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GR 202.0	105-19	2	Extraordinary	12/1/2019	Driving	Approved (11/11/2019)
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GR 312.6	108-19	1	Rule Clarification	12/1/2019	Competitions Task Force	Approved (11/11/2019)
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GR 1124.0	085-19	1	Rule Clarification	12/1/2019	Arabian	Approved (11/11/2019)
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GR 1126.4	099-19	2	Rule Clarification	12/1/2019	Connemara	Approved (11/11/2019)
Description: connemara						
AR 106.10	088-19	1	Rule Clarification	12/1/2019	Arabian	Approved (11/11/2019)
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AR 174.0	070-19	3	Extraordinary	12/1/2019	Bill Moroney	Approved (11/11/2019)
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DR 121.7	064-19	1	Rule Clarification	12/1/2019	Dressage	Approved (11/11/2019)
Description: cooling caps						
DR 122.5	098-19	1	Rule Clarification	12/1/2019	Dressage	Approved (11/11/2019)
Description: errors						
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Description: judging						

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WD 121.4	093-19	1	Rule Clarification	12/1/2019	Western Dressage	Approved (11/11/2019)
Description: romal reins						
WD 124.1	089-19	1	Rule Clarification	12/1/2019	Western Dressage	Approved (11/11/2019)
Description: opportunity classes						
WD 126.6	092-19	1	Rule Clarification	12/1/2019	Western Dressage	Approved (11/11/2019)
Description: errors - freestyle tests						
WD 129.2	091-19	1	Rule Clarification	12/1/2019	Western Dressage	Approved (11/11/2019)
Description: divisions and sections						
WD 130.5	090-19	1	Rule Clarification	12/1/2019	Western Dressage	Approved (11/11/2019)
Description: tests						

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Extraordinary	12/1/2019	11/13/2019	Approved 11/11/2019

## Extraordinary Change Reason

Driving no longer has Driving Affiliate. Show Pass fees are waived for lower levels (Training through Intermediate) to alleviate the requirements of affiliate members.

## Proposed Change

**GR 2; GR 3; GR 9; GR 10; GR 11; GR 12; GR 13** [CHAPTER GR 2; GR 3; GR 9; GR 10; GR 11; GR 12; GR 13]

## GR202 Membership Requirements

1. To be eligible to participate as a rider, driver, handler, vaulter, longeur, owner, lessee, agent, coach or trainer at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions at the Preliminary Level or above, Dressage Competitions, Combined Driving Competitions **at the Advanced Level**, Endurance Rides, Reining Competitions, ParaEquestrian Competitions, and Vaulting Competitions, persons must be Members of the Federation as provided in Bylaw 201. No organization, other than the USEF and its Recognized Breed and Discipline Affiliates, may require mandatory membership or a non-member fee as a condition of participation in a USEF Licensed Competition. (See GR1210.13 for further information regarding the collection of mandatory participation fees at USEF licensed competitions).

## GR205 Participation

A non-member, who wishes to participate as a rider, driver, handler, vaulter, longeur, owner, lessee, agent, coach or trainer at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions at the Preliminary Level or above, Dressage Competitions, Endurance Rides, Reining Competitions, Vaulting Competitions, and Combined Driving Competitions **at the Advanced Level**, must pay a Show Pass fee for each competition in which competing. Lessees are considered owners in connection with this membership requirement. In the event of an entry under multiple ownership, only one owner need be a Member or pay a Show Pass fee. The competition is responsible for listing either the active member or the owner that paid the Show Pass fee in the results. The competitions will be responsible for forwarding copies of all Show Pass forms completed at the competition to the Federation with the post competition report. Payment of Show Pass fees for purposes of competing does not entitle the individual to any other privileges of USEF membership.

## GR301 Agreement

1. All applications for a Federation license are accepted with the explicit agreement of competition Licensee that all classes (rated or unrated) to be held on a Federation licensed date must be recognized by the Federation and are governed by all applicable Federation rules, and that no unrecognized classes will be held on any date for which Federation recognition is requested, except that:

- a. Horse Trials at Eventing Competitions below the Preliminary Level
- b. Eventing Tests at all levels
- c. ~~Combined Driving below the Advanced Level~~

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## GR901 Requirements

See GR1212 for procedures regarding submitting prize lists to the Federation office. The prize list of every Licensed Competition must contain the following:

1. Federation Page. This must be printed in its entirety and placed in a conspicuous position in the prize list of each Licensed Competition in typeface large enough to be easily legible. If a Licensed Competition prints a catalogue, the Federation page must be included and the competition is urged to instruct its announcer to invite the attention of spectators to this page at each session.
2. Classification of competition and level or ratings of divisions or sections on the Federation Page.
3. Entry blank, which must contain the rule to be signed by each exhibitor, rider, driver, handler, coach and trainer(s), or his/her agent(s). (See GR908).
4. Names of the officiating judges with the division(s) in which they will adjudicate and the names of the Federation stewards or technical delegates, provided they have accepted to serve. (See GR706.1j) Both division and sections to be adjudicated must be listed for breed division judges, provided they have accepted to serve. (See GR 706.1j)
5. List of competition officials. (See GR113).
6. The name of the Licensee (see GR133 and GR302.1h) and the name of the Chief Executive Officer or the person with the largest ownership interest.
7. The name of the Hunter and Jumper and/or Trail course designer or responsible person. Exception: Arabian, American Saddlebred, Morgan and Andalusian/Lusitano divisions.
8. The name of the veterinarian and, if on call, the phone number where he can be reached during the competition. If not known, the prize list must state where the information will be posted during the competition. If not included in the prize list, competition management must submit to the Federation the designated competition veterinarian's contact information no less than seven (7) days prior to the start of competition.
9. The following statement must be published in BOLD TYPE for all Regular Competitions; Eventing Competitions at the Preliminary Level or above, Combined Driving Competitions **at the Advanced Level**, Dressage Competitions, Endurance Rides and Vaulting Competitions: (See GR828.4 of the Federation rules).

Life, senior active and junior active members shall be eligible to participate in all classes at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions at the Preliminary Level or above and Combined Driving Competitions **at the Advanced Level**, Dressage, Reining and Vaulting Competitions and Endurance Rides. A non-member may participate as a handler, rider, driver, owner, lessee, agent, coach or trainer at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions, Dressage Competitions, Reining Competitions and Combined Driving Competitions upon payment of a \$45 Show Pass fee. Participants in the following classes are exempted from the Requirements of this rule: 1) leadline; 2) exhibitions; 3) games and races; 4) classes for 4-H members; 5) walk trot (exception: Friesian performance FR218) and academy classes (academy classes are classes limited to horses used regularly in a lesson program); 6) USDF introductory level tests, pas de deux and quadrille classes; 7) NRHA Endorsed Reining Competitions. 8) Opportunity classes, 9) citizens of other nations who have proof, in

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#### GR902 Class Specifications

1. All classes offered at Licensed Competitions for which specifications appear in the Rule Book must be governed by current specifications, to the end that uniformity will prevail in the competition and in the adjudication. To cover any omission it is recommended that the prize list contain the following statement in a prominent position: "EVERY CLASS OFFERED HEREIN WHICH IS COVERED BY THE RULES AND SPECIFICATIONS OF THE CURRENT FEDERATION RULE BOOK WILL BE CONDUCTED AND JUDGED IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH."

2. A Licensed Competition is not limited to classes listed in the Rule Book. If a special class is offered which is not included in the Rule Book, the prize list or competition web site must furnish detailed specifications.

3. All classes (rated or unrated) to be held on a Federation licensed date are governed by all applicable Federation rules. No unrecognized classes can be held on any Federation licensed date, except

a. Horse Trials at Eventing Competitions below the Preliminary Level,

b. Eventing Tests at all levels

~~c. Combined Driving below the Advanced Level~~

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#### GR1011 Guest Cards

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#### 14. Driving

##### a. Carriage Pleasure Driving:

~~1. Judges: must be a Federation licensed judge with experience in judging carriage driving 2. 1. The following may officiate as Guest Judges: a. American Driving Society (ADS) Pleasure Driving Judges, see CP204.~~

**a. Federation licensed judges in any breed division that includes Carriage Pleasure Driving classes are eligible to officiate in the Carriage Pleasure Driving division as a Guest Judge.**

~~b. Judges approved by foreign national driving societies; Guest Card limitations do not apply. c. Technical Delegates: must be chosen from American Driving Society (ADS) Combined Driving or Pleasure Driving Technical Delegates.~~

~~3. b. Coaching: See CP301~~

**1. Federation licensed Carriage Pleasure Judges may officiate in Coaching classes at Federation licensed competitions.**

**2. Foreign dignitaries approved by their National Driving Society may officiate in Coaching classes at Federation licensed competitions as Guest Judges.**

4. c. Driven Dressage: See CP524 and CP525 ~~b.~~

##### d. Combined Driving

~~1. Judges: Combined Driving Judges from another country or American Driving Society (ADS) may be approved for a officiate as Guest Judges. card, sSee DC987-970.~~

2. Technical Delegate: must be chosen from a list of Registered American Driving Society (ADS) **Federation Combined Driving** technical delegates.

