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Rule Change Intent

The Arabian Committee seeks to allow for each judge to have an Apprentice in the arena. These Arabian competitions would be an exception to this rule of limiting Apprentices to one per arena. This desired exception to the rule, would allow for a greater number of future Arabian judges seeking licensure to gain valuable experience in the arena. The application of the current rule, as it stands, if both judges at an Arabian competition have an Apprentice, the two Apprentices must take turns in the arena, so that only one Apprentice is present in the arena at any given time.

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Linked Rules	Comments

Committee Actions

GR1006 Apprentice

1. An Apprentice shall be a Federation Competing Member who is at least 21 years of age. Information on apprenticing procedure for each license is located on the Federation website. An Apprentice shall request approval prior to apprenticing from the Licensed Competition first followed by approval by the licensed official(s) with whom the apprentice will be apprenticing.
2. Apprenticing restrictions at competitions:
 - a. Apprenticing is limited to one Apprentice per arena. Exception: **Arabian Apprenticing**, Dressage Judge Group Apprenticing, Eventing, and Western Dressage Group Apprenticing.
 - b. Licensed officials are limited to one Apprentice at any one time. Exception: Dressage Judge and Western Dressage Group Apprenticing, Eventing Cross-Country and Jumping Tests.
 - c. Individual dressage judge apprenticing is not allowed at any final selection trials for international representation (e.g. NAYC, HP Selection Trials, or HP Championship). Individual dressage judge apprenticing is also prohibited in USDF Regional Championships classes and the US Dressage Finals.