

Rule	Tracking	Draft	Proposal Type	Effective Date	Proponent	Status
GR 407.0	335-16	2	Rule Clarification	1/1/2017	Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	Approved (1/2/2017)
Description: academy classes						
GR 915.2	369-16	3	Standard	2/1/2017	American Saddlebred	Approved (1/14/2017)
Description: limiting entries						
GR 1037.0	423-16	2	Rule Clarification	2/1/2017	National Hunter Committee	Approved (1/12/2017)
Description: conflict of interest						
GR 1304.0	424-16	1	Rule Clarification	2/1/2017	National Hunter Committee	Approved (1/12/2017)
Description: conflict of interest						
GR 1038.0	021-16	2	Standard	4/1/2017	Licensed Officials	Approved (1/14/2017)
Description: stewards/tds						
GR 1055.3	350-16	1	Extraordinary	4/1/2017	Licensed Officials	Approved (11/7/2016)
Description: eventing course designers						
GR 829.3	351-16	1	Standard	9/1/2017	Paso Fino	Approved (1/14/2017)
Description: length of competition paso fino						
GR 135.8	352-16	1	Standard	12/1/2017	American Saddlebred	Approved (1/14/2017)
Description: American Saddlebred						
GR 201.0	404-16	4	Standard	12/1/2017	Bill Moroney	Approved (1/14/2017)
Description: farm membership						
GR 202.0	216-16	1	Standard	12/1/2017	William Moroney	Approved (1/14/2017)
Description: membership						
GR 301.0	380-16	2	Standard	12/1/2017	PFHA	Approved (1/14/2017)
Description: Paso Fino						
GR 308.12	367-16	1	Standard	12/1/2017	Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	Approved (1/14/2017)
Description: mileage						
GR 309.0	364-16	1	Standard	12/1/2017	Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	Approved (1/14/2017)
Description: dues, fees and insurance						
GR 310.1	365-16	1	Standard	12/1/2017	Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	Approved (1/14/2017)
Description: cancellation of competitions						
GR 808.2	214-16	1	Standard	12/1/2017	National Hunter Committee	Approved (1/14/2017)
Description: championships						

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GR 831.0	234-16	1	Standard	12/1/2017	AHA	Approved (1/14/2017)
Description: delay of class						
GR 837.0	376-16	2	Standard	12/1/2017	USHJA	Approved (1/14/2017)
Description: hunter						
GR 839.0	348-16	3	Standard	12/1/2017	Horse Welfare Initiative Task Force	Approved (1/14/2017)
Description: cruelty						
GR 843.0	349-16	2	Standard	12/1/2017	Horse Welfare Initiative Task Force	Approved (1/14/2017)
Description: horse collapse						
GR 844.0	347-16	3	Standard	12/1/2017	Horse Welfare Initiative Task Force	Approved (1/14/2017)
Description: horse fatality						
GR 845.0	381-16	2	Standard	12/1/2017	Competition Management	Approved (1/14/2017)
Description: safety preparedness						
GR 915.1	368-16	1	Standard	12/1/2017	USHJA	Approved (1/14/2017)
Description: limiting entries						
GR 1004.0	090-16	1	Standard	12/1/2017	Western Dressage	Approved (1/14/2017)
Description: western dressage						
GR 1009.0	375-16	1	Standard	12/1/2017	USHJA	Approved (1/14/2017)
Description: recorded judge						
GR 1010.0	377-16	1	Standard	12/1/2017	Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	Approved (1/14/2017)
Description: special judge						
GR 1011.0	069-16	1	Standard	12/1/2017	IFSHA	Approved (1/14/2017)
Description: guest judge						
GR 1011.0	338-16	1	Standard	12/1/2017	Licensed Officials	Approved (1/14/2017)
Description: guest cards						
GR 1011.0	378-16	1	Standard	12/1/2017	Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	Approved (1/14/2017)
Description: guest judge						
GR 1011.16	374-16	1	Standard	12/1/2017	HP - Eventing	Approved (1/14/2017)
Description: guest judges eventing						
GR 1012.0	339-16	4	Standard	12/1/2017	Licensed Officials	Approved (1/14/2017)
Description: learner - apprentice						

Rule	Tracking	Draft	Proposal Type	Effective Date	Proponent	Status
GR 1015.0	340-16	1	Standard	12/1/2017	Licensed Officials	Approved (1/14/2017)
Description: steward						
GR 1016.0	379-16	1	Standard	12/1/2017	Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	Approved (1/14/2017)
Description: special steward						
GR 1033.10	341-16	2	Rule Clarification	12/1/2017	Licensed Officials	Approved (11/7/2016)
Description: judges' cards						
GR 1033.17	213-16	3	Standard	12/1/2017	National Hunter Committee	Approved (1/14/2017)
Description: Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation judges						
GR 1044.0	070-16	2	Standard	12/1/2017	Carriage Pleasure Driving	Approved (1/14/2017)
Description: carriage pleasure driving judges						
GR 1049.3	371-16	1	Standard	12/1/2017	Dressage	Approved (1/14/2017)
Description: dressage judges						
GR 1050.3	372-16	1	Standard	12/1/2017	Dressage	Approved (1/14/2017)
Description: dressage sport horse breeding judges						
GR 1051.0	373-16	1	Standard	12/1/2017	Dressage	Approved (1/14/2017)
Description: DTD						
GR 1053.2	336-16	1	Standard	12/1/2017	USEA	Approved (1/14/2017)
Description: eventing judge						
GR 1054.2	402-16	1	Standard	12/1/2017	USEA	Approved (1/14/2017)
Description: eventing technical delegate						
GR 1055.2	337-16	1	Standard	12/1/2017	USEA	Approved (1/14/2017)
Description: eventing course designer						
GR 1056.0	384-16	2	Standard	12/1/2017	Hackney	Approved (1/14/2017)
Description: hackney judges						
GR 1057.6	357-16	3	Standard	12/1/2017	USHJA	Approved (1/14/2017)
Description: hunter judges						
GR 1061.0	370-16	2	Standard	12/1/2017	Licensed Officials	Approved (1/14/2017)
Description: course designers						
GR 1063.0	385-16	2	Standard	12/1/2017	Licensed Officials	Approved (1/14/2017)
Description: jumper course designer						

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GR 1069.0	382-16	3	Standard	12/1/2017	Roadster	Approved (1/14/2017)
Description: roadster judges						
GR 1070.0	386-16	2	Standard	12/1/2017	American Saddlebred	Approved (1/14/2017)
Description: ASB judges						
GR 1071.0	383-16	2	Standard	12/1/2017	Saddle Seat Eq	Approved (1/14/2017)
Description: saddle seat equitation judges						
GR 1077.0	353-16	1	Standard	12/1/2017	Western Committee	Approved (1/14/2017)
Description: western judges						
GR 1120.0	212-16	1	Standard	12/1/2017	Bill Moroney	Approved (1/14/2017)
Description: awards						
GR 1129.0	343-16	1	Standard	12/1/2017	IFSHA	Approved (1/14/2017)
Description: Friesian						
GR 1133.3	356-16	1	Standard	12/1/2017	USHJA	Approved (1/14/2017)
Description: jumpers						
GR 1134.5	047-16	1	Standard	12/1/2017	Morgan	Approved (1/14/2017)
Description: morgan horse division						
GR 1142.1	211-16	1	Standard	12/1/2017	Welsh	Approved (1/14/2017)
Description: welsh pony/cob and half-welsh						
GR 1210.7	362-16	1	Standard	12/1/2017	Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	Approved (1/14/2017)
Description: competition management						
GR 1211.5	270-15	5	Standard	12/1/2017	Veterinary	Approved (6/20/2016)
Description: Isolation protocol						
GR 1212.2	363-16	1	Standard	12/1/2017	Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	Approved (1/14/2017)
Description: prize lists						
GR 1306.3	079-16	2	Standard	12/1/2017	Tiffani Frey	Approved (1/14/2017)
Description: amateur rule						

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Rule Clarification

EFFECTIVE

1/1/2017

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/2/2017 1

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR407 Management Procedures [CHAPTER GR407 Management Procedures]

GR407 Management Procedures

1. To provide funds for research, inspection and enforcement of rules regarding use of medications and drugs, each Licensed Competition, except where prohibited by law, must assess the exhibitors a fee of \$8 for each horse and/or pony entered in the competition, except the fee shall be \$20 for each horse entered in an FEI sanctioned competition or a USEF High Cap Computer List Class. Participants in the following classes are exempted from payment:

- a. leadline
- b. exhibitions
- c. games and races,
- d. classes for 4-H members,

~~e. Academy classes (Academy classes are classes limited to horses used regularly in a lesson program)~~ **Recognized Academy classes at Dressage Competitions.**

- f. Opportunity classes
- g. Classes at Regular or Local Competitions restricted to breeds or disciplines whose rules are not included in the USEF rulebook.
- h. However, these classes are not exempt from the Drugs and Medications Chapter itself. Within 10 days after a competition, competition management must forward to the Federation a sum representing the above fee times the number of horses and/or ponies entered in the nonexempt classes of the competition plus the number of horses and/or ponies scratched where the fee is not refunded, such sum to be held by the Federation in a separate fund for use to accomplish the purpose set forth above.

PROPONENT

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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INTENT

There is a discrepancy in the rules regarding Academy classes in that GR305 establishes these classes are to be on separate entry blanks and therefore, would not be under the guise of the drug rules much like the non-recognized breed classes like Paints, Quarter horses, etc. However, GR407 mistakenly has academy listed as exempt from the fee, but not from the testing. Therefore, this clarification would eliminate the conflict between the two rules.

POTENTIAL IMPACT

None

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: academy classes

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Competition Management

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/11/2016
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/01/2016

Draft 1: It is understandable that some want Academy classes removed from the list of shows that are exempt from paying a D&M fee since they are held as unrecognized classes in some breed and discipline shows and unrecognized classes already don't have to pay D&M fees. Dressage does not allow any unrecognized dressage classes in its shows, so the net effect of this change would be that entrants in Dressage Academy classes would have to pay a D&M fee in the future. This would discourage or eliminate Academy classes in some shows as the schools that own the horses won't want to pay more fees. This proposal is not fair to those shows that offer Academy classes as recognized classes.
Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/03/2016
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Dressage

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/01/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

2/1/2017

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/14/2017

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR915 Limiting Entries [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 9-C SUBMISSION, ACCEPTANCE, AND REFUSAL OF ENTRIES]

2. Any competition that sets restrictive criteria for accepting entries and/or offers classes or events which are part of a league, series or other ranking or award system must do so by meeting the applicable requirements described below:

- a. Based strictly on a First-Come, First-Served basis (See GR907.1) under this method the prize list must be distributed at least two weeks prior to close of entries to any person requesting a prize list as well as at least three times the number of potential entrants as there will be entries accepted.
- b. Qualification based only on winnings **or participation**: (i.e., ribbons and/or prize money or dressage scores during a specified time period, of at least eight (8) consecutive weeks' duration, established by Competition Management and published in the prize list or otherwise prior to the end of the specified period. (See applicable breed/discipline rules for further requirements under this rule).
- c. By Council Approval: Any other competition wishing to set restrictive criteria for accepting entries other than as specified above must make written application to the applicable Council, accompanied by a nonrefundable fee of \$50, at least 120 days prior to the event detailing the criteria being requested. The Federation office may refer the application to the appropriate discipline or other committee for its recommendation regarding the application prior to the application and any recommendation being considered by the Council. The Council will consider such recommendations and may approve any such applications in its discretion and may condition any such approval in its discretion, and must require, if approved, that there be publication in the prize list or otherwise of such restrictive criteria sufficiently in advance of the closing date of entries, where appropriate, for all interested to have a fair opportunity to enter. The foregoing provisions do not apply to national championships, qualifying events for national championships, and any other events with selection criteria approved by the Board of Directors.

PROPONENT

American Saddlebred

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INTENT

To allow specific competitions to use classes or events to qualify for final.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: limiting entries

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Andalusian/Lusitano

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/03/2016
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Draft 3: No Comments

Arabian

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/03/2016
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Draft 3: No Action

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Carriage Pleasure Driving

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Draft 3: No Comments

Competition Management

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Council - Admin & Finance

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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Friesian

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Hackney

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Morgan

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 11/01/2016
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Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

NSH

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Paso Fino

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Roadster

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Draft 3: No Comments

Saddle Seat Eq

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Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Shetland

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 11/21/2016
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Draft 2: No Comments
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Western Dressage

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Draft 3: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Rule Clarification

EFFECTIVE

2/1/2017

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/12/2017

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1037 Conflicts of Interest and Restrictions - Judges [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 10-H REGULATIONS GOVERNING OFFICIALS]

1. A judge may not be an owner of any interest in a horse (including but not limited to syndicate and partnership shares), nor may he/she be an exhibitor, trainer, coach, lessor, lessee, rider, driver, halter handler, steward, technical delegate, or manager, nor may he/she be a family member of a competition licensee, steward, technical delegate or manager at any Federation Licensed Competition at which he/she is officiating, including unrated classes. Exceptions: In the Eventing division and in the Dressage division, except for Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes, horses may be shown Hors de Concours in classes where the owner is not officiating See also GR1304.17-.20. ~~In the Hunter and Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation divisions a judge may not be an owner of any interest in a horse (including but not limited to syndicate and partnership shares) that competes before him/her at any Federation Licensed Competition at which he/she is officiating, including unrated classes.~~ **For Hunter and Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation Judges, please see GR1304.21-26**

PROPONENT

National Hunter Committee

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INTENT

To clarify that the last sentence in point one is included in the list of exceptions to this rule.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: conflict of interest

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Intl Discipline**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 12/22/2016**Draft 2:** No Comments**Council - Natl Breed & Discipline****Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 12/19/2016**Draft 2:** No Comments**Licensed Officials****Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 01/02/2017**Draft 2:** No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Rule Clarification

EFFECTIVE

2/1/2017

BOARD ACTION

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PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1304 Regulations Governing Showing Under Judges, Stewards and Technical Delegates [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 13-A RESPONSIBILITIES]

GR1304 Regulations Governing Showing Under Judges, Stewards and Technical Delegates (See also GR107 for definition of Client)

Refer solely to GR1304.16 for rules pertaining to showing under judges in the Reining Division. Refer solely to GR1304.21-26 for regulations ~~and restrictions governing showing under~~ for Hunter/Jumper/Hunter Seat Equitation Judges and Category 1 Stewards. **GR1304.1-20 shall not apply.** See also GR1038, GR107, and GR307. Refer to GR1304.19 for rules pertaining to competing under Organizing Committees, Officials: Stewards, Ground Jurors, Veterinary Judges and Technical Delegates in the Endurance Division. See also GR1037 for restrictions on Judges.

1. An exhibitor, coach or trainer may not serve as a judge, steward or technical delegate at any competition in which he/she exhibits, whether or not the classes are conducted under Federation rules. See also GR1038.1. A licensed judge may officiate at the special competition, provided he/she is not or does not have a client participating in the special competition.

2. No member of a judge's family, nor any cohabitant, companion, domestic partner, housemate, or member of a judge's household nor any of the judge's clients, employers or employees or employers of a member of the judge's family may compete as trainer, coach, exhibitor, rider, driver, handler, owner, lessor or lessee in any division, or Dressage class (Arabian, Morgan, **and** Western Dressage ~~and Hunter~~ divisions in any competition) unless the relationship is terminated 30 days prior to the competition. For purposes of this rule included as employers are any individuals, corporations, partnerships, foundations, trusts or non-profit organizations and shareholders owning five or more percent of the stock of any corporation which employs the judge or a member of the judge's family, and any officers, directors and partners of any corporation or partnership and officers, directors or trustees of any trust or foundation or non-profit organization which employs the judge or a member of the judge's family. The hiring of a judge to officiate at Licensed Competitions shall not constitute employment for purposes of this rule.

3. No judge's trainer nor any of the judge's trainer's clients may compete as trainer, coach, exhibitor, rider, driver, handler, owner, lessor or lessee in any Division or Dressage class (Arabian, Morgan, **and** Western Dressage ~~and Hunter~~ divisions in any competition) unless the relationship is terminated 30 days prior to the competition.

PROPONENT

National Hunter Committee

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INTENT

To clarify that only GR1304.21-26 apply to the Hunter and Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation sections.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: conflict of interest

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Intl Discipline

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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Licensed Officials

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RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

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PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1038 Conflicts of Interest and Restrictions- Stewards and Technical Delegates (See also GR107 and GR1304) [CHAPTER 10-H Regulations Governing Officials]

GR1038 Conflicts of Interest and Restrictions - Stewards and Technical Delegates (See also GR107 and GR1304)

6. Stewards and technical delegates are not to be used as a ringmaster, announcer, timer or Judge, or in any other volunteer or paid position not related to their proper duties at Licensed Competitions where they are officiating with the following exceptions:

a. At a competition where more than one steward or technical delegate is officiating, and after a Steward or Technical Delegate has entirely completed his/her duties at that Licensed Competition, he/she may serve in another capacity; including as a judge in the Jumper Division.

b. C2 Stewards who are also licensed as Dressage Technical Delegates may serve in both roles at Licensed Breed Competitions offering 'breed restricted' Dressage classes at Prix St. Georges or higher.

c. Eventing, Driving, and Vaulting Technical Delegates holding Federation and FEI Technical Delegate licensure may serve in both roles as Eventing, Driving, and Vaulting Technical Delegates at dually licensed FEI/Federation Eventing, Driving, and Vaulting Competitions.

7. At dually licensed FEI/Federation Dressage, Driving, Eventing, Jumping, and/or Vaulting competitions:

a. Dressage, Para-Dressage, Driving, Eventing, and Vaulting Technical Delegates also holding licensure as a FEI Steward for Dressage, Para-Dressage, Driving, Eventing, and Vaulting are prohibited from serving in both roles on the same day(s) as Dressage, Para-Dressage, Driving, Eventing, and Vaulting Technical Delegates and FEI Stewards. (DR125.6).

b. C1 Stewards also holding FEI Jumping Steward licensure are prohibited from serving in both roles.

PROPONENT

Licensed Officials

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INTENT

To clarify the roles and responsibilities of stewards and technical delegates holding dual licenses and when they may/may not use them concurrently.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: stewards/tds

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

American Saddlebred

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Arabian

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Breeds/Disciplines

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Carriage Pleasure Driving

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Competition Management

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Connemara

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Council - Admin & Finance

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Council - Intl Discipline

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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Draft 2: No Comments

Dressage

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Draft 1: Recommend the wording under .7a is amended to state: 7. In addition, at dually licensed FEI/USEF Dressage, Driving, Eventing, Jumping, and/or Vaulting competitions: a. Dressage, Para-Dressage, Driving, Eventing, and Vaulting Technical Delegates also holding licensure as a FEI Steward for Dressage, Para- Dressage, Driving, Eventing, and Vaulting may not serve in both roles on the same day(s) as Dressage, Para-Dressage, Driving, Eventing, and Vaulting Technical Delegates and FEI Stewards. (DR125.6).
Draft 2: No Comments

Eventing

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/08/2016
Draft 2: Recommends Approval

Draft 1: This proposal is extremely important to Eventing as the unintended consequences of an earlier change to this rule made it necessary for the Eventing Committee to request a Presidential Modification to the rule until this change may be implemented.
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Friesian

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Hackney

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Draft 2: No Comments

Morgan

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National Hunter Committee

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NSH

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Paso Fino

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Roadster

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Saddle Seat Eq

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USHJA

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Welsh

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Western Committee

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Western Dressage

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Extraordinary

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EO REASON

The ability to track unlicensed Eventing CD's is needed, it can be done by creating a 'certification' so that these can be tracked in the system.

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1055 & EV175 Eventing Course Designers [CHAPTER 10-I License Applications, Enrollment, Promotion, Maintenance & EV-6 Rules for Officials]

GR1055 Eventing Course Designers

1. No application will be considered unless and until 15 forms which actually evaluate the applicant per division are returned from USEF members who are Licensed Eventing Officials or current members of the Federation Eventing Committee. (See GR1057.4 below for additional requirements for Eventing Show Jumping Course Designer.)
2. Applicants for status as an Eventing Course Designer must fulfill the requirements for such status recommended by the Federation Eventing Committee and approved by the Federation Licensed Officials Committee.
3. Cross Country Course Designers.
 - a. Recorded, or Registered, **and Senior** Cross Country Eventing Course Designers must be the Eventing Cross Country Course Designer at a minimum of three horse trials every three years.
 - b. Eventing Cross Country course designers must attend a continuing education clinic and receive a passing score of 85% or above on a written exam once every three years.
4. **Certified Eventing Cross Country Course Designer**
 - a. *As per EV175.1, Certified Eventing Cross Country Course Designers are eligible to serve in this role for Beginner Novice, Novice, and Training Horse Trials.*
 - b. *An application is not required to be a Certified Eventing Cross Country Course Designer, but these individuals must have attended the USEA Training Program on Course Design in the previous three years and every three years thereafter.*
4. 5. Show Jumping Course Designers
 - a. No application will be considered unless and until the USEF Licensed Officials Committee has received written recommendations from two "R" Eventing Technical Delegates and two riders who have officiated/ridden over jumping courses designed by the applicant and from the Eventing Show Jumping Course Advisor, stating that they believe that the applicant has demonstrated the knowledge necessary to design suitable courses and should be issued a license by the Federation. These evaluations will help fulfill the requirement of GR1057.1.
 - b. Eventing Show Jumping Course Designers must officiate at a minimum of two separate Events at the Intermediate, Advanced or FEI two star or higher event every three years to maintain the license.
 - c. Eventing Show Jumping Course Designers must attend either a continuing education USEF Jumping Course Designer clinic or a clinic given by the Eventing Jumping Course Advisor at least once every three years.

