



**2005 UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION, INC.  
RULE BOOK SUPPLEMENT**

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The following rule changes were among those adopted by the USEF Executive Committee November 16, 2004, December 21, 2004, March 15, 2005, April 19, 2005, June 21, 2005 and by the USEF Board of Directors at the annual Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky January 16, 2005 and the mid-year Board meeting July 12, 2005. Effective dates are indicated with each rule change.

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The rule changes will be incorporated into the USEF 2005 Rule Book, including any applicable renumbering of Rules. Revision marks (***bold/italics*** indicating new text; ~~strikethroughs~~ indicating deleted text) are included herein for your information and convenience. Rule changes are listed by rule number. **Combined Driving, Pleasure Driving, Reining, Vaulting, and Andalusian/Lusitano rules are separate documents due to chapters being completely rewritten. See on line rule book.**

**Global Rule Change** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 3/1/05)

**Change all references for dressage throughout the rule book to: USEF USEF High Performance Championships, qualifying and selection trials, and observation classes.**

**CHAPTER 1 - DEFINITIONS**

**GR103.4. Age.** (Approved EC 12/21/04 Effective 1/1/05)

GR103.4. Age. The age of an individual on December 1st will be maintained throughout the entire competition year. Persons born on December 1st will assume the greater age on that date. If a competition is in progress on any November 30th, an individual's age at the start of the competition will be maintained throughout the competition. (Exceptions: see Arts. 122, 1704.2, 1919.3, **DC110**, and 3206.2).

**GR110. Comparable Dates.**

(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 5/1/05 for the 2006 competition year)

1. For competitions with a start date of January 1, 2005 and later, comparable dates are based on a system of numbering the weeks of the year.

a. ~~The first week of the competition year shall start on the first Sunday of the year in January.~~ ***Calendar weeks are numbered, beginning with the first Sunday in January,*** the second week of the year shall start on the second Sunday, and so on.

b. The comparable date for the competition will be based on the week of the year the start date falls in and will start on the same day of the week, i.e., a competition starting on Wednesday in Week 25 in 2004, will start on Wednesday in Week 25 in 2005.

2. ***For purposes of determining mileage between competitions, quarters will be defined as follows: first quarter - calendar weeks 49-through 9, 52 and 1 through 9 second quarter - calendar weeks 10 through 22, third quarter - calendar weeks 23 through 35, fourth quarter - calendar weeks 36 through 48. Competitions will be subject to mileage provisions in effect on the first date of the competition, and the lower mileage will apply between competitions in different mileage designated areas.***

a. ***In the case of Dressage Competitions, or Regular or Local Competitions holding "open" Dressage Division classes, a 75-mile radius will apply to competitions held in contiguous regions for which different distances are specified.***

**GR131. Maiden, Novice, and Limit.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

1. Maiden, Novice and Limit classes are open to horses which have not won one/three/six first place ribbons respectively, at Regular or Dressage Competitions of The Federation or Equine Canada in the particular performance division or level in which they are shown. **Exception: See Arabian Division AR112.9.**

(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 5/1/05 for the 2006 competition year)

**GR112 Competition Management.**

~~1. For the purpose of evaluating date applications, the Federation will consider Competition Management to be the party or parties financially responsible for the competition (i.e., the entity, person or persons who will retain or disburse any profits and who will be responsible for the competition's debts and bear any losses).~~

~~2. Date approvals are issued to Competition Management and it is Competition Management which is responsible under the Rules and is entitled to their benefits, including the protection of comparable dates under GR212.~~

~~3. Failure to identify Competition Management correctly may result in the loss of comparable dates.~~

~~4. The Competition Management of a Recognized Competition must be registered with the Federation. See GR210.2.~~

**GR128. License Rights.**

*Granting of a license by the Federation does not give the Licensee property rights or perpetual rights but constitutes merely revocable licenses which are venue specific and which are governed by the terms and conditions of the license agreement and the rules, policies and procedures of USEF as the same may change from time to time. Approval of all competitions at all times remains a prerogative and property interest of the Federation, and licenses may not be relocated, transferred, sold, assigned, revised, perpetuated, limited, expanded, or otherwise affected without the Federation's advance knowledge and written consent. By applying for and accepting the license agreement, all applicants and their agents, licensees, employees, officers, representatives, and successors in interest are deemed to agree to and be bound by the foregoing, and agree to hold the Federation harmless in all respects.*

**GR129. Licensed Competition.**

*A competition subject to a license agreement for a term certain. The parties to the agreement will be USEF and the licensee.*

**GR130. Licensee.**

*Shall be the party who enters into the license agreement with USEF and is therefore financially and otherwise responsible to USEF for the licensed competition. The Licensee is responsible for and obligated to ensure that the licensed competition is conducted in compliance with all USEF rules, policies and procedures. The Licensee is responsible for ensuring that all the terms and conditions of the license agreement are met. The Licensee may be an individual, corporation, partnership, or sponsoring organization, and the license application must be signed by an officer or principal who is responsible to USEF for the conduct of the competition. Licensee may be further defined in the License agreement.*

*1. For the purpose of evaluating license applications, the Federation will consider*

*the Licensee to be the party or parties financially responsible for the competition.*

*2. Licenses are granted to the Licensee and it is the Licensee who is responsible under the rules and is entitled to the benefits of the license agreement.*

*3. The Licensee of a Licensed Competition must be registered with the Federation (See GR210.2) in order to receive approval to hold a Federation Licensed competition. Once registered, it is the sole responsibility of the Licensee to update the registration to reflect any changes. Failure to properly update the licensee registration may result in cancellation or non-renewal of license or other penalties under the provisions of GR706.*

*4. USEF will provide a copy of the renewal notice to a second addressee at the written request of the licensee.*

**GR134. Not in Good Standing.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 5/1/05 for the 2006 competition year)

a. Any person mentioned ~~referenced~~ in GR701 who has been expelled or suspended by the Federation.

b. Any licensee suspended pursuant to GR703 or GR707 or who is indebted to the Federation pursuant to GR215 or ~~and~~ GR1211.6.

**CHAPTER 2 - MEMBERSHIP**

**GR204. Breed/Discipline Dues.**

(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 2/1/05)

3. International High Performance

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h. Endurance (riders only, except as noted below)

(1) FEI Recognized Competitions/Divisions in the U.S., Canada, and/or Mexico at the ~~CEI\*\*\* 100 mile ride in one day~~ level **and above where a junior or senior rider can earn an FEI Certificate of Capability.** (Please note the exception defined below)

**GR205. Associations.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

1. Affiliated Associations consist of **corporations, organizations, associations and other** groups ~~of competitions~~ in good standing in a state, region or locality, educational institutions offering equine related programs, or other organizations approved by the Executive Committee of the Federation, which have federated together to form an association. Affiliated Associations must agree to comply with and be bound by the bylaws and rules of the Federation and decisions of the Federation, including those of the Hearing Committee, **as said bylaws or Rules or Hearing Committee decisions apply specifically to Affiliated Associations**, and must pay ~~an~~ annual dues of \$150. Any association or corporation which pursuant to the ~~Constitution~~ **bylaws** has proportional or direct representation on the Board of Directors of the Federation must ~~join~~ **affiliate** and pay dues as an Affiliated Association ~~Member~~ of the Federation and be subject to all responsibilities and privileges of **an** Affiliated Association ~~Membership~~.

Categories of membership shall include:

a. International Discipline Associations ~~and Councils~~, where the discipline ~~or Council~~ is recognized through the Federation to the FEI and the USOC; the

Federation may only recognize one International Discipline Association or Council for each discipline recognized by the FEI.

b. Recognized Associations and Councils, where the national breed or discipline has competition rules which have been approved by the Federation Board of Directors for inclusion in the Federation Rule Book; the Federation may only recognize one national breed/discipline association or Council for each breed or discipline with competition rules in the Federation Rule Book.

(Note: c., d., and e. remain unchanged.)

#### **GR210. General.**

*(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 5/1/05 for the 2006 competition year)*

~~1. Applications for competition dates of Recognized Competitions must be made on the form provided by the Federation. The forms must be signed by an officer of the Recognized Competition requesting the date and shall contain the following statement: In applying for the above dates, this competition agrees to abide by the rules of the Federation and understands that failure to do so constitutes a violation of the rules which may subject the competition to penalty under the provisions of 706.~~

~~2. The Competition Management (see GR112) must be registered with the Federation in order to receive approval to hold a Federation Recognized Competition. Registration must be made on the form provided by the Federation. Once registered, it is the sole responsibility of Competition Management to update the registration to reflect any changes.~~

~~3. Holding a competition on a date(s) other than that approved shall constitute a violation of the rules unless a request to change the date(s) is received in the Federation's office at least 30 days prior to the competition and permission is duly given.~~

~~4. Holding a competition at a location other than as stated on the date application shall constitute a violation of the rules unless a request to change the location is received in the Federation's office at least 60 days prior to the competition date and permission is duly given.~~

~~5. If a competition requests to change their location more than two years in a row to the same location, the competition will be considered as new, with no entitlement to comparable dates, exceptions: location changes due to an Act of God or written documentation of facility problems.~~

~~6. Failure to obtain the permission of the Federation at least 30 days prior to the competition to add a division, not offer an approved division or change the rating of an approved division, may constitute a violation of the rules.~~

~~7. A Federation Reining Seat Medal Class may be held at a non Federation Recognized Competition. A \$10 per rider fee must be made payable to the Federation. The class must be judged by a Federation judge or a judge licensed by a Recognized National Breed Association or the NRHA. This class is to be judged in accordance with Federation Chapter 22, Sub Chapter 22 D. For approval of this class, the Breeds/Western Discipline Dept. must be contacted in writing and a \$25 application fee must be sent to the Federation.~~

~~8. Date applications may not use the name or title of a championship that has not been assigned to that Recognized Competition for the competition year named in the application.~~

#### **GR210. General**

*Beginning with the 2006 Competition year, which begins December 1, 2005, the following procedures will be in effect.*

*1. License Application - Applications for a competition license agreement must be made on the form provided by the Federation. The forms must be signed by the Licensee requesting the date and shall contain the following statement: In applying for the above dates the licensee agrees to abide by the rules of the Federation and understands that failure to do so constitutes a breach of the license agreement and may constitute a violation of the rules which may subject the licensee to penalty under the provisions of GR706.*

*2. Any changes to the License agreement including location, dates, rating Level, or prize money, will require a license modification request with payment of a fee. USEF may or may not approve the requested changes. Competitions that are not conducted in accordance with the terms of the license agreement will have breached the terms of the license agreement, and such breach may result in cancellation or nonrenewal of the license agreement, or the licensee may be ineligible for a license in the future, or other penalties under the provisions of GR706.*

*a. Holding a competition on a date(s) other than that approved shall constitute a violation of the rules unless a request to change the date(s) is received in the Federation's office at least 30 days prior to the competition and permission is duly given.*

*b. Holding a competition at a location other than as stated on the date application shall constitute a violation of the rules unless a request to change the location is received in the Federation's office at least 60 days prior to the competition date and permission is duly given.*

*c. Failure to obtain the permission of the Federation at least 30 days prior to the competition to add a division, not offer an approved division, or change the rating of an approved division, may constitute a violation of the rules.*

*3. License Applications for competitions that USEF is unable to approve for any reason, including mileage conflicts, or incomplete information on the application, will be sent written notification by the Competitions Department and the application will be held for a period of 30 days from the date of that notification to allow the competition in question to submit the information required, seek alternative dates, submit written permission from the competition in conflict, or make other amendments, as applicable. At the end of the 30-day period, if the application has not been completed or the 30-day period extended by the Competitions Department, the application will be considered to have been withdrawn and the fees will be refunded, unless an extension has been granted by the Competitions Department or the matter is being handled pursuant to GR213. Except as provided herein, there will be no holding of applications or fees.*

#### **GR212. License Procedures.**

*(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 5/1/05 for the 2006 competition year)*

##### **GR212 Procedures.**

~~1. The comparable dates of established Recognized Competitions will not be awarded in subsequent years to other competitions within the distances set forth below provided that applications for December, January, February and March competition dates in the following competition year are received in the Federation's office by April 15 and applications for April through November competition dates in the following~~

competition year are received in the Federation's office by May 15. Applications for new and established competitions will be accepted starting April 1 of the year preceding the competition date in question; all applications received prior to that date will be considered received as of April 1. Applications for competitions unable to be approved for any reason including mileage conflicts, or incomplete information on the application, will be sent written notification by the Competition Dates Department and held for a period of 30 days from the date of that notification to allow the competition in question to submit the information required, seek

alternative dates, make other amendments, or submit written permission from the competition in conflict, as applicable. At the end of the 30 day period, if the application has not been completed or the 30 day period extended by the Competition Dates Department, the application will be considered to have been withdrawn and the dues will be refunded. Except as provided herein, there will be no holding of applications or dues, and applicants must reapply from year to year.

2. If two or more applications for the same date(s) are made by new competitions within the applicable distances specified in this rule or by two or more Recognized Competitions seeking to upgrade from a lower to a higher rating, only the application first received will be approved, provided all other requirements for recognition are met; any applications timely received from an established Recognized Competition seeking to upgrade its rating shall be accorded precedence over any conflicting applications made by new competitions regardless of the time of their receipt. However, if two or more applications for the same date(s) are received from competitions applying to hold "open" dressage classes, Dressage Competitions shall be accorded precedence over new Regular or Local competitions for approval of dressage. Competitions that do not hold at least 50% of "open" Dressage classes as listed in the prize list the previous year shall lose priority for approval of "open" Dressage. If an application is received from an established competition seeking to change its dates which conflict with an application received from a new competition, only the application first received will be approved. If an application is received from an established competition seeking to change location and an application is received from a new competition which conflicts with the application of the established competition, the application of the established competition will be accorded preference if approval has not yet been issued to the new competition. Should applications from two established competitions be received by the appropriate deadline requesting to change dates which conflict, the application first received will be approved. Should applications for conflicting dates submitted by two or more new competitions, or by two or more Recognized Competitions seeking to upgrade from a lower to a higher rating be received on the same date, priority will be established by lot, drawn in the Federation office in the presence of representatives of all interests involved. Applications received on the same date will be considered as having been received at the same time.

3. Competition or competition dates begin at 12:01 AM on the calendar date on which the first class is scheduled and end on the calendar date on which the last class is scheduled.

4. An application accompanied by appropriate fees to hold a Regular Competition or Dressage Competition must be received in the Federation's office at least sixty days prior to the date(s) requested; an application accompanied by appropriate fees for a Local Competition or Driving Event must be received thirty days prior, and an application accompanied by appropriate fees for an Eventing Competition must be

received ninety days prior, an application accompanied by appropriate fees to hold an Endurance Event or Vaulting Competition must be received 45 days prior, and an application accompanied by appropriate fees for a Hunter Breeding competition must be received ninety days prior to the dates requested.

5. An application accompanied by appropriate fees to hold any Recognized Competition must be received in the Federation's office in accordance with the deadlines outlined in GR212.4. Applications not received in accordance with these deadlines may be approved, provided the CEO or Executive Director reviews the matter and authorizes acceptance of the late application and the following late fees are paid as follows:

a. 1-10 days late \$100.

b. 11 or more days late \$300.

6. It shall be in order for the Federation to withhold the allotment of a date to a Recognized Competition which has indebtedness recognized by the Federation including indebtedness owing to the Federation or to the FEI.

7. Applications for new competitions must be sent certified mail, and post marked on or after April 1 of the year preceding the competition date in question and must be received by the date specified by GR212.4. Applications that are postmarked or are received prior to the April 1 date will be considered to have been received on April 1. Any applications for new competitions which are not made in accordance with the above will be returned and not considered. If the date applied for is available and more than one eligible application is received post marked on the same date, then the lottery procedures outlined in GR212.2 will be followed.

8. If a Competition Management offers more prize money than it has been approved to offer, so that it affects the rating and mileage requirements of the competition, the circumstances will be subject to review by the Executive Director and may result in the filing of charges of rule violation.

#### **GR212. License Procedures**

*All processing of new and renewal license applications will be performed by the USEF Competitions Department. The Competitions Department will be responsible for the administration of the process and for the approval of licenses in accordance with established procedures.*

*All USEF license applications will be considered confidential as to content. The identity of applicant(s) or licensee(s) will not be confidential. USEF may request additional information from an applicant; however, USEF is under no obligation to do so. Applicants are expected to supply all relevant information with their application. The license will define the obligations of both USEF and the licensee and are subject to nonrenewal or termination by either party.*

*1. Existing licensed dates and locations will be posted on the USEF Web site. When a date that has been licensed becomes available (New Open Date) it will be posted on the USEF Web site until the end of the month following the month in which the date becomes available. A date may become available as a result of:*

*a. A renewal license application not being received by the USEF 10 months prior to the last date of competition under the existing license agreement.*

*b. Failure of the existing competition to achieve a satisfactory Competition Evaluation.*

c. Licensee not meeting the "good standing" requirement for Licensee.

2. Complete License Applications must be accompanied by the appropriate fees and either sent certified mail, post-marked, overnight with tracking, or by receipted fax. Applications must be received by the date specified by 5. below. Applications for new competitions which are not made in accordance with the above will be returned and not considered. Applications for competitions unable to be approved for any reason, including mileage conflicts, will be sent written notification by the Competitions Department and held for a period of 30 days from the date of that notification to allow the competition in question to submit the information required, seek alternative dates, make other amendments, or submit written permission from the competition in conflict, as applicable. At the end of the 30-day period, if the application has not been completed or the 30-day period extended by the Competitions Department, the application will be considered to have been withdrawn and the dues will be refunded. Except as provided herein, there will be no holding of applications or dues, and applicants must reapply from year to year. Applications that seek approval for a License to conduct a competition on a date that has been open for more than the web posting period will be accepted at any time. All applications for dates that have been open for more than the new open date web posting period will be considered on a first received basis.

3. Renewal License Applications will be accepted for a period of sixty days following the last day of the next to last competition under an existing license. License renewal applications received more than sixty days after the last day of the next to last competition under an existing license will be considered as a new application subject to all new application policies and procedures including posting period for open dates.

4. License Applications that seek to utilize a "New Open Date" will be accepted during the web posting period. Any license applications received during the web posting period will be considered received on the same date. License applications received after the specified web posting period will not be considered, unless no application(s) were received during the web posting period. When the date applied for is available and more than one eligible application is received, USEF will apply objective criteria to compare the competing applications and provide a license to the objectively better competition.

5. A ~~complete~~ application accompanied by appropriate fees to hold a Regular Competition or Dressage Competition must be received in the Federation's office at least sixty days prior to the date(s) requested. A ~~complete~~ application accompanied by appropriate fees for a Local Competition or Driving Event must be received thirty days prior to the date(s) requested. A ~~complete~~ application accompanied by appropriate fees for an Eventing Competition must be received ninety days prior to the date(s) requested. A ~~complete~~ application accompanied by appropriate fees to hold an Endurance Event or Vaulting Competition must be received 45 days prior to the date(s) requested. A ~~complete~~ application accompanied by appropriate fees for a Hunter Breeding competition must be received ninety days prior to the date(s) requested.

6. Competition Permission. Competitions that have previously been operating with a competition permission may seek renewal of the permission pursuant to GR213.

7. License Duration. The duration of the License agreements will normally be three (3) years. During this period, Licensed Competitions will be subject to Competition Evaluation. Licenses for a shorter period may be requested. On or after December

1, 2007, licenses with a longer term may be offered. However, terms in excess of seven (7) years would require Executive Committee approval. License agreements for periods greater than three (3) years will occur only after consideration of licensee experience, the time/investment required to develop corporate sponsors, media support, and the capital investment in the venue, all in conjunction with what is in the best interest of equestrian sport. Such licenses may provide for successor clauses during the term of the license as deemed necessary.

8. Competition Fees. Application and/or competition fees will be payable annually in April for the following competition year under an existing license agreement. License fees may be modified during the period of a license.

9. Cancellation. A licensee may cancel without charge an existing licensed competition by notifying USEF of the cancellation and returning the license to USEF not less than ten (10) months prior to next competition date under the license. When a cancellation is received more than three (3) months but less than ten (10) months prior to the first day of the next competition date under the license, 75 percent of competition dues will be refunded, subject to a minimum processing fee. If written notice of a cancellation is received less than three (3) months prior to the first day of the competition, the licensee will forfeit the application fee and will also be assessed a penalty fee equal to that of the minimum competition dues, unless the cancellation is due to an act of God.

10. Ineligible License Applicant. A License application or renewal from a Licensee may not be accepted if it has been determined by USEF that the licensee has outstanding issues which may relate to financial matters, safety matters, failure to comply with USEF rules, breach of a prior license agreement, or any other issues that may be prejudicial to the best interest of the sport.

a. When possible USEF will inform the licensee of any outstanding issues in order that, when possible, the Licensee may have the opportunity to address the matter.

#### **GR212.11. Transition to License Agreement.**

(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 5/1/05 for the 2006 competition year)

##### **II. Transition to License Agreement**

a. Existing 2005 Recognized Competitions - When in good standing, a Licensee with existing recognized competition dates for 2005 may be licensed for an initial 3-year or shorter period. Licenses may be issued commencing with the competition approval cycle beginning May 15 of 2005. Competitions operating in 2005 under a permission waiver are excepted and must follow the permission process in accordance with GR213. Licensees seeking a License to hold the same competition on the same dates and location in the 2006 Competition year beginning on December 1, 2005, must submit the USEF License Application with appropriate fees to the USEF office by May 15, 2005. Eventing license applications will be processed when the Eventing Calendar for 2006 has been established. The License Application must be signed by the Licensee requesting the date and must include the exact location, i.e. facility name, street address and zip code. A Competition License may only be issued by USEF upon submission of all the required forms including the signed license application. The License application shall be attached and made part of any final license agreement. (Note: This rule will expire 11/30/05.)

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

**GR213. Competition Permission and License Application Disputes.**

*1. Recognized competitions conducted under a permission agreement during the 2005 competition year, who wish to continue to hold the competition on or after December 1, 2005, for the same dates and at the same location will be required to obtain written permission for each subsequent year.*

- a. Permissions are not allowed without USEF approval.*
- b. Permission terms and conditions must be disclosed in writing when seeking approval from USEF.*
- c. The term of any competition receiving approved permission cannot exceed one year.*
- d. The competition conducted as a result of receiving permission will not have additional mileage protection.*
- e. A permission waiver for a competition may be allowed on a one-time basis as a result of an extraordinary situation with the approval of the USEF Executive Committee. To grant such a permission waiver, the Executive Committee must first determine that the competition to be conducted under the proposed permission waiver is in the best interest of the sport of equestrian. When approved by the USEF Executive Committee, the permission waiver will not require concurrence of any licensee.*

*2. Procedure for obtaining the competition permission:*

- a. If an applicant is denied a license due to a mileage conflict but wishes to seek a permission waiver from the licensee with the conflicting date, the applicant must notify the Federation within twenty(20) days of receipt of the denial of the application that the applicant has a formal waiver of the mileage rule from the licensee with the conflicting date.*
- b. Upon receipt of such notice, the licensee with priority shall have twenty (20) days in which to either grant such requested waiver or to deny same and file a written objection to the request with the Federation.*
- c. Within twenty (20) days of receipt of the response filed by the licensee with the conflicting date, or within twenty (20) days from the date such response was due, if one was not filed, the Federation shall determine whether it is in the best interest of the sport to either deny or grant the waiver and under what terms and conditions such waiver shall be given.*
- c. The Federation shall reserve the right to have final approval on the granting or denying of waivers and will not delegate this responsibility to any other entities or parties.*

**GR213. License Application Disputes.**

*(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 5/1/05 for the 2006 competition year)*

**3. License Application Disputes.**

- a. ~~A request for~~ The initiation of a **dispute resulting from the formal date and/or rating dispute denial of a License must be made within 15 days of the receipt of the denial and** must be accompanied by the nonrefundable fee of \$750. **Formal disputes may only be filed by a party that has been denied a License for the dates, rating, or level requested.***
- b. ~~Competition date or rating applications and License disputes regarding the same~~ are to be decided by the CEO ~~or Executive Director~~ of the Federation. The CEO may consult with a Recognized National Affiliate or other party in regard to the matter under dispute. ~~in the first instance.~~ The CEO ~~or Executive Director~~ shall provide **the denied license applicant** parties affected by the application, rating or ~~dispute~~ the opportunity to be heard pursuant to written submissions only and he/she shall issue a written decision within 30 days following receipt of dispute filing, containing his/her findings, conclusions and ruling by mailing the same to the affected parties. When the matter is deemed to be administrative in nature the CEO decision shall be final and not appealable.*
- c. License Dispute Appeal Process. The denied license applicant may appeal the decision of the CEO. The Appeal must be received by USEF within 30 days of receipt of the notice of the CEO's decision and must be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee of \$1500.*
- d. License Dispute Appeal Hearing Panel -*
  - (1). A License Dispute Hearing Panel List consisting of Senior Active Members in good standing with USEF shall be established at the Annual Meeting each year by the following procedure:*
    - (a) One Panel Member and one Alternate Panel Member to be designated by each USEF recognized national affiliate.*
    - (b) One Panel Member and one Alternate Panel Member to be designated by USEF Competition Management Committee.*
    - (c) Three Panel Members and three Alternate Panel Members to be designated by the USEF President.*
    - (d) Alternate members shall serve when a designated Panel Member is either conflicted in relation to the matter under dispute or unable for any other reason to serve.*
  - (2). A five member unconflicted License Dispute Appeal Hearing Panel shall be established from the Licensed Dispute Hearing Panel List upon receipt of the Appeal and payment of required fee. The Panel shall consist of:*
    - (a) The panel member designated by the relevant Recognized National Affiliate or Breed/Discipline;*
    - (b) The panel member designated by the USEF Competition Management Committee and;*
    - (c) Three (3) Panel members designated by the USEF President.*
  - (3). The decision of the License Dispute Appeal Hearing Panel shall be rendered within 30 days following receipt of dispute filing and shall be final in regard to the matter under appeal.*

**GR214. Mileage.**

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~~3. In the case of competitions held in contiguous states for which different distances are specified above, the greater of the specified distances shall apply, except between Zone 2 and Zone 3 where the lesser of the specified distances shall apply. Beginning December 1, 2005, mileage between competitions that are in different mileage areas will be subjected to the lower of the mileage distances.~~ In the case of Dressage Competitions, or Regular or Local Competitions holding "open" Dressage Division classes, a 75 mile radius will apply to competitions held in contiguous regions for which different distances are specified above.

**GR214. Mileage.**

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7. **New Hunter or Jumper Divisions.** New competitions offering "A" rated hunter or jumper divisions or sections will not be recognized on dates conflicting with those of any other Recognized Competition within the applicable distance specified by this rule which offers A rated hunter or jumper divisions or sections, regardless of class scheduling. In the case of a multi-breed or multi-discipline competition, a question of conflict shall be determined with reference only to those dates, inclusive, during which hunter or jumper divisions or sections are to be held. **With USEF prior approval,** the mileage restrictions set forth in GR214.1, GR214.2 and GR214.3 will not prevent two Hunter/Jumper competitions from being approved if the two competitions have different competition managements ~~and the competition with priority gives written permission, to be renewed annually, and,~~ the mileage distance between competitions is at least 10 miles **and the competition with priority gives written permission.**

**GR 214. Mileage.**

*(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05 for the 2006 competition year)*

10. **Proposals to change mileage rule or rules may be submitted for consideration by the USEF Board of Directors.** Any such mileage rule change will have an effective date of December 1 of the following calendar year. In no event will changes to mileage become effective in less than 12 months from the date of the rule change approval. Proposals for mileage rule changes submitted by Affiliates may only be considered after they have been considered at the annual meeting of the appropriate recognized National Affiliate.

