



To All Region 14 Members,

July 24, 2022

I feel as your regional director; I have an obligation and responsibility to keep you informed, as to what is happening in our association.

I would like to first start with saying, it's time we apply this:

The **Golden Rule** is the principle of treating others as one wants to be treated.

- Treat others as you would like others to treat you
- Do *not* treat others in ways that you would *not* like to be treated
- What you wish upon others, you wish upon yourself
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I cannot express enough all the negativity that has taken place within our region, among our members and we **MUST** put a stop to it, with that being said we will be putting more emphasizes into place, especially for all the negativity it is causing within our region, and it will not be tolerated!

### **Have a Say-Nominate Future Officers by August 1<sup>st</sup> ....**

The Nominating Committee would like all potential officer candidates for 2022 to submit the application form to Courtney McLees, by August 1, 2022.

You may want to first review the Competency Model to become familiar with the concepts and the skill sets desired of leadership in AHA. Second, you'll want to review the Executive Committee Job Description document as it contains information that will help you understand the commitment and expectations of the leadership offices of the AHA.

Upon submission of the profile, the Nominating Committee will review the forms and take appropriate action that is consistent with an equitable presentation of eligible candidates. A decision on whether to have a candidates' forum will be predicated on the number of new candidates submitting applications. Contact Courtney McLees at (303) 696-4530 or [courtney.mclees@arabianhorses.org](mailto:courtney.mclees@arabianhorses.org) with any questions.

April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Judges and Stewards Commissioner Mary Jane Brown sent out an Eblast about social media and electronic communications, there are many topics the EEC would like to touch

on during the year, but we have chosen social media/electronic communications as our first topic. The steering committee was charged with developing a document that the officials would abide by certain directives regarding electronic communication.

We appreciate your continued support in keeping social media/electronic communication comments positive and appropriate. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Mary Jane Brown at Email: [Mary-Jane.Brown@arabianhorses.org](mailto:Mary-Jane.Brown@arabianhorses.org) or call: 720-495-0646.

The resulting electronic communication document can be found on the AHA web site.

The AHA Board of Directors recently received recommendations and made decisions at the July 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The board received an extensive presentation by the Canadian National Show Commission on entry statistics regarding the Canadian National Championship Show for 2022.

The board received the recommendation from our Budget and Finance Committee that the 2022 Canadian National Championship Show be cancelled based on the financial strain the event would post to the Association given the lower than projected levels of participation.

Entries are believed to be low due to a number of reasons, including high fuel prices and continuing vaccination requirements. The low participation threatened to devalue the competition in many categories.

We want to express a very special thank you to the individuals, businesses, clubs, sponsors and patrons for their contribution and support of the Canadian Nationals.

Ultimately, the Board after much thoughtful deliberation voted to postpone the 2022 Canadian National Championship Show.

The number of entries at close of entry deadline was 143, after receiving all mail in entries totaled 225.

Results of entries: Entry Level/Classes very low, 40% of classes with 2 or less entries, only had 1-class with a full Top Ten.

Financial results are a significant LOSS to the association, the commission and the board have a financial responsibility to the members.

Optional Discussion: Members will be given option on refund or apply to other AHA events, applies to patron sponsorships, entries into other AHA National Events, Sponsorships or Advertising.

This was a very DIFFICULT decision for all involved and all are looking to the future success of Canadian Nationals. As you know the AHA Board of Directors postponed the 2022 Canadian National Championship Show.

July 13, 2022 - Since that time the following has occurred:

- The AHA has been contacting exhibitors to address refunds for entries to Canadian Nationals and answer questions exhibitors may have regarding the show.
- The AHA Futurity Commission has made the recommendation that location of the Canadian Futurity classes for 2022 be held at the US Nationals. That recommendation is currently under review by the Board.
- The AHA has been in contact with Tex Kam, President of the Canadian Arabian Horse Registry regarding a group of individuals hosting a show in Red Deer, Alberta September 27-October 2, 2022, and future opportunities.
- The AHA realizes it cannot recognize the show for 2022 due to a myriad of complexities.
- The AHA understands the need for Canadian members to create a horse show in Canada and we support and commend their efforts.
- Conversations will continue with the AHA and its elected Canadian National Show Commission.
- Conversations will continue in support of the Arabian Horse Association mission to provide opportunities for Arabian members and exhibitors.
- AHA will continue to explore viable options for the future.

