18, 18 & Under, and Adult) Not to Jump classes, all contestants are required to perform both the rail work and two or more individual tests from Equitation rule EQ113 tests **1-6, 10-11, 13-15, 17-20** ~~4-5, 7-8, 10-16~~. Age groups will be determined by the show commission/committees and any age splits other than 13 & under and 14-18 must have the appropriate tests i.e. a 14 & Under class can only run tests **1-6, 20** ~~4-5, 7~~. ~~Exception: Test 14 may be called for only at the AHA National Competition.~~

c. All Medal, Regional and National Championship classes are a two phase class and all riders must return for additional testing to be considered for an award. For tests from which judges must choose, see EQ112~~3~~.

1. Judging is based on 50% rail work and 50% pattern work.

2. Patterns must be posted one hour before the class, 24 hours for Regional and National Championships.

3. A rider going off pattern is not eliminated from consideration for an award but must be severely penalized. 4. A Fall of horse or rider in any phase of the class is cause for elimination.

5. Specialty Classes:

AHA Hunter Seat Equitation Medal Final- 2'9" –JTR, ATR, AATR - May be held at National Championship Shows (Youth, Sport, Canada) only. Any rider qualified for the National Hunter Seat Over Obstacles Final is qualified for the Medal Final. No additional qualifications are required.

c. Only those riders who successfully complete the course (not eliminated) will return for the flat phase. All riders will work collectively on the rail and are required to be judged at the walk, working trot rising, working trot sitting and working canter, both ways of the ring. A lengthening of any gait can be called for by the judge (Call judge in a multi judge system) at their discretion. In addition, they may be required to do any of the following tests from the Federation Hunt Seat Equitation (EQ113).

d. At the completion of the Over Obstacles and Flat phase, the top 4 riders will be required to return to complete additional tests chosen by the judges. In a multi judged system, the top 4 riders will be determined by having each judge score the class and submit their results to the scorer. Once the class is scored the top 4 riders will be asked to return to the arena for individual testing. Each judge will be asked to score these four based solely on the ride off. The Champion and Reserve will be determined based on the ride off results only. The test to determine the

Champion and Reserve Champion will be determined by the Call Judge and the test will NOT be posted. The Test can be over obstacles or on the flat or a combination of any tests from the approved list. The Call Judge may consult with the other judges on the panel in determining the test. Horse/Rider combinations may be asked to remain in the ring. If they are excused from the ring, no consultation with coaches/family is permitted. This will be monitored by a Steward. If a rider does not return for testing, they will be placed at the bottom of the Top 4 for placing purposes. Tests as per EQ113.

AR258 AHA Medal Class Requirements

20. Class specification for AHA Medal classes are as follows:

a. AHA Hunter Seat Over Obstacles Medal 2'9" class

1. To be shown over a course of not fewer than 8 obstacles with fence heights of 2'9" and AHA Modified Hunter Seat Over Obstacles Medal class 2'3". To be shown over a course of not fewer than 8 obstacles with fence heights of 2'3". See AR247 for class conduct and course requirements.

2. Two or more tests of the top four contestants are required from EQ113 Tests 1-7, 9-15, 17-19 (EC equivalent).

d. AHA Hunter Seat Not to Jump Medal class 1. In addition to the rail work, all contestants are required to perform two or more tests from EQ113, 13 & Under: Tests **1-6, 20 4-5, 8**; 14-18, 18 & Under and 19 & Over: Tests **1-6, 10-11, 13-15, 17-20 4-5, 8-9, 11-15, 17-19**. Age groups will be determined by the show commission/committees and any age splits other than 13 & under and 14-18 must have the appropriate tests i.e. a 14 & Under class can only run tests **1-6, 20 4-5, 8**.