**GR216. Cancellation of Competitions.**

*(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 5/1/05 for the 2006 competition year)*

~~1. If a Recognized Competition cancels by furnishing the Federation written notice of cancellation at least 60 days prior to the first day of the competition, 75% of competition dues will be refunded. If less than 60 days notice is given, no refund will be allowed.~~

~~2. Competitions that do not furnish The Federation written notice of cancellation at least 60 days prior to the first day of the competition will be responsible for the original application fee, plus a penalty fee equal to that of their minimum competition dues, unless the cancellation is due to an act of God.~~

1. A Licensee may cancel without charge an existing Licensed competition by notifying USEF of the cancellation and returning the License to USEF not less than 10 months prior to next competition date under the License. When a Cancellation is received more than 3 months but less than 10 months prior to the first day of the next competition date under the License 75% of competition dues will be refunded, subject to a minimum processing fee. Written notice of cancellation less than 3 months prior to the first day of the competition will be assessed a penalty fee equal to that of the minimum competition dues, unless the cancellation is due to an act of God.

**GR218. Competition Evaluation.**

*(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 5/1/05 for the 2006 competition year)*

**GR218. Competition Evaluation.**

To the extent appropriate, additional information of the Competition Evaluation process and procedures will be contained in the License agreement.

1. **Schedule.** USEF licensed competitions will be subject to a Competition Evaluation which will enable USEF to determine if renewal of a license and the use of the USEF dates are in the best interest of the sport of equestrian. A Competition Evaluation in accordance with the USEF competition evaluation procedure will be commenced no later than 10 months before the expiration of the license agreement.

a. For licenses with a term of 3 years, a Competition Evaluation will be conducted following the second anniversary of the license. Licenses with a term longer than 3 years are subject at least every third year thereafter to an interim Competition Evaluation for the purpose of identifying possible improvements to the competition.

2. **Competition Evaluation Considerations.**

a. Has the Licensee complied with the terms of the License agreement? (License agreement terms must be definable, measurable and enforceable.)

b. Have reports filed on the conduct of the competition indicated that the competition has been properly conducted? Primary sources of reports would be USEF competition officials, USEF affiliates and exhibitors.

c. Has the Licensee made application for renewal and met financial obligations in a timely fashion? Financial obligations to USEF which have not been met are grounds for cancellation or nonrenewal of license.

d. Has the competition, as structured, received adequate competitor support?

e. Any renewal evaluation will consider entries, dates, classes actually held and prize money paid in determining the renewal level of each competition.

f. Does it appear, following consultation with affected Affiliates, if any, that continued use of the dates by this competition is in the best interest of the sport of equestrian?

g. Has the competition been successful in achieving the applicable standards (attendance/sponsorship/media/facilities, etc.) relating to that specific level of competition?

h. Do Competition Reports received from the licensee reflect a realistic view of issues that should be addressed by the licensee; and, if so, did the licensee adequately address the issues?

i. Does the conduct on the part of the Licensee reflect favorably on the sport of equestrian and USEF?

j. Is the Licensee in good standing?

k. Has this Competition demonstrated to the satisfaction of USEF based upon a factual analysis that use of the dates by this competition is in the best interest of the sport of Equestrian?

3. **License Renewal Evaluation Results.** Any competition license renewal will be subject to the mileage rule and other rules and conditions in existence at the time of renewal. (See GR212 Grandfathered Competitions regarding application of mileage that was in effect on December 1, 2005.) Under certain circumstances, therefore, license renewal may not be available. Subject to the above reservation, when a Licensee is determined to have complied with all the terms and conditions of the USEF License Agreement and to have achieved a satisfactory result under the Competition Evaluation process, then said licensee will be offered an opportunity to continue as a licensee for the same dates and location.

a. The Competition Evaluation will result in one of the following:

(1) Renewal of the license agreement for those competition dates for another License period.

(2) Nonrenewal based on an unsatisfactory Competition Evaluation.

(3) Renewal with a change in license terms and/or Rating Level.

(4) Probation. In lieu of termination, USEF, at its sole discretion, may place the licensed competition on probationary status for one year, during which time the competition must correct the License failures reported by USEF or have the License terminated. USEF will appoint the Steward(s)/TD(s) for a competition on probation; cost of steward(s)/TD(s) shall be paid by the competition.

(5) When a nonrenewal determination is made after the unsatisfactory Competition Evaluation at the end of the web posting of the "Open date", USEF may award the dates to another competition.

(6) When there is a rule modification that results in date conflicts between existing license holders, USEF may modify the existing license agreements to a common expiration date and conduct a Competition Evaluation of the affected competitions. The competition determined by USEF, based upon objective criteria, to have the best Competition Evaluation will be offered a license and the other license(s) will not be renewed.

### **CHAPTER 3 – CONDUCT AND COMPETITION STANDARDS OF RECOGNIZED COMPETITIONS**

**GR301. Rules.** (new & renumber remaining)

(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

5. (a) *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 recognized 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 Rule 7. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.*

**GR318. Dress.**

5. See DC147.2b for protective headgear requirement in Combined Driving.

**GR320. Use of Whips.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 3/1/05)

No item may be used inside or outside the ring while showing a horse (see AR106.3 except one whip per handler. If whips are allowed, they must be no longer than 6' including the snapper or lash. Exception: Harness classes, Jumpers (see JP110.2). No appendages of any kind are permitted except in Saddle Horse and Hackney Pony In-Hand classes, where a small empty paper or a small empty plastic bag or ribbons may be attached to the whip or used separately. Exception: Dressage. A **mounted rider may carry one** whip no longer than 43.3 inches (110 cm), including lash, ~~is permitted~~ for schooling. One standard ~~longeing~~ **lungeing** whip is permitted only when ~~longeing~~ **lungeing**. One whip no longer than 43.3 inches (110 cm), including lash may be carried in all classes, where whips are permitted. Competitors riding sidesaddle may carry a whip no longer than 43.3 inches (110 cm), including lash, in USEF/USDF Championships (see DR120.5 and DR121.9). Exception: Dressage/Sport Horse Breeding (see DR206.4), **Driving, and Eventing**. A standard ~~lunge~~ **lungeing** whip is permitted when ~~lungeing~~ **lungeing** a horse (see EV112.2).

**GR340. General.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 3/1/05)

(Approved EC 4/19/05 Effective 5/1/05)

USEF (the Federation) shall have the exclusive right to designate national championships in the disciplines for which the Federation is designated as the National Governing Body by the United States Olympic Committee and in the disciplines for which the Federation is designated as the National Federation by the Federation Equestre Internationale (Dressage, Driving, Endurance, **Reining**, Show Jumping, Three-Day Eventing and Vaulting). The allocation of national championships in the foregoing disciplines, including issuance of date approvals, licensing of officials, approval of name and all copyright, trademark, trade name, television, video and other broadcast rights and all sponsorship matters shall be solely reserved to the USEF Executive Committee acting upon the advice and recommendation of the relevant Federation committee(s), Budget and Finance Committee and the USEF Officers. All persons or organizations, including affiliate organizations, organizing committees and/or competitions managements, wishing to receive Federation approval to hold a national championship in the foregoing divisions must apply to the Federation in writing on ~~the appropriate~~ **the appropriate** form(s) as provided by the Federation ~~no later than October 1 of the second year preceding the event and to be received by the Federation's office no later than the deadlines applicable to the respective disciplines outlined in GR212.4.~~ The Executive Committee shall be entitled to condition the Federation's designation and granting of approval for a national championship in any manner which in its discretion it deems appropriate.

## CHAPTER 4 – DRUGS AND MEDICATIONS

### **GR406. Results, Confirmatory Analysis, and Retest.**

*(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)*

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 ~~50~~ **\$200** to said competition. Points accumulated toward Horse of the Year Awards prior to said competition may be nullified and redistributed at the discretion of the Hearing Committee. If, prior to or at a hearing, the Federation as the charging party, determines that one or more persons, not previously charged as a trainer should also be charged as a trainer, then, upon application by the Federation, the Hearing Committee may, in its discretion, continue or adjourn the hearing, in whole or in part, to permit a new or amended charge to be issued (unless the person(s) to be charged waive notice).

### **GR410.4a Equine Drugs and Medications, The Therapeutic Substance Provisions.**

*(Approved EC 11/16/04) (Effective 12/1/04)*

4. Restrictions concerning the nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs are as follows:

*a. The maximum permitted plasma concentration of diclofenac is 0.005 micrograms per milliliter.*

## CHAPTER 5 – MEASUREMENT OF ENTRIES

### **GR501.**

*(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)*

For Hunter Pony, Children’s Hunter Pony, Welsh Pony and Pony Jumper measurements for animals not possessing a valid ~~certified~~ measurement card applied for prior to December 1, 1987, see HP125-HP139, and for all other measurements, see GR501-GR 516. For Combined Driving, see DC112.2. For Dressage, see DR134. For Junior Hunters, see JH127-JH140.

### **GR502. General.**

*(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)*

1. Management shall not permit an animal to be shown in a performance class at a Federation Member competition in any division or section that requires a measurement card unless; a) the owner is in possession of a measurement card ~~or Certified card~~ issued by the Federation or Equine Canada bearing the date of 1982 or later; or b) he possesses a copy of a valid measurement form; or c) or management confirms measurement electronically with the Federation Office. At Regular Competitions, management may not give out an exhibitor’s number for an animal showing in a division or section that requires a measurement card before the above requirements have been complied with. (See GR802.2b)

### **GR503.5. Required Measurements and Re-measurements.**

*(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)*

5. All Hackney Roadster and ~~Open~~ Roadster Ponies must be re-measured and issued new measurement cards prior to competing in recognized competitions for the year 2004 and beyond.

### **GR505. Completing the Measurement Form.**

*(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)*

1. The measurement form must be filled out completely in duplicate and the number of the stick must be on the form. Measurement cards will not be issued if the form is not completely filled out and legible. Exhibitors are cautioned to make sure their measurement forms are filled out accurately and completely. It must include the name and date of the competition, the height of the animal, height of heel (except for Dressage and Dressage Sport Horse Breeding), name, color and markings, sex, year foaled which must be verified at time of measurement and designate whether the animal is shod or unshod. Saddlebred-type ponies six years of age and over that exceed 14.2 hands shod must be presented for measurement unshod (note for Saddlebred-type ponies: for purposes of protection a 1/4" pad or plate may be nailed to the foot and then deducted from the official measurement). The name and address of owner and Federation membership number, if applicable, must be given. The form must be signed by the person furnishing the above information immediately before the animal is measured and then signed by the competition officials appointed to measure. The person providing the information that appears on the measurement form must be 18 years or older and is responsible for the accuracy of such information and care should be taken that all is in order before signing. When this individual signs the form he/she is certifying that all information is complete and correct. No changes can be made to such information once the form is signed. **Any alterations, scratch outs, or rewrites to any part of the height, height of fore heels, or thickness of shoe/pad must be clearly indicated and initialed by the measuring officials.** Care should be taken that all information is in order before signing. If a measurement form is signed by a person under the age of 18 and submitted to the **Federation** office, the measurement will be invalid.

### **GR508. Position of Animal.**

*(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)*

The animal must stand squarely on all four feet in such a position that the front legs are vertical to the ground and the back of the hocks are in a vertical line with the point of the animal’s quarters (**Exception: Hackney Division, see HK102.4**). The head must be held low enough to reveal the highest point of the withers and no lower. The animal must be free of all appliances. **Handlers** must not interfere with the animal in any way that will prevent it from standing in this position; **blinkers may be allowed.**

### **GR513. Results of Questioning or Protesting.**

*(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)*

1. The measurement card, ~~Certified card~~ or valid measurement form of any animal that is required to transfer into another division or section must be surrendered to the competition steward who must forward it to the Federation office with his report.

### **GR515. Procedures.**

*(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)*

6. ~~If the appeal is upheld, a Certified card is issued to animals six (6) years of age or over. This Certified card cannot be protested unless the animal is shown other than indicated on the card. (Exception: animals six (6) years of age or over that compete in~~

~~Hunter classes that are not restricted to a particular breed will be issued a measurement card.)~~

**GR516. Conditions.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

An owner or trainer may request an official measurement for an animal six (6) years or over provided: a) the animal has never been shown in a Recognized Competition; or b) has never been declared ineligible for a division on account of height; or c) was declared ineligible for a division on account of height prior to December 1, 1982; or d) has had a bona fide transfer of ownership; e) except for those applied for prior to December 1, 1987. ~~Certified cards will not be accepted in the Junior Hunter, Hunter Pony and Welsh Pony and Cob divisions.~~

**GR517. Procedures.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

~~6. A Certified card will be issued which cannot be protested. (Exception: animals six (6) years of age or over that compete in hunter classes that are not restricted to a particular breed will be issued a measurement card.)~~

**CHAPTER 6 – PROTESTS, CHARGES, HEARINGS, ATHLETE GRIEVANCES, ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES AND PLEA AGREEMENTS**

**GR602. Contents, etc.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

~~1. A protest, charge or grievance must state the full name and address of the accused and contain a complete and definite statement of the acts which constitute the alleged violation. Precise details regarding a violation of rules are necessary. The maker of the protest, charge or grievance is encouraged to list each Rule and Article number alleged to have been violated. The maker of the protest, charge or grievance must be prepared to substantiate the protest, charge or grievance by his or her own personal testimony at a hearing or of at least one other witness with personal knowledge who is subject to crossexamination, and by sworn statements, other witnesses and by other competent evidence. The requirement of personal testimony may be excused by the Hearing Committee if the parties to the protest, charge or grievance stipulate to the relevant facts. Except as to any charge or protest which may possibly affect the opportunity of any individual identified in Art. 600.1 above to participate in or attempt to qualify for selection to participate in “protected competition,” the Hearing Committee, at the request of a party or on its own motion may excuse the requirement of personal testimony in the hearing of a charge or protest as it deems appropriate, provided however, in any case in which the respondent advises the Hearing Committee at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing that he or she will be present in person or by representative and that the respondent wants the maker’s requirement of personal testimony not to be excused, the Hearing Committee may not excuse the requirement of personal testimony of either the maker as eyewitness or one (1) other eyewitness absent the consent of the parties. The notice of hearing of any such charge or protest shall advise the respondent of this provision.~~

*1. A protest, charge or grievance must state the full name and address (if known) of the accused, must list each Rule number alleged to have been violated and must contain a complete statement of the acts which constitute the alleged violation. The maker of the protest, charge or grievance must be prepared to substantiate the protest, charge or grievance by his or her own personal testimony at a hearing or by*

*the testimony of at least one other witness with personal knowledge who is subject to cross-examination, and by additional evidence including but not limited to sworn statements, other witnesses. The Hearing Committee, at the request of a party or on its own motion may excuse the requirement of personal testimony in the hearing of a protest, charge or grievance as it deems appropriate, if the parties to the protest, charge or grievance stipulate to the relevant facts (with the exception of any charge, protest, or grievance which may possibly affect the opportunity of any individual identified in GR601, above, to participate in or attempt to qualify for selection to participate in “protected competition.”) unless the respondent advises the Hearing Committee at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing that he or she will be present, in person or by representative, and that he or she wants the requirement of the maker’s personal testimony not to be excused. In that case, the Hearing Committee may not excuse the requirement of personal testimony by either the maker as eyewitness or one (1) other eyewitness. The notice of hearing of any such charge or protest shall advise the respondent of this provision.*

**GR607. Continuances & Emergency Postponements.**

(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

1. A respondent, protestor or charging party may request a continuance of a scheduled hearing. Such applications must be made in writing prior to the hearing and received by the Hearing Committee at the office of the Federation or by the Hearing Officer scheduled to hear the matter. The written application for continuance of any hearing must be received by the Hearing Committee at the office of the Federation or by the Hearing Officer at the address designated in the Notice of Hearing as soon as the need for a continuance is known, but in any event at least ~~five (5)~~ **six (6) business days (120 hours)** prior to the time set for the hearing. An application for continuance received within this period will not be granted unless a written arrangement is made with the Federation to the satisfaction of the Federation for the payment of all expenses incurred by it, its representatives and witnesses resulting from such continuance. Any application for continuance will only be granted upon good cause shown. Prior engagements of counsel may or may not be good cause. A second request or repeated requests by defense counsel for continuances due to counsel’s unavailability on a scheduled hearing date or dates may in the discretion of the committee’s co-chairs be grounds for the denial of a continuance request. In that event, the respondent must promptly arrange to proceed with or without substitute counsel.

2. Any application for a first continuance of any hearing must be in writing and accompanied by a ~~non-refundable~~ continuance fee payable to the Federation of \$250. if received at least 14 days prior to the time set for the hearing, or ~~\$500.~~ **\$750** if received at least seven (7) days but less than 14 days prior to the time set for the hearing, and ~~\$750.~~ **\$1000** if received less than seven (7) days (168 hours) prior to the time set for the hearing, **which fee will be refunded if the continuance is not granted.** ~~and a~~ Any second or subsequent application for continuance will only be considered upon receipt of a written continuance application and a continuance fee of \$500, if received at least 14 days prior to the time set for the hearing, \$1,000. if received at least seven (7) days but less than 14 days prior to the time set for the hearing, and \$1,500. if received less than seven (7) days (168 hours) prior to the time set for the hearing, which fee will be refunded if the continuance is not granted. (Note: when the

Federation, as charging party, or its representative(s) requests a continuance, there will be no fee.

**GR607. Evidence.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

3. Upon the written request of an accused or accuser or of a representative of the Federation when it is a party to the proceeding, there shall be furnished to the requesting party reasonably in advance of the hearing copies of any evidence proposed to be introduced into evidence at the hearing, the names of witnesses and the substance of their testimony and the notice of hearing shall so advise. *When the Federation is not a party to the matter, such exchange must take place between the parties to the matter.*

4. *The parties are required to copy one another on all documents and evidence sent to the Federation.*

## **CHAPTER 7 – VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES**

**GR702. Violations.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

1. A violation is any act prejudicial to the best interests of the Federation, including but not limited to the following:

k) *Participating in any manner at a recognized competition while not in good standing or competing horses not in good standing at a recognized competition (See GR134).*

**GR703. Penalties.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

1. If found guilty, the accused will be subject to such penalty as the Hearing Committee may determine, including, but not limited to:

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 ~~\$50.~~ **\$200** to the competition in question. Federation points may be nullified and redistributed at the discretion of the Hearing Committee.

## **CHAPTER 8 – EXHIBITORS, RIDERS, DRIVERS, AND HANDLERS**

**GR801. General.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

4. Any member or non-member who fails to pay sums owing to the Federation or who makes payment for fees to the Federation which is not negotiable will be notified by ~~mail by the Secretary~~ of the Federation of his or her indebtedness and warned that unless settlement is made within two weeks he or she will automatically be fined the sum of \$250. to be paid to the Federation; and further, that he or she and any horses owned by him or her and any horses *and/or persons* for which payment has not been made or for which the non-negotiable sums have been paid will automatically be barred from taking any part whatsoever in Recognized Competitions until payment or settlement is made of the total indebtedness to the Federation. All Recognized Competitions will be notified through EQUESTRIAN and the Federation's web site. See definitions, GR136. BOD 1/18/04 Effective 3/1/04

a. ~~If the person~~ *any individuals affected by GR801.4a* disputes that the amounts in question are owing *owed* or unpaid, he or she may request a hearing of these issues

before the Hearing Committee provided his or her written statement specifying the grounds for a hearing is received at the Federation's office within said two week period *accompanied by a fee of \$100., which will be refunded if the dispute is settled in favor of said person.*

b. In the event a person makes non-negotiable payment for fees to the Federation, on three or more occasions, he or she is, after a hearing, subject to further disciplinary action. In addition, any future payments made to the Federation, must be submitted in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, money order, or valid credit card.

**GR802. Duties.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

~~2.4 If the above information cannot be verified, (with the exception of Federation measurement cards) the exhibitor, or his or her agent, must sign a statement giving his name, address, the fact that he is in possession of the proper credentials and the reason the information is not available. Exhibitors are responsible for their own errors and those of their agents in the preparation of membership affidavits. A \$5. fee will be charged for the filing of a membership affidavit in connection with the failure to present a membership card or copy thereof. The exhibitor's copy of the affidavit will be effective for 30 days. This fee will be refunded by the Federation if the individual has properly applied and paid for membership and has not received his/her membership card within 30 days of the Federation's receipt of his/her application(s) and fee(s). Individuals requesting a refund must write to the Federation and provide a copy of their canceled check for membership. These statements will be submitted to the Federation office with the results of the competition. In the event a person files a false affidavit, the Federation will levy a fine of \$200. Upon issuance of a charge or protest pursuant to Rule VI, such person may in addition be subject to further disciplinary action in accordance with Rules VI and VII. If the foregoing \$200. fine is not paid within 30 days of receipt of the Federation's notice of fine, said person and any horses owned by him or her will be automatically suspended until the fine is paid. If the person disputes that said fine is not properly owing, he may request a hearing of these issues before the Hearing Committee provided a written statement specifying the grounds for the hearing is received at the Federation's office within 30 days of receipt of the Federation's notice of fine. The request must be accompanied by a deposit of \$100. made by a Federation member or the parent of a junior exhibitor member or \$200. if made by a non-member (check payable to the Federation); said deposit will be refunded in the event the hearing is resolved in favor of the member/non member. BOD 1/18/04 Effective 3/1/04~~

*2c. If the above information cannot be verified, (with the exception of Federation measurement cards) the exhibitor or his or her agent must sign a statement giving his name, address, the fact that he is in possession of the proper credentials and the reason the information is not available.*

*2d. A \$5 fee will be charged for the filing of a membership affidavit in connection with the failure to present any of the above credentials with the exception of Federation measurement cards). That fee, along with the affidavit will be submitted to the Federation office with the results of the competition. Exhibitors are responsible for their own errors and those of their agents in the preparation of membership affidavits. (In the case of a rider, driver or handler under 18, whoever signs his/her affidavit will be responsible).*

*2e. In the event a person files a false affidavit, the Federation will levy a fine of \$200 against the person for whom the false affidavit was filed (except in the case of*

a rider, driver or handler under 18, then the person who signed on behalf of that individual will be fined). Upon issuance of a charge or protest pursuant to Chapter 6, such person may in addition be subject to further disciplinary action in accordance with Chapters 6 and 7. If the foregoing \$200 fine is not paid within 30 days of issuance of the Federation's notice of fine, said person and any horses owned by him or her will be automatically suspended until the fine is paid.

2f. If the person disputes that said fine is not properly owed, he/she may request a hearing of these issues before the Hearing Committee provided a written statement specifying the grounds for the hearing is received at the Federation's office within 30 days of issuance of the Federation's notice of fine. The request must be accompanied by a deposit of \$100 made by a Federation member or the parent of a junior exhibitor member or \$200 if made by a non-member (check payable to the Federation); said deposit will be refunded in the event the hearing is resolved in favor of the member/non-member.

**GR804. Regulations Governing Showing Under Judges, Stewards and Technical Delegates. See also GR107 for definition of Client.**

(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

(Refer solely to GR804.16 for rules pertaining to showing under judges in the Reining Division.) (Refer to GR804.22 for rules pertaining to competing under Organizing Committees, Officials: Stewards, Ground Jurors, Veterinary Judges and Technical Delegates in the Endurance Division.) See also GR1041 for restrictions on judges.

**GR804. Regulations Governing Showing Under Judges, Stewards and Technical Delegates. (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)**

22. In the Endurance Division, the other subdivisions in this Rule are applicable unless they conflict or create an ambiguity when read in conjunction with this subdivision. In that case and at all times involving competing within the Endurance Division, the following rule applies:

a. A Veterinary Judge may not examine horses in competition in which he/she has an ownership interest, are owned by his/her nuclear family members or his/her spouse or children, are owned by his/her cohabitants or significant others or other persons within his/her household, or are owned by a client from whom he/she received 10% or more of his/her gross income or income benefit in the current or prior year or for whom he/she performed work on this horse in the past 30 days;

b. A Technical Delegate, Ground Juror or Steward may not involve him/herself in objections, complaints or other formal disputes involving horses in which he/she has an ownership interest or which are owned under any of the other examples listed above for Veterinary Judges;

c. Extended or nuclear family or household cohabitants or significant others or horses owned by him/her or members of the event Organizing Committee will be allowed to compete in said event, but such relationships should be disclosed in posted announcements at the event or orally at the pre-ride briefing; and,

d. These exceptions do not inhibit or prevent a competitor or other authorized person from asserting such conflict of interest or other issues relating to bias for scrutiny and consideration at the event. However, any such complaint or objection must be raised pursuant to applicable rules or regulations for the event and in a timely manner or they are deemed waived. This Rule is intended to set

parameters to allow a Veterinary Judge, Steward, Ground Juror and Technical Delegate to perform his/her duties at rides and should be construed in all cases to provide that flexibility.

**GR807. Permission to Compete in Foreign Competitions. (Approved EC 12/21/04 Effective 1/1/05)**

4. FOREIGN COMPETITORS: Riders, drivers, vaulters, and longeurs who are not citizens of the United States, regardless of Federation membership status and country of origin.

a. Foreign Competitors who desire to compete in non-breed restricted, National Competitions in the FEI recognized disciplines in the United States must have proof, in English, of membership in good standing from their National Federation or must be members in good standing of the United States Equestrian Federation.  
b. Competition management must request proof, in English, of current membership in good standing from their respective National Federation, or proof of current USEF membership.

**GR812. Horse Recordings. (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)**

2. Horses must be recorded in order to be eligible for National, Regional, or Zone Horse of the Year Awards. See GR902.

**GR814. FEI Horse Passports. (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)**

6. If an owner is in possession of an FEI passport previously validated by a foreign federation, this passport must be submitted to the federation for a change of nationality with a fee of \$30. Passports in need of change of ownership or nationality must be submitted to the Federation with a fee of \$30. The horse must be recorded with the National Federation of the new owner.

**GR818. Lease Registration. (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)**

A recorded horse may must be shown under a lessee's ownership provided an official lease is registered with the Federation... (remaining text unchanged)

**CHAPTER 9 – USEF NATIONAL, DISTRICT, REGIONAL, AND ZONE HORSE OF THE YEAR AWARDS**

**GR902. General. (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)**

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. ~~Exemption~~ **Exception:** Applications for USEF Individual Membership and Horse Recordings submitted at recognized Competitions on or before the first recognized day of such Competition are considered effective on the date the application and dues are received by the Competition Secretary provided the application is signed and dated by the Competition Secretary and the Competition Steward/Technical Delegate on that same day. If the horse is recorded as owned by a farm, partnership, corporation or syndication, that entry must record its name as an exhibitor registration and at least one owner must be an active Senior Active, Junior Active or Life Member, see

GR816. In a multiple ownership only one owner must be an active Senior Active, Junior Active or Life Member, but for points to count, the horse must be entered and shown in the name of the Federation member. See also Chapter 8, Subchapter 8-D. In addition, to be eligible for Morgan Awards, owners must be members of the American Morgan Horse Association, and to be eligible for Saddlebred Awards, horses and owners must be registered with the American Saddlebred Horse Association.

