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The following rule changes were approved by the Executive Committee on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008 **with an effective date during the 2008 competition year or later.** *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.**

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## CHAPTER 1 – DEFINITIONS AND GOVERNANCE

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### **GR110 Comparable Dates.** [Chapter 1. Definitions and Governance] **Effective 12/1/08:**

1. For competitions with a start date prior to December 1, 2008, the following provisions will be in effect:
  - a. For competitions with a start date of January 1, 2005 and later, comparable dates are based on a system of numbering the weeks of the year:
    - (1) Calendar weeks are numbered, beginning with the first Sunday in January, the second week of the year shall start on the second Sunday, and so on.
    - (2) The comparable date for the competition will be based on the week of the year the start date falls in and will start on the same day of the week, i.e., a competition starting on Wednesday in Week 25 in 2004, will start on Wednesday in Week 25 in 2005.
  - b. For purposes of determining mileage between competitions, quarters will be defined as follows: first quarter – calendar weeks 49 through 52 and 1 through 9; second quarter – calendar weeks 10 through 22; third quarter – calendar weeks 23 through 35; fourth quarter – calendar weeks 36 through 48. Competitions will be subject to mileage provisions in effect on the first date of the competition, and the lower mileage will apply between competitions in different mileage designated areas:
    - (1) In the case of Dressage Competitions, or Regular or Local Competitions holding “open” Dressage Division classes, a 75 mile radius will apply to competitions held in contiguous regions for which different distances are specified.
2. For competitions with a start date of December 1, 2008 or later, the following provisions will be in effect:
  - a. [...]
  - b. [...]
  - e. Licensed 2006 competitions needing to make changes to their number of days, rating(s), or location in 2007 or 2008 due to hardship caused by the change to the numbered week system must apply for and obtain special permission from the Federation.
  - d. Licensed 2006 competitions that cancel their 2006, 2007, or 2008 competitions due to Acts of God or hardship caused by the change to the numbered week system will not be affected by the two year cancellation rule (GR310).

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## CHAPTER 3 – COMPETITION LICENSING

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### **GR306 Licensing Procedures.** [Chapter 3. Competition Licensing] **Effective 12/1/08:**

#### 13. ~~Transition to License Agreement~~ Grandfathered Competitions.

~~a. Existing 2005 Recognized Competitions. When in good standing, a Licensee with existing recognized competition dates for 2005 may be licensed for an initial 3-year or shorter period. Licenses may be issued commencing with the competition approval cycle beginning May 15 of 2005. Competitions operating in 2005 under a permission waiver are excepted and must follow the permission process in accordance with GR307. Licensees seeking a License to hold the same competition on the comparable dates and location in the 2006 Competition year beginning on December 1, 2005, must submit the USEF License Application with appropriate fees to the USEF office by May 15, 2005. Eventing license applications must be processed when the Eventing Calendar has been established. The License Application must be signed by the Licensee requesting the date and must include the exact location, i.e. facility name, street address and zip code. A Competition License may only be issued by USEF upon submission of all the required forms including the signed license application. The License application shall be attached and made part of any final agreement.~~

~~b. Grandfathered Competitions. If the mileage rule in effect on December 1, 2005 creates a conflict of dates between Recognized Grandfathered Competitions existing prior to December 1, 2005, each competition so affected may be provided with a license without regard to application of the current mileage rule. Licenses may be issued commencing with the competition approval cycle beginning May 15 of 2005. Grandfathered Licensees seeking a License to hold the same competition on the same dates and location beginning on December 1, 2005, must submit the USEF License Application with appropriate fees to the USEF office by May 15, 2005. Grandfathered competition License agreements are subject in all respects to future changes in rules including mileage and Competition Evaluation in accordance with the license agreement process.~~

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## CHAPTER 10 – LICENSED OFFICIALS

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### **GR1009 Recorded Judge.** [Chapter 10. Licensed Officials] **Effective immediately:**

5. A Recorded judge may, however, officiate alone under the following circumstances:

- g. A Recorded (“r”) *Carriage* Pleasure Driving Judge may officiate alone in any *Carriage* Pleasure Driving competition that does not exceed one day.

