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The following rule changes and rule clarifications were approved by the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee at various times throughout the 2009 competition year **with an effective date of 12/1/09**. ***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.**

BYLAWS

Bylaw 413 - Athlete Elections and Appointments. [Bylaws of USEF] Effective 12/1/09:

Section 3.

(a) The National Office of the Federation will develop and maintain mailing ***and email*** lists, complete and up to date as practical, of all Eligible Athletes and will compile a report regarding the upcoming election listing the vacancies which will be occurring in Athlete Directorships and in Athlete Committee positions requiring direct election by Eligible Athletes (other than the Hearing Committee) which will be filled at the ensuing annual meeting. In accordance with the timetable, the National Office of the Federation will send copies of the report ~~and~~, the mailing lists ***and email lists*** to each member of the ANC and will send copies of report to all Athletes together with a response form asking each Athlete if he or she wishes to nominate one or more Eligible Athletes to fill such vacancies. The discipline affiliation of each Athlete Director whose term is expiring shall be specified in the report and reflected in the ballots so that following the election the total number of Athlete Directors serving on the Board is in accordance with Bylaw 303. The ANC shall nominate at least two candidates willing to serve for each vacancy occurring in Athlete Directorships representing the respective disciplines that are on the equestrian programs in the Olympic, Paralympic, or Pan American Games or the FEI. The ANC's nominations must include Eligible Athletes who are willing to serve and who were nominated by Athletes via the response forms. A candidate representing a discipline must compete or have competed in such discipline. The President shall nominate at least two candidates willing to serve for each Athlete vacancy on the Hearing Committee. The list of Eligible Athletes nominated by the President to stand for election to the athlete representative positions on the Hearing Committee must be submitted to the ANC for approval. If the ANC rejects one or more of the President's nominees, then the President must submit additional nominees, as needed, to the ANC for approval. This process shall continue until a complete slate of Presidential nominees is approved by the ANC. The nominations by the ANC and the President, as the case may be, and the balloting procedures must ensure that after the election all USOC Requirements will be met. Pursuant to the timetable adopted by the Executive Committee, the list of the nominees of the President and the ANC shall be delivered to the National Office of the Federation, and the National Office of the Federation shall mail ***and/or email*** the following ***two options*** ~~(in an envelope~~ bearing the National Office return address) to the last known ***mailing and/or email*** address of each Eligible Athlete on its ~~mailing~~ list who is eligible to vote:

(b) ***Mail-in ballots:***

(i) A ballot in a plain unmarked sealable inside envelope for protecting the confidentiality of the vote;

(ii) A list of Athletes who have been nominated by the ANC to stand for election as an Athlete Director (which shall identify the discipline represented), and a list of those Athletes who have been nominated by the President to stand for election as a member of the Hearing Committee;

(iii) A biographical statement if submitted by a candidate; and (iv) A return envelope addressed to the National Office which will have a space in the upper left-hand corner for the typed or printed name and return address of the member which shall have the word "ballot" appearing on its face.

(c) **Online balloting:**

(i) Go to www.usef.org and click the link on the homepage (**Sign In link - bottom right hand side of screen**)

(ii) Log in using your Authorized Users Account (AUA) username and password. If you do not have an AUA, you must create an account.

(iii) Make your selections and submit.

(d) ~~(b)~~The National Office shall mail the same material to any Eligible Athlete who has not received his or her ballot by mail **or email** and who requests same. All ballots which are properly marked and which are received in envelopes from Eligible Athletes by the National Office prior to the close of business on the day named for the election shall have the date and time of receipt noted thereon and shall be checked against the list of Eligible Athletes and shall be counted by the administrative staff of the National Office. The Executive Committee may extend the election day if in its discretion it is deemed advisable. Not more than one ballot per Eligible Athlete shall be counted. An Election Committee appointed by the ANC and any candidate may attend the opening and counting of the ballots by the National Office. In the event of a tie for a position of Athlete Director, the Federation will circulate the names of the individuals involved in the tie to the Athletes eligible to vote and ask them to vote for one individual. This process will be repeated until the tie is broken. Pursuant to the timetable adopted by the Executive Committee, the National Office shall forward copies of the Report of Responses and, if requested, copies of the returned Ballots to the Nominating Committee which shall each year nominate Athletes from the names listed on the Ballots for the respective discipline vacancy or vacancies based upon the highest number of votes cast subject to USOC Requirements.

CHAPTER 1 – RULES AND GOVERNANCE

GR124 Hand. [Chapter 1. Definitions and Governance] **Effective 12/1/09:**

2. Horses must be over 14.2 hands. Exceptions:

- a. Registered Arabians, Half or Anglo Arabians, Connemaras, *English Pleasure entries*, Morgans, Paso Finos, and Welsh Cobs.

GR125 Horse. [Chapter 1. Definitions and Governance] **Effective 12/1/09:**

3. When the term "Horse" or "Pony" is used or intended in prize lists and catalogues of Licensed Competitions where height is one of the qualifications of the class, the word Horse denotes animals over 14.2 hands.

- a. Exceptions: Registered Arabians, Half or Anglo Arabians, Connemaras, *English Pleasure entries*, Friesian, Morgans, Paso Finos, Welsh Cobs and Dressage.

GR137 Opportunity Classes. [Chapter 1. Definitions and Governance] **Effective 12/1/09:**

1. Unrated, grass roots level classes held at breed restricted, multi-breed, Carriage Pleasure Driving, Western competitions or Hunter and/or Hunter Jumper competitions with no FEI recognized classes. Opportunity Classes cannot be held at FEI discipline competitions (*exception: Dressage Competition Levels 1-3, per GR821*).

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 3 – COMPETITION LICENSING

GR301 Classifications. [Chapter 3. Competition Licensing] Effective 12/1/09:

4. Divisions and sections of Local, Dressage, Driving Competitions, Endurance Competitions, Reining Competitions, Vaulting Competitions and Eventing Competitions are not rated. **However, Dressage Competitions are categorized by levels.**

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, ~~I~~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 | |

GR311 Restrictions on Local Competitions. [Chapter 3. Competition Licensing] Effective 12/1/09:

3. The Federation *and applicable Federation Recognized Affiliate Association* non-member fee will not apply.

GR313 Determining Ratings. [Chapter 3. Competition Licensing] **Change ratings chart, effective 12/1/09:**

| Division or Section | "A" Rating Requirements | | "B" Rating Requirements | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| | Minimum Number Classes | Minimum Prize Money | Minimum Number Classes | Minimum Prize Money |
| Andalusian/Lusitano | 10 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Half-Andalusian/Lusitano | 6 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Arabians | | | | |
| Purebred | 7 | \$750 | 4 | \$250 |
| Half-Arabian | 5 | \$500 | 3 | \$200 |
| Jr. Exhibitor Purebred | 3 | \$300 | 3 | \$200 |
| Jr. Exhibitor Half-Arabian | 3 | \$200 | 3 | \$100 |
| English Pleasure | | | | |
| Saddle Seat | 6 | \$600 | 3 | \$300 |
| Hunter Seat | 6 | \$600 | 3 | \$300 |
| Driving | 4 | \$400 | 2 | \$200 |
| Hackney Horse | 1 | 0 | -- | ---- |
| Hackney Pony | 5 | \$1,000 | 3 | \$400 |
| Harness Pony | 5 | \$1,000 | 3 | \$400 |

CHAPTER 4 – EQUINE DRUGS AND MEDICATIONS

GR406 Results, Confirmatory Analysis, and Retest. [Chapter 4. Drugs and Medications] **Effective 12/1/09:**

15. The owner or owners of a horse and/or pony found to contain a forbidden substance or any metabolite or analogue thereof may be required to forfeit all prize money, sweepstakes, added money and any trophies, ribbons and "points" won at said competition by said horse and/or pony and the same will be redistributed accordingly. The owner must pay a fee of ~~\$200~~ **\$300** to said competition.

CHAPTER 5 – MEASUREMENT OF ENTRIES

GR503 Required Measurements and Re-measurements. [Chapter 5. Measurement of Entries] **Effective 12/1/09:**

3. In the event an animal has been officially measured after December 1, 1982 and the owner does not have the measurement card or valid measurement form in his immediate possession, the animal must be re-measured for the purposes of competing in that particular competition only. Measurement forms are sent to the Federation office, but not given to the owner. If an owner fails to present a valid measurement card at a competition, the owner must have the animal re-measured at

said competition. If an owner fails to present measurement card at more than one (1) competition he will be fined ~~\$250~~ for each subsequent re-measurement necessary.

GR515 Procedures. [Chapter 5. Measurement of Entries. Subchapter 5-E Measurement Appeal] **Effective 12/1/09:**

1. The appeal must be made to the Federation office in writing within seven (7) days of the measurement and must be accompanied by ~~a~~ **the required** deposit. ~~Of \$200.~~
 2. All expenses including veterinary fees must be paid by the appellant who must **make a** deposit ~~\$200~~ with the Federation as an advance on anticipated costs prior to the measurement.

[...]

5. Any animal submitted for an appeal measurement must show no evidence of lameness. If found to be lame by the examining veterinarian, the animal cannot be measured or re-measured for thirty (30) days and the appellant forfeits his deposit ~~of \$200~~ and any veterinary expenses incurred. Each animal submitted for an appeal measurement must be tested for drugs and medications in accordance with General Rules, Chapter 4, GR405. (Exception: Hackney, Roadster, and Saddlebred.)

6. If the appeal is not upheld or the appellant fails to submit the animal within 45 days, the animal is barred from showing for the balance of the competition year. The ~~\$200~~ deposit is forfeited and all points accumulated for Horse of the Year Awards are nullified.

GR517 Procedures. [Chapter 5. Measurement of Entries. Subchapter 5-F Official Measurement] **Effective 12/1/09:**

1. The request for an official measurement must be made to the Federation in writing and accompanied by a deposit ~~of \$50~~ which is not refundable.

2. All expenses including veterinary fees must be paid by the person requesting the measurement who shall **make a** deposit ~~\$200~~ with the Federation, as an advance on anticipated costs, prior to the measurement. Both the owner and trainer are required to sign a waiver and consent on a form prepared by and acceptable to the Federation agreeing to the arrangements for the official measurement, agreeing to the administration of Lasix to the animal to aid in the collection of a urine sample for laboratory tests for Federation forbidden substances. (Exception: Hackney, Roadster, and Saddlebred.)

CHAPTER 7 – VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

GR703 Penalties. [Chapter 7. Violations and Penalties] **Effective 12/1/09:**

1. If found guilty, the accused will be subject to such penalty as the Hearing Committee, or other individuals with authority to assess penalties may determine, including but not limited to the following. The penalties set forth below will be published in EQUESTRIAN magazine.

g. FORFEITURE of trophies, ribbons, prize money, and/or sweepstakes won in connection with the offense committed, which will be redistributed accordingly and payment of a fee of ~~\$200~~ \$300 to the competition in question.

CHAPTER 8 – CONDUCT OF LICENSED COMPETITIONS

GR821 Opportunity Classes. [Chapter 8. Conduct of Licensed Competitions] **Effective 12/1/09:**

2. Opportunity Classes:

e. Dressage classes cannot be offered as Opportunity classes *at Dressage Competitions or Regular/Local Competitions with “Open” Dressage classes as described below:*

(1) Classes are limited to the following competition levels and dressage tests:

(a) Level 1 competitions may offer two tests per level at Training - Second Level.

(b) Level 2 competitions may offer two tests per level per day at Training - First Level.

(c) Level 3 competitions may offer two tests per day at Training Level.

(d) Level 4 and Level 5 competitions may not offer Opportunity classes.

(2) Opportunity Classes are for entry level riders.

(3) Freestyles may not be offered as Opportunity classes.

(4) All rules and regulations in GR821 must be followed.

(5) Horses and riders participating in Opportunity classes are exempt from Federation and affiliate organization membership and Horse Identification (HID) requirements and non-member fees.

[...]

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:

1. Opportunity classes for Dressage

CHAPTER 9 – COMPETITION PRIZE LISTS AND ENTRIES

GR901 Requirements. [Chapter 9. Competition Prize Lists and Entries] **Effective 12/1/09:**

2. Classification of competition and *level or* ratings of divisions or sections on the Federation Page.

GR906 Requirements. [Chapter 9. Competition Prize Lists and Entries Subchapter 9-B Entry Blanks] **Effective 12/1/09:**

Federation Entry Agreement

I have read the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (the “Federation”) Entry Agreement (GR906.4) as printed in the Prize List for ~~this~~ *[insert name here]* (“Competition”) and agree to all of its provisions. I understand and agree that by entering this Competition, I am subject to Federation Rules, the Prize List, and local

rules of the competition. I agree to waive the right to the use of my photos ~~from at~~ the ~~Ce~~Competition, and agree that any actions against the Federation must be brought in New York State. The complete statement is as follows:

FEDERATION ENTRY AGREEMENT

By entering a Federation-licensed Competition and signing this entry blank as the Owner, Lessee, Trainer, Manager, Agent, Coach, Driver, Rider, Handler, Vaultor or Longeur and on behalf of myself and my principals, representatives, employees and agents, I agree that I am subject to the Bylaws and Rules of The United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (the “Federation”) and the local rules of the ~~Ce~~Competition.

I agree to be bound by the Bylaws and Rules of the Federation and of the competition. I will accept as final the decision of the Hearing Committee on any question arising under the Rules, and agree to release and hold harmless the ~~Ce~~Competition, the Federation, their officials, directors and employees for any action taken under the Rules.

I represent that I am eligible to enter and/or participate under the ~~R~~Rules, and every horse I am entering is eligible as entered.

I also agree that as a condition of and in consideration of acceptance of entry, the Federation and/or the ~~Ce~~Competition may use or assign photographs, videos, audios, cable-casts, *broadcasts, internet, film, new media* or other likenesses of me and my horse taken during the course of the ~~Ce~~Competition for the promotion, coverage or benefit of the ~~Ce~~Competition, sport, or the Federation. Those likenesses shall not be used to advertise a product and they may not be used in such a way as to jeopardize amateur status. I hereby expressly and irrevocably waive and release any rights in connection with such use, including any claim to compensation, invasion of privacy, right of publicity, or to misappropriation.

The construction and application of Federation rules are governed by the laws of the State of New York, and any action instituted against the Federation must be filed in New York State. See GR908.4.

