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#### Rule Change Intent

The intent of the proposal is to re-organize the Appendixes into a logical order and to update the Appendix to align with the Eventing Chapter Style Formatting Guide created by the Eventing Chapter Task Force.

Appendix 2 - Specifications for Horse Trials is proposed to become Appendix 2 - Participation in Horse Trials. The new Appendix 2 is attached for review.

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#### Linked Rules

#### Comments

#### Committee Actions

## APPENDIX 32 - PARTICIPATION IN HORSE TRIALS

All Minimum Eligibility Requirements (MER), ~~except Classic Three-day Events~~, must be obtained within a 4-year period. One MER must be obtained within 12 weeks of the Event for which it is needed when moving from one level to the next.

Classic Three-Day Events at the Preliminary, Modified, and Training levels, qualifying competitions must be completed within a 24-month period **prior to** ~~of the start of the competition~~ **Event**.

~~An competitor~~ **Athlete** and/or a horse **Horse** may be entered in a Horse Trial without having fulfilled the qualifications noted below, provided the qualifications have been fulfilled at least 10 days before the Cross-Country ~~Test~~ **phase** of the ~~competition~~ **Event** for which it is needed if the MER has been achieved at a Horse Trial or CCI-S or at least 24 days if the MER has been achieved at a CCI-L.

At the CCI1\* level and above, at least one MER must be obtained in the ~~twelve-month~~ **12-month** period prior to the ~~competition~~ **Event**. e.g., a horse **Horse** and/or rider **Athlete** who have achieved a MER at a CCI4\* level of competition and who have not competed for over ~~twelve months~~ **12 months** must first achieve a MER at the next lowest height level.

### 1. SECTIONS

1.1 JUNIOR (J) - For the purpose of competing in National Horse Trials ~~competitors~~ **Athletes** may compete as Juniors through the end of the calendar year of their 18th birthday.

1.2 YOUNG RIDER (YR) - Open to ~~competitors~~ **Athletes** from the beginning of the calendar year of their 16th birthday through the end of the calendar year of their 21st birthday.

1.3 AMATEUR (A) The following may participate in Events ~~ing competitions~~ as an Amateur:  
Any ~~competitor~~ **Athlete** in possession of a valid Amateur card issued by the Federation; or  
Any **any** Senior USEA member who competes in the Training, Novice, or Beginner Novice ~~Level~~ **level** who meets the requirements of Federation GR1306. Individuals declaring such status must present, upon demand, an audited financial statement in support of the claim of eligibility; failure to do so will be deemed a violation. Misrepresentation of eligibility under this provision will subject an individual to disciplinary action under GR1307.6, GR1307.8, and GR1308.3. Amateur certification under this provision is valid for Events ~~ing competitions~~ only and does not confer Amateur status for participation in any other Breed or Discipline.

1.4 For the purposes of this rule, in differentiating eligibility for Horse and Rider sections, FEI divisions are considered to be one level higher than the equivalent ~~National~~ **national** division, e.g., FEI Two Star ~~CCI2\*~~ **CCI2\*** is one level higher than a Preliminary Horse Trial. ~~An rider~~ **Athlete** who has completed an event ~~at the Advanced Level~~ is not eligible to compete as an Intermediate rider.

1.5 RIDER (R) - Open to ~~competitors~~ **Athletes** who have not completed an event ~~Event~~ above the next highest level in the 5 years preceding the date of the ~~competition~~ **Event**, e.g., a Novice Rider may have completed an event ~~Event~~ at Training level, but not Modified or Preliminary level or higher in the 5 years preceding the date of the ~~competition~~ **Event**; a Training Rider may have completed an event ~~Event~~ at the Modified or Preliminary level, but not ~~the~~ Intermediate level or higher in the 5 years preceding the date of the ~~competition~~ **Event**.

1.6 HORSE (H) - Open to ~~competitors~~ **Athletes** of any age, ~~the horse~~ **Horse must** may not have completed an event ~~Event~~ above the next highest level. e.g., a Novice Horse may have completed an event ~~Event~~ at Training level, but not Modified or Preliminary level or higher; a Training Horse may have completed an event at Modified or Preliminary level, but not Intermediate level or higher.

1.7 YOUNG HORSE (YH) - Open to ~~competitors~~ **Athletes** of any age, ~~the horse~~ **Horse** may not have competed above the level and meets the following age restrictions:

- a. Novice - four or five years of age.
- b. Training - four or five years of age.
- c. Modified - five or six years of age.
- d. Preliminary - five or six years of age.
- e. Intermediate - six or seven years of age.
- f. Advanced - six or seven years of age.