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### **GR1062 Requirements for Grandfather Process into Hunter and Hunter Seat Equitation Course Designer License.** [Chapter 10. Licensed Officials] **Effective immediately:**

1. “R” Requirements. Candidate must meet two of the following requirements:

- c. Served as Official Hunter Course Designer at a special event. (i.e. Legacy Cup, AHJF Palm Beach Hunter Spectacular, a USHJA International Hunter Derby, a \$25,000 Open Hunter Classic, National Equitation Medal Finals or Regional *Maclay* Equitation Finals)

*d. Served as the Official Course Designer at a National or Regional Equitation Medal Finals or special Hunter Classic.*

2. “r” Requirements. Candidates must meet one of the following requirements:

- c. *Served as the Official Course Designer at a National or Regional Equitation Medal Finals or special Hunter Classic.*

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6. All candidates for the grandfather process must apply to the USEF Licensed Officials Committee, *USHJA Officials Education Committee* and *USHJA Equitation Task Force* between 4/1/08 and 11/30/09.

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### **GR1067 Paso Fino Judges.** [Chapter 10. Licensed Officials] **Effective immediately:**

7. Recorded (r) or Registered (R) judges are required to take a written exam to be administered by mail once every three (3) years and receive a score of 85% or better before their license is renewed. The exam will be administered to all Paso Fino judges starting in the 2008 competition year and then to all judges every three years thereafter. ~~In 2007, a trial test will be given without consequence. A 20 question test will be given to current judges attending clinics. Those current judges not attending clinics will be mailed this set of questions to be completed and returned within a specified time period.~~

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## CHAPTER 11 – FEDERATION RECORDS AND AWARDS

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### **GR1110 General.** [Chapter 11. Federation Records and Awards. Subchapter 11-D Horse of the Year Awards and National Championships] **Effective 12/1/08:**

1. Points toward any Horse of the Year Award will not be credited until the applications and fees for the horse’s recording, exhibitor’s registration, transfer of ownership, name change or addition of owner(s) and owner’s Senior Active, Junior Active or Life membership are received by the Federation office. Exception: Applications for Federation Individual Membership and Horse Recordings submitted at Licensed Competitions:

- a. For Dressage Competitions, reference Bylaw 223, Section 1:

(1) Applications are considered effective on the date the application and dues are received by the Competition Secretary provided the application is signed and dated by the Competition Secretary ~~and the Competition DTD~~ on that same day.

b. For all Competitions other than Dressage Competitions, reference Bylaw 221, Section 1:

(1) Applications are considered effective, for points and eligibility to compete only, on the start date of said Competition provided the application and dues are received by the Competition Secretary and the application is signed and dated by the Competition Secretary ~~and the Competition Steward/TD~~ during the period of the Competition.

2. For points to count with respect to any competition, the required materials and fees must be received by the Federation office (or by the Competition Secretary - see below) on or before the first licensed day of such competition. Exception: Applications for Federation Individual Membership and Horse Recordings submitted at Licensed Competitions:

a. For Dressage Competitions, reference Bylaw 223, Section 1:

(1) Applications are considered effective on the date the application and dues are received by the Competition Secretary provided the application is signed and dated by the Competition Secretary ~~and the Competition DTD~~ on that same day.

b. For all Competitions other than Dressage Competitions, reference Bylaw 221, Section 1:

(1) Applications are considered effective, for points and eligibility to compete only, on the start date of said Competition provided the application and dues are received by the Competition Secretary and the application is signed and dated by the Competition Secretary ~~and the Competition Steward/TD~~ during the period of the Competition.

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**GR1111 National, District, Regional and Zone Awards.** [Chapter 11. Federation Records and Awards] **Effective immediately:**

10. Exception to GR1111.8 - .11: Arabian, Half/Anglo Arabian Division, Andalusian/Lusitano Division, *Morgan* and Friesian Divisions; see GR1111.2.