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#### GR1213 Entries

1. The name of any exhibitor whose fees are not negotiable must be reported in writing to the Federation within 90 days of the close of the competition. (See GR913).

2. If there is a closing date, the competition must acknowledge all entries made by that date.

3. Ensure that no entry will compete until or unless the exhibitor and the rider, driver, or handler and trainer, or agent(s) of such person(s), have signed an entry blank, including all post entries. In the case of a rider, driver or handler under 18, his/her parent or guardian, or if not available, the trainer, must sign an entry blank on the minor's behalf.

4. Have available applications for amateur status. If a rider or driver in amateur classes does not possess current amateur certification, the secretary must require the individual to complete the necessary application (see GR1307).

5. Collect and remit promptly to the Federation and its applicable Recognized Affiliate Associations as defined under Bylaw 222, Section 1 (1) and 1 (2), the Show Pass fee, if applicable, as provided in GR205 and GR206 for each rider, driver, handler, owner, lessee, agent and trainer who is a non-member and participates in any Regular Competition, Eventing Competition at the Preliminary Level or above, Dressage Competitions, **Combined Driving Competitions at the Advanced Level**, Endurance and Vaulting Competitions who has not produced a valid Federation membership card or copy thereof. Lessees are considered owners in connection with this membership requirement. In the event of an entry under multiple ownership, where no owner is a Member, only one owner need pay a Show Pass fee.

6. When classes or divisions are recognized by The Federation under the same competition number, duplicate Federation fees (drug, Show Pass, etc.) may not be charged to exhibitors, regardless of whether different competition secretaries officiate in these classes or divisions. See GR407.

7. Ensure that riders, driver, handlers, vaulters, longeurs, owners, lessees, agents and trainers who are not members as required by the provisions of Bylaw 203, are not allowed to participate in Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions at the Preliminary Level or above, Driving Competitions **at the Advanced Level**, Dressage Competitions, Endurance and Vaulting Competitions unless all provisions of .1-.6 (above) are met.

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#### GR1308 Membership and Document Requirements

1. To be eligible to participate as a rider, driver, owner, handler, vaulter, longeur, lessee, agent, coach or trainer at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions at the Preliminary Level or above, Combined Driving Competitions **at the Advanced Level**, Dressage, Endurance and Vaulting Competitions, persons must be Members of the Federation as provided in GR202 or if not a member, must pay a Show Pass fee as provided in GR206 (for exceptions see GR901.9). Exception: Applications for Federation Individual Membership and Horse Recordings submitted at Licensed Competitions:

a. For Dressage Competitions, reference Bylaw 223, Section 1:

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Driving

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Rule Change Intent

After the ADS-affiliate split, USEF competitions must license all offered divisions (training, preliminary, intermediate, advanced) and ADS-classes must be considered unsanctioned. In an attempt to reduce the hardship on Combined Driving Organizers licensing with USEF, the membership requirements and show pass fees for lower levels (below advanced) are removed for 2020. This will be reconsidered as Driving competitions grow to have more established number of entries. All other ADS references were removed from the General Regulations.

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Please note: Eff. date 12/1/2019. Driving Sport Committee approved on 8/21/19.

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: affiliate

Committee Actions

Competition Management

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 10/23/2019  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 10/29/2019  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** The IDC fully supports the intent and recommends the BOD approve with a sunset clause; 2 years was discussed.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

Licensed Officials

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 10/28/2019  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 10/28/2019

**Draft 1:** The LOC would approve if GR1011.14 was removed from this rule change proposal as the language in tracking number 100-19 is preferred.  
**Draft 2:** The LOC would approve with the following changes. Remove the GR1011 section from this rule change proposal as new suggested language is already located within tracking #100-19. The LOC recommends for the changes to GR1011.14.b.2 be included within tracking #100-19.

**GR312.6 Tracking #108-19 Draft #1 Approved**

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Rule Clarification	12/1/2019	7/19/2019	Approved 11/11/2019

Proposed Change

**GR312.6 DETERMINING RATINGS [CHAPTER 3-B COMPETITION CLASSIFICATION]**

6. The following are rated "C" regardless of the number of classes or amount of prize money offered: Small Hunter, Hunter Breeding, Ladies Side Saddle Hunter, Adult Amateur Hunter, Children's Hunter, USHJA Hunter 2'0", 2'3", 2'6", 2'9", 3'0" and Thoroughbred Hunter.

HUNTER SECTIONS	"A" or "AA" Min/Max Required Classes	"A" or "AA" Min. Money	"B" and "C" Min/Max Required Classes	"B" Min. Money
Open Hunter Sections				
Green Conformation Hunter	4-6*	500	3-4	50
High Performance Conformation Hunter	4-6*	500	3-4	50
High Performance Hunter	3-5	750**	3-4	200
Performance Hunter 3'3"	3-5	400	3-4	50
Performance Hunter 3'6"	3-5	500	3-4	100
Small Hunter			3-4	100

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

The chart in GR312.6 does not include enough information to clearly understand the requirements. The header for "A" should also include "AA" and it should be understood that the Required Classes listed are the minimum or maximum allowed.

Linked Rules

Comments

**Web:** determining ratings

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 10/29/2019

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

National Hunter Committee

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
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Proposed Change

**GR315.4 Mileage Exemption** [CHAPTER 3-D MILEAGE EXEMPTION AND COMPETITION LICENSE DISPUTES]

[REQUESTED EFFECTIVE DATE: 12/01/2019]

GR315 Mileage Exemption

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4. Mileage Exemption Procedure

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b. Beginning with competitions conducted in the 2017 competition year, the Applicant shall submit the Mileage Exemption Request Form, fully completed, to the Federation no earlier than 360 calendar days and no later than 240 calendar days before the start date of the proposed competition. The fully completed Mileage Exemption Request Form must be accompanied with the non-refundable application fee of \$500.00. A mileage exemption request will not be accepted unless the Mileage Exemption Request Form is fully completed and the application fee is paid in full. Within 21 days of acceptance of a properly submitted request and application fee, the Federation will notify the Applicant that their request is being processed.

c. Within 21 days of acceptance of a properly submitted request and application fee, the Federation will notify the Priority Date Holder(s) and provide the submitted Mileage Exemption Request Form. An Applicant is not permitted to advertise or promote the proposed competition until the competition has received final approval. Non-compliance with this requirement **will may** disqualify the applicant and **will may** result in disapproval of the application.

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j. The Federation, through the Federation Internal Review and Federation Mileage Exemption Panels, shall have final decision-making authority on all exemption requests and will not delegate this responsibility. The Panel's decision will be provided to the Applicant, Priority Date Holder(s), and the Recognized Affiliate within seven calendar days of the decision, excluding national holidays. The Panel's decision is provisional until such time that any dispute process under these rules has been exhausted. An Applicant shall not advertise or promote the proposed competition unless and until the competition has received final approval. Non-compliance with this requirement may result in withdrawal of the application.

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Rule Change Intent

This proposed rule clarification is being submitted to remove the existing conflict contained in GR315.4 concerning advertising an applicant mileage exemption competition. Currently, GR315.4.c states that advertising an applicant mileage exemption competition prior to Federation approval "will disqualify the applicant and will result in disapproval," while GR315.4.j states that the same action "may result in withdrawal of the application." By replacing the word "will" with the word "may" in both instances within GR315.4.c, the contradiction is resolved.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> advertising competitions

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 08/26/2019

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Legislative

**Draft 1:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments



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Extraordinary	1/1/2020	11/13/2019	Approved 11/11/2019

## Extraordinary Change Reason

Fair and Accurate Horse/Pony Measurements

## Proposed Change

**GR501 Other Measurement Rules [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 5-A CONDITIONS]**

## GR501 Other Measurement Rules

The rules in Chapter 5 do not apply to measurement of entries in Hunter, Jumper and Welsh Pony Divisions: refer to rules ~~HU135-137~~**HJ136-148**. For all other measurements, see GR502-517. For Combined Driving, see Appendix DC930 **DC-A Measurement of Combined Driving Ponies**. For Dressage, see DR135. **For all other measurements, see GR502-518.**

## GR502 General

**1. Measurements must be completed by a Federation licensed official that is certified to measure.**

**42.** Management shall not permit an animal to be shown in a performance class at a Federation Member competition in any division or section that requires a measurement card unless; a) the owner is in possession of a measurement card issued by the Federation or Equestrian Canada bearing the date of 1982 or later; or b) he possesses a copy of a valid measurement form; or c) or management confirms measurement electronically with the Federation Office; or d) For Shetlands the owner is in possession of a measurement card issued by ASPC. At Regular Competitions, management may not give out an exhibitor's number for an animal showing in a division or section that requires a measurement card before the above requirements have been complied with. (See GR1302.2b)

**23.** A Show Committee or Competition Management may require the measurement of all animals in any division in which height is a qualifying factor.

