

# CHAPTER 3 CONDUCT AND COMPETITION STANDARDS OF LICENSED COMPETITIONS

## SUB-CHAPTER 3-A GENERAL.

### GR301 Rules.

1. In the event a division or section rule makes a clear exception to a general rule, or clearly departs from a general rule, the division or section rule shall govern; in all other instances, General Rules Chapters 1-15 shall take precedence.
2. The rules of the Federation take precedence over the rules of any other Association. (Exception: See GR1509.2.d.) All divisions and sections for which rules are provided herein must be conducted accordingly and cannot be held under rules that are not in agreement. 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. In connection with Endurance Riding Events, The Federation shall nationally enforce the prohibition of the gastric ulcer medications ranitidine and omeprazole, in accordance with GR410. At FEI Sanctioned Competitions which include no national classes, a licensee is not required to have a Federation steward or technical delegate. (Exception: FEI Sanctioned Jumper competitions licensed by the Federation must have a Federation steward.)
3. All classes (rated or unrated) to be held on a Federation licensed date are governed by all applicable Federation rules. No unrecognized classes can be held on any Federation licensed date, except
  - 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-Team, Gold, Silver and Pas de Deux
  - h. Academy classes
  - i. Qualifying classes for Youth Reining classes or Reining classes at NRHA endorsed competitions
  - j. Exhibitions for which there are no breed or division rules
  - k. 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. See GR211.
  - l. 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. In connection with Endurance Riding Events, The Federation shall nationally enforce the prohibition of the gastric ulcer medications ranitidine and omeprazole, in accordance with GR410. See GR211.
4. Every Licensed Competition and every person participating at the competition including exhibitor, owner, lessee, manager, agent, rider, driver, handler, judge, steward or technical delegate, competition official or employee is subject to the Bylaws and Rules of the Federation and to the local rules of the competition.
5. Minors who do not have a valid driver's license which allows them to operate a motorized vehicle in the state in which they reside will not be permitted to operate a motorized vehicle of any kind, including, but not limited to, golf carts, motorcycles, scooters, or farm utility vehicles, on the competition grounds of licensed competitions. Minors who have a valid temporary license may operate the above described motorized vehicles as long as they are accompanied by an adult with a valid driver's license. Violations of this rule will be cause for sanctions against the parent(s), guardian(s) and/or trainer(s) who are responsible for the child committing the offense. Penalties may include exclusion of the child, parent(s), guardian(s), and/or trainer(s) from the competition grounds for the remainder of the competition and charges being filed against any of the above individuals in accordance with Rule 7. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.

6. Dogs are not permitted to be loose on competition grounds and must be on a leash or otherwise contained. Individuals must not lead dogs on a leash while mounted. Dog owners failing to comply with this rule may be subject to penalty under Chapters 6 and 7, as well as issuance of warning cards.

7. Every person participating in any competition licensed by the Federation is subject to the Federation Bylaws and Rules including the provisions of Chapters 6 and 7 and is responsible under the rules for their own acts and failures to act and for the acts and failures to act of their agent or agents whether or not they or their agent or agents have signed an entry blank.

8. For every horse participating in any competition licensed by the Federation, a \$12 Federation fee will be collected (\$7 shall be an Equine Drugs and Medication fee to provide for research, inspection, and enforcement of rules regarding use of medications and drugs; see GR407.1, .2 and .3 and GR802.3).

9. Rules for a current year become effective December 1st unless specified, and take precedence over any previous rules.

a. Any Licensed Competition which issues its prize list and begins its competition before December 1st is governed entirely by the rules as in effect on December 1st of the previous year.

b. Any Licensed Competition which issues its prize list before December 1st and begins its competition after December 1st is governed by the rules as in effect on December 1st of that year.

### **GR302 Cruelty to and Abuse of a Horse.**

1. Cruelty to or the abuse of a horse 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 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. The Federation or the Judge, Steward, or TD may appoint a veterinarian to inspect any animal in competition. Refusal to submit an animal for examination by an authorized veterinarian after due notification shall constitute a violation.

3. Show Committees are encouraged to contact the American Humane Association, 63 Inverness Dr., E. Englewood, CO 80112, which will provide experienced humane inspectors to work with them in eliminating cruel practices.

4. 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. Rapping the legs of a horse with the butt end of a riding crop or other implement.

c. Use of any substance to induce temporary heat.

d. 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.

5. Any action(s) against a horse by a competitor or an exhibitor, which are deemed excessive by a 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, spurs, or bamboo poles. Competitors and exhibitors have the right to contest any action taken pursuant to GR302.5 by filing a protest or grievance pursuant to Chapter 6 of the Rules for hearing and determination by the Hearing Committee.

6. Following a hearing, The Federation's Hearing Committee may deny or suspend the privilege to participate in or go upon the grounds of Licensed Competitions, and/or deny, expel or suspend the privileges or membership in the Federation to any person, whether or not a member of the Federation, whom an indictment, information or charge (criminal, administrative, arbitral or civil) has asserted, or whom any civil, criminal or administrative court or arbitration or other tribunal has found, to have committed or participated in any plan or conspiracy to commit, any act of cruelty or abuse to a horse, whether or not any such alleged or actual act, plan, or conspiracy occurred on the grounds of a Licensed Competition, or was in conjunction with, or was an element of some other offense, actual or alleged. For purposes of this subsection, cruelty and abuse shall include, but shall not be limited to, any of the acts enumerated in GR302.4, and, in addition, killing, crippling, abandoning, mistreating, neglecting, or any other form of abuse of a horse. (See GR615).

