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The following rule changes were approved by the Board of Directors on July 28th, 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 3 – COMPETITION LICENSING

GR304 General. [Chapter 3. Competition Licensing. Subchapter 3-B Competition Licenses] **Effective 12/1/09:**

2. Any changes to the License agreement including location, dates, rating, ~~Level~~, or prize money, will require a license modification request with payment of a fee. USEF may or may not approve the requested changes. Competitions that are not conducted in accordance with the terms of the license agreement will have breached the terms of the license agreement, and such breach may result in cancellation or nonrenewal of the license agreement, or the licensee may be ineligible for a license in the future, or other penalties under the provisions of GR707.

GR308 Mileage. [Chapter 3. Competition Licensing. Subchapter 3-B Competition Licenses] **Effective 12/1/09:**

2. Mileage Charts. Mileage consideration may be applicable to more than one mileage chart.

e. Dressage Mileage Charts USEF Licensed Competitions with Open Dressage Divisions/classes.

(4)All dressage competitions are categorized by Level. Criteria for each level in the charts below can be found on the USEF website.

Dressage Mileage Chart – Contiguous USDF Regions – D1 USEF Dressage Competitions or Regular/Local Competitions with Open Dressage Classes						
Priority Date Holders	New Competitions with Same-Rated Sections					
		Level 5 (AA)	Level 4 (A)	Level 3 (B)	Level 2 (C)	Level 1 (Local)
	Level 5 (AA)	75	75	75	75	75
	Level 4 (A)	75	75	75	75	75
	Level 3 (B)	75	75	75	75	75
	Level 2 (C)	75	75	75	75	75
Level 1 (Local)	75	75	75	75	75	

Dressage Mileage Chart – Contiguous USDF Regions 1, 2, 6 & 8 – D2 USEF Dressage Competitions or Regular/Local Competitions with Open Dressage Classes (excluding competitions restricted to one breed)						
Priority Date Holders	New Competitions with Same-Rated-Sections					
		Level 5 (AA)	Level 4 (A)	Level 3 (B)	Level 2 (C)	Level 1 (Local)
	Level 5 (AA)	50	50	50	50	50
	Level 4 (A)	50	50	50	50	50
	Level 3 (B)	50	50	50	50	50
	Level 2 (C)	50	50	50	50	50
	Level 1 (Local)	50	50	50	50	50

Dressage Mileage Chart – Contiguous USDF Regions 3, 4, 5, 7 & 9 – D3 USEF Dressage Competitions or Regular/Local Competitions with Open Dressage Classes (excluding competitions restricted to one breed)						
Priority Date Holders	New Competitions with Same-Rated-Sections					
		Level 5 (AA)	Level 4 (A)	Level 3 (B)	Level 2 (C)	Level 1 (Local)
	Level 5 (AA)	100	100	100	100	100
	Level 4 (A)	100	100	100	100	100
	Level 3 (B)	100	100	100	100	100
	Level 2 (C)	100	100	100	100	100
	Level 1 (Local)	100	100	100	100	100

CHAPTER 11 – FEDERATION RECORDS AND AWARDS

GR1101 Horse Identification Number and Horse Identification Form. [Chapter 11. Federation Records and Awards. Subchapter 11-A Horse Identification and Recording.] **Effective immediately:**

3. Applications for Horse ID Numbers can be completed online at www.usef.org using the Horse application form. The Horse application form is also available from the Federation office, or it can be downloaded from the Federation website or from

competition management. Competition management is responsible for notifying exhibitors of this requirement in their prize lists.

4. There will be no charge for Horse ID Numbers that are issued via the internet to members of USEF or its affiliates for: 1) horses that are life recorded, registered or otherwise identified or listed with a USEF discipline affiliate, or 2) horses registered with a USEF breed affiliate. Horses not meeting the above criteria must have a completed USEF Horse application indicating on the application the request for a Horse ID before a number will be issued. This form can be completed on the internet, free of charge, at www.usef.org or via mail for a fee. ~~Horse ID Numbers using the paper format of the Horse application will be charged a \$10 non-refundable fee.~~

GR1102 Horse Recordings. [Chapter 11. Federation Records and Awards. Subchapter 11-A Horse Identification and Recording.] **Effective 12/1/09:**

5. Horse recording applications are available from the Federation office *or online at www.usef.org*. The recording fee *is discounted* for the life of a horse ~~is \$35~~ if applied for from birth to December 31st of year foaled; ~~\$85~~ for horses one year of age (if applied for from January 1 to December 31 of the first year after foaling); ~~\$160~~ and for horses two years of age (if applied for from January 1 to December 31 of the second year after foaling). ~~\$200~~ For horses three years of age or older *there is no discount for a life recording*. Horses may *also* be recorded annually. ~~for a fee of \$75~~. Exception: Horses must be recorded for life to be eligible to receive FEI or National Passports. To qualify for the age discount, registration papers and/or other proof of age must be provided. *The fees can be found on the horse recording application at www.usef.org.*

