

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2023	2/15/2023	

Rule Change Intent

Horse welfare concerns are commonly brought to the attention of stewards and competition management for practices in non-competition riding and lunging areas. Individuals and horses in these areas can be difficult to identify in real time. Requiring a number attached to the horse or the individual riding, lunging, or exercising facilitates identification, allowing stewards the opportunity to address horse welfare concerns. Additionally, human accidents can occur in riding and lunging areas where an individual may lose consciousness; requiring a competition number can facilitate quick identification of an injured individual. Recent EHV-1 health concerns at certain licensed competitions brought a requirement for any horse out of a stall wear a number; requiring a number on the person lunging, exercising or schooling, or the horse, is practical and easy to enforce

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Linked Rules

Comments

Committee Actions

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2. Definitions

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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. **All horses in the schooling area or warm-up area must have its show number attached to the horse or the individual riding or handling. Any horse without its correct number will be asked to leave the area.** 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 arenas 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.

d. Exercise Area: A designated area on the competition grounds in which horses at the competition may be exercised, or lessons may be held, both on the flat and over fences. **All horses in the exercise area must have its show number attached to the horse or the individual exercising. Any horse without its correct number will be asked to leave the area.**

e. Lunging Area: An area designated on the competition grounds that is used to safely lunge horses on the flat only. **All horses being lunged in the designated lunging area, or anywhere else on show grounds, must have its show number attached to the horse or the individual lunging. Any horse without its correct number will be asked to leave the area.**