

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2023	5/17/2023	

Rule Change Intent

In an effort to support safety and welfare at USEF-licensed competitions, the Human and Equine, Safety & Welfare Committee recommends the creation of the Safety and Welfare Steward license, to be deployed across all USEF-licensed competitions. This individual would work with the Licensed Steward or TD at each competition to enforce safety and welfare related rules, with a general focus on monitoring and enforcing rules in stabling, and monitoring lunging and warm-up areas.

Safety and Welfare Stewards will be subject to the requirements outlined in the LO Policies and Procedures, be licensed by the Federation, and be considered a type of Federation licensed official.

Standard minimum requirements:

- USEF member, completed SafeSport Training, completed and passed a background check, and completed LO Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion training

License-specific requirements:

- Experience at a minimum of two Federation licensed competitions within the past five years in at least one of the following positions: competitor, trainer, owner, licensed official, competition employee (i.e. in-gate personnel, jump crew), competition official (including but not limited to those listed in GR113)
- Complete an online course. Lessons to be developed, but focused on the roles and areas of responsibility, and also include standard USEF curriculum such as social media, regulatory process, etc.
- Apprenticing
 - Apprentice at least two competitions with a current Federation Steward or TD
 - Exception: if already a Federation licensed Steward or TD, apprenticing is not required.
- Final exam
 - Pass a final exam on Federation rules with a score of 85% or higher

Most welfare violations (such as withholding water, use of prohibited substances, lunging to exhaustion, environmental insecurity, etc) happen in the barns and in lunging and schooling areas, away from the steward's view if they are focused on the competition arenas. Having a safety steward on the grounds to consistently walk the barns and areas away from the main competition rings is essential to promoting the welfare of horses and riders at competitions.

The committee has taken into consideration the feedback collected during the review period. In the effort of balancing of horse welfare and competition financial implications, and to mitigate the challenges that may be faced by smaller competitions with limited resources, the committee has updated Draft 2 to be restricted to competitions with 500 or more horses the previous year, and four or more rings operating simultaneously.

Potential Impacted competitions, (numbers of events during the 2019-2022 competition years):

# of Unique Horses Entered simultaneously across all years	Competition Years / Number of Competitions				Range of # of rings running
	2019	2020	2021	2022	
2501-3000	3	5	3	11	11-14
2001-2500	9	5	9	1	12-13
1501-2000	2	2	4	6	2-14
1001-1500	25	21	27	24	1-13
501-1000	100	73	105	120	1-12
251-500	254	208	255	259	1-8
1-250	1914	1053	1754	1703	1-7

Proponent Details

Human and Equine, Safety & Welfare

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Linked Rules

Comments

Committee Actions

AHHS

American Saddlebred

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/15/2022
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 04/27/2023

Draft 1: The committee recommends disapproval of the proposed rule change. The committee does not feel this is necessary for the breed. Most shows run 1 ring and are not spread out vastly, so they feel the position is not needed. By requiring the breed to implement a Safety coordinator at all competitions, it will add additional and unnecessary expenses to competition organizers.
Draft 2: The committee is asking for further clarification on the proposal. Do rings running simultaneously pertain to all rings (schooling, warm-ups) or just competition rings. The committee feels that the current language is not clear. There is also inconsistent language throughout the rule change when referencing performance rings. Lettering throughout the rule change should be adjusted accordingly.

Andalusian/Lusitano

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/19/2022
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 04/06/2023

Draft 1: The committee understands the intent behind this proposal but feels that this requirement will be an unnecessary and heavy financial burden for smaller competitions. The committee also asked what the training would be and if rather than being a requirement, this be an additional certification that a Steward or TD can obtain, and shows be encouraged to hire those certified officials.

Arabian

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 02/09/2023
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 03/28/2023

Draft 1: The committee feels that the language as presented is too restrictive and may cause a show that is close to the threshold where they may need an additional Steward to forgo that additional steward because they would now need to hire the Safety Steward. This would put more of a burden on the normal Steward who then doesn't have the additional support for duties that are not covered by the Safety Steward. The committee recommends this position be implemented for competitions with 500 or more horses the previous year and will be running more than 3 rings.
Draft 2: The committee felt that this additional position is unnecessary and the roles this new position would be accomplishing could be met by increasing the minimum number of stewards required for certain threshold competitions.