EV175 Course Designer

1. QUALIFICATIONS.

The Course Designer must be selected from the current roster of Eventing Course Designers of the Federation, or must have received training as a course designer. An individual recognized by the FEI or by another National Federation may serve as the course designer for a specific competition with the approval of the Federation Eventing Committee. A Senior (S) course designer is required for an Advanced Horse Trial. A Registered (R) or higher course designer is required for an Intermediate Horse Trial. A recorded (r) or higher course designer is required for Preliminary Horse Trials and National Three-Day Events. ~~A license is not~~ **A Certified Eventing Cross Country Course Designer is** required for Beginner Novice, Novice and Training Horse Trials. **See SUBCHAPTER 10-I LICENSE APPLICATIONS, ENROLLMENT, PROMOTION, AND MAINTENANCE** ~~for maintenance requirements for all licenses and certification.~~ ~~however the course designer must have attended the USEA Training program on Course Design in the previous three years and every three years thereafter.~~

PROPONENT

Licensed Officials

Draft Received: 9/9/2016

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INTENT

EV175 has included language about unlicensed course designers being permitted to officiate at the lower levels since at least 2004, at which time the language stated "A license is not required for Novice and Training Horse Trials, however the course designer must attend the USEA Training program on Course Design at least once every three years."

However, to the best of our knowledge, a list of these individuals has never been available, let alone tracked in AHSD to insure that those officiating at these levels have, in fact, attended the USEA course "in the previous three years and every three years thereafter."

It is important that USEF is able to track these officials. Accordingly, we suggest that we label them 'certified', and submit this rule change proposal as 'extraordinary'.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: eventing course designers

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 09/27/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

9/1/2017

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/14/2017

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR829 Length of Competition [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 8-D SCHEDULING DURING COMPETITION]

1. A competition may not hold classes more than 16 hours out of any 24-hour period from the start of the first class to the finish of the last class, including intermissions. There must be a recess of at least 8 hours between the finish of the last class of an evening performance and the first class of a morning performance the following day. A fine in the amount of \$250 per hour or part thereof will be imposed for exceeding the 16-hour time limit or not allowing an 8-hour recess. Exception: Competitions offering only Hunter, Jumper and Hunter Seat Equitation classes may not run more than 14 hours of actual performance time. Warm-up sessions, judged or unjudged, are included except sessions held at the beginning of the day where no fee is charged.

a. If management disputes that the time limits were not exceeded and the above fine is not properly owing, it may request a hearing of these issues before a special committee appointed by the President provided a written statement specifying the grounds for the hearing is received at the Federation's office within 30 days of management's receipt of Federation's notice of fine. The special committee shall hear the matter and determine whether the fine is properly owing. The special committee may waive a part or all of the automatic penalty upon a finding of good cause why the time limits were exceeded and a finding that extreme hardship results from the automatic penalty.

2. All classes in any section for junior exhibitors in any one day must be held within a twelve-hour period, excluding intermissions.

3. No classes may be started after midnight. **Exception: Paso Fino classes not restricted to Junior Exhibitors.**

PROPONENT

Paso Fino

Draft Received: 9/9/2016

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INTENT

The current GR prohibits classes from starting after midnight. It is traditional that many Paso Fino competitions hold classes later in the evening, frequently starting after midnight. Providing an exception to this rule for the Paso Fino division will allow competitions to continue a standard practice.

9/1 Effective date to correspond with Paso Fino competition year.

POTENTIAL IMPACT

None.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: length of competition paso fino

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/05/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Paso Fino

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/26/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2017

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/14/2017

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR135 Maiden, Novice, and Limit Classes [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 1-A DEFINITIONS]

8. In the Andalusian, Arabian, Friesian, Morgan, ~~American Saddlebred~~, Roadster, and Western divisions, ribbons won within one section do not count in the reckoning of Maiden, Novice or Limit status if the animal competes in a different section (e.g., Arabian Park to Arabian Western Pleasure, ~~Fine Harness to Five-Gaited, Five-Gaited Show Pleasure to Three-Gaited Show Pleasure~~, Saddle Horse English Country Pleasure to Saddle Horse Hunter Country Pleasure, Western Pleasure to Trail, or Morgan English [Park or Pleasure] to Morgan Western or Morgan Harness [Park or Pleasure] and vice versa).

[insert 9 and renumber]

9. In the American Saddlebred division, first place ribbons won in an under saddle class do not affect the status of a horse in a driving class. First place ribbons won in a driving class do not affect the status of a horse in an under saddle class.

PROPONENT

American Saddlebred

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INTENT

The current rule is interpreted to allow an American Saddlebred horse to change sections and start his status over. This is not a level playing field for a horse that has competed and won numerous classes in the Performance sections (Three gaited, Five gaited and Fine Harness) and then change to pleasure sections and become a novice/maiden/limit/horse again. Adding a separate rule for American Saddlebreds allows a horse to only "start over" by switching between driving and under saddle classes.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: American Saddlebred

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/05/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2017

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/14/2017

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR202 Membership Requirements [CHAPTER 2-A Memberships]

GR201 Membership Categories

d. Life Recorded Business/Farm. A Life Recorded Business/Farm is any farm, ranch, syndicate, partnership, corporation, business that attains Life Membership upon a single payment of \$2,500. A Life Recorded Business/Farm shall have all the rights and privileges of membership and be subject to all liabilities and penalties which may be imposed upon Members. They shall be exempt from annual dues.

e. Annual Recorded Business/Farm. An Annual Recorded Business/Farm is any farm, ranch, syndicate, partnership, corporation, business that attains Annual Membership through annual dues of \$55.

GR202 Membership Requirements

4. If a horse(s) is owned by a farm or any other entity, ~~only one principal owner of the farm or entity needs to be a member or pay a Show Pass fee. (To be eligible for Horse of the Year Awards, a farm or any other entity that owns a horse(s) at least one of the horse's owners, either Business/Farm or individual, must also obtain an exhibitor registration pursuant to GR1106.)~~

GR1106 Exhibitor Registration

2. In order for points to count toward Federation Horse of the Year Awards, at least one owner, ~~recorded as such with the Federation, must be a Federation Senior Active, Junior Active, or Life Member~~ **either Business/Farm, or individual, must be a Federation member.**

PROPONENT

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Draft Received: 1/10/2017

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INTENT

This rule change proposal is submitted in an effort to remove confusion of the membership over whether a farm must be "active." Under the proposal, a farm will become a stand alone membership category.

If any farm, ranch, syndicate, partnership, corporation, or business is owned by a Federation Life Member at the time this rule goes into effect, the farm, ranch, syndicate, partnership, corporation, or business will be automatically considered a Life Recorded Business.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

GR 202 (216-16)

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

American Saddlebred

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/15/2016
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 2: This would increase membership costs to the exhibitor and additional work for the competition secretary. Currently if a horse is owned by a farm, the owner can use their individual membership. The farm does not have to be a member. Therefore, only one membership is required. This change would require a farm membership if the horse is in the ownership of the farm on the registration papers. In addition, the competition secretary would be required to check both the farm membership and the owner membership.
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Andalusian/Lusitano

Draft 2: No Action 11/03/2016
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 2: Committee feels this proposal will not lessen confusion mentioned in intent about farm status.
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Arabian

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/03/2016
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 2: This will be difficult for show secretaries; additionally for them to determine someone's amateur status.
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

ASHA

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/15/2016
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 2: Creates an extra financial burden. Do not want owners/exhibitors to have to pay for two memberships; one for farm, one for owner/rider.
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Breeds/Disciplines

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Budget&Finance

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: Recommends Approval 01/11/2017

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Carriage Pleasure Driving

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 10/26/2016
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 2: Need more information; confusing; fees?
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Connemara

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/18/2016
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 2: More information is needed on how this would affect members, would they need to have two memberships? What if a farm and its naming rights are sold?
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 12/21/2016
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 12/22/2016
Draft 4: Recommends Approval 01/12/2017

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: Recommends Disapproval 12/19/2016
Draft 4: Recommends Approval 01/12/2017

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: Council noted majority of votes within the National Breeds and Disciplines to deny this rule change due to concern over confusion and increase in cost.
Draft 4: No Comments

Dressage

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/01/2016
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 12/15/2016
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 2: Recommend changing both titles under points 'd' and 'e' to add " /Business "
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Friesian

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 10/25/2016
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 2: Needs more information- confusing
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Hackney

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/29/2016
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/29/2016
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 2: This is an additional expense. It is also more work for trainers and secretaries to keep track of and look up two memberships.
Draft 2: This is an additional expense. It is also more work for trainers and secretaries to keep track of and look up two memberships.
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Morgan

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/01/2016
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 2: Need more information- who all pays for memberships when also competing- both the farm and the owner rider?
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/21/2016
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 12/13/2016
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 2: Need more information-confusing
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

NSH

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/03/2016
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 2: Confusing- more information needed
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Paso Fino

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/22/2016
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Concerned this increase costs to exhibitors who are interested in HOTY awards.
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Roadster

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/21/2016
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 2: Members should not have to pay for two memberships if horse is registered in farm name.
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Saddle Seat Eq

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/28/2016
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 2: This would be an extra expense.
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Shetland

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 11/21/2016
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 12/15/2016
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Welsh

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/17/2016
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 2: More information is needed on how this will affect individuals, especially those who own/show horses owned by a farm or LLC.
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Western Dressage

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 10/25/2016
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 2: Need more information; confusing content
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2017

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/14/2017

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR202 Membership Requirements [CHAPTER 2-A Memberships]

GR202.2 Membership Requirements:

All Life, Senior Active and Junior Active Members of the Federation must designate a primary breed/discipline affiliation upon joining or ~~must do so annually upon renewing~~. A member will be deemed to continue his or her primary designation unless prior to the record date (November 30 of each year) such ~~the Life~~ member notifies the Federation in writing of a change. This shall be considered the member's affiliation for the purpose of allocating Voting Director seats as provided in Bylaw 211.

GR1307 Amateur Status:

3. There is no fee for amateur status for Senior Active or Life Members. ~~Such status will expire on November 30th.~~ **A member will be deemed to continue his amateur status unless the member notifies the Federation in writing of a change.**

PROPONENT

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Draft Received: 8/31/2016

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INTENT

The Federation is moving to automatic membership renewals that will renew on an anniversary date not at the start of a new competition year. This rule change is necessary to reflect this change as it effects primary breed/discipline affiliation.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

GR 201 (404-16)

Staff: IT: Estimate 10 hours of work**Web:** membership

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Andalusian/Lusitano**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/03/2016**Draft 1:** No Comments**Arabian****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/03/2016**Draft 1:** No Comments

Carriage Pleasure Driving

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/26/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Connemara

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/18/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/21/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/22/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/19/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Friesian

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/25/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/25/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/25/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Morgan

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/01/2016

Draft 1: PRC language is fine but the Intent is troubling

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/21/2016

Draft 1: We approve of this change but have strong reservations about automatic renewals and anniversary date memberships.

NSH

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/03/2016

Draft 1: Concerns about the "intent"

Paso Fino

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/26/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Shetland

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/21/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/15/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Welsh

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/17/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/25/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2017

BOARD ACTION

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PROPOSED CHANGE

GR301 Agreement [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 3-A COMPETITION LICENSE APPLICATIONS]

1. All applications for a Federation license are accepted with the explicit agreement of competition Licensee that all classes (rated or unrated) to be held on a Federation licensed date must be recognized by the Federation and are governed by all applicable Federation rules, and that no unrecognized classes will be held on any date for which Federation recognition is requested, except that:

- a. Horse Trials at Eventing Competitions below the Preliminary Level
- b. Eventing Tests at all levels
- c. Combined Driving below the Advanced Level
- d. Draft Horses classes
- e. Miniature Horse classes
- f. Non-affiliated National Breed or discipline association classes
- g. Vaulting levels/classes below A-Teams, B-Teams, C-Teams, Senior Teams, Junior Teams, Gold, Silver, Bronze, Senior and Junior Individuals, and Pas de Deux and Junior Pas de Deux.
- h. Academy classes
- i. Qualifying classes for Youth Reining classes or Reining classes at USA Reining and NRHA approved competitions.
- j. Exhibitions for which there are no breed or division rules
- k. Hunter/Jumper competitions designated "Outreach" competitions by USHJA and limited to either one competition day or multiple competition days with a maximum of two competition rings (one hunter ring and one jumper ring) per day.

l. Unrecognized classes may be held in conjunction with or during a Federation licensed Paso Fino competition.

~~l.~~ ***m.*** These above named classes/levels can be held as unrecognized only provided a separate entry blank is used and the prize list and/or Omnibus clearly states that the classes are not recognized by the Federation.

~~m.~~ ***n.*** Exception: FEI rules take precedence as to international classes and events over Federation rules at all FEI Sanctioned Competitions. Federation rules take precedence as to national classes and events which are not FEI Sanctioned at FEI Sanctioned Competitions.

PROPONENT

PFHA

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INTENT

Allow unrecognized classes to be held in conjunction with or during a Federation licensed Paso Fino competition. This proposal is following a Presidential Modification that was granted for 2016 and would allow more Paso Fino competitions to be licensed with USEF.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: Paso Fino

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/05/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Draft 2: No Comments

Paso Fino

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 10/26/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Draft 2: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

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BOARD ACTION

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PROPOSED CHANGE

GR308 Mileage [CHAPTER SubChapter 3-B COMPETITION LICENSES]

12. Cancellation. A licensee may cancel without charge an existing licensed competition by notifying USEF of the cancellation and returning the license to USEF not less than ten (10) months prior to next competition date under the license. When a cancellation is received more than three (3) months but less than ten (10) months prior to the first day of the next competition date under the license, 75 percent of competition dues will be refunded, subject to a minimum processing fee. If written notice of a cancellation is received less than three (3) months prior to the first day of the competition, the licensee will forfeit the application fee and will also be assessed a ~~penalty~~ **processing** fee equal to that of the minimum competition dues, unless the cancellation is due to an act of God.

PROPONENT

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft Received: 9/9/2016

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INTENT

Changing from penalty/fine to processing fee

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: mileage

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Arabian**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/03/2016**Draft 1:** No Comments**Carriage Pleasure Driving****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 10/26/2016**Draft 1:** No Comments**Competition Management****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/19/2016**Draft 1:** No Comments**Council - Admin & Finance****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/21/2016**Draft 1:** No Comments

Friesian

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/25/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Morgan

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/01/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

NSH

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/03/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/25/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

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BOARD ACTION

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PROPOSED CHANGE

GR309 Dues, Fees and Insurance [CHAPTER SubChapter 3-B COMPETITION LICENSES]

8. A penalty fee of \$500 will be charged to Any competition that states in the prize list that the competition is licensed before the competition has been granted licensing by the Federation ***may be subject to a penalty.***

PROPONENT

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft Received: 9/9/2016

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INTENT

Removing the set penalty to allow for flexibility in determining reasons for violation and penalty.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: dues, fees and insurance

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Arabian

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/03/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Carriage Pleasure Driving

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/26/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Competition Management

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/19/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/21/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/22/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Friesian

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/25/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Morgan

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/01/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

NSH

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/03/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/15/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/25/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2017

BOARD ACTION

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PROPOSED CHANGE

GR310 Cancellation of Competitions [CHAPTER SubChapter 3-B COMPETITION LICENSES]

1. A Licensee may cancel without charge an existing Licensed competition by notifying USEF of the cancellation and returning the License to USEF not less than 10 months prior to next competition date under the License. When a Cancellation is received more than 3 months but less than 10 months prior to the first day of the next competition date under the License 75% of competition dues will be refunded, subject to a minimum processing fee. Written notice of cancellation less than 3 months prior to the first day of the competition will be assessed a ~~penalty~~ **processing** fee equal to that of the minimum competition dues, unless the cancellation is due to an Act of God.

PROPONENT

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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INTENT

Changing from penalty/fine to processing fee

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: cancellation of competitions

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Arabian**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/03/2016**Draft 1:** No Comments**Carriage Pleasure Driving****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 10/26/2016**Draft 1:** No Comments**Competition Management****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/19/2016**Draft 1:** No Comments**Council - Admin & Finance****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/21/2016**Draft 1:** No Comments

Friesian

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/25/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Morgan

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/01/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

NSH

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/03/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/25/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

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PROPOSED CHANGE

GR808 Awarding Championships [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 8-B COMPETITION AWARDS, HONORS, AND PRIZES]

2. In the Hunter divisions, Championships must be awarded on points. In the Morgan and Welsh Pony divisions, Championships may be awarded on points or held as performance classes. (See JP110.2 for Jumper Championships *and EQ106 for Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation Championships*)

[...]

6. In Hunter *and Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation* sections only the first six ribbons in each class are counted regardless of the number offered. Ribbons have the same value even if less than the specified six places are awarded due to lack of entries. First Place...10 points, Second Place...6 points, Third Place...4 points, Fourth Place...2 points, Fifth Place...1 point, Sixth Place...1/2 point.

PROPONENT

National Hunter Committee

Draft Received: 8/31/2016

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INTENT

To define how Championships awarded based on points are calculated for the Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation division.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: championships

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Competition Management**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval**Draft 1:** No Comments**Council - Admin & Finance****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/21/2016**Draft 1:** No Comments**Council - Natl Breed & Discipline****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/19/2016**Draft 1:** No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2017

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/14/2017

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR831 Delay of Classes [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 8-D SCHEDULING DURING COMPETITION]

1. When the start of any class requiring horses to be shown individually is delayed by horses not ready to perform, the competition may be closed at the order of the judges or Show Committee, provided a warning is issued and exhibitors are given three (3) minutes to appear at the in-gate ready to participate. (Exception: in hunter, hunter seat equitation and jumper classes with a specified jumping order, see HU156, JP112, JP135.14a & JP136.2.) In classes where horses compete collectively, a warning is issued and the in-gate must be closed two minutes after the first horse enters the ring. (Paso Fino, see PF102.7; **Arabian, see AR107.1**) Judging must not commence until the gate is closed or at the end of the two-minute call. An official timer must be appointed to enforce this rule.

PROPONENT

AHA

Draft Received: 8/31/2016

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INTENT

Currently there is no rule that exists in GR 109.2 which requires a time limit in which a horse must enter the in-gate.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: delay of class

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Arabian

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/03/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Competition Management

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/19/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/21/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/05/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Dressage

Draft 1: No Action 12/01/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2017

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/14/2017

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR837 Hunter [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 8-E SCHOOLING]

GR837 Hunter

1. Schooling areas for hunters must contain adequate hunter-type fences. A trotting fence, a vertical and an oxer are required. See also HU154.
2. It is recommended that separate schooling areas be provided for hunters. A separate schooling area and jumps should also be provided for ponies.
3. A supervisor of schooling must be appointed for the schooling area designated for hunters if the area is less than 20,000 sq. ft. in size or more than 500 horses are entered in the competition.
- 4. Management is responsible for providing a Category 1 Steward or Certified Schooling Supervisor to supervise schooling in the Hunter schooling area. A Steward/schooling supervisor must be present in the schooling area during any Hunter class offering \$10,000 or more in prize money.**
- 5. The Category 1 Steward's or Certified Schooling Supervisor's decision regarding schooling fences, or tack and equipment in the warm-up area is final.**

GR1064 Certified Jumper Schooling Supervisor

1. No application will be considered unless and until a minimum of a total of 10 evaluations from current Category I Stewards, Jumper Judges, FEI Stewards for Jumping, FEI Jumping Judges, or Eligible Athletes as defined by USEF, are received.
2. Applicants must be 21 years of age or older, must be Senior Active Members of USEF, and must also demonstrate experience in the Jumper **and Hunter** Division within the past three years.
3. Applicants must complete the Certified Jumper Schooling Supervisor Training Program of the USEF Jumper Committee approved by the USEF Licensed Officials Committee prior to submitting their application. Information on the application procedure and the Training Program (which consists of a training session and apprenticeships) is available on the USEF website www.usef.org and also from the USEF Office.
4. Maintenance of Status - To maintain Certification, Schooling Supervisors must officiate at a minimum of four competitions and attend a Training Session every four years.
5. FEI Stewards for Jumping are eligible to serve as Certified Jumper Schooling Supervisors.

