**Rule Change Intent**

The FEI recognizes approaching without the intention to mount as a deduction from the horse score. To punish our Vaulters by elimination at our national level is unfair in comparison.

**Proponent Details**

Vaulting

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**Linked Rules**

**Comments**

**Committee Actions**

Vaulting
SUBCHAPTER VA-1 GENERAL

VA112 Unauthorized Assistance

1. No one other than the lunger may give any directive to the horse.
2. No one is permitted to approach the horse without the intention of mounting. "Approach", in this instance, means leaving the lunger and moving out the lunge line towards the horse and/or leaving the outside of the circle and moving toward and with the horse as it canters on the circle.
3. Spotting vaulters is not permitted.
4. In 3*A, 2*B, and 1*C Team Events, no one other than a lunger, a team of six (6) vaulters and one (1) substitute may be in the arena.
5. In Individual Event, no one other than a lunger and individual(s) who are scheduled to compete at that specific time may be in the arena.
   a. Only one vaulter may be in the vaulting circle at a time.
   b. Other competitors shall line-up outside the vaulting circle.
   c. The next competitor may enter the vaulting circle when the previous vaulter begins the vault-off. An earlier entry entails elimination of the incoming vaulter.
6. In the Pas de Deux Event, no one other than a lunger and the competitors who are scheduled to compete at that specific time may be in the arena.
See section on Scoring for penalties and deductions.

SUBCHAPTER VA-5 SCORING

VA126 Penalties and Deductions

6. Horse:
   a. Deductions at the discretion of the judge for:
      1. Lack of balance, not straight on the circle, impure gaits, uneven and/or unlevel, poor condition, overloading, signs of discomfort, circle size, lunging and presentation.
      2. **Approaching the horse without the intention of mounting.** *Approach*, in this instance, means leaving the lunger and moving out the lunge line towards the horse and/or leaving the outside of the circle and moving toward and with the horse as it canters on the circle.
See FEI Guidelines for Judges for additional information.

7. Elimination—Team, Pas de Deux and Individual Events:
   b. In 3*A, 2*B, and 1*C Team Event, entering ring with more than a lunger, team of 6 and 1 substitute for compulsories.
   c. In Team Event, entering the ring with more than a lunger and 6 vaulters for Freestyle.
   d. In 3*A, 2*B, and 1*C Team Event, if substitute enters the ring but does not perform the compulsories.
   e. In Team Event, entering the ring with less than a lunger and six vaulters for the Compulsory or Freestyle sections.
   f. In Team Event, approaching the horse without the intention of mounting (See VA112.2).
   g. Assistance on to or off the horse from the ground in the Freestyle (boosting/spotting) (See VA112.2 & 3)
   h. In Individual event, if vaulter enters circle before previous vaulter begins vault off, entering vaulter will be eliminated. Horse that is uneven and/or unlevel, in poor condition, or which shows signs of discomfort or fatigue.
   i. Abuse of the horse.
   j. An unforeseen circumstance.
   k. More than three (3) vaulters on the horse at any one time or in any exercise whether actually on the horse or not.
   l. After the maximum number of vaulters allowed to use the horse in any day, all additional vaulters will be disqualified.
   m. Use of non-allowable equipment.
   n. Team or vaulter not saluting within one (1) minute of the Judge’s signal to enter.
o. Team or vaulter not commencing the performance within thirty (30) seconds of the judge's signal to begin.

p. Unauthorized assistance not specified elsewhere.

q. Use of dress other than defined.

r. In the event the team/individual is eliminated, the judge should state his reason on the score sheet.