2. For points to count with respect to any competition, the required materials and fees must be received by the Federation office (*or by the Competition Secretary - see .1 and below*) on or before the first recognized day of such competition. ~~Exemption~~  
**Exception:** Applications for USEF Individual Membership and Horse Recordings submitted at recognized competitions *on or before the first recognized day of such Competition* are considered effective on the date the application and dues are received by the competition secretary provided the application is signed and dated by the competition secretary and the Competition Steward/*Technical Delegate* on that same day. Payment of such fees can be submitted by faxing a signed application accompanied with proper credit card authorization. Points are not retroactive.

**GR902. General.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

4. No points ~~will~~ *can* be credited toward an award unless the Federation recorded name *and Horse Recording number* of the horse *and the Federation recorded owner or lessee's name and membership number* appears in the competition's records (i.e., result sheets or catalogue) as exhibited in the name of the Federation recorded owner ~~or lessee as required above~~, *if the horse is leased, under the ownership of the lessee as required under GR818.*

**GR903. National, District, Regional and Zone Awards.**

(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

6. Horses are eligible for Zone Awards only within the home zone of the entry's recorded owner(s). However, points won at competitions in states contiguous to an exhibitor's home zone, or in Canadian provinces if contiguous to an exhibitor's home zone, will also count if the state or Canadian province has been designated as provided below.

a. Zone awards are offered in the following breeds/disciplines: Hunters, Jumpers and Welsh Pony. For Hunter and Jumper divisions for which zone awards are offered, each zone committee ~~of the National Hunter-Jumper Council~~ may designate one or more states and/or Canadian provinces contiguous to its zone in which to compete for zone points. For purposes of this rule as applied to hunter/jumper zone awards, the state of New Jersey which is a state land-locked within the zone will be treated as a part of either New York or Pennsylvania. Therefore if Zone 1 chooses New York as one of its contiguous states, New Jersey is also included. If Zone 3 chooses Pennsylvania as one of its contiguous states, New Jersey is also included.

b. ~~The National Hunter-Jumper Council~~ **Zone** committees, the National Western Committee, and the Welsh Pony Committee must submit their designation of contiguous state(s) and/or Canadian provinces by August 1 annually, to be in effect for the next competition year. If no designation of contiguous states and/or Canadian provinces is submitted, it defaults to the previous year's policy.

**GR906. Winners.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 12/1/04)

5. *In the Combined Driving Division, Horse of the Year awards will be awarded to the national champion in the following award categories:*

*Single Horse, Pair Horses, Four-In-Hand Horses, Single Pony, Pair Ponies, and Four-In-Hand Ponies.*

6. *In the Pleasure Driving Division, Horse of the Year awards will be awarded in the following award categories:*

*Single Horse, Pair Horses, Multiple Horses, Coaching Horses or Ponies, Single Pony, Pair Ponies, and Multiple Ponies.*

*a. Point System for Pleasure Driving awards:*

*(1) Participants in each competition will receive points as shown in the table below.*

*(2) The year end award recipient in each category will be the participant receiving the highest number of points.*

	If 16 or more competitors have started	Number of competitors													
		15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2
1st	20pts	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	6	4
2nd	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	3	1
3rd	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	1	
4th	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
5th	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1			
6th	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1				
7th	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1					
8th	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1						
9th	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1							
10th	7	6	5	4	3	2	1								
11th	6	5	4	3	2	1									
12th	5	4	3	2	1										
13th	4	3	2	1											
14th	3	2	1												
15th	2	1													
16th	1														

7. *Driving awards will be presented at the USEF Annual Meeting.*

**GR911 Disputes.** (Approved EC 12/21/04 Effective 1/1/05)

1. Points are final on December 15 (should the 15th fall on a weekend, the deadline will be set for the following Monday) following each competition year or 15 days following the end of the designated Zone competition year and in the Paso Fino Division points are final on September 15 following the competition year and in the Arabian and Half/Anglo Arabian Division, points are final on November 21 following the competition year.

**GR913. Presentation.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

1. Presentation of the USEF National Horse of the Year Awards will be made at *the* Federation's Annual Meeting, or other venue ~~as specified in each breed or discipline~~, as approved by the Federation. The trophies awarded to the National Champions are perpetual trophies and remain in the possession of the Federation.

**GR915AN. Andalusian/Lusitano Division.**

*(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 12/1/04)*

6. Award Categories. National and Regional awards will be awarded in the following categories:

Andalusian/Lusitano Performance - Champion, Reserve Champion, through ~~5th~~ **6th** place.

Half-Andalusian/Lusitano Performance - Champion, Reserve Champion, through ~~5th~~ **6th** place

Andalusian/Lusitano Halter - Champion, Reserve Champion, through ~~5th~~ **6th** place.

Half-Andalusian/Lusitano Halter - Champion, Reserve Champion, through ~~5th~~ **6th** place

Andalusian/Lusitano High Point Amateur Horse - Champion, Reserve Champion, through ~~5th~~ **6th** place.

Half-Andalusian/Lusitano High Point Amateur Horse - Champion, Reserve Champion, through ~~5th~~ **6th** place.

**Andalusian/Lusitano Junior Horse Performance- Champion, Reserve Champion, through 6th place**

**Half Andalusian/Lusitano Junior Horse Performance- Champion, Reserve Champion, through 6th place**

**Andalusian/Lusitano Driving- Champion, Reserve Champion, through 6th place**

**Half Andalusian/Lusitano Driving- Champion, Reserve Champion, through 6th place**

**Andalusian/Lusitano Saddle Horse- Champion, Reserve Champion, through 6th place**

**Half Andalusian/Lusitano Saddle Horse- Champion, Reserve Champion, through 6th place**

**Andalusian/Lusitano Youth (including equitation classes) - Champion, Reserve Champion, through 6th place**

**Half Andalusian/Lusitano Youth (including equitation classes) - Champion, Reserve Champion, through 6th place**

**GR915. Arabian and Half/Anglo Arabian Divisions.**

*(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 12/1/04)*

6. Award Categories. National and Regional awards will be awarded in the following categories:

English Pleasure/Pleasure Driving - Open, Adult Amateur, Junior Exhibitor;

Country English Pleasure/Country Pleasure Driving - Open, Adult Amateur, Junior Exhibitor;

Hunter Pleasure - Open, Adult Amateur, Junior Exhibitor;

Western Pleasure - Open, Adult Amateur, Junior Exhibitor;

Working Western Horse - includes Trail, Reining, Working Cowhorse, Cutting and Western Riding, one award category;

Hunter/Jumper - one award category;

Specialty Horse - includes Park, English Show Hack, Ladies Side Saddle, Native Costume, Hunter Hack, Formal Combination, Informal Combination, Formal Driving, Roadster, Versatility, Gymkhana and ~~Sport Horse Under Saddle~~, one award category;

Breeding/In-Hand - includes Stallions, Mares, Geldings for Arabians and Mares and Geldings for Half/Anglo Arabians, one award category;

Dressage - **Open, Amateur.** *(Approved EC 12/21/04 Effective 1/1/05)*

***Sport Horse - includes Sport Horse In-Hand, Sport Horse Under Saddle and Sport Horse Show Hack***

Grand Champion Arabian Horse is based on the total of all points won in all Arabian categories. Grand Champion Half/Anglo Arabian Horse is based on the total of all points won in all Half/Anglo Arabian categories. Grand Champion Arabian Gelding is based on the total of all points won in the Arabian Horse categories. Grand Champion Arabian Junior Exhibitor's Horse is based on the total of all points won in Arabian Junior Exhibitor classes. Grand Champion Half/Anglo Arabian Junior Exhibitor's Horse is based on the total of all points won in Half/Anglo Arabian Junior Exhibitor classes.

**GR916 Hackney.** *(Approved EC 12/21/04 Effective 1/1/05)*

6. Award Categories. National & Regional Awards will be given in the following categories: Open Hackney Pony, Amateur Hackney Pony, Open Harness Pony, Amateur Harness Pony, Pleasure Pony Driving, Hackney Roadster Pony (shares one award with Open Roadster Pony), **Amateur Hackney Roadster Pony (shares one award with Amateur Roadster Pony), and Junior Exhibitor Hackney Roadster Pony (shares one award with Junior Exhibitor Roadster Pony).** See GR923.6

**GR924. Saddlebred.** *(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)*

4. National Awards will be presented at the ~~ASHA Convention, or other appropriate venue as determined by the Board of Directors of the Federation~~ **Federation's Annual Meeting.**

**CHAPTER 10 – LICENSED JUDGES AND COURSE DESIGNERS**

**GR1004. General.** *(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)*

**14. All Registered (R) and Recorded (r) USEF Judges holding a Paso Fino Card must be a current member in good standing with the Paso Fino Association.**

**GR1007. Recorded Judge.** *(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)*

4. Recorded hunter judges with Special judges' cards may not officiate alone at an "A" rated Hunter ~~competition section.~~

**GR1007. Recorded Judge.** *(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)*

5. A Recorded judge may, however, officiate alone under the following circumstances:  
a) at a competition which is Local except ~~in U.S. Equestrian Reining Seat Medal classes or~~ in the Saddle Seat Medal Championship/Finals;

**GR1009. Guest Judge.** *(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 2/1/05)*

A Guest judge is a Senior Active Member 21 years of age or over, not enrolled as a judge in a particular division, to whom the President or Secretary may grant permission to officiate in that division upon the request of a Recognized Competition and for that competition only. The fee is \$50. ~~(Exception: Reining Seat Medal classes are \$10.)~~ which is not refundable. The application must be made on the official form provided for that purpose and must be accompanied by the required fee. The statement on the form that the competition holds itself responsible that the individual applied for

is familiar with the Federation rules and is capable to adjudicate as requested must be signed by the competition manager....

6. 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 USEF Medal Class, ~~except in the USEF Reining Seat Medal~~. The following are exceptions: ...

f) Hunter Breeding: only judges currently holding an "R" Hunter license may Guest Judge in the Hunter Breeding Section. **Until December 1, 2006, Registered (R) Hunter judges may receive two Hunter Breeding Guest Cards per year. If a judge receives a Hunter Breeding Guest Card twice in one year, each Guest Card must be used in a different Zone. If a competition has 15 or more aggregate entries in the Hunter Breeding Section the previous year, they are ineligible to apply for a Guest Card and must have a judge(s) who holds a Hunter Breeding License. ...**

#### **GR1012. Licensed Judges and Course Designers.**

(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 2/1/05)

**3i. In the Endurance Division, no application will be considered unless and until eight recommendations are received. All recommendations must be from licensed FEI Endurance Officials.**

#### **GR1014. Minimum Requirements for Enrollment.**

(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

2. Driving. Applicants for enrollment in the Pleasure Driving or Combined Driving Divisions will not be considered unless they are a) licensed by the FEI or the American Driving Society, or b) have successfully completed a training program planned by the Federation and/or ADS.

#### **GR1014. Minimum Requirements for Enrollment.**

(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

7. Applicants, for Hunter, Hunter Seat Equitation, Hunter Breeding and Jumper licenses must apply for a learner judge's permit through the Federation Licensed Officials' Committee. (**exception: individuals currently licensed in at least one of these divisions**). The completed application form along with the \$60. fee must be returned to the Federation Licensed Officials' Department. If the learner judges permit application is approved by a sub-committee composed of a minimum of three members of the Licensed Officials' committee, the applicant may enter the learner judges training program. The learner judge's permit is valid for three years from the date of issuance. The Learner judge must still apply for individual competitions (\$40. per competition) through the Federation Licensed Officials' Department as outlined in Art. 1010. If a permit application is denied, the applicant may reapply after one year. Specific requirements for each division are as follows: (balance remains unchanged)

#### **GR1014. Minimum Requirements for Enrollment.**

(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 2/1/05)

15. Endurance. Applicants for enrollment in the Endurance Division will not be considered unless they are licensed by the FEI or have successfully completed a training program recognized by the Federation. **In the Endurance Division, no application will be considered unless and until eight recommendations are received. All recommendations must be from licensed FEI Endurance Officials and/or Endurance Committee members.**

#### **GR1016. Special Requirements.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

5. A **Recorded ("r")** jumper judges must take a written examination every ~~three~~ **two** years and receive a mark of 85% or better before ~~their~~ **his/her** license is reissued. A **Registered ("R")** jumper judge must take a written examination every four years and receive a mark of 85% or better before his/her license can be reissued.

#### **GR1016. Special Requirements.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

11. Andalusian/Lusitano judges are required to attend a USEF/IALHA clinic every ~~three~~ **five** years.

#### **GR1016. Special Requirements.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

12. Endurance judges must ~~judge in this division at a Recognized Competition~~ **act as a Technical Delegate, member of the Ground Jury or Steward at a CEI\*\*\* or higher event** at least once every ~~five~~ **two** years or the **individual will not be eligible to apply for a renewal of his/her** license. ~~will not be automatically renewed.~~

#### **GR1019. General.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

2. **Endurance Division judges must adjudicate in at least two Recognized Events during the past four years. They must have successfully completed an Advanced Course for Endurance Officials. They must have served as either Technical Delegate, President of the Ground Jury, member of the Ground Jury, or as Chief Stewards at least once outside of their home zone (defined in AERC International Procedures).**

#### **GR1030. Jumpers.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

Recorded ("r") jumper judges must attend a Federation Jumper Clinic at least once every ~~three~~ **two** years. Registered ("R") jumper judges must attend a Federation Jumper Clinic at least once every ~~five~~ **four** years. ~~Exception: ("R") judges that have officiated at a minimum of three competitions offering \$25,000. or more in prize money within the previous 12 months may apply to the U.S. Equestrian Jumper Committee for a waiver of the clinic attendance requirement.~~

#### **GR1037. Endurance.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

Endurance judges must attend a Federation approved ~~clinic~~ **continuing education course** at least once every ~~three~~ **four** years. ~~individuals with FEI status as an Endurance official are exempt.~~

#### **GR1043. Jumper Course Designers will be designated as 'r' and 'R'.**

(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

1. To be eligible to apply for licensing as an 'r' Jumper Course Designer applicants must have officiated as the Course Designer for a minimum of two competitions with a Jumper division offering \$10,000. or more in prize money (applicants must have been listed in the prize list as Course Designer, and been responsible for designing courses for classes at Level 4 or above, to be considered to have met this requirement). In lieu of the officiating requirement, the applicant may have served as an Apprentice

Course Designer at a minimum of three competitions, under a minimum of two different **USEF "R" or FEI Course Designers** ~~FEI Course Designers currently licensed as an "F" or an "O"~~. Each of the ~~FEI Course Designers~~ worked with must certify in writing that: 1) the applicant has assisted, throughout two or more days of competition, with all aspects of course design and building; and 2) they believe that the applicant has demonstrated the knowledge necessary to design suitable courses and be issued an 'r' license by the Federation. Applicants must also have taken, and received a passing score, on the Federation Jumper Judges Examination. These requirements must be met within the two years preceding application. Application fee is \$75. A Course Designer's application will not be considered unless and until ten questionnaires are returned from members of the Federation, two of which must come from members of the USEF Jumper Committee.

2. A minimum of an 'r' license is required to officiate alone in classes offering from \$5,000. to \$24,999. in prize money.

3. To be eligible to apply for promotion to 'R' Jumper Course Designer the individual must have served as the Course Designer of record for a minimum of two classes, each offering a minimum of \$5,000. in prize money, and have designed a minimum of two classes offering \$25,000. or more in prize money, and held at the "National" or "**International**" level under the supervision of an FEI ~~"F" or "O"~~ Course Designer who must certify in writing that: 1) the applicant has handled all aspects of designing and building the course, and 2) they believe that the applicant has demonstrated the knowledge and experience necessary to design suitable courses at the 'R' level.

#### **GR1043. Jumper Course Designers will be designated as 'r' and 'R'.**

*(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)*

~~5. Currently licensed Federation Course Designers shall retain their 'R' license provided that they have been the Course Designer of record for a minimum of two classes of \$25,000. or more, within the previous five years. In cases where this requirement has not been met, an 'r' license will be issued.~~

#### **GR1045. Guest Special Jumper Course Designer.**

*(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)*

1. A **Guest Special** Jumper Course Designer is a Senior Active Member 21 years of age or over, ~~not enrolled as a course designer licensed as an "r" Jumper Course Designer~~ to whom the ~~President or Secretary Federation~~ may grant permission to officiate ~~in that capacity~~ **a class or classes for which a "R" would otherwise be required**, upon the request of a Recognized Competition and for that competition only.

2. Authority to act as a **Guest Special Jumper** Course Designer shall not be granted more than twice to any one individual. ~~Guest Special Jumper~~ Course Designers shall be approved upon the recommendation of any two members of the Jumper Committee.

3. Any individual currently licensed by the FEI as an ~~International or Official International~~ Course Designer for Show Jumping **or by Equine Canada as a Senior Course Designer for Show Jumping** shall automatically be eligible to officiate in the jumper division at Federation competitions without either an application or the fee required for a **Guest Special** Card. There is no limit on the number of times that such an individual may officiate.

#### **GR1047. Combined Driving Course Designer.**

*(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)*

1. **Combined Driving Course Designers will be designated as Apprentice and Registered "R"**. A "R" license is required to design courses at Federation recognized Combined Driving events.

2. Applicants for status as a Combined Driving Course Designer must fulfill the Federation requirements for such status ~~by the Federation~~ and be approved by the Federation Licensed Officials Committee. ~~Information on the application procedure is available from the Federation office.~~

3. **All Licensed Officials Applicants must be 21 years of age or older, and must be Senior Members of the Federation.**

4. **Minimum eligibility requirements for enrollment in the training program as an Apprentice.**

a. **Must have competed at the Advanced level at four (4) or more USEF-recognized Combined Driving events, or**

b. **Have instructed at least two (2) drivers who meet this requirement or**

c. **Show evidence of practical experience with Combined Driving at the Advanced level.**

d. **Must have designed courses at the Preliminary level or above at a minimum of two (2) different sites.**

e. **Must receive a minimum score of 85% on the written open-book Combined Driving Course Designers' Examination, which will be mailed to applicants for enrollment in the training program.**

4. **Minimum eligibility requirements to receive Registered "R" status.**

a. **Complete a USEF or FEI Combined Driving Course Design course.**

b. **Receive a minimum score of 85% on the closed-book written examination given at the conclusion of said course.**

c. **Complete apprenticeship with two different USEF Course Designers at two events at the Intermediate level or above.**

d. **Receive a minimum of fifteen (15) evaluations, at least eight (8) of which must come from the current list of USEF Combined Driving Judges, Technical Delegates, and Course Designers, and the remaining obtained from members of the USEF Driving Committee, Combined Driving organizers, or USEF members who are Combined Driving competitors.**

5. **Requirements to Maintain License. Registered Combined Driving Course designers must be the Course Designer at a minimum of one (1) course during a three-year period. They must attend a USEF or FEI Combined Driving Course Design course once every three years and receive a minimum score of 85% on the closed-book written examination given at the conclusion of the course.**

### **CHAPTER 11 – LICENSED STEWARDS AND TECHNICAL DELEGATES**

**GR1112. General.** *(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)*

1. Application must be made on the appropriate official enrollment or renewal form, signed by the applicant and accompanied by the required fee which is not refundable. Applicants for a technical delegate's license must specify on the application whether they are applying for Dressage Competitions or Eventing Competitions, Combined Driving or Pleasure Driving Competitions, ~~or Endurance Competitions.~~

**GR1112. General.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

4c. Endurance Division applications will not be considered until and unless 15 forms with an evaluation of the candidate are returned from members of the Federation, eight of which must be from the current roster of licensed U.S. Equestrian or FEI officials or current members of the U.S. Equestrian Endurance Committee. **In the Endurance Division, no application will be considered unless and until eight recommendations are received. All recommendations must be from Licensed FEI Endurance Officials.**

**GR1115. General.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

1. It is the responsibility of the licensed steward or technical delegate to accomplish all necessary requirements for maintaining his/*her* license. No notices of time periods within which requirements must be fulfilled are provided by the Federation.

2. In order to officiate at USEF Recognized AHA approved competitions that are restricted to Arabians and Half/Anglo Arabians, stewards must meet Federation licensing requirements and must *also* have passed the AHA approved Arabian stewards test, and *also* attended a special session for AHA approved Arabian stewards at a Federation stewards clinic.

3. **In addition to the requirements set forth in Section 1 of this Article, Endurance Division Chief Stewards must also attend a Federation approved continuing education course for Endurance Chief Stewards at least once every four years.**

**GR1118. Officiating.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

1. The Licensed Officials Committee will require Category 1 and Category 2 stewards who do not officiate at a minimum of three Recognized Competitions within three years after obtaining a license or for any three-year period thereafter, to reapply for a license. The Licensed Officials' Committee will require Combined Category stewards who do not officiate at a minimum of three Recognized Competitions in both Category 1 and Category 2 divisions and section at a Recognized Competition within five years after obtaining a license or for any five-year period thereafter, to reapply for a license. Exception: Endurance Stewards - ~~5~~ **two** year period.

**GR1121. Conflicts of Interest.**

(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

**10. No Steward or Technical Delegate who is presently receiving, or has received within the past 30 days, any form of compensation from a competition management firm for services other than as a USEF licensed official or schooling supervisor, may officiate at any of said management's competitions.**

**GR1122. Duties.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

2t. **To report to the Federation details of injuries relating to both humans and equines on the official Accident/Injury Report form provided by the Federation. In the event of a fatality, the Federation or weekend on-call number must be notified as soon as possible but not later than 24 hours after the incident.**

**GR1122. Duties.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

2j. 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 ~~ten~~ **fourteen (14)** days after its completion ~~the last recognized day of the competition~~, on the form furnished by the Federation. If the Federation does not receive the *completed* report postmarked within ~~ten~~ **fourteen (14)** days of the closing of the competition, the Steward/ Technical Delegate will be fined a fee of ~~\$200.~~ **\$100.** For the second offense *and any offense thereafter* in the same calendar competition year, said official will be fined \$250. A third offence *and any offense thereafter* will result in an automatic suspension *from office as Steward or Technical Delegate* for 90 days ~~and said official will be fined \$250 in addition to the fines.~~ Failure to pay either *any* fine within 30 days will result in a violation of rules and ~~will require a hearing before the Licensed Officials Committee for further penalty.~~ **the Steward/Technical Delegate will be subject to an additional \$100 late fee.**

If the Steward/Technical Delegate disputes that the report was not timely filed, he/she may appeal in writing to the Federation within 30 days of receipt of the Federation's notice of the fine. **The appeal must be accompanied by a check for \$50, payable to the Federation, which will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.** The CEO or Executive Director and three members of the Licensed Officials Committee will consider the appeal and may waive a part or all of the fine upon finding of good cause of why the report was not timely filed and/or a finding that extreme hardship results from the automatic penalty. **Note only the fine may be waived. The rule violation will remain on record for the official.**

**CHAPTER 12 – COMPETITION OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES**

**GR1201. Board of Directors. Licensee - Operation of Competition.**

(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 5/1/05 for the 2006 competition year)

~~The Licensee Board of Directors of a Recognized Licensed Competition, or the governing body in charge,~~ is responsible for the operation of the competition. ~~They~~ **The Licensee** may appoint a Show Committee of at least three responsible people who must be available at all times to act in executive capacity. It is the duty of the *Licensee* ~~Directors or their Show Committee~~ to enforce all the rules of the Federation from the time entries are admitted to the competition grounds until their departure.

**GR1211. General.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

2d. Following the holding of the USEF Hunter Seat, Saddle Seat ~~and Reining Seat Medal Classes~~, the USEF Adult Equitation Class and/or the USEF Pony Medal Class, Competition Management shall forward to the Federation a total amount representing the \$10. per entry in each class.

**GR1211. General.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

**6. Competition Management is required to submit a Post Competition Report, along with the appropriate fees, to the Federation within 10 calendar days after the close of the competition. For purposes of this rule, a Post Competition Report shall include all appropriate fees and the following properly completed forms: a Post Competition Report Form, Membership Applications, Horse Recording Applications, Non-Member Forms, Affidavit Forms and Cross Breed/Discipline Forms. A fine of \$100. will be imposed on any Competition Management which fails to pay any appropriate fees with the Post Competition Report within 10 calendar**

days after the end of the competition. Competition Management disputing that the fee/fine is properly owing may appeal in writing to the Federation within 30 days of the date of the notice of outstanding fees and fines. The Federation's CEO or Executive Director will consider the appeal and may waive part or all of the fine upon a finding of good cause why the payment was not submitted in a timely fashion and/or a finding that extreme hardship results from the automatic penalty.

67. Pay premiums *within 30 days of the last day of the competition.* ~~and Pay other indebtedness of the competition within 30 days of the invoice date. (Competition Management only).~~ A fine of \$100. will be imposed on any competition which fails to pay any appropriate fees with the Post Competition Report, within 10 days of the competition. A fine of \$100 will be imposed on any ~~e~~Competition Management which fails to pay any other competition fees/fines to the Federation within 30 days of the competition of the notice of the fees/fines owing. A competition Competition Management disputing that the fee/fine is properly owing may appeal in writing to the Federation within 30 days of the date of the notice of outstanding fees and fines. The Federation's CEO or Executive Director, ~~a special committee appointed by the President or the Hearing Committee~~ will consider the appeal and may waive part or all of the fine upon a finding of good cause why the payment was not submitted in a timely fashion and/or a finding that extreme hardship results from the automatic penalty.

**GR1214.2. Prize Lists.** (Approved EC 11/16/04) (Effective 12/1/04)

2. If the prize list is not received **forty (40)** days prior to the competition, the Federation shall levy a fine of \$200. If the fine is not paid, it shall be added to the amount of dues for the ensuing year and future competition dates will not be awarded until both penalty and dues have been paid. For the second consecutive offense, the competition will be suspended.

**GR1215.8 Entries.** (Approved EC 12/21/04 Effective 1/1/05)

8. Ensure that every rider, driver, *longeur*, and vaulter in a non-breed-restricted event in an FEI recognized discipline has complied with GR807.4.

**GR1217. Results.**

(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 5/1/05 for the 2006 competition year)

**1. Thru 11/30/06,** ~~Each U.S. Equestrian Recognized~~ **USEF Licensed** Competitions must forward by mail with proof of delivery full results, postmarked within 10 calendar days of the competition, indicating the winners, and the amount of money won if applicable, Hunter Increment Report (where applicable), the names of all horses, riders and owners and all corrections, changes and additions to the prize list. Alternatively, full results, *as defined above*, may be submitted electronically either via email or on disk to the Federation within 10 calendar days of the competition. **Additionally,** ~~E~~electronically submitted results must meet the criteria as published **on** by U.S. Equestrian, ~~in the Competition Calendar and~~ the Competition Management section of the website, in order to be considered acceptable.

**2. Effective 12/01/06, all competition results and other data as specified by USEF in the license agreement may be electronically transmitted to USEF within 10 days following a Licensed competition including all corrections, changes and additions to the prize list. Electronically submitted results must meet the criteria as published by**

*USEF and must be submitted as outlined in the license agreement. A fee may be assessed for any required data not received electronically.*

## CHAPTER 13 – DIVISION OR SECTION CLASSIFICATION AND REQUIREMENTS

**GR1303. Special Conditions.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

1. The following classes do not count toward the minimum number of classes nor toward the minimum prize money required for any division or section rating:

j) See AR241 for other Arabian and Half/Anglo-Arabian exceptions.

