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## Rule Change Intent

Welfare of the Arabian horse is paramount to the Arabian Horse Association and its members, exhibitors, and owners. The Morgans, Saddlebreds, Hackneys, Roadsters, and National Show Horses all require soundness in their rules of the USEF as follows:

MO102.3 – Entries shall be serviceably sound and in good condition…

SB103.2 – All horses must be serviceably sound. In In-Hand classes for sires and dams or prospective sires and dams, transmissible unsoundness only shall be considered. Horses must not show evidence of lameness, broken wind, or complete loss of sight in both eyes.

HK102.4 – TO BE PENALIZED…Horses and ponies must be serviceably sound, i.e. must not show evidence of lameness or broken wind.

RD103.1 – Horses and ponies must be serviceably sound.

NS102.1 – Soundness is required.

It is the desire of the Arabian Division Rules Committee and our Association to ensure Arabian rules support promotion of the welfare of the horse.

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## Linked Rules

## Comments

### Arabian

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## Member Comments

SUBCHAPTER AR-1 GENERAL SECTION

AR105 Conduct, Specifications, Soundness and Welfare of the Horse

1. All horses~~, except horses entered in Sub-Chapter 28 Equitation and Sub-Chapter 29 Showmanship classes,~~ must be serviceably sound. ***Any unsound horse must be eliminated.***

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SUBCHAPTER AR-14 WORKING HUNTER SECTION

AR170 Working Hunter Championship Ties

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~~2. If all tied horses are declared unsound, selection of the winner among such tied competitors is left to the discretion of the judges~~.

SUBCHAPTER AR-17 SPORT HORSE SECTION

AR190 Sport Horse Showmanship

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2. General

(…)

~~b. Unsoundness of the horse being shown shall not penalize a handler unless it is sufficiently severe as to impair the required performance, in which case penalty is at the judge's discretion.~~

~~c~~***b***. Offering prize money in Youth Sport Horse Showmanship is prohibited.

~~d~~***c***. A minimum of six ribbons should be awarded, but no more than ten places are recommended.

~~e~~***d***. Hair must be neat and securely fastened so as not to cover the handler's number.

~~f~~***e***. The handler's number must be worn on the back and must be clearly visible. Number may be attached by string around waist or attached to shirt, jacket, or vest with magnets or safety pins.

~~g~~***f***. Excessive coaching or unauthorized assistance in any manner is subject to penalty or disqualification at the judge's discretion.

~~h~~***g***. If stallions are prohibited, it must be stated in the premium/prize list/omnibus

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SUBCHAPTER AR-28 EQUITATION SECTION

AR287 Regulations for All Seats

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5. Equitation classes must be conducted according to EQ107 and judged in accordance with EQ102.***2-12***. Exception: Western Horsemanship, Reining Seat Equitation and Dressage Seat Equitation.

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SUBCHAPTER AR-29 SHOWMANSHIP SECTION

AR300 General

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~~2. Unsoundness of the horse being shown shall not penalize a handler unless it is sufficiently severe as to impair the required performance, in which case penalty is at the judge's discretion.~~

~~3~~***2***. Offering prize money in Halter Showmanship is prohibited.

~~4~~***3***. A minimum of six ribbons should be awarded, but no more than ten places are recommended.

~~5~~***4***. A handler must wear the correct number on their back and it and must be clearly visible at all times; penalty is at judge's discretion.

~~6~~***5***. Excessive coaching or unauthorized assistance in any manner is subject to penalty or disqualification at the judge's discretion.

~~7~~***6***. It is recommended that stallions be prohibited, but it must be so stated in the prize list