ARHPA

ASHA

Carriage Pleasure Driving

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 01/31/2023
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 03/29/2023

Draft 1: The committee disapproves but would approve if this mandate was only for competitions with 500 or more horse from the previous year's show. For shows with less than 500 horses, this would be an unnecessary additional person for management to hire.

Competition Management

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 02/21/2023
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 04/04/2023

Draft 1: Committee recommends disapproval but would consider if threshold of 250 horses in the previous year for 2024 and all years going forward. Committee also discussed that shows with more horse and multiple rings that have multiple stewards should be able to handle these duties.
Draft 2: Committee believes this needs further research to understand the need for this.

Connemara

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/13/2022
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 04/04/2023

Draft 1: The committee felt that this new position will not be necessary for smaller shows and would be in favor of the proposal if it were based on horse count from the year before. For smaller shows, this additional position would be a financial hardship. Larger shows (500 or more horses the year prior) would benefit from having a Safety Steward on the grounds to support the existing Steward(s)/Technical Delegate(s).

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 05/09/2023

Draft 2: The IDC believes this needs further research to understand the need for this. It was noted that there is potential for placing a burden on organizers and increasing expenses for competitors, in many instances the duties of a safety steward in this proposal are already the responsibility of TD, and the current officials' education system could be expanded.

Council - Member Services

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 05/09/2023

Draft 2: The Council is in favor of measures that support horse and athlete safety and welfare at USEF-licensed competitions, however, it feels that instead of creating a new license to address concerns in the stabling, warm-up, and lunging areas at competitions with 500 or more horses and four or more competition rings, that those competitions be required to utilize an additional Steward or TD. The Council agrees with the Licensed Officials Committee's observation that expanded education specifically regarding safeguarding horses and participants is warranted for all licensed stewards and TDs.

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 05/15/2023

Draft 2: The Council questioned if this new steward certification was necessary. There were concerns that the new safety steward position would not carry the same amount of validity and respect from the community. The council has concerns with the additional costs to competition management but posed just hiring an additional steward to be on the grounds for those larger competitions noted in the chart.

Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 02/22/2023

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 04/17/2023

Draft 1: Stewards and TDs already carry this additional title. This is a duplication of many of the current duties of the TD, and is giving enforcement authority to an individual without all of the training and experience that is part of the current licensed official requirements. Dressage has just reduced the workload in the show office (checking entries) to allow DTDs to do the job outlined in this proposal, and another type of official is not needed. This could also place unreasonable financial burdens on small competitions.

Draft 2: The proposed new rules do not fit Dressage as well as the current requirements. In some ways, the quality of dressage competitions could be degraded. We recommend keeping the rule that a dressage arena is not considered a competition ring. This rule is proposed to be removed. It should also be noted that the duties of a safety steward in this proposal are already the responsibility of a Dressage TD. We believe that adding a new safety steward will not improve the standards currently being followed in Dressage competitions and will increase expenses for competitors.

Driving

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 04/11/2023

Draft 2: The committee disapproves based on redundancy of stewards.

Endurance

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 04/06/2023

Draft 2: The ESC feels this would be too cumbersome.

Eventing

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 01/24/2023

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 04/26/2023

Draft 1: The Eventing Sport Committee does not believe that an additional Steward is needed in Eventing at this time and that there needs to be more explanation regarding the role and education of these licensed officials.

Draft 2: The Eventing Sport Committee disapproved. They did not feel an additional steward is warranted for Eventing, and would place a burden on organizers.

Friesian

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 02/02/2023

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 03/30/2023

Draft 1: The committee disapproved as they feel smaller competitions will not need this additional official present, that the currently required stewards can handle all required duties without this additional help. The committee recommended the definition of "small show" be when 3 or more rings are being run at once and or 200 or more horses". The committee worries this mandate on smaller shows will be a heavy financial burden that may force them from dropping the USEF license. Additional concerns included that many welfare issues occur at night, when this person would most likely not be on the grounds, and that many of the duties this position has are subjective and would take extensive training for stewards to enforce on a consistent basis.

