

## USEF

## Proposed Rule Change Report

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Description: Tack						
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Description: tests						

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Proposed Change

**GR136 Maiden, Novice, and Limit Classes** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 1-A DEFINITIONS]

GR136 Maiden, Novice, and Limit Classes

9. In the American Saddlebred division, first place ribbons **earned beginning April 1, 2019 and won** in any Under Saddle class count towards Maiden/Novice/Limit status of a horse in any Under Saddle class but do not affect the Maiden/Novice/Limit status for Driving classes. Conversely, status for **Maiden/Novice/Limit in** Driving classes does not affect **the status for Maiden/Novice/Limit in** Under Saddle classes (except Equitation).

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Rule Change Intent

This rule clarification is to establish an effective date that was omitted when the rule was changed earlier this year. We would like to have the effective date as April 1, 2019 but it would not allow me to make that change in the system.

Linked Rules	Comments
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Committee Actions

Competition Management

**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 06/18/2019

**Draft 2:** No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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**Draft 2:** No Comments

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Extraordinary Change Reason

Provide fair and reasonable review process of LO applications

Proposed Change

GR1002 Applications [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 10-A APPLICATION PROCESS]

GR1002 Applications

1. The Federation will carefully review all applications **and take an action on the application, including but not limited to an approval, denial, or administrative hold.** solicit evaluations from the appropriate Breed/Discipline Committee members and others as it may elect as provided in the Federation's Licensed Officials Policies and Procedures and consider returned questionnaires, competition reports, any letters received regarding the applicant and other relevant information submitted to the Federation. For all applicants, the Federation will request and give due consideration to recommendations received from Recognized National and FEI Affiliates before granting a new license or promotion. All such submissions shall be subject to examination by the applicant, upon request, and shall be made available to staff. In reviewing the application, the Federation will consider concerns regarding division knowledge, professionalism and decorum, skill development, experience, requisite skills or lack of support.

2. **If the Federation administers the education program for a license on behalf of an Affiliate, the Federation may solicit recommendations from the applicable Breed/Discipline Committees, Recognized National and FEI Affiliates and others as it deems appropriate. If the Federation does not administer the education program for a license on behalf of an Affiliate, the Federation will not solicit recommendations from the applicable Breed/Discipline Committees, Recognized National and FEI Affiliates, or others. The Federation may consider any recommendations received, along with competition reports, Licensed Officials Evaluations, and any other relevant information submitted to the Federation, whether solicited by the Federation or submitted by the Recognized Affiliate or others deemed appropriate.**

3. **In the Federation's sole discretion, unless warranted, applications will not be denied outside of an applicant's failure to meet the minimum licensing requirements, as outlined in the Federation's Licensed Officials Policies and Procedures.**

4. **The Federation may in its discretion revoke a current license, place a license on probationary status, reduce a license by one level, temporarily suspend, or refuse to renew an official's license at its expiration following a hearing *or with* at least ten days written notice to the official in question who shall have the right to appear, to be represented, and to bring witnesses. The Federation shall issue its written ruling specifying the substance of the Federation's reasons for said decision. **The Federation may consult with the applicable Recognized National or FEI Affiliate before taking a final action.****

5. **The Federation, at its discretion, may reinstate an official who has allowed his/her license to lapse for one year or may require him/her to reapply.**

6. **All applications whether for initial enrollment, renewal, promotion, or for change of status or recommendation to the FEI shall contain a statement to be signed by the applicant, indicating that the applicant has read and understands the rules governing the application process, and agrees to be bound thereby.**

Proponent Details

Licensed Officials

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Rule Change Intent

After receiving Affiliate feedback regarding the licensed official application process, the Licensed Officials Department realized having Affiliate and USEF Committee review of applicants is redundant and excessive. If Affiliates facilitate the education of licensed officials, then they are already involved in evaluating applicants throughout the education process. In addition, USEF Committee members often do not have direct experience with an applicant's ability to be a licensed official.

