

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2021	9/30/2020	

## Rule Change Intent

To update the measurement rules to allow for electronic submission and remove the requirements for signatures on the forms except the steward and/or technical delegate

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Linked Rules	Comments
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## Committee Actions

AHA

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## American Saddlebred

**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 12/17/2020

Arabian

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/09/2020

ARHPA

ASHA

ASPC

## Carriage Pleasure Driving

## Council - Natl Breed &amp; Discipline

Dressage

**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 01/19/2021

Hackney

**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 01/04/2021

## Licensed Officials

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/30/2020  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 11/30/2020

**Draft 1:** The Committee questioned the need for the signature of the Veterinarian, especially if questions of a horse or pony being lame was presented to the Federation several months after the measurement.

**Draft 2:** The Committee questioned the need for the signature of the Veterinarian, especially if questions of a horse or pony being lame was presented to the Federation several months after the measurement.

## National Hunter Committee

**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 01/05/2021

**Draft 2:** The committee would like to keep the veterinarian signature as part of the measurement form.

Roadster

**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 12/16/2020

Shetland

**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 11/17/2020

USHJA

**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 12/11/2020

Welsh

**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 12/16/2020

**Draft 2:** The Committee agrees with the online submissions however, feel strongly that the veterinarians signature should be required along with the stewards.

## SUBCHAPTER 5-A CONDITIONS

### GR501 Other Measurement Rules

**For all measurements, references to the measurement form implies either the paper or electronic version of the form.** The rules in Chapter 5 do not apply to measurement of entries in Hunter, Jumper and Welsh Pony Divisions: refer to rules HJ126-138. For Combined Driving, see Appendix DC-A Measurement of Combined Driving Ponies. For Dressage, see DR135. For all other measurements, see GR502-518.

## SUBCHAPTER 5-B PROCEDURES

### GR505 Completing the Measurement Form

1. The measurement form must be filled out completely in duplicate and the number of the Measurement Stick must be on the form. Measurement cards will not be issued if the form is not completely filled out and legible. Exhibitors shall ensure the form is accurate and complete.
2. The form must include:
  - a. The name and date of the competition, the height of the pony, height of heel (except for Arabian, Dressage and Dressage Sport Horse Breeding), name, color and markings, sex, year foaled which must be verified at time of measurement and designate whether the pony is shod or unshod. ~~(American Saddlebred measurements must be entered on left measurement box of form.)~~
  - b. The name, and **email** address, of owner and Federation membership number **of the owner** must be given; **if the horse/pony is leased, the lessor is considered the owner for measurement purposes.** and
  - c. Signature **Name** of the person furnishing the above information immediately before the pony is measured, **The person providing the information must be 18 years or older and is responsible for the accuracy of such information.** signature of the competition officials appointed to measure.
  - d. **Signature of the measuring official.** The person providing the information that appears on the measurement form must be 18 years or older and shall be responsible for the accuracy of such information. When this individual signs the form he is certifying that all information is complete and correct. If a measurement form is signed by a person under the age of 18 and submitted to the Federation office, the measurement shall be invalid.
  - e. ~~No changes may be made to the form once it is signed. Any alterations, scratch outs, or rewrites to any part of the height, height of fore heels, or thickness of shoe/pad must be clearly indicated and initialed by the measuring officials prior to signing the form.~~
3. The owner shall ~~receive~~ retain the ~~white~~ **a** copy of the measurement form which, when properly signed by the ~~two measuring officials~~ **measuring official**, is valid for 45 days from the time the pony is measured. Exception: Hackney, Roadster, and American Saddlebred ponies: the ~~white~~ copy which owners retain for the remainder of the current competition year.

## SUBCHAPTER 5-D QUESTIONING AND PROTESTING

### GR512 Height

1. An owner or trainer may protest the height of only one pony competing in a class in which he is also competing. (See GR603) For Dressage protests, see DR135.9. If a protest is filed the pony's heel must be measured by an officiating steward or technical delegate immediately upon exiting the arena so that no change can be made by re-shoeing or the pony must be accompanied by an official until the measurement procedure is completed. The heel measurement will be taken in accordance with GR510, recorded **on the form and signed by the measuring official a** ~~competition Steward or technical delegate, and signed by the exhibitor.~~ The pony must be measured for height within one hour of the conclusion of the session and at an officially designated measurement location for that competition. If it is determined that the pony's shoeing has been changed between the time of the measurement of the heel and the official measurement of the pony, the protest will be upheld and the owner will forfeit entry fees and winnings for the entire competition and the pony is barred from competing for the balance of the competition year. All points accumulated for Horse of the Year Awards are nullified. (Exception: Heel measurements are not required for Arabians. The pony will be measured for height per Chapter 5, Subchapter 5-B and 5-C)

## SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS

### DR135 Pony Measurement

6. Measurements or re-measurements conducted for the purpose of competing in Dressage classes, tests or awards or Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes, tests or awards must be recorded on the Federation "Combined Driving and Dressage Pony Measurement Form," **which includes the electronic or paper version of the form**, according to GR505, GR506, and GR508, and the requirements on the form. Measurements must be taken and recorded in centimeters. A completed copy of the measurement form will be given to the owner or trainer at the time of measurement, except for "competition only" measurements.