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## CHAPTER 12 – COMPETITION OFFICIALS, EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS

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**GR1211 Appointment of Officials and Employees.** [Chapter 12. Competition Officials, Employees and Volunteers] **Effective 12/1/08:**

3. Stewards/Technical Delegates

d. ~~*With the exception of Hunter/Jumper competitions (see GR1211.3e), competitions using more than three performance areas simultaneously must have at least two stewards on duty. In Hunter/Jumper competitions, these two Stewards must designate one as the Senior Steward for that competition and must notify competition management.*~~ Dressage arenas do not count as a performance area. If more than six performance areas are used simultaneously, at least three stewards must be on duty. ~~*In Hunter/Jumper competitions, these three Stewards must designate one as the Senior Steward for that competition and must notify competition management. (Exception: Hunter/Jumper competitions see GR1211.3d)*~~ When three stewards are officiating, one steward will not be subject to the provisions of GR1032.1 and will be eligible to serve as steward for a fourth consecutive competition run by the same governing body, Board of Directors or Licensee.

e. A Hunter/Jumper competition using up to four performance areas simultaneously must have at least one Steward on duty. When five or more performance areas are in use simultaneously, there must be two Stewards on duty. A competition using four performance areas simultaneously that had more than 500 horse competing the previous year must have two Stewards on duty. If more than eight performance areas are used simultaneously, then at least three Stewards must be on duty. A competition in its first year of operation must have two Stewards on duty if there are more than three performance areas in use simultaneously and three stewards on duty if there are more than eight performance areas in use simultaneously. ***When there is more than one steward required, the licensed Stewards must designate one as the Senior Steward for that competition and must notify competition management.***

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## CHAPTER 13 – COMPETITION PARTICIPANTS AND ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS

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**GR1301 General.** [Chapter 13. Competition Participants and Associated Individuals] **Effective immediately:**

4. Any member or non-member who fails to pay sums owing to the Federation or who makes payment for fees to the Federation which is not negotiable will be

notified by the Federation of his or her indebtedness and warned that unless settlement is made within two weeks he or she will automatically be fined the sum of \$250 to be paid to the Federation; and further, that he or she and any horses owned by him or her and any horses and/or persons for which payment has not been made or for which the non-negotiable sums have been paid will automatically be barred from taking any part whatsoever in Licensed Competitions until payment or settlement is made of the total indebtedness to the Federation. All Licensed Competitions will be notified through EQUESTRIAN and the Federation's web site. See definitions, GR130.

a. If any individual affected by GR1301.4.a disputes that the amounts in question are owed or unpaid, he or she may request a ~~hearing~~ **review** of these issues ~~before~~ **by** the Hearing Committee provided his or her written statement specifying the grounds for ~~a hearing~~ **the review** is received at the Federation's office within said two week period accompanied by a fee of \$100., which will be refunded if the dispute is settled in favor of said person.

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**GR1302 Duties.** [Chapter 13. Competition Participants and Associated Individuals] **Effective 12/1/08:**

2. Every exhibitor, rider, driver, handler, and trainer or his agents must provide on the competition entry blank, all information required under Federation rules. Exhibitors are responsible for their own errors and those of their agents in the preparation of entry blanks.

a. The following credentials must be made available to Competition Management ~~and the Federation steward/technical delegate~~. Competitions may, at their discretion, confirm any of the below electronically with the Federation Office:

(1) Original or copies of Federation membership cards, Exemption: Applications completed at the competition. The member will retain the pink copy of the membership application form which, when properly signed by Competition Secretary ~~and Steward/TD~~, is valid for 45 days from the date signed or until the membership card is received from the Federation.

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**GR1307 Amateur Certification.** [Chapter 13. Competition Participants and Associated Individuals] **Effective immediately:**

4. ~~In the event that a person holds an unrevoked certification but does not have it in his/her immediate possession, the competition secretary may accept a signed affidavit to that effect which must be submitted to the Federation.~~

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**GR1309 Membership and Document Requirements.** [Chapter 13. Competition Participants and Associated Individuals] **Effective 12/1/08:**

1. To be eligible to participate as a rider, driver, owner, handler, vaulter, longeur, lessee, agent, coach or trainer at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions at the Preliminary Level or above, Combined Driving Competitions at the Advanced Level, Dressage, Endurance and Vaulting Competitions, persons must be Members of the Federation as provided in GR202 or if not a member, must pay a registration fee as provided in GR207 (for exceptions see GR901.9). Exception: Applications for Federation Individual Membership and Horse Recordings submitted at Licensed Competitions:

a. For Dressage Competitions, reference Bylaw 223, Section 1:

(1) Applications are considered effective on the date the application and dues are received by the Competition Secretary provided the application is signed and dated by the Competition Secretary ~~and the Competition DTD~~ on that same day.

b. For all Competitions other than Dressage Competitions, reference Bylaw 221, Section 1:

(1) Applications are considered effective, for points and eligibility to compete only, on the start date of said Competition provided the application and dues are received by the Competition Secretary and the application is signed and dated by the Competition Secretary ~~and the Competition Steward/TD~~ during the period of the Competition.