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: applications

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 06/18/2019  
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Member Services

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 06/25/2019  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** The Council would approve if clarification language is added to the end of GR1002.3 to indicate that application and minimum licensing requirements for each type of Federation license are provided within the Federation's policies and procedures document. The full sentence would read as follows: "3. In the Federations' sole discretion, unless warranted, applications will not be denied outside of an applicant's failure to meet the minimum licensing requirements as outlined in the Federation's Licensed Officials Policies and Procedures.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 06/10/2019  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

Dressage

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

National Hunter Committee

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**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
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Rule Clarification	9/10/2019	3/5/2019	Approved 7/8/2019 1

**Proposed Change**

**GR 1132.5 Point Tabulation** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 11-F AWARD SECTIONS]

d. Points awarded in the Best Young Horse Class for the Championship and Reserve Championship are based on the total number of horses entered in all rated classes of the Hunter Breeding section.

Total Number	Champion	Reserve
1-2	2 points	1 point
3-14	5 points	3 points
15 or more	10 points	6 points

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**Rule Change Intent**

When this rule was added during the 2018 Rule Change Process, the points chart for Best Young Horse Champion and Reserve Champion was inadvertently left out.

**Linked Rules**

**Web:** points tabulation

**Committee Actions**

**Competition Management**

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 06/18/2019 **Draft 1: No Comments**

**Council - Natl Breed & Discipline**

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**National Hunter Committee**

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## AR140.1 Tracking #046-19 Draft #1 Approved

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### Proposed Change

#### AR140 APPOINTMENTS [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER AR-9 HUNTER PLEASURE SECTION ]

AR140 Appointment {AR-9 Hunter Pleasure Section}

1. Tack:

a. Bridle shall be light, show type; either snaffle (**including** full or half cheek), pelham, full bridle or kimberwicke bit acceptable. Brownband/cavessons must be of hunter type.

#### Proponent Details

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### Rule Change Intent

The rule can currently be interpreted to only allow full or half cheek snaffle bits when that was not the intent. This clarification will specify that snaffles are allowed including, but not limited to, half and full cheek snaffles.

#### Linked Rules

#### Comments

**Web:** Tack

### Committee Actions

#### Competition Management

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#### Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

## AR178.1 Tracking #049-19 Draft #1 Approved

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### Proposed Change

#### AR178 SPORT HORSE IN-HAND APPOINTMENTS [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER AR-17 SPORT HORSE SECTION ]

AR178 Sport Horse In-Hand Appointments {AR-17 Sport Horse Section}

1. Tack:

Bridles are mandatory on horses three years and older. A bridle shall be a dressage-type snaffle bridle (for dressage type) or hunter-type snaffle bridle (for hunter type). Snaffle bit may be with or without cheeks, keepers allowed. Use of a noseband is optional but if used, the style must match the discipline being shown. If the dressage type/hunter type splits are not offered, the exhibitor may choose the type of snaffle bridle used. A split or single lead made of either leather or leather like material with or without a chain may be used, and must be attached to both sides of the bit, with/or instead of reins. ***If using a single lead, a coupler may be used to attach the lead to both sides of the bit.*** Horses aged two years may be shown in a bridle (as listed above), or a plain leather stable halter. Horses under age two years must be shown in a plain leather stable halter. Competitors with non-conforming appointments will be eliminated from judging consideration.

#### Proponent Details

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### Rule Change Intent

Since the rule allows for a single lead with no chain to be used that must attach to both sides of the bit, the addition of the coupler allows for this to be possible. This piece of equipment is already being used in competition and the addition of this verbiage will make the use of the coupler more evident for exhibitors who may be new to the Sport Horse In-Hand section.

#### Linked Rules

#### Comments

**Web:** Bridles

### Committee Actions

#### Competition Management

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

#### Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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**Draft 1:** No Comments



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## Extraordinary Change Reason

USEF will now be licensing para-classifiers. Therefore, the rule needs to be amended to allow licensed USEF Classifiers to assess Para-Drivers for their Classification. If the rule isn't amended Classifiers will be licensed but not permitted to assess Para-Drivers.

