



# News

## Competitions & Officials

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### ATTENTION SHOW OFFICIALS: JUNIOR AND SENIOR MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

It is extremely important that all Secretaries, TD's and Stewards know the cut off year which determines the USEF membership category for a Junior or Senior.

USEF Membership Applications filled out at competitions are being received in the USEF Office where the member category Junior is checked, but the person should actually be a Senior member.

USEF GR126.1 defines a Junior member: An individual who has not reached his/her 18th birthday as of December 1st of the current competition year.

Please make sure the birthdates on applications are in compliance with the type of membership chosen. All Juniors are required to enter a birth date, since the application cannot be processed without it.

If you have any questions regarding membership, please contact Mary Henson, Director of Membership Processing at (859) 225-6954 or [mhenson@usef.org](mailto:mhenson@usef.org).

### ATTENTION COMPETITION MANAGERS AND OFFICIALS EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2007

The Board of Directors for the United States Equestrian Federation has approved the use of the new Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drug (NSAID) EQUIOXX® (firocoxib). This new NSAID is the first highly COX-1 sparing drug to be FDA approved for use in horses.

The rule allowing the use of firocoxib will take effect on 8/1/07. Until this time, the use of firocoxib is restricted to use outside competition.

The new rule lists firocoxib as a NSAID with a restrictive quantitative limit, and allows for a maximum permitted concentration of 0.240 micrograms per milliliter of blood plasma. The recommendation for appropriate dose and time consideration is to follow the manufacturer's guidelines for its use at 0.1 milligram per kilogram of body weight once daily.

This corresponds with a 45.5 milligram dose for a 1000 lb. horse, which equals four markings (250 lb. each) on the dosing syringe that contains the medication and is supplied by the manufacturer. No part of a dose should be administered during the 12 hours prior to competing. Any medicated feed must be consumed or removed at least 12 hours prior to competing. Firocoxib is permitted to be used for a period of 14 consecutive days.

Until further review by the FEI, per manufacturer recommendation firocoxib should not be used in a horse in the 30 days prior to competing in an FEI sanctioned event.

Should you have any further questions, please contact the USEF Equine Drugs and Medications office at (800) 633-2472, or via email at [medequestrian@aol.com](mailto:medequestrian@aol.com).

### SNAFFLE BIT CLARIFICATION

Snaffle bits of various types can be used in Arabian and HA/AA Sport Horse Under Saddle classes. Judges may penalize for unconventional bits; this does not mean that bits other than snaffles and Pelhams can be used.

#### AR159 Appointments.

4. SPORT HORSE UNDER SADDLE CLASSES. Hunter type snaffle, or pelham bridle, or a dressage type snaffle bridle with snaffle bit, with or without cheeks, keepers allowed, or a Pelham; Kimberwicks and double bridles are prohibited. Unconventional bits may be penalized at the discretion of the judge. Martingales not permitted. Type of saddle shall be dressage or forward seat. Girth may be leather or other suitable material.

a. Dressage (DR120.1) or informal hunter (AR143.5) attire required. Rider may carry a whip or crop, maximum length 110 cm (43.3") including lash.

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### JUDGING CONFLICTS REGARDING LEASED HORSES

The Federation would like to clarify some points regarding "leased" horses in regards to judging conflicts. Please be advised that leasing a horse to a third party does not eliminate the horse or lessor's relationship to the judge. USEF recognizes lease agreements in order to correctly assign points for Federation awards purposes per GR818. Leases do not remove the conflict of interest restrictions regarding the horse or actual owner. Therefore, before leasing a horse, please be sure to review and understand all regulations governing showing under judges, stewards, and technical delegates as listed in GR804. For questions regarding judging regulations, contact the Licensed Officials Department at the Federation office.

Contact: Mary Smith, Director of Licensed Officials, (859) 225-6948, [msmith@usef.org](mailto:msmith@usef.org)

**REMINDER TO STEWARDS**

This is a reminder to stewards: A pony MAY compete in both the Green Pony Hunters and the Regular Pony Hunters at the same show or at different shows during its green year.