Thank you to all who have provided important input on these matters. We are grateful there are so many members participating in shaping the future of the Arabian horse community. We are pleased to find mutual understanding so we can advance and celebrate the Arabian horse industry for the benefit of all.

Hi Board Members,

You have raised solid questions regarding the application of our rules/handbook as they pertain to why we can't recognize the proposed show in Red Deer or allow Futurity classes to be held there. Our rules are peppered throughout AHA Handbook with regulations as to how we promote, operate and manage our National Championship Shows. They also are clear with the authority and responsibility of the Board. Please let me know if you have any questions and if this helps in understanding our lane.

Stan has discussed the new Canadian Show with Tex Cam, who is President of the Canadian Arabian Horse Registry. They are wishing to run the show as a "National" Championship show however, this does cause issues with our rules and steps on the authority of the Canadian National Show Commission. The most important issue is that AHA would open itself up for anyone who wants to put on a National show to do just that. **A tad bit of history - the Canadian National Championship Show**

**many years ago had an issue with embezzlement and those members received a lifetime ban from IAHA/AHA. IAHA (this occurred well before the merger) then pulled the show back in house and took over the complete running of the show.**

The Canadian National Show was “postponed” due to the potential loss of approximately \$100K. The word postponed is being used as we have every intent of running Canadian Nationals next year. The verbiage “cancellation” we felt implied that the show is no longer going to be held.

In looking at CBP 111.29, we have defined our National Show Commissions and their duties to our National Championship Shows.

In addition, COMP 102 states “All AHA Recognized Shows and Events will be run in accordance with policies and procedures as stated in the AHA Handbook and as determined by the USEF/EC rules. In addition to the above, the National Championship Shows will also be run in accordance with the said National Championship Show Commission and the guidelines set forth by the National Shows Directorate.”

Other rules such as COMP 104.3 state that the Show Commission is required to negotiate a contract to provide mandatory drug testing and the Champion and one horse selected from all Top Ten classes are required to have one foot and shoe measured.

COMP 206 in its entirety dictates how the National shows are run, in particular, COMP 206.10 states that “That in the event that any of the AHA National Arabian and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Championship Shows are unable to be held, the appropriate National Commission, in concert with the AHA Board of Directors, will determine at which national event a portion of the canceled classes could be held. (Res. 16-20)”. The Canadian National Show Commission does not want classes moved to another show which is not run by AHA.

Additional sections in the Handbook also need to be followed for a National Championship as outlined in:

COMP 303 National Prize List Requirements and Entry Closing

COMP 403 National Entry Form Requirements

COMP 509 National Scoring Systems

REQ 105.3 Breeding and In-Hand requirements at US and Canadian National Championship shows

REQ 108.11 National Shows Equitation Class Requirements - specifically states show commission

REQ 110 Futurities - refers to entire Futurity chapter

REQ 201.3-6 awards and dividing classes at Nationals

REQ 202 workouts for National Shows

REQ 204 Posting of Judges Cards

REQ 204-205 Dividing Guidelines and Scoring/Judging procedures for National shows

Scoring Specific Classes  
REQ 208 -302

Disqualifications  
REQ 402

OFFC 103-104 National Judges General Information

Chapter 14 - National Show Qualifications - The proposing body wants to waive these - would be in direct conflict with the Board motion to require qualifications as presented by the CAC.

The Sweepstakes Commission has earmarked payout for the Canadian National Championship Show so funds will not be moved to this other "National" event.

The Futurity Commission has voted to place the Canadian National Futurity classes at U.S. Nationals based on the past precedence set in 2020 and 2021.

