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WELCOME NEW STAFF MEMBER

Becky Francis is the most recent addition to the Competition Dates Department. Becky is a RCC Steward, thus bringing a unique perspective to her position. She looks forward to working with Stewards and Technical Delegates throughout the country while reviewing their reports. She will also be working with the Competition Management Committee and is excited to come on board with the Federation.

Becky began riding stock seat as a child in California. As a teen, her family moved to Texas where her interests turned to hunters and equitation. A few years later she moved to Austin to attend the University of Texas. After graduating she made Austin her home. For 15 years Becky produced and managed shows, including Hunter/Jumper and Welsh in the central Texas area. She owned a small professional barn outside of Austin, working predominantly in hunters and equitation. In the early 1990's Becky expanded her business to include Welsh and Half Welsh ponies. Breeding and showing ponies led her to add pleasure driving and trail to her list of disciplines. Becky believes that joining the team at USEF is a natural progression for her career in the horse industry, and is enjoying life in the Lexington area.

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ROADSTER REGISTRATION AFFIDAVIT UPDATED

Please be advised that changes have been made to the "Roadster Registration Affidavit" form. This form, used to verify the exhibitor as the current owner of the horse, can now only be used under one set of circumstances. Previously, there were two options for using the form. The old form allowed the exhibitor to state either 1) The exhibitor is the current owner but does not have a copy of the papers available or 2) The exhibitor is the new owner but the transfer of ownership was in process at the USTA or CTA office. It is important that managers and secretaries emphasize to all exhibitors and trainers that beginning with the 2007 competition year, the "Roadster Registration Affidavit" form can only be used for option 2, where the exhibitor is the current and correct owner but the transfer of ownership on the registration certificate is in process at the USTA or CTA office. This means that the form can only be completed in lieu of showing the registration certificate if steps have already been taken to make the required ownership change with USTA or CTA (request to transfer should be submitted prior to the completion of the affidavit form at the competition). Therefore, under all other circumstances, the exhibitor and/or trainer must be able to show a copy of the certificate of registration to the show office prior to receiving a competition number (Exception: Horses that have competed in any Roadster Division class at a Federation licensed event prior to December 1, 2003). It is of utmost importance that exhibitors and trainers understand that in the event that a person files a false affidavit without first having taken the steps to make the ownership change with the USTA or CTA, the Federation will levy a fine against that person in the amount of \$200. A copy of the new form can be located on our web site at www.usef.org or obtained by calling the USEF office. If you have any questions regarding the proper use of the Roadster Registration Affidavit form, please contact the Breeds & Western department at the Federation at (859) 225-6986.

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ARABIAN DIVISION SCORE SHEETS

Members of the Arabian Horse Association Education and Evaluation Commission have updated the following Notes and Score Sheets:

- Working Cow Score Sheet
- Reining Notes
- Trail Notes
- Reining Seat Equitation Score Sheet

Competitions and officials can download the updated score sheets at the following AHA website location: <http://www.arabianhorses.org/competitions/j-s/jsforms.asp>

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ANDALUSIAN/LUSITANO DIVISION

Attention Andalusian/Lusitano judges and Stewards. Please be aware of the following changes for the Andalusian/Lusitano division effective April 1, 2007:

- According to AL101.5 the use of black or clear hoof polish is now permitted.
- In Halter classes, the length of the lead shall not exceed 12' according to AL104.3.
- According to AL124.3, the maximum age allowed for horses competing in the Dressage Suitability section is seven years of age.

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VACCINATION STATEMENT ON NEW OR DUPLICATE FEI PASSPORTS

Veterinarians should be aware that the statement below from the FEI Veterinary Regulations Annex XIV.11 can only be used as the first entry in a new or duplicate FEI passport. This statement does not need to be authenticated by the NF approving the new or duplicate passport but if this statement is used it must be stamped and signed by the veterinarian:

FEI Veterinary Regulations Annex XIV.11

Vaccination history: The horse's vaccination history has to be checked by an approved National Federation's veterinarian and, if correct, the following statement may be used: "The vaccination history of this horse is correct to date. Last vaccination on ... (enter date)" in cases mentioned below:

- NEW PASSPORTS
- DUPLICATES

The veterinarian authenticating such a statement has to be the same who filled in the description and diagram pages.