## CHAPTER 14 – PRIZE LISTS

**GR1401 Requirements.** (Approved EC 12/21/04 Effective 1/1/05)

**9. The following statement must be published in BOLD TYPE for all Regular Competitions; Eventing Competitions at the Preliminary Level or above, Combined Driving Competitions at the Advanced Level, Dressage Competitions, Endurance Rides and Vaulting Competitions: LIFE, SENIOR ACTIVE AND JUNIOR ACTIVE MEMBERS SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL CLASSES AT REGULAR COMPETITIONS, EVENTING COMPETITIONS AT THE PRELIMINARY LEVEL OR ABOVE AND COMBINED DRIVING COMPETITIONS AT THE ADVANCED LEVEL, DRESSAGE AND VAULTING COMPETITIONS AND ENDURANCE RIDES PROVIDED THE RESPECTIVE BREED/DISCIPLINE DUES OR BREED/DISCIPLINE CATEGORY FEE HAS BEEN PAID. A NON-MEMBER MAY PARTICIPATE AS A HANDLER, RIDER, DRIVER, OWNER, LESSEE, AGENT, COACH OR TRAINER AT REGULAR COMPETITIONS, EVENTING COMPETITIONS, DRESSAGE COMPETITIONS AND COMBINED DRIVING COMPETITIONS UPON PAYMENT OF A \$20. NON-MEMBER REGISTRATION FEE AND A \$5. BREED/DISCIPLINE CATEGORY FEE FOR EACH BREED/DISCIPLINE. PARTICIPANTS IN THE FOLLOWING CLASSES ARE EXEMPTED FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS RULE; 1) LEADLINE; 2) EXHIBITIONS; 3) GAMES AND RACES; 4) CLASSES FOR 4-H MEMBERS; 5) WALK TROT AND ACADEMY CLASSES (Academy classes are classes limited to horses used regularly in a lesson program); 6) USDF INTRODUCTORY LEVEL TESTS, PAS DE DEUX AND QUADRILLE CLASSES. ALSO EXEMPTED FROM THIS REQUIREMENT ARE *CITIZENS OF OTHER NATIONS WHO HAVE PROOF, IN ENGLISH, OF CURRENT MEMBERSHIP IN GOOD STANDING OF THEIR OWN NATIONAL FEDERATION* 7) USEA BEGINNER NOVICE DIVISION, AND 8) ASSISTANT HANDLERS IN DRESSAGE SPORT HORSE BREEDING CLASSES.**

## CHAPTER 15 – ENTRIES

**GR1504. Membership and Document Requirements.**

(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

2. Memberships completed at the competition must be forwarded to the Federation office within *ten (10) days* of the close of the competition *as part of the full competition results, which are defined in GR1217.1*. The member's copy of the application is valid for 45 days or until *his/her* membership card is received from the Federation. (Approved EC 11/16/04) (Effective 12/1/04)

a. The following credentials must be available to Competition Management and the Federation steward/technical delegate:

*(10) For all horses entered in a Roadster Division, a copy of registration papers showing proof of ownership issued by the United States Trotting Association or the Canadian Trotting Association (exception: horses that have competed in any Roadster Division class at a USEF recognized event prior to December 1, 2003). For Roadster horses being shown under a name differing from their registration papers, a notarized certificate issued by the American Road Horse and Pony Association.*

#### **GR1504. Membership and Document Requirements.**

(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

~~2.2 Competition Management is urged to request that a photostatic copy of the credentials mentioned in 2.1 accompany each competition entry blank. If the above information cannot be verified, (with the exception of Junior Hunter and pony measurement cards) the exhibitor must sign a statement giving his name, address, the fact that he is in possession of the proper credentials and the reason the information is not available. A \$5. fee will be charged for the filing of a membership affidavit in connection with the failure to present a current membership card or copy thereof. This fee will be refunded by the Federation if the individual has properly applied and paid for membership and has not received his/her membership card within 30 days of the Federation's receipt of his/her application(s) and fee(s). Individuals requesting a refund must write to the Federation and provide a copy of their canceled check for membership. These statements must be submitted to the Federation office with the results of the competition. In the event that a person files a false affidavit the Federation will levy a fine of \$200.~~

~~Upon issuance of a charge or protest pursuant to Rule VI, such person may in addition be subject to further disciplinary action in accordance with Rules VI and VII. If the foregoing \$200. fine is not paid within 30 days of receipt of the Federation's notice of fine, said person and any horses owned by him or her will be automatically suspended until the fine is paid. If the person disputes that said fine is not properly owing, he/she may request a hearing of these issues before the Hearing Committee provided a written statement specifying the grounds for the hearing is received at the Federation's office within 30 days of receipt of the Federation's notice of fine. The request must be accompanied by a deposit of \$100. If made by a Federation member or the parent of a junior exhibitor member or \$200. if made by a non member (check payable to Federation); said deposit will be refunded in the event the hearing is resolved in favor of the member/non member.~~

*2b. If the above information cannot be verified, (with the exception of Federation measurement cards) the exhibitor, or his or her agent, must sign a statement giving his name, address, the fact that he is in possession of the proper credentials and the reason the information is not available. A \$5 fee will be charged for the filing of a membership affidavit in connection with the failure to present any of the above*

*credentials with the exception of Federation measurement cards). That fee along with the affidavit will be submitted to the Federation office with the results of the competition. Exhibitors are responsible for their own errors and those of their agents in the preparation of membership affidavits. (In the case of a rider, driver or handler under 18, whoever signs his/her affidavit will be responsible).*

*2c. In the event a person files a false affidavit, the Federation will levy a fine of \$200 against the person for whom the false affidavit was filed (except in the case of a rider, driver or handler under 18, then the person who signed on behalf of that individual will be fined). Upon issuance of a charge or protest pursuant to Rule VI, such person may in addition be subject to further disciplinary action in accordance with Chapters 6 and 7. If the foregoing \$200 fine is not paid within 30 days of issuance of the Federation's notice of fine, said person and any horses owned by him or her will be automatically suspended until the fine is paid. If the person disputes that said fine is not properly owed, he/she may request a hearing of these issues before the Hearing Committee provided a written statement specifying the grounds for the hearing is received at the Federation's office within 30 days of issuance of the Federation's notice of fine. The request must be accompanied by a deposit of \$100 made by a Federation member or the parent of a junior exhibitor member or \$200 if made by a non-member (check payable to the Federation); said deposit will be refunded in the event the hearing is resolved in favor of the member/non-member.*

**GR1504.2a(7)** (Approved EC 12/21/04 Effective 1/1/05)

**1504.2a(7) Non-U.S. citizens (as defined by GR1401.9) and Foreign Competitors (as defined by GR807.4) must provide proof, in English, of current membership in good standing in their respective National Federation, or hold current membership in good standing with USEF.**

#### **GR1504. Membership and Document Requirements.**

(Approved EC 12/21/04 Effective 1/1/05)

3. Participation of non-US citizens in national competitions in the US.

a. Non-U.S citizens *who are not current members of USEF as provided in GR201 must either provide proof, in English, of current membership in good standing in their own National Federation, or must pay a registration fee as provided for in GR207 (for exceptions see GR1401.9.) A USEF Senior member must still pay Breed/Discipline category fees and dues.*

b. In any discipline, owners and trainers who are non-US citizens and who have a current letter of permission/good standing from their own federation, are exempt from Federation membership requirements per Art. III, Sect. 3, as well as Breed/Discipline dues and fees per GR204 and GR207. Under this rule, non-US citizens must provide proof to competition management of current permission/good standing from their own federation in order to be exempted from Federation membership requirements.

c. Foreign *Competitors* who participate in Federation amateur classes, in any discipline, must be in possession of a Federation Amateur Card. However, *non U.S. citizens* are not required to become Federation Members *if they provide proof, in English, of membership in good standing in their own National Federation.*

#### **CHAPTER AL – ANDALUSIAN/LUSITANO DIVISION**

*Entire division will be printed in a separate document.*

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

**AR101. Eligibility to Compete.** *(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 2/1/05)*

4. Horses must wear a long, natural, unbraided mane (with or without clipped bridle path), and a natural, unset, ungingered tail; *see AR101.5*. The exception being that horses shown under Hunter, Jumper, Show Hack, or Dressage appointments are permitted to show with a shortened, pulled, braided mane and/or tail and cutting horses with a roached mane. The use of glitter on or in the mane, tail, hair or hooves is prohibited.

**5. Ginger, Capsaicin, and Other Irritants.**

*a. No horse may compete in a class in the Arabian or Half Arabian/Anglo Arabian Division with a tail carriage that has been altered in any manner or by any means, including by application to its anus, vulva, rectal area or vaginal area of a chemical or other irritant of any kind. Violations of this Article are considered serious infractions, because such alterations constitute misrepresentations of the breed type.*

*b. No horse may compete in a class in the Arabian or Half Arabian/Anglo Arabian Division with any chemical or other irritant of any kind present on its anus, vulva, rectal area or vaginal area, regardless of the origin of the irritant and whether it was applied or its presence resulted from dietary, environmental or unknown origins, and whether the horse's tail carriage was affected by its presence.*

*c. The trainer (see GRI41 and GR404), owners, and their agents, of a horse entered to compete in a class in the Arabian and Half Arabian/Anglo Arabian Division are insurers of the horse's condition and compliance with this Rule, and accordingly they are responsible and accountable for safeguarding the horse and controlling its diet and environment prior to, during and following the class, and at the time of the sampling provided for below, so as to prevent exposure to a chemical or other irritant of any kind, regardless of its origin, whether exposure was intentional, and whether the horse's tail carriage was affected by its presence. These individuals/entities are subject to charges of rule violation should the sampling and testing provided for below be positive for the presence of a chemical or irritant of any kind.*

*d. Any trainer, owner, agent or other person who administers, attempts to administer, instructs, aids, conspires with another to administer, or employs anyone who administers or attempts to administer a chemical or other irritant of any kind onto the anus, vulva, rectal area or vaginal area of a horse entered to compete in a class in the Arabian or Half Arabian/Anglo Arabian Division shall be subject to penalties as provided for in (i) below.*

*e. Competition management is authorized, at its own expense, to collect swab samples and have tested substances present on the anus, vulva, rectal area or vaginal area of horses following their exit from the ring, in connection with a class in the Arabian or Half Arabian/Anglo Arabian Division as follows:*

*(1) competition management may choose all horses in such a class to be sampled, or may select one or more placings from the class for sampling, or may select some of the horses from such a class for sampling. In making such selections, competition management may act on the request of a judge of the class but is not required to do so;*

*(2) competition management shall appoint only a licensed veterinarian or veterinarians to supervise the sampling, who may utilize technicians working under direct supervision of the veterinarian(s);*

*(3) competition management shall implement the chain of custody required by the laboratory for identifying the horse from which each sample was taken;*

*(4) competition management is authorized to forward the samples for testing to the Iowa State University Laboratory or another comparable laboratory acceptable to USEF, and shall implement the chain of custody required by the laboratory for transporting the samples to and from the laboratory and while at the laboratory.*

*f. The trainer, owner, and their agents of a horse competing in a class in the Arabian and Half Arabian/Anglo Arabian Division must submit to the above sample collections performed by representatives of competition management, and they must do so with no unnecessary delays. They must cooperate with the sample collection personnel as defined above exhibiting polite attitude and actions toward them and must assist them by helping to restrain the horse properly during the sample collection(s);*

*g. In the event the laboratory reports to the competition management the presence of a chemical or other irritant of any kind in a horse's sample, competition management shall forward to USEF the original copies of the laboratory report, the analytical data, and the documented chain of custody for identifying the horse from which the sample was collected and identifying the laboratory results as being from that horse's sample.*

*h. Upon receipt of the above documents, USEF shall review those documents, relevant competition and Federation records, and shall determine whether this evidence serves as a basis for charges of rule violation against the horse's trainer, owner, and/or their agents, pursuant to Chapters 6 and 7. Any charges issued shall be heard and determined by the Federation's Hearing Committee pursuant to the procedures specified in Chapters 6 and 7;*

*i. In the event the Hearing Committee determines a violation has occurred, the trainer, owner and/or their agents each shall be subject to any and all penalties imposed by the Hearing Committee at its discretion pursuant to Chapters 6 and 7, including suspensions, fines, and the revocation and redistribution of winnings, notice or notices of which shall be published in Equestrian magazine. The suggested minimum penalty for a first offense is the revocation of all the horse's winnings in connection with the entire competition in question, and a suspension of 60 days with a fine of \$1000.00. Subsequent violations of this Article by any of the above individuals/entities shall be subject to such greater penalties as determined at the discretion of the Hearing Committee.*

**AR104. Requirements for Competition Management.**

*(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)*

1. Only one class (rated or unrated) may be adjudicated concurrently in one arena at one time, only one set of placings awarded for that class (exception: Working Hunter

*and Sport Horse In-Hand* may be run on open cards. Horses in Working Hunter classes would still have to be trotted for soundness for each class when required). A split arena is considered more than one arena.

**AR107.** (Approved EC 12/21/04 Effective 1/1/05)

6. Additional causes for mandatory elimination from the arena are a) removal of eyelashes, b) changing the natural color of the mane and/or tail (See GR319), c) balding the area around the eyes or proximal to the muzzle and nostrils, *d) No product shall be applied to a horse's hoof to hide or conceal a conformation defect. Only clear or transparent products may be used on the hooves of horses while being shown in Breeding and/or In-Hand classes.*

**AR135-141** (New – renumber as necessary), **English Trail Horse**

(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

**AR135. English Trail Horse – General.**

*The class conduct and scoring system procedures stated herein shall be used in adjudication of all English Trail classes in the Arabian division. For rules regarding English Trail Horse, reference AR198 Trail Horse - General. Reference AR190 for general working specifications. Course to include a minimum of six obstacles and a maximum of eight obstacles.*

**AR136. English Trail Horse Appointments.** For rules regarding correct attire and appointments, refer to AR116, AR120, AR124, AR128, or AR136.

**AR137. Conduct and Definitions**

For rules regarding conduct and definitions, reference AR199.

**AR138. English Trail Scoring General**

For rules regarding English Trail Scoring, reference Article AR200.

**AR139. Scoring Penalties**

For rules regarding scoring penalties, reference AR201 except for AR201.2b, c., d, and e.

**AR140. Scoring Procedures**

For rules regarding scoring procedures, reference AR202.

**AR141. English Trail Horse Class Specifications.**

For English Trail Horse class specifications, reference AR204. (Hackamores are prohibited.)

**SUBCHAPTER AR-12. SPORT HORSE SECTION.**

(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

**AR150. Purpose.**

1. To evaluate and encourage the breeding of Arabian and Half-Arabian/Anglo Arabian horses suitable for Dressage, Working Hunter, Eventing, Jumper, **Combined Driving** and Competitive Trail and Endurance; and to provide an opportunity to

demonstrate the effectiveness of breeding programs. Form to function will be emphasized.

**AR151. General**

1. In-hand, ~~and~~ Under Saddle **and Show Hack** Sport Horse classes for 1) Arabians and 2) Half-Arabians/Anglo Arabian Sport Horses may be held separately or in conjunction with any recognized Arabian competition. Sport Horse In-hand, ~~and~~ Under Saddle **and Sport Horse Show Hack** classes may be held for stallions, mares and geldings. Refer to Subchapter AR28 for rules on Half-Arabians and Anglo Arabians and AR236.3 and .4 for eligibility of stallions to show.

2. In-hand Classes: *may be held in any age groups deemed appropriate by competition management and published in the prize list with the exception that horses of one sex shall not be judged against those of the opposite sex. Specified group classes or specified championship classes are exempted. See AR238.3.* Judge must excuse from the ring any unruly horse or one whose actions threaten to endanger other exhibitors or their entries. A whip may be used to guide the horse. Excessive use of the whip or actions that may disturb other entries shall be severely penalized. See AR107.6 for additional causes for mandatory elimination from the arena or designated judging area.

a. **Group Classes- Get of Sire (without sire) – two or three offspring entered under the sire's name; and Produce of Dam (without dam) – two or three offspring entered under the dam's name. Multiple ownership permitted, all owners must be listed. More than one entry per sire/dam is permitted in the same class. All horses must have been judged in their individual in-hand classes.**

b. **Sport Horse In-Hand Champions and Reserves shall be at least two years of age. The Champion shall be the top scoring horse in each section for which a Championship is offered, and the Reserve Champion shall be the horse with the second highest score in their section. This is determined by points, without further showing. Special overall Grand Championships or Junior Championships may be offered at the discretion of competition management. Details must be included in the prize list.**

c. **AR101, AR102, AR104, and AR105 apply to Sport Horse In-Hand classes.**

d. **AR101, AR102, AR104, AR105, AR112, AR113, and AR114 apply to Sport Horse Under Saddle and Sport Horse Show Hack classes.**

3. When possible, the announcement of awards will include the breeding of the horses ~~placed~~ **placed**: sire and dam as well as the name of the owner and the breeder.

4. **Sport Horse In-Hand Classes.** Conformation is to be evaluated in terms of potential trainability, potential performance and predisposition to soundness. Form to function is to be emphasized. Blemishes are not to count unless resulting from conformation faults. Gaits are to be evaluated in terms of purity, quality and correctness. Correct gaits which contribute to ease in training and the horse remaining sound and useable are most important. Purity and quality are judged mainly in profile. Correctness is judged mainly while the horse is coming to and going from the judge's position. Colts and ~~stallions~~ **stallions** two years and over must have both testicles descended.

**Article 1649B. Classes.**

~~1.1 Classes to be divided into two divisions: 1) Arabian, and 2) Half Arabian/Anglo Arabian.~~

~~1.2 Half Arabian and Anglo Arabian classes will follow rules set forth in Chapter XXVII. Half Arabians and Anglo Arabians regarding eligibility of stallions to show.~~

~~2. SPORT HORSE IN HAND classes may be held in any age groups deemed appropriate by competition management and published in their prize list with the exception that horses of one sex shall not be judged against those of the opposite sex. (See Art. 1699X.3) Specified group classes or specified championship classes are excepted. Classes may be offered for AOTH, JOTH, AAOTH. NOTE: Suggested class list for competitions new to this division would be as follows:~~

~~Sport Prospects two years old and under~~

~~Sport In hand three and four years old~~

~~Sport In hand five years and over~~

~~NOTE: Classes may be offered, in addition, for WORKING SPORT IN HAND 1) ARABIAN, AND 2) HALF ARABIAN, ANGLO ARABIAN. Open to horses competing at the same competition in Dressage, Working Hunter, Eventing or Jumper. Cross entry is permitted with SPORT IN HAND individual and group classes for 1) ARABIAN, and 2) HALF ARABIAN, ANGLO ARABIAN.~~

~~2.1 GROUP CLASSES. Get of Sire (without sire, two or three offspring entered under sire's name) and/or Produce of Dam (without dam, two or three offspring entered under dam's name) may be offered. Multiple ownership permitted; all owners must be listed. More than one entry per sire or dam shall be permitted in the same class. All horses must have been judged in their individual in hand classes.~~

~~2.2 SPORT HORSE IN HAND CHAMPIONS and RESERVES shall be at least two years old. The Champion shall be the top scoring horse in each section for which a Championship is offered, and the Reserve Champion shall be the horse with the second highest score in their section. Special overall Grand Championships or Junior Championships may be offered at the discretion of competition management. Details must be included in the prize list.~~

~~2.3 Arts. 1601, 1602, 1603, 1604, 1605, and 1607.3.C apply to in hand classes.~~

~~3. SPORT HORSE UNDER SADDLE CLASSES may be held under the following categories: Open, Maiden, Novice, Limit, Stallions, Mares, Geldings, Ladies, Gentlemen, Junior Horse, ATR, AOTR, AAOTR, JTR and JOTR.~~

~~3.1 SPORT HORSE UNDER SADDLE CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES may be offered in all divisions. Arts. 1601, 1602, 1603, 1604, 1605, 1612, 1613 and 1614 apply to Under Saddle classes.~~

~~4. SPORT HORSE SHOW HACK CLASSES may be held for the following categories:~~

~~Open, Maiden, Novice, Limit, Stallions, Mares, Geldings, Ladies, Gentlemen, ATR, AOTR, AAOTR, JTR, JOTR.~~

~~4.1. SPORT HORSE SHOW HACK CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES may be offered in all divisions. Arts. 1601, 1602, 1603, 1604, 1605, 1612, 1613, and 1614 apply to all classes.~~

### **AR153. Appointments**

1. Braiding is optional.

2. Boots or bandages of any kind are forbidden during a class. (Exception: Article 1612.7)

3. SPORT HORSE IN-HAND CLASSES. Bridles are optional on two year olds, mandatory on horses three years old and older. A bridle shall be a dressage or hunter

type with snaffle bit, with or without cheeks, keepers allowed, reins and headstall with throatlatch. Noseband is optional. A split or single chain may be used with/or instead of reins. *Horses age two years may be shown in a bridle or a plain leather stable halter.* Horses under the age of two years must be shown in plain leather stable halters.

a. The handler may carry only one whip, maximum length 6', including lash and without attachments, i.e. plastic bags, ribbons, etc.

b. Conservative casual attire is recommended for the handler. Dressage or ~~H~~hunter attire is also appropriate. Gloves, hat, vest, jacket are optional. (See GR318.1)

4. SPORT HORSE UNDER SADDLE CLASSES. Dressage or hunter style bridle required, with a snaffle, with or without cheeks, keepers allowed, or a Pelham; Kimberwicks are prohibited. Unconventional bits may be penalized at the discretion of the judge. Martingales not permitted. ~~prohibited, breastplate permitted.~~ Type of saddle shall be dressage or forward seat. Girth may be leather or other suitable material. (Art. 1920.1) or informal hunter (Art. 1636.5) attire required. Rider may carry a whip or crop, maximum length 4'.

a. Dressage (DR120.1) or informal hunter (AR136.5) attire required. Rider may carry a whip or crop, maximum length 4', 110 cm (43.3") including lash. Horses shown under saddle are required to compete in a hunter or dressage type bridle with a snaffle, with or without cheeks, keepers allowed; or a pelham. Kimberwicks are prohibited. Unconventional bits may be penalized at the discretion of the judge. Martingales of any type prohibited, breastplates permitted. Type of English saddle shall be dressage or forward seat. Girth either leather, web, string or suitable material.

5. SPORT HORSE SHOW HACK CLASSES. Dressage or hunter style bridles, single snaffle or double bridle or pelham bit acceptable. Converters on pelham bit not permitted. Kimberwick bit is not permitted. If using a double bridle, the lever arm (length below mouthpiece) must not exceed 10 cm. (3.94"). The inside diameter of the bridoon ring must not exceed 3.15". Non-conforming bits may be penalized at the judge's discretion. Martingales not permitted. Type of saddle must be dressage or forward seat. Girth may be leather or other suitable material. Show Hack attire is required. Conservatively colored dark coat, breeches and boots, with hunting cap, derby or protective headgear. Protective headgear may be worn without penalty (see General Rules, Art. 318). Formal attire consisting of white breeches, top hat and shadbelly coat may be worn. It is usual to wear such attire after 6:00 p.m. or in championship classes.

a. Conservatively colored dark coat, breeches and boots, with hunting cap, derby or protective headgear. Protective headgear may be worn without penalty (See GR318). Formal attire consisting of white breeches, top hat and shadbelly coat may be worn. It is usual to wear such attire after 6:00p.m. or in championship classes. Dressage or hunter style bridles, single snaffle or double bridle or pelham bit acceptable. Converters on pelham bits not permitted. Kimberwicke bit is not permitted. If using a double bridle, the lever arm (length below mouthpiece) must not exceed 10cm (3.94"). The inside diameter of the bridoon ring must not exceed 8cm (3.15"). Nonconforming bits may be penalized at the judge's discretion. Martingales not permitted. Type of English saddle must be dressage or forward seat. Girths may be leather or other suitable material.

### **AR154. Competition Veterinarian.**

1. The competition veterinarian must be available to the judge, if on the premises. If the veterinarian is not immediately available, or not called up, the judge's decision as to the serviceable soundness of a horse must be final. For further regulations governing competition veterinarian, refer to Art. 1205.