**34.** Animals in competition in any division or section that requires a measurement card are subject to measurement by a licensed veterinarian, and Registered steward **who is certified to measure or technical delegate who is certified to measure, and who is** appointed by Federation. The Federation CEO or his designee may require the measurement of any animal competing at a Federation Licensed Competition in any division in which height is a qualifying factor.

**45.** Measurements must take place at a Licensed Competition in which the animal is entered to compete. The Federation Approved Measuring Stick must be used. The animal must be measured (**height**) by an officiating steward **or technical delegate certified to measure** and any one of the following **competition officials officiating in the competition**: a veterinarian, a judge or another steward **or technical delegate**. Heel and toe measurements, where applicable, must be done by an officiating steward.

## GR512 Height

1. An owner or trainer may protest the height of only one animal competing in a class in which he is also competing. (See GR603) For Dressage protests, see DR135.9. If a protest is filed the animal's heel must be measured by ~~the an~~ officiating steward **or technical delegate** immediately upon exiting the arena so that no change can be made by re-shoeing or the animal must be accompanied by an official until the measurement procedure is completed. The heel measurement will be taken ~~from the skin line to the ground (in accordance with GR510)~~, recorded by ~~the a~~ competition Steward **or technical delegate**, and signed by the exhibitor. The animal must be measured for height within one hour of the conclusion of the session **and**, at an officially designated measurement location for that competition. If it is determined that the animal's shoeing has been changed between the time of the measurement of the heel and the official measurement of the animal, the protest will be upheld and the owner will forfeit entry fees and winnings for the entire competition and the animal is barred from competing for the balance of the competition year. All points accumulated for Horse of the Year Awards are nullified. (Exception: Heel measurements are not required for Arabians. The animal will be measured for height per Chapter 5, Subchapter 5-B and 5-C)

## GR514 Results of Questioning or Protesting

1. The measurement card or valid measurement form of any animal that is required to transfer into another division or section must be surrendered to the competition steward **or technical delegate** who must forward it to the Federation office with his report.

## GR516 Procedures

4. The measurement must be performed by at least two persons appointed by the Federation which shall include one veterinarian who is a member of the American Association of Equine Practitioners and one Registered steward or Technical Delegate **certified to measure**, as permitted by division rules. The officials whose measurement is being appealed cannot be part of the team conducting the measurement appeal.

## GR518 Procedures

4. The measurement must be performed by at least two persons appointed by the Federation which shall include ~~a one~~ veterinarian who is a member of the American Association of Equine Practitioners and one Registered steward or technical delegate **certified to measure**. The officials whose measurement is being appealed cannot be part of the team conducting the measurement appeal.

## HJ136 General

1. Horses or ponies competing in any division, section or class where height is a requirement must be measured. Measurements will be conducted in accordance with ~~HU135 below~~ **Subchapter HJ-6 Measurement**.

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8. Measurements must be performed by a steward **certified to measure** and the official competition veterinarian. The official competition veterinarian must confirm the age of the horse or pony and that it was jogged and is serviceably sound. Upon the official competition veterinarian's verification of soundness, the steward's measurement is final. The steward and the official competition veterinarian shall sign the measurement form. A steward may not measure a horse or pony that is owned by a member of his family or by any of his or his family member's clients. (See GR1039.4)

a. Written reports of every measurement or attempt to measure must be sent to the Federation's ~~Lexington, KY~~ office together with the Steward's Report, or the steward will be subject to charges and penalties per Chapters GR6 and GR7.

b. The steward shall be either a steward officiating at the competition or a steward authorized in writing to conduct the measurement by the Federation CEO or his designee. **The steward must be certified to measure.** If the official competition veterinarian is not present at the competition, or not available when on call (see GR1210.3) the measurement may be conducted by a steward and a judge officiating at the competition, or another steward officiating at the competition; however, the measurement will be for the purposes of that competition only and no measurement card will be issued. Measurement forms will be sent to the Federation, but will not be given to the owner. (Exception: Exhibitors will not be penalized by having points withheld for measurement forms that are incorrectly filled out by USEF stewards and/or competition management and/or competition veterinarians.)

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12. Measurement forms received by the Federation that have inconsistencies or errors may be denied a measurement card at the discretion of the Federation. If the horse or pony is denied a measurement card, ~~the~~ Federation will notify the owner of the horse or pony and they **horse or pony** must be measured before they are eligible to show.

HJ139 Completing the Measurement Form

3. Federation officials ~~are~~ **will not to** perform "courtesy", "trial", or repeat measurements. Once a pony or horse is presented for measurement, the owner/agent must accept the resulting measurement.

HJ145 Protesting Height

9. Pony and Junior Hunter measurement protests.

- a. The identity of the protestor will be revealed to the protestee by the competition steward. At the time the competition steward receives the protest, the competition steward will explain the protest measurement process to the parties involved and answer any questions. The competition steward will instruct the protestor and the protestee that any inappropriate behavior and/or communication between parties will result in charges being filed against those parties. This is not limited to those parties directly involved in the protest. Charges may be filed against any individuals at the discretion of the competition steward.
- b. When the animal is presented for measurement, only the following individuals may be present: The owner of the animal, two representatives/handlers of the animal being protested, the protestor, the competition veterinarian(s), the competition steward(s), and any representative(s) of ~~the Federation and the Federation Hunter/Jumper Pony Committee~~. **At least one competition steward must be certified to measure and that steward will conduct the measurement.**
- c. If an animal is protested and found to be within its height section, the animal's height cannot be protested again for the remainder of the competition year.

HJ147 Measurement Appeal

2. Procedures.

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- d. The measurement must be performed by at least two persons appointed by the Federation which shall include one veterinarian who is a member of the American Association of Equine Practitioners and one Registered steward **certified to measure**. The officials whose measurement is being appealed cannot be part of the team conducting the measurement appeal.

APPENDIX DC-A MEASUREMENT OF COMBINED DRIVING PONIES [renumber accordingly]

1. See DC915 for height limitations.

1. For the Advanced division, the USEF Measurement Card will be presented at the First Veterinary Inspection. If a pony is not in possession of a fully and correctly completed Measurement Card, the Ground Jury may order the pony to be measured by a **Federation licensed official** certified ~~measuring official to measure~~ and the Competition Veterinarian and/or a Judge, pursuant to Chapter 5, Subchapter 5-C in General Regulations. Failure to allow the pony to be remeasured will result in the pony being disqualified at that competition. The remeasurement must be reported to the Ground Jury, which must then disqualify the pony from the competition if it is over height (see DC915.1-4).

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- 3. Measurement will be conducted by a **Federation licensed official** certified ~~measuring official to measure~~ and the Competition Veterinarian and/or a Judge.
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- 6. If the Ground Jury questions the height of a pony and the pony is in possession of a fully and correctly completed Measurement card, the Ground Jury may request through the Federation that the pony be remeasured by a **Federation licensed official** certified ~~measuring official to measure~~ and a Veterinarian who are approved by the Federation, pursuant to Chapter 5, Subchapter 5-C in General Regulations. Remeasurement must be made within 30 days of the request.

GR1034 Stewards and Technical Delegates

- 2. Measurement: Measuring all animals required to be measured as provided for in Chapter 5 of the General Rules, Measurement of Entries, Chapter DR (DR135 Pony Measurement), Chapter DC (DC915 Height **and Appendix A**) and Subchapter HJ-6 Measurement and if necessary return Measurement cards to the Federation.
- a. Stewards and Technical Delegates are responsible for ensuring that measurements are conducted in accordance with the rules and that all required paperwork is completed in a legible manner.
- b. Offenders could be subject to a fine or administrative penalty at the discretion of the CEO or his designee.
- c. **Measurements must be conducted by a steward, judge, or technical delegate that is certified to measure by the Federation. See Chapter 5 of the General Rules, Measurement of Entries, Chapter DR (DR135 Pony Measurement), Chapter DC (DC915 and Appendix A) and Subchapter HJ-6 Measurement for details regarding which officials are required to conduct measurement.**

JP118 Sections/Classes Restricted to Children, Adult Amateur Riders, or Ponies

- 4. Pony Jumper: A pony, 14.2 hands and under in height, that is ridden by an individual who has not reached his/her 18th birthday. Stallions are prohibited in Pony Jumpers
- a. Measurement. A measurement card is required as per Chapter ~~HJ, Subchapter HJ-6~~ **HJ, Subchapter HJ-6 Measurement.**

WL102 Height

1. Section A ponies may not exceed 12.2 hands. Section B ponies may not exceed 14.2 hands. Measurements to be conducted per ~~Chapter HJ135-137~~ **HJ136-148**.

.WL129 Height

1. Whenever possible, classes should be divided by height. Classes to be divided into Section C, referred to as Welsh Pony of Cob Type not to exceed 13.2 hands and Section D, referred to as Welsh Cob exceeding 13.2 hands with no upper limit. Measurements to be conducted per ~~Chapter HJ, HJ135-147~~ **HJ136-148**.

