Rule	Tracking	Draft	Proposal Type	Effective Date	Proponent	Status
GR 847.1	001-25	2	Extraordinary	4/1/2026	Human and Equine, Safety & Welfare	Approved (6/16/2026)

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Extraordinary	4/1/2026	4/27/2026	Approved 6/16/2026

Extraordinary Change Reason

To support the Return to Play Rule EO

Rule Change Intent

To address the national shortage of available EMT and Paramedics available to provide services at USEF-events, and to ensure that coverage is based on training levels and ability to provide Advanced Trauma Life Support, Basic Trauma Life Support or Pre-hospital Trauma Support should it be needed at an event. This may help to improve serious injury outcomes at events.

Proponent Details

Human and Equine, Safety & Welfare

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Linked Rules

Comments

American Saddlebred

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/15/2025

Andalusian/Lusitano

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/30/2025

Arabian

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/27/2025

Draft 1: The committee is not in favor of the rule change removing the word "paid" scheduling schooling sessions, as they do not feel that competition management will always be able to provide the coverage. Also, the committee questions the removal of a "first responder" as qualified medical personnel as this person is more likely to jump in and assist in an emergency situation and is trained for those type of situations. The committee feels that a Physicians Assistant or Nurse Practitioner will not want the added liability of assisting in emergency situations.

ASHA

Athletes Advisory

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 05/04/2026

Draft 2: The Committee agrees with the points presented the Eventing Sport Committee.

Carriage Pleasure Driving

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/18/2025

Competition Management

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/30/2025

Connemara

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/14/2025

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 01/06/2026
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 05/26/2026

Draft 1: The IDC agrees with the Member Services Council with their concerns about the removal of the reference to Certified First Responder since this would specifically exclude some EMS providers, namely ski patrol personnel, who are trained to the same or higher level as paramedics. The Council follows the MSC's recommendation to recommend to approve this proposal if Certified First Responders are added back into the rule under both points A and B.

Council - Member Services

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/08/2025
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 06/02/2026

Draft 1: The Council agrees with the intent of this proposal but had concerns about the removal of the reference to Certified First Responder since this would specifically exclude some EMS providers, namely ski patrol personnel, who are trained to the same or higher level as paramedics. The Council would recommend approval of this proposal if Certified First Responders are added back into the rule under both points A and B.

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/16/2025	
Dressage	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/03/2025 **Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 05/05/2026	**Draft 1: The committee objected to the removal of certified first responder from qualified medical personnel as it was felt that this would exclude ski patrol, who are at least as highly trained as paramedics. Individuals holding a primary or secondary first aid certification should not be eligible.**
Driving	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/07/2025 **Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 05/05/2026	
Endurance	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 09/30/2025	
Eventing	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/18/2025 **Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 04/28/2026	**Draft 2: The Committee recommends the following language is added: "Exception, for the Cross-Country phase of Eventing competitions the minimum requirement is a Qualified Medical Personnel, as defined above, with the minimum skills to: a. perform advanced airway management; b. decompress a tension pneumothorax; c. acquire intravenous access; d. apply cervical and spinal stabilization and place suitable splints for fractures; e. training in basic life support and appropriate equipment for airway support, bleeding and fracture management." This language aligns with the FEI requirements for medical personnel for cross-country. The FEI developed the requirements based on safety statistics and type of accidents specific to the discipline. The Committee feels strongly that these skills are needed during the cross-country phase and should be required for national levels.**
Friesian	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/29/2025	
Hackney	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/08/2025	
Jumper	
Morgan	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/30/2025	
National Hunter Committee	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/18/2025	
National Show Horse	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/29/2025	**Draft 1: The committee suggests swapping current point b and c, as currently c is providing a "strongly recommended" statement and currently b is offering more of a back-up option for if point c us not accomplishable.**
ParaEquestrian	
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 05/19/2026	
Paso Fino	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/22/2025	
Roadster	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/07/2025	
Saddle Seat Eq	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/14/2025	
Shetland	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/29/2025	
USDF	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/11/2025	**Draft 1: We agree with this RCP with the exception of the removal of certified first responders from the list of acceptable Qualified Medical Personnel. These individuals, such as members of ski patrols. may be among the most highly trained to respond to the types of emergencies seen at shows.**
USEA	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/17/2025 **Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 05/13/2026	**Draft 2: The Board requests reinstating an exception for eventing that is necessary to cover the unique injury risks of the cross country phase. Recommendation to employ the skill-based standards reflected in the FEI rules with the following language: "Exception, for the Cross-Country phase of Eventing competitions the minimum requirement is a Qualified Medical Personnel, as defined above, with the minimum skills to: a. perform advanced airway management; b. decompress a tension pneumothorax; c. acquire intravenous access; d. apply cervical and spinal stabilization and place suitable splints for fractures; e. training in basic life support and appropriate equipment for airway support, bleeding and fracture management."**

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/11/2025

Vaulting

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/14/2025

Welsh

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/18/2025

Western Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/13/2025

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/22/2025

Member Comments

Elizabeth Coffey-Curle — Draft #1

No

GR847 Use of Qualified Medical Personnel

1. Qualified medical personnel with no other duties and with appropriate medical equipment, as required by their certifying State or EMS Region, must be present during all scheduled performances at all competitions and during all ~~paid~~ scheduled schooling sessions over fences, including 1 day prior to the start of the competition, if applicable,

~~a. Qualified medical personnel is a currently certified or licensed EMT, or Paramedic, Certified First Responder, or a Physician, ***Physician Assistant, Nurse Practitioner***, or Nurse trained in pre-hospital trauma care and currently certified or licensed in their profession under applicable law where the competition is held. Exception, for eventing competitions the minimum requirement is an EMT/Paramedic who is pre-hospital trauma trained.~~

~~b. A Physician, ***Physician Assistant, Nurse Practitioner,*** or Nurse trained in pre-hospital trauma care is a Physician or Nurse~~ ***a. 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), ~~or who has First Responder or comparable certification~~.

~~c.~~ b. It is strongly recommended that EMTs and/or Paramedics be used to fill this position. Medical personnel must not exceed the scope of their practice.

~~d.~~ c. All medical personnel must be readily identifiable ***by uniform, bright-colored vest or other means***, available, and mobile.

~~e.~~ d. Unless prohibited by Federal, State or local law, this person must furnish the Steward(s) or TD(s) with a copy of their report(s), or assist these officials with documenting any findings and treatment for all injuries sustained in competition or on the competition grounds.