

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2020	9/6/2019	

Proposed Change

Opportunity Classes [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 8-C COMPETITION AND CLASS CONDITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY]

GR821 Opportunity Classes. Change to read:

2. Opportunity Classes:

a. do not count towards Horse of the Year Awards and the results from Opportunity Classes may not be used by any entity for a national awards program. Only with permission of the respective recognized affiliate organization may results from Opportunity Classes be used for regional awards.

b. cannot be used as a qualifying class for any championship class held at the competition except an Opportunity Class championship at the competition.

c. cannot be considered in reckoning Competition Championships awarded on points except an Opportunity Class championship at the competition.

d. do not count towards the minimum number of classes nor amount of prize money offered when determining the rating of the competition.

e. Dressage classes can be offered as Opportunity classes at Dressage Competitions or Regular/Local Competitions with "Open" Dressage classes as described below:

1. Classes are limited to the following competition levels and dressage tests:

a. Level 1 competitions may offer ~~three two~~ tests and only ~~three two~~ classes per level per day at Introductory - ~~Fourth Second~~ Level.

b. Level 2 competitions may offer ~~three two~~ tests and only ~~three two~~ classes per level per day at Introductory - ~~Third First~~ Level.

c. Level 3 competitions may offer ~~three two~~ tests and only ~~three two~~ classes per level per day at Introductory - ~~Second Training~~ Level.

d. Level 4 and Level 5 competitions may not offer Opportunity classes.

2. Opportunity Classes are for entry level ~~riders~~ **participants and may be offered to encourage participation in Federation licensed competitions.**

3. Freestyles may not be offered as Opportunity classes. Opportunity classes cannot be offered as "Test of Choice" classes.

4. If opportunity classes at Dressage Competitions or Regular/Local Competitions with "Open" Dressage classes are restricted to amateurs, riders are required to have an amateur status with USEF.

5. All rules and regulations in GR821 must be followed, except for GR821.6.

6. Horses, riders, owners, trainers, and coaches participating only in Opportunity classes are exempt from Federation

and affiliate organization membership and Horse Identification (HID) requirements and non-member/Show Pass fees, but are required to list the Federation membership number if the participant is a member.

f. Breed restricted Dressage classes can be offered as opportunity classes at Regular/Local breed restricted competitions

9. Opportunity Classes may be judged by any judge officiating at the competition. (**Exception: Judges for Dressage Opportunity classes must be eligible according to GR1007, GR1008 or GR1009.**) Conflict of interest rules in GR1304 apply.

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Rule Change Intent

Participation in licensed Dressage Competitions has decreased in many areas. Several shows and potential participants have pointed to the increased cost of licensed competitions as the reason for this decline and have requested that additional levels of Opportunity classes be allowed in order to stimulate more affordable access to licensed competitions.

Linked Rules Comments

Web: opportunity classes - dressage

Committee Actions

Dressage

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Licensed Officials

Draft 1: No Action

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Proposed Change

GR1202 & GR1203 [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 12-A COMPETITION OFFICIALS]

GR1202

1. An individual acting in this capacity, **or as Assistant Manager at a dressage competition**, is required to be a Senior Active Member of the Federation. Any individual acting as the Competition Manager of a hunter and/or jumper Open (not restricted to a breed) competition must be a Senior Active member in good standing of the United States Hunter Jumper Association, Inc. The competition manager of a Federation-licensed/USDF-recognized competition must be a current USDF Participating or Group member in good standing at the time competition recognition is granted and on the date of the competition. Anyone acting in the capacity of Competition Manager at a Federation licensed competition must complete applicable Federation education requirements or Federation approved Affiliate education requirements prior to the start date of the competition.

GR1203

1. An individual(s) who processes entries or performs such other duties as assigned by the Board of Directors, the Show Committee or Competition Management, and manager. A secretary of a Dressage Competition may not serve as judge or compete as rider or handler in his/her own competition. However, he or she may show Hors de Concours if he or she designates an assistant in charge while he or she is showing. This does not absolve the secretary's duties and responsibilities. An individual acting in this capacity, **or as Assistant Secretary at a dressage competition**, must be an Individual Senior Active member of The Federation.

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Rule Change Intent

Due to Safe Sport Policies, the Dressage Sport Committee would like to require dressage assistant managers and dressage assistant secretaries to be a USEF Active Member, so they would be required to complete Safe Sport Training. Assistant manager and secretaries duties are assigned by managers and secretaries according to the needs and may vary from one competition to another, but in many cases they may work directly with competitors and should be aware and held compliant to our Safe Sport policies.

Linked Rules	Comments
GR 1202 (134-19)	Web: safe sport training

Committee Actions	
Competition Management	
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Competition Secretaries	
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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. Add new and renumber:

7. Judging a test.

m. In classes where it is prohibited to carry a whip, as soon as a whip is noticed, the judge at "C" must immediately inform the rider that he/she is eliminated. The rider may elect either to leave the arena or continue the test without the whip.

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Rule Change Intent
To clarify for judges and athletes what should be practiced when a rider illegally carries a whip.

Linked Rules	Comments
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Committee Actions