GR908 Agreement. [Chapter 9. Competition Prize Lists and Entries] **Effective 12/1/09:**

~~Federation~~ Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Indemnification

This document waives important legal rights. Read it carefully before signing.

I AGREE in consideration for my participation in this Competition ~~[insert name]~~ to the following:

I AGREE that “the Federation” and “Competition” as used herein includes the Licensee and Competition Management, as well as all of their officials, officers, directors, employees, agents, personnel, volunteers and Federation affiliates.

I AGREE that I choose to participate voluntarily in the Competition with my horse, as a rider, driver, handler, vaultor, longeur, lessee, owner, agent, coach, trainer, or as

parent or guardian of a junior exhibitor. I am fully aware and acknowledge that horse sports and the Competition involve inherent dangerous risks of accident, loss, and serious bodily injury including broken bones, head injuries, trauma, pain, suffering, or death. (“Harm”).

I AGREE to **hold harmless and** release the Federation and the Competition from all claims for money damages or otherwise for any Harm to me or my horse and for any Harm **of any nature** caused by me or my horse to others, even if the Harm **arises or results** ~~resulted~~, directly or indirectly, from the negligence of the Federation or the Competition.

I AGREE to expressly assume all risks of Harm to me or my horse, including Harm resulting from the negligence of the Federation or the Competition.

I AGREE to indemnify (that is, to pay any losses, damages, or costs incurred by) the Federation and the Competition and to hold them harmless with respect to claims for Harm to me or my horse, and for claims made by others for any Harm caused by me or my horse **while** at the Competition.

I have read the Federation Rules about protective equipment, including GR801 and **if applicable**, EV114, and I understand that I am entitled to wear protective equipment without penalty, and I acknowledge that the Federation strongly encourages me to do so while WARNING that no protective equipment can guard against all injuries.

If I am a parent or guardian of a junior exhibitor, I consent to the child’s participation and AGREE to all of the above provisions and AGREE to assume all of the obligations of this Release on the child’s behalf.

~~I AGREE that “the Federation” and “Competition” as used above includes all of their officials, officers, directors, employees, agents, personnel, volunteers and affiliated organizations.~~

I represent that I have the requisite training, coaching and abilities to safely compete in this competition.

I AGREE that if I am injured at this competition, the medical personnel treating my injuries may provide information on my injury and treatment to the Federation on the official USEF accident/injury report form.

BY SIGNING BELOW, I AGREE to be bound by all applicable Federation Rules and all terms and provisions of this entry blank.

SEE PRO FORMA AT END OF THIS RULE

CHAPTER 10 – LICENSED OFFICIALS

GR1004 General. [Chapter 10. Licensed Officials. Subchapter 10-B General Rules and Fees] **Effective 12/1/09:**

14. Judges licensed in any breed that includes a Saddle Seat or English Pleasure section are eligible to officiate English Pleasure Saddle Seat classes. Judges licensed in Hunter or any breed that includes a Hunter Pleasure section are

eligible to officiate English Pleasure Hunter Seat classes. Judges licensed in any breed that includes a Pleasure Driving section are eligible to officiate English Pleasure Driving classes.

GR1011 Guest Judge. [Chapter 10. Licensed Officials.] **Effective 12/1/09:**

11. A Guest Judge may not officiate in any “A” or “B” rated divisions or sections, Jumper Division offering over \$2,500, or at any national or regional Equitation Finals. A Guest Judge may not officiate alone in any Federation Medal Class. The following are exceptions:

s. English Pleasure Division allows guest judges to officiate alone at A, B, C, or Local competitions.

GR1013 General. [Chapter 10. Licensed Officials. Subchapter 10-D Classifications - Stewards] **Effective 12/1/09:**

1. Licensed stewards are licensed by the Licensed Officials Committee as Registered, Recorded, and Special, in only one of the following Categories.

a. Category 1 (C1) Steward is licensed to officiate the following specialized Divisions and Sections: Hunter, Hunter Breeding, Hunter Seat Equitation, Jumper, Welsh, ~~and~~ Connemara, **and English Pleasure.**

(1) Any steward officiating USEF Open (not restricted to a breed) hunter and/or jumper classes must be a current member in good standing of the United States Hunter Jumper Association, Inc.

b. Category 2 (C2) Steward is licensed to officiate the following specialized Divisions and Sections: Andalusian/Lusitano, Arabian, **English Pleasure**, Friesian, Hackney Harness, Morgan, National Show Horse, Parade, Paso Fino, Reining, Roadster, Saddlebred, Saddle Seat Equitation, Shetland, Western/Reining Seat Equitation, and Western.

GR1018 Registered Technical Delegates - Eventing and Dressage. [Chapter 10. Licensed Officials] **Effective 12/1/09:**

2. A Registered Dressage Technical Delegate must officiate at Level 4 and Level 5 Dressage Competitions. A Registered Dressage Technical Delegate may officiate alone at USEF/USDF Championships, Federation Developing Program Championships, and USEF **High Performance** Championships, qualifying and selection trials and observation classes, at any Dressage Competition **level** or in the Dressage division or section at Regular or Local Competitions. (See GR1211.3a and .f)

GR1019 Recorded Technical Delegates - Eventing and Dressage. [Chapter 10. Licensed Officials] **Effective 12/1/09:**

2. *A Recorded Dressage Technical Delegate may officiate as the assistant to the Registered Technical Delegate(s) at Level 4 and Level 5 Dressage Competitions, and may officiate alone at Levels 1-3 Dressage Competitions.* A Recorded Dressage Technical Delegate may not officiate alone at USEF/USDF Championships, Federation Developing Program Championships, and USEF *High Performance* Championships, qualifying and selection trials and observation classes, but may officiate as the assistant to the Registered Technical Delegate for these competitions or classes. A Recorded Dressage Technical Delegate may officiate alone ~~at any other Dressage Competition~~ or in the Dressage division or section at Regular or Local Competitions. (See GR1211.3a and .f).

GR1035 Stewards and Technical Delegates. [Chapter 10. Licensed Officials] **Effective 12/1/09:**

3. The other duties of a Licensed steward and technical delegate shall be but are not limited to, the following:

f. To measure all animals required to be measured as provided for in Chapter 5, Chapter DR (DR134) and Chapter HU, HU168-HU179, and if necessary return Measurement cards to the Federation.

~~(1) Registered (R) Dressage Technical Delegates must have attended a Federation Dressage Technical Delegate clinic where training on pony measurement procedures is provided. Training in pony measurement procedures is recommended but not required of Recorded (r) Dressage Technical Delegates.~~ **Registered (R) Dressage Technical Delegates must have attended a Federation Dressage/DSHB Pony Measurement Certification clinic where certification testing to measure ponies for dressage or DSHB is conducted. Recorded (r) Dressage Technical Delegates must attend a Federation Dressage/DSHB Pony Measurement Certification clinic prior to January 1, 2011 where certification testing to measure ponies for dressage or DSHB is conducted. Refer to GR1051 and DR134 for additional measurement certification requirements.**

~~(2) Only Dressage Technical Delegates who have attended a training program on pony measurement procedures, held in conjunction with a Federation Dressage Technical Delegate clinic, may conduct pony measurements, along with the Competition Veterinarian and/or a Judge, for Dressage or Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes. (See also DR134.15-17).~~ **Only a USEF-certified Dressage Technical Delegate, working with the Competition Veterinarian, is eligible to conduct Dressage/DSHB pony measurements.**

[...]

j. To furnish the Federation with a complete written report as to the conduct of the competition including any offenses or violations of the rules by the competition or any exhibitors, within fourteen (14) days after the last licensed day of the competition, on the form furnished by the Federation.

(1) A written report is also required to be submitted ~~by Stewards and Technical Delegates officiating at Vaulting competitions,~~ **at for** competitions comprised exclusively of FEI classes and at USEF competitions held in Canada.

GR1036 Special Duties of a Technical Delegate. [Chapter 10. Licensed Officials] **Effective 12/1/09:**

1. In addition to the responsibilities of a steward listed in GR1032, the powers, duties and responsibilities of a technical delegate are as follows:

k. At Vaulting Competitions, to monitor the horse use rule (VA105) and make sure that horses are not used more than the maximum units allowed.

GR1039 Conflicts of Interest and Restrictions - Stewards and Technical Delegates. (See also GR107 and GR1304) [Chapter 10. Licensed Officials] **Effective 12/1/09:**

5. In addition to the above restrictions, the following persons may not serve as the technical delegate at an Eventing Competition, *Vaulting Competition*, or Dressage competition:

[...]

CHAPTER 11 – FEDERATION RECORDS AND AWARDS

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 Federation office accompanied by the ***required*** fee. ~~of \$50.~~

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. 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*** fee. ***The lease registration with the Federation*** will then be effective the day the renewal is received by our office.

GR1109 General. [Chapter 11. Federation Records and Awards. Subchapter 11-D Horse of the Year Awards] **Effective 12/1/09:**

The Federation offers annual Horse of the Year Awards on a national, district, regional and zone level, in numerous divisions. The purpose of these awards is to encourage participation at Federation Licensed Competitions. In making the awards the Federation in no way implies that the winners are the best in their respective divisions (although they may well be) but certifies that these animals are properly recorded for competition purposes, are exhibited by the recorded owner, who must be a Federation Member ***and USHJA Member if competing for awards defined in GR1129, GR1130, or GR1131***, and acquired the greatest number of points during a given year.

GR1110 General. [Chapter 11. Federation Records and Awards. Subchapter 11-D Horse of the Year Awards] **Effective 12/1/09:**

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. ***Furthermore, points toward Horse of the Year Awards defined in GR1129, GR1130, GR1131, will not be credit until the applications and fees for the owner's USHJA Active or USHJA Life membership are received by the Federation or USHJA offices.*** Exception: Applications for Federation ***and USHJA*** Individual Membership and Horse Recordings submitted at Licensed Competitions:

GR1112 USEF Championships. [Chapter 11. Federation Records and Awards] **Effective 12/1/09:**

1. For rules governing the following Championships, see specific Rules as noted:
g. Eventing National Championships (See EV161-EV165).

GR1119 Disputes. [Chapter 11. Federation Records and Awards. Subchapter 11-D Special Conditions] **Effective 12/1/09:**

2. Any participant wishing to dispute a tabulation or qualification or disqualification must appeal the issue in writing specifying the reasons for disputing the tabulation or qualification or disqualification (the "Dispute"). Said Dispute must be received by the Federation by December 15 (should the 15th fall on a weekend, the deadline will be set for the following Monday) following the competition year in question, except for the Paso Fino Division for which the deadline is September 15, and the Arabian and Half/Anglo Arabian Division for which the deadline is November 21. A Dispute must be accompanied by ~~a~~ **the required fee of \$100** which is not refundable. Disputes will be referred to the CEO or Executive Director for a ruling in the first instance, who will determine if the information which is provided in the Dispute is sufficient to alter the tabulation or qualification or disqualification. If the participant is dissatisfied with the CEO's or Executive Director's ruling, the participant may submit a written request for an appeal. An appeal must be accompanied by ~~a~~ **the required fee of \$250**, which will be refunded if the appeal is upheld. Appeals will be referred to the Hearing Committee or a special committee appointed by the President, whose decision is final.

GR1127 English Pleasure. [Chapter 11. Federation Records and Awards] **Effective 12/1/09:**

1. **Eligibility.** See GR1110.
2. **Point Tabulation.** See GR1113-GR1119.
3. **Points will be awarded as follows:**

| | First Place | Second Place | Third Place | Fourth Place | Fifth Place | Sixth Place |
|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| A Rating | 36 | 28 | 26 | 24 | 22 | 20 |
| B Rating | 30 | 24 | 22 | 20 | 18 | 16 |
| C Rating | 26 | 20 | 18 | 16 | 14 | 12 |
| Local | 20 | 16 | 14 | 12 | 10 | 8 |

4. **National Awards will be given in the following categories through 6th place:**
 - a. **English Pleasure Saddle Seat**
 - b. **English Pleasure Hunter Seat**
 - c. **English Pleasure Driving**
5. **Classes not to count towards national awards include: Classes restricted riders or drivers with maiden, novice, or limit status, Classes designated as Amateur-**

Owner-Trainer, Horsemanship, Combined Hunter Seat and Saddle Seat classes, Walk/Trot classes, unrated classes per GR902.2, and classes listed in GR314.1.

GR1130 Hunter Divisions. [Chapter 11. Federation Records and Awards] **Effective 12/1/09:**

1. **Eligibility.** See GR1110.

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. Furthermore, points toward Horse of the Year Awards will not be credited until the applications and fees for the owner's USHJA Active or USHJA Life membership are received by the Federation or USHJA offices. Exception: Applications for Federation and USHJA Individual Membership and Horse Recordings submitted at Licensed Competitions.

[...]

