

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2025	1/31/2025	

Rule Change Intent

The Western Dressage committee would like the opportunity to have the same exception applied to their discipline regarding the maximum allowable number of opportunity classes allowed at all Western Dressage competitions.

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Linked Rules	Comments

Competition Management

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 12/03/2024 **Draft 1:** The committee agreed with the Dressage Committee that this language could be misinterpreted to allow WD Opportunity classes at Dressage events.

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Dressage

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/13/2024 **Draft 1:** The wording could be misinterpreted to allow Western Dressage Opportunity classes at Dressage Competitions

Natl Breed & Disciplines Council - Advisory

USDF

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 01/01/2025 **Draft 1:** As written, this opens the door for Western Dressage opportunity classes to be offered at Dressage Competition. We would approve this proposal if the language were revised to make it clear that Western Dressage opportunity classes could only be held at Western Dressage competitions.

## GR821 Opportunity Classes

1. Opportunity Classes:
  - a. may be held at breed restricted or Hunter and/or Hunter Jumper competitions with no FEI recognized classes, Western Dressage competitions, Western Regular or Local Competitions. Classes must be open to all breeds unless it is a breed restricted competition. In a breed restricted competition it must be stated in the prize list if the classes will be restricted or open. Exception: At any Federation Licensed Competition, opportunity classes may not be restricted to Friesians.
  - b. are limited to 10% of the total number of the competition's classes, with a maximum of 20 Opportunity Classes per competition, whichever is less (Exception: Dressage **and Western Dressage**).
  - c. Dressage Competitions, ~~Western Dressage Competitions~~, and Regular/Local Competitions with "Open" Dressage classes are limited to 20 Dressage **or Western Dressage** Opportunity Classes per day. **Western Dressage Competitions are limited to 10 Western Dressage Opportunity Classes per day.** The 10% requirement does not apply to Dressage **or Western Dressage**.
  - d. may be held in addition to Exhibition Classes.