All additional references to Certified Jumper Schooling Supervisor within this rule book will be changed to Certified Schooling Supervisor. All currently licensed Certified Jumper Schooling Supervisors will be automatically reclassified as Certified Schooling Supervisors.

PROPONENT

USHJA

Draft Received: 11/21/2016

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INTENT

The Officials Committee recommends this Rule Change Proposal to ensure fairness of play in hunter classes, especially those offering \$10,000 in prize money or more, by requiring that certain schooling areas be supervised by a licensed official. If passed, all references to "Certified Jumper Schooling Supervisor" with the USEF Rule Book will be changed to "Certified Schooling Supervisor," and all currently licensed Certified Jumper Schooling Supervisors will be automatically reclassified as "Certified Schooling Supervisors."

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: hunter

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Arabian

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/03/2016
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 11/03/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Competition Management

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/19/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/21/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/22/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/19/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Jumper

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/05/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Licensed Officials

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 11/30/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/21/2016
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/13/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

NSH

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/15/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2017

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/14/2017

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR839 Cruelty to and Abuse of a Horse [CHAPTER 8-F Welfare of the Horse]

1. Cruelty to or the abuse of a horse **present on the grounds of any Licensed Competition** by any person at a Licensed Competition is forbidden, constitutes a violation under Chapter 7, and renders the offender subject to penalty. The Show Committee, **or Competition Management in the absence of a Show Committee**, must bar violators from further participation for the remainder of the competition. It is the duty of the competition officials and any properly constituted humane organization to report to the Federation any person who indulges in this practice for such further action as may be deemed appropriate.
2. **Any person or trainer, as defined by Federation rules, who presents for competition a horse that exhibits signs of recent cruelty or abuse will be subject to penalty under this rule.**
3. The Federation or the Judge, Steward, or TD may appoint a veterinarian to inspect any animal in **on competition grounds or entered to compete**. Refusal to submit an animal for examination by an authorized veterinarian after due notification shall constitute a violation.
4. ~~Show Committees are encouraged to contact the American Humane Association, 1400 16th Street NW, Suite 360, Washington DC 20036, which will provide experienced humane inspectors to work with them in eliminating cruel practices.~~
4. 5. The following acts are included under the words Cruelty and Abuse but are not limited thereto:
- a. Excessive use of a whip on any horse in a stall, runway, schooling area, competition ring or elsewhere on the competition grounds, before or during a competition, by any person. Except in emergency situations, any striking of the horse's head (on the poll and forward of the poll) with the whip shall be deemed excessive.
 - b. Any evidence of cruel or abusive training techniques.**
 - c. Rapping the legs of a horse with the butt end of a riding crop or other implement.
 - d. Use of any substance **or method** to induce temporary heat.
 - e. Manual poling with any object ~~other than a bamboo pole.~~
 - e. Use of a wire or chain in conjunction with any schooling jump.
 - f. Use of electric device in schooling or showing.
 - g. Use of shackles, hock hobbles and similar devices (not to be construed as rubber or elastic exercising devices).
 - h. Showing a horse with raw or bleeding sores around the coronets, pasterns or legs.
 - i. Use of any explosive (e.g., fire crackers, torpedoes, fire extinguishers except in case of fire, etc.) or laser beam devices anywhere on the competition grounds, except in an exhibition or if required in class specifications.
 - j. Withholding of feed and water for prolonged periods.
 - k. Letting blood from a horse for other than diagnostic purposes.
 - l. Inhumane treatment of a horse in a stall, runway, schooling area, competition ring or elsewhere on the competition grounds, by any person.
 - m. Use of any object that prevents the horse's ability to close his mouth. (Exception: use of an oral speculum by a veterinarian or equine dentist to provide legitimate dental/oral medical care.)
 - n. Soring and/or the use of an action device on any limb of a Tennessee Walking Horse, Racking Horse, or Spotted Saddle Horse (each a breed not recognized by the Federation) in any class at a Federation Licensed Competition is prohibited. An action device is defined by the USDA as any boot, collar, chain, roller, or other device that encircles or is placed upon the lower extremity of the leg of a horse in such a manner that it can rotate around the leg or slide up and down the leg so as to cause friction or strike the hoof, coronet band, fetlock joint or pastern of the horse. (Protective bell boots or heel boots are specifically excluded from this definition). The use of a weighted shoe, pad, wedge, in conjunction with a hoof band or other device or material (commonly referred to as a performance package) placed on, inserted in, or attached to any limb of a Tennessee Walking Horse, a Racking Horse, or Spotted Saddle Horse (each a breed not recognized by the Federation) constructed to artificially alter the gait of such a horse, and which are not protective or therapeutic in nature, ~~in classes~~ at a Federation Licensed Competition is prohibited.
 - o. Soring of any horse, including but not limited to the application of caustic chemicals to a horse's legs or hooves, in order to cause pain and/or affect a horse's performance, and/or used as a training technique.**
5. 6. Any action(s) against a horse by a competitor or an exhibitor, which are deemed excessive by a **Federation** judge, Federation steward, technical delegate or competition veterinarian, in the competition ring or anywhere on the competition grounds may be punished by official warning, elimination, or other sanctions which may be deemed appropriate by the Show Committee. Such action(s) could include, but are not limited to excessive use of the whip ~~or spurs, or bamboo poles~~. Competitors and exhibitors have the right to contest any action taken pursuant to GR839.5 by filing a protest or grievance pursuant to Chapter 6 of the Rules for hearing and determination by the Hearing Committee.

For purposes of this rule, the term "soring" is defined by the Horse Protection Act, 15 U.S.C. §1821.

PROPONENT

Horse Welfare Initiative Task Force

CONTACT

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Draft Received: 1/4/2017

INTENT

Since its inception, the Federation has been committed to the promotion of fair competition across all its breeds and disciplines. Any kind of abuse or cruelty to a horse goes against the Federation's Mission and Core Values.

As the sport grows, it is imperative that the Federation's rules are amended to guarantee that the Federation stays ahead of the abusive or cruel practices. We need to ensure that horses are not entered to compete or presented at a Federation Licensed Competition in a condition that evidences improper training practices were used in preparation for the competition or abuse that may have been inflicted prior to the competition.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS**Web:** cruelty**COMMITTEE ACTIONS****American Saddlebred**

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/15/2016
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Committee agrees with the concept but has several concerns. Not all competitions have a show committee; if they do they may not be horse people with the knowledge needed to conduct a hearing on horse welfare. Will the show committee be protected, if they do act? Suggest that the vet makes the determination if a horse shows signs of cruelty or abuse. The USEF Official, such as the Steward, then may then bar from competing all horses in the care of the individual that is of concern. Points 1-3 should be reorganized in order of how steps should occur.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Andalusian/Lusitano

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/03/2016
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Committee approves concept but would like language to specify this only pertains to evidence of recent abuse, not old scars.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Arabian

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/03/2016
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Language too broad; needs more work; too much left to the individual
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Breeds/Disciplines

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Carriage Pleasure Driving

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/26/2016
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Competition Management

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/19/2016
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Needs work on the language and ability for management to make decision or delegate to show committee
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Connemara

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/18/2016
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: No Action 12/21/2016
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 01/12/2017

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action 12/22/2016
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 01/04/2017

Draft 1: Needs to be amended to take into account that not all competitions have a show committee and even if they do, reality is that competition management makes these decisions with the Steward.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/04/2017
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 01/04/2017

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: The Council approved this rule change with the amendments to keep "Manual poling with any object" and remove "or bamboo poles".
Draft 3: No Comments

Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/01/2016
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/03/2017
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Under section "1.", the reference to "after a hearing before the show committee" needs to be deleted. We believe this rule, as currently written, will make it more difficult and discourage shows from eliminating for cruelty. We need to amend the rule to reflect what really occurs in competition.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Equine Drugs & Medications

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/22/2016
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 01/11/2017

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Eventing

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/08/2016
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 01/04/2017

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Friesian

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/25/2016
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Hackney

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/29/2016
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Support the concept of this proposal and agree with many of the points. However, committee feels a show committee is not capable of holding a hearing about horse welfare.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

HP - Dressage

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

HP - Eventing

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

HP - Jumping

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Licensed Officials

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/30/2016
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: The committee is in favor of the concept however, it is difficult to define 'cruel' and 'abusive'. The proposal is too broad, there are concerns with the show committee having the authority. What is a hearing before a show committee?
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Morgan

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/01/2016
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: .2= Too Broad; .7 who makes the determination?- also too broad; 9. define " method"- not a good term; 21. Define "soreing" also what is meant by "including but not limited to". While the committee supports the concept, these comments are too open ended and needed to be better defined so that there is no opportunity for misinterpretation.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/21/2016
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/03/2017
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: We are in favor of this rule but have questions about specific details i.e: -not all shows have show committees -signs of recent abuse vs. old abuse -not clear about kicking chains vs. hobbles
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

NSH

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/03/2016
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Too broad; needs more work
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Paso Fino

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/26/2016
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Roadster

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/21/2016
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Agree with the concept but feel how it's implemented and decided needs further discussion. Committee agrees with the American Saddlebred committee's concerns.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Saddle Seat Eq

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/28/2016
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Agree with concept. However, a show committee is often made up of volunteers who may not be experienced horse people. Committee feels the show committee is not qualified to make this decision it should be the call of the vet an another USEF official.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Shetland

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/21/2016
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/15/2016
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: #1: Needs to include the ability for management to make the decision or delegate it to the show committee. #9: Is this necessary with the inclusion of 21 #10: Strike through "with any object other than a bamboo pole."
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Veterinary

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/22/2016
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 01/11/2017

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Welsh

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/17/2016
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Agree with the intent of the rule, however the language is too broad. Interpretations of cruelty can vary person to person.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Western Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/08/2016
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/25/2016
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2017

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/14/2017

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR843 Mandatory Reporting and Cooperation of Horse/Pony Collapse [CHAPTER 8-F Welfare of the Horse]

This rule applies to collapses of horses/ponies. For purposes of this rule, a "collapse" is defined as a fall to the ground with no apparent cause at any time from when entries arrive at the venue until departure from the venue. Other falls are not considered to be a collapse and are defined in GR122 and specified division rules. Refer to GR1034.4 for reporting requirements for all other falls and accidents.

1. The trainer as defined in GR 404, or the owner if the trainer is unavailable, or the rider if the trainer and owner are both unavailable, shall notify the Steward/Technical Delegate as soon as possible but no later than three hours after such occurrence of any collapse of a horse or pony. When a collapse occurs outside of competition hours or before the competition begins, notification must occur as soon as possible but no later than three hours after the Steward/TD reports to the show or returns to duty.
2. The Steward/TD shall report to Competition Management and the Federation within one hour of notification of a collapse.
3. In addition to the duties set forth in GR 1034.4, the Steward/TD shall file an Accident/Injury/Equine Collapse Report Form or Equine Fatality Report Form with the Federation within 24 hours of notification, except in exceptional circumstances such as no internet access at the venue.
4. The Federation, at its expense, may appoint a veterinarian to inspect the horse or pony that has collapsed and provide a full report to the Federation. Refusal to submit an animal for examination by an authorized veterinarian after due notification shall constitute a violation of this rule.
5. **The Steward/TD shall ensure that** Any horse or pony that collapses at a licensed or endorsed competition is subject to drug and medication testing in accordance with Chapter 4 of these rules. In the absence of a Federation testing veterinarian, a veterinarian appointed under paragraph 4 (above) or the official competition veterinarian is authorized to collect and submit fluid samples in accordance with these rules.
6. The rider, owner, and trainer as defined in GR 404 shall cooperate with the Federation as to any investigation it undertakes with respect to a collapse or death of a horse/pony. This includes providing information requested by the Federation within 10 days of the request.

PROPONENT

Horse Welfare Initiative Task Force

Draft Received: 1/2/2017

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INTENT

The current rule leaves open the responsibility of submitting a collapsed horse to drug and medication testing. The change would place the responsibility on Competition Management to ensure horses are subject to testing.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: horse collapse

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Andalusian/Lusitano

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/03/2016
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: Committee disagrees with placing this responsibility on management.
Draft 2: No Comments

Arabian

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/03/2016
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: Remove Competition Management and replace with "The owner of the horse or pony that collapses..."
Draft 2: No Comments

Carriage Pleasure Driving

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/26/2016
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Competition Management

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/19/2016
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: competition management should not be responsible
Draft 2: No Comments

Connemara

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/18/2016
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/21/2016
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/12/2017

Draft 1: Should not be the responsibility of Competition Management. Possibly a responsibility of the Steward/TD should
Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action 12/22/2016
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/04/2017

Draft 1: Everyone feels that this is the duty of the competition Steward and not management and Stewards attending these meetings agree with this premise.
Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/04/2017

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Equine Drugs & Medications

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/22/2016
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/11/2017

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Eventing

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/08/2016
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/04/2017

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Friesian

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/25/2016
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Licensed Officials

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/30/2016
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: The Committee does not feel that competition management should be held responsible.
Draft 2: No Comments

Morgan

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/01/2016
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/21/2016
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/03/2017

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

NSH

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/03/2016
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: Should be Steward's responsibility not Manager
Draft 2: No Comments

Paso Fino

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/26/2016
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Shetland

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/21/2016
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: Committee feels this responsibility should fall to the steward.
Draft 2: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/15/2016
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Veterinary

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/22/2016
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/11/2017

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Welsh

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/17/2016
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: The responsibility should not be placed on competition management. This should fall under the steward's purview. Would also suggest language that a veterinarian should clear a horse before it returns to the competition ring.
Draft 2: No Comments

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/25/2016
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2017

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/14/2017

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR844 Mandatory Necropsy [CHAPTER 8-F Welfare of the Horse]

This rule applies to fatalities of horses/ponies. For purposes of this rule, a "fatality" is defined as a death by any means including euthanasia at any time from when entries arrive at the venue until departure from the venue or a death by any means including euthanasia at any time occurring as a result of any fatal injury or illness sustained during a Licensed Competition or after a Licensed Competition where such fatal injury or illness is related to the horse's participation in the Licensed Competition.

1. The trainer, as defined by Federation rules, or the owner if the trainer is unavailable, or the rider if the trainer and owner are both unavailable, shall notify the Steward/Technical Delegate as soon as possible but no later than one hour after such occurrence of any fatality of a horse or pony. When a fatality occurs outside of competition hours or before the competition begins, notification must occur as soon as possible but no later than one hour after the Steward/TD reports to the show or returns to duty.
2. The Steward/TD shall report to Competition Management and the Federation as soon as possible but no later than 24 hours after the incident.
3. If a Federation appointed testing veterinarian is not available, at the Federation's cost, the Steward/TD shall ensure that the appointed Competition Veterinarian collects urine and blood samples at the earliest opportunity and submits the samples for analysis to the Federation's laboratory.
4. In addition to the duties set forth in GR 1034, the Steward/Technical Delegate shall file an Equine Fatality Report Form with the Federation within 24 hours of notification, except in exceptional circumstances such as no internet access at the venue.
5. Competition Management must identify prior to the start of the competition the nearest Veterinary Pathology laboratory to facilitate a rapid and accurate post-mortem.
6. A gross post mortem examination must be carried out in all incidents of euthanasia or fatality, except where the nearest Veterinary Pathology laboratory is further than 200 miles from where the equine fatality or euthanasia occurred. If a horse is uninsured or a post mortem is not required by the owner's insurance, the Federation will cover the cost of the gross post mortem and transport costs to the appropriate veterinary facility, up to a maximum in total of \$1,000.00, unless a greater amount is pre-approved by the Federation should the circumstances warrant. If the Federation covers the cost of the post mortem and the relevant post mortem report is provided to the owner's insurance, the Federation will only be responsible for half of the cost of the post mortem up to a maximum in total of \$500.00. If a post mortem is required by the owner's insurance, at no cost to the Federation, the horse's owner shall provide the Federation a copy of the post mortem report within 24 hours of receipt of such report.
7. In certain circumstances, as approved by the Chief Administrator of the Federation's Equine Drugs and Medications Program, who may be contacted at 1-800-633-2472, a necropsy may not be warranted.
8. The Federation Chief Administrator of Equine Drugs and Medications Program must be consulted by the horse's owner and in prior agreement for any further diagnostic investigations, such as histopathology, unless required by the owner's insurance. Within 12 hours of the horse leaving competition grounds, Competition Management shall provide the Federation Equine Drugs and Medications Program with the contact details of the applicable Veterinary Pathology laboratory.
9. The owner shall provide the preliminary and final reports of any post mortem to the Federation Equine Drugs and Medications Program within 24 hours of the pathologist completing their report or the owner's receipt of the report, but no later than 7 days after the Horse's death.
10. The cause of death and, if relevant, the method of euthanasia should be included in the Post Mortem Report.
11. The Competition and/or treating veterinarian shall submit all information regarding any substance(s) administered to the horse prior to or during competition and before or during death or euthanasia using the Equine Drugs and Medications Report Form to the Federation Equine Drugs and Medications Program within 12 hours.

PROPONENT

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In the tragic event that a horse encounters a fatal incident while at a Licensed Competition, it is imperative that the Federation be able to gather information about that horse, which could lead to saving other horses from a similar fate.

Currently, the Federation does not have a necropsy requirement for horses that die while at a Licensed Competition. However, in requiring a necropsy and having access to the results of necropsies, the Federation will be able to gather critical information regarding the horse fatalities that occur at Licensed Competitions. This information would be used for research on the health and safety of horses.

The following information is intended to provide Committees and Federation members with the necessary background and addresses the requirements of the proposed necropsy rule change.

Introduction: The Federation is dedicated to maintaining a safe competition environment for all our members and their horses. The Federation is committed to the welfare of the horse.

Currently, the Federation does not have a necropsy requirement for equine fatalities that occur at Licensed Competitions. However, in requiring a necropsy and having access to the results of necropsies, the Federation will be able to gather critical information regarding the horse fatalities that occur at Licensed Competitions. This information would be used primarily to conduct research on the health and safety of horses. This requirement will also lead to the implementation of safety mechanisms that protect the horse and rider at all Licensed Competitions.

Q&A:

- Is the Federation aware of what an emotional time this can be for an owner? Absolutely. The Federation recognizes that the loss of an equine companion is devastating. The supporters of this rule have all experienced the loss of their horse. However, this rule change proposal is for the greater good of all competing horses.
- What if there is no veterinary pathology lab within 200 miles? This rule change proposal only applies when there is a lab within 200 miles. A list of available veterinary pathology laboratories will be provided to Competition Management and available on the Federation's website.
- Who will pay for samples to be drawn from a deceased horse? The Federation will cover all costs of drawing samples by using a testing veterinarian or covering the costs of a Competition Veterinarian.
- What costs associated with the necropsy and transportation will the Federation cover? If your horse is uninsured, the Federation will cover the cost of the required necropsy up to \$1,000. If the cost of a necropsy exceeds \$1,000, the Federation will cover the excess cost only in the event that the cost has been pre-approved by the Federation. If the horse is insured and a copy of the necropsy report is provided to the insurance company, the Federation will only cover half of the cost of a necropsy, up to \$500. If your insurance company requires a necropsy be performed on your horse, the Federation will not cover the costs of a necropsy.
- What are the additional burdens on Licensed Officials? This proposed rule change places no new responsibilities on Licensed Officials.
- Will this rule be a burden on Competition Management? No. We share a common goal with Competition Management that is to provide the safest environment possible to competitors. By working together, the Federation and Competition Management will be able to improve the safety and welfare of horses and riders.
- Is this rule change manageable? Yes. As evidenced by the FEI and USEA's similar policies regarding necropsies, the Federation is confident that this rule change will have a positive effect on future competitions and will lead to further improvements of horse welfare.

