

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2021	4/15/2021	

Rule Change Intent

The changes proposed will create more concrete guidelines and improve the continuity of courses set for young horses across the country. The addition and changes are to promote appropriate conditions for each age group and the time of year for the horses' development. The July 1 deadline will allow the horses to use the spring shows to develop further before courses become more technical and/or difficult, as some are not able to compete at the large winter circuits. Requiring ascending courses, oxers, and combinations will promote proper development and confidence in the young horses. Additionally, young horse classes are often combined with an open jumper class set at the same height for that age group, but there had been no requirements or course specifications for when those classes are combined. It is vital for the young horses to jump age appropriate classes, so the addition of number 8 states that combined classes must adhere to the specifications for young horses. This will still allow competition managers to combine classes for their schedule, but also provide good courses for all participants. Number 10 lists a program and website that is no longer active, so the change to the current national championship event is essential

Draft 2 to address/incorporate the Jumper Committee recommendations.

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Linked Rules

Comments

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 04/13/2021

Draft 1: The IDC recommends to disapprove at this time with the understanding that a 2nd draft is forthcoming.

Jumper

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 04/06/2021

Draft 1: Would approve if: - #'s 4, 5, and 6 was moved from General Requirements in 3.a. to Five year-old Requirements in 3.b - #9 in 3.b was changed to: When using a Liverpool at a vertical, the rails must be in the center. When using a Liverpool at an oxer, the front edge of the Liverpool must be in line with the front element of the oxer. In either case, rails must be in Safety Cups and the Liverpool must be used as an option.

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3. Course Guidelines *Requirements*

a. General for all ages:

1. ***Before July 1, all courses must be set in ascending height and the maximum height for Five and Six Year Olds cannot be used in the first 30% of the course. The first jump of the course and the first element of a combination must be set 5cm lower than the lowest height permissible under the rule for the age category.***
2. There should be at least two changes of direction, preferably more.
3. The first obstacle should be inviting, not difficult (i.e. no blind corners).
4. ~~Normal distances should be used in related lines, whether straight or bending.~~
5. ~~The fill must be consistent in each element **A, B, and C** of the combination **and must not be solid or a visual distraction.**~~
6. ~~Indoor arenas: Whenever possible, obstacles should not be placed directly on the wall.~~
7. Certificate of Compliance: A course plan showing the actual heights and spreads of all the fences, signed by the Course Designer and the Senior Judge, must be given to the Senior Steward no later than the conclusion of competition on the same day the class is held to include with his report to the Federation.

b. Five Year Old Jumpers

1. All courses must be basic and straight forward.
2. ~~Obstacles should **must** be inviting. and not solid, i.e. no solid walls~~
3. ***Before July 1, all courses must be set in ascending height and the maximum height cannot be used **in the first 30% of the course** until the second half of the course.***
4. The first fence and the (a) portion of any combination must be set 5cm lower than the height specified for the class.
5. ~~All oxers must be ascending, i.e. ramped before May 1.~~
6. ~~5. Combinations may not **cannot** be used before fence number four.~~
7. ~~6. Triple combinations may not **cannot** be included before July 1.~~
8. ~~7. Only one spread obstacle may be included in any combination before July 1.~~
9. ~~8. A Liverpool may not **cannot** be used as part of a combination.~~
10. ~~9. When using a Liverpool **at a vertical**, the rails must be in the center. **When using a Liverpool at an oxe**, the front edge of the Liverpool must be in line with the front element of the oxe. In either case, the rails must be and on Safety Cups; and the Liverpool must be used as an option.~~
10. ***Three (3) stride lines cannot be used before July 1.***
11. ***Flower boxes or ground rails can be used in front of verticals to encourage a visual aid.***
12. ***Normal distances should be used in related lines, whether straight or bending.***
13. ***The fill must be consistent in each element A, B, and C of the combination and must not be solid or a visual distraction.***
14. ***Indoor arenas: Whenever possible, obstacles should not be placed directly on the wall.***