Hackney

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 02/13/2023

Draft 2: No Action 04/20/2023

Draft 1: The committee feels this will place an additional burden on competition management in order to maintain USEF affiliation. So many competitions are already financially struggling, with this passing, it may cause shows to step down from USEF. Could the Federation look into offering grants to help cover the additional steward costs? The committee also has concerns about the number of active stewards that would be available for the breed competitions.

Jumper

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 04/18/2023

Draft 2: Stewards already do this and the proposed education system is less training than that for Stewards.

Licensed Officials

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 04/24/2023

Draft 2: The LOC disapproved but agreed there may be a path forward for this type of education and support in the future. They expressed concern regarding the role crossover between Safety/Welfare Stewards and current Stewards/TDs, stating it is confusing and the hierarchy of reporting should be clarified. A consideration should be made for competitions that host regionals, championships, and finals and if a competition experiences a higher horse count in a given year (see example exception in 23-22). The LOC does agree that this type of education needs to be expanded within our current officials' education systems. The LOC also agreed that 23-22 is trending in a more ideal direction where the total number of Stewards/TDs is being addressed in order to provide proper coverage and support at larger competitions.

Morgan

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/20/2022

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 04/28/2023

Draft 1: The committee strongly disagrees with this proposal. They feel stewards are already scarce enough in numbers, adding a second person to hire would make it even harder on competition management, as well as a major added expense for the show. The committee suggests the current stewards be more thoroughly educated in what this position would have been looking to enforce. The committee also felt the listed responsibilities for this safety steward were subjective and would be hard to keep consistent across different people.

Draft 2: The committee feels their comment from the first draft still applies. The committee strongly disagrees with this proposal. They feel stewards are already scarce enough in numbers, adding a second person to hire would make it even harder on competition management, as well as a major added expense for the show. The committee suggests the current stewards be more thoroughly educated in what this position would have been looking to enforce. The committee also felt the listed responsibilities for this safety steward were subjective and would be hard to keep consistent across different people.

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 02/06/2023

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 04/24/2023

Draft 1: The committee felt that since stewards are already trained in these areas, hiring an additional steward may be a better solution. Additionally, since there would be fewer requirements to obtain the proposed steward license, the committee felt that exhibitors may not be as respectful to individuals that hold this license.

Draft 2: The committee felt that it is currently difficult to find and hire C1 stewards, and locating and hiring a safety steward would add another layer of difficulty. Additionally, as the competition has the ability to hire additional stewards already, this could be an alternative to hiring a safety steward if another steward may be necessary

National Show Horse

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 01/20/2023

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 04/04/2023

Draft 1: The committee feels the addition of this position at a competition is unnecessary, these duties are already covered by the Steward or TD present at a competition.

Natl Breed & Disciplines Council - Advisory

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 05/09/2023

Draft 2: The Advisory Group disapproved of the rule change because of the added expense this creates for competitions.

Paso Fino

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/06/2022

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 04/18/2023

PFHA

Roadster

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 02/22/2023

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 04/17/2023

Draft 1: The committee has concerns on the added expense to competition management and the lack of stewards currently available. The committee would consider approval if this position was factored into the number of stewards required in the new chart proposed for GR1033.5.

Draft 2: The Majority vote of the committee was to disapprove. The committee sees this as a hardship to hire additional stewards with the lack of stewards that are actively working at licensed competitions.

Saddle Seat Eq

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/07/2022

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 03/24/2023

Draft 1: The committee recommends disapproval of the rule change out of concern for additional expenses to competition management. In addition, the committee feels parts of the rule are too subjective such as where over-working of horses is listed. This portion of the rule leaves lots of room for interpretation.

Draft 2: The committee recommends disapproval of the rule change out of concern for additional expenses to competition management. Currently, the pool of stewards for competitions is very slim. The committee is concerned that competitions will start to drop their USEF license if they are required to hire an additional steward. This will not be practical for some competitions and areas.

Shetland

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 01/24/2023

Draft 2: No Action 04/05/2023

Draft 1: The committee feels that this will not be needed at shows with under 500 horses from the year before, for smaller shows this will be a cost that could lead to a competition's financial downfall.