### **GR303 Soundness.**

Unless specific division rules state otherwise, all animals except stallions and mares in Breeding classes must be serviceably sound for competition purposes i.e., such animal must not show evidence of lameness or broken wind. Animals with complete loss of sight in either eye may be found serviceably sound at the Judge's discretion, except in a class over fences where a Judge may ask a rider to change horses.

### **GR304 Shoeing Regulations.**

1. In some parts of the country, it is common practice to show unshod horses in certain classes. A horse cannot be barred from the ring because of being unshod but, in classes in which it is common practice for all horses to be shod, a barefoot horse may be penalized at the judge's discretion.

2. Competitions offering classes in a division that designates a maximum weight for shoes (Morgan, Paso Fino, Welsh) must provide accurate scales for weighing. If any horse casts a shoe in any of these classes, the shoe, including pad if used, but not including nails must be immediately weighed by the judge. In these classes, a competitor may not be excused from the ring until the judge is satisfied that the horse has not cast a shoe. Refer to GR118.2.

3. If the weight of a shoe and pad is protested, the owner may either withdraw the entry and forfeit all entry fees and winnings of the protested entry for the entire competition, in which event the protest must be withdrawn and the fee refunded or, have the shoe and pad removed in the presence of the competition veterinarian and steward so it can be weighed immediately.

4. Whether cast or removed, if the shoe including pad exceeds the weight limit, the entry must be disqualified for the balance of the competition and all entry fees and winnings of the entry for the entire competition will be forfeited. Removal and replacement of any protested shoe and pad is the sole responsibility of the owner of the entry; however, if the protest is not upheld, the protester must pay \$15 to defray the cost of removal and replacement of the shoe.

5. See AR103 for Arabian shoeing regulations.

### **GR305 Falls.**

The fall of horse and/or rider does not disqualify the competitor unless due to bad manners of the horse. Exception: *Andalusian (see AL101.13)*, Driving, Eventing, Equitation, Hunter, Jumper, Reining, Vaulting and Western classes, in which specific rules prevail.

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### **GR306 Retirement Ceremony.**

1. If a retirement ceremony is allowed at the request of the owner of a horse, that horse may not be permitted to compete at the competition. Any horse officially retired at a Licensed Competition is barred for life from further competition at Licensed Competitions except by special permission of the Executive Committee; however, they can continue to be shown in Academy classes, Leadline classes, Get of Sire and Produce of Dam classes.

2. The Federation will give necessary publicity to all official retirement ceremonies and will notify all Licensed Competitions. See GR1216.7.
3. Any ceremony announcing an exhibitor's retirement from competition is prohibited.

### **GR307 Sweepstakes.**

When a Sweepstake class is offered, providing for a division of entry fees, either with or without monies added by the Show Committee, the total to be distributed must include the entry fees of all entries listed in the catalogue, whether or not the horses are shown, plus all fees covering other entries legally in the class, unless a competition stipulates in its prize list that portion of the entry fees which will be withheld.

## **SUB-CHAPTER 3-B SCHEDULING PROCEDURE.**

### **GR308 Length of 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.

### **GR309 Time Schedule.**

1. The announced order or time for classes may not be changed unless at least 12 hours notice of such change be given to each exhibitor and judge affected or each exhibitor affected consents in writing.

2. Provided the order of events is not changed, the Show Committee may call any class up to 30 minutes ahead of its scheduled time. Exception: Vaulting exhibitors must be given one hour's notice.

3. Once the first horse in a Hunter, Hunter Seat Equitation, Jumper, and/or Reining class has been entered, shown and judged, the class must be run in entirety before commencing with the next scheduled class. In Hunter classics (See HU143) and Jumper classes held requiring two rounds or elimination trials or two or more phase competitions (See Rules JP112), the first horse to be entered, shown and judged in each round, trial and/or phase will determine the start of the round, trial and/or phase. A round, trial and/or phase must be run in its entirety before commencing with the next scheduled class. If classes are held simultaneously using back-to-back rounds (See HU146), both classes must be run in entirety before commencing with the next scheduled class. (Exception: GR311.5).

4. None of the above applies to Eventing (see EV109).

5. None of the above applies to Dressage. For Dressage Competitions, the following conditions apply: (1) Rides may be rescheduled up to one hour earlier or later than announced in the official schedule if each competitor is individually notified at least two hours prior to his/her rescheduled ride time. Rides within a class may be rescheduled in a different order. (2) Ride times or classes may not be changed more than one hour from the time announced in the official schedule unless 12 hours notice of such change is given to each exhibitor and judge affected or each exhibitor affected consents in writing to the

change. Public address announcements do not meet the notification requirements of this rule.

### **GR310 Delay of Classes.**

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 Rules HU144 & JP112.) In classes where horses compete collectively, a warning is issued and the ingate must be closed two minutes after the first horse enters the ring. (Paso Fino see PF101.12) 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.
2. It is recommended that a starting enforce order be established in all classes in which horses compete individually and to allow one minute for an entry to enter the ring. At competitions using only one ring, a starting order must be established. If a jump order is used, it must be posted at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the class.