Timeline under proposed rule change:

- The trainer, owner, or rider must report the fatality to the Steward/TD as soon as possible but no later than one hour after the fatality.
- Steward/TD must report fatality to Competition Management and the Federation as soon as possible but no later than 24 hours after incident.
- Steward/TD must file an Equine Fatality Report Form with the Federation no later than 24 hours after incident, except in exceptional circumstances.
- Competition Management must ensure that samples are collected and sent to the Federation for testing at the earliest opportunity.
- Competition Management must give the Federation the contact information for the Veterinary Pathology laboratory within 12 hours of the horse leaving the grounds.
- Competition and/or treating veterinarian must provide the Equine Drugs and Medications Program with a complete list of all substances administered to the horse within 12 hours.
- the horse's owner must provide the Federation with a copy of the post mortem report within 24 hours of receiving it, but no later than 7 days after the fatality.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: horse fatality

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

American Saddlebred

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/15/2016
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Committee is concerned with making this mandatory for all types of death. If a horse dies or is euthanatized from an issue that is obviously not a welfare issue a necropsy should not be required. The committee does not have an issue with taking blood and urine samples from all types of deaths.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Andalusian/Lusitano

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/03/2016
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Committee disagrees with leaving the owner out of the say in this decision. Committee disagrees with adding this responsibility to competition management and is concerned with the additional financial responsibility beyond what is covered by the Federation.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Arabian

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/03/2016
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/03/2016
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Too expensive
Draft 2: Too expensive
Draft 3: No Comments

Breeds/Disciplines

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Carriage Pleasure Driving

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/26/2016
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Competition Management

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/19/2016
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Needs to identify when the rule becomes active at a competition, clarify what is meant by the phrase "after a Licensed Competition where such fatal injury or illness is related to the horse's participation in the Licensed Competition.", and amend point 5 to state "identify" vs "make arrangements"
Draft 3: No Comments

Connemara

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/18/2016
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: This is difficult to implement, especially for rural competitions.
Draft 3: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/21/2016
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 01/12/2017

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action 12/22/2016
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 01/04/2017

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: All agree in principle, but feel competition management should only have to identify places to get a necropsy done, that there should be a limit on the back end for deaths after the competition (3 days suggested) and since the Steward typically interacts with the USEF, they should be responsible for getting the samples taken at the competition.
Draft 3: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 01/04/2017

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Dressage

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/01/2016
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 01/03/2017

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Equine Drugs & Medications

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 11/22/2016
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 01/11/2017

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: The Committee understands the emotionally charged issue this rule raises with owners, but it's important to gather as much information as possible.
Draft 3: No Comments

Eventing

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/10/2016
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 01/04/2017

Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Friesian

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/25/2016
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Heavy emotional stress already for exhibitor. Who pays the additional costs?
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Hackney

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/29/2016
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Committee feels this is overregulation; USEF should not be conducting research at the expense of the owners. A necropsy should not be mandatory for a horse with an obvious cause of death. Not all horses are insured and this would be a huge expense. Committee is fine with taking a blood and urine samples for all types of death.
Draft 3: No Comments

HP - Dressage

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

HP - Eventing

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

HP - Jumping

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Licensed Officials

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/12/2016
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Morgan

Draft 1: No Action 11/01/2016
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/13/2016
Draft 3: Recommends Disapproval 01/03/2017

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: Needs to identify when the rule becomes active at a competition and clarify what is meant by the phrase "after a licensed competition where such fatal injury or illness is related to the horse's participation in the Licensed Competition"

NSH

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/03/2016
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Too expensive
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Paso Fino

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/27/2016
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 11/22/2016
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Roadster

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/21/2016
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Committee believes that this should not be mandatory when death occurs from an issue that is obviously not a welfare issue.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Saddle Seat Eq

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/28/2016
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Feel a necropsy should not be mandatory in all cases. There should be strong implications there is a welfare issue for a mandatory necropsy. This would be a major expense for a horse that is not insured.
Draft 3: No Comments

Shetland

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/21/2016
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Many scenarios where death would not be a result of a welfare issue and this requirement would be difficult for a distraught owner.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/15/2016
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Needs to identify when the rule becomes active at a competition, clarify what is meant by the phrase "after a Licensed Competition where such fatal injury or illness is related to the horse's participation in the Licensed Competition.", and amend point 5 to state "identify" vs "make arrangements"
Draft 3: No Comments

Veterinary

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 11/22/2016
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 01/11/2017

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: The Committee feels strongly that there needs to be an educational approach to the membership regarding this rule if it passes. It is a very emotional topic, and one that the Federation is very sensitive to. However, the information that may be obtained could be very beneficial to other horses and warrants this rule change.
Draft 3: No Comments

Welsh

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/17/2016
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: In favor of the idea, but will cover additional costs? What if the death is obvious such as a severely broken limb?
Draft 3: No Comments

Western Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/08/2016
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Concerned with making this mandatory. An owner (particularly youth) should not be subjected to more trauma and expense by requiring their horse to have a necropsy if it dies from old age or something that is obviously not a welfare issue. Would be fine with requiring mandatory blood and fluid samples be taken from any horse dying on competition grounds. Recommend necropsy be done on a case by case basis if welfare issues or abuse is suspected by the veterinarian. If there are obvious signs of abuse recommend the owner have to pay the full cost. If there are not obvious signs of abuse recommend USEF pay the full cost.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/25/2016
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Need more information regarding costs, locations, etc.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2017

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/14/2017

PROPOSED CHANGE

Subchapter 8-G Safety Preparedness and Reporting [CHAPTER GR845-849]

Subchapter 8-G Safety Preparedness and Reporting**GR845 Accident Preparedness Plan****GR846 Safety Coordinator****GR847 Use of Qualified Medical Personnel****GR848 Accidents Involving Competitors****GR859 Mandatory Reporting of Horse/Pony Collapse****GR845 Accident Preparedness Plan**

1. All competitions must have in place, prior to the start of the competition, an accident preparedness plan. In addition, all competitions must have in place an isolation protocol for horses.
2. Competition management is responsible for ensuring that all appropriate competition officials and competition staff are advised of the accident preparedness plan and isolation protocol for horses, and that they are distributed accordingly.
3. The accident preparedness plan and protocol must be given to the Steward or Technical Delegate prior to the start of the competition.
4. The Steward or Technical Delegate shall submit a copy of the accident preparedness plan and protocol to the Federation along with his/her Steward or Technical Delegate report.
5. At a minimum, the accident preparedness plan must include:
 - a. Emergency call/radio priority protocol;
 - b. List of emergency telephone numbers and directions to the competition that can be relayed to offsite responders; and
 - c. Name and contact information of the Safety Coordinator.

GR846 Safety Coordinator

1. All Licensed Competitions must appoint a Safety Coordinator, who shall oversee the establishment and coordination of medical and veterinary services. This person may have other roles or duties in relation to the competition except:
 - a. The Safety Coordinator may not serve as a Licensed Official at the competition (exception: Course Designers); and
 - b. The Safety Coordinator may not compete as a rider, driver, vaulter, longeur, or handler at the competition.
2. The Safety Coordinator shall:
 - a. Oversee provisions for the safety and welfare of exhibitors, horses, and spectators;
 - b. Oversee the implementation of the Accident Preparedness Plan;
 - c. Communicate with Competition Management and Medical Personnel prior to the start of competition to ensure that parties are aware of the requirements of the Accident Preparedness Plan;
 - d. Provide Medical Personnel with a map of the competition grounds, which includes plans for vehicle access to competition/warm-up areas and stabling.
 - e. Have his name and contact information posted along with the required emergency information at the competition.

GR847 Use of Qualified Medical Personnel

1. Qualified medical personnel with no other duties and with appropriate medical equipment, as required by their certifying State or EMS Region, must be present during all scheduled performances at all competitions and during all paid scheduled schooling sessions over fences, including 1 day prior to the start of the competition, if applicable,
 - a. Qualified medical personnel is a currently certified or licensed EMT, or Paramedic, Certified First Responder, or a Physician or Nurse trained in pre-hospital trauma care and currently certified or licensed in their profession under applicable law where the competition is held. (Exception: Eventing - see EV113.5).
 - b. A Physician or Nurse trained in pre-hospital trauma care is a Physician or Nurse who is currently certified in Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS), Basic Trauma Life Support (BTLS), Pre-hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS), or who has First Responder or comparable certification. Comparable certification requires review and written approval in advance by the Safety Committee. (Exception: Eventing - see EV113.5)
 - c. It is strongly recommended that EMTs and/or Paramedics be used to fill this position. Medical personnel must not exceed the scope of their practice.
 - d. All medical personnel must be readily identifiable, available, and mobile.
 - e. Unless prohibited by Federal, State or local law, this person must furnish the Steward(s) or TD(s) with a copy of his/her report(s), or assist these officials with documenting any findings and treatment for all injuries sustained in competition or on the competition grounds.
2. An ambulance must be on the competition grounds or on call during all scheduled performances at all competitions and during all paid scheduled schooling sessions over fences, including 1 day prior to the start of the competition, if applicable.
3. Required Number of Qualified Medical Personnel
 - a. Competitions using more than three performance areas simultaneously must have at least one additional person who is CPR-certified to assist the medical personnel of record for that competition. The additional person may have other duties related to the competition provided they can be immediately available to respond to an emergency. This person must be identified to officials and staff. Dressage arenas do not count as performance areas.
 1. If more than six performance areas are used simultaneously there must be at least two additional people who are CPR-certified to assist the

medical personnel of record for that competition.

2. Hunter and Jumper competitions using four or more rings simultaneously must have at least 2 Qualified Medical Personnel present during all performance sessions.

GR 848 Accidents Involving Competitors

1. This rule pertains to accidents involving competitors at Federation-Licensed or endorsed competitions.

2. For all competitors evaluated pursuant to this rule, the Steward or Technical Delegate shall submit a properly completed Accident/Injury Form to the Federation Director of Competitions with their Steward or TD Report, unless otherwise noted below.

3. Fatalities and Serious Injuries. In the event of a human fatality or serious injury, the Steward or Technical Delegate shall notify the Safety Coordinator, competition management, and the Federation immediately, or as soon as practicable. Within 24 hours, except in exceptional circumstances, the Steward or Technical Delegate shall submit a completed Accident/Injury Report form to the Federation.

4. Unconsciousness/Concussion.

a. In the event of a fall/accident where the competitor is apparently concussed or unconscious, he/she is precluded from competing until evaluated by qualified medical personnel, as defined in GR848.a. If the competitor refuses to be evaluated, he is disqualified from the competition and must follow the Return to Competition guidelines in accordance with the rules.

b. A Time-Out may be called in accordance with applicable division rules.

c. If qualified medical personnel suspect that a competitor has sustained unconsciousness or a concussion, he/she must be precluded from competing until cleared to compete in accordance with the Return to Competition rules.

d. The competition Steward or TD shall notify Competition Management and the Safety Coordinator of the fall/accident as soon as practicable.

e. For all competitors evaluated pursuant to this section, the Steward or Technical Delegate shall submit a properly completed Accident/Injury Form, and, if applicable, any corresponding signed release to the Federation Director of Competitions within 24 hours of the fall/accident, except in exceptional circumstances.

5. Medical Suspension. Any competitor who is determined ineligible to compete under any of the preceding paragraphs will be placed on the Federation Medical Suspension List that will be posted on the Federation's website.

6. Return to Competition. In the event that a competitor is determined ineligible to compete under one of the preceding paragraphs, the competitor shall submit to the Federation, a signed release, which includes criteria established by the Federation from time to time, completed by a licensed physician in order to be eligible to once again compete in Federation-Licensed or endorsed competitions.

7. Refusal of Entry. Any competitor on the Federation Medical Suspension List is responsible for not competing in any further Federation Licensed or endorsed competition until he is removed from the medical suspension list. Competitions management shall refuse entries of any competitor who is on the Federation Medical Suspension List, unless he submits to the Federation a properly signed release in accordance with the Return to Competition rules. Competition Management is responsible for checking the Medical Suspension List prior to accepting entries.

a. Substitution. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the rules herein, if an entry is accepted prior to the time the competitor was added to the Federation Medical Suspension List, a substitute competitor may be named.

b. Refund. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the rules herein, for any competitor who appears on the Federation Medical Suspension List, a Federation-Licensed or endorsed competition shall refund the entry fees and Jumper nominating fee, if applicable, less office fees, if applicable. Stabling fees may not be refunded, unless the stabling is filled.

GR 849 Mandatory Reporting of Horse/Pony Collapse

1. Definitions. For purposes of this rule, a "collapse" is defined as a fall to the ground with no apparent cause at any time from when entries arrive at the venue until departure from the venue. Other falls are not considered to be a collapse and are defined in GR122 and specified division rules. Refer to GR849 for reporting requirements for all other falls and accidents.

2. The trainer as defined in GR 404, or the owner if the trainer is unavailable, or the rider if the trainer and owner are both unavailable, shall notify the Steward/Technical Delegate as soon as possible but no later than three hours after such occurrence of any collapse of a horse or pony. When a collapse occurs outside of competition hours or before the competition begins, notification must occur as soon as possible but no later than three hours after the Steward/TD reports to the show or returns to duty.

3. The Steward/TD shall report to Competition Management and the Federation within one hour of notification of a collapse.

4. In addition to the duties set forth in GR 1034.6, the Steward/TD shall submit an Accident/Injury/Equine Collapse Report Form to the Federation within 24 hours of notification, except in exceptional circumstances.

5. The Federation, at its expense, may appoint a veterinarian to inspect the horse or pony that has collapsed and provide a full report to the Federation. Refusal to submit an animal for examination by an authorized veterinarian after due notification shall constitute a violation of this rule.

6. Any horse or pony that collapses at a licensed or endorsed competition is subject to drug and medication testing in accordance with Chapter 4 of these rules. In the absence of a Federation testing veterinarian, a veterinarian appointed under paragraph 4 5or the official competition veterinarian is authorized to collect and submit fluid samples in accordance with these rules.

7. The rider, owner, and trainer as defined in GR 404 shall cooperate with the Federation as to any investigation it undertakes with respect to a collapse or death of a horse/pony. This includes providing information requested by the Federation within 10 days of the request.

8. Equine fatalities. In the event of an equine fatality during a Licensed Competition, the competition Steward or Technical Delegate shall immediately notify the Federation and Competition Management, or as soon as practicable. Within 24 hours, the Steward or Technical Delegate shall submit a completed Equine Fatality Report form to the Federation.

9. For all other equine injuries or accidents not otherwise covered by this rule, the Steward or TD shall submit an Accident/Injury/Equine Collapse Report Form with the Steward or TD Report.

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GR843 Mandatory Reporting and Cooperation of Horse/Pony Collapse

This rule applies to collapses of horses/ponies. For purposes of this rule, a "collapse" is defined as a fall to the ground with no apparent cause at any time from when entries arrive at the venue until departure from the venue. Other falls are not considered to be a collapse and are defined in GR122 and specified division rules. Refer to GR1034.4 (should be GR1034.6) for reporting requirements for all other falls and accidents.

1. The trainer as defined in GR 404, or the owner if the trainer is unavailable, or the rider if the trainer and owner are both unavailable, shall notify the Steward/Technical Delegate as soon as possible but no later than three hours after such occurrence of any collapse of a horse or pony. When a collapse occurs outside of competition hours or before the competition begins, notification must occur as soon as possible but no later than three hours after the Steward/TD reports to the show or returns to duty.

2. The Steward/TD shall report to Competition Management and the Federation within one hour of notification of a collapse.

3. In addition to the duties set forth in GR1034.4 (should be GR1034.6), the Steward/TD shall file an Accident/Injury/Equine Collapse Report Form or Equine Fatality Report Form with the Federation within 24 hours of notification, except in exceptional circumstances such as no internet access at the venue.

4. The Federation, at its expense, may appoint a veterinarian to inspect the horse or pony that has collapsed and provide a full report to the Federation. Refusal to submit an animal for examination by an authorized veterinarian after due notification shall constitute a violation of this rule.

5. Any horse or pony that collapses at a licensed or endorsed competition is subject to drug and medication testing in accordance with Chapter 4 of these rules. In the absence of a Federation testing veterinarian, a veterinarian appointed under paragraph 4 (above) or the official competition veterinarian is authorized to collect and submit fluid samples in accordance with these rules.

6. The rider, owner, and trainer as defined in GR 404 shall cooperate with the Federation as to any investigation it undertakes with respect to a collapse or death of a horse/pony. This includes providing information requested by the Federation within 10 days of the request.

GR1316 Accidents Involving Competitors

1. This rule pertains to accidents involving competitors at Federation-Licensed or endorsed competitions.
2. In the event of a fall/accident where the competitor is apparently unconscious or concussed, he/she is precluded from competing until evaluated by qualified medical personnel as defined in GR1211.5. If the competitor refuses to be evaluated, he is disqualified from the competition.
4. Unconsciousness/Concussion. If qualified medical personnel determines that a competitor has sustained unconsciousness or a concussion, he/she must be precluded from competing until cleared to compete under paragraph 6 below.
5. Medical Suspension. Any competitor who is determined ineligible to compete under any of the preceding paragraphs will be placed on the Federation Medical Suspension List that will be posted on the Federation's website.
6. Return to Competition. In the event that a competitor is determined ineligible to compete under one of the preceding paragraphs, the competitor shall submit to the Federation, a signed release, which includes criteria established by the Federation from time to time, completed by a licensed physician in order to be eligible to once again compete in Federation-Licensed or endorsed competitions.
7. For all competitors evaluated pursuant to this rule, the Steward or Technical Delegate shall submit properly completed Accident/Injury Form, and, if applicable, any corresponding signed release to the Federation Director of Competitions by 6:00 p.m. on the day following the last day of the competition.
8. Refusal of Entry. Competitions shall refuse entries of any competitor who is on the Federation Medical Suspension list unless he submits to the Federation a properly signed release as described in paragraph 6 above. Any competitor on the Federation Medical Suspension List is responsible for not competing in any further Federation-Licensed or endorsed competition until they are removed from the medical suspension list.
9. Substitution. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the rules herein, if an entry is accepted prior to the time the competitor was added to the Federation Medical Suspension List, a substitute competitor may be named.
10. Refund. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the rules herein, for any competitor who appears on the Federation Medical Suspension List, a Federation-Licensed or endorsed competition shall refund the entry fees and Jumper nominating fee, if applicable, less office fee. BOD 1/16/16 Effective 4/1/16

GR1211.5. Qualified Medical Personnel.

a) Qualified medical personnel with no other duties and with appropriate medical equipment, as required by their certifying State or EMS Region, must be present during all scheduled performances at all competitions and during all paid scheduled schooling sessions over fences, including one (1) day prior to the start of the competition if applicable, and during all scheduled performances.

1. Qualified medical personnel is a currently certified or licensed EMT, or Paramedic, Certified First Responder, or a Physician or Nurse trained in pre-hospital trauma care and currently certified or licensed in their profession under applicable law where the competition is held. (Exception: Eventing – see EV113.5).

2. A Physician or Nurse trained in pre-hospital trauma care is a Physician or Nurse who is currently certified in Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS), Basic Trauma Life Support (BTLS), Pre-hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS), or who has First Responder or comparable certification. Comparable certification requires review and written approval in advance by the Safety Committee. (Exception: Eventing – see EV113.5)

3. It is strongly recommended that EMTs and/or Paramedics be used to fill this position. Medical personnel must not exceed the scope of their practice.

4. A fine of \$750 per day will be imposed on Licensed Competitions failing to comply with this rule.

5. All medical personnel must be readily identifiable and the area where they are available must be designated and readily accessible.

6. Unless prohibited by Federal, State or local law, this person must furnish the Steward(s) or TD(s) with a copy of his/her report(s), or assist these officials with documenting any findings and treatment for all injuries sustained in competition or on the competition grounds.

b. Competitions using more than three performance areas simultaneously must have at least one additional person who is CPR-certified to assist the medical personnel of record for that competition. The additional person may have other duties related to the competition provided they can be immediately available to respond to an emergency. This person must be identified to officials and staff. Dressage arenas do not count as performance areas. If more than six performance areas are used simultaneously there must be at least two additional people who are CPR-certified to assist the medical personnel of record for that competition. Hunter and Jumper competitions using four or more rings simultaneously must have, in addition to the qualified medical personnel of record, one additional person who is at least First Responder certified present during all performance sessions.

c. An operational telephone and/or other emergency call priority system must be provided by the competition. Management must post in the office and by the telephone and/or the emergency call equipment, emergency telephone numbers plus directions to the competition which could be quickly relayed to the off site responder.

d. Additionally, during the time period as defined above, an ambulance must be on the competition grounds or on call.

e. All competitions must have in place prior to the start of the competition, an accident preparedness plan and in conjunction with the plan make the necessary arrangements for an ambulance to be on the grounds or on call.

1. Competition management is responsible for ensuring that all competition officials and competition staff are advised of the accident preparedness plan and that it is distributed accordingly.

2. Said plan shall be given to the Steward or Technical Delegate prior to the start of the competition.

3. The Steward or Technical Delegate shall submit a copy of said plan to the Federation along with his/her Steward or Technical Delegate report.

4. A fine of \$750 per day will be imposed on Licensed Competitions failing to either have an ambulance on the grounds or on call.