c. Six Year Old Jumpers

1. ***Before July 1, all courses must be set in ascending height and the maximum fence height cannot be used **in the first 30% of the course** until the second half of the course before May 1.***
2. Triple combinations may only include one spread obstacle before July 1st.
3. Water jumps may not **cannot** exceed 11' (3.30m) and must use a rail over the water with a lath on the landing side. Water jumps should be in the second half of the course, and another obstacle must be offered as an option. The rail must be judged and if the lath is to be judged, it must be marked on the course.
4. A Liverpool may be not **cannot be** used as part of a combination.

5. If using Table II, Section 1, courses should always be built as Table II, not Table III.
- d. Seven Year Old Jumpers
1. If a Liverpool is used in a combination, it may only be used as the first element, and may not be used before **May July 1**.
 2. Water jumps ~~may not~~ **cannot** exceed 12' (3.60 m) and must use a rail over the water with a lath on the landing side, and another obstacle must be offered as an option. ~~before May 1.~~
4. Five-Year-Old Jumper: Open to horses **that meet the eligibility requirements listed in JP117.1.** ~~with papers indicating a foaling date five years previous to the current calendar year.~~ Horses competing in classes restricted to Five-Year-Olds ~~may not~~ **cannot** have ever shown in Open Jumper Classes offering \$25,000 or more in prize money with fence heights of 1.25m or higher.
- a. Classes will be scored under Table II (all clears stay equal). After July 1, classes may be scored under Table II, Sec 2.a, b, or d.
 - b. Courses to be set at 1.00 m to 1.15 m. After July 1st courses must be set at **1.15-1.20 m**. Speed of 325 m/m.
5. Six-Year-Old Jumper: Open to horses **that meet the eligibility requirements listed in JP117.1.** ~~with papers indicating a foaling date six years previous to the current calendar year.~~ Horses competing in classes restricted to Six Year Olds ~~may not~~ **cannot** have ever shown in Open Jumper Classes offering \$25,000 or more in prize money with fence heights of 1.35m or higher.
- a. Classes may be scored under Table II, (all clears staying equal); or Table II Section 1 or 2a, b, or d.
 - b. Courses to be set at 1.20 m to 1.25 m. After July 1st, courses must be set at **1.25-1.30 m**. Speed of 350 m/m.
6. Seven Year-Old Jumper: Open to horses **that meet the eligibility requirements listed in JP117.1** ~~with papers indicating a foaling date seven years previous to the current calendar year.~~ Horses competing in classes restricted to Seven-Year-Olds ~~may not~~ **cannot** have ever shown in Open Jumper Classes offering \$25,000 or more in prize money held at the National or High Performance Standard
- a. Classes may be scored under Table II, Section 1 or 2 a, b, or d.
 - b. Courses to be set at 1.30 m to 1.35 m.
7. Classes for age groups may be combined and run as one class when there are less than 4 in a given age category. When classes are combined (see JP122.1.c), each age category must jump the height specified for that age category. Course guidelines and class specifications must conform to those specified for the youngest age jumping in the combined class.
8. ***Classes for age groups may be combined with an open jumper class held at the same height. Course requirements and class specifications must conform to those specified for the age group jumping in the combined class.***
9. Horses may compete in classes restricted to Five, Six, and Seven Year Olds in the month of December but they will not be eligible for HOTY points (GR 1133.2)
10. Special Competitions. Exceptions to any of the above listed conditions may be made only with the permission of the Federation Jumping Sport Committee prior to the printing of the prize list. For complete specifications for the YJC **USHJA Young Jumper Championship** program, please refer to their website at ~~www.youngjumpers.com.~~ **www.ushja.org/youngjumper.**
11. For scheduled Five, Six or Seven Year Old classes, any schooling jump 1 m or over must have a minimum of two rails, in cups, on the take-off side of the jump, regardless of whether a ground line is used. The lower rail must always be below 1m. See JP103.5.