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Rule Change Intent

To not allow foreign Judges to officiate at USEF Dressage Competitions unless they are current FEI 4* or 5* Dressage Judges. This will allow more judging opportunities for USEF licensed officials and ensure Judges have proper training for USEF/USDF and/or FEI Tests prior to judging at USEF Dressage Competitions.

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Committee Actions

GR1005 Officiating Eligibility and Guest Cards

1. A judge licensed in a division restricted to one breed may judge all classes restricted to entries of that breed even though he may not be licensed in the divisions for all types of classes offered. Exceptions:
 - a. A licensed Dressage judge must judge Dressage classes.
 - b. Sport Horse classes in the Arabian, Half-Arabian and Anglo/Arabian Divisions must be judged by Federation or Equestrian Canada judges licensed in the Dressage Sport Horse Breeding, Hunter Breeding, Dressage, Hunter, or Jumper divisions.
 - c. For Carriage Pleasure Driving divisions, see CP201.
 - d. Refer to GR1004.17 for Western Dressage.
2. In competitions restricted to entries of one breed, (i.e. Arabian, Morgan, Friesian), a judge licensed in a specific division (i.e. Hunter, Saddle Seat Equitation, Reining) may officiate the sections at that competition in which he is licensed. In this case, a guest card is not required, nor is a Special Judges card required for recorded judges licensed in a specific division in order to judge these classes.
3. The following individuals shall comply with the background check and training requirements of the Federation's Safe Sport Policy:
 - a. All Federation Licensed Officials, including Guest Judges, Certified Eventing Cross Country Course Designers, and Certified Schooling Supervisors;
 - b. All individuals seeking FEI licensure through the Federation; and
 - c. Current Federation FEI officials.
4. It is the responsibility of competition management to ensure the eligibility of all licensed officials.
5. Judges licensed by the FEI are eligible to officiate in Federation Licensed Competitions in the division in which they are licensed (Exception: Vaulting). Guest Cards are not required.
 - a. Dressage: See GR1005.427
6. Guest Cards and Restrictions
 - a. A Guest official is a Federation Competing Member not enrolled as an official in a particular division, to whom the Licensed Officials Department may grant permission to officiate in that division upon the request of a Licensed Competition and for that competition only. The fee is not refundable. The application must be made on the official form and accompanied by the required fee. The statement on the form that the competition holds itself responsible that the individual applied for is familiar with the Federation rules and is capable to adjudicate as requested must be signed by the competition manager.
 - b. Notwithstanding the above, a full membership fee is not required for Guest Cards issued for classes in which the Federation does not have division rules or license officials and the applicant is not a Federation member, provided that a Show Pass fee of \$45 for each such guest official accompanies the application in addition to the guest official fee.
 - c. The application for a Guest Card must be received in the Federation office at least 21 days prior to the start of the competition. In cases where the Guest Card application is received prior to the competition, but less than 21 days prior, the competition must pay a processing fee of \$50. If management disputes that the application was not timely filed or that the above fee is not properly owing, it may appeal in writing to the Federation within 30 days of management's receipt of the Federation's notice of fee, specifying the grounds for the appeal. The Federation's CEO or his designee, a special committee appointed by the President or the Hearing Committee will consider the appeal and may waive a part or all of the fee upon a finding of good cause why the application was not timely filed and/or a finding that extreme hardship results from the fee.
 - d. Guest Card applications received after the first day of the competition will not be considered.
 - e. Guest Cards will not be issued to anyone whose application for enrollment, re-enrollment, promotion, or change of status has been denied by the Federation in the respective division in which the Guest Card is applied for.
 - f. Guest Cards are required for officials with foreign national licenses provided they have Senior status with their own federation and are officiating in the division for which they are licensed by their federation. Exceptions:
 1. a. Andalusian/Lusitano: Foreign experts who are licensed or approved to judge Andalusian/Lusitano horses in their respective countries.
 2. **Dressage: Foreign national judges are not eligible to officiate in the dressage division. See GR1005.7.**
 - g. Guest Cards will not be granted to any person more than twice in a lifetime in a particular division without the

approval of the Board of Directors unless outlined differently in these rules.

- h. There is no limit to the number of Guest Cards an official may receive for classes recognized by a national breed or discipline association and for which the Federation has no division rules and does not license judges.
- i. See GR1005.7-GR1005.33 for Guest Card restrictions and limitations within each division.

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7. Dressage

- a. ~~Guest Cards will only be issued to retired~~ **Current** foreign FEI Dressage **4* or 5* judges may officiate in the dressage competition division without a Guest Card. These judges may officiate alone. ~~or currently licensed judges with Senior Dressage status with another nation.~~**
- b. ~~There is no limit to the number of Guest Cards an official may receive for retired foreign FEI Dressage judges at the Dressage level in which he had been eligible to officiate.~~
- c. ~~Retired and current foreign FEI 2* Dressage judges are only eligible to judge through the Prix St. Georges level.~~
- d. ~~Guest Judges may officiate alone.~~
- e. **Guest Cards for Dressage Judges is not permitted.**
- f. Guest Cards for Technical Delegates is not permitted.
- g. Guest Cards for Dressage Sport Horse Breeding is not permitted.