## SUBCHAPTER HJ-7 MEASUREMENT

### HJ126 General

8. Measurements must be performed by a steward certified to measure and the official competition veterinarian. The official competition veterinarian must confirm the age of the horse or pony and that it was jogged and is serviceably sound. Upon the official competition veterinarian's verification of soundness, the steward's measurement is final. The steward and the official competition veterinarian shall sign the measurement form. A steward may not measure a horse or pony that is owned by a member of his family or by any of his or his family member's clients. (See GR1039.4)

a. Written **or electronic** reports of every measurement or attempt to measure must be sent to the Federation office together with the Steward's Report, or the steward will be subject to charges and penalties per Chapters GR6 and GR7.

### HJ129 Completing the Measurement Form

Measurement cards will not be issued if the form is not completely filled out and legible. Exhibitors are cautioned to make sure their measurement forms are filled out accurately and completely.

a. It must include the name and date of the competition, the height of the animal, name, color and markings or absence thereof, sex, year foaled which must be verified by the official competition veterinarian at time of measurement.

b. It must include the name and **email** address of the owner and his/her Federation membership number, if applicable, must be given. The form must be signed by the trainer furnishing the above information immediately before the animal is measured and then signed by the competition officials appointed to measure.

c. The trainer who signs the entry blank at the competition must **furnish the above information immediately before the pony is measured, this individual is certifying that all information is complete and correct and that they are 18 years or older.** provide the information that appears on the measurement form. The trainer must be 18 years or older and is responsible for the accuracy of such information and care should be taken that all is in order before signing. When the trainer signs the form, he/she is certifying that all information is complete and correct. **The form must be signed by the measurement official appointed to measure.**

c. Charges of rule violation for hearing and determination pursuant to Chapters GR6 and GR7 shall result for failure of compliance with this Rule. If a **horse or pony is presented for measurement** form is signed by a person under the age of 18 and **the measurement is** submitted to the Federation office, the measurement will be invalid. The official completing the form must designate on the form that the owner is a current member or that the membership has been applied for (See HJ128) and that the horse or pony is entered in a class at that competition. ~~The white A~~ **A** copy is given to the owner or trainer and the blue **a** copy, with applicable fee, is returned to the Federation office.

d. No changes can be made to such information once the form is signed. Any alterations, scratch outs, or rewrites to any part of the height must be clearly indicated and initialed by the measuring officials.

2. Before an animal is measured for a measurement card, the animal must be jogged for soundness on a firm, level surface with the official competition veterinarian in attendance, and show no evidence of lameness. If found to be lame by the official competition veterinarian, said animal cannot show at that competition and no measurement may be conducted. If an animal whose height has been protested is found to be lame by the official competition veterinarian, the measurement card will be held by the Federation and the owners must request an appeal measurement in order to reinstate the card.

3. Federation officials will not perform "courtesy", "trial", or repeat measurements. Once a pony or horse is presented for measurement, the owner/agent must accept the resulting measurement.

4. The owner will **receive** ~~retain the white a~~ copy which, when properly signed by the **steward** ~~two officials who have~~ made the measurement, is valid for 45 days from the time the animal is measured, regardless of age.

### HJ132 Position of Animal

1. The animal must stand squarely on all four feet in such a position that the front legs are vertical to the ground and the back of the hocks are in a vertical line with the point of the animal's quarters. The poll must be in the same horizontal plane as the withers and no lower and the head should be in a normal position.

2. A maximum of two handlers may present the animal for measurement and they must not interfere with the animal in any way that will prevent it from standing in this position nor may they have any direct physical contact with the animal that could influence the measurement, except that a handler may cover the animal's eyes.

3. The animal may be presented for measurement with or without shoes regardless of how it is shown.

4. Prior to presenting the animal for measurement it is the responsibility of the owner, and in his interest, to ensure that the pony or horse is handled properly, accustomed to the application of a measuring stick, and correctly prepared for measurement.

5. Exhibitors should make themselves familiar with the "Measurement Guidelines Brochure", which is available **on the Federation website** from the competition steward on the reverse side of the measurement form.