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Rule Change Intent

Currently, there is no mention of the dotted line within the EQ chapter, nor is there a specified penalty for crossing it. This change will establish that crossing the dotted line prior to a round is cause for elimination, and this would align the rules with the HU chapter. Also, the Task Force feels that riders gain no advantage to their performance by crossing the dotted line at the finish of their round, therefore, it may not cause elimination.

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Linked Rules

Comments

Arabian

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Member Comments

EQ109 Course Requirements
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17. If the area of the courtesy circle is to be restricted by a mandatory line, the line must be indicated on the diagram and a corresponding barrier must be erected on the course. As this becomes part of the judging specifications, this policy must be clearly stated in the prize list (see GR901.10) and announced at least one hour prior to the class. If a rider crosses the dotted line preceding their round, that is cause for elimination. However, crossing the dotted line at the finish of a round will not affect the score.

HU110 Course Diagrams [....]
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