

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2025	1/30/2025	

Rule Change Intent

The change will clarify that the Sport Horse In-Hand Showmanship Scoresheet must be used for the class and where it can be found. Also, there has been confusion amongst both exhibitors and officials regarding the manner in which the class is performed in regard to the manner in which the horse is shown. This change will make clear that the horses are not to be shown or judged using the quarter system; the scoresheet has specified judging topics to be used in determining scores and placement for the class.

Proponent Details	Contact Information
Andalusian/Lusitano	Ashton Street astreet@usef.org

Linked Rules	Comments
--------------	----------



SUBCHAPTER AL-42 SPORT HORSE

AL236 Sport Horse In-Hand Classes

(...)

3. Class Conduct

a. The IALHA Sport Horse Showmanship Score Sheet ~~shall~~ **must** be used **and is available at us ef.org**. Each judge will be assigned a scribe who will record scores and comments as dictated by the judge. Horses will be shown individually on the triangle. The IALHA score sheets will be provided to competition management by IALHA. Competition Management may make as many individual copies as necessary for their competition.

(...)

c. The horse is to be shown in an "open position." The traditional way of showing open position would be with the right front leg slightly back and the right hind leg slightly forward; but as long as all four legs of the horse are visible to the judge when standing on either side of the horse, this stance would be acceptable. The horse's head and neck should be allowed to show in a natural and comfortable carriage, and the handler should stand away from the horse with a loose lead line. **Horses are not shown or judged using the quarter system.** Handlers may use treats to keep horse's attention and focus.

(...)