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Rule Change Intent

Clarification as stated lanugage applies to Dressage Judges.

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| Linked Rules | Comments |
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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 he will be apprenticing.
2. Apprenticing restrictions at competitions:
 - a. Apprenticing is limited to one Apprentice per arena. Exception: 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.
3. The Licensed Competition may request additional specific information about an individual's experience before accepting him as an Apprentice.
4. There is no limit to the number of times a person may apprentice. When apprenticing, an Apprentice should use a scorecard to evaluate the various entries. Apprentices work under the direction of the Licensed Official with whom they are apprenticing and do not possess any authority.
5. Conflict of Interest
 - a. Individuals may not apprentice with a family member, cohabitant, companion, domestic partner, housemate, member of the household, client, employer, or employee. Any violation of this rule will lead to the apprenticing experience not counting towards licensing requirements. Apprenticing experience completed in violation of this rule will be considered an extra apprentice experience.
 - b. An individual shall not apprentice at a Federation licensed competition where a family member, cohabitant, companion, domestic partner, housemate, member of the household, client, employer, or employee is competing. Any violation of this rule will lead to the apprenticing experience not counting towards licensing requirements. Apprenticing experience completed in violation of this rule will be considered an extra apprentice experience.
 - c. An individual cannot compete in the same competition at which they apprentice.