## Proposed Change

**Annex 10: ADDENDUM FOR PARA-EQUESTRIAN DRIVING** [CHAPTER Annex 10: ADDENDUM FOR PARA-EQUESTRIAN DRIVING]

## ANNEX 10

## ADDENDUM FOR PARA-EQUESTRIAN DRIVING

Principle Competitions may be open to all people with disabilities that are eligible by **USEF** or FEI rules, or restricted to specifically invited nations or group of individuals (refer to FEI Classification Manual). The Classification is the process in which an Athlete is evaluated and assigned a Functional Profile and Grade. The Assessment is conducted by a Classifier, who is a Medical doctor and/or physiotherapist with knowledge of the Profile System who are accredited by **the FEI or USEF** to grade PE Athletes for competition and who is accredited. Each PE Athlete is issued an FEI **Classification Card or USEF Dispensation/Classification Certificate** which lists their Functional Profile, Grade, sanctioned special equipment and compensating aids (special allowances). After the closing date of entries, the OC shall send to the FEI or USEF Chief Classifier (or the FEI Secretariat) a list of all Athletes with their nation, their Profile Number and the Grade that they are entered. The list will be checked and returned to the OC, verifying those that are already classified and a list of those that need to be classified, or re-examined. For classification procedure see FEI Para Equestrian Generic Rules or **USEF procedures**.

## Grades

Athletes are divided into 2 Grades: Grade I and Grade II. Grade II Athletes have greater functional ability than Grade I PE Athletes.

**FEI Classification Card and USEF Dispensation/Classification Certificate**

The FEI or USEF will issue the Athlete with an FEI **Classification Card or USEF Dispensation/Classification Certificate** on which his/her permitted compensating aids are listed. All Athletes shall hold an FEI **Classification Card or USEF Dispensation/Classification Certificate** (also known as an ID Card) which lists their Profile number, Grade, Nation, International Number (if applicable) and the compensating aids and equipment which may be used. The FEI **Classification Card or USEF Dispensation/Classification Certificate** must be carried by the Athlete at all FEI competitions in which they are entered. Any protests to a Athlete's classification are to be dealt with in accordance with FEI or USEF procedures. Refer to the FEI Classification Manual. The Athlete's own NF may also give permission to the Athlete to use this card and the compensating aids listed on it to compete in national competitions for able bodied Athletes. All exceptions to dress, special equipment, compensating aids and other assistance required by the Athlete shall be clearly listed on the Athlete's FEI **Classification Card or USEF Dispensation/Classification Certificate**. Use of any equipment, or exemption, that has not been sanctioned by FEI or USEF must be supported by medical documentation and approved by the Chief Classifier. Such exceptions shall be clearly listed on the Athlete Profile form and Entry form at the time of entry.

## Classes

A PE Athlete may enter a higher Grade than his classification indicates. A PE Athlete may not enter a lower Grade than his classification indicates. Grade I Athletes and Grade II Athletes shall be in separate classes, **unless participating as part of an able bodied class**.

## Eligibility

Only those Athletes with disabilities who are capable of driving Driven Dressage Tests, Cones and Marathons independently and to the **applicable FEI or USEF** rules are allowed to compete. The Profile and Grade shall be noted on the entry form, programme and score board. The event Organiser and Technical Delegate have **has** the right to refuse an entry but they must give the reason for the refusal in writing.

## Drugs and Medicines

All drugs and medicines used by Athletes must be declared on the entry form, unless registered with FEI through the Medication Advisory Panel (M.A.P.). Teams may register the drugs and medications taken by their Athletes with FEI Headquarters in accordance with the procedures outlined in the current FEI Medical and Anti-Doping Code (WADA). 5.9.4 Horses/ponies may be dope tested.

