

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Extraordinary	5/1/2023	2/22/2023	

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Proponent Details

USEF Officers

Contact Information

Linked Rules

Comments

Committee Actions

American Saddlebred

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/15/2022

Council - Member Services

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/22/2022

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Hackney

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 01/03/2023

Draft 1: The committee would approve this rule change if "Participating in a Federation licensed competition while ineligible to compete due to a SafeSport Training deficiency will result in the disqualification of all results from said competition" were changed to "Participating in a Federation licensed competition while ineligible to compete due to a SafeSport Training deficiency will result in the disqualification of all participant's results from said competition." This would make the sentence clearer and would specify that only the participant's results would be disqualified rather than all results.

Natl Breed & Disciplines Council - Advisory

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/28/2022

Draft 1: The advisory group feels the proposal should be reworded so that the individual who is violating the rule is the one who loses points, not everyone attending the competition. Further clarification should be provided.

ParaEquestrian

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 02/15/2023

Draft 1: The Para Dressage Sport Committee agrees with the PRC in theory but agrees with the language proposed by the National Hunter Committee.

Paso Fino

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 01/04/2022

Draft 1: Approved via email vote

Roadster

Saddle Seat Eq

Welsh

GR1303 USEF Safe Sport Requirements

Consistent with the mission statement of the Federation, the welfare of equestrian participants, especially minors, is of paramount concern. When any member -- athlete, participant, trainer, coach, organizer, official, volunteer, or staff member is subjected to or engages in abuse or misconduct, it undermines the mission of the Federation and is inconsistent with the best interests of equestrian sport and of the athletes the Federation serves. *The USEF Safe Sport Policy, including the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP), found at www.usef.org, contains requirements for all participants in Federation licensed and endorsed competitions. Participating in a Federation licensed competition while ineligible to compete due to a SafeSport Training deficiency may result in the disqualification of results for the classes competed in while ineligible. Additional penalties may be imposed (see Chapter 7).* The Safe Sport Policy and U.S. Center for Safe Sport's Code have been created to protect all athletes from misconduct they may experience within sport. The education and training of all participants in equestrian sport is crucial to the protection of athletes, reporting of misconduct, and eradication of abuse in our sport.

The U.S. Center for SafeSport (Center) is the first and only national organization of its kind focused on ending all forms of abuse in sport. As an independent non-profit headquartered in Denver, CO, the Center provides consultation to sport entities on prevention techniques and policies, while developing best practices and educational programs focused on promoting athlete wellbeing and putting an end to abuse in sports. The Center also provides a safe, professional, and confidential place for individuals to report sexual abuse.

The Federation Safe Sport Policy defines a "Federation Participant" as any Federation member, or non-member, who participates in or attends a Federation Licensed Competition or sanctioned event. The Federation's Safe Sport Policy can be found at www.usef.org and the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code can be found at www.safesport.org.

1. Every Federation member and Federation Participant shall abide by the Federation's Safe Sport Policy, and the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code, which can be found at www.usef.org and www.safesport.org respectively.
2. In order to comply with S. 534, the Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017, the Federation Safe Sport Policy, and the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code, every Federation adult member and Federation adult Participant, with the exception of the victim, shall report suspected sexual misconduct, including sexual abuse, and suspected child abuse, within 24 hours to the appropriate authorities and to the U.S. Center for SafeSport.
3. Beginning January 1, 2019, every Federation adult member ~~s~~ (18 years of age and over) with a "Competing Membership" shall complete Federation-approved Safe Sport Training in accordance with the U.S. Center for SafeSport's Education & Training Policies.