1.8 OPEN (O) - Both horse **Horse** and rider **Athlete** may have competed at any level.

CHAMPIONSHIP (CH) - open to all qualified riders ~~Athletes~~ on qualified horses ~~Horses~~.

1.10 OTHER - Restricted by breed or other designation as defined by Organizing Committee, approved by the Federation/USEA, and designated in the Omnibus listing.

## 2. DEFINITIONS

2.1 Completion: means having ~~To~~ completed ~~complete~~ the entire Horse Trial with a numerical score.

### 2.2 Minimum Eligibility Requirement ~~MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT~~

2.2.1 When achieved at a National Horse Trials an MER is achieved by completing the entire Horse Trial and scoring.

~~not~~ **Not** more than 45 penalty points in the Dressage Test; and

- No jumping penalties at obstacles ~~Obstacles~~ on the Cross-Country Test phase unless specified otherwise, and;

~~not~~ **Not** more than 75 seconds (30 penalty points) exceeding the optimum time ~~Optimum Time~~; and

And ~~not~~ **Not** more than 16 penalties at obstacles ~~Obstacles~~ in the Jumping Test phase.

-25 penalty points received for Dangerous Riding will not achieve a National Qualifying result ~~national MER~~. Exceptions to the qualifications noted below may only be approved by the Credentials Committee ~~Eventing Sport Committee~~.

2.2.2 When achieved at an FEI Competition an MER is achieved by completing the entire Horse Trial and scoring. ~~not~~ **Not** more than 45 penalty points in the Dressage Test; and

- No jumping penalties at obstacles on the Cross Country Test unless specified otherwise, and

- ~~not~~ **Not** more than 75 seconds (30 penalty points) exceeding the optimum time for one, two, three, and four star competitions **Optimum Time for the CCI1\*, CCI2\*, CCI3\*, and CCI4\* levels** and 100 seconds (40 penalty points) exceeding the optimum time for five star competitions **Optimum Time for the CCI5\* level**; and

- ~~not~~ **Not** more than 16 penalties at obstacles in the Jumping Test phase (see Article 517 of the FEI Eventing Rules).

2.3 Uncategorized Rider ~~UNCATEGORIZED RIDER~~: Riders who have not been categorized through proven competence at certain levels of competition i.e., A riders, B riders, etc. by the FEI per Article 520 of the FEI Eventing Rules for the purpose of determining rider eligibility for International **international** Horse Trials and Events. All requirements of the FEI must be achieved as a combination. When multiple Minimum Eligibility Requirements are required, one of the Minimum Eligibility Requirements can be achieved incurring 20 penalties at the obstacles ~~Obstacles~~ of the Cross-Country Test **Cross-Country phase**. All Federation requirements do not need to be achieved as a combination.

2.4 Categorized Riders ~~CATEGORIZED RIDER~~: Riders who have been categorized through proven competence at certain levels of competition i.e., A riders, B riders, etc. by the FEI per Article 520 of the FEI Eventing Rules for the purpose of determining rider eligibility for International **international** Horse Trials and Events. When multiple Minimum Eligibility Requirements are required, one of the Minimum Eligibility Requirements can be achieved incurring 20 penalties at the obstacles ~~Obstacles~~ of the Cross-Country Test **Cross-Country phase**. All Federation requirements do not need to be achieved as a combination.

## 3. LEVELS OF HORSE TRIALS AND EVENTS

All MER requirements for Modified, Preliminary, Intermediate, and Advanced levels (except Classic Three-day Events), are required for Horses and Athletes to move from one level to the next. After obtaining an MER at the Intro level or above horses ~~Horses~~ and riders ~~Athletes~~ are established at the level. Horses and athletes **Athletes** having achieved an MER at the level and have not competed at the level over ~~twelve months~~ **12-months** must achieve a MER at the next lowest height level —see EV405.4.

3.1 BEGINNER NOVICE (BN) - Open to competitors ~~Athletes~~ of any age, on horses ~~Horses~~ four years of age and older.

3.2 NOVICE (N) - Open to competitors ~~Athletes~~ of any age, on horses ~~Horses~~ four years of age or older.

3.3 TRAINING (T) - Open to competitors ~~Athletes~~ of any age, on horses ~~Horses~~ four years of age or older.

3.4 MODIFIED (M) – Open to competitors ~~Athletes~~ of any age, on horses ~~Horses~~ four years of age or older. The competitor ~~Athlete~~ must have obtained an MER at two Horse Trials at the Training Level ~~level~~ or higher.