USDF

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 02/24/2023

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 05/04/2023

Draft 1: Protecting the safety and welfare of both competitors and their horses is of course of the utmost importance. However, the creation of a new category of licensed official – a Safety and Welfare Steward is unnecessary to accomplish this responsibility for dressage competitions. Dressage rules currently provide for additional TD at large competitions. Our TDs, who currently hold this responsibility, and receive a significant amount of training to perform these tasks effectively and for the most part these responsibilities are being expertly handled. If certain areas of competitions such as lunging are consistently giving rise to safety concerns, the more effective way to address these concerns would be through RCPs detailing exact requirements for these areas. This proposal would have a negative impact on the sport as it will result in increased costs for competitions and this cost would not be offset by the creation of what would in effect be a junior TD or Steward, without anywhere near the training. For these reasons, USDF disapproves of this proposal.

Draft 2: While draft 2 is an improvement over the original RCP, we are still of the opinion that the creation of a new licensed official position of Safety and Welfare Steward is unnecessary for dressage competitions as Dressage rules currently provide for additional TDs at large competitions and our TDs receive a significant amount of training to perform these tasks effectively. In addition, relying on a previous year's entries as a trigger is not appropriate when one year the show is a Regional Championship and the next year not (and is back to its typical, much smaller size). Therefore, it is critical that this RCP address that situation by adding a provision similar to DR 125.7 dealing with the requirement for on-site vets to this proposal.

USEA

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 03/01/2023

Draft 1: The added cost of hiring an additional license officials would prove to be a burden for competitions. It was felt that the position is not needed; oversight between the warm-up steward, safety coordinator, and the technical delegate already exists, plus the additional TD now required for competitions with 300 or more entries. Depending on the layout of the facility, the steward would not be able to cover all areas. Question whether there would be enough stewards licensed to cover all the competitions across all disciplines and breeds.

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/15/2022
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 04/17/2023

Draft 1: We feel our current stewards can handle this and don't feel there are enough stewards as is. Another level is unnecessary.
Draft 2: We feel our current stewards can and should handle this & don't feel there are enough stewards as is. Another level is unnecessary. This is an important task that should be accomplished by an official with the maximum level of experience. 6.I.G notes the steward would need to be involved anyway. Potential stewards are already being told to wait until the new course is developed and that is more a priority than having to create new courses for this new level of license.

Vaulting

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 04/30/2023

Draft 2: The committee does not feel that the minimum requirements for this role reflects the intent of the proposed change. The committee also believes that this is an unnecessary expense that would be placed on competition management.

Welsh

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/08/2022
Draft 2: No Action 04/25/2023

Draft 1: This would be a hardship on Welsh competitions. Stewards are already trained in these areas, and the committee feels this would eliminate small horse shows if this were to be approved.

Western Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 02/01/2023
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 03/29/2023

Draft 1: The committee felt that this proposal may be applicable for larger shows but is not needed or cost effective for smaller shows. The committee discussed possibly setting that "larger show" threshold as when 3 or more rings running at the same time. They also suggested data be reviewed to see if there is a common number of horses entered for when a show breaks even and then comparing that to the additional costs that this person will cost a show. Another suggestion the committee made was rather than this be a new position for a show to require, have it be additional training for Stewards/TD's. The committee also suggested a grandfather policy for current Steward/TDs. The committee was worried about the decreasing number of Stewards/TDs and how that would affect the interest for receiving this certification and in turn the availability for shows to hire someone.

Draft 2: The committee would prefer the number of normally licensed Stewards/TD's to be increased if necessary for larger horse shows. The committee felt that since this is a new license type and would mostly be utilized as an additional license for those with a normal Steward/TD license, that it may become more expensive to hire a Safety Steward than a normal steward because they have an additional accreditation.

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 01/24/2023
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 04/26/2023

Draft 1: The committee disagrees with the addition of a Safety Steward, they feel this is unnecessary as there is already a Safety Coordinator on the grounds. This would be yet another cost for competitions to have to afford.