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WHIPS CLARIFIED IN ANDALUSIAN/LUSITANO DRESSAGE HACK

The USEF Andalusian/Lusitano committee has added Dressage Hack class specifications to their breed division rules effective April 1, 2007. In order to alleviate confusion regarding the use of whips for this class please refer to AL129.3 which states, "Martingales of any type, draw reins, other artificial appliances, boots and bandages are prohibited in competition. One whip is permitted in all classes. The whip must not be longer than 43.3 inches or 110cm, including the lash."

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ATTENTION HUNTER AND HUNTER BREEDING OFFICIALS

Junior Hunters: In reference to JH133.6, if a horse is measured out of its height section in the Junior Hunters, it may not compete in the Junior Hunters for the remainder of the year, but it may compete in Equitation and other classes that are not restricted by height.

Hunter Breeding: In reference to HB103.4, one handler may stand the horse and a different handler may jog the horse. At no time may two different people present the horse at the same time.

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U.S. NATIONAL PASSPORT REQUIRED AT LOWER LEVEL FEI EVENTS IN THE U.S.

Beginning December 1, 2007 all U.S. competitors must present either a U.S. National passport or an FEI passport at lower level FEI events in the U.S. The following events are considered lower level FEI events (CSI 1*/2*, CDI 1*/2*, CCI or CIC 1*/2*, CRI 1* / 2*, CAI-B, CVI 1*, CEI 1*/2*). FEI passports are still required at upper level FEI events and events outside the competitor's home country.

GR802.6

6. US Competitors entered in an FEI sanctioned lower level event (CSI 1*/2*, CDI 1*/2*, CCI or CIC 1*/2*, CRI 1* / 2*, CAI-B, CVI 1*, CEI 1*/2*) must present a USA National Passport to the FEI Veterinary Delegate. Effective 12/1/07

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COMPETITION LICENSE APPLICATION RENEWALS

As a reminder to Licensees, competition license renewal appli-

cations are mailed out within 7-10 business days after the running of the competition. Renewal applications are generally for a three year period unless a competition runs on yearly permission or the competition was new in '06 or '07. Those competitions will receive a renewal application for either one year or two years depending on the specific situation. Competitions that run on permission will receive a one year renewal application. Renewals are due back to the Federation by the renewal deadline found on the application.

Renewal application dues are to be paid with the application if you are renewing for 2008. If you are renewing for 2009 or later, you will be billed for the dues. For example, 2009 dues will be billed in April 2008. 2010 dues will be billed in April 2009, etc. The Federation can not accept payment for 2009 or later application dues because of specific IRS rules.

Please be sure to make any changes to the competition on the renewal forms, these changes will be made for the duration of the application. For example, if the renewal application is for 2009, 2010, 2011 and you change the location of the competition, this change will be reflected for all three years. If after the competition has been approved, a change is made, you may be billed for the change if a charge is applicable to the type of change made.

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COMPETITION CHANGES

If you need to make a change to a competition, such as, date, location, name, competition contact, competition secretary, competition manager, rating or division, these changes must be submitted in writing to the Competition Dates Department. Please be sure to indicate what year(s) the change is for! You can send the change by email or by fax. Our email address is competitionsdept@usef.org and the fax number is (859) 231-6662. Changes in dates, location and name are billable changes; see GR215 for change fees.

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LICENSEE UPDATED INFORMATION

As a reminder, all license renewal applications and license agreements are being mailed to the competition licensee. 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. You can email us at competitionsdept@usef.org or fax at (859) 231-6662.

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LICENSE AND REVISED LICENSE AGREEMENTS

Signed license or revised license agreements must be returned to the Federation. A competition is not valid until a signed agreement has been received by the Federation. For your convenience, you can return the agreement attention of the Competition Dates Department by email or by fax. The email address is competitionsdept@usef.org and the fax number is (859) 231-6662.

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EVENTING CORRECTION

The following rule change was inadvertently omitted during the printing of the 2007 Rulebook.

EV149 Jumping Time Corrections. Effective 12/1/06:

1. KNOCK-DOWNS WITH DISOBEDIENCES.

c. The clock is restarted at the moment when the horse leaves the ground at the obstacle where the refusal occurred. If a disobedience with a knock-down occurs at the second or subsequent part of a combination the clock is restarted when the horse leaves the ground at the first element of the combination.

