

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2022	8/24/2021	

Rule Change Intent

Add the following to protect the welfare of the horse:

No part of the shoe may exceed the dimensions of 3/8" thick (nail heads and/or toe clips are not considered when measuring the shoe). The shoe may be of any type and configuration except in the case of a bar shoe, the bar may not extend below the ground surface of the shoe.

The use of a single therapeutic pad per hoof with a maximum thickness of 1/8". Acceptable pads of 1/8" thickness include full pads and rim pads. Wedge pads may be no greater than 1/4" thick at its maximum thickness. Full pads must be made of plastic or leather. The introduction of a foreign material within the pad, between the pad and shoe, or between the pad and hoof designed to add additional weight or enhance action is strictly prohibited. Material with anticoncussive qualities such as rubber, oakum, pine tar, silicone, foam rubber, latex, etc. may be used between the pad and hoof for additional support.

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Linked Rules	Comments

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 05/03/2022	Draft 1: he Council agrees with other submitted comments that the language is too broad and does not state who is responsible for defining humane shoeing regulations. This would present a challenge for uniform implementation and should not be a decision by competition management or officials. Additionally, this represents a welfare issue with the possibility of removal of corrective shoeing for enforcement. Also, not all competitions are required to have a farrier on grounds during the competition (i.e., Dressage Comps levels 1-3).
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Council - Member Services

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 04/26/2022	Draft 1: The Council feels the language is too restrictive, would be difficult to uniformly apply and represents a welfare issue by potentially disallowing corrective or therapeutic shoeing that might be necessary to maintain the well-being and soundness of a larger-footed horse.
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Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 02/14/2022	Draft 1: There is no provision within Dressage competition rules that would allow for inspection or measurement of a cast shoe or materials used in the pad. Furthermore, not all Dressage competitions require a farrier to be on the grounds. Competition management and the officials should not be making decisions on the shoeing or materials used - that is the expertise of the veterinarian/farrier. This would be impossible to apply evenly across the board in competitions and would result in an unlevel playing field.
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ParaEquestrian

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 03/23/2022	Draft 1: Para Equestrian agrees with statement made by Dressage.
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USDF

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 04/07/2022	Draft 1: Agree with comments made by Dressage
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Veterinary

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 03/14/2022	Draft 1: This would present a challenge for uniform implementation and should not be a decision by competition management or officials. Additionally, this represents a welfare issue with the possibility of removal of corrective shoeing for enforcement.
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12. Shoes.

Shoes, with or without clips, complete cuffs or partial cuffs, that are attached with nails or glue or wraps are permitted. No part of the cuffs or wraps may extend onto or above the hair line at the coronet. Wraps are also permitted without shoes.

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