



## **SCOTTSDALE SHOW SCORING WITH THE THREE (3) JUDGE SYSTEM**

Section 6 Approved Scoring Systems in AHA Handbook describes the basic three judge system incorporated in his program. However, the article does not describe the exact method of determining award placings other than the Top 10, Champion (or 1st place) and Reserve Champion (or 2nd place). The below procedure is the step-by-step description of this system as it has been practiced since its initial adoption by AHA and as utilized by the Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show.

In general, the three judges in each class are numbered 1, 2 and 3 with judge #1 designated as the "Call" judge. For each class scored by this program, the judges identifying letter code sequence from left to right denotes judge 1, 2 and 3. Each judge will independently place, in order of preference, the number of entries to be awarded. This number may be adjusted by the actual number of entries shown in the class. This adjusted number of award placings will hereafter be referred to as the "Top nth" or simply the "n" placings. If applicable, an additional Reserve horse entry will also be recorded on the judges card. The Reserve entry on the judges' cards are never used in the scoring of a class and may be used only upon the disqualification of a placing entry as described under "DISQUALIFICATIONS."

**Step 1:** Each of the n class placings is assigned a point value beginning with 1 for the last award (nth placing) and ascending by one per award placing to the award for first or Champion placing. The total point score for each entry will then be calculated as the sum of the points earned by placings over all three of the judges cards.

**Step 2:** A group of entries to be considered for the "Top nth" or the 1st through nth awards will be selected from those entries having the highest total points. A tie on points for the nth award place will be resolved as described under "RESOLUTION BY CALL JUDGE." All other entries not selected by this step are removed from any further consideration in this scoring system.

**Step 3:** Candidate horses for Champion or First place are selected from the highest placed horse on each of the judges cards. If the same horse appears more than once in the candidate list, that horse wins. If three different horses appear as candidates, the one having the highest total points will be named the winner. A tie on points will be resolved as described under "RESOLUTION BY CALL JUDGE."

**Step 4:** Candidate horses for Reserve Champion or Second place are selected from the remaining highest placed horse on each of the judges cards. If the same horse appears more than once as a candidate, that horse is named the winner. If three different horses appear as candidates, the one having the highest total points will be named the winner. A tie on points will be resolved as described under "RESOLUTION BY CALL JUDGE."

**Step 5:** The winner of each placing from 3rd place down to and including the nth place will be the horse having the highest total points of those remaining in the group of "Top nth" horses selected at Step 2. A tie on points will be resolved as described under "RESOLUTION BY CALL JUDGE."

### **RESOLUTION BY CALL JUDGE:**

A tie on points will be resolved by the placings on the Number One (Call judge) card. The tied horse placed highest on this card wins the placing. If no tied horse appears on the Call judges card, the Number Two judge becomes the Call judge and the procedure is repeated. The procedure is extended to the Number Three judge if necessary. The initial Call judge for each placing resolution is always the Number One judge.

### **DISQUALIFICATIONS:**

If a horse is disqualified from a class that has been scored, adjustment to the class placings are made as follows: The number of horses shown is reduced by one only if the disqualified horse was not eligible to participate in the class. The disqualified horse is removed from the scored rankings and each of the horses placing below the disqualified horse are moved up one award place. In all cases where the scored results identified a "Reserve" entry, that horse shall be given the unassigned placing. If the scored results did not identify a "Reserve" entry and Reserve horses were entered on the judges cards, the unassigned placing will be given to (1) any horse appearing as the Reserve entry on more than one card, (2) the Reserve entry on the Call judges card. Under no circumstances will the class be re-scored.