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NEW RULE CHANGES APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The following rule changes were approved by the Executive Committee on February 20th, 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.**

GR331 Opportunity Classes. Effective 4/1/07:

1. Opportunity Classes:

a. may be held at breed restricted or Western Regular or Local Competitions. Classes must be open to all breeds unless it is a breed restricted competition. In a breed restricted competition it must be stated in the prize list if the classes will be restricted or open.

b. are limited to 10% of the total number of the competition's classes, with a maximum of 20 Opportunity Classes per competition, whichever is less.

c. may be held in addition to Exhibition Classes.

2. Opportunity Classes:

a. do not count toward Horse of the Year Awards.

- b. cannot be used as a qualifying class for any championship class held at the competition except an Opportunity Class championship at the competition.*
 - c. cannot be considered in reckoning Competition Championships awarded on points except an Opportunity Class championship at the competition.*
 - d. do not count toward the minimum number of classes nor amount of prize money offered when determining the rating of the competition.*
- 3. Horses entered only in these classes are still subject to and must comply with the Drugs and Medication rules and are subject to drug testing.**
- 4. Horses entered only in these classes:**
- a. are exempt from the Federation fee, including the Equine Drugs and Medication fee.*
 - b. are not required to have a Horse Identification (HID) or Recording Number but are to list the HID or Recording number if the horse has been assigned this number.*
- 5. Riders/drivers/handlers entered only in these classes are required to have amateur status with USEF or pay the \$30 non-member amateur card fee if entered in classes restricted to amateurs.**
- 6. Riders/drivers/handlers entered only in these classes are exempt from the Federation membership requirements and are not required to pay a non-member or breed/discipline fee but are required to list the Federation membership number if the participant is a member.**
- 7. The prize list must state whether or not horses and/or riders/drivers/handlers entered in Opportunity Classes can cross enter into the rated/recognized classes at the same competition. If cross entry is allowed, all applicable fees and membership requirements apply.**
- 8. The list of Opportunity Classes offered must include "Opportunity" in the class name. The classes may include but are not limited to the following categories:**
- a. Opportunity Pleasure (Saddleseat, Hunter, and/or Western)*
 - b. Opportunity Equitation (Saddleseat, Hunter, and/or Western)*
 - c. Opportunity Costume (Historic and/or Contemporary)*
 - d. Opportunity Trail (English and/or Western)*
 - e. Opportunity Driving (Show Pleasure Driving and/or Carriage Pleasure Driving)*
 - f. Opportunity Walk-Trot (Pleasure and/or Equitation)*
 - g. Opportunity Gaited (Three-gaited, Five-gaited, and/or Paso Fino)*
 - h. Opportunity Reining*
 - i. Opportunity In-hand classes (Amateur and/or Junior Handler)*
 - j. Opportunity Fun Classes*
- 9. Unless the competition is using existing USEF class specifications, the prize list must list the class specifications for each Opportunity Class, to include but not be limited to:**
- a. Gaits required*
 - b. Judging criteria*

- c. Attire, tack and equipment allowed*
- 10. Opportunity Classes may be judged by any judge officiating at the competition. Conflict of interest rules in GR804 apply.**
- 11. The competition must submit full results of all Opportunity Classes as required in GR1216. Horses with HID or Recording members and participants with USEF membership numbers are to have these numbers listed in the results.**

GR407 Management Procedures. Effective 4/1/07:

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 \$7 for each horse and/or pony entered in the competition, except the fee shall be \$15 for each horse entered in an FEI sanctioned competition. Participants in the following classes are exempt from payment:

[...]

f. Opportunity classes

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.

