

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2022	2/25/2022	

## Rule Change Intent

The proposed changes are necessary to keep all exhibitors and their horses or ponies safe. There are many occasions in breeding classes where young horses are a danger to the handler or other entries but there had been no previous means to excuse them. Due to several incidents at recent Hunter Breeding competitions, most notably the Sallie B Wheeler National Championship at which horses have reared, struck at, bitten, kicked at or purposefully knocked down their handlers, we feel this has become an issue of horse and human welfare. Hunter Breeding is open to juniors and amateurs as well as professionals, who may lack the skills to handle a fractious horse or may not be capable of dealing with saying safe in the instance of a loose horse.

## Proponent Details

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## Linked Rules

## Comments

## Committee Actions

#### HU124 Faults

1. The following faults are scored according to the judge's opinion and depending on severity or division, may be considered minor or major faults

a. Rubbing the jump.

[...]

3. The following constitute elimination

a. Three refusals (Exception: USEF Pony Hunter National Championship and USEF Junior Hunter National Championship, exhibitors will be eliminated after two cumulative refusals)

[...]

g. In model classes, a horse or pony that breaks away from the handler or one whose actions threaten to endanger the rider, handler, other exhibitors or their entries. ~~Exception:~~

**h. In Hunter Breeding and Pony Breeding classes, a horse or pony whose actions threaten to endanger any humans or equines in the ring.**