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Ms. Lauren Moore, USEF Director of Dressage Sport Management Administration  
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Dear Lauren,

Thank you for submitting a request for a Presidential Modification to the application of DR121.3.d.2, DR121.8.c, DR123.2-.3, DR123.11-.12, DR126.2.b.3, DR126.2.i, DR127.2, and GR1035.2 on behalf of the Dressage Sport department. A Presidential Modification is granted in cases of substantial, extraordinary circumstances. When measured against that criterion, it has been determined that your request meets the standard for a Presidential Modification and is, therefore, approved.

As a result, these rules will be amended as outlined below effective 12/1/22 until such time as the standard rule changes are approved.

**DR121.3.d.2 and DR121.8.c. Saddlery and Equipment**

3. Bridle [...] d. Noseband. [...] 2. Nosebands shall not be adjusted so tightly that it causes skin irritation. It must be possible to insert two fingers under the noseband on the side of the face below the cheekbone. During a tack check, noseband tightness must be checked at the location shown in Figure 121.10 and not on the bony area of the cheekbone or bridge of the nose. **Saddlery and equipment checks will be visual for Level 1-3 Competitions classes. The Technical Delegate may follow the competitor to a designated area if necessary.**

8. Fly hoods. [...] c. If a tack inspection is performed after completion of the test, the rider or his/her representative is responsible for removing the fly hood and presenting it for **visual** inspection to the designated ring steward who will ensure that nothing prohibited has been added, such as ear plugs.

**DR123.2-3 and 11-12: DR123 Scoring, Classification and Prize-Giving**

2. [...] Scores must be posted on a public scoreboard as soon as possible after each ride. The public scoreboard may be in either paper or electronic format. **Scores may be sent electronically (e.g. via text) to competitors and/or posted via the internet.** The name of each judge must be posted along with the position where he/she is sitting...

3. [...] Final results for each class must be posted as soon as possible after the class is completed and all results must include total points and percentages with numbers to three places after the decimal point, eliminated horses, and the placing of each horse that receives an award.... The published final results may be in paper or electronic format and must remain posted throughout the entire competition. **Scores may be sent electronically (e.g. via text) to competitors and/or posted via the internet.** The name of each judge must be posted along with the position where he/she is sitting...





[...] 11. If a mathematical error on the scoresheet is discovered, it must be brought to the attention of competition management within 1 hour of the official posting of the scores from the last class of that competition day. Competition Management must announce said posting, and must make test sheets available to competitors immediately. **If scoresheets are only made available after the competition day by electronic methods, management must extend the deadline for reporting of mathematical errors to 24 hours from time of distribution. Scores will be corrected but class placements will not change.**

12. After the awards for a class have been presented, the judge's score sheet should be given to the competitor. The score sheet must be **provided** ~~handed~~ directly to the competitor or his representative. Privacy must be maintained. Score sheets may be provided electronically to the competitor, but they shall, upon request, also be provided with a printed copy

#### **DR126.2.b.3: Requirements for Dressage Competition Management**

3. The time schedule must be posted in **electronic format and/or in an area where social distancing can be adhered to** ~~a conspicuous place~~ by noon the day before the competition. **(The method to be utilized for posting the time schedule must be printed in the prize list).**

#### **DR126.2.i Requirements for Dressage Competition Management**

2. The following requirements apply to all Levels 1-5 of Dressage Competitions, except where noted. Specific requirements for specific levels of competitions are listed under .2, below.

[...] i. Ring Stewards and supervision of schooling areas.

1. Tack Inspections. Inspection of saddlery and bits must be done at the direction of the technical delegate. Ring stewards appointed by competition management are required to inspect the saddlery, dress and equipment worn by at least one-third of the horses in a class immediately as the horse leaves the arena. In championship classes, saddlery, dress and equipment inspections are required for each horse. When an inspection is conducted, all equipment including fly hoods, nosebands, whips, bits, and spurs on both sides must be inspected. **All inspections must be visual for Level 1-3 Competitions classes. The Technical Delegate may follow the competitor to a designated area if necessary.**

4. Bit inspectors must use a new disposable protective glove on each hand for each horse. Gloves must be provided by competition management. The bridle must be checked with the greatest caution, as some horses are very touchy and sensitive about their mouths. **All inspections must be visual for Level 1-3 Competitions classes. The Technical Delegate may follow the competitor to a designated area if necessary.**

5. When communicable disease is a concern, any deviations to established saddlery inspection protocol must be approved by the USEF ~~Dressage Department~~ prior to the competition.

#### **DR127.2 USEF/USDF Qualifying and Championship Classes and USEF/USDF National Championships for Dressage**

2. Unless specified otherwise in published selection procedures, all qualifying competitions for USEF/USDF Championships are open only to horses that have been recorded with the Federation, ridden by Junior Active, Senior Active, or Life Members. Annual or lifetime Horse Recording is required and horses with only HID numbers are not eligible. Horse owners must also be Junior Active, Senior Active or Life Members.





If the horse has more than one owner, at least one owner must have both active USEF Junior Active, Senior Active or Life membership and active USDF Participating or Business Membership...Copies of documents submitted by competitors to verify Federation and USDF membership and horse recording must be available to the Technical Delegate in the competition office. Information on USDF membership and horse registration requirements is available through the USDF office. Affidavits will not be accepted for Federation or USDF membership or horse recording verification purposes for entry in Championship classes.

**GR1035 Special Duties of a Technical Delegate**

2. General Duties for Dressage Technical Delegates [...] c. At Dressage Competitions, to observe and report that management and competitors are in compliance with all Dressage Division regulations regarding USEF/USDF Qualifying and Championship classes, Federation Junior Team Championships, and the USEF Championships and qualifying classes.

Should you need additional assistance, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas F. X. O'Mara'.

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President

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