### **GR311 Interruption of Procedure.**

1. If weather appears to be imminently affecting the safety and welfare of horses and/or exhibitors, it shall be the responsibility of competition management (Exception: Eventing see EV109) to stop the competition until it is safe to recommence. If a competition in progress must be stopped due to a storm, accident, or other emergency, the Show Committee will decide whether to re-commence. Any interrupted classes may be re-commenced within the session in which they were originally scheduled or at a succeeding session of the competition. (Exception: Dressage GR311.7, Driving, Eventing EV109, Reining GR311.9.) If a Licensed Competition's Prize List does not advise exhibitors that refunds of entry fees will not be given in the event a class or classes, or all or part of the competition is cancelled due to a storm, accident or other emergency, the Licensee is required to refund entry fees for the cancelled class or classes upon written request by an exhibitor within 30 days of the cancellation.
2. The Show Committee will also decide whether awards for classes not held is warranted and called for. No Championship, awarded on points, can be awarded in any division, however, unless more than 50% of the scheduled classes in that division have been held. Any action thus taken by the Show Committee will not be referred to the Federation inasmuch as the matter is one of discretion and not regulation.
3. If a class is in operation at the time a competition is stopped, no placements involving Horse of the Year Awards will be made. If a tie for a Championship exists in the Hunter or Jumper division at the time the competition is stopped, points toward Horse of the Year Awards will be divided between the tied horses.
4. If classes are postponed to a day not included in the original competition dates, exhibitors are entitled to a refund of entry fees in the class postponed and are relieved of any obligation to show back in postponed classes.
5. If a class in which horses compete either collectively or individually is in progress and must be stopped due to a storm, accident, or other emergency, the following procedure shall govern (Exception: Dressage, Driving, Reining, Eventing, Jumper):
  - a. If a class is continued during the session of the competition in which it was originally scheduled, the judge(s) will decide 1) to hold the class over in its entirety in which case no scores credited in the first session will count, or 2) to recommence the class where it was interrupted.
  - b. If the class is continued at a succeeding session of the competition, it will be held over in its entirety and no scores credited in the first session will count.
6. Jumper:
  - a. *A Jumper Class that Management decides to postpone due to storm, accident or emergency per GR311.1 may be combined with a subsequent class in the same section with the prize money of the postponed class added to the prize money of the subsequent class. Management must make this decision prior to the first horse competing in the postponed class. The start fee for the postponed class will be added to that of the subsequent class and must be refunded to those declared competitors of the postponed class who choose not to declare for the combined class.*

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b. In a jumper class which has reached the jump-off stage when the class is stopped, only those competitors involved in the jump-off need compete in the succeeding session. Jumper classes scored under Table II, Sec. 2b or 2c, Table IV, Sec. 4b or 4c or Table V Sec. 2b or 2c must be held over in their entirety unless the competition is continued over the original course at a later session, in which case the class shall continue from the point where it was stopped and scores earned by horses which have already competed shall stand.

7. Dressage: If it becomes necessary to interrupt a dressage competition for any reason, the unfinished portion may be recommenced and rescheduled for the same or following day at the option of the Show Committee with the Ground Jury's consent. All scores recorded before the interruption will stand. When classes are re-commenced after a delay on the same day, competitors must be given at least 30 minutes' notice of the starting time. Exhibitors whose ride times are changed to or on a subsequent day as a result of an interrupted competition or inclement weather conditions, must be individually notified at least two hours prior to a rescheduled ride time.

8. Eventing: See EV109.1.

9. Reining: If it becomes necessary to interrupt a reining competition for any reason, the unfinished portion may be recommenced and rescheduled for the same or following days at the option of the Show Committee and the judge(s). All scores recorded before the interruption will stand.

### **GR312 Time-Out.**

A suspension of judging which may be requested by a competitor or directed by the judge(s).

1. A competitor is entitled to request a time-out for a period not to exceed five minutes in aggregate in order to make adjustments or to repair broken equipment or to rectify a similar condition, or to replace a shoe (See GR304). (Exception: Hunter, AR144 and HU123.6 Arabian Jumper, AR146 and JP133; Dressage, GR312.9 and DR122.7.j; Jumper, JP133; Hunter Seat Equitation, EQ110.4; Reining, RN103; Vaulting, VA111).

2. If division rules allow a competitor to call a time-out, the competitor may call only one time-out per class (Exception: Western/Reining Seat Equitation, Paso Fino, Welsh, and Western where a competitor may request a time-out no more than two times.) The penalty for exceeding the allowed time out(s) is for the entry to be excused.

3. To request a time-out for any such emergency, the competitor must go to the center of the ring (if possible) and or be acknowledged by the judge. The announcer will declare that a request for time-out has been made and permission granted; time will be taken from the moment such announcement is made.

4. If a horse casts a shoe in a class, time starts (after weighing has concluded, if applicable) when the farrier or his assistant touches the shoe or the horse. No more than three minutes will be allotted to find a shoe; if the shoe is not found, the exhibitor may elect to continue or withdraw. If a horse is removed from the ring for the purposes of shoeing, the steward or judge shall accompany and remain with the horse until it is returned to the ring or excused from the class.

5. Two attendants are permitted in the ring to assist a competitor during his/her time-out. If at the expiration of five minutes the repair has not been made, the competitor may proceed as is or be eliminated.

6. The steward or judge is responsible for timing unless an official timer is present.

7. Competitors who are not involved in a time-out may make minor adjustments that can be performed with the assistance of one attendant and not be charged with a time-out.

8. At any time the judge(s) considers it necessary he/she may call for a time-out. Said time-out may be charged to a competitor that, in the judge's opinion, is responsible for the suspension of judging as long as the competitor is so informed by the judge prior to calling the class back to order.

9. None of the above apply to the Eventing, Dressage or Driving divisions; see specific division rules. Time-outs are not permitted in the Dressage division.