GR1211.6. Safety Coordinator

a. All Licensed Competitions must appoint a Safety Coordinator, who shall oversee the establishment and coordination of medical and veterinary services. This person may have other roles or duties in relation to the competition except:

1. The Safety Coordinator may not serve as Judge at the competition.

2. The Safety Coordinator may not compete as a rider, driver, vaulter, longeur, or handler at the competition.

b. Duties of the Safety Coordinator. The Safety Coordinator shall:

1. Oversee provisions for the safety and welfare of exhibitors, horses and spectators.

2. Oversee the implementation of the Accident Preparedness Plan (GR1211.5).

3. Hold a meeting with Competition Management and Medical Personnel to ensure that parties are aware of the requirements of the Accident Preparedness Plan.

4. Provide Medical Personnel with a map of the competition grounds which includes plans for vehicle access to competition/warm-up areas and stabling.

5. Have his name and contact information posted along with the required emergency information at the competition.

Strike and replace rule reference below (with rule that is effective 12-1-2017):

GR1034.3.a Stewards and Technical Delegates

2. Accident/Injury Report Forms on the official form provided by the Federation (details of injuries relating to both humans and equines) EXCEPTION: In the event of a fatality, the Federation or weekend on-call number must be notified as soon as possible but not later than 24 hours after the incident *in accordance with GR848*.

3. Each competition's Accident Preparedness Plan as provided for in GR1211.5e *GR845*.

PROPONENT

Competition Management

CONTACT

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INTENT

Currently, safety preparedness and reporting requirements are spread across four chapters in the Rule Book. The primary goal of this new subchapter is to consolidate the rules into one, easy to locate and read subchapter. This will allow competition managers, licensed officials, and members to more easily locate safety preparedness and reporting requirements.

Substantive changes to existing language includes:

- GR 846.1.a = Safety Coordinator may not serve as a Licensed Official, except as a Course Designer;
- GR 846.2.c = competition management and medical personnel will communicate prior to the start of competition regarding the accident preparedness plan;
- GR 847.3.a.2 = the change to "2 Qualified Medical Personnel" is a clarification that reflects the existing language
- GR 848 = reconciles the current reporting standards, rules, and importance of timely information for fatalities and unconsciousness/concussion injuries
- GR 849 = clarifies current duties under existing rule GR 843.3

Please Note: informational materials regarding Isolation Protocol, as approved by the Board of Directors on 6/20/16, will be distributed in 2017.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: safety preparedness

COMMITTEE ACTIONS**Andalusian/Lusitano**

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Arabian

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Carriage Pleasure Driving

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Draft 2: No Comments

Connemara

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Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

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Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/19/2016

Draft 2: No Comments

Eventing

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Friesian

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Draft 1: If applies only to H/J rings
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Licensed Officials

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Morgan

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Draft 2: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

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NSH

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Draft 2: No Comments

Paso Fino

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Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Shetland

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USHJA

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Welsh

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Western Dressage

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Draft 1: Verify that WD arenas are included with Dressage arenas
Draft 2: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2017

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/14/2017

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR915 Limiting Entries [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 9-C SUBMISSION, ACCEPTANCE, AND REFUSAL OF ENTRIES]*For Hunter and Jumper competitions see HJ400.*

1. Management can limit the number of horses entered by an owner and the number of horses ridden by a rider.
2. Any competition that sets restrictive criteria for accepting entries and/or offers classes or events which are part of a league, series or other ranking or award system must do so by meeting the applicable requirements described below:

[...]

PROPONENT

USHJA

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INTENT

To move requirements for limiting entries at Hunter/Jumper competitions to the HJ Chapter.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: limiting entries

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Intl Discipline**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/22/2016**Draft 1:** No Comments**Council - Natl Breed & Discipline****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 01/04/2017**Draft 1:** No Comments**Jumper****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/05/2016**Draft 1:** No Comments

National Hunter Committee

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Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

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RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2017

BOARD ACTION

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PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1004 General [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 10-B GENERAL RULES AND FEES]

a. Unless stated otherwise, judges in the following classes are not required to be licensed by USEF ~~the Federation~~ nor is the competition required to obtain a guest card for the judge:

~~3. Opportunity classes in the Western Dressage Division which must be judged by either licensed Dressage judges with the exception of Western Dressage Suitability, Western Dressage Hack and Western Dressage Seat Equitation or licensed Western Dressage judges including Western Dressage Suitability, Western Dressage Hack, and Western Dressage Seat Equitation. Breed licensed judges are also eligible to officiate Western Dressage Suitability, Western Dressage Hack and Western Dressage Seat Equitation classes.~~

3. "On the Rail" Opportunity classes may be judged in Western Dressage as in paragraph a. above. All other classes in the Western Dressage Division must be judged by either licensed Dressage judges or licensed Western Dressage judges.

PROPONENT

Western Dressage

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INTENT

To grow the visibility of Western Dressage. Currently all Opportunity classes must be judged by licensed Dressage judges, Western Dressage judges or breed judges. Hiring a judge to officiate one or two classes at a breed competition is not economically feasible and the officiating breed judge may not be familiar with the specs for Western Dressage. This would allow a show to add such a class and have someone familiar with the Sport to officiate the class.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: western dressage

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Admin & Finance

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Council - Intl Discipline

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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Dressage

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Draft 1: No Comments

Licensed Officials

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RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2017

BOARD ACTION

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PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1009 Recorded Judge [CHAPTER 10-C CLASSIFICATIONS – JUDGES]

GR1009 Recorded Judge

[...]

2. The following divisions have specific limitations for 'r' recorded judges.

[...]

d. Hunter - A 'r' recorded judge may not officiate alone or independently in a 'AA' or 'A' division or section;

e. Hunter Seat Equitation - A 'r' recorded judge may not officiate alone or independently in a ~~Federation Hunter/ Jumping Seat Medal Class at a National or Premier Rated Hunter competition.~~ **any of the following Hunter/Jumping Seat Medal classes at a National or Premier rated Hunter competition: USEF Show Jumping Talent Search class, US Hunter Seat Medal Class, US Pony Medal Class, ASPCA Horsemanship class, WIHS Equitation, WIHS Pony Equitation, National PHA Medal class, USHJA Jumping Seat Equitation class.**

f. Jumper - A 'r' recorded judge may not officiate alone or independently in a Jumper class offering more than \$2,500;

PROPONENT

USHJA

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INTENT

To specify which Hunter/Jumping Seat Medal classes an 'r' recorded judge may not officiate alone or independently.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: recorded judge

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Admin & Finance**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/21/2016**Draft 1:** No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Jumper

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Licensed Officials

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National Hunter Committee

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USHJA

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RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

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BOARD ACTION

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PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1010 Special Judge [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 10-C CLASSIFICATIONS - JUDGES]

6. Application must be received in the Federation office at least 14 days prior to the start of the competition. In cases where special applications are received prior to the competition, but less than 14 days prior, the competition ~~will be fined \$50~~ **must pay a processing fee of \$50**. If management disputes that the application was not timely filed or that the above fine is not properly owing, it may appeal in writing to the Federation within 30 days of management's receipt of the Federation's notice of fine, specifying the grounds for the appeal. The Federation's CEO or his designee, a special committee appointed by the President or the Hearing Committee will consider the appeal and may waive a part or all of the ~~fine~~ **fee** upon a finding of good cause why the application was not timely filed and/or a finding that extreme hardship results from the ~~automatic penalty~~ **fee**.

PROPONENT

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Changing from penalty/fine to processing fee

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: special judge

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Arabian

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Carriage Pleasure Driving

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Competition Management

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Council - Admin & Finance

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Friesian

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Licensed Officials

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Morgan

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Draft 1: No Comments

NSH

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Draft 1: No Comments

Western Dressage

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RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2017

BOARD ACTION

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PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1011 Guest Judge [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 10-C CLASSIFICATIONS - JUDGES]

17. Friesian: **A Guest Judge may officiate alone in the Friesian division provided the judge is Federation licensed in at least one other recognized breed division.** Guest judges are allowed to officiate alone at Friesian competitions. **are prohibited from officiating at Regional or National competitions.**

PROPONENT

IFSHA

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INTENT

Guest Cards are allowed for Regular competitions. However, at the Regional and National) levels of competition, a judge with a Friesian specialized license should be required. In addition, a judge should be at least licensed in one other USEF Division.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: guest judge

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Admin & Finance

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Friesian

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Licensed Officials

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RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2017

BOARD ACTION

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PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1011 & DR202.2 [CHAPTER 10-C Classifications-Judges]

GR1011.7.a.5. Except in the circumstances below, Guest Cards will not be granted to any person more than twice in a lifetime in a particular division without the approval of the Board of Directors.

a. There is no limit to the number of Guest Cards an official may receive in the following divisions:

~~b. Foreign breeding experts officiating in Dressage/Sport Horse Breeding classes.~~

GR1011.13. Dressage Sport Horse Breeding: Guest Cards **will not be allowed.** ~~only be issued to those persons who are currently licensed foreign FEI Dressage judges, and foreign breeding experts. A list of foreign breeding experts will be maintained by the Federation Licensed Officials Department. They may officiate alone.~~

DR202 General Regulations

2. A competition with a Federation Licensed Dressage Sport Horse Breeding division must have a Federation licensed Dressage Sport Horse breeding judge and a Federation licensed dressage technical delegate. Guest Cards **will not be allowed.** ~~to judge DSHB classes are granted only to currently licensed foreign FEI Dressage Judges and foreign breeding experts. (See GR1011.)~~

PROPONENT

Licensed Officials

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INTENT

It is the intent of this RCP to modify our rules to only allow USEF licensed Dressage Sport Horse Breeding judges to officiate in Dressage Sport Horse Breeding (DSHB) classes. The Foreign Breeding Expert and Dressage Sport Horse Guest Judge Card options were originally created when the DSHB division began, as there was not a large roster of judges at that time. The Dressage Committee as well as the Licensed Officials Committee recommends eliminating guest cards in Dressage Sport Horse Breeding for foreign breeding experts and foreign FEI Dressage Judges to help maintain consistent judging practices in accordance with USEF Rules and to encourage new individuals to apply for a DSHB license.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: guest cards

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Admin & Finance

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Council - Intl Discipline

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Dressage

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Draft 1: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2017

BOARD ACTION

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PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1011 Guest Judge [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 10-C CLASSIFICATIONS - JUDGES]

3. The application for a Guest Card must be received in the Federation office at least 21 days prior to the start of the competition. In cases where the Guest Card application is received prior to the competition, but less than 21 days prior, the competition ~~will be fined \$50~~ **must pay a processing fee of \$50**. If management disputes that the application was not timely filed or that the above fine is not properly owing, it may appeal in writing to the Federation within 30 days of management's receipt of the Federation's notice of fine, specifying the grounds for the appeal. The Federation's CEO or his designee, a special committee appointed by the President or the Hearing Committee will consider the appeal and may waive a part or all of the ~~fine~~ **fee** upon a finding of good cause why the application was not timely filed and/or a finding that extreme hardship results from the ~~automatic penalty fee~~.

PROPONENT

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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INTENT

Changing from penalty/fine to processing fee

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: guest judge

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Arabian

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Carriage Pleasure Driving

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Competition Management

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Council - Admin & Finance

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Friesian

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Licensed Officials

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Draft 1: No Comments

Morgan

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Draft 1: No Comments

NSH

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Western Dressage

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RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

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BOARD ACTION

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PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1011.16 Guest Judges - Eventing [CHAPTER GR10-C Classifications - Judges]16. Eventing: Issued only to those judges ~~with Senior status~~ **who are licensed to an equivalent level** with another nation.

PROPONENT

HP - Eventing

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This rule as currently written requires Guest Judges to be from another nation to be licensed to a higher level than that at which they are officiating in some cases. The Committee feels the current rule is too restrictive and that it would be acceptable to require Judges from other nations to be licensed to an the level equivalent to that which they will be officiating. This change will also provide additional resources to Organizers.

POTENTIAL IMPACT

None

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

EV 172 (327-16)

Web: guest judges eventing

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Admin & Finance**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/21/2016**Draft 1:** No Comments**Council - Intl Discipline****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/22/2016**Draft 1:** No Comments**Licensed Officials****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/12/2016**Draft 1:** No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

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BOARD ACTION

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PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1012 ~~Learner Judge~~ **Apprentice**[CHAPTER 10-C Classifications-Judges]

[In addition to this rule change all references to 'Learner' will be removed from the rule book and replaced with 'apprentice'.]

GR1012-Learner Judge **Apprentices**

1. An Learner judge **Apprentice** is ~~shall be~~ a Senior Active Member **who is at least** 21 years of age or over, to whom the Federation may grant permission, upon the request of a Licensed Competition and the for that competition only, to accompany a licensed judge official in the ring. Certain breeds/disciplines require learner judging to be with a Registered (R) judge. Exception: Hunter, Hunter Seat Equitation, Jumper and Hunter Breeding are not required to submit an application, pre-approval or payment. **Information on apprenticing procedure for each license is located in the respective requirement documents provided by the Federation. An Apprentice shall request approval prior to apprenticing from the Licensed Competition first followed by approval by the licensed official with whom he will be apprenticing.**

2. Permission will not be granted for more than one Learner to be in a ring at any one time. **Apprenticing restrictions at competitions.**

a. Apprenticing is limited to one Apprentice per ring. Exception: Dressage, Western Dressage, and Eventing.

b. Licensed officials are limited to one Apprentice at any one time. Exception: Dressage and Western Dressage Group

Apprenticing, Vaulting, Eventing Cross-Country and Jumping Tests and Western Dressage excepted. More than one Learner Judge may accompany a Registered judge in the Hunter, Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation, Hunter Breeding, and/or Jumper divisions, with permission of competition management and the judge.

3. ~~e. Learner Judging~~ **Apprenticing** in Opportunity or Exhibition classes does not count toward licensing requirements. **Exception: Dressage Opportunity classes.**

4. ~~2.~~ The Licensed Competition may request additional specific information about an individual's experience before accepting him as **an Apprentice** learner judge.

5. ~~3.~~ There is no limit to the number of times a person may **apprentice** be granted a Learner judge's card. **When apprenticing as a judge, He an Apprentice** should use a scorecard to evaluate the various entries (if applicable),. but ~~a Apprentices~~ **Apprentices** Learner judge has no authority as to the merits of the competitors **work under the direction of the licensed official with whom they are apprenticing, but do not possess any authority.**

6. **In order for any apprenticeship experience to count towards an application, the respective Apprentice Evaluation Form must be submitted to the Licensed Officials Department directly from the licensed official with whom the Apprentice worked.**

7. **Apprentice Cards**

a. The following breeds/disciplines require an Apprentice Judge Card Application, including processing fee, to be pre-approved by the Federation:

1. Andalusian/Lusitano
2. Arabian
3. Connemara
4. Friesian
5. Morgan
6. National Show Horse
7. Paso Fino
8. Reining
9. American Saddlebred
10. Saddle Seat Equitation
11. Roadster
12. Hackney
13. Shetland
14. Welsh
15. Western

b. The fee is not refundable.

c. ~~d.~~ The **Apprentice Judge Card** Application must be made on the official form provided **by the Federation** for that purpose and must be accompanied by the required fee. After contacting the competition manager for permission, the individual wishing to officiate as **an Apprentice** learner judge must obtain consent **permission** from **the Licensed Competition first followed by approval by the licensed** that **official** judge with whom he or she would **will** be officiating. 1. ~~The Competition Manager must attest~~ The statement on the form that the competition holds itself responsible that the individual applied for **applicant** is familiar with the Federation rules and is capable to observe as requested must be signed by the competition manager.

d. An approved application is limited to that Licensed Competition and must be submitted prior to the start date of the competition to receive credit. 2- Completed Learner Judge Card Applications must be received in the Federation Office at least 14 days prior to the start of competition. Learner applications received prior to the show, but less than 14 days prior, will receive no credit.

8. The remaining breeds/disciplines do not require an Apprentice Judge Card Application and simply require pre-approval from the Licensed Competition and the licensed official with whom the applicant intends to apprentice.

9. 4- Conflict of Interest

a. An individual ~~cannot~~ **shall not apprentice** learner judge in a licensed competition where a family member, cohabitant, companion, domestic partner, housemate, member of the learner judge's household, client, employer or employee is competing. **Any violation of this rule will lead to the apprenticing experience not counting towards licensing requirements. Apprenticing experience completed in violation of this rule will be considered an extra apprentice experience.**

b. An individual cannot compete in the same competition at which they apprentice.

c. An individual is allowed to apprentice learner judge with a family member, cohabitant, companion, domestic partner, housemate, member of the Apprentice's learner judge's household, client, employer or employee but that apprentice learner judge experience cannot be counted towards the minimum required experiences. It must be considered an extra apprentice learner judge experience.

PROPONENT

Licensed Officials

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INTENT

To merge the terminology of 'learner' and 'apprenticing' to one term, Apprentice. Having separate terminologies for essentially the same role has been confusing to both applicants and officials. There is still a group of applicants who must be pre-approved to apprentice, so the rule is re-organized to address the breed/disciplines that must be pre-approved and those that do not require pre-approval. Committee members also felt that the official's responsibility to the competitors is paramount. Thus, no matter how experienced the official, they should only take on one apprentice at a time. The exceptions currently are for Dressage, Vaulting, Eventing and Western Dressage.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: learner - apprentice

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Andalusian/Lusitano

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Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Arabian

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/03/2016
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: define what the changes are- which fees/procedures apply
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Carriage Pleasure Driving

Draft 1: No Action 10/26/2016
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action 12/21/2016
Draft 4: Recommends Approval 01/12/2017

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: Recommends Disapproval 12/22/2016
Draft 4: Recommends Approval 01/12/2017

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: Dressage uses the term "apprentice" in their rules and procedures and this change will create confusion. LOC and Dressage Committees need to talk.
Draft 4: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 4: Recommends Approval 01/12/2017

Draft 4: No Comments

Dressage

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/01/2016
Draft 3: Recommends Disapproval 12/15/2016
Draft 4: Recommends Approval 01/06/2017

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Recommend amending under section 1, third line, to clarify that apprenticing can be with a Registered 'R' AND/OR a Senior 'S' Judge.
Draft 3: Recommend amending under section 1, third line, to clarify that apprenticing can be with a Registered 'R' AND/OR a Senior 'S' Judge.
Draft 4: No Comments

Eventing

Draft 4: Recommends Approval 01/06/2017

Draft 4: No Comments

Friesian

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/25/2016
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: This needs further definition; need to provide more information; learner pays fee; apprentice- not. Procedures are different- which will apply?
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Morgan

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/01/2016
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: There needs to be a summary of changes side by side to compare differences; currently there are difference regarding fees, procedures and structure. How will the differences be resolved?
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 3: Recommends Approval 12/13/2016
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

NSH

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/03/2016
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: Need more details
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Paso Fino

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/26/2016
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Shetland

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/21/2016
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 12/15/2016
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/25/2016
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: How does this impact the individuals- learner pays fee; apprentice, not. Procedures are different which will be applied?
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2017

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/14/2017

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1015 & GR1016 [CHAPTER 10-D Classifications-Stewards]

GR1015 Recorded Steward

1. A Recorded (r) Category 1 or Category 2 steward is an individual so classified by the Licensed Officials Committee.
2. A Recorded 'r' Category 1 ~~or Category 2~~ steward may not officiate alone in any "A" rated division or section ~~in any National, Premier, or Special Event~~ or in a Jumper division at competitions above Jumper Level 2 rating. **A minimum of one Registered 'R' C1 Steward must officiate.**
3. **If a Licensed Competition requests in writing that the Federation grant a Special Steward's card for that particular competition and provided the Federation approves the issuance of such card, a Recorded Category 1 steward may officiate alone in a National competition. (See Special Steward Rules in Chapter 10).**
4. ~~A Recorded 'r' Category 2 steward may officiate alone in any of the specialized Divisions and Sections covered by Category 2 stewards as outlined in Subchapter 10-D-General Rules. Arabian, Morgan, Friesian, Andalusian/Lusitano or National Show Horse division or section.~~ Exception: Regional and National Arabian, Morgan, Andalusian/Lusitano and Friesian competitions and National Show Horse Finals must have **a minimum of one Registered 'R' Stewards officiate in their events. the entire event.**
5. ~~A Recorded Category 2 steward may officiate alone in Hackney, Roadster, American Saddlebred, Western Dressage and Shetland divisions or sections without a Special Steward's card.~~
6. ~~The A Recorded Category 12, steward, may, however, officiate alone in an National or Premier [SK1] Event "A" rated division or section if the competition requests in writing that the Federation grant a Special Steward's card for that particular competition and provided the Federation approves the issuance of such card.~~

GR1016 Special Steward

1. A Special Category 1 or ~~Category 2~~ steward is an individual already enrolled as a Recorded 'r' Category 1 ~~or Category 2~~ steward, to whom the Licensed Officials Department ~~has~~ shall granted permission to officiate as a Registered 'R' steward **at a National competition** in an 'A' rated division or section ~~and/or Arabian, National Show Horse, Morgan, Andalusian/Lusitano and Friesian divisions or sections. Exception: Regional and National Arabian, Morgan, Andalusian/Lusitano, and Friesian competitions, and National Show Horse Finals cannot use Special Stewards.~~
- a. Such permission, which is not transferable, shall be granted upon request of a particular Licensed Competition for that competition only.
- b. The application must be made on the official form provided for that purpose and be accompanied by the required fee. The statement on the form that the competition holds itself responsible that the individual applied for is familiar with the Federation rules and is capable to officiate as requested, must be signed by the competition manager. Application must be received in the Federation office at least 21 days prior to the competition.
- c. Special cards will not be issued to any one whose application for re-enrollment, promotion or change of status has been denied by the Licensed Officials Committee for the respective license applied for.
- d. Authority to act as a Special Steward will not be granted to any person more than twice in a lifetime, in a particular division without the approval of the Licensed Officials Committee Chairmen or their designee, and any two members of the Licensed Officials Committee.
- e. In cases where the special applications are received prior to the competition, but less than 21 days prior, the competition will be fined \$50.
- f. If management disputes that the application was not timely filed or that the above fine is not properly owing, it may appeal in writing to the Federation within 30 days of management's receipt of the Federation's notice of fine, specifying the grounds for the appeal. The Federation's CEO or his designee, a special committee appointed by the president or the Hearing Committee will consider the appeal and may waive a part or all of the fine upon a finding of good cause why the application was not timely filed and/or a finding that extreme hardship results from the automatic penalty.
- g. It is the responsibility of competition management to assure the eligibility of all stewards.
2. **Special Steward Cards for Category 2 stewards are prohibited; a Registered Category 2 steward must officiate as required per the Recorded Steward rules in Chapter 10.**
3. ~~Special cards for A rated competitions (divisions and sections) and/or Arabian or National Show Horse division or sections will only be considered for Recorded Category 1 or Category 2 stewards of the same Category. Exception: Arabian Regional and National competitions cannot use Special Stewards.~~

PROPONENT

Licensed Officials

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INTENT

GR1015 To update the rule that a 'r' recorded steward cannot officiate at any National, Premier or Special Competition rather than at an 'A' rated division or section. In addition, a 'clean-up' of the C2 language was needed now that the rating system has been removed from Breed competitions. The only time a 'R' C2 Steward is actually required is for Regional and National Arabian, Morgan, Andalusian/Lusitano, Friesian and National Show Horse Finals. It is felt that for these events a minimum of a 'R' C2 Steward must officiate; therefore no Special Steward cards will be allowed.

