

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

The requirement to close the gate at Championship classes stems from an FEI requirement and is intended to remain a requirement for National Championships. However, the requirement to close the gate for Regional Championships places a strain on management to secure sufficient volunteer resources which are in high demand at these large competitions. These limited resources could be better utilized in other areas. Several USDF committees were queried, and the consensus was that gate closing at regionals is traditional but not an important or necessary component of the event. Discretion is left to the management of each regional championship as volunteer availability may vary region to region. Competition management in a particular region may be confident knowing that they will have sufficient volunteers available at the show and therefore can make the decision to close the gate for all championship classes in that region and include that information in the prize list.

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Linked Rules

Comments

Committee Actions

Dressage

DR126.2 Requirements for Dressage Competition Management

f.5. The part of the fence at A should be easy to remove to let the competitors in and out of the arena in a suitable way. The part of the fence at A can remain open except ~~at~~ ***each*** Federation/USDF ***Regional*** Championship ***may elect to close the gate for championship*** classes. ***Decisions to either close the gate or leave it open must be consistent for all championship classes in that competition. Each Federation/USDF Regional Championship competition management must publish in its official prize list if the gate will be closed in championship classes. The gate must be closed for Federation/USDF National Championship and Federation National Championship classes.***