## SUB-CHAPTER 3-C SCHOOLING.

### GR313 General.

1. A Licensed Competition must provide a sufficient area for schooling horses. A separate schooling area must be provided for each ring.
2. Adequate lighting must be provided in schooling areas used after dark.
3. In addition to the official schooling area, competitions should designate an exercise area.
4. Competitions offering A rated sections other than hunter and jumper must provide an exercise area at least 80' by 200' or its equivalent. If, due to space limitations, a competition does not have an adequate schooling area or a competition offering an A rated section cannot provide the required exercise area, one ring must be open for a minimum of 5 hours within each 24-hour period. Adequate lighting must be provided.

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### GR314 Designated Areas.

Schooling over obstacles in the ring or over any part of an outside course is permitted only at the time designated by the Show Committee. All other schooling over obstacles is permitted only within clearly identified areas and only at times designated by the Show Committee. Schooling over obstacles in any other area of the competition ground or at any other time is prohibited.

### GR315 Trail.

A schooling area must be provided prior to and during trail classes with enough elements to adequately school a trail horse.

### GR316 Hunter.

1. Schooling areas for hunters must contain adequate hunter-type fences. A trotting fence, a vertical and an oxer are required.
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. Competitions offering A rated hunter sections must provide an exercise area at least 200' by 300' or its reasonable equivalent.
5. *A Steward/schooling supervisor must be present in the schooling area during any Hunter class offering \$10,000 or more in prize money.*
6. *The Steward/schooling supervisor's decision regarding schooling fences, or tack and equipment in the warm-up area is final. BOD 1/14/07 Effective 4/1/07*

**GR317 Jumper. (See also JP103 and Appendix A) *BOD 1/14/07 Effective 4/1/07***

## SUB-CHAPTER 3-D ATTIRE AND EQUIPMENT.

### GR318 Dress.

1. It is the tradition of the competition ring that riders and drivers be correctly attired for the class in question, that attendants be neatly dressed and horses be properly presented.
2. It is compulsory for riders in all Hunter, Jumper and Hunt Seat Equitation classes, and Paso Fino classes, both open and breed restricted including Hunter Hack, where jumping is required and when jumping anywhere on the competition grounds to wear properly fastened protective headgear which meets or exceeds ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. It must be properly fitted with harness secured. A Show Committee must bar riders without protective headgear from entering the ring for classes in which protective headgear is required and may bar any entry or person from entering the ring if not suitably presented to appear before an audience.
3. Except as may otherwise be mandated by local law, all juniors riding in Hunter, Jumper and Hunter Seat Equitation sections, and all sub-juniors riding in the Paso Fino division, while riding anywhere on the competition grounds, must wear properly fitting protective headgear which meets or exceeds ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI

(Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. Harness must be secured and properly fitted. Any rider violating this rule at any time must immediately be prohibited from further riding until such headgear is properly in place.

4. Any exhibitor may wear protective headgear (ASTM/SEI) in any division or class without penalty from the judge.

5. See DC147.2b for protective headgear requirement in Combined Driving.

6. Except as may otherwise be mandated by local law, the Federation strongly encourages all riders, while riding anywhere on the competition grounds, to wear protective headgear with harness secured which passes or surpasses ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. It is the responsibility of the rider, or the parent or guardian or trainer of the junior exhibitor to see to it that the headgear worn complies with appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian use, and is properly fitted and in good condition, and the Federation, Show Committee, and Licensed Officials are not responsible for checking headgear worn for such compliance.

7. The Federation makes no representation or warranty, express or implied, about any protective headgear, and cautions riders that death or serious injury may result despite wearing such headgear as all equestrian sports involve inherent dangerous risk and as no helmet can protect against all foreseeable injuries.

8. Boots/shoes worn while riding anywhere on the competition grounds must have a distinguishable heel. (Exception: Arabian, Hackney Pony, Morgan, National Show Horse, Parade, Roadster, Saddlebred, and Saddle Seat Equitation).

9. Competitors must display the correct number which must be clearly visible while performing in any class unless otherwise stated in the prize list. Competitors may be penalized at the discretion of the judge. Numbers to be supplied by management in compliance with GR1214.11. Refer to DR126.13 (Dressage), DR207.8 (Dressage Sport Horse Breeding) and JP112.5.

10. Refer to EQ109.1 and Subchapter HU-4.

#### **GR319 Artificial Markings and Appliances.**

1. Any change of color or markings other than mane, tail or hoof is prohibited. (Exception: Arabian and Half/Anglo Arabian halter, see AR107.6; Reining Division; Friesian Division, Paso Fino, see PF101.5-6). Only clear grooming materials are allowed on the hide and hair. Materials may be used to remove stains.

2. All artificial appliances other than those permitted in division rules are prohibited (Exception: Reining and Jumper Divisions). Bandages, tailsets, chains or other training devices are prohibited in the ring in Breeding/Halter classes.

#### **GR320 Use of Whips.**

No item may be used inside or outside the ring while showing a horse except one whip per handler. If whips are allowed, they must be no longer than 6' including the snapper or lash. No appendages of any kind are permitted. One lungeing whip is permitted only when lungeing. *Some breed and/or disciplines may have use of whip division rules that depart from this rule and as such, the division rule governs. (GR301.1) BOD 1/14/07 Effective 4/1/07*

### **SUB-CHAPTER 3-E ELIGIBILITY.**

#### **GR321 Stallions.**

Stallions are barred from any Ladies' or Junior Exhibitors' classes except as provided for in division rules. Unless competition rules state otherwise, stallions may be shown by anyone in other classes in every division.

#### **GR322 Ponies.**

1. Ponies may be ridden only by junior exhibitors. Exceptions: Adults may ride ponies in the Eventing, Connemara, Dressage (other than USEF Championships, USEF qualifying and selection trials, and observation classes), Hunter, Jumper, Saddlebred and Welsh Pony divisions.