GR1016 To clean up the language to clarify that Special Steward cards now based off of competition rating rather than division/section ratings. In addition, clarifying that Special Steward cards are prohibited for C2 stewards.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: steward

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

American Saddlebred

Draft 1: No Action 11/15/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Andalusian/Lusitano

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/03/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Arabian

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/03/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Breeds/Disciplines

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Competition Management

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/19/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Connemara

Draft 1: No Action 11/18/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/21/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/22/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/19/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Dressage

Draft 1: No Action 12/01/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Friesian

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/25/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Hackney

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Morgan

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/01/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/21/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

NSH

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/03/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Paso Fino

Draft 1: No Action 11/22/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Saddle Seat Eq

Draft 1: No Action 11/28/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Shetland

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/21/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/15/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Welsh

Draft 1: No Action 11/17/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/25/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2017

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/14/2017

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1016 Special Steward [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 10-D CLASSIFICATIONS - STEWARDS]

1.

e. In cases where the special applications are received prior to the competition, but less than 21 days prior, the competition ~~will be fined \$50~~ **must pay a processing fee of \$50.**

PROPONENT

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft Received: 9/9/2016

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INTENT

Changing from fine to processing fee.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: special steward

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Arabian**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/03/2016**Draft 1:** No Comments**Competition Management****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/19/2016**Draft 1:** No Comments**Council - Admin & Finance****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/21/2016**Draft 1:** No Comments**Friesian****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 10/25/2016**Draft 1:** No Comments**Licensed Officials****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/12/2016**Draft 1:** No Comments

Morgan

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/01/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/25/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Rule Clarification

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2017

BOARD ACTION

Approved 11/7/2016

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1033 [CHAPTER 10-H Regulations Governing Officials]

GR1033.10. It shall be the prerogative of the Licensee to designate a particular system of judging and to post judge's cards and a complete order of placement for public inspection. Judges accepting an invitation to officiate must recognize the Licensee's prerogative. Unless the Licensee designates a particular system of judging when an invitation is issued, a judge is not required to use a particular system of judging.

PROPONENT

Licensed Officials

Draft Received: 10/3/2016

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INTENT

To clarify that it is not the Licensee's prerogative whether or not to post judge's cards, rather the judge must allow permission. This is to maintain consistency with GR1304 which states, "...No exhibitor has the right to inspect the judge's cards without the judge's permission."

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: judges' cards

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 09/27/2016
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 10/03/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2017

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/14/2017

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1033 Judges [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 10-H REGULATIONS GOVERNING OFFICIALS]

15. In the Western and Western Seat Equitation division, when a single judge system is used, judge's cards shall be considered final and shall not be changed after the completion of the presentation of awards for that class.

16. Judges' cards and/or official score sheets are to be signed by the judge and retained (with the exception of score sheets returned to the exhibitor) as part of the competition's official records for a period of no less than three years. Electronic signatures through a PDA or similar device used to record scores will fulfill the signature requirement.

17. In the Hunter and Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation divisions classes may not be recommended once the judge has signed the card.

18 ~~17.~~ Judges must commence and complete classes in accordance with GR109.

PROPONENT

National Hunter Committee

Draft Received: 12/22/2016

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INTENT

To prevent the changing of class results after the completion of a Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation class unless an error is discovered on the judge's card.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation judges

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Competition Management

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/19/2016

Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Draft 2: Needs to identify the timeline for when the correction is made. Does not specifically address clerical errors. It also affects many other rules that need to be considered.

Draft 3: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/21/2016
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 01/12/2017

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 01/04/2017

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Licensed Officials

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/12/2016
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 01/02/2017

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/15/2016
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 01/02/2017

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Needs to identify the timeline for when the correction is made. Does not specifically address clerical errors. It also affects many other rules that need to be considered.
Draft 3: **213-16 was approved by Board as presented, but the group still feels that the RCP needs additional work to clarify its intent by clearly defining the "end of competition." Additionally, the group feels that the rule needs additional work to correct the circular reference created in point 18 when it refers out to GR109.

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2017

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/14/2017

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1044 Carriage Pleasure Driving Judges [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 10-I LICENSE APPLICATIONS, ENROLLMENT, PROMOTION AND MAINTENANCE]

1. No application will be considered unless and until 15 forms which actually evaluate the applicant per division are returned from USEF **Federation** members, eight of which must be from relevant licensed judges, stewards, technical delegates or committee members.

~~2. Applicants for enrollment will not be considered unless they are~~

~~a. licensed by the American Driving Society, or~~

~~b. have successfully completed a training program planned by the Federation and/or ADS.~~

2. Applicants for enrollment will not be considered unless they are currently licensed by the American Driving Society, and shall:

a. Have Learner Judged at least one Federation Carriage Pleasure Driving, Breed, or Multi-breed Competition with either breed-restricted and/or open Carriage Pleasure Driving classes and receive a positive evaluation from the officiating Federation Carriage Pleasure Driving judge;

b. Have successfully completed a Federation Carriage Pleasure Driving judge's written exam and received a score of 85% or better; and

c. Have completed a Federation approved ADS Pleasure Driving officials' clinic.

3.4. For an applicant in the **Carriage Pleasure** Driving Divisions who already holds Registered status with the American Driving Society, the Licensed Officials Committee shall have the option of granting **Federation** Registered status.

4. 5. The **Licensed Officials** Committee will require judges who do not officiate at one USEF Licensed Competition **with Carriage Pleasure Driving classes or QR** ADS recognized Pleasure **Driving** Competition with **165** classes or more within five years after obtaining a license or for any five-year period thereafter, to re-apply for a license.

5. 6. All Carriage Pleasure Driving Judges must attend a Federation approved ADS Carriage Pleasure Driving Judges' ~~seminar~~ **clinic**, and receive a score of 85% or better on **a** judges' written examination at least once every three years.

6. 7. No applicant will be considered for promotion unless he has adjudicated ~~in~~ at least two USEF Licensed Competitions **with Carriage Pleasure Driving classes** or two ADS recognized Pleasure **Driving** competitions during the past three years, as verified by technical delegates' reports.

PROPONENT

Carriage Pleasure Driving

Draft Received: 10/27/2016

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INTENT

To better define requirements for Carriage Pleasure Driving judges and remove erroneous information.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: carriage pleasure driving judges

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Carriage Pleasure Driving

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 10/26/2016

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 10/26/2016

Draft 2: No Comments

Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/21/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/05/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Legal Review

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Licensed Officials

Draft 1: No Action 08/29/2016
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/12/2016

Draft 1: The Committee believes that .2 needs to be clarified to detail what current Federation licensed officials may be considered for licensing.
Draft 2: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2017

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/14/2017

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1049.3 Dressage Judges [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 10-I LICENSE APPLICATIONS, ENROLLMENT,]

3. All judges must attend a Federation *or Federation approved USDF* judges' clinic at least once every three years.

PROPONENT

Dressage

Draft Received: 9/9/2016

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INTENT

To allow Federation approved USDF clinics to be used for USEF licensed officials' continuing education purposes.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: dressage judges

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Admin & Finance**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/21/2016**Draft 1:** No Comments**Council - Intl Discipline****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/22/2016**Draft 1:** No Comments**Dressage****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/01/2016**Draft 1:** No Comments**Licensed Officials****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/12/2016**Draft 1:** No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2017

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/14/2017

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1050.3 Dressage Sport Horse Breeding Judges [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 10-I LICENSE APPLICATIONS, ENROLLMENT, PROMOTION, AND MAINTENANCE]

GR1050 Dressage Sport Horse Breeding Judges. Change to read:

3. All judges must attend a Federation *or Federation approved USDF* judges clinic at least once every three years. In the event that a Dressage Sport Horse Breeding clinic requirement falls due in a year when there is no Dressage Sport Horse Breeding clinic, the deadline will automatically be extended to the following year.

PROPONENT

Dressage

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To allow Federation approved USDF clinics to be used for USEF licensed officials' continuing education purposes.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: dressage sport horse breeding judges

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Admin & Finance**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/21/2016**Draft 1:** No Comments**Council - Intl Discipline****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/22/2016**Draft 1:** No Comments**Dressage****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/01/2016**Draft 1:** No Comments**Licensed Officials****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/12/2016**Draft 1:** No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2017

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/14/2017

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1051 Dressage Technical Delegates [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 10-I LICENSE APPLICATIONS, ENROLLMENT, PROMOTION, AND MAINTENANCE]

3. All technical delegates must attend a Federation **or Federation approved USDF** Technical Delegates clinic at least once every three years.

4. In order to maintain his/her license, ~~a Registered (R)~~ **all** Dressage Technical Delegates must have attended a Federation or **Federation approved USDF** Dressage/DSHB Pony Measurement Certification clinic where certification testing to measure ponies for dressage or DSHB is conducted. ~~Recorded (r) Dressage Technical Delegates must attend a Federation Dressage/ DSHB Pony Measurement Certification clinic prior to January 1, 2011 where certification testing to measure ponies for dressage or DSHB is conducted.~~

5. Federation Dressage/**Federation approved USDF**/DSHB Pony Measurement Certification clinics must include a live measurement evaluation (including a practical and written examination), which must be passed with a minimum score in each section of 75% or better. In addition, in order to obtain a passing score in the practical examination, the person being evaluated must receive scores of "5" or above in every category.

PROPONENT

Dressage

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INTENT

To allow Federation approved USDF clinics to be used for USEF licensed officials' continuing education purposes. Also, outdated text is deleted.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: DTD

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/21/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/22/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/01/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Licensed Officials

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/12/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

GR1053.2 Tracking #336-16 Draft #1 Approved

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2017

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/14/2017

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1053.2 - Eventing Judges [CHAPTER Chapter 10 - Licensed Officials]

Eventing Judge Applicants must *meet the following requirements*:

a. Complete the current training program;

b. Meet minimum requirements for licensing as recommended by the Federation Eventing Committee and approved by the Federation; and

c. Complete the current training program of the Federation Eventing Committee approved by the Federation Licensed Officials Committee.

Information on application procedure and the current program is available on the USEF website www.usef.org and also from the Federation Office.

PROPONENT

USEA

Draft Received: 9/2/2016

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INTENT

This rule change proposal is being submitted to make the language consistent with the "r" Eventing Judge Individual Licensing Documents and to clarify the licensing process.

POTENTIAL IMPACT

None

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: eventing judge

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/21/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/22/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Eventing

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/10/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Licensed Officials

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/12/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2017

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/14/2017

EO REASON

To make the language consistent with the eventing individual licensing document

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR 1054.2 Eventing Technical Delegates [CHAPTER GR 1054.2 Eventing Technical Delegates]

GR 1054.2

Eventing Technical Delegate Applicants must **meet the following requirements:**

a. Complete the current training program;

b. Meet minimum requirements *for licensing as recommended by the Federation Eventing Committee and approved by the Federation*; and

c. Complete the current training program of the Federation Eventing Committee approved by the Federation Licensed Officials Committee.

Information on application procedure and the current program is available on the USEF website www.usef.org and also from the Federation Office.

PROPONENT

USEA

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INTENT

This rule change is being submitted to make the language consistent with the "r" Eventing Technical Delegate licensing document and to clarify the licensing process.

POTENTIAL IMPACT

None

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: eventing technical delegate

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/21/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/22/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Licensed Officials

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/12/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2017

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/14/2017

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR 1055.2 Eventing Course Designers [CHAPTER GR 1055.2 Eventing Course Designers]

2. Applicants ~~for status as an~~ Eventing Course Designer **applicants** must **meet the following requirements:**

a. Complete the current training program; and

b. fulfill the *Meet the minimum* requirements for *licensure as recommended* such status recommended by the Federation Eventing Committee and approved by the Federation Licensed Officials Committee. *Information on application procedure and the current program is available on the USEF website www.usef.org and also from the Federation Office.*

PROPONENT

USEA

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INTENT

This rule change is begin submitted to make the language consistent with the "r" Eventing Course Designers licensing document and to clarify the licensing process.

POTENTIAL IMPACT

None

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: eventing course designer

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Admin & Finance**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/21/2016**Draft 1:** No Comments**Council - Intl Discipline****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/22/2016**Draft 1:** No Comments

Eventing

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Licensed Officials

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RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

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BOARD ACTION

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PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1056 Hackney Judges [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 10-I LICENSE APPLICATIONS, ENROLLMENT, PROMOTION, AND MAINTENANCE]

1. No application will be considered unless and until 15 forms which actually evaluate the applicant per division are returned from USEF members **of the Federation**, eight of which must be from relevant licensed judges, stewards, technical delegates or committee members. The applicant will not be considered unless and until questionnaires are approved by at least three (3) of the current Federation Hackney Pony Committee and should be familiar with the breed (i.e., breeding, training, showing, etc.). **An applicant may be denied due to lack of experience with the breed.**

2. Learner judge, **under a minimum of two different Federation Registered (R) Hackney Judges**, a minimum of 6 classes to include at least one class in the Harness Pony, Hackney Pony (Cob Tail), Pleasure (Show or Park or Country) and Roadster Pony sections at two Federation Licensed Competitions in the Hackney Division within a three-year period preceding application. **Learner Judge must attend clinic prior to learner judging.**

PROPONENT

Hackney

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INTENT

In reviewing the Hackney Judges Licensing requirements, the committee recognizes it's important to educate learner judges through the clinic process prior to them learner judging. The current rule already requires the applicant to be familiar with the breed (i.e., breeding, training, showing, etc.) however, by adding the statement that an applicant may be denied due to little or no experience with the breed emphasizes this requirement. The committee feels the applicants will gain valuable knowledge by being "mentored" by an experienced "Large R" judge.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: hackney judges

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Admin & Finance

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Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Draft 2: No Comments

Licensed Officials

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Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/02/2017

Draft 1: The Committee disagrees with the strike-through on "forms which actually evaluate the applicant". A reference evaluation is only counted if the applicant is actually evaluated. Removing this language would be inconsistent with the standard licensing process. The Committee also believes that "lack of experience" is not clearly defined.

Draft 2: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

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BOARD ACTION

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PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1058 Hunter Judges [CHAPTER 10-I LICENSE APPLICATIONS, ENROLLMENT, PROMOTION, AND MAINTENANCE]

[...]

6. Recorded judges must attend a Federation/USHJA judges' clinic at least once every ~~two~~ **three** years.**GR1058 Hunter Judges**7. Registered judges must attend a Federation/USHJA judges' clinic at least once every ~~four~~ **five** years.**GR1059 Hunter Breeding Judges**7. Hunter Breeding Judges must attend a Federation/USHJA Hunter Breeding judges' clinic at least once every ~~four~~ **five** years**GR1060 Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation Judges**5. Recorded judges must attend a Federation/USHJA judges' clinic at least once every ~~two~~ **three** years.6. Registered judges must attend a Federation/USHJA judges' clinic at least once every ~~four~~ **five** years.**GR1062 Jumper Judges**8. Recorded ("r") jumper judges must attend a Federation/USHJA Jumper Clinic at least once every ~~two~~ **three** years.9. Registered ("R") jumper judges must attend a Federation/USHJA Jumper Clinic at least once every ~~four~~ **five** years.

PROPONENT

USHJA

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To reduce licensing maintenance requirements for Recorded judges, while maintaining rigorous standards.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: hunter judges

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Admin & Finance

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Draft 3: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
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Draft 3: No Comments

Licensed Officials

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Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: Recommends Disapproval 01/02/2017

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: Recommend going back to USHJA to ask them to include Hunter Breeding (5 year interval between clinics, not 4), and if too late, submit it as an EO

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/21/2016
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Draft 1: The Hunter and Equitation licenses should match the requirements for the Jumper license.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

USHJA

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Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
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RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

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PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1061 Hunter, Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation Course Designers [CHAPTER 10-I License Applications, Enrollment, Promotion, Maintenance]

GR1061 Hunter, Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation Course Designers

1. ~~Hunter Course Designer Apprentice Program: To enroll in the Hunter Course Designer Apprentice Program, the following requirements must be met:~~

~~a. Must have verifiable experience designing hunter/equitation courses at USEF Regional I, Regional II, Local and non-rated competitions~~

~~b. Submit application for enrollment, along with appropriate fees, into the Program~~

~~c. The USEF Licensed Officials Committee will review the application and approve or decline for the Program, with input from the USHJA Course Designer's Task Force considered. The application may be reviewed either by a sub-committee, composed of a minimum of three members of the Licensed Officials Committee, or at a full meeting of the Committee~~

2. ~~Recorded 'r' status: To be eligible to apply for licensing as a Recorded 'r' Hunter Course Designer the following requirements must be met within two years after being approved into the Hunter Course Designer Apprentice Program:~~

~~a. The Apprentice must work at all competition days at a minimum of four USEF-licensed National or Premier rated competitions assisting at least three different "R" Hunter Course Designers at three different locations within two years from the date of approval. Permission to apprentice must be obtained in advance from the Competition Managers and course designers~~

~~b. At the beginning of each competition, the Apprentice must present the course designer with an evaluation form, which the course designer will complete and submit directly to the USEF following the competition~~

~~c. Attend a Federation/USHJA Hunter Course Design Clinic~~

1. ~~d. No application will be considered unless and until 10 evaluations are returned from members of the USEF/USHJA, five of which must come from relevant comparable discipline licensed judges, stewards, course designers or committee members~~

2. ~~3. Registered 'R' status: To be eligible for promotion to a Registered 'R' status, the individual must:~~

~~e. Hold a Recorded 'r' Hunter Course Designer's license for at least two years (24 months) Have served as the official Hunter Course Designer of record at a minimum of five National or three Premier horse shows during or within the previous two years Hunter~~

~~f. No application will be considered unless and until 10 evaluations are returned from members of the USEF/USHJA, five of which must come from relevant comparable discipline licensed judges, stewards, course designers or committee members~~

2. Applicants must complete the current requirements of the respective license and type for which they are applying. Information on application procedure and the current programs are available from the Federation and are located on the Federation website.

