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Rule Change Intent

Special Cards approved by the Federation allow certain lower level officials to officiate as a higher level official at a specific competition. Chapter 10 includes officiating restrictions for 'r' C1 Stewards that receive a Special Card, but only for Hunter competitions. There should also be restrictions for the level of Jumper competitions Special Stewards can officiate. These changes would add that 'r' C1 Stewards that receive a Special Card are not permitted to officiate at Level 5 or higher Jumper competitions, similar to how 'r' C1 Stewards with a Special Card are not permitted to officiate at Premier rated Hunter competitions.

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Committee Actions

## GR1015 Special Steward

1. A Special Category 1 (C1) steward is ~~Federation Competing member already enrolled as a Recorded C1 steward, to whom the Licensed Officials Department may grant permission to officiate as a Registered C1 steward at **Federation licensed National rated Hunter competitions or Level 3 or 4 Jumper competitions** a National level hunter/jumper competition licensed by the Federation.~~ If the Federation approves the issuance of such card, a Recorded Category 1 steward may officiate alone at **Federation licensed National rated Hunter competitions or Level 3 or 4 Jumper competitions** a National level hunter/jumper competition licensed by the Federation.

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### 3. Restrictions:

- a. Special cards will not be issued to anyone whose application for re-enrollment, promotion or change of status has been denied by the Federation for the respective license applied for.
- b. **Special cards will not be issued for Federation licensed Premier rated Hunter competitions or Level 5 or higher Jumper competitions.**
- c. Special Steward Cards for Category 2 stewards are prohibited; a Registered Category 2 steward must officiate as required per the Recorded Steward rules in Chapter 10.
- d. Authority to act as a Special Steward will not be granted to any person more than twice in a lifetime, in a particular division without the approval of the Licensed Officials Committee Chairman or their designee and any two members of the Licensed Officials Committee.