2. Memberships completed at the competition must be forwarded to the Federation office within ten (10) days of the close of the competition as part of the full competition results, which are defined in GR1214. The member's copy of the application is valid for 45 days or until the membership card is received from The Federation.

a. The following credentials must be available to Competition Management and the Federation steward/technical delegate. Competitions may, at their discretion, confirm any of the below electronically with the Federation office:

(3) Federation membership cards or a copy thereof, Exception: Applications completed at the competition. The member will retain the pink copy of the membership application form which, when properly signed by the Competition Secretary ~~and Steward/TD~~, is valid for 45 days from the date signed.

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## CHAPTER CP – CARRIAGE PLEASURE DRIVING DIVISION

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### **CP148 Disobedience.** [Chapter CP. Carriage Pleasure Driving Division] **Effective immediately:**

2. A refusal is defined as stopping and stepping back or sideways before an obstacle.
  - c. If in the commission of the refusal any part of an obstacle is disturbed and class specifications require repair or resetting, the procedure outlined in ~~CP145.3~~ **CP146.3** will apply.

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## CHAPTER DR – DRESSAGE DIVISION

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### **DR120 Dress.** [Chapter DR. Dressage Division] **Effective immediately:**

1. The dress code for Training through Fourth Levels is a short riding coat of conservative color, with tie, choker or stock tie, white or light-colored breeches or jodhpurs, boots or jodhpur boots, a hunt cap or riding hat with a hard shell, derby or top hat. A cutaway coat (modified tailcoat) with short tails is permitted. Half chaps, gaiters and/or leggings are not allowed. Gloves of conservative color are recommended. Exception: Riders through First Level may wear half-chaps, gaiters or leggings in solid black or brown, without fringe, matching the color of their boots, and made of smooth leather or leather-like material. The dress code for the FEI Junior Tests, FEI Dressage Tests for 4, 5, and 6-year-old horses and the USEF test for 4-year old horses is a short riding coat of conservative color, with stock or tie, breeches, hunt cap or riding hat with a hard shell, derby or top hat. **A dark tailcoat is also permitted for the FEI Junior Tests.** The dress code for FEI Pony Riders is dark coat or club uniform coat, breeches or jodhpurs, white shirt with tie or hunting stock, gloves, boots and hunting cap; top hat or bowler not allowed. Spurs are optional for all of the FEI Pony and Junior Tests, FEI Dressage Tests for 4, 5, and 6-year-old horses and the USEF test for 4-year old horses. (See DR120.8)

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### **DR125 Competition Licensing and Officials.** [Chapter DR. Dressage Division] **Effective 12/1/08:**

5. Dressage Competitions holding both a national competition and a CDI must have a separate Dressage Technical Delegate in addition to the FEI Chief Dressage Steward. **However, the number of CDI rides is not counted in the number of rides requiring an additional Dressage Technical Delegate.**

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## CHAPTER EQ – EQUITATION DIVISION

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### **EQ113 Tests From Which Judges Must Choose.** [Chapter EQ. Equitation Division] **Effective immediately:**

12. Turn on the forehand ***done through the walk or the halt.***

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## CHAPTER EV – EVENTING DIVISION

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### **EV140 Cross-Country Obstacles.** [Chapter EV. Eventing Division] **Effective immediately:**

#### 3. NATURE OF OBSTACLES.

- a. The obstacles must be fixed and imposing in shape and appearance. When natural obstacles are used, they should, if necessary, be reinforced so that they remain in the same state throughout the test. All reasonable precautions must be taken to prevent the possibility of a competitor being able to pass mounted under an obstacle. ***Portable fences must be secured to the ground in a way that the fence cannot move.***

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## CHAPTER FR – FRIESIAN DIVISION

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### **FR106 Part-Bred Friesian.** [Chapter FR. Friesian Division] **Effective immediately:**

2. The overall presentation conformation should be correct and ~~appealing~~ ***appealing*** to the judge.

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[Chapter FR. Friesian Division] **Effective immediately:**

#### SUB-CHAPTER FR12 SHOW PLEASURE DRIVING

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### **FR154 Show Pleasure Driving Class Specifications.**

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