GR1303 Special Conditions. Effective 4/1/07:

1. The following classes do not count toward the minimum number of classes nor toward the minimum prize money required for any division or section rating:

[...]

k. Opportunity classes.

l. Academy classes

GR1401 Requirements. Effective 4/1/07:

9. The following statement must be published in BOLD TYPE for all Regular Competitions; Eventing Competitions at the Preliminary Level or above, Combined Driving Competitions at the Advanced Level, Dressage Competitions, Endurance Rides and Vaulting Competitions: (See GR807.4 of the Federation rules). Life, senior active and junior active members shall be eligible to participate in all classes at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions at the Preliminary Level or above and Combined Driving Competitions at the Advanced Level, Dressage, Reining and Vaulting Competitions and Endurance Rides provided the respective breed/discipline dues or breed/discipline category fee has been paid. A nonmember may participate as a handler, rider, driver, owner, lessee, agent, coach or trainer at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions, Dressage Competitions, Reining Competitions and Combined Driving Competitions upon payment of a \$20 nonmember registration fee and a \$5 breed/discipline category

fee for each breed/discipline. Participants in the following classes are exempted from the Requirements of this rule: 1) leadline; 2) exhibitions; 3) games and races; 4) classes for 4-H members; 5) walk trot and academy classes (academy classes are classes limited to horses used regularly in a lesson program); 6) USDF introductory level tests, pas de deux and quadrille classes; 7) NRHA Endorsed Reining Competitions; **8) Opportunity classes.** ~~Also exempted from this requirement are~~ **9) citizens of other nations who have proof, in English, of current membership in good standing of their own National Federation, 10) USEA beginner novice division; and 11) assistant handlers in Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes.**

DR119 Participation in Dressage Competitions.

Effective Immediately:

6. Definitions of USEF High Performance Program and USEF Developing Dressage Program:

a. USEF HIGH PERFORMANCE DRESSAGE PROGRAM: *The purpose of this classification is to develop and implement the USOC Strategic High Performance Plan (HPP) with the goal of selecting athletes and/or teams and maximizing the performance of these athletes and/or teams at Olympic, Pan American and World Championship competition and other designated international events. The USEF High Performance (HP) Dressage Program includes the USEF National High Performance Dressage Championships at the Intermediaire I and Grand Prix Levels, as well as qualifying and selection trials, and observation classes for those events.*

b. USEF DEVELOPING DRESSAGE PROGRAM: *The purpose of this classification is to identify and recognize developing athlete and equine talent for the discipline of dressage. The USEF Developing Dressage Program includes the USEF National Junior Dressage Championship, USEF National Young Rider Dressage Championship, USEF National Young Adult Dressage Championship, USEF National Developing Horse Dressage Championship, and USEF Young Horse Dressage Program. These Championships and classes designated as qualifying for these Championships are not considered High Performance and therefore are not subject to rules applicable to High Performance classes unless otherwise specifically stated in the qualifying or selection procedures for these Championships.*

EV141 Cross-Country Scoring. Effective Immediately:

1. FAULTS AT OBSTACLES:

a. Disobediences -

- (1) First refusal, run-out or circle 20 penalties
- (2) Second refusal, run-out or circle at the same obstacle 40 penalties
- (3) Third refusal, run-out or circle at the same obstacle Elimination
- (4) ~~Fifth~~ **Fourth** penalized disobedience on the entire course Elimination

HK105 Breeding Classes - Specifications.

Effective Immediately:

5. Only two people per animal are permitted in the ring. Handlers and attendants must be neatly and appropriately dressed in clean and well-fitted clothes. Each may carry or use a whip not exceeding 6' including lash; the lash shall not have been altered in any way. It must be a standard whip of suitable style. Exception: A small empty paper bag, a small empty plastic bag, or ribbons may be attached to the whip. The small empty bag may be used separately.

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WARNING CARD RULE (GR1125) HAS CHANGED...

There are some changes to the warning card rule which went into effect on 4/1/07. For instance, at hunter/jumper competitions, officials other than just the steward or technical delegate can now file a warning card; and the requirements for doing so are a little different than at a non-hunter/jumper show. The rule also states that at hunter/jumper competitions that the alleged offender be asked to sign acknowledging receipt. For more on the changes to GR1125, see the current rulebook.

New warning card forms are being developed, but the old form from last year can be used until the new form is available. You can write in your officiating capacity on the form where it now states: "steward or technical delegate" and have the offender sign at the bottom of the form. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Lori Nelson in the Regulation Department at (859) 225-6957.

AMATEUR CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS...

If an exhibitor asks for clarification on the amateur rule, please feel free to ask them to contact Lori Nelson in the Regulation Department in writing at either lnelson@usef.org, fax at (859) 258-9792 or by mail to the Lexington office. We ask that the exhibitor put their question in writing so that we may best respond to their question, they can have the answer in writing for reference in the future, and we have their inquiry on file. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Lori Nelson in the Regulation Department at (859) 225-6957.

