

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Extraordinary	5/1/2023	4/5/2023	

Extraordinary Change Reason

Group insurance policy is no longer in place.

Rule Change Intent

This rule change proposal is intended to update the language in the existing rule to align with the current requirements and practices and further define when a fine could be incurred. There has been a change to the Federation's policy and therefore removing the group policy language is required as it is no longer applicable. Under the rule, certificates will be required by the Federation at least fifteen calendar days prior to the start of the competition. Previously the requirement was fourteen calendar days prior to the start of the competition. In lieu of force placing coverage, competitions that fail to submit a certificate within fifteen days of the start of the competition, will be fined and the competition license will be cancelled by the Federation. If the certificate is received by the deadline, but is deficient in any way, the competition will be given two days to cure the deficiency prior to the Federation cancelling the competition license.

Proponent Details

Competition Management

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Linked Rules

Comments

Committee Actions

American Saddlebred

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/15/2022

Draft 4: Recommends Approval 02/10/2023

Andalusian/Lusitano

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/19/2022

Arabian

Draft 4: Recommends Disapproval 03/28/2023

Draft 4: The committee was concerned from an exhibitor point of view; many exhibitors plan out their show season months in advance and for one of those competitions to have their license cancelled days before a competition could cause some major issues for qualification purposed. The committee was also concerned that many insurance companies send the policy directly to USEF and under this proposal, even if an error was made by the insurance company, the competition is the one to get fined. They also voiced concerns regarding policy/document requirement changes not always being properly communicated by USEF to competition managers and now with this rule, competitions would be fined for improper information they may not have been aware changed under USEF's requirements. Lastly, the committee felt the intent did not fully include an explanation for all the changes occurring in the proposal.

Carriage Pleasure Driving

Draft 5: Recommends Approval 03/29/2023

Draft 5: While the committee approves of the rule change, they did ask that the timeline of 10 days for termination be reconsidered to see if there was any to make that deadline closer to the start of the competition to aid with potential emergencies that are delaying the insurance certificate from being received.

Connemara

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/13/2022

Draft 3: Recommends Approval 01/31/2023

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/03/2023

Draft 5: Recommends Approval 04/04/2023

Draft 5: In addressing the concerns raised by the IDC, if the certificate submitted is not correct, it leaves things with "within the time prescribed by the Federation." This could be detrimental to competitions. It is felt that there are too many scenarios where deadlines can be missed unintentionally, and that it should be reworded to business days for response (for example, 15 days prior to the competition) – this would give a more consistent time frame for those who are striving to be compliant. An example would be that if a competition is given 48-72 hours to make corrections and if this falls on the Friday of an upcoming Monday holiday, insurance companies may not be available.

Council - Member Services

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/07/2022

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/22/2022

Draft 5: Recommends Approval 03/28/2023

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/05/2022

Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/19/2022

Draft 4: Recommends Disapproval 03/27/2023

Draft 4: There is a fine mentioned if the certificate of insurance is received in timely matter, and also a fine if not received in a timely matter. There should not be two fines. We would approve if the correction is made to the second paragraph, so that there is only 1 fine for not receiving the certificate of insurance at least 15 calendar days prior to the beginning of the competition.

Driving

Draft 4: Recommends Approval 03/28/2023

Endurance

Draft 4: Recommends Approval 03/21/2023

Friesian

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/06/2022

Draft 5: Recommends Approval 03/30/2023

Hackney

Draft 4: Recommends Approval 02/06/2023

Human and Equine, Safety & Welfare

Morgan

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/20/2022

Draft 4: Recommends Approval 03/28/2023

Draft 2: The committee feels that the cancellation of a competition is too severe of a punishment and is unfair to the exhibitors. The committee knows USEF sends out reminder emails for insurance but feels more could be done before cancelling a competition. Could a fine be used instead? Would it be a possible to enlist the affiliate for help in getting the insurance paperwork? With regards to no longer allowing hard copies, in some cases the insurance company is the one to send in the paperwork, is the show going to be fined if the insurance company unknowingly sends in the paperwork as a hard copy? Overall the committee felt this rule change will be, in multiple ways, making USEF less user friendly and harder to work with.

National Hunter Committee

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 01/03/2023

Draft 4: Recommends Approval 03/14/2023

Draft 2: The committee would approve if "competition license" were put in place of "competition."

Natl Breed & Disciplines Council - Advisory

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/28/2022

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 01/04/2023

Draft 3: Recommends Approval 01/23/2023

Draft 4: Recommends Approval 03/27/2023

Draft 2: The advisory group would like clarification on the fine and feels that automatically canceling the entire competition is too harsh. If there was a rewrite with further explanation of the type of fine and a penalty for not submitting proof in a timely manner, the group would reconsider the proposal.
Draft 3: The Advisory Group is in favor of the proposed rule change, however they would like a communication to go out to all competition organizers explaining that the group insurance policy is no longer in place. In the communication, they felt providing more clarification around canceling the license would also be beneficial.
Draft 4: The Advisory Group approves of this proposal, however the committee would prefer the word "remedy" to be used in the place of "cure" to give further clarity to the proposal.

ParaEquestrian

Draft 4: Recommends Disapproval 02/15/2023

Draft 4: The Para Dressage Sport Committee agrees with the PRC in theory, but does not believe the competition should be fined at the 15 day mark if the competition can rectify the situation within 48 hours of being notified of non-compliance 15 days prior to the competition.

Paso Fino

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/06/2022

Draft 4: Recommends Approval 03/26/2023

Roadster

Draft 4: Recommends Approval 02/07/2023

Saddle Seat Eq

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/07/2022

Draft 4: Recommends Approval 03/24/2023

USDF

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/03/2023

Draft 4: No Action 02/24/2023

Draft 2: No additional comments

Draft 4: No additional comment

USEA

Draft 4: No Action 03/01/2023

USHJA

Welsh

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/08/2022

Western Committee

Draft 4: Recommends Approval 02/08/2023

Draft 5: Recommends Approval 03/29/2023

Western Dressage

Draft 5: Recommends Approval 03/29/2023

Competition Licensees must provide the Federation with a valid certificate of insurance, which names the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. as an additional insured for each day of the competition, including set-up and take-down days, with at least \$1,000,000.00 coverage for third party general liability and \$50,000.00 coverage for equipment and property. Such certificate of insurance must be received by the Federation at least 15 days prior to the first day of the competition.

Noncompliance with this rule will result in a fine and/or termination of the Competition License Agreement and cancellation of the competition pursuant to GR304, in accordance with the following:

- (a) Fine. A Competition Licensee will be issued a fine when a certificate of insurance is not received at least 15 days prior to the start of the competition, or a deficiency is not cured at least 10 days prior to the first day of the competition.***
- (b) Termination of the License Agreement and cancellation of the competition pursuant to GR304 will occur when a certificate of insurance is not received by the Federation at least 10 days prior to the start of the competition, or deficiencies are not cured at least 10 days prior to the start of the competition. If this occurs, but the competition still goes forward, then the Competition Licensee must notify all competition participants, in writing, that the competition is not a Federation Licensed Competition.***