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Rule Change Intent

Update to current wording of the 24-hour rule for USEF qualifying classes, selection trials and championships. This update makes it clear that for the purposes of the rule, the competition starts when the horse and athlete arrive on the show grounds and clarifies the qualifying and championship classes in which it is applied.

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2.24 Hour Rule - For purposes of this rule, the competition starts when horse and athlete arrive on the show grounds.

a. For Federation **and NAYC** qualifying for Children, Pony Riders, Juniors, Young Riders **Grand Prix, Intermediaire I, Developing Horse** and ~~Brentina Cup (Young Adults)~~ **U25**: within 24 hours prior and at no time during the competition, may any horse entered in a USEF Qualifying class be ridden by anyone other than the athlete entered in that class on that horse, under penalty of disqualification from the class for USEF championship qualifying purposes. **Exception: grooms riding on a loose rein.**

b. For USEF **and NAYC** championships for Children, Pony Riders, Juniors, Young Riders, **Grand Prix, Intermediaire I, Developing Horse, Young Horse** and **U25**: ~~Brentina Cup (Young Adults)~~ within 24 hours prior and at no time during the competition, may any horse entered in a USEF **or NAYC** Championship class be ridden by anyone other than the athlete entered in that class on that horse under penalty of elimination from the USEF championships. Exception: grooms riding on a loose rein. ~~For purposes of this rule, the competition starts when horse and athlete arrive on the show grounds. This rule also applies for NAYC and USEF High Performance (HP) qualifying competitions and classes.~~

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4. Qualifying scores for USEF National Championships **and NAYC**, including Children, Pony Riders, Juniors, Young Riders, **U25** ~~Brentina Cup (Young Adults)~~, Young and Developing Horse, ~~and High Performance (Intermediate~~ **Intermediaire I** and **Grand Prix**), **and Para Dressage**, must be submitted by Competition Management to the Federation Dressage Department within 48 hours after the competition. Exception: Competitions held at the end of the qualifying period require submission of results within 24 hours after the competition. ~~This rule also applies to NAYC qualifying classes.~~