Contact: Marion Maybank, Director of Hunter and Collegiate Activities, (859) 225-2033, [mmaybank@usef.org](mailto:mmaybank@usef.org)

**REMINDER TO COMPETITION MANAGEMENT**

GR1210.5 went into effect on 4/1/07:

5. Competition Management is required to submit a Post Competition Report, along with the appropriate fees, to the Federation within 10 calendar days after the close of the competition. **Fees must be submitted by cashier/company/personal check, money order, credit card or wire transfer; cash will not be accepted as proper payment.**

Contact: Teresa Stephens-Carroll, Director of Finance, (859) 225-6916, [tstephens@usef.org](mailto:tstephens@usef.org)

**ATTENTION!!!!  
STEWARD NEEDED**

The USEF Hunter Department is seeking a steward with a combined category card who would be interested in stewarding the NCAA Varsity Equestrian National Championships. The Championship will be held in Waco, Texas on April 17-19, 2008. If you are interested please contact Marion Maybank, the Director of Hunters and Collegiate Activities, at [mmaybank@usef.org](mailto:mmaybank@usef.org) or (859) 225-2033.

**STATE OF OHIO LAW CHANGE**

It has recently been brought to our attention that the State of Ohio has specific laws governing veterinary presence at livestock exhibitions. Per the Ohio Administrative Code governing the exhibition of animals:

**901:1-18-03 Exhibitions: sanitation, inspection and records.**

(A) Each entity sponsoring an exhibition shall have in attendance an approved veterinarian for the duration of the exhibit.

Please be advised that state and local laws prevail over USEF rules. Thus, although your competition may not be required to have a veterinarian in attendance by USEF rules, you are required by Ohio state law to have a veterinarian present throughout the competition.

We wanted to bring this to your attention so that you may ensure your compliance with the state laws for your Ohio competition.

Contact: Leigh Anne Claywell, Director of Competitions, (859) 225-6959, [lclaywell@usef.org](mailto:lclaywell@usef.org)

**USEF DRUGS & MEDICATION PROGRAM**

As many of you know, the USEF Drugs & Medication Program purpose is to promote safe competition and to protect fairness of competition. As such, USEF testing veterinarians and technicians travel all over the country, to many competitions each year and we encourage competition management to fully embrace the ultimate goal by being cooperative and courteous, the goal being the protection our most valued partner...the horse.

Contact: Leigh Anne Claywell, Director of Competitions, (859) 225-6959, [lclaywell@usef.org](mailto:lclaywell@usef.org)

**LICENSEE UPDATED INFORMATION**

As a reminder, all competition license renewal applications and license agreements are being mailed to the competition licensee not the competition contact. As such, we ask that if a licensee has had any changes to their contact/ mailing information (including members of committees, board, etc.) to please let the Competition Dates Department know. You can either fill out the Registration of Licensee form located on the USEF website under applications or you can either email or fax us the updated information. The email address is [competitionsdept@usef.org](mailto:competitionsdept@usef.org) or fax number is (859) 231-6662.

Contact: Leigh Anne Claywell, Director of Competitions, (859) 225-6959, [lclaywell@usef.org](mailto:lclaywell@usef.org)

**ATTENTION STEWARDS AND TECHNICAL DELEGATES**

Please send your reports to my attention. Please do not send your reports through the breed or discipline departments.

Please note that when you send in your reports electronically, I will send you an acknowledgement of receipt via email. If you do not receive such acknowledgement within a few days of sending in your report, please get in touch with me to make certain that your report has been received. Once you get your acknowledgement, be sure to print it out and save a copy along with your report and all attachments for a period of three years per GR1122.3.

Contact: Becky Francis, Competition Services Coordinator, (859) 225-6980, [bfrancis@usef.org](mailto:bfrancis@usef.org)

**USEF SADDLE SEAT MEDAL WORKOUTS**

The Federation would like to clarify that according to EQ118, the Saddle Seat Medal qualifying classes (both Jr. and Adult/Amateur programs) require two or more "individual" tests of the top four riders. This means the riders must be judged in a group at all required gaits both ways of the ring. The judge has the liberty to call the group work as he/she deems appropriate (i.e. order of gaits, additional trot, etc.). However, a minimum of 4 riders must be asked to execute two or more "individual" tests (i.e. working one rider at a time) for the class to be adjudicated in accordance with USEF rules. The judge maintains the right to call riders back to the rail after the individual workouts have been completed. Any questions regarding this rule should be directed to the Breeds Department at (859) 225-6986 or [cmortensen@usef.org](mailto:cmortensen@usef.org).

