

Rules Approved at the 2026 USEF Mid-Year Board Meeting

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Rule	Effective Date	Change Description
GR401.1 (Tracking 27-25)	12/1/2026	<p>Adds a definition for <i>substantial evidence</i>, adjusts the language of <i>Person Responsible</i> to <i>other Person Responsible</i> for purposes of responsibility, specifies that no suspension will occur due to a drug violation until after a hearing has been concluded and a written ruling has been made, and additional information regarding filing a report.</p> <p>*Not all changes are covered by the above language, to see the entire rule change for all changes</p>
GR845.1 (Tracking 7-25)	12/1/2026	<p>Competitions must have a written emergency action plan (EAP) in place prior to the start of the competition. This plan is replacing the Accident Preparedness Plan and includes additional information including emergency vehicle access points on competition grounds, name and contact information for Qualified Medical Personnel if on grounds, and the closest hospital with emergency services and closest Level 1 trauma center.</p>
GR847.1 (Tracking 1-25)	9/1/2026	<p>Re-defining who qualified medical personnel is "Qualified Medical Personnel is a certified or licensed medical provider or similar provider or first responder who is currently certified in Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS), Basic Trauma Life Support (BTLS), or Pre-hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS). The rule now also specifies that the provider must be readily identifiable by clothing.</p>

GR848.1 (Tracking 65-24)	12/1/2026	<p>The rule lists who needs to be examined by a competition Qualified Medical Personnel, a physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner before returning to competition or re-mounting any horse or horse-drawn vehicle.</p> <p>Participants under the age of 18 Adult Participant who has fallen, except when the participant lands on their feet Adult participant who has fallen more than once during a competition, including when the participant lands on their feet</p> <p>*Not all changes are covered by the above language, to see the entire rule change for all changes</p>
GR1033.5 (Tracking 22-25)	12/1/2026	<p>No Steward or TD may officiate at more than once competition at the same time. Exception: See GR1211 for concurrent competitions, including Championship/Finals competition requirements.</p> <p>GR1211 lists the conditions which allow for this exception to occur.</p>
GR1214.1 (Tracking 30-25)	12/1/2026	<p>Results will continue to be required within 10 days of the end of a competition unless otherwise agreed to in the Federation Competition License Agreement.</p>