4. 3. To maintain his/her license, a 'r' **recorded** Hunter Course Designer must attend a Federation/USHJA Hunter Course Designer's clinic at least once every three years and a 'R' **Registered** Hunter Course Designer must attend a Federation/USHJA Hunter Course Designer's Clinic at least once every five years.

4. 'r' recorded Hunter Course Designers will be required to officiate at six licensed competitions every three years in order to renew their license. 'R' Registered Hunter Course Designers will be required to officiate at nine licensed competitions every three years in order to renew their license. This is a rolling schedule and the three years resets each December 1st (the beginning of the USEF competition year.). If officiating maintenance requirements are not met, the official may request an officiating extension.

5. All applicants and licensed Hunter, **Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation** Course Designers must be a Senior Active **member** in good standing of the United States Hunter Jumper Association, Inc.

PROPONENT**Licensed Officials**

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INTENT

The USHJA Officials Committee is developing a Mentor program for Hunter, Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation Course Designers as an initiative to expedite qualified applicants through the licensing process. Upon reviewing the current rule for the license, it was realized that licensing policies and procedures for the regular track program are all listed within the rule. In order to promote consistency throughout Chapter 10, it is recommended that policies and procedures are removed from the rules and reside solely in the requirement packets. This in effect will enable the respective committees to make recommendations/approve changes to requirements and programs in a more efficient manner, i.e. requirement packets can be approved by Committees more efficiently than in the current rule change process. This precedent has already been set in various other licenses e.g. Dressage, Eventing and Western Dressage.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS**Web:** course designers**COMMITTEE ACTIONS****Council - Admin & Finance**

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Council - Intl Discipline

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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Jumper

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Draft 2: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

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USHJA

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RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

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BOARD ACTION

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PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1063 Jumper Course Designer [CHAPTER 10-I License Applications, Enrollment, Promotion, Maintenance & EV-6 Rules for Officials]

GR1062 Jumper Course Designer

1. No application will be considered unless and until ten ~~questionnaires~~ **evaluations** are returned from members of the Federation, two of which must come from members of the Federation Jumper Committee.

2. Prerequisites for Recorded ("r") status program:

a. Applicants must have assisted as a Jumper Course Designer at a minimum of three Rating 1 or higher licensed Jumper competitions, under a minimum of two different Jumper Course Designers within the current year and/or previous three years.

1. Experience can be with a Federation "R" Jumper Course Designer or a current FEI Level 2*, 3*, or 4* Jumper Course Designer.

2. Each Applicant must receive verification in writing from the Course Designer that, at each competition, the Applicant has assisted with all aspects of course design and building throughout two or more days of competition.

b. Exemption from the requirements in 1065.2a will be given for any Applicant who has served as the Jumper Course Designer of record (listed in the prize list) at a minimum of 5 licensed Rating 1 or higher competitions within the previous 3 years.

3. Requirements to obtain Recorded 'r' status:

a. Upon receiving verification from the USEF Licensed Officials Department that the prerequisites listed above have been completed, the Applicant will apply to a Federation "R" or current FEI Level 2*, 3*, or 4* Jumper Course Designer and the Competition Manager for permission to work as an apprentice course designer.

b. The Applicant must work at a minimum of three USEF Licensed Rating 1 or higher Jumper competitions, with a minimum of three days at each, under the supervision of a minimum of two different Federation "R" or current FEI Level 2*, 3*, or 4* Jumper Course Designers within the previous three years. These Course Designers will certify whether or not they believe that the applicant has demonstrated the knowledge necessary to design suitable courses and be issued an 'r' license by the Federation.

c. Preceding application but within the current or previous two years, Applicants will be required to attend a Course Design Clinic (Federation/USHJA or FEI) and must also have taken and received a passing score on the Federation/USHJA Jumper Judges Examination. The Examination is sent to the Applicant after the application has been received by the Federation/USHJA and upon verification that Recorded ("r") requirements have been completed.

4. All Applicants for a license, or for promotion, must have attended a Federation/USHJA or FEI Course Design Clinic within the two years prior to application. Attendance at an FEI Course Design Clinic, with the Course Director's recommendation for the promotion of the applicant, must be documented prior to submission of any application to the FEI, for either licensing or promotion.

2. Applicants must complete the current requirements of the respective license and type for which they are applying. Information on application procedure and the current programs are available from the Federation and are located on the Federation website.

3 5. All licensed Course Designers will be required to attend a Course Design Clinic (Federation/USHJA or FEI) every three years to maintain their 'r' **recorded** license and **or** five years to maintain their 'R' **Registered** license. (Exception - "R" Course Designers who also hold their FEI Jumping Course Designer license **must only maintain their clinic requirements as outlined by the FEI**).

4. 6. All applicants who hold an Equine Canada Jumper Course Design card will be given the same status for The Federation.

5. **The following officiating maintenance requirements will be in place:**

a. 'r' recorded Jumper Course Designers will be required to officiate at six licensed competitions every

three years in order to renew their license.

b. 'R' Registered Jumper Course Designers will be required to officiate at nine licensed competitions every three years in order to renew their license.

c. Individuals currently licensed as an FEI Jumping Course Designer who officiate at a CSI2 or higher outside the United States may include these competitions as part of their Federation officiating maintenance requirements.*

d. Maintenance requirements are on a rolling schedule. The three years resets each December 1st (the beginning of the USEF competition year.).

e. If officiating maintenance requirements are not met, the official may request an officiating extension.

6. 7. Any individual currently licensed by the FEI as 3* or 4* Course Designer for Show Jumping, with approval of the Federation National Jumper Committee, is eligible to become a "R" USEF Course Designer for Show Jumping without having to apprentice, take a clinic, or exam.

8. To be eligible to apply for promotion to 'R' Jumper Course Designer the individual must have:

a. held a 'r' for two years;

b. designed courses at a minimum of 8 Level 1 or higher competitions and a minimum of 2 Level 2 or higher competitions, (verified by steward's reports) and

c. have apprenticed with two FEI Level 3 (I) Course Designers for classes of \$25,000 or more and received their recommendations as to the applicant's knowledge and experience to build competitions at the \$25,000 Level.

9. To be eligible to apply for enrollment as an FEI Candidate Course Designer, the individual must be a Registered "R" USEF National Course Designer and must have fulfilled the following requirements:

a. have held a 'R' license for a minimum of 2 years;

b. have apprenticed with a minimum of two different FEI Level 3 (I) Course Designers for a total of not less than 6 days of competition;

c. have been the Course Designer (as indicated in the prize list or Stewards Report) for a minimum of three competitions offering a minimum of \$25,000 in prize money conducted at the National Standard or higher

d. obtain letters of recommendation from,

1. a minimum of two different management groups with competitions offered at the International (or FEI) Standard,

2. two FEI Level 3 (I) Course Designers with whom the applicant has apprenticed, and

3. a minimum of 3 different High Performance athletes familiar with the applicant's work in National Standard events.

e. Following approval for the promotion the applicant must be passed for promotion at an official FEI Course Design clinic.

7. 40. All **applicants and** licensed **Jumper** Course Designers must be an **Active** current member in good standing of the United States Hunter Jumper Association, Inc.

PROPONENT

Licensed Officials

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INTENT

The USHJA Officials Committee is developing a Mentor program for Jumper Course Designers as an initiative to expedite qualified applicants through the licensing process. Upon reviewing the current rule for the license, it was realized that licensing policies and procedures for the regular track program are all listed within the rule. In order to promote consistency throughout Chapter 10, it is recommended that policies and procedures are removed from the rules and reside solely in the requirement packets. This in effect will enable the respective committees to make recommendations/approve changes to requirements and programs in a more efficient manner, i.e. requirement packets can be approved by Committees more efficiently than in the current rule change process. This precedent has already been set in various other licenses e.g. Dressage, Eventing and Western Dressage.

In addition, FEI licensing requirements were found to be listed. However, FEI licensing requirements are not National purview and therefore should not be listed in the National rules, so these are being removed as well.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: jumper course designer

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Admin & Finance

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Council - Intl Discipline

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Jumper

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USHJA

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RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

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BOARD ACTION

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PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1069 Roadster Judges [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 10-I LICENSE APPLICATIONS, ENROLLMENT, PROMOTION, AND MAINTENANCE]

1. No application will be considered unless and until 15 forms which actually evaluate the applicant per division are returned from USEF members **of the Federation**, eight of which must be from relevant licensed judges, stewards, technical delegates, or committee members. **An applicant may be denied due to lack of experience with the discipline.**

2. Learner judge a minimum of two days at two Federation Licensed Competitions, **a minimum of five Roadster classes**, under a minimum of two different Federation **Registered (R)** licensed Roadster judges within a three year period preceding application. **It is recommended that the Learner Judge attend the clinic prior to learner judging.**

a. If a judge is already licensed in the Hackney, American Saddlebred or Saddle Seat Equitation divisions, he/she may add an additional license in the Roadster division by enrolling as per ~~GR1074.1~~ **GR1069.1** and learner judging a minimum of 5 Roadster classes.

3. All persons applying for enrollment or re-enrollment must have attended a Federation judges' clinic within two years preceding application.

4. All Recorded and Registered judges must attend a Federation Roadster Judges' Clinic at least once every five years. ~~Clinics to be held each year and shall be conducted with the American Saddlebred and Saddle Seat clinics together in one day.~~

5. Judges must take a written examination every two years and receive a passing score of 85% or better to maintain their license. The completed examination must be returned to the Federation within thirty days of receipt. Judges who do not pass the examination on their first attempt will have the opportunity to re-take the exam one additional time.

6. No applicant will be considered for promotion unless he has adjudicated in at least two Licensed Competitions during the past three years in the Roadster division, verified by stewards' reports.

7. All Federation judges holding a Roadster card must be a current member in good standing of the American Road Horse and Pony Association.

PROPONENT

Roadster

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INTENT

In reviewing the Roadster Judges licensing requirements the committee recognizes many applicants know little to nothing about a Roadster Horse. In order to preserve the integrity of the division the statement is being added that an applicant may be denied due to lack of experience with the discipline. In order to better prepare the judges, the learner judge must judge a minimum of five Roadster classes under the more experienced "Large R" judge. The committee is recommending rather than requiring the learner judge to attend the clinic prior to learner judging. This is to make it easier for Learner judges to schedule their competitions. The language regarding the procedure of the clinics being held each year and conducted with the American Saddlebred and Saddle Seat clinics in one day is being removed to accommodate webinars and live judging opportunities.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Admin & Finance

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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Draft 3: No Comments

Licensed Officials

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Draft 1: The Committee disagrees with the strike-through on "forms which actually evaluate the applicant". A reference evaluation is only counted if the applicant is actually evaluated. Removing this language would be inconsistent with the standard licensing process. The Committee also believes that "lack of experience" is not clearly defined.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

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BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/14/2017

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1070 American Saddlebred Judges [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 10-I LICENSE APPLICATIONS, ENROLLMENT, PROMOTION, AND MAINTENANCE]

1. No application will be considered unless and until 15 forms which actually evaluate the applicant per division are returned from USEF members **of the Federation**, eight of which must be from relevant licensed judges, stewards, technical delegates or committee members. **An applicant may be denied due to lack of experience with the breed.**
2. Learner judge a minimum of four days at two Federation Licensed Competitions, under a minimum of two different Federation Registered (R) American Saddlebred Horse judges, **at least one with a panel or learner judge at least three competitions under three different Federation Registered (R) American Saddlebred judges; all three with a single judge**, within a three-year period preceding application. **The Learner Judge shall attend the clinic within a minimum of three years prior to learner judging.**
- a. If a judge is already licensed in the Hackney, Roadster or Saddle Seat Equitation divisions, he/she may add an additional license in the American Saddlebred division by enrolling as per ~~GR1072.4~~ **GR1070.1** and learner judging a minimum of ten American Saddlebred classes.
- b. In addition to Conflicts of Interest outlined in GR1012.4, Learner Judges in the American Saddlebred Division may not learner judge with someone who trains a horse owned by him, his cohabitant, or a member of his family, a farm/ranch/syndicate/partnership/corporation/business in which he, his cohabitant or a member of his family controls.
3. All persons applying for enrollment or re-enrollment must have attended a Federation judges' clinic within two years preceding application.
4. Registered and Recorded American Saddlebred Horse judges must attend a Federation judges' clinic at least once every five years. Clinics will be held each year and shall be conducted together in one day. Clinic will replace written exam. An open book test may be required as part of the clinic.
5. No applicant will be considered for promotion unless he has adjudicated in at least two Licensed Competitions during the past five years in the American Saddlebred division, verified by stewards' reports.
6. Any judge officiating at Federation licensed American Saddlebred classes must be a current member in good standing of the American Saddlebred Horse Association.

PROPONENT

American Saddlebred

Draft Received: 12/22/2016

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INTENT

A joint subcommittee was formed with representatives from USEF, ASHA, and UPHA to review the American Saddlebred Judges licensing requirements. The American Saddlebred committee accepted the subcommittee's recommendation to educate the learner judges prior to them learner judging as the clinic will give them valuable information they need before judging; add to the requirements that an applicant may be denied due to little or no experience with the breed; to gain more experience, require learner judge, to officiate at an additional competition unless one experience is on a panel of judges.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: ASB judges

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Admin & Finance

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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Licensed Officials

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RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

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PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1071 Saddle Seat Equitation Judges [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 10-I LICENSE APPLICATIONS, ENROLLMENT, PROMOTION, AND MAINTENANCE]

1. No application will be considered unless and until 15 forms which actually evaluate the applicant per division are returned from USEF members **of the Federation**, eight of which must be from relevant licensed judges, stewards, technical delegates, or committee members. **An applicant may be denied due to lack of experience with the discipline.**
2. Learner judge a minimum of four days at two Federation Licensed Competitions, **a minimum of six saddle seat equitation classes to include at least one 10 & under Walk/Trot, one Pleasure Equitation, and one "open" equitation class**, under a minimum of two different Federation **Registered (R)** Saddle Seat Equitation judges, within a three-year period preceding application. **Learner Judge must attend the clinic prior to learner judging.**
- c. If a judge is already licensed in the Arabian, Hackney, Morgan, Roadster or American Saddlebred divisions, he/she may add an additional license in the Saddle Seat Equitation division by enrolling as per GR1073.1 and learner judging a minimum of five Saddle Seat Equitation classes.
3. All persons applying for enrollment or re-enrollment must have attended a Federation judges' clinic within two years preceding application.
4. Registered and Recorded Saddle Seat Equitation judges must attend a Federation judges' clinic at least once every five years. ~~Clinics will be held each year and shall be conducted together in one day. A Webinar Clinic may be held separately. Clinic will replace written exam. An open book test may be required as part of the clinic.~~
5. No applicant will be considered for promotion unless he has adjudicated in at least two Licensed Competitions during the past five years in the Saddle Seat Equitation division, verified by stewards' reports.

PROPONENT

Saddle Seat Eq

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INTENT

In an effort to better prepare licensed officials the committee, feels learner judges should be required to attend the clinic prior to learner judging and to be "mentored" by an experienced "Large R" judge. Due to the numerous classes within Saddle Seat Equitation they will now require a learner judge to judge at least a minimum number and variety of classes. The committee feels it's important for the applicant to have some experience with the Saddle Seat Equitation discipline in order to officiate it properly. The procedures of holding a clinic each year and conducted in one today etc. is being removed to allow flexibility in conducting webinars and live clinics.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: saddle seat equitation judges

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Admin & Finance

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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Licensed Officials

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Draft 2: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

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BOARD ACTION

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PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1077 Western Judges [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 10-I LICENSE APPLICATIONS, ENROLLMENT, PROMOTION, AND MAINTENANCE]

2. Learner judge at a minimum of two Federation Licensed Competitions, under minimum of two different Federation Western judges, within a ~~two~~ **three**-year period preceding application. Judges holding Federation Reining Division license and/or one or more national breed association judges card(s) are not required to learner judge.

PROPONENT

Western Committee

Draft Received: 9/9/2016

CONTACT

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INTENT

In reviewing the Western Judges licensing requirements the committee recognizes that it may be hard for someone to complete their learner judging within a two year time period due to the small number of Western competitions. This proposal changes the two year period to three years preceding application.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: western judges

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Admin & Finance**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/21/2016**Draft 1:** No Comments**Council - Natl Breed & Discipline****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/05/2016**Draft 1:** No Comments**Licensed Officials****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/12/2016**Draft 1:** No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2017

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/14/2017

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1120 Awards [CHAPTER 11-E Special Conditions]

GR1120 Awards

3. Presentation of breed-specific awards will be made **annually at a location approved by the Federation Board of Directors** at venues most suitable to that breed or may be awarded at the Federation Annual Meeting.

GR1121 Presentation

1. Presentation of the Federation National Horse of the Year Awards will be made **annually** at the Federation's Annual Meeting, or other **a location** venue as approved by the Federation **Board of Directors**. The trophies awarded to the National Champions are perpetual trophies and remain in the possession of the Federation.

GR1123 Andalusian/Lusitano Division

5. National Awards will be presented at the Federation Annual Meeting.

GR1124 Arabian and Half/Anglo Arabian Divisions

5. At USEF Licensed National level competitions, class entries will receive triple points; points will be awarded to tenth place in Breeding, In-Hand and Performance classes. Only those Top Ten placings will receive points, trebled. Any points won at a National Championship (U.S., Youth and Sport Horse) will count solely towards National Awards and not towards any Regional Awards. National Awards will be presented at the Federation Annual Meeting.

GR1125 Carriage Pleasure Driving

3. Driving awards will be presented at the USEF Annual Meeting.

GR1126 Connemara

3. National awards will be presented at the USEF Annual Meeting.

GR1127 Driving, Combined

3. National Awards will be presented at the USEF Annual Meeting.

GR1130 Hackney

4. National Awards will be presented at the Federation Annual Meeting.

GR1131 Hunter and Equitation Divisions

~~15. Presentation of the National Horse of the Year Awards will be made at the Federation Annual Meeting.~~

GR1132 Pony Hunter Breeding and Hunter Breeding

~~5. Presentation of the National Horse of the Year Awards will be made at the Federation Annual Meeting.~~

GR1133 Jumpers

~~7. National Awards will be presented at the Federation Annual Meeting.~~

GR1134 Morgan Horse Division

~~8. National Horse of the Year Awards will be presented at the Federation Annual Meeting.~~

GR1135 National Show Horse

~~5. National Horse of the Year Awards will be presented at the Federation Annual Meeting.~~

GR1136 Paso Fino

~~5. National Horse of the Year Award will be presented at the Federation Annual Meeting.~~

GR1137 Reining

~~4. National Horse of the Year Awards will be presented at the Federation Annual Meeting.~~

GR1138 Roadster

~~4. National Awards will be presented at the Federation Annual Meeting.~~

GR1139 American Saddlebred

~~4. National Awards will be presented at the Federation Annual Meeting.~~

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GR1140 Shetland Division

~~4. National Horse of the Year Awards will be presented at the Federation Annual Meeting.~~

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GR1141 Vaulting

~~4. Presentation of the National Horse of the Year Awards will be made at the Federation Annual Meeting.~~

GR1142 Welsh Pony, Cob and Half Welsh

~~6. Presentation of the National Horse of the Year Awards will be made at the Federation Annual Meeting.~~

GR1143 Western

~~5. National Horse of the Year Awards will be presented at the Federation Annual Meeting.~~

PROPONENT

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INTENT

The proposed changes to the current HOTY Awards rules are intended to give the Federation the flexibility necessary to host the Awards at the Annual Meeting or at another location or time, whichever best suits the Federation and its members at that time. There are several benefits to this added flexibility. Firstly, as it currently stands, the HOTY Awards take place too soon after the close of the show season. With the short amount of time between the close of points and the notification of HOTY Award winners, winners struggle to make travel arrangements and the room block at the Annual Meeting will have already closed. Secondly, by allowing for the location of the HOTY Awards Ceremony to be changed, it is anticipated that the Ceremony will be more accessible to Federation members and the burden of travel will be lessened. Ideally, the HOTY Awards Ceremony will mirror the Oscars, as the Federation will host the Awards Ceremony and an after party to follow.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: awards

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

American Saddlebred

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/15/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Andalusian/Lusitano

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/03/2016

Draft 1: The committee would like to keep these awards at Annual Meeting.

Arabian

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/03/2016

Draft 1: Breed awards need to stay. Very important for those members

Breeds/Disciplines

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Carriage Pleasure Driving

Draft 1: No Action 10/26/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Connemara

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/18/2016

Draft 1: This removes the incentive to attend Annual Meeting, and may require people to travel to multiple meetings - USEF's, the Affiliate's own, and the Awards. We appreciate the time and interaction with other breeds/disciplines there.