**ASB AMATEUR LADIES CLASS CLARIFICATION**

Please be advised that according to USEF Saddlebred division rules, stallions are not allowed to be shown in Ladies classes. However, stallions can be shown in amateur classes that are restricted to lady riders or drivers. Questions regarding this rule should be directed to the Breeds Department at (859) 225-6986 or [cmortensen@usef.org](mailto:cmortensen@usef.org).

**SINGLE HACKNEY OR HARNESS PONY PARK  
PLEASURE DRIVING CLASSES**

The USEF Hackney Committee would like to make show managers aware of a class available within the Hackney Division rules. Should your exhibitors be interested in a class where professionals are allowed to drive pleasure ponies, your competition could add a Single Hackney or Harness Pony "Park" Pleasure

Driving class per USEF rule HK112.13. These classes are run in the same manner as traditional Pleasure Pony classes (HK112.10) except that entries must be four years of age or under and may be shown by an amateur, professional, or junior exhibitor. Ponies may not cross-enter into regular Hackney or Harness Pony Pleasure Driving classes at the same competition. For more information regarding this class, contact the Breeds Department at (859) 225-6986 or [cmortensen@usef.org](mailto:cmortensen@usef.org).

### NON-MEMBER AMATEUR CARDS

Please make sure when someone is requesting a non-member amateur card that they sign the amateur certification box on the membership application and select the "non-member" amateur box on that same form. We have received some that are on the affidavit form where the amateur section is actually to be used for members who do not have their cards that want to attest to the fact that they do have amateur status. We will be meeting to discuss a better location for non-member amateur cards for next year, but until then, please make sure that you are using the membership application for non-member amateur cards.

Contact: Lori Nelson, Director of Regulations, (859) 225-6957, [lnelson@usef.org](mailto:lnelson@usef.org)

### MANAGEMENT VERSUS MANAGER

There has been some confusion lately regarding the difference between management at a competition versus manager at a competition. Please note that the management (also known as the licensee) is the entity/individual financially responsible for the licensed competition. The manager is the person hired by management to run the competition. As an example, if you see a rule that states that the same management can not hold the same class on two consecutive days, please note that it does not mean that you can change the manager of the competition to be in compliance. This issue is also significant when it comes to Stewards or Technical Delegates officiating two or more years or at consecutive competitions. If you are ever in doubt, you can always contact the Federation offices for assistance with this issue.

Contact: Lori Nelson, Director of Regulations, (859) 225-6957, [lnelson@usef.org](mailto:lnelson@usef.org)

### RULE CHANGES

The following rule changes were approved by the Executive Committee on May 21 and July 16, 2007, and by the Board of Directors on June 26, 2007 with an effective date during the 2007 competition year. ***Bold/italic format indicates new text.*** Strikethrough indicates deleted text. *Numbering may need to be adjusted when the approved changes are added to the existing rule book.*

#### GR137 Opportunity Classes. Effective immediately:

1. ***Unrated, open, grass roots level, classes held at breed restricted, multi-breed, Carriage Pleasure Driving or Western competitions. Opportunity Classes cannot be held at FEI discipline competitions nor can they be held at Hunter competitions.***

2. ***For further information, reference GR331, GR407.1 and GR1401.9.***

#### GR140 Para Equestrian. Effective immediately:

~~±~~ ***Para Equestrian (PE) is a competition, division or section to provide that provides parallel equestrian competition opportunities for eligible individuals with a diagnosed permanent, physical measurable physical disability as determined by the USEF Para Equestrian Classification System. (See GR824)***

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#### GR201 Membership Requirements. Effective immediately:

1. [...] Reining Competitions, ***Para Equestrian Competitions***, and Vaulting Competitions, persons must be Members of the Federation as provided in Bylaw 203, and have paid the respective Breed/Discipline Dues as stated in GR204 (for exceptions see GR1401.9).

#### GR202 Privileges. Effective immediately:

Privileges for Members (except Contributing and Individual Group Members) include the following:

1. [...] Reining Competitions, ***Para Equestrian Competitions*** and Vaulting Competitions (see GR204 and GR801.2).

