



**UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION, INC.  
SUPPLEMENT to the 2009 RULE BOOK  
2009 Errata List**

**BYLAWS OF THE UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION**

**Bylaw 401 – Athlete Members and Eligible Athletes [Corrected rule reference]**

1. In order to be an Olympic discipline athlete who is eligible to serve on the committees outlined in USEF Bylaws 411, 421, 431, 432, 502, and 503.1, said athlete must be a USEF Senior Active Member and must meet all requirements outlined in USOC Bylaw ~~Article XVII~~, Section ~~8.8 47-7~~.

**Bylaw 411 – Athlete Representation on the Board of Directors, Executive Committee and Designated Committees [Corrected rule reference]**

Section 1. There shall be at least 20% Athlete Member representation on the Federation's Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and on any committees which are "Designated Committees" as defined in ~~Chapter XXIV~~, Section ~~8.8.17(A)~~ of the United States Olympic Committee Bylaws. Those Athlete Members serving on the Federation's Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and Designated Committees shall meet the standards detailed in ~~Chapter XXIV~~, Section ~~8.8.2 7(B)~~ of the United States Olympic Committee Bylaws.

**Bylaw 421 – Athlete Representation on USOC Athletes' Advisory Council [Corrected rule reference]**

Section 2. The following procedures shall be followed to elect the equestrian representative and alternate to the USOC's Athletes' Advisory Council:

(a) The Federation will contact all of the Federation's Eligible Athlete Members pursuant to ~~Chapter XIX~~, Section ~~14 4~~ of the USOC Bylaws, for membership in the USOC's Athletes' Advisory Council, by letter signed by the President requesting their participation in the election of the equestrian representative to the USOC's Athletes' Advisory Council.

**CHAPTER 1 - DEFINITIONS AND GOVERNANCE**

**GR116 Disqualification. [Corrected rule reference]**

3. If a competitor is disqualified following the completion of a class, for the purpose of determining the number of horses which have been entered, shown, and judged, said competitor's performance shall count. If the competitor received an award, the award must be forfeited.

a. A competitor disqualified in this manner may not use this class as a qualifying class for a Championship (see also ~~GR 208-2809.2~~).

## CHAPTER 9 - COMPETITION PRIZE LISTS AND ENTRIES

### GR908 Agreement. [Corrected rule reference]

6. All USEF fees appearing on the entry blank must be grouped together in one section of the page, preferably in a box separating them from other fees.

Federation Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Indemnification

This document waives important legal rights. Read it carefully before signing.

I AGREE in consideration for my participation in this Competition [insert name] to the following:

I AGREE that I choose to participate voluntarily in the Competition with my horse, as a rider, driver, handler, vaulter, longeur, lessee, owner, agent, coach, trainer, or as parent or guardian of a junior exhibitor. I am fully aware and acknowledge that horse sports and the Competition involve inherent dangerous risks of accident, loss, and serious bodily injury including broken bones, head injuries, trauma, pain, suffering, or death. ("Harm").

I AGREE to release the Federation and the Competition from all claims for money damages or otherwise for any Harm to me or my horse and for any Harm caused by me or my horse to others, even if the Harm resulted, directly or indirectly, from the negligence of the Federation or the Competition.

I AGREE to expressly assume all risks of Harm to me or my horse, including Harm resulting from the negligence of the Federation or the Competition.

I AGREE to indemnify (that is, to pay any losses, damages, or costs incurred by) the Federation and the Competition and to hold them harmless with respect to claims for Harm to me or my horse, and for claims made by others for any Harm caused by me or my horse at the Competition.

I have read the Federation Rules about protective equipment, including GR801 and EV114413, and I understand that I am entitled to wear protective equipment without penalty, and I acknowledge that the Federation strongly encourages me to do so while WARNING that no protective equipment can guard against all injuries.

