Rule	Tracking	Draft	Proposal Type	Effective Date	Proponent	Status
EQ 107.8	037-25	1	Standard	12/1/2026	USEF/USHJA Judging Task Force	Approved (9/21/2026)

Tracking #037-25 Draft #1 Approved

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2026	8/29/2025	Approved 9/21/2026

Rule Change Intent

The community should take advantage of technology options when available and appropriate, including video review to assist with providing a fair competition playing field. The Hunter and Equitation rulebook chapters should allow Video Review for major faults (HU124.2, EQ108.1.g) at Championships or Finals. The video can only be from the official videographer and only the Judges are permitted to request to review the video. Scores are held until after the Video Review is completed. Video Reviews must be completed at the first opportunity, and no later than by the end of the competition day. If the last class of the day includes a Video Review, the review must completed no later than one hour after the conclusion of the last class.

Proponent Details

USEF/USHJA Judging Task Force

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Linked Rules

Comments

Andalusian/Lusitano

Draft 1: No Action 10/30/2025

Connemara

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/14/2025

Council - Member Services

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 06/02/2026

Draft 1: The Council supports this rule change intent and prefers this language to what appears in Tracking #171-25 because it provides more details related to the procedure for video review. However, the Council prefers the detailed listing of faults that appears in #171-25 rather than the generic reference to "major faults" in this current version of the PRC. Therefore, the Council would recommend approval if the detailed listing of faults provided in #171-25 (including but not limited to off course, rail down, high option, dotted line, illegal tack/equipment, and trotting through the gate) replaces the references to "major faults" in EQ107.9 and HU118.4.

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 05/26/2026

Draft 1: The Council does not believe this rule is ready. There are still many questions and unknowns on how this would work in practice. The Council suggests the rule be withdrawn.

Licensed Officials

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 04/13/2026

Draft 1: The Committee agrees with this concept and prefers this language compared to 171-25 because it has more detail related to the procedure of the video review. The Committee would approve if the references to major faults were replaced with the listings of faults in 171-25.

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/18/2025

Draft 1: The committee felt this rule change should apply to any USEF hunter/jumper competition where an official videographer is onsite.

National Show Horse

Draft 1: No Action 10/29/2025

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 01/26/2026

Draft 1: Prefer the other version from USHJA Hunter Working Group.

Welsh

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/18/2025

Member Comments

EQ107 Conduct

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8. CHAMPIONSHIPS. Championships in the Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation division may be offered on a competitive basis or based on points. Only Championships awarded based on points will count for Zone HOTY points.
    a. Championships awarded on a competitive basis:
        i. Can be held as a free post entry class open to any designated number of place winners in the Hunter Seat section (minimum of two) except Maiden, Novice and Limit classes;
        ii. Can be held as an Open class with advance entries for riders who have competed in at least one other class in the Hunter/Jumping Seat division. To be shown over a minimum of six jumps not to exceed 3'6". Wings can be no wider than 36". Judges can require additional tests; or
        iii. All judges officiating in classes stated to qualify for the Champion and Reserve can confer and designate a first or second place winner on the basis of performance in these classes. Riders can be required to work-off at judge's discretion using only those tests permitted under EQ113.
    b. Championships awarded based on points:
        i. A Championship may not be offered in a section unless a minimum of two Over Fences classes and one Flat class are held. A Championship will not count for points unless a minimum of three entries complete a minimum of two over fences classes and one flat class. If a competition offers more than one Flat class in any one section, only one will count toward the Championship. The prize list must specify the class to count.
        ii. The Champion and Reserve Champion titles are awarded to the top two of the four riders that acquired the most points performing over a regulation course with obstacles at the full height required in the section in which shown. In addition to these points, only these four riders receive points for ribbons won in one flat class. In case of a tie score the Championship and/or Reserve is awarded to the rider that accumulated the most points over fences.
9. ***Official Video (see GR150) review is permitted the faults and causes for elimination listed below at Federation and USHJA Championships and Finals. The request to review Official Video must be made by the judges. Scores will be held until after the Official Video has been reviewed. The Official Video review must be completed as soon as practicable and no later than the end of the competition day. If the last class of the competition day warrants an Official Video review, the Official Video review must be completed no later than one hour following the conclusion of the class. The faults and causes for elimination that are permitted for Video Review include:***
    a. ***Off course***
    b. ***Rail Down***
    c. ***Dotted Line***
    d. ***Illegal tack and/or equipment***
    e. ***Trotting or Cantering through the gate***

HU118 General

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1. In the event of elimination, the horse must exit the ring immediately.
2. Obstacle Not Properly Set. If a competitor jumps an obstacle that has not been reset, or has been reset improperly, due to it being downed by a previous competitor, the weather, or some other factor, the competitor receives no penalty. However, if the competitor knocks down the obstacle they will be penalized accordingly.
3. Results Record. Competitors in an over fences class shall have the following reasons recorded

as applicable on the official show results as follows:

a. Did Not Compete (DNC) indicates that the competitor failed to enter the arena for the class. Riders can also scratch from classes, including in the rated sections. The competitor will not receive a refund but each horse's respective record will show that the horse did not compete in the scratched classes.
b. Did Not Place (DNP): All other competitors that competed but did not place in the ribbons or earn a different recording will be recorded as Did Not Place.
c. Judges are encouraged to mark their cards with (RT) for competitors who entered the arena but voluntarily retired before completing the course; (EL) for competitors that were eliminated; and (OC) for competitors that did not adhere to the course as documented and were subsequently eliminated.

4. ***Official Video (see GR150) review is permitted for ~~major faults (see HU124.2)~~ the faults and causes for elimination listed below at Federation and USHJA Championships and Finals. The request to review Official Video must be made by the judges. Scores will be held until after the Official Video has been reviewed. The Official Video review must be completed as soon as practicable and no later than the end of the competition day. If the last class of the competition day warrants an Official Video review, the review must be completed no later than one hour following the conclusion of the class. The faults and causes for elimination that are permitted for Video Review include:***
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