#### GR204 Breed/Discipline Dues. Effective immediately:

2. Unless otherwise established, the dues shall be as stated below:

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***q. Para Equestrian \$10***

3. International High Performance

***i. Para Equestrian***

***(1) International High Performance Member \$100.***

***j. ±. [...]***

#### GR318 Dress. Effective 12/1/07:

4. Any exhibitor may wear protective headgear (ASTM/SEI) ***and/or a protective safety vest, specifically designed for use in equestrian sport*** competition that meets or surpasses the current ASTM stand in any division or class without penalty from the judge. ***The Federation recommends that the vest meet or surpass the current ASTM standard or be certified by the Safety Equipment Institute.***

#### GR336 Breeding or In Hand Championships. Effective 1/1/07:

1. Junior Breeding or In-Hand Championships may be offered for two-year-olds and under; Senior Breeding or In-Hand Championships for three-year-olds and over. In the event a competition offers a Junior Championship and a Senior Championship, as well as a Show Championship, only the first and second place ribbon winners are eligible to compete for the Show Championship unless division rules prohibit foals and yearlings. ~~Exception: In the Friesian, Andalusian/Lusitano Division...~~ [Delete remaining]

~~8. In the Halter section...~~ [Delete remaining]

***8. None of the above applies to the Andalusian/Lusitano Division. For Breeding and In Hand Championships see AL106 and AL201.***

***9. None of the above applies to the Friesian Division. For Breeding and In Hand Championships see FR116.***

#### GR410 Equine Drugs and Medications, The Therapeutic Substance Provisions. Effective 8/1/07:

4. Restrictions concerning the nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs are as follows:

***g. The maximum permitted plasma concentration of firocoxib is .24 micrograms per milliliter.***

#### GR802 Duties. Effective 12/1/07:

[Note: This is a revision to a rule change scheduled to take effect 12/1/07]

6. U.S. Competitors competing in their own country in an FEI-sanctioned event, not requiring an FEI Passport, must present a valid USA National Passport or a valid FEI Passport. ***Exception: Endurance Minor Events.***

#### GR819 Dispensations. Effective immediately:

1. Dispensation Certificate. An ~~individual rider or driver wishing to compete in Federation Licensed Dressage or Driving Competitions~~ ***who has with a diagnosed permanent physical disability will apply for a dispensation certificate from the Adaptive Sports Committee . Upon the committee's approval, a dispensation certificate will be***

issued by the Federation. requires compensating aids or adaptive equipment in order to compete must possess a Dispensation Certificate issued by the Federation. The Dispensation Certificate will ~~must~~ list all compensatory aids and adaptive equipment allowed the individual rider or driver while competing. Other compensatory aids or special equipment not specifically listed on the certificate are not allowed. A copy of this certificate must be included with the individual's rider's or driver's entry. The competition manager will include and a copy attached to all applicable scoring sheets each of the rider's or driver's Dressage sheets for the judge's reference. For instructions on how to apply for the Certificate please refer to GR821-4. Also see GR823-4 for definitions of terms used in this section.

2. Presidential Dispensation. *In circumstances that fall outside of the dispensation program, a Presidential Modification may be considered. Please refer to GR343 and Bylaw 332.1.e. All other persons not listed above ...* [Delete remaining]

#### **GR820 Para Equestrian Eligibility/Classification. Effective immediately:**

4. In order for *an individual a rider, driver or vaulter* to compete in USEF licensed Para Equestrian Competitions, *he/she they* must have a diagnosed, *permanent measurable*, physical disability as determined by the USEF Para Equestrian Classification System. *The individual will be Para Equestrian eligible (PE eligible), possess a USEF classification card for up to National level competition (USEF PE), or possess and FEI PE Card for Qualifying and International level competition. and possess a national (USEF/International (IPC/FEI) rider Classification. See GR140 for the definition of Para Equestrian and GR824 for additional definitions.*

#### **GR821 Applying for a Dispensation Certificate, Para Equestrian Eligibility or Presidential Dispensation. Effective immediately:**

