

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
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Rule Change Intent

This rule defines excessive use of the whip, and the wording is from the FEI Rule in Jumping Article 243.2.2.

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Linked Rules	Comments
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JP102 Horse Welfare

1. Conduct in the competition ring:

a. Any action against a horse by a competitor in the ring, deemed excessive by the judge, may be penalized by any one or combination of the following: official warning, or elimination from the class.

b. Such action(s) could include, but are not limited to, excessive or improper use of the whip, spurs, reins, rider's weight or rider's hands.

Excessive use of the whip:

- ***The whip may never be used to vent a rider's anger.***
- ***The use of the whip on a Horse's head is always excessive use***
- ***A Horse may never be hit more than three times in a row.***
- ***The whip may never be used after elimination.***

c. In addition, after consultation with the Competition Manager and a Competition Steward, additional penalties, including one or more of the following: the issuance of an official warning card, disqualification from competing within the upcoming 24-hour period, disqualification from the balance of the competition.

d. All such violations must be recorded in the Steward's Report.