6. A duplicate annual card or a duplicate life certificate will be issued for a fee. ~~of \$10~~

GR1105 Transfer of Ownership. [Chapter 11. Federation Records and Awards. Subchapter 11-C Ownership and Competition Records.] **Effective 12/1/09:**

1. Ownership of a Federation recorded horse may be transferred during the year without affecting the animal's points provided proper authorization and fee are received by the Federation office. Authorization for transfer of ownership of a horse holding a lifetime recording with the Federation may be submitted in the form of the original Federation recording certificate or a proper bill of sale. Authorization must be signed by the previously recorded owner(s). Authorization for transfer of ownership of a horse holding an annual recording may be submitted in the form of a bill of sale signed by the previously recorded owner(s). If these documents are unavailable, a Federation transfer affidavit may be obtained from the Federation office which must be completed, signed, notarized and returned to the Federation office with proof of ownership. ~~The fee for transfer of ownership is \$60.~~ A horse

will not be eligible to receive points under its new ownership until the conditions of GR1110 and GR1111 are met. *The fees can be found on the horse transfer form at www.usef.org.*

GR1106 Exhibitor Registration. [Chapter 11. Federation Records and Awards. Subchapter 11-C Ownership and Competition Records.] **Effective 12/1/09:**

1. Entries may be made in a name other than that of an individual for Horse of the Year Awards provided such name (Stable/Farm, Corporation, etc.) is registered with the Federation. Duplication of farm names is discouraged but not prohibited. Horses shown under a partnership, i.e., Smith & Smith, Jones & Jones, must be duly registered. All applications for registration *of (Stable/Farm, Corporation, etc.)* must be signed by each of the bona fide owners *and accompanied by the required fee. The fees can be found on the Farm, Corporation, Syndicate or Partnership Recording application at www.usef.org.* ~~The fee for each registration will be \$200.~~

GR1107 Change of Name. [Chapter 11. Federation Records and Awards. Subchapter 11-C Ownership and Competition Records.] **Effective 12/1/09:**

1. The recorded name of a horse competing in divisions that do not require breed registration may be changed by submission of the original **recording** certificate to the Federation office accompanied by the **required** fee. ~~of \$60.~~ *The recorded name of a horse can also be changed by submitting the Horse Name Change Request form which lists the fee and can be found at www.usef.org.*

2. The registered name of an exhibitor may be changed by submitting the original certificate to the Federation office accompanied by the **required** fee. ~~of \$50.~~ The recorded name of a farm, corporation, syndicate, or partnership may be changed by submitting the original certificate to the

GR1108 Lease Registration. [Chapter 11. Federation Records and Awards. Subchapter 11-C Ownership and Competition Records.] **Effective 12/1/09:**

3. To be official, a certified copy of a lease **agreement** or a lease registration form must be **submitted and** registered with the Federation and **must be** accompanied by ~~a~~ **the required** fee. *The Horse Lease Form which lists the fee can be found at www.usef.org.* ~~of \$60.~~ *Either document* must contain a start and end date and be signed by the lessee and the lessor. If a lease is not renewed within 30 days of its expiration, a later renewal will require an **additional \$60** fee. *The lease registration with the Federation* will then be effective the day the renewal is received by our office.

GR1129 Hunter Divisions. [Chapter 11. Federation Records and Awards. Subchapter 11-E Award Sections] **Effective immediately:**

9. Hunter Awards are offered **from USHJA** for the following at the Zone level: Children's Working Hunter Ponies, Children's Working Hunter Horses, Adult Amateur Working Hunter 18-35 Years Old, Adult Amateur Working Hunter Over 35 Years Old and for any Zone that has submitted specifications by August 1 of any year for its Pre-Green Hunters to be rated.

10. Hunter awards are offered for the following at the Zone **from USHJA** and National levels **from the Federation:**

Green Conformation Hunter, Green Working Hunter - First and Second Year, Regular Conformation Hunter, Regular Working Hunter, Small Green Pony Working Hunter, Medium Green Pony Working Hunter, Large Green Pony Working Hunter, Small Pony Working Hunter, Medium Pony Working Hunter, Large Pony Working Hunter, Small Junior Working Hunter 15 yrs. & under, Small Junior Hunter 16-17 yrs., Large Junior Working Hunter 15 yrs. & under, Large Junior Working Hunter 16-17 yrs., Amateur Owner Hunter - 18-35 Years Old and Over 35 Years Old, Ladies Side Saddle, Amateur Owner 3'3.