## CHAPTER 11 - FEDERATION RECORDS AND AWARDS

### GR1132 Morgan Horse Division. [Correction]

4. In all other classes points will count as follows, with horses receiving an extra point for each horse lower than them in the class:

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

Points in all Championship Performance classes will be scored as follows:

	Champion	Reserve	Third	Fourth
A Rating	40	24	16	8
B Rating	20	12	48	4
C Rating	10	6	44	2

### GR1138 Vaulting. [Corrected omission]

**1. Eligibility. See GR1110.**

**2. Points are based on the following:**

~~Eligible horses must have competed in a National Championship or Regional Championship. To be eligible for an award, a horse must have participated in a minimum of three USEF recognized vaulting competitions. Only horses that carry the same vaulter/s for all classes in a division are eligible. The horse must receive a qualifying average horse score of 6.000 or greater. Only the highest average horse score for each~~

*award category in a competition will be converted to points for this program. The sum of the three highest point totals (one from each competition) will be used to determine award winners in each category. ~~Points will be weighted. CVI<sup>\*,\*\*</sup> and European Championship points will be weighted +5%. World Championship points will be weighted +10%. Points will not be aged. Points will be used to determine awards only in the competition year in which they are earned.~~*

**3. Award Category.** A National High Point Award will be given in the following categories: Individual Vaulting Horse, Pas de Deux Vaulting Horse, and Team Vaulting Horse.

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

## CHAPTER 13 COMPETITION PARTICIPANTS AND ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS

### **GR1310 Dispensations. [Corrected rule reference]**

2. Presidential Dispensation. In circumstances that fall outside of the dispensation program, a Presidential Modification may be considered. Please refer to GR452151 and Bylaw 332.1.e.

## CHAPTER AR - ARABIAN, HALF-ARABIAN AND ANGLO-ARABIAN DIVISION

### **AR145 Courses. [Corrected rule reference]**

1. A Hunter course shall be any course which management deems a fair test of a Hunter. For rules regarding type of fences, see HU121. A Working Hunter course should include a combination, and at least one change of direction (Exception: Handy classes - See HU415-6121.6). Fences may vary 2" over and under the required class heights. Brush jump may be lower.

## CHAPTER DR - DRESSAGE DIVISION

### **DR121 Saddlery and Equipment. [Corrected rule reference]**

8. Ring stewards appointed by competition management must check saddlery and inspect bits and spurs on both sides of the horse for at least one-third of the horses in each class. Inspection of saddlery and bits must be done at the direction of the technical delegate. Inspection of saddlery and bits must be done immediately as the horse leaves the arena. (See DR126.1140) The checking of the bridle must be done with the greatest caution, as some horses are very touchy and sensitive about their mouths. Bit inspectors must use a new disposable protective glove for each horse. [...]

## CHAPTER HU - HUNTER DIVISION

### **HU102 Green Status - Hunter. [Corrected omission]**

1. A Green Hunter is a horse of any age in its first or second year of showing in any classes **in which the national specifications** require horses to jump 3'6" or higher, **regardless of whether or not the fences are actually set at 3'6" or higher** at Regular Competitions or Eventing Competitions of the Federation or Equine Canada or any national or international competition.

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## CHAPTER JP - JUMPER DIVISION

### **JP117 Sections/Classes Restricted to Junior, Amateur/Owner, or Young Riders. [Corrected omission]**

2. Junior Jumper: A horse that is ridden by an individual who has not reached his/her 18th birthday. (See GR103).

c. Level of Difficulty.

(2) Low Junior sections will have courses set at 1.15 m (3'9") to 1.30 m (4'3"). Note: all Junior Jumper classes at 1.30 m (4'3") or below will **be** pointed toward the Low Junior Jumper category for purposes of HOTY awards.

**JP118 Sections/Classes Restricted to Children, Adult Amateur Riders, or Ponies. [Corrected rule reference]**

4. Pony Jumper: A pony, 14.2 hands and under in height, that is ridden by an individual who has not reached his/her 18th birthday. Stallions are prohibited in Pony Jumpers
  - b. Measurement. A measurement card is required as per Chapter ~~HP 9-14~~**PHU**, Subchapter ~~HP 9-14~~**HU-10**.

**CHAPTER SB - SADDLEBRED HORSE DIVISION**

**SB142 Division of Classes. [Corrected rule reference]**

1. Classes may be divided according to:
  - a. Sex or age of horse.
  - b. Height—over 15.2 hands; 15.2 hands and under; 14.2 hands and under. Entries 14.2 hands and under must possess a valid measurement card or form, the measurement to be done as per SB~~198.349-3~~**198.349-3**.