

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
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## Rule Change Intent

The current rule DR119.2 limits a horse to be ridden only at "consecutive levels" at a licensed/recognized Dressage competition. While this has the effect of keeping a horse/rider combination within a defined competitive range, it also has the effect of preventing a horse from being ridden by another person at what could be a significantly lower level (for example, a horse competing at 4th level then also being shown at Intro). The USEF, and others, in studying the issue of diversity within the equine sports have noted that the expense of horse ownership can be a significant barrier to entry. This proposal has the potential to decrease that significant barrier to entry for many people. For example, a family member (typically a mother or daughter) could be riding and competing at a high level and wishes to encourage another family member (husband or son perhaps) to "join in the fun." But the family only has the resources for one competition horse, even though there are funds enough for lessons for the other family member. This proposal would allow the experienced rider to share her horse with another family member at the beginning levels -- something currently prohibited by DR119.2.

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## Linked Rules

## Comments

## Committee Actions

Dressage

SUBCHAPTER DR-1 DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS  
DR119 Participation in Dressage Competitions

**DR 119:**

***14. Notwithstanding any other rule, a horse entered into a Licensed Competition may be entered and ridden by a second competitor provided:***

- a. The second competitor is under the age of 18 or is an Adult Amateur;***
- b. The second competitor competes at the Introductory Level; and***
- c. All other restrictions of DR119 apply.***