3. In the Hunter division, points are calculated according to the Increment system. In "C" and "B" rated sections, points are determined by the number of horses shown in the section; in "A" rated sections, points are determined by both the rating of the competition (based on scheduling restrictions of HU146) as well as the number of horses shown. **Exception: National awards for First and Second Year Green Hunter, Regular Working Hunter, Green Conformation Hunter, and Regular Conformation Hunter will be based on money won based on scale of 1 point for every dollar earned. This includes money won in hunter classics and the international hunter derby. All Zone awards will continue to be awarded based on point values determined by the Increment system. Money won in the USHJA International Hunter Derby will only be awarded towards a declared Hunter section for HOTY points if a horse competes in the declared section a minimum of 5 times during the competition year.**

4. All Hunter competitions are required to offer the minimum number of classes and amounts of prize money listed in GR313 for each approved Hunter section. If sections are canceled or entries are insufficient to award all prize money offered then only money offered to the number of places awarded must be distributed. ~~(Exception: "AA" rated competitions must offer and award a minimum of \$18,001 in the "A" rated Hunter sections. If sections are canceled or entries are insufficient to award all prize money, then additional money not awarded must be pooled and redistributed 60% to the champions, and 40% to the reserve champions of the remaining "A" rated hunter sections).~~ All Hunter competitions must state their Increment rating clearly on the cover of the prize list. ~~Prize money offered in Hunter Classics does not~~ **A maximum of \$5,000 in Hunter Classic prize money can count as part of the required \$18,001 \$25,000 in prize money that must be awarded offered** in order to maintain an "AA" rating. ~~An "A" rated Hunter competition's rating may~~

not be changed unless add-backs are offered and the competition awards a minimum of \$18,001 as a result. An add-back is defined as a set amount of the entry fee as stated in the prize list which will be added to the prize money offered in the section. If an add-back is used *offered*, the minimum required prize money for that section must be guaranteed, and the add-backs must be clearly indicated on the cover of in the prize list. **Exception: "AA" rated competitions guaranteeing a minimum of \$18,001 in prize money and offering add back in "A" rated Hunter sections, prize money offered in Hunter Classics will not count as part the required \$18,001 in prize money that must be awarded.**

5. Increment Chart:

"A" Rated \$5000 and over

| Exhibitors | 3-8 | 9-15 | 16-25 | 26-35 | 36+ |
|------------|-----|------|-------|-------|-----|
| 1st | 30 | 40 | 50 | 60 | 70 |
| 2nd | 25 | 35 | 45 | 55 | 65 |
| 3rd | 20 | 30 | 40 | 50 | 60 |
| 4th | 15 | 25 | 35 | 45 | 55 |
| 5th | 14 | 24 | 34 | 44 | 54 |
| 6th | 13 | 23 | 33 | 43 | 53 |
| 7th | 32 | 42 | 52 | | |
| 8th | 31 | 41 | 51 | | |

~~"AA" Rated Over \$18,000.~~ Competitions guaranteeing \$18,001 and offering add-backs in "A"-rated Hunter sections, and competitions offering \$25,000 and over

| Exhibitors | 3-8 | 9-15 | 16-25 | 26-35 | 36+ |
|------------|-----|------|-------|-------|-----|
| 1st | 40 | 50 | 60 | 70 | 80 |
| 2nd | 35 | 45 | 55 | 65 | 75 |
| 3rd | 30 | 40 | 50 | 60 | 70 |
| 4th | 25 | 35 | 45 | 55 | 65 |
| 5th | 24 | 34 | 44 | 54 | 64 |
| 6th | 23 | 33 | 43 | 53 | 63 |
| 7th | 42 | 52 | 62 | | |
| 8th | 41 | 51 | 61 | | |

Total Prize Money Prize Money in Hunter in Rated Hunter Sections

| | | Classics |
|---|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| "C" competitions | N/A | N/A |
| "B" competitions | N/A | \$500 and over |
| "A" competitions | N/A \$5000 and over | \$1000* |
| "AA" competitions over \$18,000 Competitions guaranteeing \$18,001 and offering add-backs in "A"-rated Hunter sections, and competitions offering \$25,000 and over | | \$1000* |

* \$500 Qualifies as an "A" Pony Hunter Classic

[...]

8. Division champions will be awarded 2.0 times the total 1st place point value of the first class in that section. Division reserve champions will be awarded 1.2 times the total 1st place value of the first class in that section. **Division champions for First and Second Year Green Hunter, Regular Working Hunter, Green Conformation Hunter, and Regular Conformation Hunter will be awarded points equal to 10% of the total prize money for each division towards National Horse of the Year awards. Reserve Champions will be awarded points equal to the amount of 5% of the total prize money for each division.**

GR1131 Pony Hunter Breeding and Hunter Breeding. [Chapter 11. Federation Records and Awards] **Effective 12/1/09:**

1. Eligibility- 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. Furthermore, points toward Horse of the Year Awards will not be credit until the applications and fees for the owner's USHJA Active or USHJA Life membership are received by the Federation or USHJA offices. Exception: Applications for Federation and USHJA Individual Membership and Horse Recordings submitted at Licensed Competitions.

~~2.~~ [...]

GR1132 Jumpers. [Chapter 11. Federation Records and Awards] **Effective 12/1/09:**

1. Eligibility. See GR1110. 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. Furthermore, points toward Horse of the Year Awards will not be credit until the applications and fees for the owner's USHJA Active or USHJA Life membership are received by the Federation or USHJA offices. In Exception: Applications for Federation and USHJA Individual Membership and Horse Recordings submitted at Licensed Competitions.

CHAPTER 12 – COMPETITION OFFICIALS, EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS

GR1202 Manager. [Chapter 12. Competition Officials, Employees and Volunteers] Effective 12/1/09:

7. The manager of a Level 3, Level 4 or Level 5 Dressage Competition must be eligible according to the criteria listed in DR126 and listed in the Dressage Levels chart posted on the USEF website.

GR1203 Competition Secretary. [Chapter 12. Competition Officials, Employees and Volunteers] Effective 12/1/09:

1. An individual(s) who processes entries or performs such other duties as assigned by the Board of Directors, the Show Committee and manager. A secretary of a Dressage Competition may not serve as judge or compete as rider or handler in his/her own competition. However, he or she may show Hors de Concours if he or she designates an assistant in charge while he or she is showing. This does not absolve the secretary's duties and responsibilities. An individual acting in this capacity must be an Individual Senior Active member of The Federation.

2. The secretary of a Level 3, Level 4 or Level 5 Dressage Competition must be eligible according to the criteria listed in DR126 and listed in the Dressage Levels chart posted on the USEF website.

GR1205 Course Designer. [Chapter 12. Competition Officials, Employees and Volunteers] Effective 12/1/09:

4. A minimum of a "r" Hunter course designer license is required to officiate alone at an "A" or "AA" rated Hunter/Jumper competition with a Hunter class offering up to \$4,999 in prize money. A "R" Hunter course designer license is required to officiate in any class at an "A" or "AA" licensed Hunter/Jumper competition with a Hunter class offering \$5,000 or more in prize money.

GR1210 General. [Chapter 12. Competition Officials, Employees and Volunteers] 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.~~

~~[...]~~

~~19. Specific duties of Dressage Competition Management are listed in the Dressage Levels chart posted on the USEF website.~~

GR1211 Appointment of Officials and Employees. [Chapter 12. Competition Officials, Employees and Volunteers] Effective 12/1/09:

4. Veterinarians.

e. Level 4 and Level 5 Dressage Competitions must have a veterinarian present on the grounds throughout the competition regardless of the number of horses competing.

[...]

6. Safety Coordinator

a. *All Licensed Competitions must appoint a Safety Coordinator, who shall oversee the establishment and coordination of medical and veterinary services. This person may have other roles or duties in relation to the competition except:*

- (1) The Safety Coordinator may not serve as Judge at the competition.*
- (2) The Safety Coordinator may not compete as a rider, driver, vaulter, longeur, or handler at the competition.*

b. *Duties of the Safety Coordinator. The Safety Coordinator shall:*

- (1) Oversee provisions for the safety and welfare of exhibitors, horses and spectators.*
- (2) Oversee the implementation of the Accident Preparedness Plan (GR1211.5).*
- (3) Hold a meeting with Competition Management and Medical Personnel to ensure that parties are aware of the requirements of the Accident Preparedness Plan.*
- (4) Provide Medical Personnel with a map of the competition grounds which includes plans for vehicle access to competition/warm-up areas and stabling.*
- (5) Have his name and contact information posted along with the required emergency information at the competition.*

[...]

9. Specific requirements for staff and officials for Dressage Competitions are listed in the Dressage Levels chart posted on the USEF website.

GR1215 Stabling. [Chapter 12. Competition Officials, Employees and Volunteers] **Effective 12/1/09:**

1. At **Level 3, Level 4 and Level 5 Dressage Competitions, and** competitions offering “A” rated hunter sections, overnight stabling, on the competition grounds, must be provided for any accepted and confirmed entry in a section held on multiple days that has requested and paid for the stall(s) by the closing date of entries.

[...]

4. It is recommended that, **at Level 4 and Level 5 Dressage Competitions, and at a** competitions with an A rated division provide, upon request of the official competition veterinarian, a suitable area, protected from the elements, secured from public view, adequately lighted, with adequate electrical supply and running water, to serve as a first aid station for the emergency treatment of ill and injured horses.

5. Additional stabling requirements for Dressage Competitions are listed in the Dressage Levels chart posted on the USEF website.

GR1216 Facilities. [Chapter 12. Competition Officials, Employees and Volunteers] **Effective 12/1/09:**

12. Additional requirements for Dressage Competitions regarding facilities, services and amenities are listed in the Dressage Levels chart posted on the USEF website.

CHAPTER 13 – COMPETITION PARTICIPANTS AND ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS

GR1304 Regulations Governing Showing Under Judges, Stewards and Technical Delegates. See also **GR107** for definition of Client. [Chapter 13. Competition Participants and Associated Individuals] **Effective 12/1/09:**

10. No one may show before a judge from whom he has leased a horse unless the lease terminated 90 days (Paso Fino and hunter/jumper 30 days) prior to the competition. **Exception: In Hunter and Jumper competitions restrictions on competing apply only to the specific horse that has been leased.**

CHAPTER DR – DRESSAGE DIVISION

DR120 Dress. [Chapter DR. Dressage Division] **Effective 12/1/09:**

11. When the only warm-up available is open to all horses and riders, riders with safety concerns are encouraged to wear an orange vest.

DR121 Saddlery and Equipment. [Chapter DR. Dressage Division] **Effective 12/1/09:**

4. FEI tests, **ridden at national competitions** (~~including FEI Junior Team and Individual Tests~~ **excluding USEF High Performance classes, USEF Young Adult qualifying classes, as well as FEI Junior and FEI Young Rider qualifying classes**), a **plain snaffle bridle or** simple double bridle as above. ~~For the FEI Junior Preliminary Test, a plain snaffle bridle or simple double bridle may be used, as above in DR121.2-.3.~~ **Only snaffles, curbs and bridoons pictured under Figure 1-B are permitted in FEI tests.** For the FEI Dressage Tests for 4, 5, and 6-year-old horses and the USEF Dressage Test for 4-year old horses, a plain snaffle bridle is required, as above (DR121.2). However, when a snaffle is used in FEI tests, a crescent noseband is not permitted and a snaffle is required as described in Figure I and as pictured in Figure 1B. In addition to the crescent noseband, the crossed (figure-8, Mexican) noseband is not permitted for the FEI Dressage Tests for 4, 5, and 6-year-old horses and the USEF test for 4-year old horses.

DR122 Execution and Judging of Tests. [Chapter DR. Dressage Division] **Effective 12/1/09:**

7. Judging a test.

- a. The mark for each movement should first establish the fact of whether the movement is performed insufficiently (4 or below) or sufficiently *marginal* (5 or below above) or higher. The judge should state the reason for his judgment, at least when giving marks of 6 and below.

DR123 Scoring, Classification and Prize-Giving. [Chapter DR. Dressage Division] **Effective 12/1/09:**

2. The total score for the classification is obtained by adding the total points. With more than one judge, the sum total classifies. If there are two or more judges, the points awarded by each judge will be published separately in addition to the total score. Total final results must be published in marks as well as in percentages with numbers to three places after the decimal point. Scores must be posted on a public scoreboard as soon as possible after each ride. *The public scoreboard may be in either paper or electronic format. The name of each judge must be posted along with the position where he/she is sitting. When multiple judges officiate, scores must be posted in the following order: E, H, C, M, B.*

3. Individual Classification. In all competitions the winner is the competitor having the highest total points, the second placed competitor is the one with the next highest total points and so on. In case of equality of points the competitor with the highest marks received under General Impressions shall be declared the winner. When the scores for General Impressions are equal the horses must remain tied. Errors on a test may not be used to break ties. Final results for each class must be posted as soon as possible after the class is completed and all results must include total points and percentages with numbers to three places after the decimal point, eliminated horses, and the placing of each horse that receives an award. If a competitor withdraws (scratches) prior to a class or is excused, eliminated or a “no show” prior to or during the performance of a test, the words “scratched”, “excused”, “eliminated”, or “no show” or abbreviations of each, must appear after the competitor’s name in the result sheet. *The published final results may be in paper or electronic format and must remain posted throughout the entire competition. The name of each judge must be posted along with the position where he/she is sitting. When multiple judges officiate, scores must be posted in the following order: E, H, C, M, B.*

[...]

7. A judge is free to leave when all scores from his class(es) are totaled and any ties resolved.

8. *After the awards for a class have been presented, the judge’s score sheet should be given to the competitor. The score sheet must be handed directly to the competitor or his representative. Privacy must be maintained.*

DR125 Competition Licensing and Officials. [Chapter DR. Dressage Division] **Effective 12/1/09:**

1. Organizers of Dressage Competitions must comply with current Federation and USDF competition licensing requirements and must apply directly to ~~both~~ the Federation and USDF for *both USDF* competition recognition and *USEF* licensing. [...]

3. A Technical Delegate must be selected from the current Roster of Dressage Technical Delegates to officiate at all Dressage competitions and Regular and Local Competitions offering “open” Dressage Division classes (i.e., classes which are not limited to certain breeds) or classes above Third Level. (Exception: A Category 2 or Combined Category Steward may officiate through Fourth Level in the Andalusian, Arabian, Friesian and Morgan Divisions, only if classes are not part of an “open” Dressage Division). *A Registered Dressage Technical Delegate must officiate at Level 4 and Level 5 Dressage Competitions. A Recorded Dressage Technical Delegate may officiate as the assistant to the Registered Technical Delegate(s) at Level 4 and Level 5 Dressage Competitions, and may officiate alone at Levels 1-3 Dressage Competitions.*

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

~~1. 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. Divisions or sections of a class are considered to be a separate “class” only if listed as such in the prize list. Divisions or sections of a class may be held in different rings and judged by different judges. When divisions or sections are held under different conditions (i.e. different ring or judges), separate awards must be given. Where more than 25 entries are accepted for a particular class the class must be divided into separate divisions for awards purposes. USEF/USDF championship classes and USEF High Performance Championships, qualifying and selection trials, and observation classes cannot be split. When entries warrant competitions are encouraged to split classes for Adult Amateurs and Junior/Young Riders. See DR119.1.~~

2. No judge shall be required to officiate longer than 8 hours in one day, unless the judge has agreed in writing, and cannot be required to be on the competition grounds longer than 10 hours. Judges must be given at least a 45 minute lunch break and at least a 10 minute break every 2 hours. ~~Judges and technical delegates are not to be housed in private homes unless the judge or technical delegate has agreed to it prior to the competition. Judges’ comments, while judging, may not be audio recorded without prior written permission of the judge(s), the specific competitor(s) and management.~~

3. A tentative class schedule must be included in the prize list. If Grand Prix Freestyle and/or Grand Prix Special classes are offered at a competition, at least one Grand Prix class must be offered and scheduled prior to the Freestyle and the Special (i.e., only one Grand Prix is required to be offered and scheduled prior to the Freestyle and Special in a multi-day competition). If a competitor cannot show due to a change in the day a competitor must ride, his entry fees must be refunded. Organizers should prepare a time schedule including all rides. Competitors should be notified of their riding times in advance if possible. Dressage classes must be run in their entirety and rides may only be scheduled out of sequence to allow a reasonable interval between two or more horses entered by the same rider in the same class. Also, when preparing a time schedule consideration must be given to riders entered in more than one class or riding more than one horse. At least 50 minutes must be scheduled between start times for a rider's tests on different horses unless he/she has agreed, in writing, to a shorter interval between tests. Time intervals should be allowed between rides for judge's breaks and awards presentations. The time schedule should be posted in a conspicuous place by noon the day before the competition. Ride times may not be changed after noon the day before the start of the entire competition, except in compliance with GR830.5. Competitions may reserve the right to fill a competitor's subsequent ride times if that competitor fails to notify the competition secretary of his/her intention to scratch (i.e. is a "no show").

