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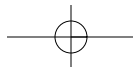
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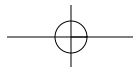
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CHAPTER 9 - COMPETITION PRIZE LISTS AND ENTRIES

GR901 Requirements. [Chapter 9. Competition Prize Lists and Entries. Subchapter 9-A Prize Lists.] **033-11, effective immediately:**

29. **GR1301.7 must be published in the prize list in its entirety.** The following rule must be published in the prize list (see GR1301.7): Minors who do not have a valid driver's license which allows them to operate a motorized vehicle in the state in which they reside will not be permitted to operate a motorized vehicle of any kind including, but not limited to, golf carts, motorcycles, scooters, or farm utility vehicles on the competition grounds of licensed competitions. Minors who have a valid temporary license may operate the above described motorized vehicles as long as they are accompanied by an adult with a valid driver's license. Violations of this rule will be cause for sanctions against the parent(s), guardian(s) and/or trainer(s) who are responsible for the child committing the offense. Penalties may include exclusion of the child, parent(s), guardian(s), and/or trainer(s) from the competition grounds for the remainder of the competition and charges being filed against any of the above individuals in accordance with Chapter 6. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.



CHAPTER 10 - LICENSED OFFICIALS

GR1074 Stewards - Category 1 and Category 2. [Chapter 10. Licensed Officials] 027-11, effective 12/1/11:

[Note: The language shown below becomes effective 12/1/11]

11. Promotion Procedures.

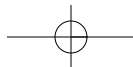
a. No recorded Category 1 steward will be considered for promotion unless the applicant has officiated as a Category 1 steward in at least fifteen (15) licensed Hunter/Jumper competitions or other competitions in the C1 group during the past five (5) years.

b. No recorded Category 2 steward will be considered for promotion unless the applicant has officiated as Category 2 steward in at least five Licensed competitions in the Category 2 group during the past three years, verified by stewards' reports.

[...]

c. An applicant for promotion as a Category 1 Steward must have documented experience of having served as **the Certified Jumper Schooling Supervisor or** an apprentice schooling supervisor at four classes offering \$25,000 for more.

d. No C2 applicant steward under 25 years of age will be considered for promotion unless he has served as a Recorded Category 2 steward for at least two years (24 months).



CHAPTER 11 - FEDERATION RECORDS AND AWARDS

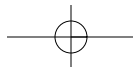
GR1131 Hunter Divisions. [Chapter 11. Federation Records and Awards. Subchapter 11-F Award Sections] **028-11, effective immediately:**

5. Increment Chart:

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

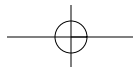
Classics. Bonus points awarded *in accordance with HU146*. ~~to twelfth place. 1st 20, 2nd 16, 3rd 14, 4th 12, 5th 10, 6th 8, 7th 6, 8th 5, 9th 4, 10th 3, 11th 2, 12th 1 point. B rated Classics will receive the points listed above. "A" rated Classics will receive 4 times the points listed above. "AA" rated Classics will receive 5 times the points listed above.~~



CHAPTER 13 - COMPETITION PARTICIPANTS AND ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS

GR1311 Dispensations. [Chapter 13. Competition Participants and Associated Individuals] **024-11, effective immediately:**

1. Dispensation Certificate. [...] Also see GR1315 for definitions of terms used in this section. (Exception: Dispensation certificates are not required for Breed or Multi-breed restricted or Hunter competitions or classes; Equitation Division classes, *Carriage Pleasure Driving Division*, or the Open Western Division).



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

AR224 AHA Medal Class Requirements. [Chapter AR. Arabian Division.] **026-11, effective 12/1/11:**

[Note: The language shown below becomes effective 12/1/11.]

2. All USEF (EC equivalent) Arabian Competitions that offer a Junior Section (Youth Division) must offer the following AHA Medal classes:

[...]

f. AHA Dressage Seat Medal 17 and Under (Refer to class specifications for the AHA Medal Classes)

[...]

16. Numbers must be worn on the rider's back, or in the case of reining seat equitation, the exhibitors may place the number on the left side, both sides of the ~~the~~ saddle pad or on the rider's back.

17. Individual work-outs: riders may ~~either enter~~ remain in the ring or be excused to a holding area.

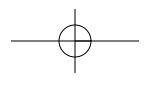
[...]