**Entries-World Driving Singles Championship for Para-Equestrian**

Each NF may enter a maximum of six Single PE Athletes with a maximum of two Horses per entry on the Nominated Entry List and three Single PE Athletes with a maximum of one Horse per PE Athlete on the Definite Entry List. Each team must include at least one (1) Athlete from Grade I. Should a NF only be able to send two PE Athletes, they must be entered as a team. Each NF is entitled to send a Chef d'Equipe and Veterinarian, both of whom will be accorded the same privileges as the PE Athletes. A NF which cannot send a team may enter one PE Athlete as an Individual under the conditions set out in DC 912. A spare Horse from the Nominated List may be entered per national team. The PE Athlete who uses the spare Horse will be eligible for the individual classification, as well as for the team classification. The spare Horse can only be substituted once, not later than one hour before the start of Driven Dressage and notified in writing to the Organiser.

**Additional requirement for OCs:**

Scoreboard and Scoreboard attendant. The Scoreboard shall be of a size and in location where it is easy to read both standing and from a wheelchair. Transport Manager with Athletes and suitable vehicles for transporting riders, sponsors and officials and for emergency vehicles. Wheelchair accessible ramps for all facilities used by Athletes. A convenient area and table for the IPEC Information Stand, which also sells relevant articles. The IPEC Secretary shall be consulted on this matter.

## Horses

PE Athletes may use either a horse or a pony. It must be stated on the entry form which will be used.

## Assistance

The ultimate responsibility regarding the use of permitted assistance lies with the PE Athlete. Grade I Athletes must have an able-bodied whip on the carriage. A Groom must be available at the ring side to assist every Grade 1 PE Athlete in Driven Dressage and Cones. A Groom may accompany a Grade 1 PE Athlete in Marathon either in the carriage or following behind the carriage on a bicycle. In Section B of Marathon all Grade 1 PE Athletes must be accompanied by an additional Groom either in the carriage or following by a team member behind the carriage on a bicycle, moped, ATV (quad bike) or

similar. Team members on bicycles or mopeds etc are not permitted to drive through the obstacles but must wait for the PE Athlete to complete the entire obstacle before proceeding. Team members may only act in case of emergency and this will be sanctioned as outside assistance. Grooms may act as a groom and will be sanctioned like a groom. Able-bodied Whips are forbidden to assist in rein handling except in an emergency when help must be given in the interest of safety. Assistance by handling the reins will incur 20 penalty points each time. Grade II Athletes may put down the able-bodied Whip if necessary but penalties will be incurred as per FEI **USEF** regulations. In Driven Dressage and Cones the able-bodied Whip must sit so that he/she can help in case of need. The event Organiser or the Technical Delegate has the right to disapprove of an able-bodied Whip or his/her position on the vehicle. PE Athletes may inspect the course in motorized quad bikes or similar if sanctioned by FEI **or USEF**.

Compensation Aids and special equipment

Only approved special equipment that is listed on the FEI **Classification Card or USEF Dispensation/Classification Certificate** may be used for the duration of the competition, including the training period. If the PE Athlete wishes to drive in a wheelchair, the wheel chair must be secured. Straps and clamps for the wheelchair must be of a 'quick release' variety. In the interests of safety, sloping cushions, shell seats, waist high seat sides and arm-rests are permitted. In order to have more upper body support a strap (or similar) held around the Athlete is permitted as long as this in no way attaches the Athlete to the carriage by any technical means or in the manner that it is held. A PE Athlete may be attached for support, but must have a method for quick release. Supporting aids may be considered for approval by the TD and the PGJ at the Veterinary Inspection that takes place before the start of the competition. Reins may not be attached to the PE Athlete in any manner that could prevent the PE Athlete from falling free from the carriage. The disabled PE Athlete may drive with one or 2 hands and with looped reins or any other aids with which he/she normally drives and which is approved by FEI **or the USEF**. The PE Athlete may salute with the head only so that contact is maintained on the reins at all times. The whip may be used by either the PE Athlete or the able-bodied Whip in all competitions if this has been sanctioned by FEI **or the USEF**. The brake may be used by the groom or converted to a hand brake to be used by the PE Athlete if sanctioned by FEI **or USEF**. **Use, otherwise use** of the brake by the groom will be punished by 20 penalty points each time.