1. Applications for a dispensation Certificate ~~or a Para Equestrian Eligibility Certificate~~ are obtained from the Federation (*via the USEF website or the USEF office*) and are reviewed on a continuing basis throughout the year. *Applications are submitted with supporting medical evidence to the Adaptive Sports Committee. The Adaptive Sports Committee may request additional supporting evidence from the individual regarding their medical status or regarding the aid/equipment they are requesting dispensation for. The Adaptive Sports Committee will render an opinion (approval of all or some of the aids requested or denial of the dispensation) and the individual will be notified by the USEF in a timely manner.*

a. ~~All Certificates will be reviewed on an annual basis. The Dispensation Certificate will be issued annually upon re-application, and remains in effect until the end of the competition year or until he/she receives a change in status from the Federation, whichever is earlier. Any individual who wishes to make changes to his/her certificate must notify the Federation in writing. Certification is revocable at any time for cause.~~

b. ~~The Dispensation Certificate will be issued annually [...] Certification is revocable at any time for cause. Applications should be submitted in order to allow 30 days for the committee to render a decision regarding the dispensation status.~~

c. There is no fee for either a Dispensation Certificate. ~~or a Para Equestrian Eligibility Certificate.~~

d. *The individual must be a member in good standing with the USEF.*

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#### **GR822 Applying for Para Equestrian (PE) Classification. Effective immediately:**

1. *The individual will request classification from the USEF. Applications may be found on the USEF website or at the USEF*

*office. Once the USEF office receives the application, they will contact the USEF classification coordinator.*

a. *Until such time that the classification is scheduled, the individual will be considered Para Equestrian Eligible (PE Eligible) as determined by the USEF classification coordinator.*

b. *PE Eligible individuals may participate in competition using the self-classification system for local and regional competitions.*

2. *The USEF classification coordinator will assist in scheduling a classification with one of the USEF Classifiers. There is no fee for the classification, though if the individual requests a classification to be scheduled at their convenience, all expenses for the classifier will be paid for by the individual.*

3. *The classification will result in a Profile and a Grade based on the FEI Profile system (see GR824). The Profile will remain with the individual for as long as their physical disability remains constant with no need for re-classification. If the individual has a fluctuating medical condition or if his/her function changes, the profile may change with future re-classifications. The Grade will be based on the specific discipline. (See definitions, GR824)*

4. *Upon classification, the USEF will issue a USEF Classification Card. This card will outline the individual's profile and grade, indicate any compensating aids/adaptive equipment that may be used in USEF PE competition and the expiration date of the classification.*

5. *For USEF licensed PE competitions, the individual will send in a copy of their Card with their competition entry. The individual will also be responsible for carrying their card throughout the show for review by the TD or Steward as necessary.*

6. *When change in status occurs (i.e. change of compensating aids/adaptive equipment), written request for a change will be submitted to the USEF office.*

7. *The USEF Classifier will determine the renewal period for classification. For those with disabilities with no expected change in functional status, the classification will have no expiration. For those with fluctuating conditions or conditions expected to change, either by deterioration or improvement there will be indicated on the card an expiration and expected time for re-classification. It is the individual's responsibility to apply for re-classification through the USEF at least 45 days and at most 90 days prior to the expiration date. It is also the individual's responsibility to apply for re-classification if a major change in status (i.e. resulting from a surgery or therapy which causes significant functional improvement) occurs.*

8. *Upon receipt of an FEI PE Card for Qualifying and International competition, the FEI card will take the place of a USEF PE Classification Card and may be used for USEF licensed PE competitions.*

9. *Classification status can be challenged by a USEF PE competition official, competitor or trainer with the potential for re-classification occurring at that event.*

#### **GR823 (GR822) Hearings/Protests. Effective immediately:**

1. Any individual ~~person~~ whose application for a Dispensation Certificate, ~~Presidential Dispensation~~ or a Para Equestrian Classification Eligibility Certificate has been denied may request a hearing by the Hearing Committee (*see Bylaw 502.13*) or by such individual or committee as it may designate to review said decision. [...]

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c. Protests or charges brought in connection with an individual's Dispensation Certificate status *or Para Equestrian Classification status* shall be handled in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 6.