#### **AR154. Qualifying Gaits.**

*Innate quality movement is a priority in the Sport Horse classes. All gaits should be pure in rhythm, and should be without tension or resistance.*

##### **1. Walk**

*a. Walk. (also Normal Walk) The rhythm of the walk is 4 beats. The walk is to be regular and unconstrained.*

*b. Collected Walk. The rhythm is 4 beats. The stride maintains the marching quality of the normal walk, with hind legs well engaged. ~~The stride~~ but covers less ground. ~~but tends to be higher than the normal walk.~~*

*c. Extended Walk. The rhythm is 4 beats. While maintaining the march quality, the horse does not rush, but with regular steps, will clearly show the hind feet touching the ground in front of the footprints of the forefeet. The rider allows the horse to stretch forward with head and neck, but does not release contact with the mouth.*

##### **2. Trot**

*a. Trot. (also Normal Trot) The rhythm of the trot is 2 beats. The trot is free, active and regular. The steps should be balanced and elastic with the horse demonstrating a supple back and well engaged hindquarters.*

*b. Collected Trot. The rhythm is 2 beats. The horse continues to move forward with impulsion, and demonstrates an ability to further engage the hocks, which allows the shoulders of the horse to become lighter and the stride to become shorter. The neck is raised and arched, but not constrained.*

*c. Extended Trot. The rhythm is 2 beats. The horse covers as much ground as possible, while maintaining regularity and balance. The stride lengthens as a result of great impulsion. The rider allows the horse, while remaining on the bit, to reach with its frame. The forefeet should touch the ground where they point. The transitions to and from should be balanced and smoothly executed.*

##### **3. Canter**

*a. Canter (also Normal Canter) The rhythm of the canter is 3 beats. The canter should be light, cadenced (rhythm with a suitable tempo combined with springy impulsion) and regular. Transitions should be without hesitation and balanced. The canter should always be straight on straight lines.*

*b. Collected Canter. The rhythm is 3 beats. The horse moves forward with impulsion, through increased engagement of the hindquarters and lightness of the forehand. The neck is raised and arched but not constrained. The back remains supple and the strides are shorter.*

*c. Extended Canter. The rhythm is 3 beats. The horse covers as much ground as possible while maintaining regularity and balance. The stride lengthens as a result of great impulsion from the hindquarters and the rider allows the horse to lower and extend the neck, without losing contact with the bit, or leaning.*

*4. Lengthening Stride. When a lengthening of stride is requested at walk, trot, or canter, the horse should maintain rhythm, regularity and balance, while reaching with the frame and stride. The rider should maintain contact with the bit, while allowing the lengthening. The strides should be more ground covering and the horse should remain calm and supple.*

*5. Hand Gallop. The rhythm is 3 beats. The hand gallop is performed with long, free, ground covering strides. The amount of ground covered will vary between horses due to the difference in the natural length of stride. The hand gallop shows a looser, freer elongation of stride and frame of the horse. The horse must remain mannerly, correct, and straight. Extreme speed to be penalized.*

*6. Rein-back. The rhythm is 2 beats. The feet are raised and set down by diagonal pairs. The horse should remain calm and obedient, lifting and setting down the feet, without shuffling.*

#### **AR155. Conduct of Classes.**

1. ARABIAN SPORT HORSE IN-HAND CLASSES. *The AHA Individual Score Sheet shall be used. Each judge will be assigned a scribe who will record scores and comments as dictated by the judge. Horses will be shown individually on either the triangle or the V. The method of showing should be specified in the prize list.*

*a. Following a posted or announced order, or on request from the judge, entries in each class will approach the judging area one at a time, walk to the apex of the triangle. Conformation judging may take place before or after performance on the triangle, so wait for the judge's instructions. Wait for the judge's request to proceed on the triangle. The handler will lead the horse on the perimeter of the triangle at the walk and trot, returning to the apex and wait for further instructions. At the completion of the judging, the handler will lead the horse away from the judging area. The triangle may be adjusted to fit local conditions.*

*1.1 Showing on the triangle. Following a posted or announced order, or on request from the judge, entries in each class will approach the judging area one at a time, walk to the apex of the triangle, and await the judge's request to proceed on the triangle. The handler will lead the horse on the perimeter of the triangle at the walk and trot, returning to the apex to stand for conformation judging or to repeat any movement at the judge's request. At the completion of the judging, the handler will lead the horse away from the judging area. The next shall enter the judging area promptly. Triangle or V may be adjusted to fit local conditions.*

*1.2 Showing on the V. Following a posted or announced order, or on request from the judge, entries in each class will approach the judging area one at a time, walk to the start point of the V, and await the judge's request to proceed on the V. The handler will lead the horse on the perimeter of the V at the walk and trot, returning to the starting point of the V to stand for conformation judging or to repeat any movement at the judge's request. At the completion of the judging, the handler will lead the horse away from the judging area. The next horse shall enter the judging area promptly.*

*1.3 Legs of the V are to be a minimum of 80' (24.4 meters) and a maximum of 100' (30.5 meters).*

*b. Triangle and V: Corners should be well defined. A marker will be used at the apex end at each corner to define placement of the turn for the exhibitor. ~~of the second leg of the V to define placement of the turn for the exhibitor.~~ Decorative fencing, Use of plants, or flowers ~~are~~ is allowed.*

*2. The horse is to be shown in an "open position," for conformation judging. The traditional way of showing open position would be with the right front leg slightly back and the right hind leg slightly forward; but as long as all four legs of the horse are visible to the judge when standing on either side of the horse, this would be acceptable. The horse's head and neck should be allowed to show in a natural and comfortable carriage, and the handler should stand away from the horse with a*

~~loose lead line. , i.e. with all four legs of the horse visible to the judge when standing on either side of the horse with the horse's neck in a natural position and the handler standing away from the horse with a loose lead line.~~

3. ARABIAN SPORT HORSE GROUPS IN-HAND (Get of Sire/Produce of Dam). ~~The AHA Group Score Sheet shall be used. Each judge will be assigned a scribe who will record scores and comments as dictated by the judge.~~ Groups will be examined one group at a time, but not necessarily on the triangle or V. ~~The judge will require the individuals of each group to move at the walk and trot. Horses shall stand for conformation judging before and/or after completion of the group's movement.~~

4. Foals may not be shown loose.

5. ~~All horses to be awarded Championships in hand, will be called to the arena as a group and remain while all Championship awards are given. The awards will be presented as soon as possible following the last in hand class.~~

5. 6.—ARABIAN SPORT HORSE UNDER SADDLE. To enter the ring counterclockwise at the trot. To be shown at a walk, trot, canter, ~~and hand gallop~~ both directions of the ring. ~~Judge may request lengthening of stride at any gait and may request horses to back in the line-up.~~ Horses shall be asked to back, either on the rail ~~or in the lineup.~~

7. ~~Judges are required to consider the performance at each gait equally in adjudicating these classes.~~

6. 87. ARABIAN SPORT HORSE SHOW HACK. To enter the ring counterclockwise at the normal walk or normal trot. To be shown at the walk, trot, ~~and~~ canter, - ~~collected, normal and extended gaits to be called for, and the and a hand gallop;~~ collected and extended and normal gaits to be called for; ~~to~~ **Horses should** stand quietly and back readily. ~~To be judged on manners, performance, quality, and conformation.~~

7. 9.—Judges are required to consider the performance at each gait equally in adjudicating **Sport Horse under Saddle and Sport Horse Show Hack classes.**

#### 10. PATTERNS:

##### Sport Horse Triangle Pattern

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##### Sport Horse V Pattern

Delete drawn pattern.

#### AR156. Arabian Sport Horse Class Specifications.

1. IN-HAND CLASSES. Horses shall be shown at the walk and trot on ~~either the triangle, or the V, and standing in a relaxed and open position for conformation judging with all four legs visible to the judge from either side, neck in a natural position, the handler standing away from the horse with a loose lead line. To be judged on way of moving, conformation and general impression, to include overall breed standard, expression, manners, masculinity, femininity, development related to age and suitability as a Sport Horse. 40% Movement; 40% Conformation; 10% Expression, Manners, Willingness; 10% Quality, Balance and Harmony, Suitability as a Sport Horse.—~~**The AHA Score Sheet is divided as follows:**

**Movement - 40% (20% for walk and 20% for trot)**

**Conformation - 40%**

**Expression, Manners, Willingness - 10%**

**Quality, Balance and Harmony, Suitability as a Sport Horse - 10%**

**Transmissible weaknesses or predisposition to unsoundness shall be penalized commensurate with severity.**

2. GROUP CLASSES (Get of Sire, Produce of Dam). Horses ~~will be shown in entry groups, but not necessarily on the triangle or the V. The judge will require the individuals of each group to move at the trot or the walk, either in line or moving around the arena but not necessarily on the 'V' or triangle pattern. Horses shall stand for conformation judging before and/or after completion of the group's movement. To be judged on movement, conformation and general impression, to include emphasis on reproductive likeness, uniformity, overall breed standard, masculinity, femininity, and apparent ability of sires and dams to produce or beget Sport Horse breeding and performance stock. Transmissible weaknesses or predisposition to unsoundness shall be penalized, commensurate with severity. 40% Movement; 40% Conformation; 10% Expression, Manners, Willingness; 10% Quality, Balance and Harmony, Suitability as a Sport Horse.—~~**judged at the walk and trot, but not necessarily on the triangle. Horse shall stand for conformation judging before and/or after completion of the group's movement. The AHA Score Sheet is divided as follows:**

**Movement - 40% (20% for walk and 20% for trot)**

**Conformation - 40%**

**Quality and Uniformity of Quality (Reproductive likeness) - 10%**

**Overall Quality, Balance, Harmony (Apparent ability of sire or dam to produce or beget Sport Horse performance or breeding stock) - 10%**

3. UNDER SADDLE CLASSES. To be shown at the walk, trot, and canter, both directions of the ring. Judge may request lengthening of stride at any gait and may request horses to back in **the** line-up.

a. OPEN, MAIDEN, NOVICE, LIMIT, STALLIONS, MARES, GELDINGS, LADIES, GENTLEMEN. To be judged on performance (**purity and quality of gaits**), manners, conformation, suitability as a **working** Sport Horse and quality.

b. CHAMPIONSHIP. To be eligible, horse must have been entered, shown and judged in a designated Open qualifying class in the Sport Horse Under Saddle section at that competition. To be judged on performance (**purity and quality of gaits**), manners, conformation, suitability as a **working** Sport Horse and quality.

c. JUNIOR HORSE. To be judged on quality, suitability as a **working** Sport Horse, performance (**purity and quality of gaits**), conformation and manners.

c. JUNIOR HORSE CHAMPIONSHIP. To be eligible, horse must have been entered, shown and judged in a designated Junior Horse qualifying class in the Sport Horse Under Saddle section at that competition. To be judged on quality, suitability as a **working** Sport Horse, performance (**purity and quality of gaits**), conformation and manners.

e. ATR, AOTR, AAOTR, JTR, JOTR. To be judged on manners, performance (**purity and quality of gaits**), suitability as a **working** Sport Horse, conformation and quality.

f. CHAMPIONSHIP - ATR, AOTR, AAOTR, JTR, JOTR. To be eligible, horse must have been entered, shown and judged in a designated Amateur horse qualifying class in the Sport Horse Under Saddle section at that competition. To be judged on manners, performance (**purity and quality of gaits**), suitability as a **working** Sport Horse, conformation and quality.

4. SPORT HORSE SHOW HACK CLASSES. To be shown at a walk, trot, ~~and~~ canter; - ~~and hand gallop;~~ collected, **normal** and extended ~~and normal~~ gaits to be

called for, **and the hand gallop**. ~~Horses should~~ stand quietly and back readily. ~~To be judged on manners, performance, quality, and conformation.~~

a. OPEN, MAIDEN, NOVICE, LIMIT, STALLIONS, MARES, GELDINGS, LADIES, GENTLEMEN. To be judged on performance, manners, quality, and conformation.

b. CHAMPIONSHIP. To be eligible, horse must have been entered, shown and judged in a designated Open qualifying class in the Sport Horse Show Hack section at that ~~show~~ **competition**. To be judged on performance, manners, quality, and conformation.

c. ATR, AOTR, AAOTR, JTR, JOTR. To be judged on manners, performance, quality, and conformation.

d. CHAMPIONSHIP, ATR, AOTR, AAOTR, JTR, JOTR. To be eligible, horse must have been entered, shown and judged in a designated amateur horse qualifying class in the Sport Horse Show Hack section at that ~~show~~ **competition**. To be judged on manners, performance, quality and conformation.

#### AR157. Scoring Procedures.

1. The judge shall use the **AHA** approved individual score sheets for individual classes, and the individual group score sheet for group classes (Get of Sire/ ~~and~~ Produce of Dam). The AHA score sheets will be provided to competition management by AHA. Competition management may make as many individual copies as necessary for their competition. Score sheets are not required for Sport Horse Under Saddle, **or Sport Horse Show Hack** classes.

2. Decimals may be used in scoring.

3. A scribe shall be provided for each judge whose main duty is to record the judge's scores and comments on the score sheets. The scribe may be asked to transfer scores from the individual sheets to the master score sheet.

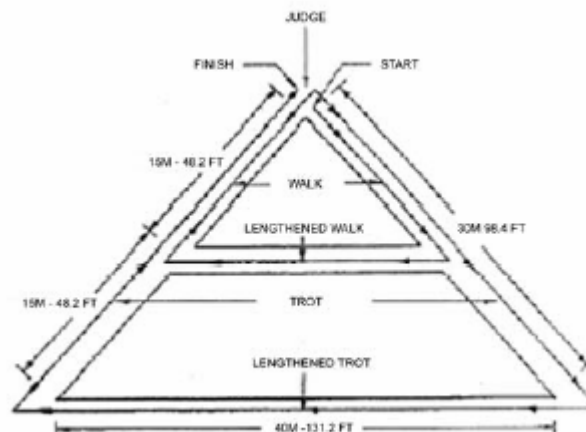
4. Tied scores shall be broken first by referring to the totals of the movement scores. If still tied, the tie may be broken at the judge's discretion, by the use of decimals, or the horses may be examined again (movement only).

5. When more than one judge is officiating, each judge will have a separate triangle, ~~or V,~~ ~~and~~ separate score sheets **and scribes**. When more than one judge is officiating, and there should be a tie still existing after re-examination, the call judge shall break the tie.

6. Scores shall be reported as a total based on the stated percentages against a possible total of 100% and all scores and placings must be posted. Unofficial scores may be posted during the class and/or final score may be posted at the end of each class.

7. If a mathematical error on the score sheet is discovered, it must be brought to the attention of competition management within one hour of the official posting of the scores from the last class of the competition day. Competition management must announce said posting, and must make score sheets available to competitors **immediately**.

#### Article 1649H. Triangle Pattern



#### **Subchapter AR-13 Pleasure (Carriage) Driving Section**

**AR158. General.** (Approved by EC 4/19/05 Effective 5/15/05)

**1. Pleasure (Carriage) Driving classes held in the Arabian Division are to be conducted in accordance with Driving - Pleasure Driving Division, Chapter DP. Exception: DP100 and DP101.**

**AR158. General.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

**4. In the interest of safety for horses with long tails, ~~in driving classes, horses with long tails,~~ a short, inconspicuous braid or knot may be made in the end of the tail, permitting it to be fastened to the show vehicle.**

**AR162. General.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

**5. In the interest of safety for horses with long tails, ~~in driving classes, horses with long tails,~~ a short, inconspicuous braid or knot may be made in the end of the tail, permitting it to be fastened to the show vehicle.**

**AR166. General.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

**5. In the interest of safety for horses with long tails, ~~in driving classes, horses with long tails,~~ a short, inconspicuous braid or knot may be made in the end of the tail, permitting it to be fastened to the show vehicle.**

**AR187. Appointments.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

3. Hackamore (Bosal) or standard snaffle is permitted in any class on horses five years old and under, unless prohibited in the prize list. A standard snaffle bit is defined as a center jointed single, rounded, unwrapped, smooth mouthpiece of 5/16" to 3/4" diameter metal as measured from ring to 1" in from the ring with a gradual decrease to the center of the snaffle. The rings may be from 2" to 4" outside diameter of either the

loose type, eggbutt, dee, or center mounted without cheeks. If a curb strap is used it must be attached below the reins. A horse shown in either a hackamore or snaffle must never have been shown in any Western event in a bridle (*except NRHA events*). A hackamore includes a bosal rounded in shape and constructed of braided rawhide or leather and must have a flexible non-metallic core, attached to a suitable headstall. No other material of any kind is to be used in conjunction with the bosal, i.e., steel, metal or chains (Exception: smooth, plastic electrical tape is acceptable if applied in a smooth, untwisted manner). Two hands may be used on hackamore (Bosal) and Western snaffle reins. Attached reins may be of hair, rope, or leather. Both hands must be visible to the judge.

**AR187.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

4. Split reins or closed reins are equally acceptable. Only one hand may be used on reins and hands must not be changed except to negotiate an obstacle in a Trail Horse Class. Hand to be around reins. When ends of split reins fall on side of reining hand, one finger between reins is permitted. When using romal or when ends of split reins are held in hand not used for reining, no finger between reins is allowed. Rider may hold romal or end of split reins to keep them from swinging and to adjust the position of the reins provided it is held ~~with at least 16" from the reining hand~~ **16 inches of rein between the hands.**

## **CHAPTER DR – DRESSAGE DIVISION**

### **DR119. Participation in Dressage Competitions.**

(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 3/1/05)

1. Dressage classes are open to professional and amateur riders on horses, mules and/or ponies of any origin, except that ponies or mules may not be ridden in ~~USEF~~ **USEF High Performance** Championships, ~~USEF~~ **USEF High Performance** qualifying and selection trials, and observation classes. Mules are also ineligible to compete in (1) any other classes designated as qualifying or selection classes for international or international high performance competition, and (2) championships where such participation is prohibited in the championship selection procedures...

**DR120. Dress.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 3/1/05)

5. One whip no longer than 43.3 inches (110 cm), including lash may be carried in all classes except USEF/USDF Championships, Federation Junior Team Championships, Championships for 5-year old and 6-year old horses, NAYRC qualifying classes, ~~USEF~~ **USEF High Performance** Championships, ~~USEF~~ **USEF High Performance** qualifying and selection trials, and observation classes. (Exception: Competitors riding sidesaddle may carry a whip no longer than 43.3 inches (110 cm), including lash, in USEF/USDF Championships.)

**DR120 Dress.** (Approved EC 12/21/04 Effective 1/1/05)

8. Spurs must be made of metal. **The shank** must be either curved or straight pointing directly back from the center of the spur when on the rider's boot. If the shank is curved, the spurs must be worn only with the shank directed downwards. However, swan necked spurs are allowed. The arms of the spur must be smooth. If rowels are used, they must be free to rotate. **Metal spurs with round hard plastic knobs on the shank are allowed ("Impuls" spur). "Dummy" spurs with no shank are also**

**allowed.** Only blunt metal spurs, no longer than 1.5 cm are permitted for FEI Pony Rider tests. This restriction also applies to warm-up and training areas, as well as during competition. Offset spurs without rowels are permitted for riders having an appropriate Dispensation Certificate.

**DR121 (Article 1921.1) Saddlery and Equipment.** (Approved EC 12/21/04 Effective 1/1/05)

1. An English type saddle with stirrups is compulsory for Federation and USDF tests. An English type saddle may be constructed with or without a tree but cannot have a horn, swell, gallerie, or open gullet. Australian, Baroque, Endurance, McClellan, Spanish, Stock, or Western saddles are not permitted nor are modified versions of these saddles (exception: competitors with a current approved Federation Dispensation Certificate). A Dressage saddle **which must be close to the horse and have long, near-vertical flaps and** stirrups is compulsory for FEI tests. Saddle pads are optional, but should be white or of conservative color. While present in the competition area and during prize-giving ceremonies, the name and/or logo of the individual's sponsor(s) may appear on a surface area not exceeding 200 cm<sup>2</sup> on each side of the saddle cloth. Breed logos (for horses registered with that breed), national flags (for citizens of that country), and business/farm names or logos (used with permission of farm/business owner) are also permitted and must have the same specifications as sponsor logos. No other advertisement or publicity is permitted on saddle cloths or horses.

### **DR121. Saddlery and Equipment.**

(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 3/1/05)

6. Martingales, bit guards, any kind of gadgets (such as bearing, side, running, balancing reins, **nasal strips**, tongue tied down, etc.), any kind of boots (including "easy-boots") or bandages (including tail bandages) and any form of blinkers, ear muffs or plugs, nose covers, seat covers, hoods are, under penalty of elimination, strictly forbidden. Fly hoods (ear covers) will only be permitted in order to protect horses from insects. The fly hoods should be discreet and should not cover the horse's eyes, and will only be permitted in extreme cases at the discretion of the presiding judge(s). Permission must be granted prior to the class and applies to all competitors in the class. However, leg bandages are allowed in Pas de Deux and Quadrille classes. A breastplate and/or crupper may be used, except that a breastplate is not permitted in ~~USEF~~ **USEF High Performance** Championships, ~~USEF~~ **USEF High Performance** Qualifying and Selection Trials, and Observation classes. A rein is a continuous, uninterrupted strap or line from the bridle bit to the hand. Rein additions or attachments are not permitted. A side rein is defined as an auxiliary rein affixed to the bit and to the girth, saddle or surcingle on the side of the horse (not between the legs). Any decoration of the horse with **extravagant** items, such as ribbons or flowers, etc. in the **mane**, tail, etc., is strictly forbidden. Braiding of the horse's mane and tail, however, is permitted. False tails are permitted and if used may not contain any metal parts. (Approved EC 12/21/04 Effective 1/1/05)

### **DR121. Saddlery and Equipment.**

(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

8. Ring stewards appointed by competition management must spot check saddlery and inspect bits in each class of six or more riders.... Bit inspectors must use a new

disposable ~~surgical~~ **protective** glove for each horse. The responsibility for the correct attire and equipment, however, still rests with the competitor.

#### **DR121. Saddlery and Equipment.**

(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 3/1/05)

9. The following whips are permitted for schooling only: One whip no longer than 43.3 inches (110 cm), including lash, **may be carried by the rider when mounted.** One ~~longeing~~ **lungeing** whip is permitted only when ~~longeing~~ **lungeing**. One whip no longer than 43.3 inches (110 cm) including lash may be carried in all classes except USEF/USDF Championships, Federation Junior Team Championships, Championships for 5-year old and 6-year old horses, NAYRC qualifying classes, ~~USEF USEF High Performance~~ **USEF USEF High Performance** Championships, ~~USEF USEF High Performance~~ **USEF USEF High Performance** qualifying and selection trials, and observation classes. (Exception: Competitors riding sidesaddle may carry a whip no longer than 43.3 inches (110 cm), including lash, in USEF/USDF Championships.)

#### **DR121 Figure B. #9 Saddlery and Equipment.**

(Approved EC 12/21/04 Effective 1/1/05)

##### **B. PERMITTED BRIDOON, CURB AND SNAFFLE BITS**

##### **2. Various snaffle bridle bits:**

9. Straight bar snaffle. **Permitted also with mullen mouth and with eggbutt rings.**

#### **DR122. Execution and Judging of Tests.**

(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 3/1/05)

7h. A test begins with the entry at A and ends after the final salute, as soon as the horse moves forward; except in Freestyle, where the test begins in the first stride after the salute and ends at the final salute. **Except for leaving the arena as described above in 7g,** anything before the beginning or after the end of the test has no effect on the marks. The competitor should leave the arena in the way prescribed in the test; **however, in Federation Training through Fourth Level tests, the competitor should leave the arena at "A" at a walk, on long or loose rein.**

#### **DR126. Requirements for Dressage Competition Management.**

(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 3/1/05)

1. Where more than 25 entries are accepted for a particular class the class must be divided. USEF/USDF championship classes and ~~USEF USEF High Performance~~ **USEF USEF High Performance** Championships, qualifying and selection trials, and observation classes cannot be split...

#### **DR126. Requirements for Dressage Competition Management.**

(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 3/1/05)

6d. 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 USEF High Performance~~ **USEF USEF High Performance** Championships, qualifying and selection trials and observation trials and Freestyle classes must be held in an unmodified standard size arena.

#### **DR126. Requirements for Dressage Competition Management.**

(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 3/1/05)

6c. The center line, throughout its length should be as clearly marked as possible, without however, being of a nature to frighten the horses. It is recommended that the centerline be marked for all FEI level tests. The centerline must be marked for USEF/USDF Championship classes, Federation Junior Team Championships, and ~~USEF USEF High Performance~~ **USEF USEF High Performance** Championships, qualifying and selection trials and observation classes, and, **except for USEF/USDF Championship classes,** must be remarked after approximately every six rides. On a grass arena, the center line should be mowed shorter than at the other parts of the arena and on a sand arena the center line should be rolled or raked in a suitable way. A grass arena is not permitted for USEF/USDF Championship classes, USEF Junior Team Championships, and ~~USEF USEF High Performance~~ **USEF USEF High Performance** Championships, qualifying and selection trials and observation classes Grass arenas are not recommended for USEF/USDF Qualifying Classes, and if qualifying classes may be held on grass, this fact must be stated in the Prize List.

#### **DR127. USEF/USDF Qualifying and Championship Classes and Federation National Championships for Dressage.**

(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 3/1/05)

4. Qualifying classes may be offered at Training through Grand Prix levels, including USDF and FEI Freestyles, and may only be offered with Open, Adult Amateur, Junior/Young Rider, ~~USEF USEF High Performance, FEI Junior, FEI Young Rider, FEI Pony Rider~~ and/or CDI/CDI-Y/CDI-J/CDI-P classes. Eligible competitors must be given the option to enter the class as "USDF qualifying" for a maximum additional fee of \$10. Only one ride may 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". Championships must be offered for Open, Adult Amateur and Junior/Young Rider Divisions at each level, ~~including except~~ **including except** Freestyles, **according to USDF Championship specifications.** USEF/USDF Qualifying and/or Championship classes must be designated as such in the prize list. Only one class per division and/or level may be held to determine USEF/USDF Regional Champions. BOD 1/19/03 Effective 12/1/03

#### **DR128.6d. Saddlery and Equipment.** (Approved EC 12/21/04 Effective 1/1/05)

##### **6. Music**

d. In case of rider's music failing during a Freestyle Test and in cases where there is no backup system, the rider **can, with permission of the judge at "C,"** leave the arena. There should be minimum interference with the starting times of the other riders and the affected rider should return to complete or restart his/her test during a scheduled break in the competition or at the end of the competition. The rider may decide whether to restart the test from the beginning or to commence from the point where

the music failed. Judging must restart at the point of interruption. In any case, the marks already given will not be changed.

**DR128.7d-f. Musical Free Style Ride.** (Approved EC 12/21/04 Effective 1/1/05)

7. Movements

d. Movements intentionally performed above the level declared shall be penalized by elimination, *preferably immediately*. A rider showing more than one half-pirouette (i.e., more than 180 degrees) in one continuous movement in the Young Rider Freestyle Test, or a rider showing more than one full pirouette (i.e., more than 360 degrees) in one continuous movement in the Intermediate I Freestyle Test, will receive a "0" (zero) for the whole movement, and the scores for choreography as well as the degree of difficulty cannot be higher than "5." See DR124.1.m.

e. Once a movement has been included in the tests of the Freestyle level declared or those below, it can be shown at any location in the arena (for instance, pirouettes on the center line in Intermediate I) or at sharper angles (half-pass) or in greater numbers (tempi changes) to enhance the degree of difficulty.

f. Grand Prix Freestyle Tests. Besides all the Grand Prix *level* movements, double pirouettes, pirouettes in piaffe and half pass in passage are allowed. A rider showing more than a double pirouette (i.e., two pirouettes of more than 360 degrees each) in one continuous movement, will receive a "0" (zero) for the whole movement, and the scores for choreography as well as the degree of difficulty cannot be higher than "5." A rider showing other non-permitted movements must be disqualified. One Piaffe has to be shown straight (minimum 10 steps). If the Piaffe is only shown as a Pirouette, a minimum of 10 steps is to be shown before or after turning. Passage shown in Half Pass is not considered as the compulsory passage. Scores and credit for transitions will only be given for the sequence "passage, piaffe, passage". Airs above the ground and Canter "Terre a Terre" are not allowed. Flying changes must be shown in at least 5 consecutive changes every second stride and minimum nine changes at every stride.

**DR205. Entries.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 3/1/05)

3. Any and all handlers (including Assistant Handlers) of horses in the competition ring are required to sign an entry blank (see GR1502.2). Handlers must be Federation members or pay a non-member fee. Assistant Handlers need not be Federation members and are exempted from the non-member fee.

4. All handlers and assistant handlers entering the competition ring must be identified by show management with a wristband or other form of identification to ensure each individual has signed an entry form and/or separate handler/assistant handler release form. Competition areas must be monitored by ring stewards to ensure that only eligible handlers and assistant handlers are permitted to enter the arena. Judges must excuse horses with handlers and/or assistant handlers who are not properly identified.

5. Management is responsible for having one or more safety officers or ring stewards at the gate(s) of the competition arena(s) to monitor safe conditions for horses, handlers and spectators. Separate gates for entry and exit and separate holding areas for fillies/mares and colts/stallions are recommended. (For purposes of this rule, a "safety officer" is any individual appointed by competition management to assist in the enforcement of this rule.)

**CHAPTER DC – COMBINED DRIVING DIVISION**

*Entire division will be printed in a separate document; approved 1/16/05, effective 4/1/05. See online rulebook.*

**DC103 [FEI 903] OFFICIALS** [Chapter DC. Driving -- Combined Driving Division] (BOD 7/12/05 Effective 8/1/05)

**3. The Duties of the Ground Jury**

a. The duties and responsibilities of the Ground Jury are laid down in the General Regulations (Chapter VIII). Moreover, each member of the Ground Jury has the right and the duty to eliminate or disqualify any horse which, according to him, is lame or unable to continue the competition in accordance with Rule DC100.8.

b. The Ground Jury is responsible for the conduct of the entire Event.

c. The President of the Ground Jury will decide the locations where the Judges will supervise Competitions A, B and C.

d. All the members of the Ground Jury will judge Competition A. Judges may not judge more than 40 Competitors in a day. This number may be increased with the permission of the President of the Ground Jury.

e. The President of the Ground Jury is responsible for the control and publication of the results of each Competition.

f. At USEF licensed National competitions (more specifically, and in addition to those listed in 3a through 3e above), the period of jurisdiction of the Ground Jury extends from one hour before the start of the competition until one half hour after the announcement of the final results of the competition for which the Ground Jury has been appointed.

g. At USEF licensed National Competitions, each member of the Ground Jury must eliminate any competitor who contravenes the rule regarding protective headgear. (See Rule DC147.2.b)

**DC119 [FEI 919] SUBSTITUTIONS** (Approved EC 4/21/05 Effective 8/1/05)

**2. Substitutions during an Event**

a. Substitution of horses or driver during a Competition is not permitted.

b. Competitors in four-in-hand classes may start each Competition with any 4 of their 5 declared entries.

c. Competitors in Pair and Tandem classes may ~~only make one substitution during the entire Event~~ start each Competition with any 2 of their 3 declared entries.

d. Competitors in Single classes are not permitted to make any substitutions, except where the Event includes classification for national teams, when only one substitution per team may be made during the entire Event. The exception referred to applies to Championships and CAIO events only.