Many thanks and please let me know if you have any questions or if this helps in understanding our position.

*Deborah Johnson*  
President

Mid-Summer / Youth Nationals update on show results: Entries are down 350 horses compared to last year 2021.

2022 AHA Membership Convention to be held in-person at the Sheraton Myrtle Beach November 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**September 15th - Early Bird Registration Deadline**

**October 15th – Convention Registration Final Deadline**

**Book your group room rate \$109/per night (tax and city-imposed facilities fee are extra) is good for both standard king and double rooms. An additional charge of \$10.00 per person, per room per night will apply for triple and quadruple occupancy. Additional \$8.00/per day parking fee for parking garage.** IMPORTANT: **The last day to book at this special rate will be October 6<sup>th</sup>.**

**Tuesday November 8<sup>th</sup>:** Main Arrival Day for Delegates and Guests, Presidents Reception at the M Bar in the Hotel.

**Wednesday November 9<sup>th</sup>:** Board of Directors Meeting & Trivia Night benefiting the Horseman's Distress Fund.

**Thursday November 10<sup>th</sup>:** Committee Meetings (throughout the day) General Session I, Regional Caucus Meetings & Luncheon with Judges Panel.

**Friday November 11<sup>th</sup>:** Committee Meetings (throughout the day), General Session II & Presidential Awards Banquet.

**Saturday November 12<sup>th</sup>:** General Session III, to end at 12:00 noon & Youth Board Meeting

**2022 Resolutions are due August 15<sup>th</sup>** (postmarked/electronic transaction dated) and may be submitted by any Member Organization (Adult Member), any standing Ad Hoc Committee of AHA, by a Regional Board of Delegates or by the Board of Directors of AHA.

Resolutions must have:

- Received a majority number of affirmative votes (either in person, by phone, by facsimile, by mail, by email or by hand delivery), and
- must be accompanied by an actual tally of the votes received, and
- indicate which body voted (Member Organization members, Member Organization Board of Directors, Regional Board of Delegates, etc.), and
- indicate how the vote was taken (at a meeting, by phone, by facsimile, by mail, by email or by hand delivery), and
- list where the vote is recorded (Member Organization minutes, Member Organization Board minutes, Regional Board of Delegates minutes, etc.).

Note: Resolutions may also be submitted by the AHA President.

**Sport Horse Nationals September 12-17, 2022 “WEC” Wilmington, OH (entry close date: July 19, 2022)**

**Entries submitted (postmark/electronic transaction dated) after July 19, 2022 will be assessed an additional \$750 late fee.**

**US Nationals October 21-29, 2022 Tulsa, OK**

### **U.S. NATIONALS PERFORMANCE FUTURITY/MATURITY/DERBY**

Planning to show your horse in a US National Performance Futurity/Maturity/Derby Class? Be sure your horse is enrolled in the U.S. Nationals Performance Futurity/Maturity/Derby Program. Enrollment into the program is required in order to show in these classes.

The deadline for third payment (or payment in full) for the Performance Futurity/Maturity/Derby Program for U.S. Nationals is **August 1, 2022**. In order to avoid late fees, the entry can be paid in full (\$905 per class or \$1,205 for Reining). Entries must be postmarked/electronic transaction dated by the original close of US Entries, which is August 23, 2022. Entries postmarked/electronic transmitted after the original close of entries will be assessed an additional late fee of \$750 or \$1,000 for reining. Nomination fees do not include the show entry fees, drug fees, stalls, etc.

If you chose the payment option, the third payment must be submitted on or before August 1, 2022 (postmarked/electronic transaction dated to the AHA office). Payments that are postmarked/electronic transaction dated after the first of each month will be assessed late fees.

Nomination fees do not include the show entry fees, drug fees . All entries into the Performance Futurity/Maturity/Derby Program must also be entered into the corresponding class for the U.S. National Championship Show via an official show entry form.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Caldwell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "J".

Director Region 14