11. For the purposes of **the USHJA** Zone awards, ribbons won in any "A" or "B" rated section will receive B points. **USHJA** Zone Awards will be distributed according to the Zone map.

12. Presentation of the National Horse of the Year Awards will be made at the Federation Annual Meeting.

13. Presentation of the ~~Federation~~ **USHJA** Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be made at Zone meetings at the discretion of Zone Committees.

GR1130 Pony Hunter Breeding and Hunter Breeding. [Chapter 11. Federation Records and Awards. Subchapter 11-E Award Sections] **Effective immediately:**

1. Hunter Breeding Awards are offered for the following at the Zone **from USHJA** and National levels **from the Federation:**

Hunter Breeding Yearling, Hunter Breeding Two-Year-Old, Hunter Breeding Three-Year-Old.

Point Tabulation, see HU184.5 and HU185.4.

2. Pony Hunter Breeding awards are only offered at the Zone level **from USHJA** for the following:

Pony Hunter Breeding Yearling, Pony Hunter Breeding Two-Year-Old, Pony Hunter Breeding Three-Year-Old. Point Tabulation, see HU185.

3. Presentation of the National Horse of the Year Awards will be made at the Federation Annual Meeting.

4. Presentation of the ~~Federation~~ **USHJA** Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be made at Zone meetings at the discretion of Zone Committees.

GR1131 Jumpers. [Chapter 11. Federation Records and Awards. Subchapter 11-E Award Sections] **Effective immediately:**

5. Award Categories. National awards will be given in the following categories: LOW JUNIOR, JUNIOR, LOW AMATEUR OWNER, AMATEUR OWNER, OPEN, PONY, YOUNG RIDERS. Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be given *by USHJA* in the following categories (see JP118 for Zone specifications): LOW JUNIOR, JUNIOR, CHILDREN'S, ADULT, LOW AMATEUR OWNER, AMATEUR OWNER, PONY.

6. *USHJA* Zone Awards will be distributed according to the Zone map.

7. National Awards will be presented at the Federation Annual Meeting.

8. Presentation of the Federation *USHJA* Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be made at Zone meetings at the discretion of Zone Committees.

CHAPTER 12 – COMPETITION OFFICIALS, EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS

GR1210 General. [Chapter 12. Competition Officials, Employees and Volunteers. Subchapter 12-C Duties of Competition Management in General] **Effective 12/1/09:**

14. **Collection of non-USEF Fees**

a. Federation International Discipline Associations and Recognized Affiliate Associations, as defined in GR204.1a and .b, may require a Licensee to collect fees from exhibitors and remit such fees to the applicable association, unless the Federation objects to such fees in writing.

b. A Licensee may also agree with any Federation Affiliated Association, as defined in GR204.1c, d, e and f, to collect fees from exhibitors and remit such fees to the applicable association only if the following terms and conditions are met.

(1) Association must be a member in good standing of the Federation and the Federation Recognized Affiliate(s) representing the breed/discipline competing at competitions where the fees are to be assessed.

(2) Association must apply for and obtain permission from the Federation, in accordance with procedures published on the Federation's website, no less than sixty (60) days prior to the start of the competition.

(3) Association, upon approval from the Federation, must provide a Licensee with a copy of the Federation Approval Letter prior to collection and remittance of fees.

(4) Association fees must be listed separately from Federation, International Discipline and Recognized Affiliate fees on entry blank and all amounts collected must be disclosed to the Federation along with and subject to post-competition reporting requirements.

c. Licensee shall not collect fees on behalf of any non-Federation International Discipline Association, non-recognized Affiliate Association or non-Federation Affiliated Association.

~~14. If Competition Management has agreed with any group or organization other than a Federation Affiliated Association to collect any fees from exhibitors, Competition Management must, at least 60 days in advance of the competition:~~

~~a. obtain and provide to the Federation a statement from the group or organization giving its name and address, its telephone number, a contact person's name and number, its purposes, the use to which the funds will be put, and an agreement to provide to the Federation directly all appropriate financial information requested by the Federation concerning the funds collected, and~~

~~b. apply for and obtain the permission of the Federation National Officers for the Competition to pay the funds to the group or organization.~~
~~If Competition Management fails to obtain and provide the information required in a), it must either cease withholding the funds on behalf of the organization or be denied Federation licensing for the next year. If Competition Management fails to obtain the permission of the Federation National Officers as required in b), it may appeal to the Federation Executive Committee. The decision of the Executive Committee will be final and non-appealable.~~

CHAPTER DR – DRESSAGE DIVISION

DR126 Requirements for Dressage Competition Management. [Chapter DR. Dressage Division] **Effective 12/1/09:**

1. **Competition Level and a** All classes must be listed in the prize list and may be divided into separate divisions or sections based on qualifications, age or other eligibility of horses or riders.

