

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

It is the role of the Federation to responsibly manage the competition calendar for all USEF-licensed breeds and disciplines, and in accordance with GR302.1.b. the discretion to approve or disapprove an application lies with the Federation. This includes ensuring that conflicted parties are not taking part in determining the outcome of calendar requests, that requests are reviewed in a timely manner and ensuring that licenses will not be unreasonably withheld from applicants. There are currently four separate mechanisms which manage the eventing calendar(s), including mileage exemption, the new competition/modification process for events without conflicts, the FEI Calendar Policies and Procedures for non-bid levels, and the Bid Process for Advanced and upper level FEI events. The process for reviewing new competitions/modifications without conflicts has proven to be time consuming, duplicative as it overlaps with other existing review processes, which results in a delay of planning for competition organizers. Removing this process and having new applications without conflict reviewed under GR302.1.b. would align with all other breeds and disciplines processes, increases the fairness to competition organizers, reduces the timeline for processing of requests from 240 days to 60 days, and will ultimately decrease the number of presidential modifications requested by Eventing organizers who have been unable to meet the request threshold of 240 days prior to the start of competition.

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Linked Rules

Comments

Committee Actions

Eventing

1. General Provisions.

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h. License Modification. Any changes to the License agreement including location, dates, rating, level, or prize money, will require a license modification request and payment of a fee. Any modifications resulting in a conflict will result in the loss of Priority Date Holder status. Any modification not resulting in a conflict shall comply with the provisions set forth below in order to retain Priority Date Holder status. The Federation may or may not approve the requested changes. ~~Exception: Eventing competitions without mileage conflict requesting changes outlined in GR302.1h5 must follow the Eventing competition modification process outlined in GR302.2g~~

1. Holding a competition on a date(s) other than that approved shall constitute a violation of the rules unless a request to change the date(s) is received in the Federation's office at least 30 calendar days prior to the competition and permission is duly given. ~~Exception: Eventing competitions.~~

a. For Eventing competitions, requests for change of competition date(s) that add or drop a day from the competition license must be received at least 10 calendar days prior to the first day of the competition.

b. For eventing competitions, requests for change of competition date(s) where the competition is requesting to move off the licensed or comparable week, must be received at least ~~240~~ **60** calendar days prior to the first day of the competition.

2. Holding a competition at a location other than as stated on the date application shall constitute a violation of the rules unless a request to change the location is received in the Federation's office at least 60 calendar days prior to the competition date and permission is duly given. ~~Exception: Eventing Competitions. For eventing competitions, requests for change of location must be received at least 240 calendar days prior to the first day of the competition.~~

3. Failure to obtain the permission of the Federation at least 30 calendar days prior to the competition to add a division, not offer an approved division, or change the rating of an approved division, constitutes a violation of the rules. ~~Exception: Eventing Competitions.~~

a. For Eventing competitions, requests to add a level must be received at least ~~240~~ **60** calendar days prior to the first day of the competition. Requests to cancel a level must be received at least 10 calendar days prior to the first day of competition.

4. A Licensee requesting a license modification involving a change of location that results in a mileage conflict may request to maintain Priority Date Holder status at the new location. Competitions that would be impacted by the change of location shall have the opportunity to submit written comments to the Federation prior to a determination. If a Licensee's request to maintain Priority Date Holder Status is denied, he may still request a mileage exemption.

~~5. For Eventing competitions, any substantive change to the competition license (including request to add a level, change in location, change in comparable or licensed week) without mileage conflict shall follow the Eventing competition modification process outlined in GR302.2g.~~

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2. New Competitions Without Mileage Conflicts.

a. License applications for new competitions will be accepted beginning December 1 of each year for the subsequent competition year.

b. A competition year begins on December 1 of the prior calendar year.

c. Applicants should refer to the Federation Competitions Calendar for open dates.

d. Applications for a new competition license agreement must be made on the form provided by the Federation and received by the Federation at least 60 calendar days prior to the start date of the competition. The Federation may accept applications for a new competition license agreement, subject to applicable late fees, between 60 and 30 calendar days prior to the start date of the competition. ~~Exception: Eventing competitions, see GR302.2g.~~

e. In the event that an applicant competition has a mileage conflict with an existing competition(s), an applicant may seek a mileage exemption in accordance with GR315.

f. License Applications for new competitions that the Federation disapproves for any reason, including mileage conflicts, will be sent written notification by the Federation.

~~g. Eventing competitions without mileage conflict:~~

~~1. Eventing competitions without mileage conflict must submit a competition application or a request for modification to an existing competition or license, to the Federation no later than 240 calendar days prior to the start of competition. Eventing competitions with mileage conflicts are bound by the application timelines outlined in GR315 Mileage Exemption.~~

~~2. Within 30 calendar days of receiving a new Eventing competition application or request for modification, the Federation's Competitions Department will notify the USEA of the application or request.~~

~~3. Within 60 calendar days of receiving the application(s) and/or request(s) for modification from the Federation, the USEA shall provide the Federation with its recommendations regarding endorsement or~~

~~licensure for all provided applications/requests.~~

~~4. Within 30 calendar days of receiving the USEA's recommendation on licensure, the Federation's Eventing Sport Committee shall make a recommendation regarding licensure to the Federation CEO.~~

~~5. Within 15 calendar days of receipt of written comments from the Federation's Eventing Sport Committee, the Federation CEO, or his designee, will convene with the Competitions Department to review all materials submitted with the competition application, and to provide a decision on the application.~~

~~6. Within 7 calendar days of the decision, the Federation's Competitions Department will issue a decision letter to the applicant.~~

GR315 Mileage Exemption

3. Mileage Exemption Procedure

An Applicant may first contact the Priority Date Holder(s) and seek cooperation in running the proposed event.

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~~e. For Eventing competitions, the USEA shall have 60 calendar days from the notification from the Federation to provide written feedback for consideration by the Federation in reaching a decision whether to approve or disapprove the request, including any specific feedback on the criteria listed in paragraph 2 above. Upon receipt of USEA's recommendation, within 30 days, the Eventing Sport Committee may provide written feedback for consideration by the Federation in reaching a decision whether to approve or disapprove the request, including any specific feedback on the criteria listed in paragraph 2 above.~~