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Rule Change Intent

The intent of this proposal is to increase the number of apprenticing opportunities for vaulting officials' education, by allowing multiple apprentices. There are instances where license aspirants have been unable to apprentice at appropriate competitions, because of the current limits on numbers of apprentices.

- GR1006.2.a prohibits more than one apprentice per arena. In vaulting, there is no reason why both e.g. Judge A and Judge B should not be able to each have an apprentice judge working with them.
- GR 1006.2.b prohibits any Licensed Official from working with more than one apprentice at a time. There is no reason a Vaulting Technical Delegate could not work with, for example, two apprentice TDs. This has proven to be a concrete obstacle in training TDs on multiple occasions.

Vaulting judges are already charged with keeping order within their arenas, and they can be relied upon to ensure the presence of apprentice(s) is not disruptive. Similarly, TDs support the smooth and correct operation of competitions, and typically apprentices provide them with additional assistance in this objective. Neither Judge nor TD is compelled to accept an apprentice if they feel it is disruptive to them. Competition managers must already, and would continue to, approve the presence of apprentices. (GR1006.1).

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Linked Rules

Comments

GR1006 Apprentice

1. An Apprentice shall be a Federation Competing Member who is at least 21 years of age. Information on apprenticing procedure for each license is located on the Federation website. An Apprentice shall request approval prior to apprenticing from the Licensed Competition first followed by approval by the licensed official(s) with whom the apprentice will be apprenticing.
2. Apprenticing restrictions at competitions:
 - a. Apprenticing is limited to one Apprentice per arena. Exception: Dressage Judge Group Apprenticing, Eventing, **Vaulting**, and Western Dressage Group Apprenticing.
 - b. Licensed officials are limited to one Apprentice at any one time. Exception: Dressage Judge and Western Dressage Group Apprenticing, **Vaulting, and** Eventing Cross-Country and Jumping Tests. ***Vaulting Technical Delegates may accept up to two apprentices at any one time, in the case of schedule or other constraints causing hardship for the additional apprentice.***
 - c. Individual dressage judge apprenticing is not allowed at any final selection trials for international representation (e.g. NAYC, HP Selection Trials, or HP Championship). Individual dressage judge apprenticing is also prohibited in USDF Regional Championships classes and the US Dressage Finals.