

## Arabian Working Western Alliance Incentive Fund TERMS & CONDITIONS

Initiated in 2023, the AWWA Incentive Fund was established to promote the development of Arabian-bred youngstock suitable for Working Western disciplines. To be eligible for the additional prize money from the AWWA Incentive Fund, a foal must be nominated in-utero prior to December 31<sup>st</sup> of its breeding year. Incentive Fund monies are created from Stallion Enrollments, Mare Nominations, Auction Proceeds, and any designated Sponsorships.

All Incentive Fund 4-year-olds compete on the same pattern as the Ranch Horse Challenge. There is no additional entry fee for an Incentive Fund 4-year-old. All Incentive Fund entries are included in the Order of Go. Following the completion of all pattern work, the 15 highest scoring Incentive Fund horses will be asked back into the show arena to present for an In-Hand Conformation portion of the class. The In-Hand Conformation portion of the Ranch Challenge class is only for Incentive Fund entries. The 15 high-scoring Incentive Fund entries will unsaddle and prepare for in-hand presentation in the warm-up paddock of the show arena. In-hand presentations begin after the awarding of prizes for the Ranch Horse Challenge Open and Amateur divisions.

Each Incentive Fund entry will enter the show arena in numeric order. The exhibitor who rode the horse in the pattern portion of the class must show the horse in the In-Hand Conformation portion of the class. Exhibitors with more than one horse in the high-scoring 15 Incentive Fund finalists may find a substitute handler for the other horse(s) providing the substitute handler is also an exhibitor at the show. Class procedure for the In-Hand Conformation portion will follow class specifications set forth in the Arabian Division of the USEF rule book for Ranch Horse Conformation.

To determine the final placings for the Incentive Fund entries, the 3-judge Pattern score is added to Conformation placing points. Conformation placing points are earned from a total tabulation of judges' scores in the Conformation portion of the class. Each of the five judges will mark his/her card to place all 15 horses.

Once all the judges' cards are turned into the scorer, horses are excused to the paddock and asked to saddle back up. Tabulation points will be assigned to each place for each judge beginning with 15 for first, 14 for second, 13 for third, and so on down to 1 point for 15<sup>th</sup> place. All five judges' tabulation points are added together. The horse with the highest tabulation score receives 20 conformation points to be added to their 3-judge Pattern score. The horse with the second highest tabulation score receives 18 conformation points to be added to their 3-judge Pattern score. The horse with the third highest tabulation score receives 16 Conformation points to be added to their 3-judge Pattern score. The process continues until the 10<sup>th</sup> highest tabulation score receives 2 Conformation points to be added to their 3-judge Pattern score. Horses that are tied on in-hand tabulation points stay tied with each receiving the same amount of Conformation points to be added to their 3-judge Pattern score. Any ties in the final combined scores are broken by the same method as described in the Ranch Horse Challenge class procedure document.

The Incentive Fund finalists with the ten highest scores will be announced back into the arena for award presentation. Bonus money is available to Incentive Fund 4-year-olds resulting from a breeding purchased from the AWWA Stallion Service Auction. It is not necessary for an Incentive Fund entry to be a finalist in order to receive the Auction money bonus.