20. Markers are allowed in Reining Seat ~~f~~ Equitation and Western Horsemanship classes.

[...]

f. AHA Dressage Seat Medal class

(1) In addition to rail work, all contestants are required to perform three or more individual tests from ~~AR457. DR132.~~



CHAPTER CP - CARRIAGE PLEASURE DRIVING DIVISION

CP118 Driver's Responsibility. [Chapter CP. Carriage Pleasure Driving Division. Subchapter CP-7 General Rules for Pleasure Competitions.] **025-11, effective immediately:**

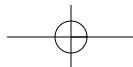
9. The Federation neither encourages nor discourages dogs accompanying an entry. Unless allowed by class rules, dogs are not allowed to run alongside, behind, or under the vehicle during competition. (Exception: CP137 Carriage Dog Class) In no circumstances may a dog be tied or in any way attached to the vehicle.

10. Competitors with a disability shall submit certification from a physician's office on a physician's official letterhead that identifies the nature of the disability and accommodation required. This certification must be submitted to the competition secretary along with the competitor's entry form. A copy of the certification must be available to the Steward or Technical Delegate at the competition. If electronic communication to the rider or driver is the required accommodation, the person communicating to the competitor in the ring must sit next to a competition official.

CP426 Technical Delegate. [Chapter CP. Carriage Pleasure Driving] **017-11, effective 4/1/11:**

1. There must be a Technical Delegate for Federation licensed open Carriage Pleasure Driving Competitions and for Federation Regular Member competitions that have more than 15 Carriage Division classes. Technical Delegates must be selected from:

- a. the list of Federation licensed Combined Driving **or Carriage Pleasure Driving** Technical Delegates
 - b. the list of ADS Combined Driving **or Pleasure Driving** Technical Delegates
 - (1) must have a Federation Guest Technical Delegate's card
- [...]



CHAPTER DR - DRESSAGE DIVISION

DR120 Dress. [Chapter DR. Dressage Division] **018-11, effective immediately:**

3. At all test levels, riders may wear jackets in other colors within the international HSV color scale, as described in FEI Dressage Regulations, Art. 427.1. Contrast coloring and piping is allowed. Hats, stocks, ties, gloves and riding boots may be the same color as the coat. **For Grand Prix Freestyle only: any single color tailcoat will be allowed; striped or multi-colored coats are not permitted, and tasteful and discreet accents, such as a collar of a different hue or modest piping or crystal decorations, are acceptable.**

[...]

15. Earphones and/or other electronic communication devices are strictly prohibited while competing and such usage is penalized by elimination. Earphones or similar devices are permitted during training and warm-up.

DR121 Saddlery and Equipment. [Chapter DR. Dressage Division] **019-11, effective immediately:**

3. For Federation Third and Fourth Level tests same as (2) above, or a simple double bridle (bridoon [snaffle] and bit [curb] and curb chain, cavesson noseband only) **The curb "chain" can be made of metal, leather or rubber.** A lip strap and rubber or leather cover for curb chain are optional.

[...]

8. The above restrictions (1-6) apply to warm-up and other training areas, however, running martingales (only with snaffle rein of plain snaffle bridle), boots, bandages (without magnets) and ear muffs are permitted (Exception: running martingales and ear muffs are not permitted for horses entered in USEF High Performance qualifying and selection trials, and observation classes). **However, noise cancelling ear muffs are permitted at prize-giving ceremonies for horses competing at any level, including High Performance classes.** Fly hoods (ear covers) that do not cover the horse's eyes are permitted in warm-up and other training areas **and cannot be used for masking noise cancelling earplugs.**

DR122 Execution and Judging of Tests. [Chapter DR. Dressage Division] **021-11, effective immediately:**

5. Errors.

[...]

c. For ~~FEI Level Freestyle tests and~~ Young Horse tests, the deduction for an error shall be:

- (1) First error: ~~4% .5% of possible~~ **from total score received**
- (2) Second error: ~~2% 1% of possible~~ **from total score received**
- (3) Third error: Elimination

d. For FEI Level Freestyle tests, two points will be deducted for each error, however they are not cumulative and will not result in elimination.

[...]

~~Penalties.~~ **Other Errors.** For USEF High Performance qualifying and selection trials, and observation classes, all of the following are considered errors **and two points will be deducted for each of the following errors, however they are not cumulative and will not result in elimination (including for freestyle tests)** are penalized as in 5b, above:

- (1) ~~Error of course~~
- (2) Entering the space around the arena with whip
- (3) Entering the dressage arena with whip **except carrying the whip for more than three movements will entail elimination**
- (4) Not entering the arena within 45 seconds **but before 90 seconds** after the bell
- (5) Entering the arena before the sound of the bell;
- (6) In Freestyle classes, entering the arena after more than 20 seconds of music **but within 90 seconds**
- (7) **If the Freestyle test is longer or shorter than the stipulated time on the test sheet, .5% will be deducted from the total artistic score.**

[...]