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/21/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/22/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 01/04/2017

Draft 1: No Comments

Friesian

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/25/2016

Draft 1: Bad idea. Further diminishes the purpose to attend Annual Meetings

Hackney

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/29/2016

Draft 1: This is a procedure and needs to be removed from the rulebook.

Morgan

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/01/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/21/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

NSH

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/03/2016

Draft 1: Breed awards need to stay, This is always enjoyed at Annual Meeting

Paso Fino

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/22/2016

Draft 1: Committee would like to keep these awards at Annual Meeting.

Roadster

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/21/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Saddle Seat Eq

Draft 1: No Action 11/28/2016

Draft 1: Saddle Seat Equitation does not have HOTY Awards.

Shetland

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/21/2016

Draft 1: Reduces incentive to attend Annual Meeting.

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/15/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Welsh

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/17/2016

Draft 1: Removal of the awards reduces the reasons to attend Annual Meeting.

Western Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/08/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/25/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2017

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/14/2017

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1129 Friesian [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 11-F AWARD SECTIONS]

3. National and Regional awards will be given in the following categories through 6th place:

g. Friesian Specialty Horse - One award category, based on the total number of points from Costume (Fantasy, Period, & Armor), **Carriage Costume-Period/Fantasy**, English Show Hack, Liberty, Tandem riding, English and Western Trail, Drive and Ride, Drive, Ride and Jump, all Walk/Trot Classes (not to include Junior equitation classes or Lead line) Reining, **Parade**, Western Dressage and any rated Friesian class not mentioned in any previous category within this rule.

n. Part-bred Friesian Specialty Horse - One award category, based on the total number of points from Costume (Fantasy, Period, & Armor), **Carriage Costume-Period/Fantasy**, English Show Hack, Liberty, Tandem riding, English and Western Trail, Drive and Ride, Drive, Ride and Jump, all Walk/Trot Classes not to include Junior equitation classes or Lead line, Reining, **Parade**, Western Dressage and any rated Part-bred Friesian class not mentioned in any previous category within this rule.

PROPONENT

IFSHA

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INTENT

To include new classes in the Specialty category encouraging more participation.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Staff: IT: Estimate 2 hours of work

Web: Friesian

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Ad Hoc - Awards

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/21/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/05/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Friesian

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/25/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2017

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/14/2017

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1133 Jumpers [CHAPTER 11-F AWARD SECTIONS]

[Linked to JP117 Amateur Jumper Section]

[...]

3. The Junior Jumper, Amateur Owner Jumper, **Amateur**, U25 and Young Rider Jumper Horse of the Year Awards will be based on one point for every dollar won in their classification at Regular Competitions.

5. Award Categories. National awards will be given in the following categories: Low Junior, Junior, Low Amateur Owner, Amateur Owner, **Amateur**, Open, Pony, YOUNG RIDERS. Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be given by USHJA in the following categories (see JP118 for Zone specifications): LOW JUNIOR, JUNIOR, CHILDREN'S, ADULT, LOW AMATEUR OWNER, AMATEUR OWNER, **Amateur**, PONY, YOUNG RIDERS, U25 and Thoroughbred Jumper.

PROPONENT

USHJA

Draft Received: 9/9/2016

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INTENT

If the JP117 Amateur Jumper Section rule passes, this would add a HOTY Category for the new Amateur section.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Staff: IT: With JP117 rule change, estimate 10 hours of work

Web: jumpers

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Ad Hoc - Awards**Draft 1:** No Action**Draft 1:** No Comments**Council - Admin & Finance****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/21/2016**Draft 1:** No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/22/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Jumper

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/05/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/15/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2017

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/14/2017

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1134 Morgan Horse Division [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 11-F AWARD SECTIONS]

5. Categories. National and Regional awards will be given in the following:

- a. ENGLISH PLEASURE - Open, Amateur, Junior Exhibitor;
 - b. WESTERN PLEASURE—Open, Amateur, Junior Exhibitor;
 - c. PLEASURE DRIVING—Open, Amateur, Junior Exhibitor;
 - d. CLASSIC PLEASURE SADDLE;
 - e. CLASSIC PLEASURE DRIVING;
 - f. PARK - Saddle and Harness
 - g. HUNTER PLEASURE—Open, Amateur, Junior Exhibitor;
 - h. IN-HAND;
 - i. CARRIAGE—Classes offered in the CP rules of the USEF rule book will count towards this award. Exception: Concours D'Elegance; Classes which are restricted (number of ribbons won; number of ADS and/or USEF Carriage Pleasure Driving competitions completed; number of years of competition experience; entry status: maiden, novice, limit; driver status: junior, adult, professional, amateur, maiden, novice, limit; horse status: maiden, novice, limit, size, age, sex) will count as half points;
 - j. DRESSAGE—Training, 1st Level, Second Level through Fourth Level;
 - k. ROAD HACK;
 - l. VERSATILE MORGAN—Jumper, Parade, Roadster, Reining, Trail, Cutting, Working Hunter O/F and U/S, Hunter Hack, Bridle Path Hack, ***Sport Horse (In-Hand and Under Saddle)***, and Western Dressage.
6. Grand Champion Morgan Horse is based on the total of all points won in all Morgan categories.
7. For purposes of distributing Regional awards the following map will be used: Region 4 - Alabama,

PROPONENT

Morgan

Draft Received: 4/5/2016

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INTENT

The Sport Horse classes have never been placed in a category since its inception. Based on entries, it fits into the Versatility category.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: morgan horse division

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Ad Hoc - Awards**Draft 1:** No Action**Draft 1:** No Comments**Council - Admin & Finance****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/21/2016**Draft 1:** No Comments

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/05/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2017

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/14/2017

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1142 Welsh Pony, Cob and Half Welsh [CHAPTER Subchapter 11-F Awards Sections]

1. [...]

3. Full points shall be awarded to classes within the Welsh division conducted at A, B, and C rated competitions. **Half points shall be awarded based on the C rating scale to classes within the Welsh division conducted at Federation Local Competitions.** Model classes will receive half points.

4. Points are based on the following:

	First	Second	Third	Fourth
A Rating	20	12	8	4
B Rating	10	6	4	2
C Rating	5	3	2	1
Local	2.5	1.5	1	0.5

PROPONENT

Welsh

Draft Received: 8/31/2016

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INTENT

In an effort to increase participation in the sport, the committee proposes awarding points in the Welsh section at a local competition. Half points based on the "c" scale will be awarded to Local competitions.

POTENTIAL IMPACT

increase in welsh participation

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Staff: IT: Estimate 2 hours of work
Web: welsh pony/cob and half-welsh

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/21/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/05/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2017

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/14/2017

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1210 General [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 12-C DUTIES OF COMPETITION MANAGEMENT IN GENERAL]

~~7. If competition management fails to pay invoices owing within 45 calendar days from the date on the invoice, the Federation will levy a fine of \$50 for each month the invoice remains outstanding.~~

PROPONENT

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft Received: 9/9/2016

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INTENT

Removing a process which has not been in place for some time

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: competition management

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Arabian**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/03/2016**Draft 1:** No Comments**Carriage Pleasure Driving****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 10/26/2016**Draft 1:** No Comments**Competition Management****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/19/2016**Draft 1:** No Comments**Council - Admin & Finance****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/21/2016**Draft 1:** No Comments**Friesian****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 10/25/2016**Draft 1:** No Comments

Morgan

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/01/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

NSH

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/03/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/15/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/25/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2017

BOARD ACTION

Approved 6/20/2016

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1211.5 Appointment of Officials and Employees [CHAPTER 12-C Duties of Competition Management in General]

e. All competitions must have in place prior to the start of the competition, an accident preparedness plan and in conjunction with the plan make the necessary arrangements for an ambulance to be on the grounds or on call. In addition, all competitions must have in place ***an isolation protocol for horses***. Competition management is responsible for ensuring that all competition officials and competition staff are advised of the accident preparedness plan ***and isolation protocol for horses***, and that ***they are*** distributed accordingly. Said plan ***and protocol*** shall be given to the Steward or Technical Delegate prior to the start of the competition. The Steward or Technical Delegate shall submit a copy of said plan ***and protocol*** to the Federation along with his/her Steward or Technical Delegate report.

Associated changes to the rulebook:**GR1034.6 Stewards and Technical Delegates** [CHAPTER 10 Licensed Officials SUBCHAPTER 10H Regulations Governing Officials]

u. To submit to the Federation a copy of the competition's accident preparedness plan ***and a copy of the competition's isolation protocol for horses*** along with his/her steward or technical delegate report as provided for in GR1211.5e.

PROPONENT

Veterinary

Draft Received: 6/21/2016

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INTENT

The intent of this rule is to protect horses from the potential of widespread infectious disease at competition grounds. Competition management should be prepared for the potential that an infected horse enters the competition grounds. In the event that this occurs, competition management must have an isolation protocol in place to protect other horses from contracting the disease. The isolation protocol may include designated stalls on the competition grounds, or nearby. All officials and staff must be made aware of the protocol prior to the start of competition. The delay in the effective date would allow for proper education of competition managers as to what are good isolation practices and to assist competitions in developing appropriate plans.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: Isolation protocol

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

American Saddlebred

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/18/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 02/05/2016
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: Recommends Approval 06/02/2016
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: Committee feels that mandating a protocol would be a detriment to a competition being licensed by USEF. A mandate rather than a suggested practice would be a burden on competition management. A number of competitions do not have facilities to accommodate a separate isolation area on the grounds or nearby. Our exhibitors are very conscientious in monitoring our horses' health therefore committee does not feel a mandate is necessary.
Draft 2: Committee feels the Federation should give competitions assistance with developing guidelines for isolation protocol. Prefer these guidelines be available this year so competitions can work toward the requirement before it becomes a rule.
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

Andalusian/Lusitano

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/21/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 02/01/2016
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: Suggests adding this to the accident preparedness plan instead of requiring separate submission. Suggests removing the word stall in .2 as some facilities may not have "stalls" for isolation.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

Arabian

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/13/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: It is premature to create a rule; better to gather information and then define minimal basic criteria developed by USEF. Protocols may vary based on the infectious disease and the recommendations of state vets as to good procedures
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

Breeds/Disciplines

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

Carriage Pleasure Driving

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/12/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: Should initially send surveys to show managers and gather information during the initial phase and then define minimal guidelines. Shows should work in concert with state veterinarian's recommendations
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

Competition Management

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 01/13/2016
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: Recommends Disapproval 06/01/2016
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Recommend that the vet committee and the competition management committee discuss this further and put this forward at the mid-year meeting
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: This is too much of a one size fits all plan and this is being shared with too many show staff and perhaps this should be a part of the accident preparedness plan.
Draft 5: No Comments

Connemara

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/04/2015
Draft 2: No Action 02/02/2016
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Would like to see the protocol defined with more specific guidelines.
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: No Action 12/14/2015
Draft 2: Referred 01/15/2016
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: Recommends Approval 05/24/2016
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 01/06/2016
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: Recommends Disapproval 06/07/2016
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: In general the concept is good but verbiage needs work.
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: Approves the concept but recommends the verbiage proposal referenced by Dressage.
Draft 5: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/22/2015
Draft 2: Referred 01/14/2016
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: Recommends Approval 06/06/2016
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: this is better addressed by providing a best practice protocol on the website
Draft 2: referred to mid year
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/03/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 01/13/2016
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: Recommends Disapproval 05/26/2016
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: Recommend disapproval of this RCP as currently written. See comments from other committees. Make more workable for competition management.
Draft 2: Management should not have to monitor or ensure that steward/TD submits copy with report
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: Isolation protocol for horses should only be distributed accordingly to key staff, which is defined by competition management. However, the accident preparedness plan should be distributed to all staff including but not limited to ring stewards, runners, etc. We would approve this Rule change proposal if the wording was amended to state: All competitions must have in place prior to the start of the competition, an accident preparedness plan and an isolation protocol for horses and in conjunction with the plan make the necessary arrangements for an ambulance to be on the grounds or on call. Competition management is responsible for ensuring that all competition officials and competition staff are advised of the accident preparedness plan and that it is distributed accordingly. The isolation protocol shall be given to key staff. Said plan and protocol shall be given to the Steward or Technical Delegate prior to the start of the competition. The Steward or Technical Delegate shall submit a copy of said plan and protocol to the Federation along with his/her Steward or Technical Delegate report.
Draft 5: No Comments

Driving

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

Endurance

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

Eventing

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/03/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/16/2015
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: The Eventing Committee would approve if the word "stalls" was removed from GR1211.5 f.1, thus requiring competitions to provide adequate isolation e.g.. Many Eventing Competitions do not offer stabling or they allow competitors to trailer in for the day.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

Friesian

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/11/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

Hackney

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/18/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 02/04/2016
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: Not all competitions will have access to a place to totally isolate horses. It is situational on how these cases should be handled. It should be left to management and the vet to figure out the best solution for the situation. If a protocol is going to be mandated then more information on the guidelines of the protocol should be provided.
Draft 2: Protocol should be spelled out and competition managers should be educated. Questions arose on: Guidelines on isolation; who makes the diagnosis; who is the point of contact; what are the reporting requirements?
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

Jumper

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/30/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 01/12/2016
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: Recommends Approval 06/06/2016
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: Just to say an isolation protocol shall be in place could mean anything for the actual protocol. If we're going to add a rule, it needs to be specific as to what the protocol needs to be.
Draft 2: The rule is still too general and gives no specifics for a protocol. The rule also needs to address the differences between a one day competition with no stabling versus a 5+ day competition, or even large competitions that are multiple weeks.
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: JP Com approved but said the rule should be its own/separate rule in Chapter 12 instead of part GR 1211.5
Draft 5: No Comments

Legal Review

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Morgan

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/10/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: Recommends Disapproval 05/13/2016
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: no much oversight/restrictions/costs
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: Too expensive for small shows in small locales with limited facilities
Draft 5: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/19/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 01/05/2016
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: Recommends Approval 05/16/2016
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: If we are going to add a rule it needs to be specific to what the protocol will be.
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

National Show Horse

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/11/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: Vet committee should recommend minimal guidelines
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

ParaEquestrian

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

Paso Fino

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/23/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 02/03/2016
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: Some competitions do not have extra stalls available or stalls separate from main barns. Horses may need to leave facility instead. Protocol may differ depending on situation.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

Reining

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

Roadster

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/02/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 02/01/2016
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: Understand concern but this is one more thing to make it difficult to hold a Federation licensed competition.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

Saddle Seat Eq

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/04/2015
Draft 2: No Action 02/05/2016
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: Understand intent but this would be one more reason for shows to leave USEF as it would cause a financial detriment to management with extra cost of stalls, and over burden officials.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

Shetland

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/20/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 02/02/2016
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

Steward-Technical Delegate Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/11/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/14/2016
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: Committee feels that more information should be available and a defined basic criteria developed. Protocols will vary based on the infectious disease. Competition conditions could make this difficult to implement successfully depending on the size of the show and the restrictions of the facilities.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/10/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: Different diseases require different protocols which vary state to state and/or across geographic areas. The proposal does not address how to manage this requirement at competitions without stabling or provide how to find the resources to create a plan.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

Vaulting

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

Veterinary

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/17/2015
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

Welsh

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/12/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 02/04/2016
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: Recommends Disapproval 05/25/2016
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: The concept for this is good, but this will be a hardship on small shows. We do not feel it is practical.
Draft 5: No Comments

Western Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/09/2015
Draft 2: No Action 02/02/2016
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: Agree with concept but may not be feasible at all competitions. Making it a requirement will be burdensome for small shows.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/04/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

GR1212.2 Tracking #363-16 Draft #1 Approved**RULE CHANGE TYPE**

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2017

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/14/2017

PROPOSED CHANGE**GR1212 Prize Lists** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 12-D DUTIES CONCERNING COMPETITION RECORDS]

2. If the prize list is not received thirty (30) days prior to the competition, the Federation shall ~~levy~~ **assess a fine fee** of \$200. If the ~~fine fee~~ is not paid, it shall be added to the amount of dues for the ensuing year and future competition dates will not be awarded until both penalty and dues have been paid. ~~For the second consecutive offense, the competition will be suspended.~~

PROPONENT**Council - Natl Breed & Discipline**

Draft Received: 9/9/2016

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INTENT

Reclassifying fine as a fee to be collected and removing language which is not currently being applied.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS**Web:** prize lists**COMMITTEE ACTIONS****Arabian****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/03/2016**Draft 1:** No Comments**Carriage Pleasure Driving****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 10/26/2016**Draft 1:** No Comments**Competition Management****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/19/2016**Draft 1:** No Comments**Council - Admin & Finance****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/21/2016**Draft 1:** No Comments

Friesian

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/25/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Morgan

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/01/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

NSH

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/03/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/15/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/25/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2017

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/14/2017

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1306 Professional/Amateur Status [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 13-B AMATEURS AND PROFESSIONALS]

GR1306 Professional/Amateur Status

1. Amateur. Regardless of one's equestrian skills and/or accomplishments, a person is an amateur if after his 18th birthday, as defined in GR101, he has not engaged in any of the activities identified in paragraph 4 below.
- In the Dressage Division, individuals are only eligible to compete as amateurs from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach age 22, see DR119.3.
 - For Amateurs in Jumper Sections, see JP118.
 - For Amateurs in Hunter Sections, see HU106.
 - For Amateurs in Eventing, see EV Appendix 3-Participation in Horse Trials.
2. Remuneration. Remuneration is defined as compensation or payment in any form such as cash, goods, sponsorships, discounts or services; reimbursement of any expenses; trade or in-kind exchange of goods or services such as board or training.
3. Permitted activities by Amateur. An Amateur is permitted to do the following:
- Accept reimbursement for actual expenses associated with conducting classroom seminars for a not-for-profit organization, therapeutic riding programs, or programs for charitable organizations approved in advance by the Federation.
 - Act as a camp counselor when not hired in the exclusive capacity as a riding instructor; assist in setting schooling fences without remuneration; give instruction or training to handicapped riders for therapeutic purposes.
 - Appear in advertisements and/or articles related to acknowledgement of one's own personal or business sponsorship of a competition and/or awards earned by one's owned horses.
 - Accept prize money as the owner of a horse in any class other than equitation or showmanship classes.
 - Accept prize money in Dressage.
 - Accept a non-monetary token gift of appreciation valued less than \$300 annually.
 - Serve as an intern for college credit or course requirements at an accredited institution provided one has never held professional status with the Federation or any other equestrian National Federation. In addition, one may accept reimbursement for expenses without profit, as prescribed by the educational institution's program, for the internship. In the Hackney, Roadster, American Saddlebred, Saddle Seat Equitation, Morgan, Andalusian/Lusitano, Friesian, Arabian, and National Show Horse Divisions, college students may also accept a stipend during the internship served under this paragraph. At the request of the Federation, an Amateur shall provide certification from the accredited educational institution under whose auspices a student is pursuing an internship that he is undertaking the internship to meet course or degree requirements.
 - Write books or articles related to horses.
 - Accept remuneration for providing service in one's capacity as a: **clinic manager or organizer (so long as they are not performing the activities of instructor or trainer)**, presenter or panelist at a Federation licensed officials' clinic, competition manager, competition secretary, judge, steward, technical delegate, course designer, announcer, TV commentator, veterinarian, groom, farrier, tack shop operator, breeder, or boarder, or horse transporter.

PROPONENT

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Draft Received: 12/19/2016

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INTENT

To clarify that amateurs may organize, manage and host clinics as long as they are not performing the activities of instructor or trainer.

POTENTIAL IMPACT

To clarify that amateurs may organize, manage and host clinics.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

American Saddlebred

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/15/2016
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Andalusian/Lusitano

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/03/2016
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Arabian

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/03/2016
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Breeds/Disciplines

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Carriage Pleasure Driving

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/26/2016
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/26/2016
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Connemara

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/18/2016
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/21/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action 12/22/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: The IDC did not have the new draft that added the language "as long as they are not performing the activities of an instructor or trainer".

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/04/2017

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/01/2016
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/21/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Hackney

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/29/2016
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Licensed Officials

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 08/29/2016
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/02/2017

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Morgan

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/01/2016
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/21/2016
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/03/2017

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

NSH

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/03/2016
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Paso Fino

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/26/2016
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Roadster

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/21/2016
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Saddle Seat Eq

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/28/2016
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Shetland

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/21/2016
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/15/2016
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/02/2017

Draft 1: Add language from intent after "clinic manager or organizer", "provided they are not performing the activities of instructor or trainer."
Draft 2: No Comments

Welsh

Draft 1: No Action 11/17/2016
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Western Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/08/2016
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/25/2016
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments