

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2023	2/28/2023	

## Rule Change Intent

At this time there are no Federation licensed Shetland competitions and two Federation licensed Shetland judges. Since Hackney judges can already officiate Shetland classes, it seems appropriate to allow Connemara and Welsh judges to also officiate Shetland classes in the event a competition does become licensed in the future. The Shetland judge license would be discontinued, which was a similar action we took with National Show Horse judges.

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Linked Rules	Comments
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Committee Actions
AHHS

American Saddlebred
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**Draft 1:** No Action 12/15/2022

ARHPA
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ASHA
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Connemara
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**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/13/2022

Hackney
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**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 02/06/2023

**Draft 1:** The committee has concerns because Hackney ponies are complimentary to Shetlands, whereas Welsh and Connemara's are not. Gait calls, conformation, and class specifications are almost identical to the Hackney chapter, which is not the case with the Connemara's and Welsh Ponies.

Paso Fino
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**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/06/2022

PFHA
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Roadster
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Saddle Seat Eq
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**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/07/2022

Shetland
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**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 01/24/2023

**Draft 1:** The committee disagrees with removing the Shetland card for judges but does agree with adding Connemara and Welsh judges to the list of who can officiate Shetland classes in order to increase the pool of available judges.

Welsh
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**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/08/2022

**Draft 1:** The committee approves but is concerned about the precedent of grouping pony breeds together and would like the opinion of the Shetland Committee to be strongly considered.

33. Shetland

- a. A Federation **Connemara**, Hackney/**Roadster/Saddlebred**, ~~or Shetland~~, **or Welsh** judge must officiate Shetland pony classes.
- b. Guest Judge may officiate alone.

GR1039 Conflicts of Interest and Restrictions - Judges (See also GR107 and GR1304)

3. A judge may not officiate more than one time within 125 radial miles during any 20 day period in the following circumstances:

- a. In any one of the following classes: ASPCA Horsemanship, Washington International Horse Show Equitation, USEF Show Jumping Talent Search, or the USEF Hunter Seat Medal at Premier or National rated competitions
- b. In the same "A" rated section (Exception: Federation Licensed Special Competitions)
- c. In the Andalusian/Lusitano, Arabian, Friesian, Hackney, Morgan, National Show Horse, Roadster, **or** American Saddlebred, ~~or Shetland~~ division or section.

SP102 Judges

~~Classes for Shetland Ponies may be judged by judges licensed in the Hackney Pony Division.~~ **A Federation Connemara, Hackney/Roadster/Saddlebred, Shetland, or Welsh judge must officiate Shetland pony classes.**