#### **GR824 GR823 Definition of Terms. Effective immediately:**

1. Diagnosed permanent physical disability - *An individual with a medical condition resulting in functional limitations affecting their*

ability to participate in equestrian sport and diagnosed by a medical doctor. The condition is not reasonably expected to improve and may, in fact, be one that worsens over time. The condition should be easily objectively measurable in scope, either by physical examination by a medical professional or with medical testing. An example may include a limb amputation, paralysis, weakness due to a neuromuscular condition or hearing or vision loss. Riders must possess either...[Delete remaining]

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2. Compensating aid and/or adaptive equipment - Allowance for an alteration in performance, an alteration of dress or alternate piece of equipment which allows the individual with a disability to perform the requirements of the competition. The aid or equipment assists in equalizing the functional ability of the individual and should not give the individual an undue advantage. The aid/equipment must be deemed safe for the competitor and the horse and is subject to review by the TD and/or judge at each event. Use of Examples:

- a. Saluting with the nod of the head only when taking a hand off of the reins would be unsafe.
- b. Use of paddock boots and smooth leather half chaps rather than tall boots if wearing tall boots is unsafe for a rider with leg dysfunction.
- c. Allowance to not wear gloves for the individual with abnormal sensation in the hands.
- d. Use of 1 or 2 whips to cue the horse for an individual with impaired use of his/her legs.
- e. Use of a golf cart to survey a course prior to driving for the individual who is unable to walk.
- f. Use of quick release equipment for carriage driving.

For additional examples, please see USEF booklet entitled, *Guidelines for USEF Dispensation and USEF Classification Systems* found on the USEF website.

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### 3. Dispensation

a. Dispensation Program - The Federation encourages competition amongst all individuals, including those with a diagnosed permanent physical disability. For those individuals wishing to compete in Federation licensed dressage or driving competitions and require compensating aids and/or adaptive equipment to do so, a dispensation may be granted. The purpose of the dispensation is to aid those with limited function by allowing the use of aids/equipment which will result in more equal function. These aids/equipment should not give the individual with a disability an advantage over his/her competitors.

b. Adaptive Sports Committee: An interdisciplinary group representing the equestrian disciplines, the medical field, competitors, and the USEF who is charged with the review and/or approval of dispensation applications. (Bylaw 503.3)

### 4. Para Equestrian (PE)

a. USEF Para Equestrian (PE) Classification System - The USEF has chosen to adopt the FEI Profile System for classification for individuals with disabilities. This system provides a means to assess an individual's functional abilities and impairments to determine which Grade they will compete in amongst individuals with similar levels of function. There is a minimal level of impairment required in order to qualify for the FEI Profile System. In the system, an individual with a permanent measurable physical disability is assessed by a USEF or FEI approved classifier. As a result of the assessment, the classifier will determine eligibility and then assign the individual a Profile. The Profiles are grouped into Grades based on the discipline in which the individual will be competing. For example, an individual who has minor impairment of the Left arm and leg after a stroke would likely be given a Profile 15. If they com-

pete in dressage, they would compete in Grade III. If they choose to compete in Carriage Driving, they would compete as a Grade II.

b. FEI Profile System - Amongst individuals with disabilities, there are many different types of impairments. To provide meaningful competition for these individuals it is necessary that those of similar levels of impairment compete together. The "Profile System" fulfils this criterion. It is a System of tests administered by trained and certified Physical Therapists or Physicians. It is based on the classification systems used in other sports for individuals with disabilities and has been tested for reliability and validity in its application in equestrian sport.

5. Profile - an individual is given one of 42 profiles based on their level of function as assessed by a USEF or FEI Classifier. The Profiles are versatile but tight, easy to use and understand. The locomotor Profiles are not disability (diagnosis) specific, but are based on the ability of the functioning part(s) of the body. The Profile is considered permanent except in the case of a diagnosis that has a reasonable expectation of change, such as with progressive Multiple Sclerosis.

6. Grade - the grouping of profiles within a discipline. In Dressage, there are 5 grades (Ia, Ib, II, III, and IV). In Carriage Driving there are 2 Grades (I and II). A Grade is made up of several profiles, grouping Para Equestrians of similar level of function. The lower number Grades (i.e. Grade I) is made up of Para Equestrians with a more significant level of impairment, whereas the higher number Grades (i.e. IV) identify those Para Equestrians with a lesser impairment. The Grade determines which tests a rider rides and against whom the Para Equestrian will be competing. In National and International competition, medals/placement is awarded in each Grade.

7. Para Equestrian (PE) Eligible - an individual with a permanent measurable physical disability who has entered into the classification process but has not yet been classified by a USEF or FEI Classifier. The USEF Classification Coordinator will determine PE Eligible status. This individual may compete in Para Equestrian classes at the local or regional level, but may not medal.

