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The following rule changes were approved by the Executive Committee on August 17th, 2009 **with an effective date during the 2009 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.**

CHAPTER 2 – MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES AND REQUIREMENTS

GR201 Membership Categories. [Chapter 2. Membership Categories and Requirements] **Effective 12/1/09:**

2. Non-competing Membership(s)

Non-competing members are those individuals who do not desire to participate in Federation Licensed Competitions. Non-competing members are not eligible to participate as a licensed official, rider, driver, handler, vaulter, longeur, owner, lessee, agent, trainer, coach, competition manager, or competition secretary. The non-competing membership options are *described on the membership application form.*

a. ~~USEF Equestrians. Annual dues are \$35.~~

b. ~~c. Club Equestrians. Annual dues are \$15.~~

CHAPTER 10 – LICENSED OFFICIALS

GR1004 General. [Chapter 10. Licensed Officials. Subchapter 1-B General Rules and Fees] **Effective immediately:**

7. Judges licensed by the FEI are eligible to officiate in Federation Licensed Competitions in the division in which they are internationally licensed (except in ~~Jumpers and Vaulting.~~)

GR1011 Guest Judge. [Chapter 10. Licensed Officials] **Effective immediately:**

1. A Guest judge is a Senior Active Member 21 years of age or over, not enrolled as a judge in a particular division, to whom the President or Secretary may grant permission to officiate in that division upon the request of a Licensed Competition and for that competition only. The fee is ~~\$50, which is~~ not refundable. The application must be made on the official form provided for that purpose and must be accompanied by the required fee. The statement on the form that the competition holds itself responsible that the individual applied for is familiar with the Federation rules and is capable to adjudicate as requested must be signed by the competition manager.

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

AR195 Appointments. [Chapter AR. Arabian Division. Subchapter AR-23 Western Pleasure Section] **Effective immediately:**

3. Hackamore (Bosal) or standard snaffle are permitted in any class on horses five years old and under, unless prohibited in the prize list. A standard snaffle bit is defined as a center jointed single, rounded, unwrapped, smooth mouthpiece of 5/16” to 3/4” diameter metal as measured from ring to 1” in from the ring with a gradual decrease to the center of the snaffle. The rings may be from 2” to 4” outside diameter of either the loose type, eggbutt, dee, or center mounted without cheeks. If a curb strap is used it must be attached below the reins. A horse shown in either a hackamore or snaffle must never have been shown in any Western event in a bridle (except Arabian, Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian reining and working cow horses- *see AR199*). [...]

AR199 Appointments. [Chapter AR. Arabian Division. Subchapter AR-24 Working Western Section] **Effective immediately:**

For rules regarding correct attire and appointments, refer to AR195. *Horses entered in Junior Horse classes must be shown in a snaffle bit or hackamore (See AR195.3). A Reining or Working Cow Horse Junior Horse that has been shown in a Western event in a bridle may compete in a Junior Horse Reining or Working Cow Horse class wearing a hackamore or snaffle.*

CHAPTER FR – FRIESIAN DIVISION

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

For more information contact:

The International Friesian Show Horse Association

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CHAPTER HK – HACKNEY DIVISION

HK116 General. [Chapter HK. Hackney Division. Subchapter HK-6 Hackney Roadster Ponies] **Effective immediately:**

3. All Hackney Roadster Ponies must be re-measured and issued new measurement cards prior to competing in licensed competitions for the year 2004 and beyond. In

all Hackney Roadster pony championship/stake classes (except Junior *Pony sections divisions*) at selected USEF competitions which will be notified in writing by USEF, [...]

CHAPTER HU – HUNTER DIVISION

HU107 Amateur Owner Hunter. [Chapter HU. Hunter Division] **Effective immediately:**

2. An amateur who ~~rides~~ *competes* for a person outside of his/her family may not ~~ride compete~~ in a class restricted to Amateur Owners at the same competition. Amateur Owner riders may, however, ~~ride compete~~ for a person outside of his or her family in equitation classes, Under Saddle classes and for other Amateur Owners who have more than one entry in the Under Saddle class.

CHAPTER JP – JUMPER DIVISION

JP105 Officials. [Chapter JP. Jumper Division] **Effective immediately:**

1. Judges.

e. For classes offering \$25,000 or more in prize money a total of two Federation licensed “R” judges are required, one of whom will act as official timer. A third judge is necessary if an open water jump is used; this can be a “r” judge. In addition, two timers in the field with stop watches are required. A Registered steward or Registered Jumper judge must be appointed to supervise schooling before and during the competition. *An FEI Licensed Jumper Judge is also eligible to fill any of the above positions.*

JP117 Sections/Classes Restricted to Junior, Amateur/Owner, or Young Riders.

[Chapter JP. Jumper Division] **Effective 12/1/09:**

[Note: This language becomes effective 12/1/09]

1. Amateur Owner Jumper: A horse that is ridden by an Amateur Owner or an amateur member of the owner’s family. In either case, classes are restricted to riders who are no longer eligible to compete as junior exhibitors. Leased horses are not eligible, and multiple ownership is not permitted unless all owners are members of the same family.

a. An amateur who ~~rides~~ *competes* for a person outside of his/her family may not ~~ride compete~~ in a class restricted to Amateur Owners at the same competition

JP120 Fence Heights and Spreads. [Chapter JP. Jumper Division] **Effective 12/1/09:**

[Note: The language in part .c below becomes effective 12/1/09.]

1. At Licensed Competitions the Level of Difficulty for each class must be indicated in the prize list and on the course plan. This may be shown as either:

b. as one of the “Standards” defined below for classes of \$25,000 or more. Spreads must be set as noted below. ~~Multiple or Combined Levels are not permitted for the same category of competitors in a given class.~~

c. Management may choose to run a class at two different heights (not more than 10 cm of difference), permitting competitors to elect at which height to compete. The conditions for such classes must be stated in the prize list unless the two-height class results from the combining of classes due to insufficient entries (defined as less than six entries in either grouping). The steward's report must indicate any two-height class held, and the official results submitted to the Federation must accurately state at which height each entrant competed.

CHAPTER RD – ROADSTER DIVISION

RD108 Roadster Horse to Bike. [Chapter RD. Roadster Division. Subchapter RD-3 Class Specifications] **Effective immediately:**

7. UNITED STATES TROTTING ASSOCIATION ROADSTER CLASSIC. Open to Standardbreds registered with the USTA or CTA. In order to be eligible, a copy of the registration papers must accompany the entry and the ownership must be both updated and correct prior to the nomination closing date. Horse cannot have been shown in any Roadster Class prior to the closing date of the preceding year's Kentucky State Fair Horse Show. Horse owner must be current member of both the *United States Trotting Association (USTA)* ~~USTA Standardbred Equestrian program~~ and the American Road Horse and Pony Association (ARHPA). Horses will be inspected at the competition for proper identification prior to the class. Driver must be a member of the ARHPA. To be shown first at a jog-trot and road gait, then reversed and shown at a jog-trot, road gait and then at speed. To be judged on performance, speed, quality and manners. For complete details on this class contact ARHPA, 177 East 2nd Street, Maysville, KY 41056.

RD112 Roadster Ponies. [Chapter RD. Roadster Division] **Effective immediately:**

2. All Roadster Ponies must be re-measured and issued new measurement cards prior to competing in recognized competitions for the year 2004 and beyond. In all Roadster pony championship/stake classes (except Junior *Pony sections divisions*) at selected USEF competitions which will be notified in writing by USEF, [...]