3.5 PRELIMINARY (P) - Open to competitors ~~Athletes~~ from the beginning of the calendar year of their 14th birthday, on horses ~~Horses~~ five years of age or older. The competitor ~~Athlete~~ must have obtained an MER at six Horse Trials at the Training Level ~~level~~ or higher. The Horse must have obtained an MER at four Horse

Trials at the Training ~~Level~~**level** or higher: One of the four MERs must be as a combination. Athletes with more than 10 MERs at the Preliminary ~~Level~~**level** or higher are exempt from one MER in combination.

3.6 TRAINING CLASSIC THREE-DAY EVENT- Open to ~~competitors~~**Athletes** of any age, on ~~horses~~**Horses** four years of age or older. Both the ~~competitor~~**Athlete** and the ~~horse~~**Horse** as a combination must have obtained MER's at three **achieve one or more MERs at** Horse Trials at the Training ~~Level~~**level** or higher, plus an additional MER at the Training ~~Level~~ or higher with no more than 20 jumping penalties at obstacles on the Cross-Country test. A ~~competitor~~**Athlete** established at the Preliminary ~~Level~~**level** may compete on a ~~horse~~**Horse** which has obtained 2 MER's at the Training ~~Level~~**level** or higher. Qualifying Events must be completed within a 24 month period **prior to-of** the start of the Classic Competition **Classic Three-Day Event**.

3.7 MODIFIED **CLASSIC** THREE-DAY EVENT- Open to ~~competitors~~**Athletes** of any age, on ~~horses~~**Horses** five years of age or older. Both the ~~competitor~~**Athlete** and the ~~horse~~**Horse** as a combination must have obtained MER's at three **achieve one or more MERs at** Horse Trials at the Training ~~Level~~**level** or higher **or one at the Modified level or higher**, plus an additional MER at Modified ~~Level~~ or higher with no jumping penalties at obstacles on the Cross-Country test. ~~An~~ **A** ~~competitor~~**Athlete** established at the Preliminary ~~Level~~**level** may compete on a ~~horse~~**Horse** which has obtained two MERs at the Training ~~Level~~**level** or higher. Qualifying ~~competitions~~**Events** must be completed within a 24 month period **prior to-of** the start of the Classic Competition **Classic Three-Day Event**.

3.8 PRELIMINARY CLASSIC THREE-DAY EVENT- Open to ~~competitors~~**Athletes** beginning the calendar year of their 14th birthday, on ~~horses~~**Horses** five years of age or older. Both the ~~competitor~~**Athlete** and the ~~horse~~**Horse** as a combination, must **achieve one or more MERs** have obtained an MER at three Horse Trials at the Preliminary ~~Level~~**level** or higher, plus an additional MER at the Preliminary ~~Level~~ or higher with no more than 20 Jumping Penalties at obstacles on the Cross-Country test. Qualifying Events must be completed within a 24 month period **prior to-of** the start of the Classic Competition **Classic Three-Day Event**..

3.9 INTERMEDIATE (I) - Open to ~~competitors~~**Athletes** from the beginning of the calendar year of their 16th birthday, on ~~horses~~**Horses** six years of age or older. The ~~Athlete~~**Athlete** must have obtained an MER at six Horse Trials at the Preliminary ~~Level~~**level** or higher. The ~~horse~~**Horse** must have obtained an MER at four Horse Trials at the Preliminary ~~Level~~**level** or higher: One of the four MERs must be as a combination. ~~Competitors~~**Athletes** with more than 10 MERs at the Intermediate ~~Level~~**level** or higher are exempt from one MER in combination.

3.10 ADVANCED (A) - Open to ~~competitors~~**Athletes** from the beginning of the calendar year of their 18th birthday, on ~~horses~~**Horses** six years of age or older. The ~~Athlete~~**Athlete** must have obtained an MER at six Horse Trials at the Intermediate ~~Level~~**level** or higher. The ~~Horse~~**Horse** must have obtained an MER at four Horse Trials at the Intermediate ~~Level~~**level** or higher: One of the four MERs must be as a combination. Athletes with more than 10 MERs at the Advanced ~~Level~~**level** or higher are exempt from one MER in combination. BOD 7/25/22 Effective 12/1/22