7. Judging a test.

[...]

b. Accuracy (moderate) should be a factor only if the inaccuracy avoids the difficulty of the movement, i.e., a larger circle avoids the difficulty of a 10 meter circle. In a movement which must be carried out at a certain point of the arena it should be done at the moment when the competitor's body is above this point, except in transitions where the horse approaches the letter from a line diagonal or perpendicular to the point where the letter is positioned. In this case, the transition must be done when the horse's nose reaches the track at the letter so that the horse is straight in the transition. **This includes the execution of flying changes.**

[...]

f. In the case of a fall of horse and/or rider the competitor will **not** be eliminated. ~~He will be penalized by the effect of the fall on the execution of the movement being performed and also in the Collective Marks.~~

g. If the horse leaves the arena with or without the rider (all four feet outside the fence or line marking the arena perimeter) between the ~~time of entry and the time of exit~~ **at A beginning and end of the test**, the competitor is eliminated.

[...]

k. After the sound of the bell, the competitor should enter the arena at A as soon as possible. Exceeding 45 seconds before entering the arena after the bell has sounded will entail elimination. **In the Freestyle, the rider has 45 seconds to signal to start the music; however, exceeding 65 seconds before entering the arena after the bell has sounded will entail elimination.** Exception: For USEF High Performance qualifying and selection trials, and observation classes, **entering the arena over-exceeding 45 seconds but within 90 seconds before entering the arena** after the bell has sounded will be penalized for an error as specified under DR122.5. **Exceeding 90 seconds will entail elimination** ~~Extreme lateness may be penalized by elimination~~ except where a valid reason is accepted by the Judge at "C" (losing a shoe, etc). No competitor can be required to ride prior to his scheduled time except as required in GR830.

l. Any resistance which prevents the continuation of the test longer than 20 seconds is punished by elimination. **However, resistance that may endanger the rider, horse, judges or the public will result in elimination for safety reasons earlier than within twenty (20) seconds.**

[...]

8. The scale of marks is as follows:

10 Excellent	7 Fairly Good	4 Insufficient	1 Very Bad
9 Very Good	6 Satisfactory	3 Fairly Bad	0 Not executed
8 Good	5 Marginal	2 Bad	

"Not executed" means that practically nothing of the required movement has been performed. In **FEI Level** Freestyle tests, half marks may be used for the artistic marks.

9. Collective marks are awarded (from 0 to 10) after the competitor has finished his performance for:

[...]

d. The rider's position and seat; correctness and effect of the aids. The collective marks as well as certain difficult and/or infrequently repeated movements can be given a co-efficient which is fixed by **the USDF**, the Federation (**USEF**) Dressage Committee or the Bureau of the FEI **for their respective tests.**

DR122 Execution and Judging of Tests. [Chapter DR. Dressage Division] **020-11, effective 12/1/11:**

8. The scale of marks is as follows:

10 Excellent	7 Fairly Good	4 Insufficient	1 Very Bad
9 Very Good	6 Satisfactory	3 Fairly Bad	0 Not executed
8 Good	5 Marginal	2 Bad	

All half marks from 0.5-9.5 may also be used both for movements and collective marks, at the discretion of the judge.

DR126 Requirements for Dressage Competition Management. [Chapter DR. Dressage Division] **022-11, effective immediately:**

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.

[...]

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 not exceed ~~0.50~~ **0.60** meters. It is recommended that the difference in elevation along the short side of the arena shall not exceed 0.20 meters.

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

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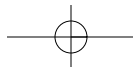
(7) No publicity is permitted anywhere on the arena fence. It is permissible to decorate the letters with flowers or greenery to enhance the appearance of the arena, **however, letters must be visible from all sides at Level 3-5 competitions.**

[...]

