

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

In the interest of growing the sport, USEF looks to create a Competition Lite model specifically tailored for hunter/jumper equestrians who are seeking entry-level opportunities to participate in a safe, fair, and accessible competition environment offered by USEF-licensed competitions. The Competition Lite model offers competition organizers a user-friendly and affordable product that offers the same benefits and protections of a Regular license with reduced barriers and lower costs.

## Proponent Details

Competitions Task Force

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## Linked Rules

GR 821 (047-22)

## Comments

## Committee Actions

Competition Management

National Hunter Committee

## SUBCHAPTER 3-B COMPETITION CLASSIFICATION

### GR310 Restrictions on Local Competitions

1. The total cash prizes shall not exceed **five hundred dollars (\$500.00)**. Except Open Western Division (see GR310.5), 100% sweepstakes, and Reining Competitions; not including value of trophies offered. **For Hunter and/or Jumper Lite competitions, the value of any in-kind gifts and awards shall count toward the total amount of prize money offered and cannot exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) total for the competition.**
2. The designation Local Competition must be stated on the cover of the prize list.
3. The Federation and applicable Federation Recognized Affiliate Association non-member/Show Pass fee will not apply.
4. Local Competitions benefit from all the general rules of the Federation and must abide by applicable division rules unless class specifications are printed otherwise in the prize list.
5. Western Division competitions may retain Local Competition status regardless of the amount of prize money offered.
6. Hunter Division competitions or competitions restricted to Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation must obtain a Regular Competition License ~~and are not eligible for Local Competition status.~~ **or a Lite competition license. Competitions offering any Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation Medal classes with a National Year-End Final are not eligible for Lite competition status and must obtain a Regular competition license.**
7. Lite. Beginning December 1, 2022, Lite Competitions are a subtype of Local Licenses and are to be conducted in accordance with the General Chapters and applicable breed/discipline Chapter, except as stated otherwise below (Exception: Open Dressage classes are not permitted to be held at Lite Competitions):
  1. License requirements
    - a. Eligibility Requirements. The following competitions are eligible to be licensed as Lite:
      1. A first-time competition;
      2. A competition that has only ever been run as a Lite competition in the past three (3) years; or
      3. A competition that has not been Federation Licensed in the past three (3) years; or
      4. A competition that does not meet the above criteria may submit a request to be licensed as Lite. The licensing request will be reviewed and a decision will be rendered in the Federation's Chief Executive Officer's sole discretion.
    - b. Licensing Requirements.
      1. License applications and a copy of the prize list must be submitted thirty (30) days prior to the first day of competition.
      2. Competitions may operate under a Lite license for no more than three (3) consecutive years.
      3. The licensees of (i) Lite Licensed Competitions that have operated for three (3) consecutive years or (ii) competitions that have operated under a regular competition license in any of the previous three (3) year(s) are prohibited from submitting a new application for comparable dates in an attempt to downgrade to a Lite license by the same licensee or any entity associated with the licensee for a period of two (2) years. If the licensee is a business entity, this provision includes all persons listed as principals of the business entity.
  2. Membership Requirements
    - a. Any individual signing an entry blank as Trainer or Coach, must be an Active Competing Member of the Federation.
  3. Safe Sport Requirements
    - a. Any individual signing an entry blank as Trainer or Coach, must have completed the Safe Sport Training prior to the first day of competition.
    - b. Competition Manager(s), Secretary, and any person acting in the role of a licensed official are bound by all requirements of the USEF Safe Sport Policy.
  4. Steward and Technical Delegate requirements
    - a. Competitions must have at least one Steward or Technical Delegate who meets the following criteria:
      1. Enrolled in and pursuing a Federation Steward or Technical Delegate license and have completed the Designated Applicant Training; or
      2. Licensed Federation Steward or Technical Delegate.
  5. Federation Horse of The Year (HOTY) Points
    - a. For HOTY Points Associated with the Horse. Lite Competitions will award half-value points to all USEF Recorded horses, whose owner is a Federation Active Competing Member and meets any

applicable breed/discipline required memberships. **Exception: No Federation National or USHJA Zone HOTY points will be awarded at Hunter and/or Jumper Lite Competitions.**

- b. For HOTY Points Associated with the Rider. Lite Competitions will award half-value points to all riders who are Federation Active Competing Members and meet any applicable breed/discipline required memberships. **Exception: No Federation National or USHJA Zone HOTY points will be awarded at Hunter and/or Jumper Lite Competitions.**