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Rule Change Intent

Federation staff realized that the rulebook did not provide a clear definition that those who are trained to measure, or other eligible individuals, must be the individuals to measure a horse or pony. These additions to the rulebook must be added to ensure that the individuals who are conducting measurement are trained in order to provide a fair and level playing field for all competitors.

Linked Rules Comments

Web: measurements

## Committee Actions

### Competition Management

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 10/23/2019  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

### Council - Intl Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 10/29/2019  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

### Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/04/2019  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** The council agrees that the "heel and toe" measurement concerns presented by the Hackney and Roadster Committee need to be addressed.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

### Hackney

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 10/30/2019  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** The committee will support this rule if GR502.5 in this proposal is amended to reflect that only one steward must be present for the heel and toe measurements, as the rule currently reads. The last sentence in this point should be un-struck and "heel and toe" should be removed from the third sentence.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

### Licensed Officials

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 10/28/2019  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 10/28/2019

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

### National Hunter Committee

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 10/28/2019  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

### Roadster

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 10/30/2019  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** The committee feels that having a second official present for the heel and toe measurements is an unnecessary addition and would like to see GR502.5 in this proposal amended back to the current language that only requires the heel and toe measurements to be completed by the officiating steward.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Extraordinary	12/1/2019	11/13/2019	Approved 11/11/2019

## Extraordinary Change Reason

Since USEF and Equestrian Canada signed into a new agreement in April, there is confusion amongst licensed officials and competition managers regarding the guest card rules for EC officials. The language within the rulebook is contradictory to the agreement as EC officials must now apply for Guest Cards.

## Proposed Change

## GR1004 General [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 10-B GENERAL RULES AND FEES]

## GR1004 General

[...]

4. A judge licensed in a division restricted to one breed may judge all classes restricted to entries of that breed even though he may not be licensed in the divisions for all types of classes offered. Exceptions:
- A licensed Dressage judge must judge Dressage classes.
  - Sport Horse classes in the Arabian, Half-Arabian and Anglo/Arabian divisions ~~are to~~ **must** be judged by Federation **licensed Dressage Sport Horse Breeding (DSHB) or Hunter Breeding judges, or a Federation or Senior** Equestrian Canada judges licensed in ~~Dressage Sport Horse Breeding (DSHB), Hunter Breeding, Dressage, Hunter, or Jumper divisions; no guest card will be required.~~ **A guest card is not required for Federation licensed DSHB, Hunter Breeding, Dressage, Hunter, or Jumper judges. A guest card is required for Senior Equestrian Canada Dressage, Hunter, or Jumper judges.**
  - For Carriage Pleasure Driving divisions, see CP201.
  - Refer to GR1004.17 for Western Dressage.

## GR1011 Guest Cards

[...]

8. Guest Cards are not required in the following circumstances:
- FEI officials providing they are officiating in the discipline for which they are licensed by the FEI. (For Dressage see GR1010.8.b and GR1010.12).
  - Dressage - An FEI licensed Dressage Judge judging at any level at a Federation licensed competition. Foreign FEI 2\* Dressage Judges are not required to have a Guest Card however, they are only eligible to judge through the Prix St. Georges level.
  - Connemara - A Guest Card is not required for Dressage Sport Horse Breeding or Hunter Breeding Divisions if judged by a Federation licensed judge, see GR1004.11.
  - ~~Hunter-Senior Hunter Course Designers licensed by Equestrian Canada in the Hunter divisions at Federation competitions.~~
  - Jumper - See GR1010.22.
  - Saddle Seat Equitation - See GR1010.29.c.
  - Vaulting - See GR1010.31.
9. Andalusian/Lusitano: Guest Judges are permitted at Andalusian/Lusitano competitions. See GR1010.6
10. Arabian
- Breeding/gelding in-hand - Guest cards will only be granted to foreign breeding experts and/or those holding a Speciality Card with the Arabian Horse Association. A list of foreign experts will be maintained by the Federation Licensed Officials Department.
  - Pleasure Driving - An ADS Pleasure Driving judge may officiate alone in Arabian Carriage Pleasure Driving classes at an Arabian competition. A Guest Card is required.
  - Reining - Judges licensed by the National Reining Horse Association (NRHA) and/or the National Reined Cow Horse Association (NRCHA) and/or those holding a Speciality Card with the Arabian Horse Association may officiate in Reining.
  - Trail - Experienced National Reining Horse Association (NRHA), National Reined Cow Horse Association (NRCHA) judges licensed in another breed (i.e. AQHA, APHA, ApHC, etc.) and/or those holding a Speciality Card with the Arabian Horse Association are allowed a Guest Card. Guest Cards are not required for Trail Course Designers (see AR219).
  - Working/Reined Cow Horse Classes - Experienced National Reining Horse Association (NRHA), National Reined Cow Horse Association (NRCHA) judges licensed in another breed (i.e. AQHA, APHA, ApHC, etc.) and/or those holding a Speciality Card with the Arabian Horse Association are allowed a Guest Card.
  - Ranch Riding - Experienced National Reining Horse Association (NRHA), National Reined Cow Horse Association (NRCHA), judges licensed by another breed organization (i.e. AQHA, APHA, ApHC, etc.), and those holding a Speciality Card with the Arabian Horse Association may officiate in Ranch Riding classes.
  - Sport Horse - Senior Equestrian Canada judges licensed in Dressage, Hunter or Jumper divisions may officiate with a guest card. See GR1004.4.**

[...]

29. Saddle Seat Equitation:
- A Guest Judge may not officiate at any national or regional Equitation Finals. However, one Guest Judge is permitted on a multi judge panel.
  - A Guest Judge may not officiate alone in any Federation Medal Class. Federation Arabian or Morgan licensed officials may officiate alone in the qualifying classes for the USEF Saddle Seat Medal and USEF Saddle Seat Adult Amateur Medal without a guest card.
  - Any individual currently licensed by ~~Equestrian Canada~~ or the Riding Horse Judges Association of South Africa, as a Senior Saddle Seat Equitation judge shall automatically be eligible to officiate in the Saddle Seat division for the US Saddle Seat World Cup Trials, US Saddle Seat hosted Invitationals, and the Saddle Seat World Cup Competition hosted in US, without either an application or the fee required for a Guest Saddle Seat

**GR1022 Jumper Course Designers**

1. A minimum of an 'r' license is required to officiate alone in any competition with a Jumper Rating 2 or higher.
2. An 'R' license is required to officiate alone for all classes offering \$25,000 or more in prize money.
3. Any individual currently licensed by the FEI as a Level 2 or higher Course Designer for Show Jumping or ~~by Equestrian Canada as a Senior Course Designer for Show Jumping~~ shall automatically be eligible to officiate in the jumper division at Federation competitions without either an application or the fee required for a Special Jumper Course Designer Card. There is no limit on the number of times that such an individual may officiate.

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**Rule Change Intent**

These changes are required in order to align Chapter 10 with recently executed agreement with Equestrian Canada.

Linked Rules	Comments
AR 174 (070-19)	<b>Web:</b> guest cards

**Committee Actions**

**Competition Management**

<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 06/18/2019	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
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<b>Draft 3:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 3:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 4:</b> Recommends Approval 10/23/2019	<b>Draft 4:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 5:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 5:</b> No Comments

**Council - Intl Discipline**

<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 06/18/2019	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 3:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 3:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 4:</b> Recommends Approval 09/03/2019	<b>Draft 4:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 5:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 5:</b> No Comments

**Council - Member Services**

<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Disapproval 06/25/2019	<b>Draft 1:</b> The Council recommends GR1004.4.b be reworded. As currently presented, the sentence is too long and is unclear. Language needs to more clearly indicate whether or not a Guest Card is required and if so, by whom.
<b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 3:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 3:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 4:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 4:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 5:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 5:</b> No Comments

**Council - Natl Breed & Discipline**

<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 06/10/2019	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 3:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 3:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 4:</b> Recommends Approval 08/26/2019	<b>Draft 4:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 5:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 5:</b> No Comments

**National Hunter Committee**

<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 05/13/2019	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 3:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 3:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 4:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 4:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 5:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 5:</b> No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Extraordinary	1/1/2020	8/23/2019	Approved 11/11/2019

Extraordinary Change Reason

Safe Sport Compliance

Proposed Change

**GR1011 Guest Cards** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 10-C CLASSIFICATIONS - JUDGES]

GR1011 Guest Cards

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6. Guest Cards are required for officials with foreign national licenses providing they have Senior status with their own federation and are officiating in the division for which they are licensed by their federation. ~~Exceptions: Andalusian/Lusitano: Foreign experts who are licensed or approved to judge Andalusian/Lusitano horses in their respective countries.~~
  29. Saddle Seat Equitation:
    - a. A Guest Judge may not officiate at any national or regional Equitation Finals. However, one Guest Judge is permitted on a multi judge panel.
    - b. A Guest Judge may not officiate alone in any Federation Medal Class. Federation Arabian or Morgan licensed officials may officiate alone in the qualifying classes for the USEF Saddle Seat Medal and USEF Saddle Seat Adult Amateur Medal without a guest card.
    - c. Any individual currently licensed by Equestrian Canada or the Riding Horse Judges Association of South Africa, as a Senior Saddle Seat Equitation judge ~~shall automatically be is~~ eligible to officiate in the Saddle Seat division for the US Saddle Seat World Cup Trials, US Saddle Seat hosted Invationals, and the Saddle Seat World Cup Competition hosted in US, ~~without either an application or the fee required for a Guest Saddle Seat Equitation Judge's Card.~~ There is no limit on the number of times that such an individual may officiate.

