

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

With mules now permitted to compete at USEF and USHJA jumper competitions, hunter and hunter equitation horses competing at the same shows are automatically in a position to stall, school, and be around mules participating in jumper classes. Dressage has incorporated mules into their sport for 20yrs and has set a precedent for successful subjective scoring of mules and horses in the same classes. With mules having the same capabilities as horses over fences as well as on the flat, there is little reason not to allow them to compete equally against one another in the hunter and equitation rings just as they do in the jumper and dressage rings. Not to mention that expanding participation for mules encourages growth within the sport, especially at the lower levels.

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Linked Rules	Comments

Committee Actions

## GR127 Horse

1. The term “horse” as used in these rules denotes either a horse or pony.
2. In all levels of all Federation licensed Driving and Endurance Competitions and in the case of any other Federation Rule as it relates to the Driving or Endurance disciplines as the context permits it, the term “horse” shall also include a mule. See DC Annex 9, EN102.1.
3. Mules are also eligible to compete in **hunter, hunter and jumper seat equitation**, jumper, and dressage classes with the exception of the following dressage classes:
  - a. USEF Championships, USEF qualifying and selection trials, and observation classes;
  - b. any other classes designated as qualifying or selection classes for international or international high performance competition, and championships where such participation is prohibited in the championship selection procedures. See DR119.1.