**DC147. [FEI Art. 947].** (Approved EC 3/15/05 Effective 4/1/05)

2. Dress.

b. At USEF licensed National Competitions, it is compulsory for all drivers competing in Section E (Obstacles) on the Marathon to wear properly fitted protective headgear that meets or exceeds ASTM (American Society for Testing and

*Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI logo. The helmet must be properly fastened with harness secured.*

**DC147 [FEI 947] COMPETITORS** [Chapter DC -- Combined Driving Division] (BOD 7/12/05 Effective 8/1/05).

## **2. Dress**

Less formal dress is acceptable for Competition B for the Competitor and Grooms. "Shorts" are not permitted. Competitors should wear a hat - preferably protective headgear - but gloves and apron are optional.

*At USEF licensed National events:*

*a. The penalty for contravening rules regarding dress is five (5) points.*

*b. All persons in the vehicle in Competition B, Marathon, Section E, Obstacles must wear properly fastened protective headgear which meets or exceeds ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carry the SEI tag. It must be properly fitted with harness secured. The responsibility for compliance rests with all the persons in the vehicle. Failure to comply results in elimination, and the competitor will not be allowed to continue in the Marathon. (See DC103.3.g)*

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## **CHAPTER DP – PLEASURE DRIVING DIVISION**

*Entire division will be printed in a separate document. See online rulebook.*

## **CHAPTER EQ – EQUITATION DIVISION**

**EQ100. Eligibility to Compete.** (Approved EC 11/16/04) (Effective 12/1/04) and (Approved EC 3/15/05 Effective 4/1/05)

In order to compete in any Hunter Seat Equitation classes at recognized competitions as an exhibitor, rider, trainer, or his/her agent(s), a person must be a member of the United States Hunter Jumper Association, Inc., or pay a nonmember fee to the United States Hunter Jumper Association, Inc. Exception: Local Competitions and ~~classes~~ **exceptions** listed in GR1401.9 and GR204.2i. **Exception: Breed restricted Hunter Seat Equitation Classes.**

**EQ102. Eligibility.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

3. Stallions are prohibited. (Exception: USEF Class/Finals; classes restricted to a breed if division rules for the breed of horse ridden permit their use for juniors, and ~~Reining Seat Medal classes~~ **Reining Seat Medal classes** if the division rules for the breed of horse ridden permit juniors to ride stallions).

**EQ103. Conduct.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

6. Numbers. Numbers must be worn on the rider's back and must be clearly visible at all times when in competition. (Exception: Exhibitors in ~~Reining Seat Medal and Open Western events~~ **Reining Seat Medal and Open Western events** must place number on both sides of saddle pad or on the rider's back).

**EQ106. Conditions Governing USEF Medal Finals.**

(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

1. If entries warrant, semi-final ride-offs will be held at strategic points throughout the country, in which case all potential participants must be notified in advance.

2. On or before July 1 of each year the Federation will announce the competitions at which the Finals will be held. Even though entries for the designated competitions have closed before an individual qualifies, post entries will be accepted.

3. Classes held less than six days before the Saddle ~~and Reining~~ **and Reining** Seat Finals count toward the next year's Finals. Hunter Seat Medal classes held **at competitions with a start date** after October 1 count toward the next year's Finals. Riders who lose their junior status at the end of that year are ineligible to compete in these qualifying classes.

**EQ109. Appointments.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

3. **No mounted exhibitor may wear or carry an electronic communication device (i.e., cellular telephone, pager, walkie talkie, etc.) while in the competition ring. The penalty for wearing or carrying a forbidden device if observed by the judge is elimination from the class during which the device was worn or carried. Exception: A handicapped participant may use electronic devices if, prior to the class, he/she presents to the USEF Steward written justification from treating personnel setting forth the necessity of the equipment.**

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**EQ118. Requirements for Specific Classes.**

(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

16. UPHA CHALLENGE CUP

d. Judging Specifications of the Championships - In all Chapter, National and Junior Championships, the judge(s) must be Registered or Recorded with the Federation. ~~The three judge M.O.S. System will be used in all National, Junior and Walk/Trot Championships.~~ Judges for the Championships are selected from nominees from each UPHA Active member and a list will be furnished to respective competition managements annually.

In the National and Junior Championships, the preliminary work is called Phase I., in which all contestants must work in a group (or in groups) of 20 or less on the rail and complete an individual workout. ~~A minimum of 12 and no more than 14 riders will be chosen..."~~

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**EQ118. Requirements for Specific Classes.**

(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

19. US SADDLE SEAT WORLD CUP SELECTION TRIALS

Class Conduct.

e) Rides and interviews will be scheduled **by the hosting director as deemed appropriate.** ~~throughout the day with breaks between sections as time allows.~~ The contestants' ride/interview schedules will be given to them at the same time that the draw is conducted. ~~A lunch break~~ **Breaks** will be scheduled during ~~the~~ **each** day's events. Should time restraints require any adjustments to the set schedule, such changes will be announced by the official Event Announcer as far in advance as possible.

f) Competitors will be allowed two five minute time outs for breakage of equipment or a cast shoe during the competition. If in the second time out a successful repair/replacement cannot be satisfactorily achieved an emergency alternate horse may

be substituted by the host. If the five minute time allotment for the second time out of the same horse ~~is~~ insufficient to make the repair or replacement, an additional five minutes will be awarded. At the conclusions of the *allotted* time, the rider must proceed on either the same horse or on the emergency alternate or withdraw from that phase of the competition. A rider who withdraws will not receive a score for that phase of the competition but may continue in the next phase in which they are entered either with repaired equipment, replaced shoe or on an alternate horse.

#### **EQ118. Requirements for Specific Classes.**

*(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)*

##### **19. US SADDLE SEAT WORLD CUP SELECTION TRIALS**

###### Interview.

~~The interview portion of the competition shall constitute 20% of each rider's total score. Interviews shall be conducted by a panel of three interviewers, generally to be provided by the hosting institution. The duration of each interview will be ten minutes. The inclusion of an interview as a scored portion of the competition is at the discretion of the Council. The council and Selection Committee will determine if the interview portion will be included in the selection process for a given team selection competition. When the Council elects to include the interview, the percentage assigned to that portion of the competition shall be declared prior to the opening of the application process and publicized to all finalists prior to their acceptance of the finalist bids. When included, interviews shall be conducted by a panel of three interviewers, generally to be provided by the hosting institution. The duration of each interview will be ten minutes. The interview will consist of five questions, to be selected from a list of ten questions that will be provided to the riders in advance of the interview. Questions will be likely to include such topics as current world and national events, history, geography, etc. Riders will be evaluated primarily for their ability to conduct themselves in a positive, articulate and professional manner, as befitting a representative of both the United States and the Saddle Seat Equitation community. The Council and the hosting director reserve the right to change the number of interviewers based on availability, but will make every effort to secure a minimum of three panelists.~~

###### Scoring.

~~Competitors will be evaluated using a numerical/ordinal conversion system.~~

- ~~a) **RAIL:** Rail work will be evaluated using a numerical system based on a perfect score total of 100 from each judge. The combined total of the six scores for each rider constitutes that rider's total for that specific ride.~~
- ~~b) **PATTERN:** Each pattern will be divided into segments, which will carry possible score values as determined by the panel of judges and/or organizers prior to the competition. Each pattern will have a total possible score of 100 points from each judge, resulting from the combined total of the segment scores. All scores for each ride of every contestant will be announced at the conclusion of the ride with the exception of the final rail ride scores. These scores will only be made public following the announcement of the team at the Awards Ceremony.~~
- ~~c) **INTERVIEW:** Each rider will earn a score of up to 100 possible points from each member of the interview panel.~~
- ~~d) The grand total score for each rider shall be a combination of the rail scores, pattern scores and interview scores from all judges/interviewers. Those riders who hold the~~

~~five highest cumulative scores will be named as members of Team U.S. Equestrian, and will represent the United States at the International Saddle Seat Equitation World Cup for the designated competition year.~~

~~d) **ORDINAL CONVERSION:** The numerical score given by an evaluating official (either judge or interviewer) for each rider at the conclusion of each phase (with phase defined as a railwork, pattern or interview segment completed by all finalists for that particular team trials) will be converted to an ordinal, with each judge's highest numerical score converting to a '1', the next highest a '2', etc.~~

~~e) Numerical scores for each ride of every contestant will be announced at the conclusion of the ride with the exception of the final rail ride scores. These scores will only be made public following the announcement of the team at the Awards Ceremony.~~

~~f) The grand total score for each rider shall be a combination of the ordinals awarded by all judges/interviewers from all railwork, patterns and interview phases. Those riders who hold the five lowest cumulative ordinal scores will be named as members of Team USA, and will represent the United States at the International Saddle Seat Equitation World Cup for the designated competition year.~~

~~g) In the event of a tie, preference will be given to the rider with the lower combined rail ordinal scores from all judges. If a tie still exists, preference will be given to the rider with the lower combined pattern ordinal scores from all judges. If the above methods are insufficient to break the tie, preference will be given to the rider with the lower combined interview ordinal scores from all interviewers. If none of the above methods are sufficient to break the tie, preference will be given to the rider with the total ordinal scores from all interviewers. If none of the above methods are sufficient to break the tie, the lower combined total ordinal scores for the railwork and pattern segments of the competition as issued by ONE judge determined by the Council to serve as the Referee shall have precedence. The referee shall be announced prior to the start of the competition, generally at the event where riders draw for horses, order of go, etc.~~

#### **EQ118. Requirements for Specific Classes.**

*(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)*

##### **19. US SADDLE SEAT WORLD CUP SELECTION TRIALS**

###### Judging

~~a) The riders are to be judged 40%–45% on railwork (20%–22.5%–each on two rides), 40%–45% patterns (20%–22.5% each on two patterns), and 20%–10% on personal interview. The percentages allocated to each phase may be changed by vote of the Council for a given competition year; however, the percentages allocated to each portion must be publicized prior to the start of the application process and must be disclosed to finalists prior to their acceptance of the finalist bids.~~

~~b) Riders will be scored by a panel of six judges. Judges shall be selected from the current *United States Equestrian Federation* Licensed Officials list. It is preferable that all judges hold a Registered (R) designation in *Saddle Seat Equitation*, although judges holding Recorded (r) *Saddle Seat Equitation* designations may also officiate. In rare circumstances, a judge who does not hold current designation from USEF may be utilized provided that the proper Guest Card procurement procedures are followed. In the event that a judge is unable to begin or complete the scoring of the entire event, it shall be the right of those members of the US Council Executive~~

Committee, Selection Trials Committee and their designees in attendance to vote to amend the number of judges or utilize substitutes. Every effort to maintain the integrity of the scoring and the fairness of the competition will be made in such case.

c) Judges will use the standards from Chapter III, Saddle Seat Equitation, in the Federation Rulebook as their guideline for evaluating each rider. The scoring used will be a numerical system for all phases and the scores will be announced and posted with the exception as noted above in "Scoring". The scoring system to be used will be explained in depth to each judge before the start of the competition. Judges may only call for tests 1-13 (see EQ118.1-13).

d) It is the Council's wish that the judges make a special effort to analyze each rider's form as well as his/her horsemanship abilities while keeping foremost in mind the unusual demands of the World Cup competition itself. A rider's resiliency after a "rough" class should also be given due consideration in the scoring. The format for the trials event competition, which requires competitors to ride ~~on~~ horses ~~that they have never ridden with which they have little or no familiarity\*~~, was specifically designed to parallel the premise of the International event conditions. Further, the format is designed to give judges ~~an~~ ~~the~~ opportunity to evaluate each rider's ability to respond to these unusual demands. *[\*Due to the nature of the horses often being donated for the competition, it is possible that riders may have ridden some of the horses used in the trials. Thus the Council will observe the ISSEA rules that a rider may not compete on a horse that he/she has previously owned or exhibited. In cases involving other types of familiarity, the hosting director will make every effort to ensure that there are no significant advantages given to riders who may have had experience with horses used in the trials competition. Such measures may include, but are not limited to the following: procurement of additional donated horses for the duration of the competition; availability of videotape for review by other finalists for the team in question prior to the competition which shows the hosting director giving instruction on the horse(s) in question in a non-competitive setting, etc.]*

#### Awards

No ribbons will be awarded to competitors in the trials. The event will conclude with the announcement of the teams at an Award Ceremony, generally held ~~as a dinner on the evening of the competition at the conclusion of the competition.~~ Certificates of Participation will be presented to each trials finalist. Each of the top five riders will also receive a commemorative certificate identifying them as a member of Team ~~U.S. Equestrian USA.~~ *The sixth-place rider shall be declared ~~the~~ the alternate and* will also receive a commemorative certificate identifying them as the alternate member of Team ~~U.S. Equestrian USA.~~ Additional awards may be offered at the discretion of the Council.

### Subchapter EQ-4. Western Seat/~~Reining Seat~~ Equitation Section.

(See Western Rules, Chapter WS)

#### EQ122. Appointments. (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

##### 2. Tack.

a. The saddle must fit the rider. It may be slick or swelled fork, have a high or low cantle but must definitely be sized to the rider. Nothing that would prevent the stirrups from hanging freely shall be added to or deleted from a standard western saddle. Exhibitors can ride side saddle in adult equitation classes but not in classes restricted to juniors ~~or the Reining Seat Medal.~~

b. There shall be no discrimination against any standard western bit. Curb chains and leather chin straps may be used but must be flat and at least 1/2" in width, and lie flat against the jaws of the horse. No wire, rawhide, metal or other substance can be used in conjunction with or as part of the leather chin strap or curb chains. A light lip strap is permissible.

c. Hackamores as defined in WS105.4, all snaffle bits as defined in the WS105.3 may be used on junior horses; tie-downs, running martingales, draw reins, and cavesson-type nosebands are prohibited. Silver equipment may be used but shall not be given preference over good working equipment. A hackamore or snaffle bit rider may ride with two hands. Horses shown in the Arabian, Half Arabian, Morgan, National Show Horse, Saddlebred ~~and Reining Seat Medal Divisions~~ may not use hackamores or snaffle bits in the Equitation division and must show with one hand.

d. In Medal Classes, it is mandatory for the judge to have bits dropped and inspected. Riders must be dismounted for this inspection.

3. Bandages and boots of any type are prohibited. In the event of injury, the judge may permit a protective bandage. In Western Seat Equitation ~~or Reining Seat Medal~~ classes where a pattern is required, the use of shin, bell boots and/or protective bandages on the front legs and standard sliding or rundown boots on the rear fetlocks are permitted.

#### EQ124. Requirements for Specific Classes.

(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

~~6. U.S. EQUESTRIAN REINING SEAT MEDAL CLASS. Open to Junior and Amateur Active Members of U.S. Equestrian. Application for membership can be made directly to the Federation or the exhibitor can join prior to the class through Competition Management and/or the steward. The top three riders or riders that earn five points in U.S. Equestrian Reining Seat Medal classes qualify for the Final ride-off. Points will count 6 4 3 2 1 for 1st through 5th places respectively. Riders who qualify in this manner will receive a U.S. Equestrian Silver Medal. To fill a class, three competitors must show with proper appointments. Off course riders are counted toward fulfilling the requirements for filling a class. Stallions are permitted, if division rules for the breed of horse ridden permit juniors to ride stallions. Competitors shall perform a pattern only. The Reining Seat Medal Class is an equitation class requiring riders to perform a reining pattern from Art. 3310. Position, hands and seat are paramount. The class will be judged 50% on equitation and 50% on the reining pattern. A rider who is off pattern will be disqualified and will not receive any award except in a work off in the case of a tie where the rider will be placed last of those chosen for the work off (Exception: Art. 2224.6.1). Due to the difficulty of properly fitting tack, riders are not asked to change horses. In Medal classes, bits must be dropped and inspected. Riders must be dismounted for this inspection. Patterns must be posted one hour prior to the class. If there is a discrepancy between the written pattern and the drawn pattern, the written pattern will take precedence.~~

#### 6.2 U.S. EQUESTRIAN REINING SEAT MEDAL CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

a) Glenn Gimple Memorial Bronze Awarded to the overall champion with the highest total combined scores (reining and equitation) in both go rounds.

b) Adrian Van Sinderen Trophy Awarded to the highest scoring junior exhibitor rider, combining the total (reining and equitation) scores of both go rounds.

e) Amateur Trophy Awarded to the highest scoring amateur rider, combining the total (reining and equitation) scores of both go rounds.

d) ~~Westlands Farms Sportsmanship Trophy All exhibitors competing in the Finals class cast one vote to decide the recipient of the sportsmanship award.~~

e) ~~“My Midnight Special” Trophy Awarded to the High Total Reining Score. The Reining score from both go rounds is combined (without the equitation scores) to determine the recipient.~~

f) ~~Youngest Rider Trophy Awarded to the youngest rider competing in the Finals~~

## **CHAPTER EV – EVENTING DIVISON**

**EV104.3. Participation.** *(Approved EC 11/16/04) (Effective 1/1/05)*

3. YOUNG RIDERS. An Organizer may offer a competition for Young Riders at Tests, at Horse Trials at the **Preliminary and** Intermediate levels and at **One Star and Two Star** Events. Competitors shall compete as Young Riders from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 16 until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 21.

**EV104.6f and g. Participation.** *(Approved EC 11/16/04) (Effective 1/1/05)*

**f. An Organizing Committee may offer a section that includes dressage and jumping at a higher level and cross country at the level below, e.g. Advanced Intermediate. For purposes of competition qualifications and high score awards, these competitions will be considered in accordance with the level of the cross country being run.**

**g. An Organizing Committee may offer a section for Young Horses. For Beginner Novice through Training Level this shall be open to horses 4-5 years of age. For Preliminary Level this shall be open to horses 5-6 years of age. For the Intermediate and Advanced Level this shall be open to horses 6-7 years of age.**

**EV135.4. Dressage Arena.** *(Approved EC 12/21/04 Effective 1/1/05)*

4. If there is only one judge, he is placed 5 meters (16 feet) from the end of the arena opposite the letter C. When two judges are used, one (the President) is placed at C and the other is placed **5 meters from the side** of the arena, **opposite the letter E or B**. When three judges are used, one (the President) is placed at C, **another (M or H) is** placed at the end of the arena on a line with the judge at C, to his left **or** right, 2.5 meters in from the long side of the arena, **and the third judge is placed 5 meters from the side of the arena, opposite either E or B**. A separate enclosure (tent, trailer) should be provided for each judge and it should be raised at least 0.5 meters (20 inches) above the ground to give the judge a good view of the arena.

### **Subchapter EV-6. Rules for Championships.**

*(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)*

#### **EV161. Horse Trials Championships.**

1. ~~Jack LeGoff Trophy~~ National Open Horse Trial Championship  
Awarded to the highest placed competitor in the USEF National Open Horse Trial Championship who is a U.S. citizen. Open to competitors from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 18. The competition shall be an Advanced Horse Trial designated by the Federation. Competitors and horses shall qualify in accordance with the Federation rules for an Advanced Horse Trial.

#### **EV162. One Star Championships.**

1. ~~Harry T. Peters Trophy~~ National Junior Championship.  
Awarded to the highest placed competitor in the USEF National Junior Eventing Championship who is a U.S. citizen. Open to competitors from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 14 until the end of the year in which they reach the age of 18. The competition shall be an Autumn CCI\* designated by the Federation. Competitors and horses shall qualify in accordance with the Federation and FEI Rules for a CCI\*.

#### **2. National-19-to-21-Year-Old Championship.**

**Awarded to the highest placed competitor in the USEF National 19-to-21-Year-Old Championship who is a U.S. citizen. Open to competitors from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 19 until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 21. The competition shall be an Autumn CCI\* designated by the Federation. Competitors and horses shall qualify in accordance with the Federation and FEI rules for a CCI\*.**

#### ~~3. Alexander Mackay-Smith Trophy~~ National Amateur Championship.

Awarded to the highest placed competitor in the USEF National Amateur Eventing Championship who is a U.S. citizen. Open to competitors from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 18, who have never represented the U.S. in a three or four star CCI. The competition shall be an Autumn CCI\* designated by the Federation. Competitors and horses shall qualify in accordance with the Federation and FEI Rules for a CCI\*.

#### ~~4. Richard D. Collins Trophy~~ National One Star Championship.

Awarded to the highest placed competitor in the USEF National One Star Eventing Championship who is a U.S. citizen. Open to competitors from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 18. The competition shall be an Autumn CCI\* designated by the Federation. Competitors and horses shall qualify in accordance with Federation and FEI Rules for a CCI\*.

#### **EV163. Two Star Championships.**

#### **1. John H. Fritz Trophy** National Young Riders Championships.

Awarded to the highest placed competitor in the USEF National Young Rider Eventing Championships who is a U.S. citizen. Open to competitors from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 16 until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 21. The competition shall be an Autumn CCI\*\* designated by the Federation. Competitors and horses shall qualify in ~~compliance~~ **accordance** with the Federation and FEI Rules for a CCI\*\*.

#### **2. National 22-to-24-Year-Old Championships**

**Awarded to the highest placed competitor in the USEF National 22-to-24-Year-Old Championship who is a U.S. citizen. Open to competitors from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 22 until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 24. The competition shall be an Autumn CCI\*\* designated by the Federation. Competitors and horses shall qualify in accordance with Federation and FEI Rules for a CCI\*\*.**

#### ~~3. Jonathan R. Burton Trophy~~ National Young Horse Championship.

Awarded to the owner of the highest placed horse in the USEF National Young Horse Eventing Championship who is a U.S. citizen. Open to six and seven year old horses. The competition shall be an Autumn CCI\*\* designated by the Federation.

~~Competitors and horses~~ ~~Horses and competitors~~ shall qualify in accordance with Federation and FEI Rules for a CCI\*\*.

~~3. 4. U.S. Equestrian Eventing Trophy / National Two Star Championship.~~

~~Awarded to the highest placed competitor in the USEF National Two Star Eventing Championship who is a U.S. citizen. Open to competitors from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 18. The competition shall be an Autumn CCI\*\* designated by the Federation. Competitors and horses shall qualify in accordance with Federation and FEI Rules for a CCI\*\*.~~

**EV164. Three Star Championships.**

**1. National Under-25 Championships.**

*Awarded to the highest placed competitor in the USEF National Under-25 Championship who is a U.S. citizen. Open to competitors from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 22 until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 24. The competition shall be an Autumn CCI\*\*\* designated by the Federation. Competitors and horses shall qualify in accordance with Federation and FEI Rules for a CCI\*\*\*.*

**2. National Owner Rider Championship.**

*Awarded to the highest placed competitor in the USEF National Owner Rider Championship who is a U.S. citizen. Open to horses ridden by their owners. The competition shall be an Autumn CCI\*\*\* designated by the Federation. Competitors and horses shall qualify in accordance with Federation and FEI Rules for a CCI\*\*\*.*

~~1. Guy V. Henry Memorial Trophy / National Championship of Eventing.~~

**3. National Three Star Championship.**

~~Awarded to the highest placed competitor in the USEF National Three Star Championship of Eventing who is a U.S. citizen. Open to competitors from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 18. The competition shall be the Foxhall Cup CCI\*\*\*. an Autumn CCI\*\*\* designated by the Federation. Competitors and horses shall qualify in accordance with the Federation and FEI Rules for a CCI\*\*\*.~~

~~2. USET Challenge Trophy / National Spring Three Star Championship.~~

~~Awarded to the highest placed competitor in the National Spring Three Star Championship who is a U.S. citizen and a member of USEF. Open to competitors from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 18. The competition shall be a Spring CCI\*\*\* designated by the Federation. Competitors and horses shall qualify in accordance with the Federation and FEI Rules for a CCI\*\*\*.~~

~~3. USET Gladstone Trophy / National Autumn Three Star Championship.~~

~~Awarded to the highest placed competitor in the National Autumn Three Star Championship who is a U.S. citizen and a member of USEF. Open to competitors from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 18. The competition shall be an Autumn CCI\*\*\* designated by the Federation. Competitors and horse shall qualify in accordance with the Federation and FEI Rules for a CCI\*\*\*.~~

**EV165. Four Star Championships.**

**1. USET Pinnaele Trophy / National Four Star Championship.**

Awarded to the highest placed competitor in the National Four Star Championship who is a U.S. citizen and a member of USEF. Open to competitors from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 18. The competition shall be a

CCI\*\*\* designated by the Federation. Competitors and horses shall qualify in accordance with the Federation and FEI Rules for a CCI\*\*\*.

**CHAPTER FR – FRIESIAN DIVISION**

**FR 110. Attire.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

1. Attire shall consist of either a white shirt, white pants (*white denim is allowed*) with a dark colored tie, or a polo or oxford shirt with casual ~~Khaki~~ *conservative color* pants.

**FR194. Period Costume.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

1. To display the horse and rider in an authentic costume of time period of choice.  
 2. Exhibitors should dress in a manner consistent with their turnout, with attention to the styles, materials, and colors available during the period chosen.  
~~3. No armor allowed.~~ **No (noisy) reticulated metal armor allowed that would move together to create a sound disturbance to other competitors.**

**FR195. Fantasy Costume**

1. Exhibitors to display horse and rider in any creative costume design.  
 2. Use of glitter is permitted.  
~~3. No armor allowed.~~ **No (noisy) reticulated metal armor allowed that would move together to create a sound disturbance to other competitors.**

**FR206. General.** (Approved EC 6/21/05 Effective 12/1/04)

1. Refer to Chapter 9 for all general rules for Award Sections.  
 2. Eligibility. See GR902.  
 3. Point Tabulation. See GR905-911.  
 Points in Driving, In Hand, English, *Dressage*, and Western classes will be awarded as follows:

	Champion	Reserve Champion	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth
Grand Nationals	50	40	32	30	28	26	24
Regional Show	43.75	35	28	26.25	24.5	22.75	21
A Rating	37.5	30	24	22.5	21	19.5	18
B Rating	31.25	25	20	18.75	17.5	16.25	15
C Rating	25	20	16	15	14	13	12

Delete Dressage chart and remaining wording.

**CHAPTER HK – HACKNEY DIVISION**

(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

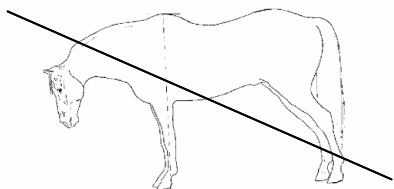
Move entire Subchapter HK-5 (Hackney Horses) to the end of Chapter HK to separate rules for Hackney horses and ponies and renumber as follows: Subchapter HK-6.

SPECIAL RATING REQUIREMENTS becomes Subchapter HK-5, Subchapter HK-7 HACKNEY ROADSTER PONIES becomes Subchapter HK-6, followed by previous Subchapter HK-5. HACKNEY HORSES which becomes Subchapter HK-7.