4. Competitors will not be allowed in or around the arena while a class is in progress or inside the arena at other times except under the following conditions: (1) Management must post and announce, in advance, designated times that competitors may school inside the arena(s); and, (2) Competitors should be permitted by management or the Ground Jury to enter the arena prior to their ride if arena conditions do not permit riding around the perimeter of the arena prior to entry. Such permission must be announced prior to the start of the class.

5. After the awards for a class have been presented, the judge's score sheet should be given to the competitor. Tests must be handed directly to the competitor or his representative. Privacy must be maintained.

6. Scribes. Only one scribe to be provided for the judging panel for the FEI Dressage Tests for 4 year old, 5 year old and 6 year old horses and the USEF Dressage Test for 4 year old horses. Scribes should have a knowledge of the tests being ridden. Scribes (including electronic scribes) should not be an owner, coach, trainer or family member of a competitor/horse in the class(es) in which they are scribing. Scribe changes should not be made more than once per day for each judge. First time scribes must not be assigned to foreign judges or judges for FEI level classes. It is strongly recommended that scribes and apprentice judges not compete before judges with whom they have worked at the same competition.

a. The arena should be on as flat and as level ground as possible. It is recommended that the difference in elevation across the diagonal or along the

length of the arena shall in no case exceed 0.50 meters. It is recommended that the difference in elevation along the short side of the arena shall in no case be more than 0.20 meters. The Standard Arena is 60 meters long and 20 meters wide. The Small Arena is 40 meters long and 20 meters wide. The following must be held in a Standard Arena: Federation First Level tests (except Test 1), Second Level tests, Third Level tests, Fourth Level tests; FEI tests; and musical freestyles, except those tests written for a small arena. In addition, Federation/ USDF Qualifying and Championship Classes at all levels must be held in a Standard Arena. Arena measurements are for the interior of the enclosure. It is recommended that arenas be separated from the public by a distance of not less than 15 meters. For indoor competitions, the minimum distance should in principle be 3 meters. The enclosure itself should consist of a low fence about 0.3 meters high. The fence should be such to prevent the horse's hooves from becoming entangled and arena stakes, if used, must be covered with a ball or similar object so as to prevent injury. Rope, concrete or unbreakable chain fencing is not allowed. The part of the fence at A should be easy to remove to let the competitors in and out of the arena in a suitable way. The part of the fence at A can remain open except at Federation/USDF Championship Competitions. The letter A should be placed at least five meters away from the arena. No publicity is permitted anywhere on the arena fence.

b. The letters outside the enclosure should be placed about 0.5 meters from the fence and clearly marked. So that the judges can note the exact point on the track opposite each letter, it is compulsory to place a marker on the fence itself, level with and in addition to the letter concerned. It is permissible to decorate the letters with flowers or greenery to enhance the appearance of the arena.

e. If marked, the center line, throughout its length should be as clearly marked as possible, without however, being of a nature to frighten the horses. A grass arena is not permitted for USEF/USDF Championship classes, Federation Junior Team Championships, and USEF High Performance Championships, qualifying and selection trials and observation classes. Grass arenas are not recommended for Federation/USDF Qualifying Classes, and if qualifying classes may be held on grass, this fact must be stated in the Prize List.

d. In case of inclement weather or during the winter the use of an indoor arena may be desirable. Under such circumstances, it is best if the indoor hall dimensions allow the following minimum conditions to be met. There should be 2m from the long sides of the Dressage arena fence to the indoor hall sideboards and 10m from the short sides of the Dressage arena fence to the indoor hall sideboards. With necessary modifications to meet local conditions, the other requirements for an outdoor arena apply. Where local conditions necessitate, use of a modified arena is acceptable as long as the dimensions of the arena to be used are clearly specified in the prize list. The arena should be shortened no more than five meters. However, Qualifying, Championship, USEF High Performance

Championships, qualifying and selection trials and observation trials and Freestyle classes must be held in an unmodified standard size arena.

8. Location of the Jury (Judges). If there is only one judge he is preferably placed a maximum of five meters and minimum of three meters from the end of the arena and must be opposite the letter C. When two judges are used one is placed at C and the other at B or E, preferably a maximum of five meters and minimum of three meters opposite the letter. When three judges are used, one is placed at C, the second at B or E, and the third should be placed at the end of the arena on a line with the judge at C and 2.5 meters in from the edge of the long side of the arena at H or M (If the second judge is at B, the third should be at H and vice versa). If this is not possible, judges should be placed at the end of the arena, one at C, one 2.5 meters in from the long side of the arena at M and the other 2.5 meters from the long side of the arena at H. At indoor competitions Judges should preferably be placed a minimum of 3 meters from the arena. A separate enclosure (booth, tent, trailer) should be provided for each judge and it must be raised at least 0.5 meters (20 inches), for Freestyle Tests possibly a little higher, above the ground to give the Judge(s) a good view of the ring. The booth/hut must be large enough to accommodate three people except that the booth at C must accommodate four people for Young Horse Championship classes. Judges' booths placed at E and B must be equipped with side windows. The jury for the FEI Dressage Tests for 4, 5, and 6 year old horses and USEF Dressage Test for 4 year old horses, must be seated together at "C" and may comprise a maximum of three judges.

9. Exercise Ground. An exercise area must be provided far enough away from the arena so as not to disturb the competitors during their tests. It should be of sufficient size for several competitors to prepare their horses at the same time. It is strongly recommended that a lungeing area be provided separate from and in addition to mounted warm up areas and that it be available throughout the competition. If possible, one or two practice arenas with perimeters and letters should be provided. When visually impaired or blind riders are to compete, it is recommended that a separate warm up area be provided.

10. Competition management should make every effort to provide the best possible footing in competition and warmup areas. Provisions should be made (by having on hand proper equipment and scheduling sufficient breaks in the schedule) to maintain throughout the competition the footing in all riding areas by dragging, watering and, if necessary, raking.

11. Management must appoint ring stewards to check saddlery and inspect bits and spurs, on both sides of the horse, in each class at the direction of the technical delegate and in accordance with DR121.8. Bit inspectors must use a new disposable protective glove for each horse. Gloves must be provided by competition management. When communicable disease is a concern, any deviations to established saddlery inspection protocol must be approved by the USEF Dressage Department prior to the competition. Schooling and warmup areas must be

monitored by stewards starting at least 30 minutes before the first scheduled ride. When a competition operates two or more rings or warmup areas, the competition must have a sufficient number of stewards to adequately monitor all schooling and warmup areas, as well as competition rings. In USEF/USDF Championship classes, a steward must be appointed to check the saddlery and bits of each horse immediately after it has completed its test and has left the arena, and any discrepancy to the saddlery rules will entail immediate elimination. (See DR121.8).

12. Management must provide judges and technical delegates with copies of Federation Presidential Modification letters they have received, prior to the classes where those riders compete under those judges. Competitors will not be allowed to compete with modifications unless a copy of their Presidential Modification letter is provided to the competition secretary by the beginning of the competition.

13. Background music, of a suitable composition and volume so as not to disturb the competitors and judges, may be played during all classes except when freestyle music is being played. Specific background music may not be requested or supplied by competitors for their rides except for freestyle tests. It is strongly recommended that organizers avoid running freestyle classes at the same time as non freestyle classes that are held in close proximity.

14. A separate number must be issued for each horse/rider combination. Horses or riders are required to display only one number and may not be penalized for displaying only one number. See GR801.9 and GR1213.11.

15. At the discretion of competition management, all tests for Para Equestrians may be ridden in a Standard arena. (Exception: Grade I—III freestyle tests must be held in a small arena. Grade IV freestyle tests must be held in a standard arena.) The arena sizes to be used must be indicated in the prize list. For the USEF National Para Equestrian Championships and Para Equestrian Selection Trials, all tests for Grades I, II, and III must be ridden in a small arena and Grade IV must be ridden in a standard size arena.

16. Competitions are not permitted to charge warm up or schooling fees prior to or during a competition for horses entered in the competition.

DR126 Requirements for Dressage Competition Management.

1. The following requirements apply to all Levels 1-5 of Dressage Competitions, except where noted. Specific requirements for specific levels of competitions are listed under .2, below.

a. Competition Levels, Divisions and Classes.

(1) The competition Level and all classes must be listed in the prize list.

(2) When permitted by the rules or special criteria, classes may be divided into separate divisions or sections based on qualifications, age or other eligibility of horses or riders.

(3) Divisions or sections of a class are considered to be a separate "class" only if listed as such in the prize list. Divisions or sections of a class may be held in different rings and judged by different judges. When divisions or sections are

held under different conditions (i.e., different ring or judges), separate awards must be given.

(4) Where more than 25 entries are accepted for a particular class the class must be divided into separate divisions for awards purposes. USEF/USDF championship classes and USEF High Performance Championships, qualifying and selection trials, and observation classes cannot be split.

(5) When entries warrant competitions are encouraged to split classes *into separate divisions, and to provide separate awards, for Open riders, Adult Amateurs and Junior/Young Riders. Horses may be ridden only once in any class, including separate divisions or sections of the same class. See DR119.1.*

b. **Competition Schedule.**

(1) A tentative class schedule must be included in the prize list.

(2) Organizers ~~should~~ **must** prepare a time schedule including all rides. **If possible, competitors should be notified of their riding times in advance prior to arrival at the competition, if possible.**

(3) The time schedule ~~should~~ **must** be posted in a conspicuous place by noon the day before the competition. Ride times may not be changed after noon the day before the start of the entire competition, except in compliance with GR830.5. (Effective 4/1/09) Competitions may reserve the right to fill a competitor's subsequent ride times if that competitor fails to notify the competition secretary of his/her intention to scratch (i.e. is a "no show").

(4) Dressage classes must be run in their entirety and rides may only be scheduled out of sequence to allow a reasonable interval between two or more horses entered by the same rider in the same class. Also, when preparing a time schedule consideration must be given to riders entered in more than one class or riding more than one horse.

(5) At least 50 minutes must be scheduled between start times for a rider's tests on different horses unless he/she has agreed, in writing, to a shorter interval between tests. Time intervals should be allowed between rides for judge's breaks and awards presentations.

(6) If Grand Prix Freestyle and/or Grand Prix Special classes are offered at a competition, at least one Grand Prix class must be offered and scheduled prior to the Freestyle and the Special (i.e., only one Grand Prix is required to be offered and scheduled prior to the Freestyle and Special in a multi-day competition).

(7) If a competitor cannot show due to a change in the day a competitor must ride, his entry fees must be refunded.

c. **Schooling and Lungeing.**

(1) ~~An exercise~~ **One or more schooling** areas must be provided far enough away from the arena(s) so as not to disturb the competitors during their tests. ~~It should~~ **Schooling areas must** be of sufficient size for several competitors to prepare their horses at the same time.

(2) If possible, ~~one or two~~ **at least one** practices arenas with perimeters and letters should be provided.

(3) It is strongly recommended that a lungeing area be provided separate from and in addition to mounted ~~warm-up~~ **schooling** areas and that it be available throughout the competition.

(4) **If a separate lungeing area is not provided, lungeing is not permitted at any time with in the same area at the same time as mounted schooling. See Dressage Levels chart on USEF website for requirements for specific competition levels.**

(5) Competitors will not be allowed in or around the arena while a class is in progress or inside the arena at other times except under the following conditions:

(a) Management must post and announce, in advance, designated times that competitors may school inside the arena(s);

(b) Competitors should be permitted by management or the Ground Jury to enter the arena prior to their ride if arena conditions do not permit riding around the perimeter of the arena prior to entry. Such permission must be announced prior to the start of the class.

(6) Competitions are not permitted to charge warm-up or schooling fees prior to or during a competition for horses entered in the competition.

(7) When visually impaired or blind riders are to compete, it is recommended that a separate warm up area be provided.

d. **Judges and Technical Delegates.**

(1) No judge shall be required to officiate longer than 8 hours in one day, unless the judge has agreed in writing, and cannot be required to be on the competition grounds longer than 10 hours.

(2) Judges must be given at least a 45-minute lunch break and at least a 10 minute break every 2 hours.

(3) Judges and technical delegates are not to be housed in private homes unless the judge or technical delegate has agreed to it prior to the competition.

(4) Judges' comments, while judging, may not be audio-recorded without prior written permission of the judge(s), the specific competitor(s) and management.

e. **Scribes.**

(1) Scribes should have a knowledge of the tests being ridden.

(2) Scribes (including electronic scribes) ~~should~~ **must** not be an owner, coach, trainer or family member of a competitor/horse in the class(es) in which they are scribing.

(3) Scribe changes should not be made more than once per day for each judge.

(4) It is strongly recommended that scribes and apprentice judges not compete before judges with whom they have worked at the same competition.

(5) First-time scribes must not be assigned to foreign judges or judges for FEI level classes.

(6) Scribes. Only one scribe to be provided for the judging panel for the FEI Dressage Tests for 4-year old, 5-year old and 6-year old horses and the USEF Dressage Test for 4-year old horses.

f. Arena Specifications.

(1) The arena should be on as flat and as level ground as possible. It is recommended that the difference in elevation across the diagonal or along the length of the arena shall ~~in no case~~ **not** exceed 0.50 meters. It is recommended that the difference in elevation along the short side of the arena shall ~~in no case~~ **not exceed** 0.20 meters.