2. If an animal 14.2 hands or under is eligible to compete as a horse in the Arabian, Half or Anglo Arabian, Connemara, Morgan, Paso Fino, National Show Horse or Saddlebred Divisions, it may also compete as a horse in other appropriate classes (except for USEF Dressage Championships, USEF qualifying and selection trials, and observation classes for

Dressage; see DR119.1). It cannot, however, compete as a horse in one class and a pony in another class at the same competition.

3. Once an animal is shown in a class restricted to horses, except in the aforementioned divisions and as provided for in SB190.4, it cannot be shown as a pony the same year.

## **SUB-CHAPTER 3-F CLASS CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES.**

### **GR323 Classes for Horse and Rider.**

In a class where the performances of both horse and rider are considered, the horse and rider together constitute an entry and neither can appear in a different combination except in Eventing or Dressage classes.

### **GR324 Amateur.**

Amateur classes may be offered in any division using the specifications set forth in the respective division rules. If Amateur classes are offered leading to a Championship, judging specifications will be those of amateur classes or amateur Championships unless the prize list specifically states that open judging specifications will be used.

### **GR325 Breeding or In-Hand.**

1. Breeding or In-Hand classes may be offered in any section in which they are indicated in the respective division rules. The prize list must specify as to each class the age, sex and manner of showing.
2. All Futurity classes are considered part of the respective Breeding sections.

### **GR326 Junior Exhibitor.**

Classes, sections or competitions may be limited to junior exhibitors if so desired. Where special rules and class specifications are given for classes so limited, they should be used throughout the junior exhibitor classes offered and shall take precedence over such class specifications as those for Championship classes. A Show Committee should bear in mind that a horse suitable for a junior exhibitor should have good manners and it is suggested that the specifications for a Ladies' or Amateur class be followed throughout.

### **GR327 Ladies'.**

Ladies' classes may be offered in any division using the specifications set forth in the respective division rules. If Ladies' classes are offered leading to a Ladies' Championship, judging specifications should follow those of the Ladies' class rather than those of the Championship class.

### **GR328 Local.**

Any competition may offer Local classes or complete Local divisions provided the meaning of the local designation is fully and clearly defined. Class specifications must follow those listed in the respective division rules as closely as possible.

### **GR329 Maiden, Novice and Limit.**

A competition may offer Maiden, Novice or Limit classes or complete sections in any division using the specifications set forth in the respective division rules. If a Championship class is held, it must be judged in accordance with the Maiden, Novice or Limit class specifications rather than those of the Championship class as listed unless otherwise specified.

### **GR330 Model Classes.**

1. Model classes may be offered in any section in which they are indicated in the respective division rules. They may be divided as to age, sex or height and may be held prior to a Breeding section to provide a standard for judging.
2. Model classes may be included in the number of classes required for a division or section rating. Exception: Hunter Division and Welsh Pony Division.
3. Entry in a Model class does not qualify a horse for a Performance Championship class.

### **GR331 Opportunity Classes.**

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.

e. Dressage classes cannot be offered as Opportunity classes.

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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. If entered in opportunity classes restricted to amateurs, riders/drivers/handlers are required to have amateur status with USEF or pay the \$30 non-member amateur card fee.

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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. *EC 2/20/07 Effective 4/1/07*

**GR332 Owners' Classes.**

Owners' classes may be offered in any division using the specifications as set forth in the respective division rules. If Owners' classes are offered leading to an Owners'

Championship judging specifications should follow those of the Owners' class rather than those of the Championship class.

**GR333 Dividing Classes.**

1. Classes can be divided by sex into three groups (stallions, mares and geldings) or a Show Committee may prefer to require mares and geldings, or stallions and geldings to show together.
2. If a Show Committee wishes to divide junior exhibitor classes, it may offer separate classes for boys and girls or offer several age limits. The following three age limits are suggested but may vary according to local conditions:
  - a. Juniors who have not reached their 11th birthday,
  - b. Juniors who have reached their 11th but not their 14th birthday
  - c. Juniors who have reached their 14th but not their 18th birthday.
3. When divided as above horses cannot be entered in more than one age section of the same class. Exceptions: Arabian, Morgan, Equitation and Saddlebred divisions. A Show Committee may offer classes divided by age of adult exhibitor.

**SUB-CHAPTER 3-G CHAMPIONSHIPS.**

**GR334 Awarding Championships.**

1. Championship classes for a specific height or sex may be offered in any division as set forth in the respective division rules. Judging specifications must follow those of the Open Championship class.
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)
3. When Championships are awarded on points, all competitors must be given an equal opportunity to obtain points. In all other divisions, Championships must be awarded in a Championship Performance class and all entries must be given an opportunity to qualify.
4. Only the first four ribbons in each class are counted regardless of the number offered. Ribbons have the same point value even if less than the specified four places are awarded due to lack of entries, etc. Exception: See JP110.2 for Jumper Championships.
5. Point Value:
 

Blue ribbon	5 points	Yellow ribbon	2 points
Red ribbon	3 points	White ribbon	1 points
6. In Hunter 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...½ point.