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Rule Change Intent

To ensure the safety of US Equestrian members and competition managers, and to be compliant with the Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017, all officials who officiate in national classes at Federation licensed and endorsed competitions must successfully complete Safe Sport Training and a background check with the Federation. Individuals that are not licensed by the Federation must apply for a Guest Card, which requires applicants to complete Safe Sport Training and a background check with the Federation.

Linked Rules      Comments

Web: guest cards

Committee Actions

Competition Management

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/23/2019

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/29/2019

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/04/2019

Draft 1: No Comments

Saddle Seat Eq

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/06/2019

Draft 1: The committee feels it would be difficult for Foreign judges to comply with this rule.

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Rule Clarification	12/1/2019	9/18/2019	Approved 11/11/2019

Proposed Change

**GR1124 ARABIAN AND HALF/ANGLO ARABIAN DIVISIONS** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 11-F AWARD SECTIONS ]

GR1124 Arabian and Half/Anglo Arabian Divisions {GR11-F Award Sections}

6. Award Categories. National and Regional awards will be awarded in the following categories:

- English Pleasure/Pleasure Driving—Open, Adult Amateur, Junior Exhibitor;
- Country English Pleasure/Country Pleasure Driving—Open, Adult Amateur, Junior Exhibitor;
- Hunter Pleasure—Open, Adult Amateur, Junior Exhibitor;
- Western Pleasure—Open, Adult Amateur, Junior Exhibitor;
- Working Western Horse—includes Trail, In-Hand Trail, Reining, Working Cowhorse, Cutting and Western Riding, Ranch Horse Riding, one award category;
- Hunter— Regular Working (**includes Regular Working Hunter Open/Handy/Stake/Under Saddle and Modified Working Under Saddle/Over Fences**); Green Working (**includes all Green classes**); Hunter Specialty (**includes Hunter Specialty is one award category based on total number of points from all ATR/JTR, AOTR/JOTR, AATR/AOTR classes including Horses 14.2 Hands & Under and Working Hunter 2' section classes, Horses 14.2 Hands & and Under Open, and Working Hunter 2' Open**);
- Specialty Horse—includes Park, English Show Hack, Ladies Side Saddle, Native Costume, Hunter Hack, Formal Combination, Informal Combination, Formal Driving, Roadster, English Trail, Versatility, Gymkhana, Carriage Pleasure Driving, Western Dressage, and Jumper, one award category;
- Breeding/In-Hand—includes Stallions, Mares, Geldings for Arabians and Mares and Geldings for Half/Anglo Arabians, one award category;
- Dressage—Open: Training Level; First Level; Second Level, Third Level, Fourth Level and FEI combined Level
- Amateur: Training Level; First Level; Second Level, Third Level, Fourth Level, and FEI combined Level
- Sport Horse - Sport Horse In-Hand, Sport Horse Under Saddle and Sport Horse Show Hack are combined.

Proponent Details

Arabian

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Rule Change Intent

Due to confusion for which award category specific classes should be categorized as, it has been proposed that Regular Working, Green Working, and Hunter Specialty award categories be more thoroughly explained in Chapter 11. The expansion of what these three award categories contain will clarify the confusion of where certain classes will be counted; in the past, classes like Modified Working Hunter Over Fences Open and 14.2 & Under Hunter Green have been counted in different sections from one year to the next. This clarification will solidify where these classes count in future years.

Linked Rules

Comments

**Web:** award categories

Committee Actions

Competition Management

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 10/23/2019

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/04/2019

**Draft 1:** The council would approve this change if the language recommended by AHA and approved by the Arabian Committee is added at the end of the hunter section in the currently proposed language "Exception: Cross Rail classes do not count for award points;"

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Rule Clarification	12/1/2019	10/9/2019	Approved 11/11/2019

Proposed Change

GR1126 Connemara [CHAPTER Subchapter 11-F]

5. Special Awards

a. McKenna Trophy: awarded to the highest ranking purebred or halfbred Connemara in ~~Preliminary~~ **Modified** through Advanced levels at Federation Eventing Competitions.

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Rule Change Intent

The intent of this rule clarification is to include the newly implemented, and currently running "Modified" eventing division into the USEF Connemara Awards. A clarification is needed because the Modified Level falls between Training level and Prelim. It was created for the Training Level horse with the intent of progressing to the FEI CCI1\* and Preliminary level. Therefore this division would not qualify for the McKenna Trophy, but the committee would still like those horses recognized in the eventing awards. The intent of this rule does not change with this clarification, it simply allows credit for the new section recently developed and implemented by USEA.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> connemara

Committee Actions	
Competition Management	
<b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Approval 10/23/2019	<b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
<b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Approval 11/04/2019	<b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments



**AR106.10 Tracking #088-19 Draft #1 Approved**

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Rule Clarification	12/1/2019	9/16/2019	Approved 11/11/2019

Proposed Change

**AR106 Shoeing Regulations, Artificial Markings, and Appliances** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER AR-1 GENERAL SECTION]

AR106 Shoeing Regulations, Artificial Markings and Appliances {AR-1 General Section}

10. Any change of color or markings other than mane, tail or hoof is prohibited. Competitors may not change the color or markings of the horse's hide and leg/body hair. Only clear grooming materials are allowed on the hide and leg/ body hair. Materials may be used to remove stains.

- a. The use of glitter on or in the mane, tail, hair or hooves is prohibited.
- b. Breeding/In-Hand competitors may not change the natural color of the mane, tail or hoof. Only clear or transparent products may be used on the hooves of horses while being shown in Breeding/In-Hand classes. No product shall be applied to a horse's hoof to hide or conceal a conformation defect.
- c. Mane, Tail and Hoof color may be changed with color products for any class except Breeding/In-Hand classes.
- d. Entries in Showmanship **and Performance Halter** classes may use hoof "polish" that is not clear.

Proponent Details	Contact Information
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Rule Change Intent

There has been confusion that in point "c", Breeding/In-Hand classes is speaking about Breeding classes as well as all in-hand classes including Performance Halter, this is incorrect. Performance Halter does not fall under this rule. This addition of language to point "d" will help to clarify that Performance Halter classes are permitted to use hoof polish that is not clear.

Linked Rules	Comments
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**Web:** hoof polish

Committee Actions

Competition Management

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 10/23/2019

**Draft 1: No Comments**

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/04/2019

**Draft 1: No Comments**

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Extraordinary	12/1/2019	8/22/2019	Approved 11/11/2019

**Extraordinary Change Reason**

Since USEF and Equestrian (EC) signed into a new agreement in April, there is confusion amongst licensed officials and competition managers regarding the guest card rules for EC officials. The language within the rulebook is contradictory to the agreement as EC officials must now apply for Guest Cards.

**Proposed Change**

**AR174 PURPOSE** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER AR-17 SPORT HORSE SECTION]

AR174 Purpose {AR-17 Sport Horse Section}

The Sport Horse section was developed to evaluate and encourage the breeding of Purebred Arabian and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian horses suitable for Dressage, Working Hunter, Eventing, Jumper, Carriage Pleasure Driving, Combined Driving, Racing, Competitive Trail and Endurance, and to provide an opportunity to demonstrate the effectiveness of breeding programs. Form to function will be emphasized. ~~Sport Horse classes in the Arabian, Half-Arabian and Anglo-Arabian Division are to be judged by Federation/Equine Canada judges licensed in Dressage Sport Horse Breeding, Hunter Breeding, Dressage, Hunter or Jumper divisions; no guest card will be required.~~ **Please see GR1004.4 for Sport Horse judging and guest card requirements.** DR126.1.d.1(exception Arabian Sport Horse Classes). In the event that a Competition Management intends to schedule a Dressage Judge outside of the limitations of DR126.1d.1-2, it must be specifically noted in the contract. Management must also specify in the contract which classes the Dressage judge is contracted to judge, i.e. Dressage and/or Sport Horse. Management and the Dressage judge must agree upon the contract provisions, to eligible overtime and compensation; both Management and the Dressage judge must sign and date the contract.

MO165.2 AMHA Medal Class Rules {MO-12 Morgan Equitation}

2. AMHA Silver Medal Classes must be officiated by a judge who is **licensed** ~~recognized (large "R" or small "r")~~ by The Federation or **a Senior Equine Equestrian Canada official** in either the Morgan Division or in the equitation seat being performed. **Senior Equestrian Canada Officials must apply for a guest card.**

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**Rule Change Intent**

This proposal is linked to tracking #044-19 which updates the language of GR1004.4, necessary to reflect USEF's agreement with Equestrian Canada. The change for the Morgan chapter is also necessary to align the guest card requirements for the AMHA Medal Class with USEF's agreement with Equestrian Canada.