(2) The Standard Arena is 60 meters long and 20 meters wide. The Small Arena is 40 meters long and 20 meters wide. Arena measurements are for the interior of the enclosure.

(3) The enclosure itself ~~should~~ **must** consist of a low fence about 0.3 meters high and must be completely enclosed, except for the entrance at "A".

(4) The fence should be such to prevent the horse's hooves from becoming entangled and arena stakes, if used, must be covered with a ball or similar object so as to prevent injury. Rope, concrete or unbreakable chain fencing is not allowed.

(5) The part of the fence at A should be easy to remove to let the competitors in and out of the arena in a suitable way. The part of the fence at A can remain open except at Federation/USDF Championship Competitions.

(6) **Except for the letter "A"**, the letters outside the enclosure should be placed about 0.5 meters from the fence and clearly marked. So that the judges can note the exact point on the track opposite each letter, it is compulsory to place a marker on the fence itself, level with and in addition to the letter concerned. The letter A should be placed at least five meters away from the arena.

(7) No publicity is permitted anywhere on the arena fence. It is permissible to decorate the letters with flowers or greenery to enhance the appearance of the arena.

(8) It is recommended that arenas be separated from the public (*people, horses and other activities*) by a distance of not less than 15 meters, **with a minimum allowed distance at any point around the arena of 3 meters**. For indoor competitions, the **recommended** minimum distance ~~should in principle be from the public is~~ **3 meters, with a minimum allowed distance at any point around the arena of and may not be less than 1.5 meters. For Level 1 and Level 2 competitions, arenas where tall solid walls preclude public access or visibility, arenas are exempt from this requirement. Indoor and outdoor arenas must be separated by a minimum of 5 meters at Level 3-5 competitions and 2 meters at Level 1-2 competitions.**

(9) ~~In case of~~ **Where severe** inclement weather **threatens to disrupt participation in the competition due to concerns for footing or safety, Level 3-5 competitions are permitted to follow the same arena specifications as in #8,**

~~above. or during the winter the use of an indoor arena may be desirable. Under such circumstances, it is best if the indoor hall dimensions allow the following minimum conditions to be met. There should be 2m from the long sides of the Dressage arena fence to the indoor hall sideboards and 10m from the short sides of the Dressage arena fence to the indoor hall sideboards. With necessary modifications to meet local conditions, the other requirements for an outdoor arena apply.~~

~~(10) Where local conditions necessitate, Use of a modified arena is acceptable~~ **permitted only for Level 1-2 competitions and only when as long as** the dimensions of the arena to be used are clearly specified in the prize list. The arena ~~should~~ **must not** be shortened ~~no~~ more than five meters. However, **for all competition levels**, Qualifying, Championship, USEF High Performance Championships, qualifying and selection trials and observation trials and Freestyle classes must be held in an unmodified standard size arena

(11) Entry and exit must be at "A" for Level 4-5 competitions. For Level 1-3 competitions: If competitors enter and exit at any location other than "A", the arena fence must be completely closed for the duration of the ride.

(12) If marked, the center line, throughout its length should be as clearly marked as possible, without ~~however,~~ being of a nature to frighten the horses.

(13) For all classes or tests where the arena size is optional or may be modified, the size must be stated in the prize list.

(14) The following **tests and classes** must be held in a Standard Arena:

(a) Federation First Level **Dressage** tests **and above** (~~except Test 1~~), ~~Second Level tests, Third Level tests, Fourth Level tests;~~ FEI **Dressage** tests; and musical freestyles, except those tests written for a small arena.

(b) Federation/USDF Qualifying and Championship Classes at all levels ~~must be held in a Standard Arena.~~

(2) Background music, of a suitable composition and volume so as not to disturb the competitors and judges, may be played during all classes except when freestyle music is being played. Specific background music may not be requested or supplied by competitors for their rides except for freestyle tests.

(3) It is strongly recommended that organizers avoid running freestyle classes at the same time as non-freestyle classes that are held in close proximity.

(4) A separate number must be issued for each horse/rider combination. Horses or riders are required to display only one number and may not be penalized for displaying only one number. See GR318.9 and GR1214.11.

2. Specific requirements for Dressage Competition Levels.

a. Categories and Criteria.

(1) *Dressage Competitions or Regular or Local Competitions with open dressage classes must be categorized into one of five levels based on classes offered and mandatory criteria for each level:*

(a) *Level 5 - required for CDIs, USEF High Performance Selection Trials (Intermediaire I-Grand Prix) and USEF National Championships.*

(b) *Level 4 - required for USEF/USDF Regional Championships, High Performance qualifying competitions held separately from CDIs, and optional for other competitions that choose to meet the criteria.*

(c) *Level 3 - required for USEF Developing Program qualifying competitions and optional for other competitions that choose to meet the criteria.*

(d) *Level 2 - required for competitions that do not meet the criteria for Levels 3-5 or exceed Level 1 requirements.*

(e) *Level 1 - required for USEF licensed competitions that do not meet the criteria for Levels 2-5. Level 1 is primarily intended as an introduction for new competitions wishing to hold a USEF licensed competition with fewer mandatory requirements.*

(2) *Holding classes of a lower level is optional at competition Levels 3-5.*

(a) *Standards for all non-CDI classes at a Level 5 competition must be Level 3 or higher.*

(b) *At a Level 4 competition, Level 4 standards are required for High Performance and Regional Championship classes; standards for all other classes must be at Level 3 or higher.*

(c) *At a Level 3 competition, Level 3 standards are required for USEF Developing program qualifying classes; standards for other classes must be at Level 2 or higher.*

(d) *At a Level 2 competition, standards for all classes must be at Level 2 or higher.*

(e) *At a Level 1 competition, standards for all classes must be at Level 1 or higher.*

(3) *Specific criteria for each competition level is listed in the Dressage Levels chart posted on the USEF website.*

b. Management, Officials and Staff.

(1) *The manager of a Level 3, Level 4 or Level 5 Dressage Competition must be eligible according to the criteria listed in DR126 and listed in the Dressage Levels chart posted on the USEF website.*

(2) *The secretary of a Level 3, Level 4 or Level 5 Dressage Competition must be eligible according to the criteria listed in DR126 and listed in the Dressage Levels chart posted on the USEF website. Specific duties of Dressage Competition Management are listed in the Dressage Levels chart posted on the USEF website.*

(3) *Specific requirements for staff and officials for Dressage Competitions are listed in the Dressage Levels chart posted on the USEF website.*

c. Facilities, Equipment, Services and Amenities.

(1) *Additional requirements for Dressage Competitions regarding facilities, services and amenities are listed in the Dressage Levels chart posted on the USEF website.*

DR127 USEF/USDF Qualifying and Championship Classes and Federation National Championships for Dressage. [Chapter DR. Dressage Division] Effective 12/1/09:

4. Qualifying classes may *be offered at Level 1 through Level 5 Dressage Competitions. Qualifying classes may not* be offered in breed-restricted classes. Qualifying classes may be offered at Training through Grand Prix levels, including USDF and FEI Freestyles, and must be the highest or single test of the level or included in a USDF-approved list of classes. Eligible competitors must be given the option to enter the class as “USDF qualifying” for a maximum additional fee of \$10, which must be paid prior to the start of the class. Only one ride can be required and a maximum of one entry fee charged for the class in addition to the \$10. USDF qualifying fee. Horse/rider combinations may enter only one test, and one Freestyle, at each level per day as “USDF qualifying” [...]

DR134 Pony Measurement. [Chapter DR. Dressage Division] Effective 12/1/09:

17. *In order to maintain his/her license, a Registered (R) Dressage Technical Delegate must have attended a Federation Dressage/DSHB Pony Measurement Certification clinic where certification testing to measure ponies for dressage or DSHB is conducted.* Recorded (r) Dressage Technical Delegates must attend a Federation Dressage/DSHB Pony Measurement Certification clinic prior to January 1, ~~2010~~ **2011** where certification testing to measure ponies for dressage or DSHB is conducted. *Refer to GR1051 for additional measurement certification requirements.*

DR202 General Regulations. [Chapter DR. Dressage Division Subchapter DR-2 Dressage Sport Horse Breeding] **Effective 12/1/09:**

2. A breeding division for dressage may be held separately or in conjunction with any Licensed Competition. *Dressage Sport Breeding (DSHB) classes can be held with any level of Dressage Competition. Competitions offering only DSHB classes can choose Level 1 or Level 2 criteria.*

CHAPTER EP – ENGLISH PLEASURE DIVISION

[Chapter EP. English Pleasure Division] **Add new chapter, effective 12/1/09:**

CHAPTER EP ENGLISH PLEASURE

SUBCHAPTER EP-1 GENERAL.

EP101 Eligibility.

Horses may be of any breed or combination of breeds. Junior exhibitor classes are open to horses and ponies. Horses must be serviceably sound, in good condition and of English Pleasure type. Animals with complete loss of sight in one eye may be found serviceably sound at the judge's discretion. Stallions are prohibited in any English Pleasure Division class.

EP102 Appointments.

1. The use of artificial appliances or devices such as chains, shackles, rubber bands, blinkers (except when driving) or blindfolds is prohibited on the grounds before or during a competition. Entries may be warmed up only in the equipment described for their appropriate classes as listed in EP102.2-EP102.4. Any animal with prohibited equipment must be disqualified from further competition and forfeit all entry fees and winnings. Tails must not be gingered or put in any device (e.g. tailset, bustle, braced, tied, etc.) which alters their carriage while on the grounds. The fact that a horse's tail has previously been set does not exclude participation. Tongue ties and inconspicuously applied hair in the tail and/or mane are permitted.

2. ENGLISH PLEASURE SADDLE SEAT CLASSES: A full bridle, pelham or curb, English-type saddle (No forward seat or dressage seat saddles allowed). Horses must be shown with a full mane and tail without braids or ornamentation of any kind. For rider, informal saddle seat attire with coat and hat or protective headgear. In all classes, gloves, crop, and spurs are optional. Gaudy colors should be avoided. Prohibited: A single snaffle, hackamore, martingale, or tie-down.

3. ENGLISH PLEASURE HUNTER SEAT CLASSES: Forward or balance seat saddle, snaffle bridle, pelham with two reins, kimberwicke bits or a full bridle (curb and snaffle). If a full bridle is used, it must be of hunter style and excessive length of curb shank shall be penalized. Breast plates are permissible, but martingales are prohibited. Horses may be shown with or without braided manes &/or tails. For rider, traditional hunter-style jacket, breeches or hunter jodhpurs, dark hunting cap, derby, or protective headgear and appropriate boots. Tall dress or tall field boots are preferred as traditional. Paddock or jodhpur boots with matching half chaps are permitted although not considered as traditional. A stock, choker or four in hand with any color shirt is correct. In all classes gloves, hunter crop or bat, and spurs are optional. Junior riders must wear fastened protective headgear which meets or exceeds ASTM (American Society of Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag (See GR80L.3) when mounted. Shadbellies are prohibited.

4. ENGLISH PLEASURE DRIVING: Entries to be shown to a two-wheeled jog/basket cart with driver only. Light show harness, blinkers, overcheck with separate bit or sidecheck (separate bit is optional with sidecheck) and snaffle bit (straight or jointed). Horses must be shown with a full mane and tail without braids of any kind. Driver to dress conservatively (not period attire).

EP103 Gait Requirements.

1. UNDER SADDLE CLASSES.

a. Saddle Seat Classes: To be shown at a flat walk, trot, extended trot, and canter both ways of the ring. Horses must stand quietly and back readily in the line-up. Horses may or may not stretch in the line-up.

b. Hunter Seat Classes: To be shown at a flat walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. Entries may be asked to hand gallop one or more directions of the ring at the discretion of the judge. For safety reasons the judge may limit the number of horses to hand gallop at one time. Horses must stand quietly and back readily in the line-up. Horses must not stretch in the line-up.

2. DRIVING CLASSES: To be shown at a flat walk, trot, and extended trot both ways of the ring. Horses may or may not stretch in the line-up. One attendant without whip is permitted to head each entry during the line up in driving classes. It is imperative that the horse stand quietly and back readily in the line-up and the attendant must not touch the horse except for safety purposes.

EP104 Judging.

1. English Pleasure Saddle Seat classes to be judged by a USEF licensed judge who holds a current license in any breed that includes a saddle seat or English Pleasure section.

2. English Pleasure Hunter Seat classes to be judged by a USEF licensed judge who holds a current Hunter license or a current license in any breed that includes a Hunter or Hunter Pleasure section.
3. English Pleasure Driving classes to be judged by a USEF licensed judge who holds a current license in any breed that includes a Pleasure Driving section.
4. Manners and suitability as a pleasure mount are paramount. Transitions from one gait to another should be smooth and effortless. Horses must be obedient with prompt transitions. Special emphasis is placed on a true, flat walk with special consideration being given to those entries that represent a true recreational type, general riding mount. Entries should not exhibit extreme motion, speed, or resistance of any type. Horses must stand quietly and back readily in the line-up. **TO BE PENALIZED:** Pulling, head tossing, laboring action, extreme motion or speed, going sideways, tail switching, and interference from attendant during the line up in driving classes.

EP105 Classes Offered and Specifications.

Open Classes are open to professionals, amateurs, and junior exhibitors. Classes may be restricted (e.g. Amateurs, Jr. Exhibitors, Novice Rider, etc.) only if specifically stated in the prize list.