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**Rule Change Intent**

USEF will now be licensing para-classifiers. Therefore, the rule needs to be amended to allow licensed USEF Classifiers to assess Para-Drivers for their Classification.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> para-equestrian driving

Committee Actions	
Competition Management	
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Council - Intl Discipline	
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Driving	
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Proposed Change

**DR119 Participation in Dressage Competitions.** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]

Intro

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Int I Int 1

Int A & B Int A&B

Int II

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GP

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Rule Change Intent

Intermediate A & B tests must not be ridden at the same competition as GP per current FEI rules. Also, there is no "Preliminary Grand Prix" test so that reference should be deleted.

Linked Rules

Comments

**Web: Tests**

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Council - Intl Discipline

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Proposed Change

**DR119 Participation in Dressage Competitions** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]

**DR119 Participation in Dressage Competitions. Change to read:**

2. Horses may compete in no more than one Licensed Competition on the same day and are prohibited from competing in any non-licensed competition(s) held on the same day(s) as they compete in a Licensed Dressage Competition. Horses are limited to a maximum of three Dressage rides per day at Fourth Level and below or two Dressage rides per day above Fourth Level. Horses competing at both Fourth Level and Prix St. Georges, or their equivalents, are limited to two Dressage rides per day. Horses competing in FEI Para-Equestrian tests are limited to a maximum of two Dressage rides per day including equivalent non-Para-Equestrian FEI, USEF, or USDF tests. FEI Para-Equestrian tests may be ridden at non-consecutive levels to USDF, USEF, and other FEI tests. Horses may enter no more than two consecutive levels, Freestyle levels included, at any one competition (refer to the following chart). ***FEI Medium Tour Freestyles are permitted only for horses competing at Intermediate A, Intermediate B, or Intermediate II levels.*** Dressage Seat Equitation, Quadrille, Pas de Deux and Materiale classes are excluded from the maximum limit of rides per day and horses in these classes may compete at any level for which they are otherwise eligible.

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Rule Change Intent

To be in compliance with current FEI Dressage Rules and Regulations.

Linked Rules	Comments
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**Web:** FEI medium tour freestyles

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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**Draft 1: No Comments**

Council - Intl Discipline

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Proposed Change

**DR121 Saddlery and Equipment. Figure 1 B** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]

**DR121 Saddlery and Equipment. Change to read:**

**Figure 1 B.**

\* Bits pictured under B1 or B2 are required in FEI Tests. Bits must be smooth with a solid surface. A bridoon is defined as a snaffle bit used together with a curb bit to form a double bridle. Bridoons where the center link(s) of the bits can lock, and have the effect of a mullen-mouth snaffle, are not permitted. ... Curb chain hooks **are required and** can be fixed or not fixed. The curb chain may never be so tightly fixed as to harm the horse.

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

A clarification to our Dressage Rules that curb chain hooks are required and can be fixed or not fixed.

Linked Rules

Comments

**Web:** curb chain hooks

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Council - Intl Discipline

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Proposed Change

**DR121 Saddlery and Equipment.** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]

**DR121 Saddlery and Equipment. Change to read:**

2. For Training, First and Second Level tests, FEI Tests for Children, and FEI Pony tests, a plain snaffle bridle is required with a regular cavesson, a dropped noseband, a flash noseband (a combination of a cavesson noseband and a dropped noseband attachment) or a crossed noseband. Except for the buckles and a small disk of sheepskin, which may be used in the intersection of the two leather straps of a crossed noseband, the headstall and cavesson/noseband of the bridle must be made entirely of leather or leather-like material. However, wear tabs on cheek pieces and reins may be made of non-leather or other material. A padded cavesson/noseband and crownpiece are allowed. Nylon or other non-metal material may be used to reinforce leather in the headstall but must not come in direct contact with the horse. Elastic inserts are permitted in the crownpiece and cheekpieces only. A browband is required, and except for the parts that attach to the crownpiece or headstall, is not required to be made of leather or leather-like material. The crownpiece of the bridle must lie immediately behind the poll and may extend forward onto the poll, but it may not be fitted to lie behind the skull (see diagram). ~~Bridles are not permitted in which the noseband is connected to the bit or cheekpiece below the level of the browband.~~ **A throatlatch is required except when the combined noseband or Micklem bridle are used.** A jowl strap is considered a throat latch and can be used to replace, or be used in addition to, a traditional throat latch. In order to meet the requirements of this rule the jowl strap must be fitted around or immediately below the horse's jowl. Nosebands with one or two lower (chin) straps must also have a throat latch, as described above.

