This rule change is to define Junior and Amateur in one place in the rules so we don't have to define again in the Equitation section. Also to synchronize the definition of "junior" across all Western Dressage classes.

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Committee Actions

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7. For purposes of competition in Western Dressage classes:

a. **Junior exhibitor definition:** Individuals are eligible as Junior Exhibitors until the end of the competition year in which they reach the age of 18. See GR128.

b. **Amateur exhibitor definition:** From the beginning of the competition year in which they reach 18, individuals must possess a current Amateur Certification to be eligible to compete as Amateurs at a USEF licensed competition. **Adult Amateur riders as defined in GR1306 and GR1307.** At non-USEF licensed competitions, organizers should consult the appropriate breed or show rules for eligibility to compete as an Amateur.

c. *An individual may not compete as a Junior Rider and as an Amateur in Western Dressage Equitation at the same competition.*

**GR106 Amateur Classes**

1. Every contestant must hold amateur status. See GR1306 and GR1307.

2. Amateur classes may be restricted to riders, drivers or handlers who are no longer eligible to compete as a junior exhibitor. In the Dressage or Western Dressage Division, individuals are only eligible to compete as amateurs from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach age 22. See DR119.3.