1. ENGLISH PLEASURE SADDLE SEAT and CHAMPIONSHIP (Open, Amateur, Jr. Exhibitor, Maiden, Novice, Limit, Geldings, Mares, Ladies, Gentlemen). Judged on manners, performance, presence, quality and conformation.
2. ENGLISH PLEASURE HUNTER SEAT and CHAMPIONSHIP (Open, Amateur, Jr. Exhibitor, Maiden, Novice, Limit, Geldings, Mares, Ladies, Gentlemen). Judged on manners, performance, presence, quality and conformation.
3. ENGLISH PLEASURE DRIVING and CHAMPIONSHIP (Open, Amateur, Jr. Exhibitor, Maiden, Novice, Limit, Geldings, Mares, Ladies, Gentlemen). Judged on manners, performance, presence, quality and conformation.
4. ENGLISH PLEASURE UNDER SADDLE and CHAMPIONSHIP (Open to both Saddle Seat and Hunter Seat Entries). Any English Pleasure class that allows entries to compete in either Saddle Seat or Hunter Seat attire and equipment must be run as an unrated, recognized class or opportunity class. Competition management must list the class specifications in the prize list and a licensed judge is not required.
5. ENGLISH PLEASURE HORSEMANSHIP and CHAMPIONSHIP (Saddle Seat, Hunter Seat, Driving). To be shown at the appropriate gaits listed in EP103.1 and EP103.2. To be judged on the rider's awareness of the horse's performance. Offering of prize money in horsemanship classes for junior exhibitors and amateurs is forbidden. In Horsemanship classes, the rider is the competitor and wins the award. Exception: Breed and Hunter Horsemanship

classes may offer classes in which scholarship funds are awarded. However, these funds must be disbursed directly to the institution upon proof of enrollment by the awarded recipient. Horsemanship classes will be held as unrated, recognized classes. Horsemanship classes are to be judged in accordance with EP104.

CHAPTER EQ – EQUITATION DIVISION

EQ103 Conduct. [Chapter EQ. Equitation Division] **Effective 12/1/09:**

5. RIBBONS. In Saddle Seat and Western Seat Equitation classes one ribbon must be awarded for every six competitors but no more than ten ribbons are required. In Hunter Seat Equitation classes a minimum of ~~six~~ ~~eight~~ ribbons must be awarded but no more than ten ribbons are required.

EQ112 Requirements for Specific Classes. [Chapter EQ. Equitation Division] **Add new and renumber remaining:**

14. WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW EQUITATION

a. **RIDER MEMBERSHIP.** The cost of an annual WIHS membership can be found on the WIHS website. Membership entitles riders to earn points in the rankings. Membership (application & fee) must be received at the WIHS Membership Office within 10 days of the completion of an event for points from that event to count. Riders may join at a show; however, riders are strongly encouraged to mail the application themselves. Riders may obtain an application or download an application from the website, www.wihs.org

(1) Riders need not be members of the WIHS Equitation to compete in any qualifying classes, but only current members will accrue points towards year-end finals.

b. **QUALIFYING PERIOD.** Qualifying period: shows starting on or after September 1st through shows starting on or before August 31st. The top 30 riders will be invited to compete in the WIHS Equitation Finals and the top 25 riders will be invited to compete in the WIHS Pony Equitation Finals at the Washington International Horse Show. Multi-day horse shows are permitted to hold either a one or two phase WIHS Equitation qualifier. One-day horse shows are only allowed to hold a one-phase event. WIHS Pony Equitation classes may only be one phase.

c. **Awarding of Points**

1st - 6th place points are tabulated by multiplying the # of riders in the qualifier class by 10, 6, 4, 2, 1, ½ points respectively.

When there is a two-phase junior equitation qualifier, only the overall results of a two-phase junior equitation qualifier will be tabulated for the standings. A multiplying factor of 2 will be applied to these classes only.

d. **CLASS SPECIFICATIONS.** WIHS Equitation and WIHS Pony Equitation:

(1) *The WIHS Equitation Classes are open to junior members of USEF or Equine Canada.*

(2) *Three riders must complete the course for the class to be included in the National Ranking.*

(3) *The same horse must be used in all phases of the event. No Exceptions.*

(4) *Only one rider per horse, unless the judge requests a change.*

(5) *Classes to be judged in accordance with the current USEF standards for equitation.*

(6) *Riders may only compete in one WIHS Equitation class at a show.*

(7) *If there are 50 or more entries at the start of either phase, it must be divided as under HU108.4 ("California Split"). In this case, EQ103.3 will not apply. If either phase is double pinned, then the overall results must also be double pinned. Points will be awarded based on the number of riders in the largest phase after any split, however for calculation purposes the maximum differential between the two phases will be no more than ten riders of the lesser section.*

e. WIHS Pony Equitation: To be shown over a course of not less than 6 obstacles. Fence heights: 2'3" for ponies not exceeding 12.2 hands; 2'6" for ponies over 12.2 hands and not exceeding 13.2 hands; and 3' for ponies over 13.2 hands and not exceeding 14.2 hands. If an in and out is used, the suggested distance for small ponies is 20', for medium ponies is 22' and for large ponies is 24'. The distance must be altered for each height division. A maximum of 20 riders may be asked to return to show at the walk, trot and canter and to perform any additional tests at the judge's discretion. Conventional tack per EQ 109.2.

f. WIHS Equitation: Conventional tack per JP111. Only running martingales used in the conventional manner is permitted in the Jumper Phase. Boots and conservative colored bandages are permitted in both phases.

(1) *Hunter Phase - To be shown over a minimum of 8 jumps at 3'6". It is recommended that the course be a straight forward hunter course consisting of natural jumps, including a combination, hunter lines, and a long approach to a single jump. A numerical score will be given.*

(2) *Jumper Phase - The course should be of the type used in a High Junior Jumper competition. To be shown over a minimum of 10 jumps at 1.10 m (3'7"). A minimum of two double or one triple combination are required. There must be at least two changes of direction after the first fence. In addition, at least two of the following are required and more are recommended: vertical - no ground lines; Liverpool; narrow jump - minimum width 8'; one or more of the following - triple bar, swedish oxer, fan jump.*

A Time Allowed will be used based on a speed of 360 yards per minute. The judge will give a numerical score for each competitor's round. The announcer

will announce the judge's numerical score and then deduct time faults as follows: one point for each commenced second over the Time Allowed.

A FINAL SCORE BELOW ZERO MAY NOT BE GIVEN.

(3) *Two Phase Event - Hunter & Jumper - Each phase to be conducted under their own specifications and pinned separately, as well as an overall placing.*

(a) *Both Hunter & Jumper Phases to be scored under the numerical system. Scores from each phase will be added together to determine the overall winner. In the event of a tie for any placing, the tie will remain.*

(b) *Scores from the first phase will determine the order of go in the second phase. The highest scores will return last; riders may volunteer to move up in the order.*

(c) *One or more judges may be used in any combination.*

(d) *National Ranking points will be awarded based on the OVERALL placing only.*

g. Procedures for the WIHS Equitation Finals: Held at the Washington International Horse Show in October

(1) *Judging - All three phases of the Finals will be judged under the Open Numerical Scoring system by three panels of two judges seated in three separate locations. Each panel may include one high performance jumper rider, provided that the rider has either judged the East or West Coast Finals of the USEF Talent Search class or held a Hunter Seat Equitation Judges' Card within the last ten years. Each panel shall submit a single score, and the three separate scores will be averaged to produce a final score for each rider for each phase.*

(2) *Hunter Phase - The Hunter Phase will be held first. The order of go shall be determined by a random draw. The score will be announced. The top ten finishers will return to the ring, mounted, for awards at the conclusion of the Hunter Phase.*

(3) *Jumper Phase - The order of go for the Jumper Phase will be in reverse order of the Hunter Phase with the winner of the Hunter Phase competing last. An audible tone will be used to start competitors. A Time Allowed based on a speed of 360 yards per minute will be applied. The score will be announced. Time Faults, if any, for exceeding the Time Allowed will be deducted from the judges' original score, with one point being deducted for each commenced second over the Time Allowed.*

(4) *Third Phase - The scores from the Hunter & Jumper Phases will be added together to determine the ten riders who will participate in the Third Phase. The combined score will determine the order of go, with the highest scoring rider competing last. These ten riders will change horses. The order of change will be random draw. The top five (5) will draw among themselves and the bottom five (5) will draw among themselves. In determining the ten riders for the Third Phase in the event of a tie, the higher score in the*

Jumper Phase will determine the order. Riders in the Third Phase will negotiate the Jumper Phase course. There will be neither a starting tone nor a Time Allowed in the Third Phase. A score will be given by the judges in the Third Phase, but will not be announced until the conclusion of the class.

Once the riders have changed horses for the Third Phase and before the first rider in the Third Phase has entered the arena to compete, there will be a 3-minute period during which riders may work on the flat. Should any rider feel that the horse on which they will compete in the Third Phase is unsound to the extent it will impair the horse's ability to perform the Third Phase, that rider must petition the panel of veterinarians who will be available to assess the soundness of any questioned horse. The panel's decision regarding the fitness of a questioned horse to compete will be final.

Should a horse be declared unfit to compete in the Third Phase, the rider who qualified that horse will be eliminated from the Third Phase and automatically placed 10th. The Show Steward will then draw by lot 1 of the 8 remaining riders (not to include the rider who was to ride the eliminated horse in the Third Phase). The rider drawn will then change its switched mount with the horse qualified by the rider who was switched to the unfit horse. In the event that more than one horse is declared unfit to compete, this procedure will be repeated in each instance. In the case of multiple eliminated riders due to unsoundness, the combined score of the first 2 rounds of the Finals will determine their final placing.

EQ113 Tests From Which Judges Must Choose. [Chapter EQ. Equitation Division] **Effective 12/1/09:**

Tests may be performed either collectively or individually but no other tests may be used. Instructions must be publicly announced. A judge may ask riders to re-jump an abbreviated or shortened form of the original course. NOTE: In Hunter Seat Medal classes, any exhibitor who does not participate in the testing is placed last of those competitors called back to test. Should more than one exhibitor fail to return for testing they will be placed at the judge's discretion. If exhibitors are called back collectively to test, they must remain in the ring until all exhibitors have completed the test. Equitation tests must not have exhibitors trotting or cantering through in gate or out gate. Obstacles jumped in an equitation test must have been included in the original course.

1. ~~Halt (4 to 6 seconds) or halt and back.~~ **Halt (4 to 6 seconds) or halt and back.** *When riders working collectively are asked to halt and then back, they must not be penalized if they walk forward a few steps and halt after backing.*

[...]

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

EQ115 Course Designers. [Chapter EQ. Equitation Division] **Add new and renumber remaining, effective 12/1/09:**

1. *The licensed Hunter Course Designer, or his designated representative, must be present during all Hunter Seat Equitation classes for which he has responsibility and must oversee the courses are properly set for the competition. Course Designer should be available to report to the judge at any time. (Exception: breed restricted competitions and open competitions with 50% or more breed specific classes.)*

2. *A minimum of an "r" license is required to officiate alone at an "A" or "AA" licensed competition with a Hunter class offering up to \$4,999 in prize money.*

3. *A "R" license is required to officiate in any class at an "A" or "AA" licensed competition offering \$5,000 or more in prize money.*

EQ128 Tests from which judges must choose. [Chapter EQ. Equitation Division] **Effective 12/1/09:**

Tests can be performed either collectively or individually but no other tests may be used. Instructions must be publicly announced. If a pattern is used, it must be posted at least 1 hour before the class. A pattern is defined as two or more tests. Reining patterns may be used.

12. *Circles at either a jog or lope are permitted.*

CHAPTER EV – EVENTING DIVISION

EV106 Entries - Withdrawals. [Chapter EV. Eventing Division] **Effective 12/1/09:**

4. **CLOSING DATE.** The closing date for entries will be four weeks after the opening date. This date must be published in the prize list of the competition. In the case of insufficient entries, the organizer may extend the closing date. ~~Those entries received after the closing date, either the original published date or the extended date will not be accepted.~~ **accept post-entries.** *If this is done, the organizer may charge an additional fee for the entries made after the original date, not to exceed an amount equal to the original entry fee. Entries received after this will not be accepted.*

EV139 Cross-Country Courses. [Chapter EV. Eventing Division] **Effective 12/1/09:**

2. **DISTANCES AND SPEEDS.** The distances and the speeds demanded are determined by the intended difficulty of the whole Test. Within the limits shown in Appendix 2, Course Designers may choose the distances and speeds most suitable to the terrain and to the quality and standard of preparation of the competitors. **The number of jumping efforts shall not exceed 1 per every 100m commenced.**

EV140 Cross-Country Obstacles. [Chapter EV. Eventing Division] **Effective 12/1/09:**

8. ~~Obstacles constructed after December 1, 2008, for which approved frangible technology is appropriate, shall be constructed using this technology. Obstacles constructed prior to December 1, 2008 and for which the use of approved frangible technology is appropriate shall be retrofit using this technology prior to December 1, 2009.~~ **Obstacles for which approved frangible technology is appropriate shall be constructed using this technology, or shall be retrofitted using this technology.** All open oxers at the Preliminary level and above must be constructed using Approved Frangible technology. Information on the appropriate applications of Frangible Technology in cross-country fence construction is available in the USEA Cross-Country Obstacle Design Guidelines. Frangible Technology may be installed only by or under the supervision of Course Designers/course builders who have attended a USEA Seminar on Frangible fence construction.

EV173 Technical Delegate. [Chapter EV. Eventing Division] **Effective 12/1/09:**

2. DUTIES.

i. The Technical Delegate shall submit all of the information (course maps, measurements, distances, time requirements and safety recommendations) received from the Course Designer, with the Technical Delegate's report. This will become part of the official record of the Event. See EV175.2d.

CHAPTER HU – HUNTER DIVISION

HU112 General. [Chapter HU. Hunter Division. Subchapter HU-2 Division of Sections or Classes] **Effective 12/1/09:**

3. Prize money in all rated classes at all licensed competitions must be distributed as follows: 30% for 1st, 22% for 2nd, 15% for 3rd, with the balance to be distributed at competition management's discretion.
[...]

~~5.~~ **6.** At a single A, B, C, or local rated competition **all licensed competitions**, if the regular working hunter section has less than three entries, it must be combined with the second year green (or with green if combined or not originally offered split).

a. If, after combining, there are still less than three entries in the combined section, it may be further combined with the first year green section.

b. If combined green sections have less than three entries, then they must be combined with regular working hunter.

~~b.~~ **c.** A horse that is eligible for more than one section must be declared and compete in only one.

~~e.~~ **d.** Horses will jump the respective height for the entered section.

~~e.~~ If different amounts of prize money were offered in the original sections, the largest amount must be awarded the new, combined class. ~~Classes at "AA" rated competitions may not be combined.~~

HU124 Pony Hunter. [Chapter HP. Hunter Pony Division] **Effective 12/1/09:**

2. Distances.

b. If the distance between fences is less than ~~72'~~ **100'**, the distance must be adjusted for each height section.

