Rule	Tracking	Draft	Proposal Type	Effective Date	Proponent	Status
AR 287.9	111-25	2	Standard	12/1/2026	AHA	Approved (6/16/2026)

AR287.9 Tracking #111-25 Draft #2 Approved

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2026	4/17/2026	Approved 6/16/2026

Rule Change Intent

AHA hires some non-USEF judges at their National Shows and these judges may not be familiar with the quality of our exhibitors and therefore do not know which patterns are best for said exhibitors. The judges and the exhibitors want patterns that best fit the exhibitors skill levels. All the classes are judged by panels of up to five judges and since the call judge for a particular class may not be aware of the exhibitors' skill level, said judge may not choose the most appropriate pattern for that class. The Judges and Stewards Commissioner is familiar with the needs of the judges and exhibitors and knows the strengths of the individual judges. The National shows have a steward check the patterns for any errors before the patterns are released to the exhibitors and judges. The Nationals shows release their patterns in advance of the show so the patterns must be vetted way in advance of the shows.

(AHA Resolution 10-25)

Proponent Details

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Linked Rules

Comments

Arabian

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 03/16/2026

Draft 1: The committee recognizes that a mistake was made within the rule change and asks that a second draft is submitted to rectify the error. Patterns for National Competitions also fall within the rule for posting at least 24 hours prior.

Council - Member Services

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 06/02/2026

Draft 2: The Council agrees with the concept of this rule change but questions why there is a specific reference to Canada's National Arabian Championship in the rule since this competition is not a USEF-licensed competition.

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 05/27/2026

Licensed Officials

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 04/13/2026

Draft 1: The Committee approved of the concept of this rule change. The Committee would approve if: Canada's National Arabian Championship was removed and the 24 hour requirement for the pattern was added to the second sentence to match the Regional Championship language. Canada's National Arabian Championship is not a USEF-licensed competition so therefore requirements for that competition should not be placed in the USEF Rulebook.

Member Comments

SUBCHAPTER AR-28 EQUITATION SECTION

AR287 Regulations for All Seats

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9. At all AHA Regional ~~and AHA National~~ Competitions ***and Canada's National Arabian Championship*** the Call Judge shall prepare in writing and have a pattern posted at least 24 hours prior to the first section of the Eliminations. ***At all National Competitions, the Judges and Stewards Commissioner's office will assign which judge or group is responsible for the pattern choices.*** ***The patterns must be posted at least 24 hours prior to the first section of the Eliminations.*** Subsequent patterns are to be available immediately following the last working section of each phase. (Exception: Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences, testing of top four. In determining the Champion and Reserve Champion in the AHA Hunter Seat Equitation Medal Final, the test will not be posted in advance and will be determined by the Call Judge).

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