EDUCATION SYSTEM

Safety Stewards will be subject to the requirements outlined in the [LO Policies and Procedures](#), be licensed by the Federation, and be considered a type of Federation licensed official.

Standard minimum requirements:

- USEF member, completed Safe Sport Training, completed and passed a background check, and completed LO Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion training

License-specific requirements:

- Experience at a minimum of two Federation licensed competitions within the past five years in at least one of the following positions: competitor, trainer, owner, licensed official, competition employee (i.e. in-gate personnel, jump crew), competition official (including but not limited to those listed in GR113)
- Complete an online course. Lessons to be developed, but focused on the roles and areas of responsibility, and also include standard USEF curriculum such as social media, regulatory process, etc.
- Apprenticing
 - Apprentice at least four days at two different competitions with a current Federation Steward or TD
 - Exception: if already a Federation licensed Steward or TD, apprenticing is not required.
- Final exam
 - Pass a final exam on Federation rules with a score of 85% or higher

RULE CHANGES

Red = new language if approved for 2023 rulebook at Mid Year meeting

GR1012 General

1. Stewards shall be licensed by the Federation as ~~Registered, Recorded, or Special~~, in either one or both of **in** the following Categories.

a. **A** Category 1 (C1) Steward is licensed to officiate the following specialized Divisions and Sections: Hunter, Hunter Breeding, Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation, Jumper, Welsh, Connemara, and English Pleasure.

1. Any steward officiating USEF Open (not restricted to a breed) hunter and/or jumper classes must be a Senior Active member in good standing of the United States Hunter Jumper Association, Inc.

b. **A** Category 2 (C2) Steward is licensed to officiate the following specialized Divisions and Sections: Andalusian/Lusitano, Arabian, Connemara, English Pleasure, Friesian, Hackney Harness, Morgan, National Show Horse, Parade, Paso Fino, Reining, Roadster, American Saddlebred, Saddle Seat Equitation, Shetland, Western/Reining Seat Equitation, Welsh, Western Dressage and Western.

c. A Safety Steward is licensed to officiate at Federation licensed competitions.

2. A Category 1 or Category 2 steward is entitled to officiate in only the corresponding divisions and sections of the license category listed above.

GR1033 Stewards and Technical Delegates

1. The Steward or Technical Delegate is licensed by the Federation to perform duties, as prescribed in the Federation Rules. The Steward or Technical Delegate must provide to the Federation, in accordance with all applicable rules, details regarding the competition conditions and any incidents that occur at Federation Licensed Competitions.

2. The following are required responsibilities and duties of Stewards and Technical Delegates:

a. Safeguard the welfare of the horse against violations of the Federation's Drugs and Medications rules, any of the

Federation's prohibited practices, and instances of abuse as defined in GR839. B. Protect the interests of:

1. Competitors by ensuring a safe and fair competition environment by consistently applying the Rules of the Federation; and
 2. Competition Management and judges by being available for rule interpretations and serving as a liaison between Licensed Officials, Competition Management, and the Federation.
- c. When a Steward or Technical Delegate becomes aware of a potential violation of Federation rules, without waiting for a Disciplinary Action Complaint, he shall investigate and notify the appropriate individual or official, and, if not rectified, issue a yellow warning card (GR1037), and/or report the matter to the Federation in the Steward/TD Report (exception: allegations of child abuse or sexual misconduct must be reported in accordance with the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code.)
- d. Assist Competition Management to ensure that every effort is made to provide for a safe competition.
- e. Report on the suitability of the competition facilities in all aspects, including stabling. Stewards and Technical Delegates must physically inspect the competition facilities and stabling areas each day and ensure compliance with Federation rules. Any known or observable conditions posing a threat to the safety for horses or competitions must be reported to Competition Management and the Federation promptly. The steward or technical delegate must commence his duties early enough to deal with these matters.
- f. A steward or technical delegate should clearly understand that he has no authority in connection with the management or the judging of a competition.
- g. Stewards and technical delegates should reference the Check List available on the website www.usef.org which has additional Guidelines which should be considered when officiating at a competition.