HU126 Equipment. [Chapter HU. Hunter Division] **Effective 12/1/09:**

5. No exhibitor may carry a whip longer than 30" while competing.

HU131 General. [Chapter HU. Hunter Division. Subchapter HU-5 Judging.] **Effective 12/1/09:**

6. In cases of broken equipment, the competitor may either continue without penalty or stop and correct the difficulty, in which case he will be penalized ~~3 faults as if it was a refusal.~~ In case of loss of shoe, rider may either continue without penalty or be eliminated.

HU132 Soundness. [Chapter HU. Hunter Division] **Effective 12/1/09:**

All horses must be serviceably sound. All horses being considered for an award must be jogged for soundness with rider dismounted. **In classes restricted to junior riders, a junior must jog the animal for soundness.** (Exception: Under Saddle classes, unrated classes and classes at Local Competitions.) Horses that are not serviceably sound are ineligible for an award, including under saddle classes.

HU136 Pony Hunter. [Chapter HP. Hunter Pony Division. Subchapter HP-5 Judging.] **Effective 12/1/09:**

Manners and suitability of a pony for the rider are emphasized in all classes. Extreme speed is penalized. ~~Suitability of a pony for a rider is determined by the performance of the animal and the size of the rider.~~ Judges may penalize but not necessarily eliminate an entry not having such manners and suitability.

HU146 Hunter Classics. [Chapter HU. Hunter Division] **Effective 12/1/09:**

1. Any competition may offer a Classic, however only those competitions with an "A" or "B" rated Hunter section will receive bonus points towards Horse of Year Awards. If a "C" rated Hunter section offers a Classic, points will count for Zone awards only. A section with an "A" rating must offer at least \$1000 in a Hunter Classic, and a section with a "B" rating must offer at least \$500. Entry fees retained by management in "A" rated Hunter Classics may not exceed 10% of prize money offered in the Classic. To be eligible, the horses must have entered, shown and completed the course in at least two classes in the Hunter section. For all Hunter

Classics in A, B, or C rated sections at all A, B or C rated shows, the Classic must be conducted as a two round class. A designated class of the specified Hunter section may be counted as the first round of the Classic. The second round may not be another designated class in the Hunter section, but must be held as separate round. If a designated class is used as first round, each round to count 50%. At least the top 12 if available or 25% of the first round entries will return over a second course. If a horse or pony is eliminated in the first round of competition they may not return for the second round. If possible, eight places to be awarded. The Hunter Classic does not count toward the minimum number of classes required for the section's rating, however bonus points will be awarded toward the Horse of the Year Awards in the horse's respective section. The bonus points are as follows: 1st—20, 2nd—16, 3rd—14, 4th—12, 5th—10, 6th—8, 7th—6, 8th—5, 9th—4, 10th—3, 11th—2, 12th—1 point. "B" and "C" rated Classics will receive the points listed above. "A" rated Classics will receive 4 times the points listed above. "AA" rated Classics will receive 5 times the points listed above. All horses being considered for an award must be serviceably sound. *(Exception: For Junior Hunter Classics, if one of the required classes in the Junior Hunter section is used as a class, at least the top 20 will be qualified to return for the second round.)*

[...]

10. If more than 30 horses are entered in a Junior Hunter Classic, the classic must be split.

HU155 Course Designers. [Chapter HU. Hunter Division] **Effective 12/1/09:**

1. The licensed Hunter Course Designer, or his designated representative, must be present during all Hunter and Hunter Seat Equitation classes for which he has responsibility and over sees the courses are properly set for the competition. Course Designer should be available to report to the judge at any time. (Exception: breed restricted competitions and open competitions with 50% or more breed restricted classes.)

2. A minimum of an "r" license is required to officiate alone at an "A" or "AA" rated competition with a Hunter class offering up to \$4,999 in prize money.

3. A "R" licenses is required to officiate in any class offering \$5,000 or more in prize money.

HU159 Entry Fees. [Chapter HU. Hunter Division] **Effective 12/1/09:**

3. For any division offering \$5,000 or more per section in prize money, management must limit the entry fee to no more than 10% of the prize money offered.

HU160 Scheduling. [Chapter HU. Hunter Division] **Effective 12/1/09:**

1. "A" rated Hunter sections may be held and judged on one or more days. If held on one day "A" divisions would be limited to four classes per division (3 over fences

and 1 under saddle). If held on two or more days, four to six performance classes must be offered (Exception: Pony Hunter and Junior Hunter sections).

b. "A" rated competitions must be held and judged over a minimum of three days on the same competition grounds. A minimum of five "A" rated hunter sections must be offered and a minimum of two performance classes from two different "A" rated Hunter sections must be scheduled and judged on each of the three days. "A" rated Hunter sections must be held and judged over two or more days. (Exception: pony hunter sections). *A minimum of \$5,000 in prize money, must be offered in the "A" rated Hunter sections of a "A" competition. A maximum of \$2,000 of Hunter Classic prize money can be used towards calculating the \$5,000 of required prize money for an "A" rated competition. An "A" rated competition's rating may only be changed if add backs are offered and the competition awards a minimum of \$18,001 in prize money in the "A" rated Hunter sections. In addition, the competition must meet the scheduling requirements for an "AA" competition.*

c. "AA" rated competitions must be held and judged over a minimum of five (5) days on the same competition grounds. A minimum of five "A" rated Hunter sections must be offered and a minimum of two performance classes from two different "A" rated Hunter sections must be scheduled and judged on four of the five days. "A" rated Hunter sections must be held on two or more days. A minimum of ~~\$18,001~~ \$25,000 in prize money must be awarded offered in the "A" rated Hunter sections of an "AA" competition. *A maximum of \$5,000 of Hunter Classic prize money can be used towards calculating the \$25,000 of required prize money for an "A" rated competition. Exception: "AA" rated competitions guaranteeing a minimum of \$18,001 in prize money and offering add back in "A" rated Hunter sections, prize money offered in Hunter Classics will not count as part the required \$18,001 in prize money that must be awarded.*

HU162 Prize Money. [Chapter HU. Hunter Division] **Effective 12/1/09:**

No more than 60% of the prize money in the required classes for an "A" rated section may be offered on any one day, *exception: "A" rated sections in which all required classes are held on one day.* Prize money offered in Model classes and Classics at "AA" rated competitions guaranteeing a minimum of \$18,001 in prize money and offering add back in "A" rated Hunter sections does not count toward the minimum prize money required for a section's rating nor is it considered for purposes of determining 60% to be offered.

HU183 Pony Hunter. [Chapter HP. Hunter Pony Division. Subchapter HP-7. Pony Finals] **Effective 12/1/09:**

2. Eligibility.

b. Green Pony Hunters ~~qualified~~ qualify by winning a Championship or Reserve Championship in an "A" or "AA" rated Green Pony Hunter section between

December 1 and July 1 of the current competition year. ~~A Green Pony Hunter who has qualified for the Finals in the Green Pony Hunter Section must compete in the Finals in the Green Hunter Pony section. A Green Hunter Pony who has qualified for the Finals in the *Green Hunter Pony section* and Regular Pony Hunter section may compete in either the Green Hunter Pony section or the Regular Hunter Pony Finals, but may not compete in both. Green Pony Hunters must declare the section in which they will compete when completing their entry blank. Green Pony Hunters that receive a Championship or Reserve Championship in an "A" rated competition after July 1 are not qualified for the Regular Pony Hunter section for the finals in the next competition year. They must qualify in the Regular Pony Hunter section after July 1 in order to be qualified for the next competition year.~~

HU186 Hunter Breeding. [Chapter HB. Hunter Breeding Division] **Effective 12/1/09:**

2. Class Specifications.
- a. Breeding classes are judged on conformation, way of moving, quality, substance, soundness and suitability to become or in the case of sires and dams apparent ability to produce or beget hunters. Possible inheritable conformational defects are only to be considered in the case of sires and dams or prospective sires and dams. Horses are to be judged for conformation before being walked and/or trotted. Broodmares and weanlings are to walk. Yearlings, Two year-olds and Three year-olds are to walk and trot. Horses that are not sound are ineligible for an award. ~~Each class in this section is to have one set of points. Multiple hunter breeding divisions are not permitted at the same competition except USEF approved championship and/or USEF approved special classes.~~ Entries should be lined up in the order of preference before the ribbons are pinned. ***A competition may not offer more than 2 hunter breeding divisions to count for HOTA awards for any one competition. Each division must be judged by a different judge(s). The judge(s) from one section may not confer with the judge(s) from the other section until the judging is completed, exception learner judges. Learner judges may only accompany judge(s) in one section. Judges will only be in the ring when judging their division. Each division must be held separately. If available, separate areas are preferred. Additional classes and championships may be offered but will not count towards Horse of the Year points. The prize list must clearly state which classes count for Horse of the Year points.***
- [...]
5. Special Rating Requirements.
- c. Championship points based on the aggregate number of horses in the rated classes of the Hunter Breeding section.

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| Aggregate Number | Champion | Reserve |
| 1 - 2 | 2 points | 1 point |

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| 4 3-14 | 5 points | 3 points |
| 15 or more | 10 points | 6 points |

HU187 Pony Hunter Breeding. [Chapter HU. Hunter Division Subchapter HU-12 Hunter & Pony Hunter Breeding] **Effective 12/1/09:**

2. ***Ponies in the Pony Hunter Breeding Division are not required to have a measurement card. However, a pony may be subject to measurement by the show steward to verify a height that does not exceed 14.2 hands (see subchapter HU-10).***
3. 2- Pony Hunter Breeding classes will only accumulate Federation Horse of the Year Points from January 1 to November 30 of the current competition year. (See ~~GR907~~ ***GR1115.***)

HU188 General. [Chapter HU. Hunter Division Subchapter HU-13 USHJA International Hunter Derby] **Effective 12/1/09:**

8. The prize money offered in this class does not count to determine the overall rating of the competition. ***Exception: "AA" rated competitions offering \$25,000 or more in prize money and "A" competitions offering \$5,000 or more in prize money.***

Hunter Appendix A: Hunter Schooling Rules. [Chapter HU. Hunter Division] **Effective 12/1/09:**

4. ***Guide rails are used to keep a horse straight, not to be confused with a landing rail, which the horse actually jumps over. If guide rails are used on the landing side of a jump, the closest part of the rail must be a minimum of 9 feet from the jump.*** Guide rails must not be touching the obstacle being jumped.
5. If one ground line is used it must be on the take-off side.
6. Coolers may be placed on a vertical or front side of an oxer.
7. ***No whip with a length exceeding 45" total length may be used while schooling on the flat.***
8. ***No one may hold or touch a standard while it is being jumped.***

CHAPTER JP – JUMPER DIVISION

JP105 Officials. [Chapter JP. Jumper Division] **Effective 12/1/09:**

1. Judges.
 - d. In all classes with prize money of \$5,000 or more ***and in the main Jumper ring at USEF Jumper Rating 3 competitions or higher,*** a single judge may serve in no more than 2 of the following capacities: Judge, electric timer operator, announcer, or starter.

JP106 Equipment and Personnel. [Chapter JP. Jumper Division] **Effective 12/1/09:**

1. Timing Equipment. Automatic timing equipment with a time out function must be used at competitions offering over \$2,500 in their jumper division, ~~and at competitions offering over \$1,000 in the Amateur Owner, Junior or Amateur Owner/Junior Jumper section(s).~~

- a. A count-down clock, indicating the remaining time available to start following the audible tone and visible to the rider, must be in use for any class offering ~~\$5,000~~ \$2,500 or more in prize money.
- b. For a list of companies that provide electrical timing equipment on a rental basis, contact the Federation office.

[...]

3. Backup Timing. *When automatic timing equipment is used, one person, other than the judge with a stop watch is required. (Exception, JP150.2)*

4. ~~3.~~ Manual Timing. ~~Unless~~ *If a competition offering less than \$2,500 in prize money does not have automatic electrical timing equipment is used, management must appoint at least two persons other than the steward judge who will jointly act as timers. The Competition Committee Management must furnish each of them with modern stop watches with a time out feature reading at least in hundredths of a second. (When equipment is available, thousandths of a second is recommended.) When only one judge is needed, the competition must assign one additional person to time manually.*

JP108 Prize Money. [Chapter JP. Jumper Division] **Effective 12/1/09:**

1. In all classes offering more than \$500 in prize money, the last place must at least equal the start fee.

[...]

4. ~~3.~~ Prize Money by Section: ~~Competitions offering \$10,000 or more in their Jumper divisions with Jumper Rating 2 or higher will, in principle, must allocate their guaranteed prize money according to the following principles:~~

- a. ~~Prize money should increase as the height, spread, and technical difficulty of the courses increase.~~
 - a. ~~Horses should receive increased percentage of prize money as the difficulty of the courses they jump increases.~~
 - b. ~~For example, if a competition has two sections open to the same group of eligible competitors, 40% of the prize money should be in the lower section and 60% of the prize money should be in the section of higher difficulty.~~
- b. *If a competition offers Children's or Adult Amateur and Junior or Amateur Owner classes/sections, no more than 40% of the prize money in these classes/sections should go to the lower height classes/sections..*
- c. *If Children's or Adult Amateur sections are divided low and high, no more than 40% of the section's prize money should go to low.*

d. If Junior or Amateur Owner sections are divided low and high, no more than 40% of the section's prize money should go to low.

e. The above applies to the prize money within sections, and also to any special classes or Classics.