**GR335 Performance Championships.**

1. A Show Committee must designate all qualifying classes and can require any or all winners in a qualifying class to compete in a Performance Championship class provided this is stated in the prize list and the gaits required are the same as in the qualifying class. Any exhibitor failing to comply must forfeit all prize money in the qualifying class. If an exhibitor or trainer qualifies more than one horse for a Championship class he can elect to show only one.
2. To be eligible to show in a Performance Championship class a horse must have been properly entered, shown and judged in one qualifying class in the same division or section.
3. An entry which while performing in a qualifying class fails to qualify by reasons of equipment repair, shoeing time, illness (certified by the official veterinarian) or failure of a class to fill shall be permitted to pay double fee and make a post entry in another qualifying class in the section or if no subsequent qualifying class is available for such post entry, the horse shall be considered qualified for the Performance Championship class, provided the horse has previously been entered in the Championship or Stake. Exception: Dressage. (See also GR116.3)
4. To avoid divided Performance Championship classes, eligibility for a Championship class may be limited to ribbon winners in qualifying classes.

**GR336 Breeding or in Hand Championships.**

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.
2. Entry in a Breeding class does not qualify a horse for a Performance Championship class. Exceptions: in the Hackney Pony, Morgan, Roadster and Saddlebred Horse divisions any performance class, including futurities and/or classics, qualifies for a Performance Championship class at that competition.
3. In a Breeding section of the Welsh division, the Championship will be awarded to one of the horses which has placed first in a qualifying class. After the Championship has been awarded the horse which has placed second in the qualifying class to the horse awarded the Championship shall compete with the remaining first place winners for the Reserve Championship.
4. In a Breeding section of the Hackney, Morgan, Saddlebred, or Shetland divisions, the Championship and Reserve Championship will be awarded to horses that have placed first or second in their qualifying classes.
5. In a Breeding section of the Arabian division, the Junior, Senior or Show (Grand) Championship will be awarded to one of the horses which has placed first in a qualifying class. Qualifying classes for championships must be designated in the prize list. After the Championship has been awarded, the horse which has placed second in the qualifying class to the horse awarded the Championship shall compete with the remaining first place winners for the Reserve Championship. If a Show (Grand) Championship class is held, the Senior Champion and the Reserve Senior Champion as well as the top two ranking two-year-olds will be eligible to compete. (Exception: AR108.1).
6. In any case, 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.
7. None of the above applies to Dressage/Sport Horse Breeding.
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. EC 5/21/07 Effective 1/1/07*

**SUB-CHAPTER 3-H TROPHIES AND RIBBONS.****GR337 Challenge Trophies.**

1. A Challenge Trophy is a trophy donated to or offered by a competition which must be won a specified number of times under specified conditions. When originally placed in competition, it becomes the property of the Show Committee and cannot be withdrawn by the donor.
2. The conditions of the Challenge Trophy may not be changed without the consent of the trophy donor or his legal representative and of all who have qualified as potential winners of the trophy, except in the event that the conditions stipulated are in conflict with the current rules of the Federation. In such an event, the Show Committee must confer with the Federation as to procedure.
3. The winner of a leg on a Challenge Trophy in competition is entitled to possession of such trophy for a period of 10 months from date of winning unless a competition stipulates that the trophy will remain in its possession. The winner is responsible for protection and care of the trophy while in his possession. At the expiration of 10 months, or two months prior to the next annual competition, the competition may demand return of trophy if it has not been won outright. Failure of an exhibitor to return the trophy constitutes a violation under Chapter 7 and renders the exhibitor subject to penalty.
4. If a Challenge Trophy is competed for at more than one competition per year, the committee may elect to keep the trophy in its possession.

5. If a Challenge Trophy is destroyed, stolen or lost and therefore cannot be returned, the exhibitor who had possession of the trophy must pay to the competition the cost of replacing it with a trophy equally suitable and satisfactory to the Show Committee. The exhibitor will be exempt from penalty if the trophy is replaced before the next competition.
6. Should a competition or class be discontinued or not held for any period of time, any unretired Challenge Trophies offered at such competition must be returned at the expiration date of ten months to the last active Show Committee. This committee will determine the disposition of such trophies but they may not be placed in competition at any competition unless the provisions of paragraph 2 are met.
7. In the event of the death of an exhibitor who has won one or more legs on a Challenge Trophy, a member of that exhibitor's family may include such previous winnings in any further competitions for such Challenge Trophy in which they may engage.
8. If a Challenge Trophy is competed for and won under a farm name and the farm is later sold to another person who retains the farm name, legs won on the trophy by the first owner will not be counted by the subsequent owner of the farm in his competition.

**GR338 Perpetual Trophies.**

A Perpetual Trophy is a trophy donated to or offered by a competition which is never awarded permanently to an exhibitor but remains the property of and in the possession of a competition. The Show Committee may present a replica or souvenir trophy to the annual winner. The conditions of a Perpetual Trophy are identical with those of a Challenge Trophy. Exception: previous winners need not be consulted when and if specifications are changed.

**GR339 Prize Ribbons.**

1. At all Licensed Competitions, the prize ribbons are to be the following colors:
 

Grand Champion	Blue, Red, Yellow and White		
Reserve to Grand Champion	Red, Yellow, White and Pink		
Champion	Blue, Red and Yellow		
Reserve Champion	Red, Yellow and White		
First Prize	Blue	Sixth Prize	Green
Second Prize	Red	Seventh Prize	Purple
Third Prize	Yellow	Eighth Prize	Brown
Fourth Prize	White	Ninth Prize	Gray
Fifth Prize	Pink	Tenth Prize	Light Blue
2. It is recommended that competitions offer one ribbon for every six entries.
3. A Licensed Competition located outside the United States may conform to the practice of the country in which it is situated with respect to the color of the ribbons used.