GR1037 Special Duties of Safety Stewards

In addition to the responsibilities of a steward listed in GR1034, the powers, duties, and responsibilities of a Safety Steward are as follows:

1. ***Monitor the schooling, exercise, lunging, and stabling areas paying special attention to the safety of horses and riders, including but not limited to:***
 - a. ***Overworking of horses;***
 - b. ***Cruelty to and abuse of a horse (see GR838 and relevant division rules);***
 - c. ***Overcrowding of the schooling, warm-up, and lunging areas;***
 - d. ***In hunter, jumper, and equitation schooling, exercise, and lunging areas at Hunter/Jumper competitions: unsafe use of electronic devices (See HU Appendix A, JP103, EQ106);***
 - e. ***Safeguard the health of the horse against violations of the Federation's Drugs and Medications rules, and any of the Federation's prohibited practices; and***
 - f. ***Ensure stabling, if provided, is in compliance with all applicable stabling rules.***

GR1005 Officiating Eligibility and Guest Cards

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10. Category 1 and 2, *and Safety* Stewards

- a. Guest Cards are not permitted.

GR1211 Appointment of Officials and Employees

3. Stewards/Technical Delegates

- a. Appoint and identify in the prize list and catalogue one or more licensed Federation Stewards licensed to officiate in the divisions and sections for which the competition is approved who shall be present at each session of the competition. A technical delegate must be appointed for Eventing Competitions, Dressage Competitions and Regular and Local Competitions offering "open" Dressage Division classes (i.e., classes which are not limited to certain breeds) or classes above Third Level. (Exception: A Category 2 or Combined Category steward may officiate through Fourth Level in the Andalusian, Arabian, Friesian, Morgan or other breed-restricted Divisions at regular or local competitions, only if classes are not part of an "open" Dressage Division.) If required to officiate, a Dressage Technical Delegate must be present and officiate for

- all Dressage classes held on the day(s) which he/she is in attendance. If no other classes except Dressage are held on a licensed day of a breed-restricted regular or local competition, a steward does not need to be present in addition to the Dressage Technical Delegate.
- b. If a competition finds it necessary to substitute a steward or technical delegate for one who is officially designated in the prize list and/or catalogue and who is unable to serve due to circumstances beyond his control, the restrictions of GR1304.14 and/or GR1304.25 shall be non-effective.
- c. Competitions are urged to engage a steward for each ring when classes are held simultaneously and to select individuals who are well versed in the divisions being offered.
- d. With the exception of Hunter/Jumper competitions (see GR1211.3e), competitions using more than three performance areas simultaneously must have at least two stewards on duty. Dressage arenas do not count as a performance area. If more than six performance areas are used simultaneously, at least three stewards must be on duty.
- e. A Federation licensed Hunter/Jumper competition must appoint C1 Stewards as follows:
1. When one to four performance areas are in use simultaneously, at least one Steward must be on duty.
 2. When five to eight performance areas are in use simultaneously, at least two Stewards must be on duty.
 3. When nine or more performance areas are used simultaneously, at least three Stewards must be on duty.
 4. A competition using four performance areas simultaneously that had more than 500 horses competing the previous year must have two Stewards on duty.
 5. A competition in its first year of operation must have two Stewards on duty if four to eight performance areas are in use simultaneously.
 6. When more than one steward is required, the licensed Stewards must designate one as the Senior Steward for that competition and must notify competition management.
- f. For each competition day that a Dressage Competition schedules 300 or more rides (including Dressage and DSHB entries), the competition must have at least two Dressage Technical Delegates on duty. When only one competition ring is in session, only one Dressage Technical Delegate need be present on the grounds. Dressage Competitions holding both a national competition and a CDI must have a separate Dressage Technical Delegate in addition to the FEI Chief Dressage Steward.
- g. Beginning December 1, 2024, at all competitions where the previous year's entries were greater than 500 horses and there are four or more rings operating simultaneously, a Safety Steward must be appointed.***
- g. At all competitions using more than one competition ring, management must provide a hand-held communication device (i.e. walkie-talkie or cell phone) to at least one steward or technical delegate.
- h. A Paso Fino competition with more than 175 Paso Fino horses competing based on the previous competition entry numbers, determined by the amount of Federation fees paid to the Federation, shall be required to have at least two stewards.