Linked Rules	Comments
GR 1004 (044-19)	<b>Web:</b> sport horse section

**Committee Actions**

Competition Management	
<b>Draft 3:</b> Recommends Approval 10/23/2019	<b>Draft 3: No Comments</b>
Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
<b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 2: No Comments</b>
<b>Draft 3:</b> Recommends Approval 08/26/2019	<b>Draft 3: No Comments</b>
Licensed Officials	
<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
<b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Approval 08/19/2019	<b>Draft 2: No Comments</b>
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**AR238.3 Tracking #087-19 Draft #1 Approved**

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Rule Clarification	12/1/2019	9/16/2019	Approved 11/11/2019

**Proposed Change**

**AR238 Hunter Seat Equitation** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER AR-29 EQUITATION SECTION ]

AR238 Hunter Seat Equitation {AR-29 Equitation Section}

3. Hunter Seat Equitation – Not to Jump. Horses to be shown at the Walk, Posting Trot, Sitting Trot and Canter. A lengthening or shortening of stride may be called for at any gait. Horses may be asked to back on the rail or in line up. Additional tests, EQ112, may be called for but if the class entry is age restricted, the tests must be consistent with AHA Medal class requirements as outlined below.

- a. For AHA Hunter Seat Equitation – Not to Jump Medal ( 13 & Under), Regional (13 & Under) and National (13 & Under). Not to Jump classes, all contestants are required to perform both the rail work and two or more individual tests from Equitation rule EQ 112, Tests 1-5, & 7.
- b. For AHA Hunter Seat Equitation – Not to Jump Medal (14--18 , 18 & Under and Adult), Regional (14--18 , 18 & Under and Adult) and National (14 -18 , 18 & Under, and Adult) Not to Jump classes, all contestants are required to perform both the rail work and two or more individual tests from Equitation rule EQ112 tests 1-5, ~~8-9, 11-19~~ **7-17**. Exception: Test ~~46~~ **14** may be called for only at the AHA National Competition.

Proponent Details	Contact Information
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**Rule Change Intent**

This clarification is being requested in order to align the Arabian Hunter Seat Equitation section with the Equitation chapter, specifically EQ112, which was changed as of 12/1/18. The current listings of tests from which can be chosen in an Arabian Hunter Seat Equitation class is inaccurate and needs to be updated.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> hunter seat equitation

**Committee Actions**

Competition Management	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 10/23/2019	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/04/2019	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Extraordinary	12/1/2019	8/23/2019	Approved 11/11/2019

Extraordinary Change Reason

The American Driving Society (ADS) is no longer a recognized affiliate effective June 11, 2019. Therefore all rule references to the ADS must be deleted.

Proposed Change

**Noted by subchapter** [CHAPTER Entire DC chapter - Combined Driving division]

DC 901

- Classes:  
All, or any, of the following classes may be held at the same Event, but each must be classified separately: Horse: Single (H1), Pair (H2), Tandem (HT2), Unicorn (HU3), and Four-in-Hand (H4) Pony: Single (P1), Pair (P2), Tandem (PT2), Unicorn (PU3), and Four-in-Hand (P4)  
In Preliminary and Intermediate only:  
Very Small Equine: Single (VSE1), Pair (VSE2), Tandem (VSET2), Unicorn (VSEU3), and Four-in-Hand (VSE4)
- Levels of difficulty : The levels of difficulty are defined by a progressive rating system ranging from the lowest level Preliminary, to Intermediate, then to the highest level Advanced.  
2.1 To ensure uniformity, Organizing Committees must send to the USEF ~~or submit to the American Driving Society Omnibus~~ a draft prize list for their Event, setting out the general conditions of each Competition and any particular conditions not provided for in these rules, which they wish to present. Prize lists must be approved by the Technical Delegate prior to publication and/or an event permit being issued by the USEF.

DC911 Entries

- The number of Horses that may be entered for an Event must be in accordance with the Prize List ~~or the American Driving Society Omnibus~~.
- Entry forms for Horses must include the name/names, breed, sex, age, color, passport number and/or USEF number, and where appropriate, qualifications.
- Refunds need not be given for no-shows or withdrawals after the closing date of entries, however, this information must be posted in the prize list ~~and/or ADS Omnibus~~.

DC912 Schedule of the event

When applicable, the FEI Approved Schedule applies to FEI divisions which are also USEF Advanced. All other USEF divisions will follow the official Prize List ~~or the American Driving Society Omnibus~~, which must be in accordance with USEF rules.

DC930 Outside assistance

- Definition Any physical intervention by a third party, not riding on the carriage, whether solicited or not, with the object of facilitating the task of the Athlete or helping his Horses, is considered to be outside assistance.
- Prohibited outside assistance  
2.1 Dressage and Cones:  
2.1.1 Any intervention by a third party, not riding on the carriage, whether solicited or not, with the object of facilitating the task of the Athlete or helping his horses, is considered to be outside assistance. Any Athlete who has received physical outside assistance may be eliminated by the Ground Jury.  
2.1.2 In Dressage and Cones, Grooms must remain seated in their proper positions between entering and leaving the Arena They are not permitted to handle the reins or the whip (will incur 20 penalties). For Dressage, Grooms are not allowed to speak or indicate the course to the Athlete (will incur 10 penalties). However the Groom may handle the reins, whip and brake without penalty provided the carriage remains stationary.  
2.1.3 Exception: If the bell has been rung by the President of the Jury and the Athlete has failed to hear the bell; the Groom may advise the Athlete that the bell has been rung.  
2.1.4 Athletes and Grooms may not use any form of electronic communication equipment during Dressage and Cones, subject to elimination.
- Marathon:  
2.2.1 Obstacle observers, ground observers, time keepers or any other Officials may not give directions, advice or information to the Athlete, while he is on the course in Marathon, in order to assist him. Exceptions: see DC930.3.  
2.2.2 Any Athlete who has received physical outside assistance by a third party not riding on the carriage will be eliminated by the Ground Jury. ~~ADS exemptions for turnouts without a groom: "Any capable person" may assist, act as penalty for groom down.~~

DC935 Driven Dressage Tests

Approved Tests  
Advanced will use the FEI Driven Dressage Tests published on the FEI website. Intermediate can use either the FEI 1\* tests or ~~ADS Intermediate tests~~. Preliminary will use **Preliminary ADS** tests. The Prize Lists/~~Omnibus~~ for all events must state clearly which of these Tests is to be used.

DC939 General Impression

- For FEI Driven Dressage tests:  
1.1 Principle There are two boxes at the end of the Judges Score Sheets for marks on: Athlete and General Impression & Presentation observed by the judges throughout the whole test.  
1.2 Athlete Use of aids, handling of reins and whip, position on the box, accuracy of figures. The mark must reflect the consistent level of accuracy and quality of transitions.  
1.3 Para-Driving Athletes in able-bodies competitions Athletes may salute with a nod of their head only. Hats must not be removed at the salute, and contact must be maintained on the reins during the halt and salute.  
1.4 General impression & Presentation Appearance of driver Athlete and grooms, correctness, cleanliness harmonizing with of harness and carriage. Fitness,

matching and condition of Horse(s), balanced picture of the complete turnout. Clearance and fit of harness. Harmony between Horse(s) and Athlete.

2. For ADS Driven Dressage tests:

2.1 Principle There are five boxes at the end of the Judges Score Sheets for marks on General Impression observed by the judges throughout the whole test.  
2.2 Paces Regularity and freedom (if Four-in-Hand, or Pair, maintenance of pace by all horses). The quality of paces in each movement is marked under the appropriate movement. The mark for the general impression must reflect paces and transitions during the whole test.

2.3 Impulsion Moving forward, engagement of the hind quarters (if Four-in-Hand or Pair, all Horses working). The level of impulsion may vary between movements and pace, but the mark for impulsion must reflect the performance of the Horses throughout the Test, in all trot and canter paces.

2.4 Obedience and Lightness Response to aids – willing and without resistance, correctness of bend, suppleness, acceptance of the bit.

2.5 Athlete Use of aids, handling of reins and whip, position on the box, accuracy of figures. The mark must reflect the consistent level of accuracy and quality of transitions.

2.5.1 Para-Equestrian Athletes in able-bodied competitions may salute with a nod of their head only. Hats are not required to be removed at the salute and contact may be maintained on the reins during the halt and salute.

2.6. Presentation

2.6.1 Dress of Athlete and Grooms, cleanliness, fitness, matching and condition of Horses, carriage and fitting and correctness of harness.

2.6.2 If the OC chooses to have Presentation at the Halt, a Judge may be appointed and work under the direction of the President of the Ground Jury.

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DC957 Obstacles

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1.6.1 A maximum of five oxers are allowed in a Cones course.  
[within the cones measurement chart...]