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

12.1.18 for initial RCP

This rule change was effective on 12.1.18, however, there was a mistake in the proposal. The sentence in bold italics was NOT to be deleted from the rule. It's deletion was a mistake and it should be reinstated in the rule immediately. Note that this sentence is still included in the FEI rules and should still be in the USEF rules, as it was prior to 12.1.18.

Linked Rules

Comments

**Web:** throatlatch

Committee Actions

Competition Management

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 06/18/2019

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 06/18/2019

**Draft 1:** No Comments

## DR129.9 Tracking #042-19 Draft #1 Approved

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Extraordinary	12/1/2019	4/17/2019	Approved 7/8/2019 1

### Extraordinary Change Reason

Membership has expressed their discontent with the current USEF Dressage Rule wording and are looking to revert the Rule back to the 60% verbiage in the original Rule prior to December 1, 2018 to continue competing in Dressage Freestyle classes. We recognize the years of dedication and effort to those preparing to ride a freestyle, all while keeping in mind the trend of upward scores nationally and internationally. In recognition of those preparing to ride Freestyles at the FEI levels, the rule must be amended to allow members time to continue to raise their scores to a 63 %.

### Proposed Change

**DR129 Musical Freestyle Ride.** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]

**DR129 Musical Freestyle Ride. Change to read:**

9. Except for USEF/USDF Championship classes and for FEI Pony Riders, FEI Junior, FEI Young Rider and FEI Para-Equestrian Freestyles, in order to enter a freestyle class at any level, a horse/rider combination must have received a minimum score of 63% **for Training through Fourth levels and 60% for FEI levels** in the highest test of the declared freestyle level or any test of a higher level at a **USEF/USDF licensed Dressage Competition**, ~~Federation Licensed~~ or FEI recognized Dressage Competition, or "open" Dressage class (i.e. open to all breeds) at a Federation Licensed Competition held prior to the competition where the horse/rider combination is entered to ride a freestyle class. A photocopy of the test verifying eligibility, or copy of the USDF score verification, must be submitted with the entry for a freestyle class.

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Dressage

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### Rule Change Intent

The US Equestrian Dressage Sport Committee voted to put forward this new rule change proposal as an Extraordinary rule change in order to address the concerns of the members who expressed discontent with the current rule wording of DR129.9 as well as the process of the rule change submission. The percentage from Training through Fourth levels does not affect the majority of the membership; however, does provide a benchmark for achievement for the betterment of the Dressage Sport in the United States at these national levels. Freestyles are one of the most public facets of our Sport, and competency of technical skills must be demonstrated by those who compete in freestyles. If this is not done, it would have negative consequences for the development of Dressage within the United States.

### Linked Rules

### Comments

**Web:** musical freestyle

### Committee Actions

#### Competition Management

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

#### Council - Intl Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 06/18/2019

**Draft 1:** No Comments



**DR135.5 Tracking #041-19 Draft #2 Approved**

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Rule Clarification	9/10/2019	5/21/2019	Approved 7/8/2019 1

