

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2023	8/8/2022	

Rule Change Intent

This change will allow more freedom for a rider to choose the appropriate test, Intermediate I, Intermediate A or B, Intermediate II or Intermediate I Freestyle. It will eliminate the current confusion, and issues, with Intermediate A & B, tests which are very seldom ridden at licensed/recognized shows. This change does nothing except eliminate Intermediate A & B as a barrier to riders at Intermediate I to ride Intermediate II and riders at Intermediate II to ride an Intermediate I Freestyle. As the USDF does not provide awards for Intermediate A or B nor does the USDF have those tests as Championships tests at Regional Championships or National Finals, riders should be allowed to ride both Intermediate I and Intermediate II at the same competition.

As another indication that Intermediate A & B are "orphan" tests, the USEF, in its show license renewal application, does not even list those tests/that "level" as one that is to be considered when renewing (see: 2021USEF_USDF_LicenseAgreement-8.5x11.pdf).

Information provided by the USDF shows the following lack of interest in these tests as compared to Intermediate 1 and Intermediate 2 over the years (as of July 6, 2022):

Intermediate 1 rides -- 2019 - 4641; 2020 - 2653; 2021 - 4076; 2022 439 to date

Intermediate A rides -- 2019 - 140; 2020 - 97; 2021 - 142; 2022 105 to date

Intermediate B rides -- 2019 - 65; 2020 - 24; 2021 - 36 2022 4 to date

Intermediate 2 rides -- 2019 - 1404 2020 - 1210; 2021 - 1371; 2022 - 1023 to date

Intermediate 1 Freestyle rides -- 2019 - 865; 2020 - 459; 2021 - 718; 2022 - 439 to date

Intermediate A/B Freestyle rides -- 2019 - 8; 2020 - 0; 2021 - 3; 2022 - 4 to date

The data clearly shows that Intermediate A & B are not used by the membership to any significant degree but merely serve as a barrier to competitors riding at Intermediate 1 from attempting an Intermediate 2 ride OR Intermediate 2 riders being able to ride an Intermediate 1 Freestyle.

Rather than continue the fiction that Intermediate A & B are a valid "intervening level" the USEF should make them "Test 1 and Test 2" of the Intermediate 2 level which would then alleviate the current barrier between Intermediate 1 and Intermediate 2.

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Linked Rules

Comments

Committee Actions

Dressage

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	Int I	Int I		
		Int A & B & Int II	Int A & B & Int II	
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