8. USEF Para Equestrian (USEF PE) - a classified Para Equestrian carrying a USEF Classification card indicating their Profile, Grade, and compensating aids/adaptive equipment. These individuals may compete up to the National level of USEF licensed PE competitions.

9. FEI Para Equestrian (FEI PE) - a Para Equestrian carrying an FEI Classification Card indicating their Profile, Grade and compensating aids/adaptive equipment. This individual may compete Nationally and in Qualifying trials. To achieve this classification, the individual will need a classification by two FEI Classifiers, at least one from outside of their home country. There is a fee to the FEI for application and renewal for the FEI PE Classification Card. Individuals must request renewals through the National Federation.

10. USEF Classifier - a Physical Therapist or Physician who has been trained and certified by the USEF to classify individuals using the FEI Profile System. A USEF Classifier may classify Para Equestrians up through a National level competition.

11. FEI Classifier - a Physical Therapist or Physician who has been trained and certified by the FEI to classify Para Equestrians using the FEI Profile System. An FEI classifier may classify Para Equestrians through to the International level (i.e. Paralympics and World Games). FEI Classifiers are designated as 'I' (International) or 'O' (Paralympic and World Games).

12. USEF Classification Coordinator - the lead USEF Classifier responsible for assisting individuals through the classification process and establishing PE Eligible status.

13. Para Equestrian (PE) Self-classification - When it is difficult due to logistics to complete a classification by a USEF or FEI

*Classifier, an individual may choose to classify themselves based on the USEF Classification System. Using the stick figures and definitions for trainers, a profile will be determined. (see Guidelines for USEF Dispensation and USEF Classification Systems) This will in turn determine a Grade depending on the individual's particular discipline. The self-classification is a means to begin competition based on the individual's self evaluation of their level of function. This will be allowed for local or regional USEF licensed competition only. At this status, an individual may compete at a Grade lower than their functional status determines. Once National competition is attempted, an official classification must be completed.*

**14. Classification Card** - The card issued to a Para Equestrian indicating the Para Equestrian's Profile, Grade, Compensating Aids/Adaptive Equipment and expiration of the classification. USEF issues the USEF Classification Card and the FEI issues the FEI PE Classification Card.

**AL106 Championships.** Effective 1/1/07:

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**1. For pure Andalusians:**

**a. In the Breeding and In-Hand section, the Championship and Reserve Championship will be awarded to horses that have placed first or second in their qualifying classes. Only first place winners in qualifying classes may be chosen as champion. First and second place horses from all classes must compete in their respective championship classes or forfeit their prizes.**

**(Exception: In the event that either of the top two placings in any class fail to show back in their championship, the subsequent two places are eligible to move up in the order and compete in that Championship.) After the Championship has been awarded, the second place horse from its age group shall move up to the front line and be judged equally with the remaining first place horses for the Reserve Championship.**

**b. Colt and Filly Show Champion-First and second place horses from the weanling, yearling and two year old halter classes must compete in their respective championship classes or forfeit their prizes.**

**c. Gelding Show Champion, three and under- First and second place horses from the three year old and under gelding halter classes must compete in their championship class or forfeit their prizes. Classes to be divided based on the number of entries within the classes.**

**d. Mare and Stallion Junior Show Champion- First and second place horses from the three and four year old halter classes must compete in their respective championship classes or forfeit their prizes.**

**e. Mare and Stallion Senior Show Champion- First and second place horses from any five year old and over halter classes must compete in their respective championship classes or forfeit their prizes.**

**f. Gelding Champion, four and over-First and second place horses from any four year old and over gelding halter classes must compete in their championship class or forfeit their prizes. Classes to be divided based on the number of entries within the classes.**

**g. If a Show Grand Championship is held, all Champion and Reserve Champion ribbon winners are eligible to compete.**

**2. For Half Andalusians:**

**a. Gelding Show Champion: First and second place horses from any gelding halter class must compete in their respective championship class or forfeit their prizes. Classes to be divided based on the number of entries within the classes.**

**b. Colt and Stallion Show Champion: First and second place horses from any colt or stallion halter class must compete in their respective championship class or forfeit their prizes. Classes to be divided based on the number of entries within the classes.**