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

DR128 Musical Freestyle Ride. [Chapter DR. Dressage Division] **023-11, effective immediately:**

4. Riders are not required to submit a written copy of the ride. ~~Furthermore, since the ride is judged as a whole no errors can accrue.~~



CHAPTER DC - COMBINED DRIVING DIVISION

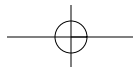
DC101 [FEI Article 901] GUIDELINE FOR HARNESS AND CARRIAGE. [Chapter DC. Combined Driving Division] **032-11, effective immediately:**

~~13. At all times on the grounds of any USEF licensed National Competition/Event, a Horse must not be attached to a carriage without a bridle, reins attached and through the saddle for reins. A Horse must not be left unattended while put to a Vehicle. Failure to comply will incur Elimination and may incur Disqualification from further participation in the event. At the event location whenever the horse(s) are fully harnessed or being harnessed to a vehicle, groom(s) must at all times be In attendance and able to render assistance if needed.~~

14. The driver may only dismount from the vehicle when grooms are at the horses' heads, or the reins are given to another Responsible person on the carriage.

15. No horse may be led from a moving carriage.

16. For contravening any of these rules, a verbal warning or Yellow card must be given by the Ground Jury. Subsequent offences at the Event will entail a second yellow card.



CHAPTER EP - ENGLISH PLEASURE DIVISION

EP102 Appointments. [Chapter EP. English Pleasure Division] **034-11, effective immediately:**

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



CHAPTER HU - HUNTER DIVISION

HU146 Hunter Classics. [Chapter HU. Hunter Division Subchapter HU-6 Class Specifications] **029-11, effective immediately:**

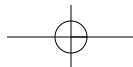
1. The following Hunter Classics may be offered: ~~3' Hunter Classic, Adult Amateur Hunter Classic, Children's Hunter Pony Classic, Children's Hunter Horse Classic, Pre-Green Hunter Classic,~~ Pony Hunter Classic, Open Hunter Classic, 3'6" Junior Hunter Classic, 3'6" Amateur Owner Hunter Classic, 3'3" Amateur Owner Hunter Classic. If there are less than 8 entries in any one Hunter Classic, it may combine with other sections **of the same rating**. If Hunter Classics are combined and a horse is shown in more than one section qualifying for the Hunter Classic, the exhibitor must declare to the Competition Secretary which division bonus points are to count toward.

HU146 Hunter Classics. [Chapter HU. Hunter Division Subchapter HU-6 Class Specifications] **030-11, effective immediately:**

4. At "A" and "AA" competitions, in sections with an "A" rating, Hunter Classics conducted using a designated hunter class as the first round must offer at least \$1000 in prize money and sections with a "B" **or "C"** rating must offer at least \$500 in prize money. (Exception: Pony Hunter Classics in sections with an "A" or "B" rating must offer at least \$500 in prize money). At "B" and "C" competitions, in sections with a "B" or "C" rating, Hunter Classics conducted using a designated hunter class as the first round must offer at least \$250 in prize money. At "AA", "A", "B" and "C" competitions, when a Hunter Classic is conducted as a separate two round class, the minimum prize money offered as stated above, must be doubled.

HU146 Hunter Classics. [Chapter HU. Hunter Division Subchapter HU-6 Class Specifications] **031-11, effective immediately:**

13. There is no limit to the number of horses a rider may compete on in a Hunter Classic. **Exception: Competitors in a Regular or Green Hunter Pony Classic may only ride two ponies per height section.**



CHAPTER MO - MORGAN HORSE DIVISION

MO106 Attire. [Chapter MO. Morgan Horse Division] **035-11, effective immediately:**

1. Rider's attire must be suitable to the saddle being ridden. Protective headgear (**See GR801**) may be worn without penalty. ~~(See GR801)~~

2. **Protective headgear (See GR801) must be worn by riders in lead line classes at all times while mounted.**

MO197 Additional Class Specifications. [Chapter MO. Morgan Horse Division] **036-11, effective immediately:**

17. MORGAN BEGINNER LEADLINE. Open to riders who are at least two (2) but less than seven (7) years old (GR126). Leaders must be a minimum of sixteen (16) years of age (GR103). Safety is of the utmost importance in presentation, tack and attire. It is required that equipment fit the rider with rider's feet in the stirrups. Failure to comply will result in elimination and the entry will be asked to leave. Stallions are prohibited. Entries will be led both ways of the ring, only at a walk. Attire of the rider shall include Saddle Seat, Hunter Seat, Western Seat, Dressage Seat, Side-Saddle, or Roadster silks. **Protective headgear (See GR801) must be worn by riders in lead line classes at all times while mounted.** ~~Protective headgear is encouraged. (GR801.4).~~ Rider and leader's apparel does not have to match. The rider should be in control of the reins, but the leader must hold a lead that is attached to the bridle/ headstall appropriate to the saddle used. Riders may be lined up side by side or head to tail. Not to mount or dismount. Entries will not be asked to back.