**HK102. Height.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

4. The animal should be standing with his front legs perpendicular to the ground. Ideally, his head should be lower than his withers. This easily locates the highest part of the withers where the measurement should take place. **The animal must be free of all appliances. Handlers must not interfere with the animal in any way that will prevent it from standing in the correct position; blinkers may be allowed.**

**Delete Figure:**



**HK105. Division of Classes.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

**4. It is strongly recommended that all pleasure pony classes be divided at 16 entries. It is recommended that classes be divided as to age of driver or sex of pony if there are a large number of entries anticipated.**

**CHAPTER HU – HUNTER DIVISION**

**HU100. Eligibility to Compete.** (Approved EC 3/15/05 Effective 4/1/05)

In order to compete in any Hunter classes at recognized competitions as an exhibitor, rider, trainer, or his/her agent(s), a person must be a member of the United States Hunter Jumper Association, Inc., or pay a nonmember fee to the United States Hunter Jumper Association, Inc. Exception: Local Competitions, **competitions restricted to a particular breed**, and ~~classes~~ **exceptions** listed in GR1401.9 and GR204.2i.

**HU101. General.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

The Hunter Division is open to horses, stallions, mares or geldings. ~~Only amateur adults may ride ponies in hunter classes, providing the fences do not exceed 3'3" in height. However, ponies cannot be cross entered into the rated Regular, Green Pony and Children's Hunter Pony sections at the same competition. (For rules pertaining to exhibitors who are 18 years of age or older riding ponies, see HP101.3 and HP101.10.)~~ Any rider competing with their stirrups tied to the girth and/or secured in any like manner, will automatically be eliminated from the entire competition. The steward will note the trainer name(s) on the steward's report and further disciplinary actions may be taken by the Federation.

**HU115. Type.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

6. In Handy classes, obstacles must simulate those found in trappy hunting country. The courses must have at least two changes of direction and at least one combination **as well as three of the following: hand gallop a jump, bending line, rollback turn, fence at the end of the ring or open a gate while mounted, trot over one obstacle, or lead over one obstacle.** ~~Horses may be required to trot over one obstacle. Judges must place emphasis on promptness and tight turns with precedence being given in that order. toward the end of the course, may be asked to lead over one obstacle or open a gate while mounted.~~

**HU118. Equipment.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

1. Light pads and bar shoes are permissible, however, bar shoes indicate a weakness and in Conformation classes a judge may penalize accordingly. Boots, wraps and bandages are prohibited. In the case of inclement weather competition management may permit the use of bell boots.

2. **No mounted exhibitor may wear or carry an electronic communication device (i.e., cellular telephone, pager, walkie talkie, etc.) while in the competition ring. The penalty for wearing or carrying a forbidden device if observed by the judge is elimination from the class during which the device was worn or carried. Exception: A handicapped participant may use electronic devices if, prior to the class, he/she presents to the USEF Steward written justification from treating personnel setting forth the necessity of the equipment..**

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**CHAPTER HB – HUNTER BREEDING DIVISION**

**HB100. Eligibility to Compete.** (Approved EC 3/15/05 Effective 4/1/05)

In order to compete in any Hunter Breeding classes at recognized competitions as an exhibitor, rider, trainer, or his/her agent(s), a person must be a member of the United States Hunter Jumper Association, Inc., or pay a nonmember fee to the United States Hunter Jumper Association, Inc. Exception: Local Competitions, **competitions restricted to a particular breed**, and ~~classes~~ **exceptions** listed in GR1401.9 and GR204.2i.

**HB103 Conduct.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

2. A competition may not offer more than two Hunter Breeding divisions to count for HOTO awards at any one competition. Each division must be judged by ~~two~~ **a different judge or judges judging independently**, with neither judge conferring with the other **concerning the judging** until the divisions are completed. The prize list must clearly state which classes count for Federation points. Additional classes and division championships may be offered but will not count for Federation points.

**HB106. Special Points for the National Championship.**

(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

1. **In order to compete in the USEF Hunter Breeding National Championship, the horse and owner must be recorded with USEF on or before the first day of the competition.**

2. Points to be awarded for the USEF National Hunter Breeding Championship for Yearlings, Two Year olds and Three Year olds will be awarded as follows:

## **CHAPTER HP – HUNTER PONY DIVISION**

### **HP100. Eligibility to Compete.** (Approved EC 3/15/05 Effective 4/1/05)

In order to compete in any Hunter Pony Division classes at recognized competitions as an exhibitor, rider, trainer, or his/her agent(s), a person must be a member of the United States Hunter Jumper Association, Inc., or pay a nonmember fee to the United States Hunter Jumper Association, Inc. Exception: Local Competitions. *competitions restricted to a particular breed, and classes exceptions listed in GR1401.9 and GR204.2i.*

### **HP101. General.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

3. Ponies shown in any rated Hunter Pony, **Green Pony Hunter, Children's Pony Hunter, or Pony Jumper** sections may not be shown by ~~an adult~~ **an suitable exhibitor 18 years of age or older** at the same competition, except in breeding classes in-hand.

### **HP101. General.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

**12. No mounted exhibitor may wear or carry an electronic communication device (i.e., cellular telephone, pager, walkie talkie, etc.) while in the competition ring. The penalty for wearing or carrying a forbidden device if observed by the judge is elimination from the class during which the device was worn or carried. Exception: A handicapped participant may use electronic devices if, prior to the class, he/she presents to the USEF Steward written justification from treating personnel setting forth the necessity of the equipment..**

### **HP102. Green Pony.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

Add new HP102.3; renumber remaining.

**3. Ponies who have not broken their Green Status must jump less than their regulation height in open classes or their Green Status will be broken.**

### **HP111. Class Specifications.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

**4. If a pony under saddle class has over 20 entries, the class must be split and held in at least two sections with one set of awards.**

### **HP117. Eligibility.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

1. A pony must win a Championship **or Reserve Championship** in an "A" "AA" rated Regular Hunter Pony Section, **a Championship in an "A" rated Regular Hunter Pony section**, or a Championship or Reserve Championship in an "A" **or "AA"** rated Green Hunter Pony section and the pony must be registered with the Federation at the time of the win in order for the Championship or Reserve Championship to count. Sections held after July 1 will count toward next year's competition. Ponies that are Champions in their respective sections at the previous years competition may return without qualifying. The owner of record of the pony must be a member in good standing of the Federation, i.e., ponies must be shown in accordance with Rules GR813 and GR817 in order to be eligible to qualify. Pony Finals host sites will comply with the rules designated by the Federation and the Federation Pony Hunter Committee.

### **HP126. General.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

1. Management shall not permit an animal to be shown in any Hunter Pony, Children's Hunter Pony or Welsh performance class at a Federation Member Competition unless the person presenting the animal is in possession of a) a copy of a measurement card issued by the Federation bearing the date of August 15, 1991 or thereafter; or b) certified card applied for prior to December 1, 1987; or c) a copy of a valid measurement form. ***If an exhibitor, owner, or trainer requests a reprint of a measurement card from the USEF office after the original measurement card has been issued, there will be a \$10 fee for service charged to the requestor.*** Competition management may, at its discretion, confirm any of the foregoing information electronically with the Federation Office. At Regular Competitions, management may not give out an exhibitor's number for an animal showing in a Hunter Pony class before the above requirements have been complied with, and charges of rule violations for hearing and determination pursuant to Chapter GR 6 and GR 7 shall result for failure of compliance with this Rule.

### **HP129. (Subchapter HP10- Procedures)**

(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

1. The measurement form must be filled out completely in duplicate before measurement takes place. Measurement cards will not be issued if the form is not completely filled out and legible. Exhibitors are cautioned to make sure their measurement forms are filled out accurately and completely. It must include the name and date of the competition, the height of the animal, height of heel, name, color and markings or absence thereof, sex, year foaled which must be verified by the official competition veterinarian at time of measurement. The name and address of the owner and his/her **Federation** membership number, if applicable, must be given. The form must be signed by the person furnishing the above information immediately before the animal is measured and then signed by the competition officials appointed to measure. The person providing the information that appears on the measurement form must be 18 years or older and is responsible for the accuracy of such information and care should be taken that all is in order before signing. When this individual signs the form, he/she is certifying that all information is complete and correct. Charges of rule violation for hearing and determination pursuant to Chapter GR6 and GR7 shall result for failure of compliance with this Rule. No changes can be made to such information once the form is signed. ***Any alterations, scratch outs, or rewrites to any part of the height or height of fore heels must be clearly indicated and initialed by the measuring officials.*** If a measurement form is signed by a person under the age of 18 and submitted to the **Federation** office, the measurement will be invalid.

### **HP129. (Subchapter HP10- Procedures)**

(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

5. The owner will retain the white copy which, when properly signed by the two officials who have made the measurement, is valid for 45 days from the time the animal is measured, regardless of age. ~~If the measurement card is to be sent to an address other than the owner's membership address, information must be included on the measurement form.~~

## **CHAPTER JP – JUMPER DIVISION**

**JP100. Eligibility to Compete.** (Approved EC 3/15/05 Effective 4/1/05)

In order to compete in any Jumper classes at recognized competitions as an exhibitor, rider, trainer, or his/her agent(s), a person must be a member of the United States Hunter Jumper Association, Inc., or pay a nonmember fee to the United States Hunter Jumper Association, Inc. Exception: Local Competitions, *competitions restricted to a particular breed*, and *classes exceptions* listed in GR1401.9 and gR204.2i.

**JP104. Rating Designations for Jumper Divisions** (Add new & renumber)

(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

<b>Competitions offering:</b>	<b>\$10,000 - \$24,999 =</b>	<b>USEF One Star</b>
<b>(in total jumper prize money)</b>	<b>\$25,000 - \$34,999 =</b>	<b>USEF Two Star</b>
	<b>\$35,000 - \$64,999 =</b>	<b>USEF Three Star</b>
	<b>\$65,000 - \$124,999 =</b>	<b>USEF Four Star</b>
	<b>\$125,000 or more =</b>	<b>USEF Five Star</b>

**JP104. Officials.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

1a. Jumper classes offering more than \$1,500. must have a judge of Registered status. (For classes offering \$25,000. or more, see *JP104.1e&* JP151).

**JP106. Prize List Requirements and Scheduling**

(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

5. *Classes per Day. No more than three classes in any section may be held during any 24-hour period.*

6. *Scheduling. No more than two classes in different sections may be run simultaneously, and those classes must be run over the same course with the same scoring specifications.*

**JP110. Tack and Attire.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

6. *No mounted exhibitor may wear or carry an electronic communication device (i.e., cellular telephone, pager, walkie talkie, etc.) while in competition ring. The penalty for wearing or carrying a forbidden device if observed by the judge is elimination from the class during which the device was worn or carried. Exception: A handicapped participant may use electronic devices if, prior to the class, he/she presents to the USEF Steward written justification from treating personnel setting forth the necessity of the equipment.*

**JP112. Eligibility.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

4. *Classes per Day. No more than three classes in any section may be held during any 24-hour period.*

**JP113. Limiting Entries and/or Qualifying.**

(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

1. **Cross Entry.** Unless *USEF rules* or the prize list restricts horses to a particular section or sections, horses may compete in another section(s).

**JP116. Sections/Classes Restricted to Junior, Amateur/Owner, or Young Riders.**

(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

1a. **Cross Entries.** A competition committee may exclude horses and/or riders which are competing in other jumper classes, provided it is so stated in the prize list. ~~Horse/rider combinations who compete in the amateur owner jumpers (low or high) are not eligible for any jumper classes offering \$25,000. or more in prize money at the same competition that is not an amateur class.~~

**JP116. Sections/Classes Restricted to Junior, Amateur/Owner, or Young Riders.**

(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

2. **Junior Jumper:** A horse that is ridden by an individual who has not reached his/her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. (See GR116.) *In addition, horse/rider combinations may not have competed within the previous 60 days at the International level. International level is defined as any Open Jumper class offering prize money of \$25,000. or more held at USEF International level; or any World Cup Qualifier, Nations Cup, Grand Prix or other 1.50 m or higher class for Senior riders at any competition approved by the FEI; or any Selection Trial for Senior International Competition. Any Horse/Rider combination losing eligibility under this provision of the rule will return to eligible status upon completing 60 days without competing at the International level.*

**JP116. Sections/Classes Restricted to Junior, Amateur/Owner, or Young Riders.**

(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

3. **Young Rider Jumper:** A horse ridden by a young rider under the rules of USEF. Individuals are eligible as Young Riders from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 16 until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 21. *In addition, horse/rider combinations may not have competed within the previous 60 days at the International level. International level is defined as any Open Jumper class offering prize money of \$25,000. or more held at USEF International level; or any World Cup Qualifier, Nations Cup, Grand Prix or other 1.50 m or higher class for Senior riders at any competition approved by the FEI; or any Selection Trial for Senior International Competition. Any Horse/Rider combination losing eligibility under this provision of the rule will return to eligible status upon completing 60 days without competing at the International level.*

**JP117. Sections/Classes Restricted to Children, Adult Amateur Riders, or Ponies.**

(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

4g. In Pony Jumper sections, to avoid over-emphasis on speed jump-offs, *it is recommended that* management is urged to write sections with initial class(es) scored *under Table V* or as "clear round" events (all entrants without jumping or time faults remain equal); Final class(es) only to have a jump-off against the clock to determine show championship.

**JP117** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

4b. **Measurement.** A measurement card is required per *Subchapter HP-9*.

**JP119. Levels.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

1. At Recognized Competitions the Level *or specific height* at which each class is being offered must be indicated in the prize list. Multiple or Combined Levels are not permitted for any class. See JP119.3 below for procedure to be followed should a published Level need to be changed. Note: For any **Open, Junior, Amateur Owner, or Young Rider** class offering \$25,000. or more in prize money the ‘Standard’ at which the class is being offered must be published in the prize list rather than indicating the difficulty by Level. (Refer to JP150 for complete specifications for these classes.) The following fence dimensions define each level: *(Balance of article remains the same.)*

**JP119. Levels.** *(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)*

2. Conforming to *height or Level. If a Level is indicated*, every course must have no less than 60% of the obstacles *in the first round* set at the heights and spreads indicated for the Level printed in the prize list, and in no case may any obstacle vary by more than 2” in height from those dimensions *in the first round. If a specific height is used in lieu of a Level, either feet and inches or metric units may be used; however, in all cases a minimum of 50% of the obstacles in the first round must be set at the height indicated and the spreads must be set in conformance with the Level chart shown above. Obstacles in the first round (with the exception of the first obstacle and those in combinations, which may be lower) may not vary by more than 2” (5 cm) in height from the class height indicated in the prize list.*

3. Changing the *specific height or Level* from that Published in Prize List. The *height or Level* at which a given competition is held may be altered from that listed in the prize list by the Course Designer with the approval of competition management and the Judge(s) only in the case of inclement weather, unsafe conditions, or with the prior written consent of the majority of competitors in the class. If alterations are made, they MUST be noted in the Steward’s report.

**JP121. Jumper Courses.** *(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)*

5. Number of Obstacles. Every course must contain a minimum of eight **numbered** obstacles. (Exception: jump-off courses, High Jump, Six Bar.) Each obstacle of a combination is counted as *an additional effort* separately. ~~(Exception: competitions conducted under FEI rules.)...~~

9. Combinations. At least one combination must be included in every course. (Exception: Combinations are prohibited in Puissance, High Jump, Fault and Out Time classes and classes scored on faults and time with choice of course. Combinations are optional in classes held **below Level 1 and** in classes held at Local Competitions.)

**JP131. Jump-Off Courses.** *(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)*

1. Obstacles. Jump-offs are held over obstacles from the original course ~~which that~~ may include obstacles not included in the initial round. In a jump-off, any sequence of obstacles in either direction may be employed. Obstacles may be raised, lowered, broadened or narrowed. **In Table II Sec. 2 (b) classes, it is recommended that course designers incorporate at least two new obstacles set at jump-off height.**

**JP132. General.** *(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)*

6. **Broken Equipment.** In cases of broken equipment or loss of shoe, the rider must continue if he wishes to avoid penalty, or may ~~voluntarily withdraw~~ retire.

7. **Setting a Standard.** After the first round of the first class in any section, management or the judges may order a competitor from the ring when it becomes evident that their performance prohibits them from being in the ribbons. (Exceptions: In the first round of all Preliminary Jumper classes, a competitor cannot be excused until it has incurred at least five faults).

8. **Courtesy Fence.** An eliminated competitor may make one attempt to jump an additional single obstacle, which may be designated by the judge(s), but may not continue thereafter. (Exception: The right to attempt an additional obstacle does not apply to Fault and Out classes or in the case of the fall of the horse.)

9. **Exiting the Arena.** Any competitor who does not leave the ring promptly at the end of the round or after being eliminated is liable for a fine of up to \$100. payable to the Federation, and may be disqualified from future classes during the competition at the discretion of the judge(s). **Any competitor at the end of his/her round who does not leave the arena through the designated in/out gate(s) (e.g. jumping out of the arena), is eliminated.**

10. **Outside Assistance.** Riders receiving physical assistance from outside the ring (i.e., lunge whips, etc.) while on course will be eliminated. (Note: this does not apply to riders between rounds in Table II Sec. 2(b), Table IV Sec. 2(b), or Table V Sec. 2(b) competitions provided the rider begins his jump-off within the limits of JP133)

11. **Jumping Obstacles Not Part of the Course.** Under penalty of elimination ~~and/or~~ **possible fine (not to exceed \$250 made payable to the Federation)**, any obstacle in the arena which requires a jumping effort (over, on to, or off of), whether flagged or not, may not be jumped by a competitor at any time while in the arena except as it may constitute a part of the current competition. [Note: Unfenced grass slopes, or flower beds or boxes used for decorative purposes only, are not to be considered obstacles. Questionable items in arena that will be scored may need to be pre-determined by the judges and so noted and announced prior to start of class.]

**JP132. General.** *(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)*

1. Jumpers are scored mathematically, based on penalty faults 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: JP133.1d and JP142.1h).**

**JP133. The Competition Round.** *(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)*

1. Starting and Finishing. In order to receive a score other than “Withdrew (Did Not Start),” “Retired,” or “Eliminated”:

**d) The horse must not resist for 45 consecutive seconds or take more than 45 seconds to jump the first obstacle after the time of the round has begun or take more than 45 seconds to jump the next obstacle on course.**

**e) The horse must not be eliminated for other prohibited actions that might occur while the horse is in the competition arena. (Exception: Fault and Out classes.)**

**JP134. Timing.** *(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)*

8. **During rounds where time is a deciding factor, a re-jump of the entire course may only be considered as an option if there is no automatic or manual time due to very exceptional circumstances. In these cases a competitor may elect not to re-jump the course and instead be placed after competitors with equal faults. If a re-jump does take place, the original score will be void.**

**JP137. Knockdowns** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

2. Special Circumstances. Should a pole resting in a cup come to rest on the lip of the cup, or on a bracket which is an integral part of the cup, it is not considered a knockdown. Narrowing the width of a spread obstacle without altering the height of any elements as defined above is not considered a knockdown. ~~If an obstacle falls after a competitor crosses the finish line, it is not considered a knockdown. (Exception: A fault at the final jumping effort will count, unless the competitor has left the arena.)~~ **If, while in the process of being jumped, the top element is struck in such a fashion that it changes the height of the jump, with both ends remaining in the cups and nothing else supporting the top element, it is scored as no faults.**

**JP142. Table of Jumping Faults**

(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

d) Second cumulative disobedience anywhere on course	<b>Elimination</b>
In all classes conducted at Level 5 or higher	Elimination
In all classes conducted below Level 5	Faults
e) Third cumulative disobedience anywhere on course	
In all classes conducted below Level 5	Elimination
p) e.) Exceeding the Time Limit	Elimination
f) A horse resisting for 45 consecutive seconds	<b>Elimination</b>
g) Taking more than 45 seconds to jump the first obstacle after the time of the round has begun	<b>Elimination</b>
h) Taking more than 45 seconds to jump the next obstacle on course is elimination	<b>Elimination</b>
...	
n) Rider and/or horse leaving the arena before finishing the course (Penalized at any time the horse is in the ring)	Elimination
o) Any competitor at the end of his/her round who does not leave the arena through the designated <del>in/out</del> gate (e.g. jumping out of the arena)	<b>Elimination</b>

**JP144. Table II - Classes scored on Faults and Time.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

2. Time First Round (Table II, Sec. 1) - The first round is decided by adding together the faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the Time Allowed. Horses with clean rounds or equal faults are classified according to their time taken to complete the course. [Note: It is recommended that Table II Sec. 1 be conducted over a Table II course rather than a Table III course.]..

3.2. Table II, Sec. 2 (b) - The first round and first jump-off, if any, are decided by adding together the faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the Time Allowed. If a competitor has gone clean in the first round, the competitor will, without leaving the ring, upon an audible signal, commence the designated jump-off course. A competitor with a clear round may dismount, and with assistance if necessary, adjust tack and/or equipment; **however, upon the audible signal to begin his/her jump-off round, the competitor is responsible to adhering to 45 seconds rule as per JP133.3. A competitor who leaves the arena after a clear round (before or after the tone) will be considered to have retired from the jump-off.** If there are no clean rounds and a tie exists for first place, there will be one jump-off in which time

will decide in the event of equality of faults. **It is recommended that no more than ten numbered obstacles be included in the first round when the class is scored under this table.**

3.3. Table II, Sec. 2 (c) - **Two Phase Competitions-** The first round and first jump-off, if any, are decided by adding together the faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the Time Allowed if any. If a competitor has gone clean in the first round, he will, upon crossing the finish line, commence the designated jump-off course. Time starts as the horse crosses the finish line for the initial course. If there are no clean rounds and a tie exists for first place, there will be one jump-off, in which time will decide in the event of equality of faults. The use of a Time Allowed is optional in the first round.

**JP146. TABLE III - Faults Converted Into Seconds. Intermediate, Open, and Young Rider** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)  
**Faults Converted Into Seconds. Intermediate, Open, Junior, Amateur Owner, and Young Rider**

4. Table III classes may not be offered in the Pony Jumper Division or in any section for Juniors, Amateur Owners, Adult Amateurs or Children.

**JP – Jumper. APPENDIX A. FEDERATION JUMPER SCHOOLING RULES.**

(Approved by EC 4/19/05 Effective immediately upon notification)

3. If an item (blanket, cooler, etc.) is laid over the rail of an oxer it may be laid over the front rail ~~only~~. If there is more than one rail on the front of the oxer, the item may be laid over any of those rails.

7. If a trot/canter/~~placement~~ rail is used, the jump may not exceed 4'3" (1.30 m) in height and **4'3" in width** ~~must be a vertical~~. If a rail is used on the take off side of a jump it may be no closer than 8'2" (2.50 m). If a rail is used on the landing side of a jump it may **only be used at a vertical and it may be** no closer than 9'10" (3 m). **These distances are for fences set at 4' (1.25 m) to 4'3" (1.30m)**

10. There may never be more rails on the back of an oxer than on the front of the same oxer. When two (2) rails are used on the back of an oxer, the lower rails on the front and back elements must be of equal height. **If the oxer is flagged so that it may only be jumped in one direction and there are two or more poles on the back of an oxer, the lowest of the poles may be equal to, but no lower in height than the top pole of the front of the oxer.**

14. If a liverpool is **supplied and** used at an ~~oxer or~~ vertical, the front of the liverpool may not be behind the front plane of the jump. **Also, the back of the liverpool may not exceed the front plane of the jump.** If used at an oxer, the front of the liverpool may not be more than 3'3" (1 m) in front of the jump. ~~If used at a vertical, the back of the liverpool may not exceed the front plane of the jump.~~

16. If space and available fence material allows and safety conditions permit, combinations may be built using correct distances. Bounce jumps (~~no stride combinations~~) may only be used with verticals and may not exceed 3'9" (1.15m) in height.

17. At management's discretion (and if local laws allow) bamboo offsets may be permitted in designated schooling areas only. Manual poling is not permitted. See JP150 for rules regarding classes of \$25,000. or more.

**JP – Jumper. APPENDIX B. FEI JUMPER SCHOOLING RULES.**

(Approved by EC 4/19/05 Effective immediately upon notification)

2. All ~~rails-poles~~ must be either in cups or totally on the ground (exception: one end of a cross rail may rest on the ground). ~~Rails-Poles~~ must be able to fall easily when hit.
3. No one may hold a ~~rail-pole~~ or touch a standard while it is being jumped.
4. Fences must be flagged and jumped in the proper direction. *Unless permission is granted by the Chief Steward, F flags can may* not be interchanged.
7. Any jump 1.30 meters (4'3") or higher must have a minimum of 2 ~~rails-poles~~, in cups, on the take off side of the jump, regardless of whether a ground line is used. The lower ~~rail-pole~~ must always be below 1.30 meters (4'3").
8. Ground lines are not mandatory, however if they are used they must be placed either directly below the front of the jump or up to 1 meter (3'3") out. If a ground line is used on the landing side of a jump (*verticals only*) there must be one on the take off side, and it may not be any further out than the one on the take off side.
9. If a trot/canter/~~placement pole rail~~ is used the jump may not exceed 1.30 meters (4'3") in height, *1.30 meters (4'3") in width, and must be a vertical.* If a ~~pole rail~~ is used on the take off side of a jump it may be no closer than 2.50 meters (8'2"). If a ~~rail pole~~ is used on the landing side of a jump it may *only be used at a vertical and it may* be no closer than 3 meters (9'10").
10. If guide ~~rails-poles~~ are used on the landing side of a jump the closest part of the ~~pole rail~~ must be a minimum of 3 meters (9'10") from the jump.
11. If a ~~rail-pole~~ is placed on the lip of a cup it must be placed on the far side of the cup, and is only allowed at an oxer if it does not cause the front ~~rail-pole~~ to be higher than the back ~~pole rail~~ (i.e. offset).
12. If there are two or more ~~rails-poles~~ on the back of an oxer, the lowest of the ~~rails poles~~ may be equal to, but no lower in height than the top ~~rail-pole~~ on the front of the oxer.
13. A cross ~~rail-pole~~ may only be made at a vertical either by itself or below a single ~~rail-pole~~ lower than 1.30 m (4'3"), or if the overall jump is lower than 1.30 m (4'3") at the front of the oxer, with a ~~minimum distance between the rails of the cross rails of 40 cm (4") and a maximum distance of 30 cm (12").~~
14. Horses are not permitted walk over cross or slant ~~rails-poles~~. Walk jumps may not exceed 12" (30 cm), and may be built with one end of the ~~rail-pole~~ resting on the ground. Ground lines are not permitted. While using a walk jump the competitor must approach and depart in a straight line. At no time may they turn the horse while walking over the ~~rail-pole~~.
16. If a liverpool is supplied and used at an oxer or vertical, the front of the liverpool may not be behind the front plane of the jump. *Also, the back of the liverpool may not exceed the front plane of the jump.* If used at an oxer; the front of the liverpool may not be more than 1 m (3'3") in front of the jump. ~~If used at a vertical; the back of the liverpool may not exceed the front plane of the jump.~~
17. ~~If a water jump is available it may only be used in one of the following manners; with take off box only; with take off box and a vertical jump with a single rail placed not past the center of water jump not to exceed 1m (3'3") in height; no take off box with a vertical jump with 2 rails placed not past the center of the water jump not to exceed 1.30 m (4'3") in height.~~
18. If space and available fence material allows and safety conditions permit, combinations may be built using correct distances. Bounce jumps (~~no stride combinations~~) may only be used with verticals and may not exceed 3'9" (1.15m) in height.

