Rule	Tracking	Draft	Proposal Type	Effective Date	Proponent	Status
WD 144.5	206-25	2	Standard	12/1/2026	Western Dressage	Approved (9/21/2026)

Tracking #206-25 Draft #2 Approved

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2026	9/10/2026	Approved 9/21/2026

Rule Change Intent

This proposal aims to align the blood rule in each of the equitation chapters with the blood rule for the standard tests, requiring elimination when blood is present on the horse's mouth or sides. This will prevent elimination from accidental blood, such as from a horse nicking themself on the leg.

Proponent Details

Western Dressage

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Linked Rules

Comments

Council - Member Services

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 06/02/2026

Draft 1: The Council does not agree with the intent of this PRC and feels that the GR rule regarding the presence of blood should prevail. The Council would recommend approval if a reference to GR844 was added to the rules in question.

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 05/27/2026

Friesian

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 03/18/2026

Human and Equine, Safety & Welfare

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 03/23/2026

Draft 1: The committee feels that a GR related to welfare should prevail and that there is no need to have additional language in discipline chapters. The chapter should refer to the current GR if there is question about the rules/requirements related to blood on a horse.

Morgan

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 04/16/2026

Member Comments

SUBCHAPTER WD-12 Western Dressage Seat Equitation

WD144 Western Dressage Seat Equitation On The Rail Specifications

(...)

5. Scoring:

(...)

c. Eliminations include:

(...)

10. Evidence of blood on *a* horse*'s* ***mouth or sides*** *in accordance with GR844.*

WD145 Western Dressage Seat Horsemanship Specifications

(...)

6. Scoring:

(...)

d. Eliminations include:

(...)

11. Evidence of blood on *a* horse*'s* ***mouth or sides*** *in accordance with GR844.*

WD146 Western Dressage Seat Combined Equitation

(...)

6. Scoring: The rail work is to count for 50% and the pattern 50%.

(...)

d. Eliminations include:

(...)

11. Evidence of blood on *a* horse*'s* ***mouth or sides*** *in accordance with GR844.*