

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2022	3/2/2022	Approved 6/20/2022

Rule Change Intent

The intent of this rule change is to ensure the safety of riders and horses by ensuring the breakaway safety cups utilized in Hunter and Equitation classes have been properly tested for effectiveness. The FEI tests and approves the entire safety cup (breakaway and cup piece) together rather than just the mechanism by itself. The approval certificate from the FEI is issued for the full cup system that is tested. Following this system, there is no such thing as an "FEI approved safety mechanism." At this point, the breakaway mechanisms combined with a 1.5" deep cup is untested by the FEI and so the safety of this combination cannot be verified.

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Linked Rules	Comments
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Committee Actions	
Arabian	
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 04/06/2022	
Competition Management	
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 04/11/2022	
Council - Intl Discipline	
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 05/03/2022	Draft 2: The Council would approve if a third draft is proposed so that the safety cup measurements conform with the FEI rules effective January 1, 2023 -- 2nd sentence: change " 30mm " to " 20mm (.79)" " for the maximum depth of cup. - 3rd or last sentence: change " 1/2" " to " 12mm (1/2)" "
Council - Member Services	
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 04/26/2022	
Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 04/25/2022	
Jumper	
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 04/11/2022	Draft 2: JSC would approve if the following amendments were made to JP 124.1: - 2nd sentence: change " 30mm " to " 20mm (.79)" " for the maximum depth of cup. - 3rd or last sentence: change " 1/2" " to " 12mm (1/2)" "
National Hunter Committee	
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 04/12/2022	
USHJA	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/10/2021	Draft 1: USHJA is comfortable approving some additional language provided by USEF at the USHJA Annual Meeting, and the hunters would like to pursue seeking an approved deeper cup more like the hunters typically use.

HU112 Type

5. Jump Cups.

- a. The top element of all obstacles **except the back rails of oxers** must be securely placed with cups at least 1 1/2 inches deep and 3 inches wide so that a slight rub will not cause a knockdown and must be equally secure for different heights in the same class.
- b. At all Federation approved competitions, FEI approved safety mechanisms **cups** must be used in conjunction with a cup that is at least 1 1/2 inches deep and at least 3 inches wide for the back rail of all oxers.
- c. Logs, caps on walls and gates with a separate plank style top element that can be knocked down are permitted.

HU Appendix A

The use of FEI approved safety cups is mandatory in all warm-up/schooling areas **on the back rails of all oxers. If an oxer is set so that it may be jumped in both directions, safety cups must be used on all top rails. It is the Competition Manager's responsibility to ensure sufficient FEI approved safety cups are available in each warm-up/schooling area, the competitor's responsibility to use the safety cups in the schooling area, and the Steward or CSS's responsibility to ensure the safety cups are being used.**

EQ109 Course Requirements

13. The top element of all obstacles must be securely placed so that a slight rub will not cause a knockdown. If a breakaway or safety cups are used the top cup must be the deepest cup available. A plank may not be used as the top element of a jump.
14. FEI approved safety mechanisms **cups** must be used in conjunction with a cup that is at least 1 1/2 inches deep and at least 3 inches wide for the back rail of all oxers in the competition ring.
15. The use of FEI approved safety cups is mandatory in all warm-up/schooling areas **on the back rail of all oxers. If an oxer is set so that it may be jumped in both directions, safety cups must be used on all top rails. It is the Competition Manager's responsibility to ensure sufficient FEI approved safety cups are available in each warm-up/schooling area, the competitor's responsibility to use the safety cups in the schooling area, and the Steward or CSS's responsibility to ensure the safety cups are being used.**

EQ 111.10.d Course Requirements

Although the USEF SHOW JUMPING TALENT SEARCH CLASS is located and described in the Equitation (EQ) Chapter of the USEF Rule Book, both the course materials and equipment used and the conduct of the class will be in accordance with the rules and procedures delineated in the Jumper (JP) chapter of the USEF Rule Book unless specifically noted herein. This specifically includes, but is not limited to, rails, planks, gates, jump cups, breakaway safety cups, lath or plasticine, numbers, and flags.

AR238 Hunter Seat Equitation

6. FEI approved safety mechanisms **cups** must be used in conjunction with a cup that is at least 1 1/2 inches deep and at least 3 inches wide for the back rail of all oxers in the competition ring.
7. FEI approved safety cups must be made readily available for each equitation schooling area. Breakable pins such as wooden dowels are permitted in an equitation schooling area only when safety cups are not available.

JP124 Jump Equipment

1. Rails and other parts of the obstacles are held up by supports (cups). A rail must be able to roll on its support; in this case the support must have a depth of 18 mm (.7") minimum and a depth of 230 mm (4.18.79") **for the maximum depth of cup**. For planks, gates, etc. the diameter of the supports must be more open or even flat, but not deeper than 4/2"-12mm (1/2").
2. Jump Cups.
 - a. Any licensed competition must use FEI-a Approved Safety Release Cups for the back pole of all spreads in every jumper class.
 - b. The use of FEI Approved Safety Cups to support the back rails of all spread obstacles and in all warm-up and schooling areas is mandatory. **If an oxer is set so that it may be jumped in both directions, safety cups must be used on all top rails.**
 - c. **It is the Competition Manager's responsibility to ensure sufficient FEI approved safety cups are available in each warm-up/schooling area, the competitor's responsibility to use the safety cups in the schooling area, and the Steward or CSS's responsibility to ensure the safety cups are being used.**

d. e. Breakable pins are prohibited in the competition ring.

e. d. For information on sources for obtaining FEI approved cups, contact the Jumper Department at the Federation.

JP103.f.7 The use of FEI Approved Safety Cups to support the back rails of all spread obstacles and in all warm-up and schooling areas is mandatory