**SUB-CHAPTER 3-I LOCAL COMPETITIONS.**

**GR340 Restrictions.**

1. The total cash prizes shall not exceed \$500. Except 100% sweepstakes and not including value of trophies offered. (Exception: Open Western Divisions, see ratings chart GR1302.)
2. The designation Local Competition must be stated on the cover of the prize list.
3. The Federation non-member fee will not apply.
4. Local Competitions benefit from all the general rules of the Federation and must abide by applicable division rules unless class specifications are printed otherwise in the prize list.

**SUB-CHAPTER 3-J NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.**

**GR341 General.**

United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (the Federation) shall have the exclusive right to designate national championships in the disciplines for which the Federation is designated as the National Governing Body by the United States Olympic Committee and in the disciplines for which the Federation is designated as the National Federation by the Federation Equestre Internationale (Dressage, Driving, Endurance, Reining, Show Jumping, Three-Day Eventing and Vaulting). The allocation of national championships in the foregoing disciplines, including issuance of date approvals, licensing of officials, approval of name and all copyright, trademark, trade name, television, video and other

broadcast rights and all sponsorship matters shall be solely reserved to the Federation Executive Committee acting upon the advice and recommendation of the relevant Federation committee(s), Budget and Finance Committee and the USEF Officers. All persons or organizations, including affiliate organizations, organizing committees and/or competitions managements, wishing to receive Federation approval to hold a national championship in the foregoing divisions must apply to the Federation in writing on appropriate form(s) provided by the Federation and to be received by the Federation's office no later than the deadlines applicable to the respective disciplines outlined in GR212.7. The Executive Committee shall be entitled to condition the Federation's designation and granting of approval for a national championship in any manner which in its discretion it deems appropriate.

### SUB-CHAPTER 3-K AMENDMENTS TO FEDERATION RULES.

#### **GR342 General.**

Any question not covered by the rules of the Federation shall be decided by the Directors of the competition at which it arises. Such decisions by a Show Committee may be reviewable by the Federation. Show Committees are cautioned not to make use of the authority here granted unless completely certain that the Rulebook does not cover the points in question.

#### **GR343 Rule Change Procedures.**

These rules may be added to, altered or amended at any meeting of the Board of Directors or Executive Committee by a majority vote of those present as provided herein below. *The USEF Legislative Committee is responsible for review, analysis, and oversight of the Federation's rule change process, subject to review and approval by the Executive Committee. (See Bylaw 502, Section 15.) Rule Change Categories: Standard, Clarification, Extraordinary, and FEI.*

1. *Standard Rule Changes. Individual Federation members, Federation Staff, Federation Committees, Affiliated Entities, and Affiliated Associations (Recognized Associations and International Discipline Associations) may propose standard rule changes. See Bylaw 221 and 222.*

*a. Standard rule changes must be submitted to the Federation in writing on the USEF official form within the following deadlines in order to be considered within the current rule change year.*

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| <i>(1) Individual Federation members</i>         | <i>June 1</i>       |
| <i>(2) Federation Staff</i>                      | <i>June 1</i>       |
| <i>(3) Federation Committees</i>                 | <i>September 1</i>  |
| <i>(4) Affiliated Entities (Bylaw 221)</i>       | <i>September 1</i>  |
| <i>(5) Affiliated Associations (Bylaw 222)</i>   | <i>September 1</i>  |
| <i>(6) For 2007, Arabian Horse Association -</i> | <i>September 15</i> |

*b. The proponent's name must be clearly listed on the official rule change form. When the proponent is other than an individual, such submissions shall be accompanied by minutes or certification signed by the Committee Chair or Affiliated Association's President that document the review and action taken at a meeting.*

*c. Standard rule change proposals generated by Federation Staff should be submitted with a Committee or Affiliate being listed as the proponent, whenever possible.*

*d. The Rule Change Coordinator (RCC) will review each rule change proposal to see that it is filed timely, properly filled out, and has all required documentation. The RCC will then determine which Federation departments need to review and comment on the proposal with particular attention to the following:*

- (1) clarity of language;*
- (2) enforceability;*
- (3) financial impact;*
- (4) legal ramifications;*
- (5) attempting to amend a rule in effect for less than one year;*
- (6) resubmitting a proposal that was disapproved the previous year;*
- (7) proposing to change a rule that is solely within the Federation's purview*

*e. Any opinion or comments made by USEF departments shall be dated, documented and included with the rule change proposal. The RCC shall input this information into*

*the system, compile the data received, and then forward the rule change proposals and comments to the Legislative Committee prior to assignment to Federation Committees or other assigned entities for review.*

f. The Legislative Committee may reject a proposal for:

- (1) failure to comply with the requirements of the official form;
- (2) lateness;
- (3) incompleteness;
- (4) inexact or confusing language;
- (5) *a proposal that was disapproved the prior year;*
- (6) attempts to amend a rule or rules in effect for less than a year;
- (7) *proposing to change a rule that is solely within the Federation's purview*
- (8) any other specified reason in the Committee's discretion.

g. *In the event the Legislative Committee rejects a proposal, the proponent must be notified in writing. Proponents of a rejected proposal may revise and resubmit a proposal. Any decision to reject a proposal made by the Legislative Committee shall prevail subject to review by the Executive Committee.*

h. The Legislative Committee will designate review of the proposed rule change by any and all standing Federation Committees and each assigned entity deemed appropriate. *The RCC will compile the rule change proposals together with their assignments and comments, post them on the USEF website, and produce a proposed rule change summary document.*

i. *Each designated Committee or assigned entity shall review the proposed rule change and recommend to the Board approval or disapproval of the proposal. It is appropriate for each assigned entity to propose an amendment to a proposed rule change and an amended proposal may move forward in the process providing the proponent agrees to the amendment. In accordance with .j.(5) below at the third Board meeting at the Annual meeting, the Directors may amend any proposal at its discretion.*

j. *The Federation Annual Meeting.*

(1) *Each Federation Committee, Task Force or assigned entity (committee or Affiliate) that has been assigned one or more rule change proposals to discuss and comment upon should meet prior to the Annual Meeting to do so, and if necessary, have a representative present the Committee's or Task Force's comments at the respective General Forum at the Annual Meeting.*