ATTENTION STEWARDS AND TECHNICAL DELEGATES

We no longer need the yellow copies of your reports. Unless you have reports that need go to USEA, please save yourselves the postage and recycle the extra copies in your own home town!

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RULEBOOK ERRATA

Despite our best efforts to the contrary, errors always creep into the final printing of the rulebook and aren't caught before the book goes to press.

USEF publishes an errata list on our website which is regularly updated when new errors are discovered and corrected. You can find the current version of the errata list in PDF form here: <http://www.usef.org/documents/ruleBook/2007/2007errata.pdf>

GR931 Western. [Mistaken rule reference]

4. For purposes of distributing Regional Awards refer to the Regional map in GR9156.

GR1041 Shetland. [Mistaken rule reference]

1. All applicants applying for enrollment as a USEF licensed judge must have fulfilled all ASPC requirements for licensure according to GR1014.2049 and have attended an ASPC/USEF judges clinic within three years prior to enrollment. Applicant must receive an 85% or better on the USEF exam administered at the clinic on general rules, responsibilities and Shetland Division and submit a report documenting ASPC judging experience.

2. Judges licensed in the Shetland Division and all persons applying for re-enrollment must meet requirements in GR1014.2049 and receive a passing score of 85% or better on USEF exam on general rules, responsibilities and Shetland Division and have attended ASPC/USEF judges clinic within three years prior to reenrollment.

AR203 Working Cow Horse - General. [Mistaken rule reference]

For rules governing class conduct and penalties see WS111 and WS112. For rules governing elements of cow work, judging, scoring, and receiving a new cow see ~~WS116-WS118~~ ~~WS118-WS121~~.

DC151 [FEI 951] TIMES [DC151.2-.6 were inadvertently duplicated.]

~~2. Times in Sections~~

~~3. Timing~~

~~4. Start and Finish~~

~~5. Time Penalties in the Sections~~

~~6. Time Penalties in the Obstacles~~

DC152 [FEI 952] Penalties on the Marathon Course. [Mistaken numbering]

8. Damaged Vehicle / Harness / Horses

The vehicle must pass through the finish line of Section E:

[...]

~~d 7.~~ Trace and polestrap – disconnected or missing trace and/or polestrap shall incur a maximum of 10 penalties. See DC151.4

DC153 [FEI 953] Time Penalties. [Mistaken numbering]

1. Loss of Time

[...]

~~d 4.~~ Exceeding the Time Limit in any section entails elimination for the entire Competition B.

EQ126 Horsemanship. [Mistakenly omitted in printing]

1. Riders in classes for junior exhibitors cannot have reached their 18th birthday in accordance with GR126.

2. Emphasis shall be placed on horse and rider working together. Execution and correct form of both horse and rider, while maintaining a pleasurable ride are the main criteria for this class.

3. Rider must perform a pattern which will be posted by the judge at least one hour prior to the class. Tests 1-11 may be used.

4. Failure to complete the pattern will not result in disqualification but will be scored accordingly. Rail work is optional at the discretion of the judge. Backing must be included in either the pattern or the lineup.

EV149 Jumping Time Corrections. [Mistaken omission]

1. KNOCK-DOWNS WITH DISOBEDIENCES.

c. The clock is restarted at the moment when the horse leaves the ground at the obstacle where the refusal occurred. If a disobedience with a knock-down occurs at the second or subsequent part of a combination the clock is restarted when the horse leaves the ground at the first element of the combination.

EC 10/17/06 Effective 12/1/06

[Portions of the text in EV1773-.4 and Appendix 1.4-.6 were inverted in the physical printing of the rulebook. EV177.3-.4 appear at the top of page EV39 and should appear at the top of EV38. Appendix 1.4-.6 appear at the top of page EV38 and should appear underneath Appendix 1.1-.3]

JP118 Sections/Classes Restricted to Children, Adult Amateur Riders, or Ponies. [Mistaken omission]

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 (See GR137)

a. Riders. Pony Jumpers may not be ridden by an adult in any section at the same competition.

b. Measurement. A measurement card is required as per Chapter HP, Subchapter HP-9-14.