**c. Filly and Mare Show Champion: First and second place horses from any mare halter class must compete in their respective championship class or forfeit their prizes. Classes to be divided based on the number of entries within the classes. It is recommended to hold a minimum of two classes: junior mares two and under and senior mares three and over.**

**d. If a Show Grand Championship is held, all Champion and Reserve Champion ribbon winners are eligible to compete.**

**AR156 Dressage classes.** Effective immediately:

**11. In the event two or more competitors have equal points (a tie), the tie shall be broken pursuant to DR123 except when after a review of the scores for Collective Marks/General Impression there remains a tie, the tie must be broken as follows:**

**a. The competitor with the highest Collective Mark scores by the judge sitting at C shall be declared the winner of the tie; and**  
**b. In the event there remains a tie with the judge's (sitting at C) Collective Mark scores, the winner of the tie shall be determined by that judge's scores as follows:**

**(1) The competitor with the highest free walk score (Intro through Second level) or highest extended walk score (Third through Grand Prix) shall be determined the winner;**

**(2) In the event there is a tie on the free walk/extended walk score, the competitor with the highest sum of scores with coefficients greater than one shall be determined the winner;**

**(3) In the event there is a tie based upon the sum of the scores with coefficients greater than one, the competitor with the first highest Collective Mark score shall be determined the winner. (Start at the top of the Collective Mark scores and work down until the tie is broken); and**

**(4) In the event that the Collective Marks are identical, the competitor with the first highest movement score shall be determined the winner. (Start at the top of the movement scores and work down until the tie is broken).**

**EQ112 Requirements for Specific Classes.** Effective immediately:

**13. USEF SHOW JUMPING TALENT SEARCH CLASS, [...]** Gags and hackamores are not allowed in the flat phase.

~~Riders wishing to compete...~~ [Delete remaining]

**Information about the USEF Show Jumping Talent Search Finals East and West and qualifying procedures for each can be found on the USEF web site [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org).**

**FR116 Championships.** Effective immediately:

**1. In the Breeding and In-Hand section, the Championship and Reserve Championship will be awarded to horses that have placed first or second in their qualifying classes. First and second place horses from all classes must compete in their respective championship classes or forfeit their prizes. (Exception: Should any first or second place winners in a qualifying class not compete for the Championship or be disqualified for being unsound, being unruly or not performing the class routine in the Championship class, the horse receiving the next highest ribbon in the qualifying class shall have the option of moving up for the championship and reserve only.) After the Championship has been awarded, the second place horse from its age group shall move up to the front line and be judged equally with the remaining first place horses for Reserve Championship.**

**2. If a show Grand Championship is held, yearlings and weanlings are not eligible to participate.**

**MO105 Appointments.** Effective immediately:

**9. An inconspicuous tongue tie is permitted in all Morgan sections with the exception of Carriage Driving, Dressage, Hunter over Fences, Hunter Seat Equitation on the Flat and Over Fences, Reining Seat Equitation, Western Seat Equitation, Trail, Reining and Western Pleasure.**

**DRESSAGE COMMITTEE EVALUATION OF NEW TACK & EQUIPMENT**

From time to time the USEF Dressage Committee evaluates new tack and equipment. Under the direction of chair, Marianne Ludwig, with Jennifer Keeler as staff liaison, the following items have been evaluated. Please keep in mind that DR121, Figure 1 states “Any bit combining any mouthpiece pictured in Figure 1A with any cheek piece pictured in Figure 1A is permitted.” Thus, not all possible configurations will be presented in this notice.

The following tack or equipment is considered LEGAL for use in warm up and in the Dressage competition arenas at USEF licensed competitions:

Baucher bit– this style is LEGAL



Spurs with hard plastic knobs – LEGAL – the color of the hard plastic knobs is not a factor although they must be smooth.



Adjustable mouthpiece snaffle bits - one or both sides of the mouthpiece twist to change the width of the bit. LEGAL, as long as configuration of mouthpieces match those allowed by Dressage division rules.



The following tack and equipment is **NOT LEGAL** for use in warm up or in the Dressage competition arenas at USEF licensed competitions:

Baucher bit with port – NOT LEGAL:



Reins with hand hold loop – NOT LEGAL, unless accompanied by a USEF Dispensation Certificate allowing this style rein as a compensating aid.



Snaffle bit with a single or double jointed mouthpiece and rotating metal balls - NOT LEGAL.





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