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**Rule Change Intent**

The USEF and USHJA prioritize ensuring the safety and fairness of warm-up prior to classes. This rule change is intended to outline instances when a Certified Schooling Supervisor is required to officiate, define the duties of a CSS in the Hunter schooling area, and add requirements that an exhibitor warm up for featured classes in the area where the CSS if present.

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**Linked Rules**

**Comments**

**Committee Actions**
1. **Schooling over obstacles by a hunter exhibitor while on competition grounds must be consistent with the obstacle requirements set forth in Hunter Schooling Rules Appendix A.** Schooling is permitted in accordance with GR834, GR835, GR837 and HU Appendix A.

2. Schooling areas for hunters must contain adequate standards, jump cups and rail and hunter-type rails to make a minimum of a trotting fence, a vertical and an oxer.

3. **A supervisor of schooling must be appointed for the schooling area designated for hunters, if the area is less than 20,000 sq. ft. in size or more than 500 horses are entered in the competition.**

4. **Duties of Certified Schooling Supervisors (see also GR1031).**
   a. The Certified Schooling Supervisor’s or official competition Steward’s decision regarding schooling rules in the warm-up/schooling area is final.
   b. Competition Management is responsible for providing a Category 1 Steward or Certified Schooling Supervisor to supervise schooling in the Hunter schooling area during any Hunter class offering $10,000 or more in prize money.
   c. Within the thirty minutes prior to the scheduled start of the class, any schooling over obstacles by an entry in a class of $10,000 or more, or any USHJA National Hunter Derby or USHJA International Hunter Derby must be done in a designated area, supervised by a C1 Steward or Certified Schooling Supervisor.

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HJ106 Riding and Lunging Areas.

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2. **Definitions.**
   a. Competition Ring: An area designated with signage and a barrier, with a gate or space for entry and exit, on competition grounds where classes are held for competition of hunters and/or jumpers. All competitions must provide a minimum of one dedicated competition ring. Competition rings may be utilized as an exercise, lunge, or schooling area when not being used for its primary purpose if the ring meets the sizing requirements for each area.
   b. Main Competition Ring: The main competition ring is defined as a competition ring for hunters and/or jumpers which takes priority scheduling over all other competition rings, or holds the class with the largest amount of prize money, and has designated seating for spectators and riders. If one competition ring (defined above) is provided, it will serve as the main competition ring.
   c. Schooling Area or Warm-up Area: A designated area on the competition grounds in which horses are being prepared to compete. A schooling area is required to be designated with signage and on the facility map for each competition ring, and located in close proximity to the competition ring it serves. Premier competitions must offer a separate schooling area for hunters, jumpers and ponies if running concurrently. **At all other ratings, it is recommended that separate schooling areas be provided for hunters. A separate schooling area and jumps should also be provided for ponies.** Schooling areas must be available one hour prior to the start of the first scheduled class until the end of the last scheduled class in the competition ring for which the schooling area is designated. When utilizing an indoor ring as a competition ring, the competition may use schooling breaks between sections within the competition schedule for each day to comply with this Standards requirement. **Schooling areas for hunters must contain adequate standards, jump cups and hunter-type rails to make a minimum of a trotting fence, a vertical and an oxer.** See also HU Appendix A.

GR835 Designated Areas

Schooling over obstacles in the ring or over any part of an outside course is permitted only at the time designated by the Show Committee or Competition Management. All other schooling over obstacles is permitted only within clearly identified areas and only at times designated by the Show Committee or Competition Management. Schooling over obstacles in any other area of the competition ground or at any other time is prohibited. **For specific hunter and jumper classes, refer to discipline chapters.**

GR837 Hunter

1. Schooling areas for hunters must contain adequate hunter-type fences. A trotting fence, a vertical and an oxer are required. See also HU Appendix A.
2. It is recommended that separate schooling areas be provided for hunters. A separate schooling area and jumps should also be provided for ponies.
3. A supervisor of schooling must be appointed for the schooling area designated for hunters if the area is less than 20,000 sq. ft. in size or more than 500 horses are entered in the competition.
4. Competition Management is responsible for providing a Category 1 Steward or Certified Schooling Supervisor to
supervise schooling in the Hunter schooling area during any Hunter class offering $10,000 or more in prize money.

5. The Category 1 Steward’s or Certified Schooling Supervisor’s decision regarding schooling fences, or tack and equipment in the warm-up area is final.

GR1031 Certified Schooling Supervisor
1. A Federation Certified Schooling Supervisor is an individual licensed by the Federation.
2. Schooling supervisors may be individual contractors at the competition or may be competition stewards. However, a minimum of one competition steward must always remain available to attend to other stewarding duties.
4. Hunter Schooling Requirements – See GR837-HU Appendix A