Proposed Change

**DR135 Pony Measurement.** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]

**DR135 Pony Measurement. Change to read:**

5. At all competitions (including Levels 1-5) where pony tests, classes or awards are offered and the official veterinarian is on call or on the grounds, the prize list must include the time period when the official competition veterinarian will be available to conduct measurements. Alternatively, when the competition veterinarian is on call and an alternative measurement time is necessary, management must receive a written request for measurement from the owner or agent at least five days prior to the start of competition. When the veterinarian is required to be on the grounds, the measurement request must be received prior to the start of competition. Management must schedule the competition veterinarian to conduct the measurement and may charge a fee for the measurement session which must be stated in the prize list. Management **or the official competition veterinarian** is permitted to charge a maximum fee of \$100 when measurements are conducted during a time when the competition veterinarian is on call and a maximum fee of \$25 when the competition veterinarian is on the grounds. ***The fee may be paid to management or directly to the official competition veterinarian by the owner or agent. If paid to the veterinarian, neither management nor the veterinarian may charge an additional fee and the veterinarian shall agree not to charge more than the maximum fees stated above.***

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Rule Change Intent

Effective: 12.1.19  
Some competitors are being overcharged for Pony Measurements. A clarification of the rule is needed to curtail this abuse. This has been requested of the Horse Services and Regulation Departments.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> Pony Measurement

Committee Actions

Competition Management	
<b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Approval 06/18/2019	<b>Draft 2: No Comments</b>
Council - Intl Discipline	
<b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Approval 06/18/2019	<b>Draft 2: No Comments</b>

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
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**Extraordinary Change Reason**

Termination of Affiliate Status

**Proposed Change**

**EN Various References [CHAPTER CHAPTER EN ENDURANCE RIDING DIVISION]**

EN101

1. GENERAL

a. The following rules and regulations have been adopted from those of the Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI) ~~and the American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC), the official Federation-affiliated endurance discipline organization.~~

b. USEF National Endurance Rides may vary in distance from 50 miles to a maximum distance of 300 miles, ~~and are approved through sanctioning by AERC and the Federation.~~ Ride organizers shall be responsible for fees assigned by each organization for sanctioning of said rides. See GR309.8.

c. Organizers of Endurance Competitions must comply with current Federation ~~and AERC~~ competition licensing requirements and must apply directly to ~~both the Federation and AERC~~ for competition recognition and licensing.

~~d. In order to compete in any Endurance Competition at USEF licensed competitions as a rider, a person must be a member of the AERC, or pay a nonmember day fee to the AERC.~~

~~e. All riders and horses must be entered in the concurrent AERC competition, if one is so offered. Riders and horses entered in the concurrent AERC Competition must abide by the AERC Rules.~~

EN101.3

a. For any circumstances not specifically covered in these rules, reference should be made to the following publications: (Listed in order of precedence.)

FEI Approved Definite Schedule

FEI Statutes FEI General Regulations

FEI Veterinary Regulations

FEI Rules for Endurance Riding

FEI Endurance Guidelines and Clarification (if published)

AERC Rules

AERC Veterinarian's Handbook

AERC Ride Manager's Handbook

b. Every eventuality cannot be provided for in these Rules. As a result, this edition of the Rules is designed for flexibility to adapt to an evolving discipline. In any unforeseen or exceptional circumstances, it is the duty of the Organizing Committee and the Veterinarians to make a decision in a sporting spirit and approaching as nearly as possible to the intention of these Rules the Rules of the Federation ~~and the AERC~~. Officials shall give the competing horses' well-being the highest priority when making decisions during a competition.

~~c. The detailed Rules for the USEF/AERC concurrently sanctioned Endurance Rides must be read in conjunction with the USEF General Regulations.~~

EN102.4

An Endurance Ride is a competition against the clock. The combination that finishes the course in the shortest time will be classified as the winner of the competition after successfully completing all final Veterinary Inspections and medication control as well as other protocols in place for the safety of the horse and rider under these Rules, the USEF General Regulations and the AERC Endurance rules. Competitions shall be organized to allow competitors to establish their own pace to compete against the clock, subject to:

#### EN114.1 CEI Events

1. These events must comply with the requirements of the Federation ~~and the AERC~~.

#### EN115 Eligibility

##### 1. Riders:

1.1. Entry is open to all USEF/AERC members age 16 or over (as of January 1st), and those having reached the age of 14 years old and up to the age of 16 if they ride sponsored ~~or have a letter from the American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC) granting them permission to ride unsponsored.~~

#### EN116 Entries

1. Entry forms for Horses must include the name/names, breed, sex, age, color, ~~AERC Number~~, and USEF Horse Recording Number, if applicable.