## CHAPTER JH – JUNIOR AND CHILDREN'S HUNTER DIVISIONS

### **JH100. Eligibility to Compete.** (Approved EC 3/15/05 Effective 4/1/05)

In order to compete in any Junior Hunter classes at recognized competitions as an exhibitor, rider, trainer, or his/her agent(s), a person must be a member of the United States Hunter Jumper Association, Inc., or pay a nonmember fee to the United States Hunter Jumper Association, Inc. Exception: Local Competitions, *competitions restricted to a particular breed*, and ~~classes exceptions~~ listed in GR1401.9 and GR204.2i.

### **JH105. "A" Rated Sections Requirements.**

(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

~~1. I. Rated Sections.~~ At least two sections must be offered *in the prize list. Four (4) or five (5) classes are required in each section with a minimum of \$500 prize money offered in each section. Management may elect to offer four (4) classes. If four (4) classes are offered at a multiple day competition, no more than two (2) classes may be held on one day and no more than 50% of the prize money may be offered on one day.*

~~2. a.~~ Sections may be combined only if there are four (4) entries or less in either split section.

~~3. b.~~ If divided by size, it must be divided under 16 hands and 16 hands and over. This height division is recommended in all sections.

~~4. c.~~ AA" rated Junior Hunter sections must offer a handy hunter class (see HU115.6)

*2. B Rated Sections. Three (3) or four (4) classes are required in each section with a minimum of \$100. in each section.*

*3. C Rated Sections. No prize money is required. Children's Hunter sections are "C" rated and count only toward the Zone Awards.*

### **JH116. "A" Rated Sections.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

~~CHAPTER VI. SPECIAL RATING REQUIREMENTS. See Rule XXIV, Chapter IX.~~

#### **Article 2816. "A" Rated Sections:**

~~1. Four (4) or five (5) classes are required in each section with a minimum of \$500. prize money offered in each section.~~

~~2. Management may elect to offer four (4) classes. If four (4) classes are offered at a multiple day competition, no more than two (2) classes may be held on one day and no more than 50% of the prize money may be offered on one day.~~

~~3. At least two (2) split sections must be offered in the prize list. Sections may be combined only if there are eight (8) entries or less in either split section.~~

~~Article 2817. "B" Rated Sections. Three (3) or four (4) classes are required in each section with a minimum of \$100. in each section.~~

~~Article 2818. "C" Rated Sections. No prize money is required. Children's Hunter sections are "C" rated and count only toward the Zone Awards.~~

**JH121. Phases.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

*1h. Ties will be broken based on the score of the judge that is designated as judge number one for each phase of competition. If a tie still exists for the overall standings, the score from the Classic Phase will break such tie.*

**JH121. Phases.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

*b. To determine the winner, scores must be calculated based on the total of the combination of all three phases after the percentages of each phase have ~~has been~~ calculated.*

**JH127. General.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

1. Management shall not permit an animal to be shown in any Junior Hunter performance class at a USEF Member Competition unless the person presenting the animal is in possession of a) a measurement card issued by the Federation bearing the date of August 15, 1991 or thereafter; or b) certified card applied for prior to December 1, 1987; or c) a copy of a valid measurement form. *If an owner or his/her agent requests a reprint of a measurement card from the USEF office after the original measurement card has been issued, there will be a \$10 fee for service charged to the requestor.* At Regular Competitions, management may not give out an exhibitor's number for an animal showing in a Junior Hunter class before the above requirements have been complied with, and charges of rule violations for hearing and determination pursuant to General Rules Chapters 6 and 7 shall result for failure of compliance with this Rule.

**JH130. Completing the Measurement Form.**

(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

1. The measurement form must be filled out completely in duplicate before measurement takes place. Measurement cards will not be issued if the form is not completely filled out and legible. Exhibitors are cautioned to make sure their measurement forms are filled out accurately and completely. It must include the name and date of the competition, the height of the animal, height of heel, name, color and markings or absence thereof, sex, year foaled which must be verified by the official competition veterinarian at time of measurement. The name and address of the owner and his/her ~~U.S. Equestrian~~ **USEF** membership number, if applicable, must be given. The form must be signed by the person furnishing the above information immediately before the animal is measured and then signed by the competition officials appointed to measure. The person providing the information that appears on the measurement form must be 18 years or older and is responsible for the accuracy of such information and care should be taken that all is in order before signing. When this individual signs the form he/she is certifying that all information is complete and correct. Charges of rule violation for hearing and determination pursuant to General Rules Chapters 6 and 7 shall result for failure of compliance with this Rule. No changes can be made to such information once the form is signed. *Any alterations, scratch outs, or rewrites to any part of the height or height of fore heels must be clearly indicated and initialed by the measuring officials.* If a measurement form is signed by a person under the age of

18 and submitted to the U.S. Equestrian **Federation** office, the measurement will be invalid.

**JH130. Completing the Measurement Form.**

(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

**Change to read:**

5. The owner will retain the white copy which, when properly signed by the two officials who have made the measurement, is valid for 45 days from the time the animal is measured, regardless of age. ~~If the measurement card is to be sent to an address other than the owner's membership address, information must be included on the measurement form.~~

## **CHAPTER MO – MORGAN HORSE DIVISION**

**MO105. Appointments.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

1. The Morgan shall be shown in all its natural beauty with a full mane, forelock and tail. Braiding is permitted only in Hunter, Jumper, Dressage, Sport Horse, Carriage **Pleasure** Driving, ~~and ADS~~ classes. Braiding is also permitted in performance and equitation classes when shown under proper hunter, dressage, sport horse, or carriage driving tack and attire.

**MO05. Appointments.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

4. Boots and other artificial appliances are forbidden in the Morgan division. Exception: boots are permitted in all Reining (~~including Reining Seat Medal, see Art. 2222.3~~), Roadster, Jumper, Hunter on the Flat Equitation, and Hunter Seat over Fences.

**MO134. Morgan Western Pleasure Class Specifications.**

(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

1. MAIDEN, NOVICE, LIMIT, OPEN, STALLIONS, MARES, GELDINGS, UNDER 15 HANDS, 15 HANDS AND OVER, YOUTH. To be shown at a walk, jog-trot, and lope, with light rein but still maintaining contact with horse's mouth. The judge may ask for an extension of any gait. To be judged on manners, performance *with proper cadence and balance*, quality, presence and apparent ability to give a good pleasure ride, with emphasis on manners and gait 60%; type and conformation 40%.

2. JUNIOR HORSE (4-years-old and under) To be shown at a walk, jog-trot, and lope, with light rein but still maintaining contact with horse's mouth. The judge may ask for an extension of any gait. To be judged on manners, quality, performance *with proper cadence and balance*, presence and apparent ability to give a good pleasure ride, with emphasis on manners and gait 60%; type and conformation 40%.

3. JUNIOR EXHIBITOR. To be shown at a walk, jog-trot, and lope, with light rein but still maintaining contact with horse's mouth. The judge may ask for an extension of any gait. To be judged on manners, suitability, performance *with proper cadence and balance*, quality, presence and apparent ability to give a good pleasure ride, with emphasis on manners and gait 60%; type and conformation 40%.

4. LADIES. To be shown at a walk, jog-trot, and lope, with light rein but still maintaining contact with horse's mouth. The judge may ask for an extension of any gait. To be judged on manners, suitability, quality, performance **with proper cadence and balance**, presence and apparent ability to give a good pleasure ride, with emphasis on manners and gait 60%; type and conformation 40%.

5. AMATEUR. To be shown at a walk, jog-trot, and lope, with light rein but still maintaining contact with horse's mouth. The judge may ask for an extension of any gait. To be judged on manners, performance **with proper cadence and balance**, suitability, quality, presence and apparent ability to give a good pleasure ride, with emphasis on manners and gait 60%; type and conformation 40%.

#### **MO134. Morgan Western Pleasure Class Specifications.**

*(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)*

6. CHAMPIONSHIPS AND STAKES. The same specifications as the above paragraphs except the percentages are 50%-50% instead of 60%-40%.

**MO161. General.** *(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05) (Section about attendant and backing Approved by EC 4/19/05 Effective 5/1/05)*

Open to riders who are less than twelve (12) years old (GR126). To be judged on the rail at the walk and trot only. Rider must not have been judged in ANY saddle class, test or pattern that has required a canter in a recognized or non-recognized competition. Riders may not enter any other class in the competition in which they are competing with the exception of other walk and trot classes, driving, fitting and showmanship, judging team competitions and specialty classes such as costume and other non-canter events, etc. Competitions are encouraged to divide the walk and trot divisions by age (suggested but not limited to: 8 and under and 9 through 11) and seat (Saddle Seat, Hunter Seat, Western or Reining Seat, Dressage Seat). Stallions are prohibited. Equipment, attire and presentation must match the discipline being ridden and the class entered. Protective headgear is acceptable. **Horses must not be asked to back. After the judge's card has been turned in and prior to the presentation of the awards, Before horses are judged in the line up**, one attendant without whip per entry will be permitted in the lineup and will be called in by the announcer. **Attendant must stand back for the entry to be judged. THIS GENERAL PARAGRAPH MUST ACCOMPANY THE LISTING OF THE EQUITATION SPECIFICATIONS IN THE PRIZE LIST. REFERENCE TO THIS ARTICLE MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE LISTING OF THE CLASS SPECIFICATIONS IN THE PRIZE LISTS.**

#### **MO162. Morgan Walk and Trot Equitation.**

*(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05) (Section about backing Approved by EC 4/19/05 Effective 5/1/05)*

To be judged as an equitation class where only the rider is judged. Classes may be held in Saddle Seat, Hunter Seat, ~~Stock Reining Seat or Western Seat~~, **Reining Seat/Western Seat/Western Horsemanship**, and Dressage Seat. No tests or patterns may be called for. **Horses must not be asked to back.** See Walk and Trot General Instructions. *(See MO161.)*

#### **MO163. Morgan Walk and Trot Pleasure.**

*(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05) (Section about backing Approved by EC 4/19/05 Effective 5/1/05)*

To be judged as a pleasure class with manners paramount. Classes may be held in the disciplines of Saddle Seat, Hunter Seat, ~~Stock Reining Seat or~~ Western Seat, and Dressage Seat. Ring procedure, apparel, equipment, presentation, and class specifications are those appropriate to each discipline. ~~Western horses being considered for a ribbon must back.~~ **Horses must not be asked to back.** See Walk and Trot General Instructions. *(See MO161.)*

#### **MO167. Additional Class Specifications.**

*(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)*

20. MORGAN ADULT EQUITATION. Open to ~~Adult~~ Amateur riders (**GR808 and GR809**) who are at least ~~twenty-two~~ **eighteen (18)** years old (GR103). Classes may be held in Saddle Seat, Hunter Seat, ~~Western or Reining Seat~~, **Reining Seat/Western Seat/Western Horsemanship**, and Dressage Seat. **A pattern appropriate for adult riders is recommended.** All of the specifications to the named seats are applicable, including tests and patterns. Protective Headgear is acceptable. (GR318.4). ~~Classes may be divided by age, but all ages must have the opportunity to compete during a given competition.~~ **Ribbons won as a junior exhibitor affect a rider's status when competing as an adult.**

#### **MO167. Additional Class Specifications.**

*(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)*

21. **UPHA CLASSIC AND CLASSIC CHAMPIONSHIPS.** **To be judged according to the specifications for a junior horse class or junior horse championship in the appropriate performance section. For information on holding UPHA Classics, please contact the United Professional Horsemen's Association, 4059 Iron Works Parkway Suite #2, Lexington, KY 40511, (859) 231-5070.**

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## **CHAPTER PF – PASO FINO HORSE DIVISION**

**PF103. Shoeing Regulations.** *(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 3/1/05)*

If a horse is shown unshod, ~~hoofs~~ **hooves** will be neatly trimmed to a short natural length, not to exceed four (4) inches. If a horse is shown shod, the length of the ~~hoofs~~ **hooves** is not to exceed four and one half (4 1/2) inches, including shoes. All four (4) feet must be shod with flat shoes that do not affect the way a horse travels or how a foot breaks over. All four (4) feet must have the same type of shoe of the same material, weight, and thickness although front and back hooves may be shod in different sizes. Each shoe cannot exceed ten (10) ounces. Weighted shoes and pads are prohibited. However, toe and/or side clips drawn from the same shoe (an integral part of an otherwise flat saddle plate shoe which does not exceed ten (10) ounces in weight) that in no way affects how a horse travels or breaks over are allowed.

**PF106. General.** *(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)*

**8. Points shall be accumulated based on the specific horse a youth rides in Classic Fino, Paso Performance, Horsemanship and the Paso Pleasure Youth Classes.**

**PF107. Class Separations.** *(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)*

1. Fino, Performance and Pleasure. Youth classes may be offered in Classic Fino, Paso Performance and/or Paso Pleasure and may be separated in the following ways:

- a. Open Youth: Youth 17 years old or younger;
- b. Junior Youth and Sub-Junior Youth.

2. Equitation. Youth classes may be offered in Paso Equitation and separated in the following ways:

- a. Open Youth: Youth seventeen (17) years old or younger
- b. Junior Youth (13-17)
- c. Sub-Junior Youth (7-12)
- d. Sub-Junior Youth Level I (7-9)
- e. Sub-Junior Level II (10-12)
- f. Category ~~1~~ **a** may be offered, or categories ~~2 and 3~~ **b and c** may be offered or categories ~~2, 4 and 5~~ **b, c and e** may be offered.

3. Youth Horsemanship: This class is open to all Youth riders. If offered, classes may be separated as follows:

- a. Open Youth: Youth seventeen (17) years old or younger;
- b. Junior (13 - 17)
- c. Sub-Junior Youth (7-12);
- d. Sub-Junior Youth (7 - 9) and
- e. Sub-Junior II (10 - 12)
- f. Category ~~1~~ **a** may be offered, or categories ~~2 and 3~~ **b and c** may be offered or categories ~~2, 4 and 5~~ **b, d and e** may be offered.

4. Gold and Silver Medal **Advanced** Equitation: The Gold and Silver Medal **Advanced** Equitation may be offered as follows:

- a. Open to all Youth riders who have not reached their 18th birthday. A Youth rider who places first or second in an Association Silver Medal Class (held at Regional Group show) is qualified to participate in the Gold Medal Finals at the Grand National Championship Show.
- b. To hold a Silver Medal class at a Regional Group show, the show management must:

- (1) Request class when asking for approval for show.
- ~~(2) Have five (5) or more entries show in the class.~~

**PF108. Classes Descriptions** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

1. Walk-Corto Leadline. This class is open to children six (6) years of age and under and to physically or mentally disabled adults or children who are unable to show in other classes. Tack and attire will be the same as that for the Paso Pleasure class except riders are required to wear Safety Headgear. See GR318 for the definition of Safety Headgear. The horses shall enter the ring with the child mounted and an adult holding a leadline attached to a halter (leather or nylon) worn under the bridle or holding the pisador attached to the bridle. The leadline is for control only if necessary and should remain slack during the class if possible. The child should control the horse. This class is to be judged the same as the Equitation class except that no dismount/mount or tests will be asked for and the horses will be requested only to perform at a Paso Corto gait and at a walk. All exhibitors shall receive participant ribbons for this class and there shall be no points awarded **for riders or horses.** In addition, there shall be no point requirement to enter this class in the National Show.

**PF118. Tests.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

6. Sounding Board: At a corto, the rider shall put horse over the sounding board while maintaining gait, cadence and rhythm. The horse should move straight down the center of the board, tracking straight. The rider shall circle at the end of the board and return over the sounding board.

The course shall be posted approximately two (2) hours before the class. **Off pattern: a rider will not be disqualified for failure to complete the pattern in the correct sequence but must be placed accordingly.**

**PF121. Class Specifications & Qualifying Gait.**

(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

2. Definition of an Amateur Owner. Each exhibitor in an Amateur Owner Class must be an amateur by the above definition, certified as an Amateur by the Federation and be the owner of the horse being ridden or a member of the owner's family (GR106 and 122). In the case of a corporate owner, the stockholders of the corporation shall be considered the owners for purposes of this definition. A horse that is the subject of a lease to an amateur is not considered owned by that amateur for purposes of this definition. The purchaser of a horse under an installment method of payment shall be considered the owner of the horse for purposes of this definition. **If the purchaser, either before or at the time of the competition in question, files an affidavit on a form provided by the Paso Fino Horse Association for this purpose that describes certain relevant information about the purchase.**

**PF123. Appointments.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

2. Attendants will be attired in the official Paso Fino show costume. ~~except the hat, jacket and cummerbund are optional. A long sleeved shirt is required if the jacket is removed.~~

**PF129. Tack.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

5b. Bits (**All Divisions**). Bits are required in all classes except Schooling Classes or other classes as specified. Bits may be of any humane approved type **in accordance with Appendix A of the PHFA Rule Book.** ~~(as per U.S. Equestrian guide by Ronald J. Rhodes - **The Guide to Paso Fino Tack**).~~ However, shanks cannot exceed six (6) inches, upper shank of bit from mouthpiece to where bit attaches to bridle cannot exceed three (3) inches, and all bits with shanks must have a curb strap or curb chain attached and used for leverage. **The length of the shank shall be measured in a straight line from the mouthpiece to the end of the shank.**

**PF132. Procedures.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

Exhibitors will enter the ring to the right on the rail and circle the arena in a counterclockwise manner until instructed to reverse or halt. Horses must work both directions, reverse, halt and proceed in gait. Breaking gait on reverses, stops or starts shall be penalized. A figure eight may be requested to demonstrate flexibility, responsiveness, and steadiness of gait, but diminishing circles are not allowed. Only inanimate objects may be used as "posts" for the figure eight as long as they do not present a danger to horse or rider. A solid, ground level, hard surface sounding board 48' or longer should be used in this class to clearly exhibit the rhythmic consistency of

the horse's cadence and impact. The performance of the horse on the sounding board shall not be given preference over the horse's work on the rail. During competition, while being judged, exhibitors are not allowed to turn on the sounding board. **Backing of horses may be requested.**

**PF136. Procedures.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

The exhibitors will enter the ring to the right on the rail at a collected Paso Corto and circle the arena in a counterclockwise manner. The sequence of gaits shall be: collected Paso Corto, collected Paso Largo, to show the marked difference in speed, collected walk, reverse and repeat.

While executing the collected walk, entries should space themselves to avoid bunching up and maintain their relative positions on the rail. In the collected Paso Corto and collected Paso Largo, entries shall maintain a position on the rail except to pass.

A solid, ground level, ~~hard surface~~ **continuous hard surface, allowing no more than one half-inch of space between the** sounding board 48' or longer may be used. However, the judges may require horses to perform only the Paso Corto gait over the sounding board. Judges may call for a serpentine at a collected Paso Corto and/or a figure eight at a collected Paso Corto as requirements for a work-off of horses in close competition. At a very minimum, a serpentine should consist of half circles with 180 degree turns.

**PF140. Procedures.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

3. Each rider shall be asked to demonstrate the back from the line-up. In the back, the horse shall maintain proper head position, show evidence of a good mouth, back in a straight line and be readily responsive. At the judge's discretion, riders may be asked to perform individually ~~any or all of the following~~ **the required test should show the submissive manners, willingness and quiet temperament. Some of the requests may be as follows:**

- a. Dismount and remount from the left side, either in the line-up or along the rail, except in Youth Classes. Rider's style of dismount and mount is not to be emphasized; rather, emphasis is placed on the horse's willingness to stand quietly
- b. Perform a serpentine at the Paso Corto gait;
- c. Perform the Paso Corto gait over the sounding board;
- d. Back on the board;
- e. Back on the rail.

Any combination of the above may be used for a work-off.

**PF145. Paso Trail.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

2. Procedures. In this class, each horse shall be asked to negotiate through obstacles. Obstacles are to be negotiated by exhibitors individually with only one horse in the arena at a time. This class shall be judged 100% on the obstacle course; there is no rail work. This includes the distance from the beginning of an obstacle to the beginning of the next obstacle. Any horse not performing the gait required properly should be penalized in the same manner as not completing the obstacle. Failure to follow the prescribed obstacles, or course of travel through obstacles, will result in automatic elimination. A drawn course will be provided by show management, reviewed for compliance with required procedures and approved by the judge(s) and steward(s). The course will show the line of travel through obstacles and the gait required to perform

obstacles. Changes or revisions will not be permitted after posting. The course will specify how a horse is to negotiate or travel between obstacles that seems appropriate.

Tests that may be required are: negotiating a gate, carrying an object from one part of the arena to another, riding through water, over logs or simulated brush, riding down into, up and out of a ditch without lunging or jumping, crossing a bridge, backing through obstacles, sidepassing, mounting and dismounting from either side, and performing over any reasonable conditions along the trail (**See WS104.4 for posting requirements**). Any coat or jacket to be put on by the rider must be open in front and not be an item which must be put on over the head. Unnatural obstacles, such as fire extinguisher, perforated plywood in water boxes, or exotic animals should be avoided. The course is to include a minimum of six (6) obstacles and a maximum of eight (8) obstacles. (See WS125, as may be amended from time to time, for dimensions of trail obstacles.)

Horses are to be penalized for any unnecessary delay while approaching the obstacles. Judges are encouraged to advance on to the next obstacle any horse taking excessive time at an obstacle. Entry will be evaluated on willingness, responsiveness, correctness and general attitude while negotiating through the obstacle course. Obstacles occurring in a natural trail environment only are to be used to break a tie.

**PF146. Paso Costume.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

1. The purpose of this class is to create interest in the Paso Fino Breed by establishing and demonstrating its Latin American or Spanish origin by means of the various costumes for the rider employed in the respective countries of origin, for the diversion and enjoyment of the public. In this class, horses will be required to demonstrate their favorite Paso gait and stand in a line-up on display. They shall be judged: 80% on attractiveness of costuming and appropriateness of same to the horses and the completeness of the costuming idea; 10% on the brilliance of gait and on the carriage of the horse; and 10% on manners of the horse. Points in this class shall be assigned to the rider.

Riders entering the costume class must be members in good standing of the Association.

Procedures. Entries must submit a brief statement of **approximately 100 words or less or a maximum of two (2) minutes** on the cultural significance of their costume. This will be read as each entrant, one-by-one, enters the ring in his or her favorite gait. Every exhibitor must circle the ring once in a counterclockwise manner and line up head to tail in the center of the ring. An attendant/handler is allowed. Such attendant/handler must be appropriately attired and in keeping with the costume of the rider. The rider's attire will not be offensive or detract from the main purpose of the Class.

**PF147. Paso Fino Country Pleasure (Restricted to Amateurs).** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

**PF151. Grand National Championship Show.**

(Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

**h. The Association National Show shall be an (A) rated USEF sanctioned show.**

**CHAPTER RN – REINING HORSE DIVISION**

*Entire division will be printed in a separate document. See online rulebook.*

#### **CHAPTER RD – ROADSTER DIVISION**

##### **RD101. Type and Conformation.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

1. In order to compete all horses must be Standardbreds registered with the United States Trotting Association or the Canadian Trotting Association (exception: horses that have competed in any Roadster Division class at a ~~U.S. Equestrian~~ USEF recognized ~~event~~ **competition** prior to December 1, 2003). The Roadster must be attractive in appearance, balanced in conformation and with manners which make a safe risk in the ring. **At USEF recognized competitions, a copy of the registration papers showing proof of ownership must be submitted with entry form at the time of making entry or presented to the competition office before competition number will be released; competition management is responsible for notifying exhibitors of this requirement. Horses showing under a name other than the name on the registration papers must provide a copy of the registration papers and a notarized certificate of eligibility to show issued by the American Road Horse and Pony Association. A copy of the registration papers will be returned when exhibitors pick up their numbers, if requested. In the event that a person files a false affidavit or an affidavit to show change of ownership without having taken steps to make the change with USTA, the Federation will levy a fine against that person in the amount of \$200. If the foregoing \$200 fine is not paid within 30 days or receipt of the Federation's notice of fine, said individual will be automatically suspended until the fine is paid. If the person disputes that the fine is not properly owing, he/she can request a hearing of these issues before the Hearing Committee provided a written statement specifying grounds for the hearing is received at the Federation's office within 30 days of the receipt of the Federation's notice of fine. See GR802.2c.**

##### **RD112. Roadster Ponies.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

2. All ~~Open~~ Roadster Ponies must be re-measured and issued new measurement cards prior to competing in recognized competitions for the year 2004 and beyond.

#### **CHAPTER SB – SADDLEBRED HORSE DIVISION**

##### **SB101. Eligibility.** (Approved by EC 4/19/05 Effective 5/1/05)

3. Owners and trainers **of horses participating** at Federation recognized competitions rated "A" in all Saddlebred sections must be current members in good standing with the American Saddlebred Horse Association, Inc. **and provide an original or copy of the ASHA membership card unless the competition, at their discretion, confirms membership electronically with the ASHA office, or must pay a non-member fee. Lessees are considered owners in connection with this membership requirement. In the event of an entry under multiple ownership, only one owner need be a Member or pay the non-member registration fee.**

**a. If the ASHA membership card is not available, the exhibitor, or his or her agent, must sign the ASHA membership affidavit**

**giving his or her name, address, the fact that he or she is in possession of the proper credentials and the reason the information is not available. In the event a person files a false affidavit to prove membership with the ASHA, the Federation will levy a fine against that person in the amount of \$200. See GR802.2a(5), GR802.2c, GR1501.4, and GR1504.2b. If the foregoing \$200 fine is not paid within 30 days of receipt of the Federation's notice of fine, said person and any horses owned by him/her or his/her stable will be automatically suspended until the fine is paid. If the person disputes that the fine is not properly owing, he/she can request a hearing of these issues before the Hearing Committee provided a written statement specifying the grounds for the hearing is received at the Federation's office within 30 days of receipt of the Federation's notice of fine. The request must be accompanied by a deposit of \$100 made by a Federation member or the parent of a junior exhibitor member or \$200 if made by a non-member (check payable to the Federation). Said deposit will be refunded in the event the hearing is resolved in the favor of the member/non-member.**

##### **SB145. General.** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

2. Country Pleasure horses must be plain shod. Permissible as plain shod shall be a shoe (inclusive of caulks), which may be thicker at the heel and may include toe clips and side clips. Also permissible is an eggbar shoe. Not permissible as plain shod: bands, bars, pads of any kind, wedges, lead, springs, any attachment that extends below the bottom of the shoe, and any foreign substance not specified as permissible. The ~~entire frog and entire sole and entire frog~~ of the foot must be visible. Any animal with prohibited shoeing must be disqualified from further competition at that competition and forfeit all entry fees and winnings. Quarter boots are permitted only in Five-Gaited classes.

##### **SB149. General** (Approved BOD 1/16/05 Effective 4/1/05)

3. HUNTER COUNTRY PLEASURE. All Ages, Ladies, Gentlemen's, Adult Amateur, Juvenile, Novice, Junior, Championship, or Stake. To be shown at a walk, trot, extended trot, canter and hand gallop both ways of the ring. **For safety reasons the judge may limit the number of horses to hand gallop at one time.** Horses are required to stop and back on the rail. ~~Judges may ask eight horses at a time to hand gallop collectively one way of the ring.~~ To be judged on manners, performance, suitability as a Hunter, quality and conformation. In the line, horses must stand quietly with all four legs perpendicular to the ground. Horse shall be required to back readily in the line.

#### **CHAPTER VA – VAULTING DIVISION**

*Entire division will be posted in a printed document. See online rulebook.*

#### **CHAPTER WS – WESTERN DIVISION**

##### **WS117.2. Penalties - Cow Work.** (Approved EC 11/16/04) (Effective 12/1/04) (1-Point Penalties)

2. For each length horse runs past cow. **A length by is 1 horse length of daylight between the cow's head and the top of the horse's tail.**