(2) *All standard rule change proposals will be discussed before relevant sessions of the Federation Annual Meeting if they have been considered at a meeting of the designated assigned entity (committee or Affiliate). If a proposal has NOT been considered, it will automatically be moved for consideration in the next rule change year.*

(3) *During the various debates regarding a given rule change proposal, different drafts of a proposal may be made. However, these later drafts should be signed off by the designated Committee or assigned entity in order to go forward to the Board for action at the Third Directors' meeting.*

(4) *The proponent of a proposed rule change, if present, may address the Board regarding his/her proposal at the Third Director's Meeting, regardless of designated Committee or assigned entity action.*

(5) *At the Third Meeting the Board of Directors is empowered to adopt any such rule change proposal, to not adopt the same, or to revise or amend the same at the Board's discretion.*

(6) *The Rule Change Coordinator shall record action taken at the Third Meeting of the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting in the system.*

(7) *The Rule Change Coordinator shall be responsible for posting all rule changes adopted by the Board of Directors on the web, and forwarding notice of changes to the editor of EQUESTRIAN for publication.*

k. *Standard rule changes progressing through the above process and which are adopted at the Annual Meeting will unless otherwise specified by the Board of Directors be effective as of the following December 1.*

## 2. *Rule Clarifications:*

a. *The Rule Change Coordinator, with approval of the Executive Director and General Counsel, may immediately correct misspelled words, minor punctuation errors, missing*

or incorrect references and other similar clarifications deemed minor by posting on the USEF website and inclusion in the next available Federation Rule Book.

b. Contradictory language, missing or incorrect phrasing, and other wording or punctuation errors that cause inconsistent interpretations of the intent of a rule, may be clarified via a Federation Official Rule Clarification form. This form will be submitted to the Rule Change Coordinator, who will obtain comments from relevant Federation Departments and Committees. When comments are received, the Legislative Committee may, at its discretion, forward a clarification directly for inclusion on the USEF web site and in the next available Federation Rule Book, upon approval of the Executive Committee.

3. Extraordinary Rule Changes.

a. An Extraordinary rule change is defined as one that, unless expedited, would create or continue a severe hardship or a gross unfairness to the Federation, its members or their horses, its Licensed Competitions, or its Affiliated Associations. The rule change proposal form **MUST** contain a statement describing clearly how the proposed change meets the above criteria. The Rule Change Coordinator must then get certification that the proposed extraordinary rule change in fact, does meet the necessary criteria to bypass the normal rule change process. Such certification will come from the Legislative Committee in conjunction with the Executive Director and General Counsel, or at least two USEF Officers.

b. Once the proposal is certified, and with a required minimum five business days notice, the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee at any meeting may entertain and take immediate action on such an Extraordinary Rule Change. However, the five-day notice requirement may be waived upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board or Executive Committee present with the reasons for the waiver stated in their meeting minutes.

c. Extraordinary Rule Changes shall be effective as specified by the Board or Executive Committee and if not specified, shall be effective immediately upon passage.

d. Following adoption of any Extraordinary Rule Change, prompt written notice must be given via the Federation's web site.

4. FEI Rule Changes. In order to comply in a timely manner with changes in FEI rules which may be published by the FEI outside the Federation's normal rule change schedule, *certification* is waived and the Executive Committee or Board of Directors *may consider and act to conform to any FEI rule change as deemed necessary*. BOD 1/14/07 Effective 4/1/07

**GR344 Presidential Modifications.**

1. Modifications may be made in the application of the Federation Rules under special circumstances (see Bylaw 332.1.e). Requests should be submitted to the office of the President and will be forwarded to appropriate committee chairmen for their recommendations before being submitted to the President for consideration.

a. Senior Active Members of the Federation may submit a request for Presidential Modification to the Rules with supporting documentation and a non-refundable \$50 processing fee.

b. The President has the authority to waive the processing fee.

## **SUB-CHAPTER 3-L      COMPETITION STANDARDS**

Please reference the following Rules on Competition Standards. Also, see separate Division Rules.

### **Sub-Chapter 3-A—General**

- GR301—Rules
- GR302—Cruelty to and Abuse of a Horse
- GR303—Soundness
- GR304—Shoeing Regulations
- GR305—Falls
- GR306—Retirement Ceremony
- GR307—Sweepstakes

### **Sub-Chapter 3-B—Scheduling Procedure**

- GR308—Length of Competition
- GR309—Time Schedule
- GR310—Delay of Classes
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### **Sub-Chapter 3-C—Schooling**

- GR313—General
- GR314—Designated Areas
- GR315—Trail
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### **Sub-Chapter 3-D—Attire and Equipment**

- GR318—Dress
- GR319—Artificial Markings and Appliances
- GR320—Use of Whips

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- GR323—Classes for Horse and Rider
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- GR326—Junior Exhibitor
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- GR329—Maiden, Novice, Limit
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- GR331—*Opportunity Classes*
- GR332—Owners' Classes
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### **Sub-Chapter 3-H—Trophies and Ribbons**

- GR337—Challenge Trophies
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### **Chapter 7. Violations and Penalties**

- GR706—Violations

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