

## **Rules for Freestyle Liberty**

**These classes are not AHA or USEF recognized or approved classes.**

1. The ideal liberty horse is brilliant, confident, and has Arabian type while performing with a look at-me attitude. Ultimately the liberty horse should have great expression and be exciting to watch perform loose in the arena. Horses are to give a brilliant performance with style and presence while making use of the entire arena.
2. Open to purebred and half Arabian horses. Horses must be shown without tack, equipment, artificial appliances or appendages. A two-minute time limit will be allowed for each horse to perform. Time and music will start when halter is removed. Time will expire at the signal of the time keeper; at this time handlers have two minutes to retrieve horse or it will be eliminated from the class. No more than two handlers per horse are allowed in the ring at one time. While at liberty, the horse may perform at any gait, horses may perform tricks within their 2 minute time at liberty to count towards their overall performance score. Handler(s) shall not touch the horse with whip or ride the horse at any time from entrance into the show ring until after the expiration of the time limit. The use of a standard halter show whip is allowed.
3. Each entry will furnish music for their performance. If no music is supplied, the show reserves the right to select the music.
4. The judge is required to consider each category of the performance equally. Each individual criteria will be given a score from 1-10 with 10 being the highest. Freestyle Liberty is not to be judged solely on the individual's trot. Some horses may trot very little but will still exhibit type, animation, and presence while giving a brilliant performance. Judging criteria/categories: 1) Arabian Type 2) Animation & Charisma 3) Movement 4) Use of Arena 5) Overall Participation
5. The Show Committee shall handle all disputes and inquiries and their decision shall be final.