JP116 Sections/Classes Restricted by Age of Horse. [Chapter JP. Jumper Division] **Effective 12/1/09:**

2. Hind Boots: *Non-weighted (maximum of 350 g) hind ankle boots are permitted in classes restricted to Five, Six, Seven, or Eight year-olds. Support wraps are permitted. If boots are made of rigid leather or plastic, they may only be a maximum of 6 inches/15 in height.*

3. Five-Year-Old Jumper: Open to horses with papers indicating a foaling date five years previous to the current calendar year.

a. ~~Classes may be scored under Table II without a jump off, under Table IV (optimum time) Section 1 or Section 2; or under Table II (all clears stay equal) with or without a jump off, or under Table II, Section I or 2.~~

b. ~~Courses to be set at 1.10 m or 1.15 m to 1.20 m (3'9" to 3'11") [5cm higher permitted after June 1st] (1.15m for YJC qualifying classes) until June 1st; after June 1st courses to be set 1.15 m or 1.20 m (1.20 m for YJC qualifying classes). Speed of 350 m/m.~~

c. **Additional course restrictions:**

- (1) *Triple combinations may not be included before June 1st;*
- (2) *only one spread obstacle may be included in any combination before June 1st;*
- (3) *when using a vertical over any liverpool, the rails must be in the center;*
- (4) *no liverpool may be used as part of a combination; and*
- (5) *the first fence and the (a) portion of any combination must be set 5cm lower than the height specified for the class.*

4. Six-Year-Old Jumper: Open to horses with papers indicating a foaling date six years previous to the current calendar year. Horses competing in classes restricted to Six Year Olds may not have ever shown in Open Jumper Classes offering \$25,000 or more in prize money.

a. ~~Classes may be scored under Table II without a jump off, under Table IV Section 1 or Section 2; (optimum time) with or without a jump off, or under Table II (all clears staying equal) or Table II Section I or 2.~~

b. ~~Courses to be set at 1.20 m, 1.25 m or to 1.30 m (1.25 m for YJC qualifying classes until June 1st; 1.30 m for YJC qualifying classes after June 1st) Speed of 350 m/m. (3'11" to 4'3") [1.25 m to 1.30 m (4'1" to 4'3") after June 1st].~~

c. **Additional course restrictions:**

- (1) *Triple combinations may only include one spread obstacle before June 1st;*

(2) water jumps may not exceed 11' (3.30m) and should be in the second half of the course, and another obstacle must be offered as an option;

(3) no liverpool may be used as part of a combination.

5. Seven- Eight-Year-Old Jumper: Open to horses with papers indicating a foaling date seven or eight years previous to the current calendar year. Horses competing in classes restricted to Seven- Eight-Year-Olds may not have ever shown in Jumper Classes offering \$25,000 or more in prize money at the International Level (classes restricted to horses under 8 years of age or under excluded).

a. Classes may be scored under Table II, Section 1 or 2.

b. Courses to be set at 1.30 m ~~or to~~ 1.35 m (1.30 m for YJC qualifying classes until June 1st; 1.35 m for YJC qualifying classes after June 1st) (4'3" to 4'5") [1.35 to 1.40 m (4'5" to 4'7" after June 1st)].

c. Additional course restrictions:

(1) If a Liverpools is used in a combination, it may only be used as the first element; and

(2) water jumps may not exceed 12' (3.60m).

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

[Chapter JP. Jumper Division] 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.

Exception: equitation and under saddle per HU106.2.

b. [...]

c. Level of Difficulty.

(1) High Amateur Owner ~~classes sections~~ will have courses set at 1.35 m (4'5") ~~or 1.40 m (4'7")~~, to 1.45 m (4'9'). **The maximum height for the first class of this section, and for any classes in which time is the deciding factor in the initial round, is 1.40 m (4'7").** ~~permissible in classes offering \$10,000 or more, or in classes of \$5,000 or more when there are 30 or more entries. Obstacles may not be raised nor oxers spread to more than 5'. (Exception: In Puissance classes obstacle may be raised to 6').~~ Note: Only Amateur Owner classes set at 1.35 m (4'5") or above will be pointed toward HOTY awards in the **High** Amateur Owner category.

(2) Low Amateur Owner ~~classes sections~~ will have courses set at 1.15 m (3'9") to 1.30 m (4'3"). Note: all Amateur Owner classes at 1.30 m (4'3") and below will be pointed toward the Low Amateur Owner category for purposes of HOTY awards. **Exception: A Low Amateur Owner or Low Junior/Amateur**

Owner Classic set at 1.35 m will be pointed towards HOTY awards in the Low category.

(3) Local, or Jumper Rating 1 competitions - no minimum course requirements **and no points towards National Horse of the Year awards.**

2. Junior Jumper. A horse that is ridden by an individual who has not reached his/her 18th birthday. (See GR103).

c. Level of Difficulty.

(1) High Junior ~~classes sections~~ will have courses set at 1.35 m (4'5") ~~or 1.40 m (4'7")~~, to 1.45 m (4'9'). **The maximum height for the first class of this section, and for any classes in which time is the deciding factor in the initial round, is 1.40 m (4'7").** ~~permissible in classes offering \$10,000 or more, or in classes of \$5,000 or more when there are 30 or more entries. Obstacles may not be raised nor oxers spread to more than 5'. (Exception: In Puissance classes obstacle may be raised to 6').~~ Note: Only Junior classes set at 1.35 m (4'5") or above will be pointed toward HOTY awards in the **High** Junior category.

(2) Low Junior sections will have courses set at 1.15 m (3'9") to 1.30 m (4'3"). Note: all Junior classes at 1.30 m (4'3") and below will be pointed toward the Low Junior category for purposes of HOTY awards. **Exception: A Low Amateur Owner or Low Junior/Amateur Owner Classic set at 1.35 m will be pointed towards HOTY awards in the Low category.**

(3) Local, or Jumper Rating 1 competitions - no minimum course requirements **and no points towards National Horse of the Year awards.**

JP120 Levels. [Chapter JP. Jumper Division] 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.

[...]

3. Standards: Any ~~Open, Junior, Amateur Owner, or Young Rider~~ class offering \$25,000 or more in prize money must be offered at one of the three standards delineated below: Regional, National, or International. Heights alone do not apply to these classes and the standard must be clearly stated in the prize list. **Competitions**

must apply to the Jumper Committee for permission to offer \$25,000 or more in prize money in any class if it does not meet one of the following:

JP122 Jumper Courses. [Chapter JP. Jumper Division] **Effective 12/1/09:**

1. The term *Obstacles* refers to either single obstacles or combination obstacles. All obstacles are numbered numerically. Combination obstacles are those consisting of two or more jumping efforts, as indicated with the letters "A," "B," "C," etc. Faults are accrued at all parts of a combination obstacle. The total number of jumping efforts on a course includes each single obstacle and each part of any combination obstacles. Obstacles for jumping competitions may consist of any of the following: verticals, oxers, triple bars, combinations, water jumps, ditches, banks; as well as variations such as liverpools, fans, etc. Combination obstacles consist of two or more separate jumping efforts. For purposes of determining the minimum requirements in various jumping competitions held under USEF rules, the total number of jumping efforts will be the determining factor.

[...]

6. ~~5~~ Number of *Jumping* Efforts. Every course must contain a minimum of ten *Jumping* efforts. *Exceptions:*

- a. jump-off courses;
- b. High Jump,
- c. Six Bar.,
- d. Puissance
- e. Table II Sec 2c (see JP145.3c)

7. ~~6~~ Ratio of Spreads. At least three out of the first eight *jumping* efforts must be spreads. (Exceptions: Same as ~~6~~ ~~5~~ above). For each additional four *jumping* efforts, at least one must be a spread.

JP132 Jump-Off Courses. [Chapter JP. Jumper Division] **Effective 12/1/09:**

2. Number. Courses may be shortened after the first round and must be shortened if there is more than one jump-off. (Exception: Six Bar classes.) The jump-off course may not be shortened to less than six *jumping* efforts and must include at least one vertical and one spread obstacle. *Exceptions:*

- a. Puissance classes
- b. Table 2.IIc (see JP145.3c)

JP133 General. [Chapter JP. Jumper Division. Subchapter JP-6 Scoring] **Effective 12/1/09:**

1. Jumpers are scored on penalties incurred between the starting line and finish line. A competitor, after receiving the signal to begin his/her round, is not being scored until crossing the starting line in the proper manner *Exceptions:* JP134.1.d and JP143.8 ; *Also penalties for late falling rails:*

- a. after crossing the finish line but before leaving the ring, and
- b. before the tone sounds for the start of the next round.

2. Penalty faults include disobediences, falls, knockdowns, touches and time penalties. *No more than one penalty may be scored at each attempt.*

JP135 Timing. [Chapter JP. Jumper Division] **Effective 12/1/09:**

1. Starting & Stopping. Time is taken from the instant the horse's chest reaches the start line, or upon the expiration of 45 seconds following the sounding of the audible tone, until it reaches the finish line. The Judges have the right to interrupt the 45-second countdown if unforeseen circumstances occur *and, if the welfare of the horse is involved, temporarily excuse the competitor, allowing him to return at a later period in the class.* Disobediences, falls, etc., occurring between the signal to start and the moment the competitor crosses the starting line in the correct direction, are not penalized.

JP143 Table of Jumping Faults. [Chapter JP. Jumper Division] **Effective 12/1/09:**

- 1. Knockdown: 4 Faults
 - a. Of obstacle or standard with any portion of horse, rider or equipment, while in the process of jumping ~~on~~ *that* obstacle.
 - b. One or more feet in the water or on the ~~marking strip~~ *lath, when the lath is being judged.* ~~or~~
 - c. Knockdown of a rail placed over a water obstacle.

[...]

16. Rider and/or horse leaving the arena before finishing the course (*Exception: JP135.1*) Elimination

JP145 TABLE II—Classes scored on Faults and Time. [Chapter JP. Jumper Division] **Effective 12/1/09:**

- 3. Time first jump-off:
 - c. Table II, Sec. 2 (c) - Two Phase Competitions - The first *phase to consist of 8 to 10 jumping efforts* and *the second phase* (immediate jump-off) *of 5 to 7 jumping efforts, if any, Scores* are decided by adding together the faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the Time Allowed if any. [...]

JP146 TABLE II—Classes scored on Faults Only. [Chapter JP. Jumper Division] **Effective 12/1/09:**

2. Puissance (Table II, Sec. 6). The initial round will comprise from 4 to 6 single obstacles of which at least one must be a vertical obstacle. The first obstacle must be at least 1.40 m (4' 7") in height, two obstacles from 1.60 m (5' 3") to 1.70 m (5' 6") and one wall or vertical obstacle, which may vary from 1.70 m (5' 6") to 1.80 m (5' 9") in height. All combination obstacles, water jumps, ditches and natural obstacles

are forbidden. It is permissible to use a wall with a sloping face on the take-off side (maximum slope of 30 cm (12") offset at the base).

d. If, at the end of the third jump-off, there is no single winner, the Ground Jury may stop the competition at its discretion. After the fourth jump-off, the Ground Jury MUST stop the competition. The competitors left in the competition will be placed equal first.

3. Six Bars (Table II, Sec. 7) This is a test of power and skill outside the category of doubles, trebles or multiples. Six obstacles are placed in a straight line with a distance of about 24' or 36' between each of them.

f. If, at the end of the third jump-off, there is no single winner, the Ground Jury may stop the competition at its discretion. After the fourth jump-off, the Ground Jury MUST stop the competition. The competitors left in the competition will be placed equal first.

JP150 Classes Offering \$25,000 or more in prize money. [Chapter JP. Jumper Division] **Effective 12/1/09:**

10. Open Classes of \$25,000 or more.

b. Riders competing in open jumper classes held at the International Standard offering \$25,000 or more in prize money are not eligible to compete in the highest money class, in the lowest height section of Amateur Owner Jumpers offered at the same competition where more than one height section is offered for Amateur Owner Jumpers.

CHAPTER VA – VAULTING DIVISION

VA111 Timing. [Chapter VA. Vaulting Division] **Effective 12/1/09:**

2. A bell is used by the Chief Judge to signal the competitors on the following occasions:

b. To give the signal to start the Compulsory test and the Freestyle. Within *thirty seconds* ~~one minute~~ after the bell, the vaulter(s) must start the performance.

VA126 Penalties and Deductions. [Chapter VA. Vaulting Division] **Effective 12/1/09:**

1. Compulsories-Team and Individual Events:

e. Score of zero (0) for:

~~(12) In Team Events, all exercises following an assisted mount.~~

~~(12) In Team Events, exercises begun after the time limit.~~

6. Freestyle, Horse/General Impression score - Team Event:

~~d) Two (2) points deducted for:~~

~~(1) Vaulting out of order in Compulsory section of Team Events (not according to back numbers);~~

d) Up to four (4) points deducted for:

[...]

8. Elimination - Team, Pas de Deux and Individual Events:

d. In Team Event, approaching the horse without the intention of mounting.

[...]

m. Team or vaulter not commencing the performance within *thirty (30) seconds* ~~one (1) minute~~ of the judge's signal to begin.

CHAPTER WS – WESTERN DIVISION

WS105 Tack. [Chapter WS. Western Division] **Effective 12/1/09:**

1. Competitors must be penalized for incomplete appointments but not necessarily disqualified. Entries shall be shown with *Western* stock saddle but silver equipment will not count over a good working outfit. A side saddle shall be considered legal equipment. *Breast collars are acceptable.* Tapaderos are prohibited.

2. There shall be no discrimination against any standard Western bit. A standard Western bit is defined as having a shank with a maximum length overall of 8 1/2". The mouthpiece will consist of a metal bar 5/16" to 3/4" in diameter as measured one inch in from the shank. The bars may be inlaid but must be smooth or latex wrapped. Nothing may protrude *above or* below the mouthpiece (bar) such as extensions, prongs or rivets designed to intimidate the horse. Rollers attached to the center of the bit are acceptable, and may extend below the bar. Jointed mouthpieces are acceptable and may consist of two or three pieces and may have one or two joints. A three-piece mouthpiece may include a connecting ring of 1 1/4" or less in diameter or a connecting flat bar of 3/8" to 3/4" (measured top to bottom with a maximum length of 2"), which lies flat in the mouth, or a roller or port as described herein. The port must be no higher than 3 1/2" maximum with roller(s) and covers acceptable. Jointed mouthpieces, half-breeds and spade bits are standard. Slip or gag bits, rigid donut mouthpieces and flat polo mouthpieces are prohibited. Roping bits with both reins connected to a single ring at center of cross bar shall not be used. Reins must be attached to each shank. Any rein design or other device which increases the effective length and thereby the leverage of the shank of a standard western bit is prohibited. Anything that alters the intended use of equipment as provided for in the description of appointments for a given class is considered to be an artificial appliance.

3. Standard snaffle bits are permitted in any class on a junior horse five years old and under. 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. *The inside circumference of the ring must be free of rein, curb or headstall attachment hooks.* If a curb strap is used it must be

attached below the reins. *Closed reins (example mecate) on a snaffle bit are prohibited.*

WS125 Mandatory Dimensions of Trail Obstacles. [Chapter WS. Western Division] **Effective 12/1/09:**

8. *Bridge -Suggested (not mandatory) dimensions:*

a. minimum of 36" wide

b. minimum of 6' long

c. no higher than 12"

8. 9. [...]