JP143 Table of Jumping Faults. [Mistaken numbering]

1.	Knockdown of obstacle or standard with any portion of horse, rider or equipment, when jumping an obstacle, one or more feet in the water or on the marking strip of a water jump, or knockdown of rail placed over a water obstacle	4 Faults
2.	Knockdown of automatic timing equipment, other designated markers on start and finish lines, or flags standing alone marking the limits of banks, ditches and water jumps	4 Faults
3.	First disobedience anywhere on course	4 Faults
4.	Second cumulative disobedience anywhere on course	
	<i>a. in all classes conducted at Level 5 or higher</i>	Elimination
	<i>b. in classes conducted at Level 4 or below</i>	4 Faults
5.	<i>Third cumulative disobedience anywhere on course in classes conducted at Level 4 or below</i>	Elimination
6.	Exceeding Time Allowed (for each commenced second over the Time Allowed)	1 Fault
7.	A horse resisting for 45 consecutive seconds	Elimination
8.	Taking more than 45 seconds to jump the first obstacle after the time of the round has begun	Elimination
9.	Taking more than 45 seconds to jump the next obstacle on course	Elimination
<i>BOD 1/15/06 Effective 1/15/06</i>		
[For all competitions conducted under FEI scoring, time faults will be assessed at the rate of 1 fault for each commenced four (4) seconds over the Time Allowed for all rounds except final jump-offs. Jump-offs will continue to be assessed at 1 fault per commenced second]		
10.	Fall of horse and/or rider (except Fault and Out Classes and other classes with special rules)	Elimination
11.	Jumping an obstacle before it is reset, or without waiting for signal to proceed	Elimination
12.	Starting before judge's signal to proceed	Elimination
13.	Failure to cross the start line within 45 seconds, in classes (or phases of a class) where time is not being recorded	Elimination
14.	Jumping an obstacle before crossing start line unless said obstacle is designated as a practice obstacle or after crossing the finish line, whether forming part of the course or not	Elimination
15.	Off course	Elimination
16.	Leaving the enclosure of a closed obstacle incorrectly	Elimination
17.	Rider and/or horse leaving the arena before finishing the course	
	<i>a. (Penalized at any time the horse is in the ring)</i>	Elimination

18.	Any competitor at the end of his/her round who does not leave the arena through the designed gate (e.g. jumping out of the arena)	Elimination
19.	Actions against a horse deemed excessive (For example: excessive use of whip or spurs at any time within the arena.)	Elimination
20.	Exceeding the Time Limit	Elimination
<i>BOD 1/14/07 Effective 4/1/07</i>		

RD103 General. [Mistaken rule reference]

3. Any driver, rider, horse or pony in the Roadster division exhibiting inappropriate or dangerous behavior or whose actions would in any way threaten the safety of any other exhibitor, their entries or the safety of class officials will be ordered from the ring. (See GR10432.8 and .9)

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ATTENTION EVENTING TECHNICAL DELEGATES

There has been some confusion regarding the Safety Report on page 6 of the Eventing Technical Delegate's Report. Please list all equine accidents or injuries that happen at a competition on the safety report. The veterinarian must sign the report. You must also file a separate Accident/Injury Report for each incident.

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ATTENTION: ARABIAN COMPETITIONS

The in-gate at a competition cannot be moved to accommodate horses being shown in-hand. It has been observed that competitions have been moving the competition ring in-gate so that horses competing in Arabian and HA/AA breeding/in-hand classes may trot through the in-gate instead of walking which is required in AR107.1b. The new halter rules allowing competition management to choose either the In the Ring Class Procedure or the Exit the Ring Class Procedure will go into effect on April 1, 2008 and will allow horses to trot through the in-gate. Until April 1, 2008, the current rules are in effect. Below is rule AR107.1.b for your reference:

AR107.1.b "Horses shall enter the arena in-hand at a relaxed walk (a four-beat flat-footed gait), guiding in a counterclockwise direction. Each horse shall clear the gate at a walk before striking the trot. Failure to completely clear the gate at a walk shall require the horse to re-enter at the proper walk. The horse shall then strike a trot until reaching its designated position in line, as directed by the ringmaster judge(s)."

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