

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
FEI Rule Change	9/1/2024	1/31/2024	

Rule Change Intent

The clarification removes the language on whether the outside assistance prevented an accident from happening. This will also prevents potential unseen damages to those offering assistance.

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Linked Rules	Comments
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Committee Actions
Human and Equine, Safety & Welfare

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 04/15/2024 **Draft 1:** The committee was unclear as to if this was an FEI rule change as it was not noted in the intent. The intent is unclear and did not appear to align with the removal of the 'Assistance to avoid accidents' section in the rule.

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3. Permitted assistance

The following are considered to be permitted outside assistance:

Assistance during the halt and in neutral zones between sections.

~~Assistance to avoid accidents.~~

Assistance to horses as a result of an accident inside an obstacle, providing the grooms are dismounted.

Assistance by the groom whereby a horse is led through an obstacle by the bridle ends of the reins while harnessed to the carriage in either Marathon or Cones, will incur 20 penalties for the assistance, in addition to the penalties for dismount.

For Intermediate, Preliminary, Training, and Beginner turnouts without a groom on the carriage, should groom assistance be needed, the athlete may stop and ask for such assistance from any capable person, who may then act as groom rendering the necessary help, and the turnout shall be penalized with the penalty for groom down.