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Rule Change Intent

References to USEF High Performance classes are proposed to be removed from the rule book. The language 'USEF High Performance' is outdated and no longer in use.

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DR126 Requirements for Dressage Competition Management

2.a.4. Where more than 25 entries are accepted for a particular class the class must be divided into separate divisions for awards purposes. USEF/USDF and other regional or local championship classes and ~~USEF High Performance Championships~~ **U.S. Dressage Festival of Champions, NAYC, their respective** qualifying classes and selection trials cannot be split.

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2.f.10. A modified arena is one that is not exactly 20x60 meters or 20x40 meters, as required for the particular level and test. Use of a modified arena is permitted only for Level 1-2 competitions and only when the dimensions of the arena to be used are clearly specified in the prize list. When a modified arena is used, it must not be shortened more than five meters in length or more than two meters in width. However, for all competition levels, **USEF/USDF Qualifying classes and Championships, USEF Festival of Champions High Performance classes and their qualifiers, Championships, qualifying and selection trials, and Freestyle classes** must be held in an unmodified standard size arena

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3.a.1. Dressage Competitions or Regular or Local Competitions with open dressage classes must be categorized into one of five levels based on classes offered and mandatory criteria for each level:
a. Level 5 - required for CDIs/CPEDIs, ~~USEF High Performance Selection Trials (Intermediaire I-Grand Prix, Para Dressage) and USEF National Championships~~ **and other designated competitions**.
b. Level 4 - required for USEF/USDF Regional Championships, ~~High Performance qualifying competitions held separately from CDIs,~~ and other competitions as required or as approved by the Federation (and USDF when required), upon application.
c. Level 3 - required for ~~USEF Developing Program~~ **national** qualifying competitions and other competitions as required or as
2. Holding classes of a lower level is optional at competition Levels 3-5.
a. Standards for all non-CDI/CPEDI classes at a Level 5 competition must be Level 3 or higher.
b. At a Level 4 competition, Level 4 standards are required for ~~High Performance Federation~~ and Regional Championship classes; standards for all other classes must be at Level 3 or higher.