

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2024	5/6/2024	

Rule Change Intent

To allow more flexibility in dress that is permitted in extremely cold weather.

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Dressage

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Linked Rules      Comments

Committee Actions

Competition Management

Natl Breed & Disciplines Council - Advisory

USDF

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 04/20/2024

**Draft 1:** While we support the intent of the rule, we believe that the approach of setting a particular temperature to trigger the waiver is too rigid and therefore impractical. We suggest that instead of setting a specific temperature, the RCP follow the approach utilized in DR120.2 for when jackets may be waived. Competition management should be given the authority to make this determination, either in advance based on typical weather conditions on the date of the show and published in the prize list, or at the start of or during the show when extreme weather is forecast.

## DR120 Dress

2. Weather Conditions. In locations with high average heat and humidity on the date of a competition, competition management may publish in its prize list that jackets will be waived for the duration of the competition. Alternatively, management may announce prior to or during a competition that competitors may show without jackets when extreme heat and/or humidity is forecasted. ~~When temperatures below 45 degrees F are forecast, riders may wear windbreakers or parkas instead of riding jackets.~~ Also, when very cold weather conditions are forecasted on the date of a competition, competition management may publish in its prize list that windbreakers or parkas may be worn, rather than riding jackets, for the duration of the competition. Alternatively, management may announce prior to or during a competition that competitors may wear windbreakers or parkas rather than riding jackets when very cold weather is forecasted. ~~This~~ **These** waivers apply to national classes at a USEF licensed-USDF recognized dressage competition.