

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2023	2/15/2023	

Rule Change Intent

The proposed rule preserves the wellbeing of the horse by adding to the welfare rule in that a horse cannot be lunged when visibly exhausted or chased. In addition, language regarding appendages on whips has been added to the rule.

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Linked Rules

Comments

Committee Actions

1. The following acts are prohibited:
 - a. Riding an exhausted horse.
 - b. *Lunging a visibly exhausted horse.***
 - c. Excessive pressuring of a tired horse.
 - d. Riding or lunging an obviously lame horse.
 - e. *Chasing a horse with a whip.***
 - f. *Appendages and attachments are prohibited, including but not limited to bags and flags.***
 - g. *Excessive and/or disruptive cracking of the whip.***

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HU100 Horse Welfare

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JP102 Horse Welfare

2. Conduct outside of the competition ring: Any action(s) against a horse by an exhibitor, deemed excessive by a judge, Federation Steward, Certified Schooling Supervisor or Competition Veterinarian anywhere on the competition grounds may be punished by official warning or elimination from the class. Such action(s) could include, but are not limited to: excessive or improper use of the whip, spurs, reins, rider's weight or rider's hands; ***lunging a visibly exhausted horse; lunging an obviously lame horse; chasing a horse with a lunge whip; the use of a lunge whip with any type of appendage or attachment, including but not limited to bags and flags; excessive and/or disruptive cracking of the whip.*** In addition, after consultation with the Competition Manager and a Competition Steward, additional penalties, including one or more of the following: the issuance of an official warning card, disqualification from competing within the upcoming 24-hour period, or disqualification from the balance of the competition. All such violations must be recorded in the Steward's Report.