Note: For VSE Advanced division cones settings in ADS-recognized Driving Trials and Arena Trials, see Article 973.1.6

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DC970 Composition of the Ground Jury

1 Ground Jury - Minimum requirements

Category Judges

Advanced 3 min

Intermediate and Preliminary 2 min

The judges must include a President and at least two other members. The President of the Ground Jury must be chosen from:

1.2 the USEF list of Combined Driving Judges;

1.3 the FEI list of Level 2, 3 or 4 driving judges;

1.4 the list of Combined Driving Judges from another country with an approved USEF Guest Card;

1.5 the list of Registered ('R') ADS Combined Driving Judges with an approved USEF Guest Card.

Other members of the Ground Jury must be chosen from:

1.6 paragraphs 1.2 through 1.4 above or;

1.7 the list of ADS Recorded ('r') or ADS Registered ('R') Combined Driving Judges.

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DC971 Technical Delegate

1. Selection The Technical Delegate must be chosen from:

1.1 The USEF list of Combined Driving Technical Delegates;

1.2 The list of FEI Level 2, 3 or 4 Technical Delegates;

1.3 The list of approved Combined Driving Technical Delegates of another country with an approved USEF Guest Card;

1.4 The list of ADS Registered Combined Driving Technical Delegates, with an approved USEF Guest Card.

1.5 For additional restrictions, refer to GR1304.

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GLOSSARY

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3. The USEF makes no representation or warranty, expressed or implied, about any protective vest. The USEF does not imply that protective vests may protect against all foreseeable injury.

Omnibus: refers to an official ADS publication providing competitor information for driving events. Also see Prize List and Schedule below.

Prize List: an official publication produced by the Organizing Committee of a driving event as approved by the Technical Delegate.

Turnout: the assemblage including the Athlete (Driver), required groom(s), horse(s) with harness and carriage appropriate to the competition. Description includes configuration – single, pair, tandem, unicorn or four-in-hand. Examples: Horse single; pony pair; VSE unicorn; Small pony tandem.

CAI: (Concours d'Attelage International)

FEI-licensed International combined driving event;

CAN (Concours d'Attelage National): a National combined driving event recognized by FEI, licensed by the National Federation.

USEF licensed CAN are divided into:

CAN-2\* (formerly called "Advanced"), eligibility - an Athlete must have completed at least two CAN-O or four Preliminary or Intermediate division CDEs (under Article 913.3);

CAN-1\* (equivalent of a combined test, no prerequisite eligibility);

CAN-O (introductory national combined driving event, no prerequisite eligibility).

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Rule Change Intent

The American Driving Society (ADS) is no longer a recognized affiliate effective June 11, 2019. Therefore all rule references to the ADS must be deleted.

Note: The Driving Sport Committee approved 8/21/19.

Web: affiliate

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Council - Intl Discipline

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Driving

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Draft 1: No Comments

Licensed Officials

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/28/2019

Draft 1: The LOC would approve if "or;" was removed in DC970 1.6.

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Proposed Change

**DR121 Saddlery and Equipment.** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]

**DR121 Saddlery and Equipment. Change to read:**

7. Martingales, bit guards, any kind of gadgets (such as bearing, side, running, balancing reins, neck straps, nasal strips, tongue tied down, etc.), any kind of boots (including "easy-boots") or bandages (including tail bandages) and any form of earmuffs or plugs, nose covers, seat covers, hoods are, under penalty of elimination, strictly forbidden. One small identification tag, ..... Blinkers and fly masks that cover the horse's eyes are permitted in warmup but are forbidden in the competition arena. **Cooling caps (hoods) are forbidden in competition and warmup areas....**

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Rule Change Intent

To clarify that cooling caps are hoods not permitted in competition

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> cooling caps

Committee Actions	
Competition Management	
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Council - Intl Discipline	
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Dressage	
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Proposed Change

**DR122 Execution and Judging of Tests** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]

**DR122 Execution and Judging of Tests. Add new and renumber remaining.**

5. Errors.

*k. Judges may not mark or deduct points for an error for any reason other than as described in DR122.5; i.e. dress code violations (DR120) cannot be penalized by an error.*

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Rule Change Intent

Some judges are penalizing dress code violations with an error. This practice is not allowed by the USEF rules.

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: errors

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Council - Intl Discipline

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Dressage

**Draft 1:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments



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Proposed Change

**DR122 Execution and Judging of Tests.** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]

**DR122 Execution and Judging of Tests. Change to read:**

7. Judging a test.

g. If the horse leaves the arena with or without the rider (all four feet outside the fence or line marking the arena perimeter) between the beginning and end of the test, the competitor is eliminated. **Leaving the arena at the end of a test at any place other than "A" shall be penalized by elimination, except in cases where the arena conditions don't allow for exit at "A" or where the rider loses control while on a loose rein.**

h. A test begins with the entry at A and ends after the final salute, as soon as the horse moves forward; except in Freestyle, where the test begins in the first stride after the salute and ends at the final salute. Except for leaving the arena as described above in 7.g, and for non-permitted movements shown in a freestyle test, anything before the beginning or after the end of the test has no effect on the marks. The competitor **must** ~~should~~ leave the arena in the way prescribed in the test; however, in Federation Training through Fourth Level tests, the competitor **must** ~~should~~ leave the arena at "A" at a walk, on long or loose rein.

Proponent Details

Dressage

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Rule Change Intent

to further clarify where a horse/rider combination is able to leave the arena at the end of a test

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: judging

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Dressage

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**Proposed Change**

**EV115.2c & EV115.2.d - Saddlery - Dressage Test** [CHAPTER EV1 - General Rules for all Eventing Competitions]

~~c. A rounded snaffle bit made of metal, leather, rubber or plastic material is permitted for all tests.~~

**d. A rounded snaffle bit made of metal, leather, rubber, or plastic material is permitted for all tests and may be covered with rubber/latex.** Snaffles are permitted and must have a minimum diameter of fourteen millimeters (14 mm). For ponies the minimum diameter shall be ten millimeters (10 mm). The diameter of the mouthpiece is measured adjacent to the rings or the cheeks of the mouthpiece. The reins must be attached to the bit.

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**Rule Change Intent**

To strike verbiage added to EV115 regarding minimum diameter of bits as part of an FEI Rule change in early 2019. Upon finding that the rule implemented by the FEI and adopted for the USEF Rules for Eventing was difficult to enforce with consistency and to maintain biosecurity while checking bit diameters, the Eventing Sport Committee requested and was granted a Presidential Modification to delay enforcement of the rule to December 1, 2019. Lacking clear guidelines for the measurement of bits and due to ongoing concerns regarding the biosecurity risks of measuring bits, the Eventing Sport Committee voted to strike reference to minimum bit diameters adopted in early 2019.

A separate clarification was approved to reinstate language regarding wrapping of bits which was inadvertently deleted from the rules. That change is integrated here to avoid multiple changes regarding the same rules.

**Potential Impact**

None

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> snaffle bit

**Committee Actions**

**Competition Management**

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**Council - Intl Discipline**

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**Licensed Officials**

**Draft 1:** No Action      **Draft 1:** No Comments

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Proposed Change

**WD102 Participation in Western Dressage Competition** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER WD-1 WESTERN DRESSAGE HORSE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES]

WD102 Participation in Western Dressage Competitions {WD-1 Western Dressage Horse Goals and Objectives}

**4. WDAA Membership:**

a. To be eligible to participate as a rider, owner, lessee, coach, or trainer at **Western Dressage** Federation competitions persons must be **active** members of WDAA; or pay a non-member fee **equal to the price of an annual membership** for each competition. **Lessees are considered owners in connection with this membership requirement. In the event of an entry under multiple ownership, only one owner need be a Member or pay a non-member fee. The competition is responsible for listing either the active member or the owner that paid the non-member fee in the results. The competitions will be responsible for forwarding a list of the names of individuals who pay non-member fees at the competition to WDAA with the post competition report. Payment of non-member fees for the purpose of competing does not entitle the individual to any privileges of the WDAA membership.**

b. **In order to compete in any Western Dressage class at a Federation licensed competition, as an exhibitor, rider, trainer, or his/her agent(s), a person must be an Active member of the Western Dressage Association of America or pay a non-member fee to the Western Dressage Association of America.**

**Exception to both a and b: Local Competitions, Lite Competitions, breed restricted competitions that offer an open Western Dressage section, and exceptions listed in GR901.9.**

**c. WDAA membership is a requirement for participation at the WDAA World Championship Show.**

**5. USEF Membership:**

A USEF non-member, who wishes to participate as a rider, handler, owner, lessee, agent, coach or trainer at Regular USEF Competitions, Reining Competitions or Federation Open Western competitions that hold Western Dressage classes, must pay a **show pass non-member** fee for each competition in which an individual competes. Lessees are considered owners in connection with this membership requirement. In the event of an entry under multiple ownership, only one owner need be a Member or pay a **show pass non-member** fee. The competition is responsible for listing either the active member or the owner that paid the **show pass non-member** fee in the results. The competitions will be responsible for forwarding **copies of all Show Pass forms completed a list of the names of individuals who pay non-member fees** at the competition to **the Federation WDAA** with the post competition report. Payment of **Show Pass non-member** fees for the purpose of competing does not entitle the individual to any privileges of the **WDAA USEF** membership.