CHAPTER EQ – EQUITATION DIVISION

EQ112 Requirements for Specific Classes. [Chapter EQ. Equitation Division. Subchapter EQ-2 Hunter Seat Equitation Section] **Effective immediately:**

9. **USEF HUNTER SEAT MEDAL CLASS.**

a. Open to Junior Active Members of the Federation who have not yet reached their 18th birthday. Application for membership can be made direct to the Federation office or the exhibitor can join prior to the class through the steward. To be shown over a course of not less than eight obstacles at 3'6" which must include one combination including an oxer and two changes of direction (change of lead) after the first obstacle. Two cumulative refusals in the USEF Hunter Seat Medal Finals will result in elimination, see EQ110.1. Two or more tests of *at least* the top four competitors are required. Tests 1-19. [...]

EQ118 Requirements for Specific Classes. [Chapter EQ. Equitation Division. Subchapter EQ-3 Saddle Seat Equitation Section] **Effective immediately:**

16. SADDLE & BRIDLE'S AMERICAN SADDLEBRED PLEASURE EQUITATION MEDALLION.

For permission to offer this class and complete details, contact "Saddle and Bridle", 375 North Jackson Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63130. A fee of \$50 must be enclosed.

- a. Saddle & Bridle's American Saddlebred Pleasure Equitation Medallion Class. Eligibility to compete in the Saddle & Bridle Medallion is limited to those riders who show only American Saddlebred Pleasure horses in equitation during a given show season. This does not exclude the saddle seat equitation riders also showing other breeds. Country Pleasure Horses and Show Pleasure Horses may both compete. A minimum of ~~three~~ *two* riders must be entered, shown and judged in order to be an official Medallion qualifying class. All Medallion Class winners are eligible for the Medallion Finals scheduled to be held at the St. Louis National Charity Horse Show in the fall. Riders 13 & under are eligible for the junior finals. [...]

CHAPTER EV – EVENTING DIVISION

EV158 Three-Day Events - Rules. [Chapter EV. Eventing Division] **Effective immediately:**

2. NATIONAL THREE-DAY EVENTS. These competitions are conducted in accordance with the **2008** FEI Rules for Three-Day Events (but not the FEI General Regulations or Veterinary Regulations), together with the rules in this book and the exceptions noted in paragraph 3 below. Where there is any inconsistency between the rules in this book and the FEI Rules for Three-Day Events, the latter shall prevail.

3. EXCEPTIONS TO FEI RULES FOR NATIONAL THREE-DAY EVENTS.

- b. National and International Competitions at the same Event - ~~In this case, there must be separate National and International Ground Juries, each appointed in accordance with the appropriate rules.~~ The International Technical Delegate may be used for the National competition provided he is licensed by the Federation, otherwise separate Technical Delegates must be appointed. The same **Ground Jury**, Course Designer and Veterinary Commission may be used for both competitions.

CHAPTER JP– JUMPER DIVISION

JP120 Fence Heights and Spreads. [Chapter JP. Jumper Division. Subchapter JP-4 Levels of Difficulty] **Effective immediately:**

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
 - a. a specific height in feet/inches or metric measure ~~as defined below.~~ A maximum of two adjacent heights may be combined. If combined, fence heights may not be lower than the low height specified (except the first fence or the first element of a combination).

[...]

2. Heights:

- a. The following fence dimensions ~~define each height:~~ *are approximate equivalents in metric and English units:*

0.70 m = Fences 2'3" in height
0.75 m = Fences 2'5" in height
0.80 m = Fences 2'7" in height
0.85 m = Fences 2'9" in height
0.90 m = Fences 2'11" in height
0.95 m = Fences 3'1" in height
1.00 m = Fences 3'3" in height
1.05 m = Fences 3'5" in height
1.10 m = Fences 3'7" in height
1.15 m = Fences 3'9" in height
1.20 m = Fences 3'11" in height
1.25 m = Fences 4'1" in height
1.30 m = Fences 4'3" in height
1.35 m = Fences 4'5" in height
1.40 m = Fences 4'7" in height
1.45 m = Fences 4'9" in height
1.50 m = Fences 4'11" in height
1.55 m = Fences 5'1" in height
1.60 m = Fences 5'3" in height

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