

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2025	12/18/2024	

Rule Change Intent

This is in the interest of fair competition and a level playing field, and to define parameters in which an exhibitor can meet with the judge. No exhibitor should be permitted to gain an advantage in the competition or attempt to leverage intimidation of the judge(s). Additional information/feedback on an individual's performance can be used as an unfair advantage in future classes during the same competition.

Additionally, the group strongly recommends the recording of the meeting with the judge(s) in the Stewards Competition Report, including the requestor's full name and Federation ID number.

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Linked Rules	Comments
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HU116 Judges

4. In the Hunter sections and classes, an exhibitor, trainer, and/or rider may meet with the judge(s), if agreed to by the judge(s) and must be accompanied by the Steward. The exhibitor, trainer, and/or rider may ask questions about their performance only, and only after completion of competition in that arena for the day. All meetings must be recorded in the steward's report, including the requestor's full name and Federation ID number.

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9. In Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes, an exhibitor, trainer, and/or rider may meet with the judge(s), if agreed to by the judge(s) and must be accompanied by the Steward. The exhibitor, trainer, and/or rider may ask questions about their performance only, and only after completion of competition in that arena for the day. All meetings must be recorded in the steward's report, including the requestor's full name and Federation ID number.

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