**Exception:** Additionally, Participants in the following classes are exempted from the Requirements of this rule: 1) headline; 2) exhibitions; 3) games and races; 4) classes for 4-H members; 5) walk trot and academy classes (academy classes are classes limited to horses used regularly in a lesson program); 6) Opportunity classes.

~~5. Membership: In order to compete in any Western Dressage class at a Federation licensed competition, as an exhibitor, rider, trainer, or his/her agent(s), a person must be an Active member of the Western Dressage Association of America or pay a nonmember fee to the Western Dressage Association of America. Exception: Local competitions, competitions restricted to a particular breed and exceptions listed in GR901.9.~~

~~6. WDAA membership is a requirement for participation at the WDAA World Championship Show.~~

~~6.7. An exhibitor is not allowed to request a Time-Out in Western Dressage.~~

~~7.8. If it becomes necessary to interrupt a Western Dressage competition, and/or as to cause suspension of judging, the unfinished portion may be recommenced and rescheduled for the same or following day at the option of the Show Committee with the officials' consent. All scores recorded before the interruption will stand. When classes are re-commenced after a delay on the same day, competitors must be given at least 30 minutes notice of the starting time. Exhibitors whose ride times are changed to a subsequent day as a result of the interrupted competition or inclement weather condition, must be individually notified at least two hours prior to a rescheduled ride time.~~

~~8. 9. Competitions may limit the number of rides and/or the number of levels in which horses may compete if printed in the prize list.~~

~~9. 10. Electronic communication devices used for purposes of coaching exhibitors during a competition are prohibited in all classes in the Western Dressage Division. Exhibitors with a permanent hearing impairment are permitted to use an electronic communication device upon submission of a written certification from a treating medical professional's office certifying the permanent hearing impairment and certifying the requirement of an electronic communication device. The medical certification must be provided to the competition Steward within a reasonable time prior to competing who shall attach a copy to the Steward report.~~

~~10. 11. An exhibitor with a disability (other than hearing) will be provided reasonable accommodation upon submission of a written certification from a treating medical professional's office certifying the disability and identifying the accommodation necessary for the exhibitor to compete safely. The medical certification must be provided to the competition Steward within a reasonable time prior to competing who shall attach a copy to the Steward report.~~

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

Currently there is confusion about which part of the rule the exception applies to. This clarification re-organizes the rule to better categorize the WDAA and USEF membership requirements for Western Dressage competitions and classes. There are a few verbiage and informational corrections included, but overall there are no substantive changes.

Web: WDAA membership

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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**Proposed Change**

**WD106 Saddle Gait** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER WD-2 GAITS]

WD106 Saddle Gait {WD-2 Gaits}

2. The saddle gait is a four beat gait that ~~is may be either lateral or diagonal~~, timely and consistently performed. The tempo, rhythm and foot falls of the gait the rider chooses to perform must not change throughout the test. The gait the horse performs, should be able to be ridden in a working, lengthened, free and collected manner as the Western Dressage test specifies.

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**Rule Change Intent**

The language being removed is confusing and unnecessary, the Western Dressage Committee would like for it to be removed as to prevent future confusion. The inclusion of the language "four beat gait" sufficiently describes the saddle gait, no further language is needed.

Linked Rules	Comments
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**Web:** saddle gait

**Committee Actions**

**Competition Management**

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**Council - Natl Breed & Discipline**

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Proposed Change

**WD 121 TACK** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER WD-5 APPOINTMENTS]

WD121 Tack {WD-5 Appointments}

4. Reins:

b. When the rider uses a curb, the following reins may be used: Romal reins, Split reins, loop/connected reins, buckled reins or Romal reins without a popper.- When using a curb with Romal reins **with a popper**, only one hand is allowed; when using other rein choices, one or two hands are allowed.

d. At the end of the Free Walk or Free Jog, riders using split reins held in one hand may use the free or offhand to pull the reins back to the desired length. Riders using Romal reins may use the hand **holding the popper** using the Romal to alter the tension or length of the reins from the bridle to the reining hand.

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Rule Change Intent

The addition to part b of the rule will clarify that one hand is only required with romal reins that have a popper and then the addition to part d is to again clarify that the romal reins being referenced are the ones that have a popper.

Linked Rules

Comments

**Web:** romal reins

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Proposed Change

**WD124 Judges and Stewards** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER WD-6 OFFICIALS ]

WD124 Judges and Stewards {WD-6 Officials}

1. Western Dressage classes offered at Federation licensed competitions must be judged by a Federation licensed Western Dressage judge in good standing. Any judge officiating Western Dressage classes at a Federation licensed competition must be a current member in good standing with the Western Dressage Association of America.

{Exception:

**a.** for Western Dressage Suitability, Western Dressage Hack and Western Dressage Seat Equitation, judged as a group on the rail with the option of individual work rather than as an individual performance, a judge must be a Federation licensed judge in the appropriate breed(s) or a Federation Licensed Western Dressage judge.

**b. Opportunity Classes may be judged by any judge officiating at the competition. Conflict of interest rules in GR1304 apply.}**

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

The Western Committee would like to clarify that any judge officiating at a competition may judge an opportunity class.

Linked Rules

**Web:** opportunity classes

Comments

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Licensed Officials

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**Proposed Change**

**WD126 EXECUTION AND JUDGING OF TESTS [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER WD-7 COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS]**

WD126 Execution and Judging of Tests {WD-7 Competition Requirements}

6. Errors.

a. When a competitor makes an "error of the course" (takes the wrong turn, omits a movement, etc.) the Judge warns him by sounding the bell. The Judge shows him if necessary the point at which he must take up the test again and the next movement to be executed then leaves him to continue by himself.

b. Every "error of the course" whether the bell is sounded or not, must be penalized, as noted above:

1. The first time by 2 points

2. The second time by 4 points;

3. The third time the competitor is eliminated. However, at the discretion of the judge, the rider may continue to finish the test. If the competitor's continued presence in the ring is about to interfere with the start of the next scheduled ride, then the judge must excuse him/her from the ring.

~~4. For Freestyle tests, four (4) points will be deducted for forbidden movements and above the level movements. They are not cumulative and will not result in elimination.~~

~~4. 5.~~ When the competitor makes an "error of the test" (at the salute does not take the reins in one hand, etc.) he must be penalized as for an "error of the course".

~~5. 6.~~ If the judge has not noted an error the competitor has the benefit of the doubt.

~~6. 7.~~ The penalty points are deducted on each judge's sheet from the total earned by the competitor.

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**Rule Change Intent**

Western Dressage Freestyle does not have "errors", it has deductions. This information should not be included in the Errors section and therefore should be removed. This information already exists in the Freestyle section of the chapter, WD131.2c.

Linked Rules	Comments
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**Web:** errors - freestyle tests

**Committee Actions**

**Competition Management**

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**Council - Natl Breed & Discipline**

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Proposed Change

**WD129 REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPETITION MANAGEMENT [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER WD-7 COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS]**

WD129 Requirements for Competition Management {WD-7 Competition Requirements}

- When permitted by the rules or special criteria, classes may be divided into separate ~~divisions~~ or sections based on qualifications, age or other eligibility of horses or riders.
- ~~Divisions or S~~sections of a class are considered to be a separate "class" only if listed as such in the prize list. ~~Divisions or S~~sections of a class may be held in different rings and judged by different judges. When ~~divisions~~ or sections are held under different conditions (i.e., different ring or judges), separate awards must be given.
- When entries warrant, competitions are encouraged to split classes into separate **sections** ~~divisions~~, and to provide separate awards for Open riders, Amateurs, **Junior, and Young Riders**. ~~and Junior/Young Riders~~. Horses may be ridden only once in any class, including separate ~~divisions~~ or sections of the same class and not by multiple riders.

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Rule Change Intent

This clarification will unify this rule with the WD102 rule change from 2018 that will go into effect on 12/1/19 that also removed "divisions" from language that is used to describe different sections of a class type. There is also a clarification to make the language more clear that Junior and Young Rider classes are separate from one another.

Linked Rules	Comments
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**Web:** divisions and sections

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Proposed Change

**WD130 GENERAL** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER WD-8 TESTS]

WD130 General {WD-8 Tests}

5. Level 3. To confirm that the horse has achieved the impulsion required in Level 2, now accepts more weight on the hindquarters (collection); moves with a greater degree of an uphill tendency as required in the collected gaits especially in the collected lope. The horse must maintain a light contact on the bit showing balance, self-carriage and energy that result from improved engagement and weight-carrying by the hind quarters as performed in the **collected lope** halts. The movements should be performed with greater bending, suppleness, balance and self-carriage than in Level 2.

Proponent Details

Western Dressage

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Rule Change Intent

This clarification is to correct a typo. The sentence should be parallel with the language currently published on the tests to describe the ideal attributes that a horse shows while performing at the collected lope, not at a halt.

Linked Rules

Comments

**Web:** tests

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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