Rule	Tracking	Draft	Proposal Type	Effective Date	Proponent	Status
JP 102.1	171-24	3	Standard	12/1/2026	Jumper	Approved (9/21/2026)

Tracking #171-24 Draft #3 Approved

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2026	9/14/2026	Approved 9/21/2026

Rule Change Intent

This rule defines excessive use of the whip, and the wording is from the FEI Rule in Jumping Article 243.2.2.

Proponent Details

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Linked Rules

HU 100 (023-24), EQ 104 (024-24), HU 100 (125-24), EQ 104 (126-24)

Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 05/27/2025	**Draft 1: The IDC would like to know more about the direction the FEI is going with their whip rule.**

Council - Member Services

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 05/27/2025	**Draft 1: The Council is concerned that the definition of excessive use of the whip is too narrowly defined within the proposal and provides for no discretion in considering other uses of the whip that could be considered excessive. The Council prefers the USEF Executive Staff-proposed rule change to GR803 concerning use of the whip (Tracking #243-24) over this proposal.**

Human and Equine, Safety & Welfare

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 04/07/2025	

Licensed Officials

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 04/14/2025	**Draft 1: The LOC agrees with the intent and majority of language within this rule change proposal. The Committee would recommend approval if some of the following concern was addressed. There was concern about applying a numerical number to the amount of times a horse could be "hit." There was a preference to providing a description of when using a crop is appropriate rather than the maximum number of times is was permitted as that may encourage negative behavior and increase pressure for a rider to implement harsh discipline. The usage of the term "in a row" could be considered a gray area and therefore difficult for judges to interpret.**

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/12/2024	

Member Comments

JP102 ~~Horse Welfare~~ ***Unethical Treatment of the Horse (GR 838)***

1. Conduct in the competition ring:

a. Any action against a horse by a competitor in the ring, deemed excessive/improper by the judge, may be penalized by any one or combination of the following: Recorded Warning, ***Yellow Warning Card,*** or elimination from the class.

b. Such action(s) could include, but are not limited to, excessive or improper use of the whip, spurs, reins, rider's weight or rider's hands.

Excessive/improper use of the whip:
• The whip may never be used to vent a rider's anger.
• The use of the whip on a Horse's head is always excessive/improper use.
• Striking a horse more than three times after entering the competition ring ~~during a round~~.
• The whip may never be used after elimination.

c. In addition, after consultation with the Competition Manager and a Competition Steward, additional penalties, including one or more of the following: disqualification from competing within the upcoming 24-hour period, disqualification from the balance of the competition.

d. All such violations must be recorded in the Steward's Report.