#### EN117 Veterinary Control

4. Should an entered horse die for any reason during the period between the first inspection and the final inspection, the Organizing Committee in consultation with the Veterinarians is obliged to write a report on the circumstances to the USEF ~~and AERC~~.

#### EN119 Best Condition

5. ~~The AERC Best Condition form may be used to establish the Best Condition Award.~~

### SUBCHAPTER AR-4 PERFORMANCE HALTER SECTION

#### AR123 General

2. Open, Amateur and Junior Exhibitor classes may be held. Classes will not be split by horse's age. Exception: "Prospect" class for horses two and under at the discretion of show management. Classes must be separated by Arabian and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian. In addition, they must be separated by stallion, mare and gelding. All horses three years of age and older must have been entered and shown in a performance class (Under Saddle and/or Driving) at the same show as the one in which the performance halter class is being held, or have completed an AHA or AERC sanctioned Endurance ride or a Competitive Trail Ride recognized by AHA or sanctioned by an AHA recognized Competitive Trail riding organization in the past 90 days. Horses qualifying via Endurance or Competitive Trail must present dated proof of completion to the show secretary. If classes are held in conjunction with an AHA ~~or AERC~~ sanctioned Endurance ride or a Competitive Trail riding organization, all registered Arabian and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian horses entered in the ride are eligible to compete.

#### Proponent Details

Endurance

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#### Rule Change Intent

As a result of the termination of the American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC) Affiliate status, references to AERC must be removed from the USEF Endurance chapter. The Endurance Sport Committee is working on updating the Rule chapter in collaboration with various departments within USEF to build the national program for endurance membership.

Linked Rules	Comments
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**Web:** endurance

**Committee Actions**

**Competition Management**

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 06/18/2019  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

**Council - Intl Discipline**

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 06/18/2019  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

**Council - Member Services**

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 06/25/2019  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** The Council recommends GR1004.4.b be reworded. As currently presented, the sentence is too long and is unclear. Language needs to more clearly indicate whether or not a Guest Card is required and if so, by whom.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

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## Extraordinary Change Reason

Due to the declining participation in the Talent Search Finals, there has been an extensive review of the Program. One of the key recommendations was to return the fence height to 1.15m (from 1.20m). This recommendation was unanimously approved and will be implemented for the 2019 Finals with the aim of encouraging participation and not excluding athletes due to horse power. This next step is to adjust the specifications for 2019/2020 qualifying classes again with the aim of increasing participation. The qualifying period begins September 1st and if we wait for the regular rule change process, these changes would not be effective until 2020/2021 qualifying period.

## Proposed Change

**EQ110 Requirements for Specific Classes** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ-2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]**EQ110 Requirements for Specific Classes**

9. USEF SHOW JUMPING TALENT SEARCH CLASS, a test of the abilities of an individual as a show jumping rider, is open to Junior/Young Riders under Federation rules, who are members of the Federation.

[...]

c. Class Specifications - The USEF SHOW JUMPING TALENT SEARCH CLASS will be conducted using a star (\*) level based on the difficulty and class specifications. Star levels will be conducted as follows:

[...]

3. The time allowed for **a 1\* and 2\* all levels** will be figured at 350 meters per minute.

**4. The time allowed for a 3\* will be figured at 375 meters per minute, if arena size permits.**

[...]

7. ~~6.~~ The Jumping phase of the class shall be held prior to the Flat phase over a Junior Jumper styled course with a minimum of ten numbered fences at the respective heights, spreads, and other obstacles as delineated below.

a. (1\*) - Fence heights will be 1.10m to 1.15m (3'7" to 3'9") with a minimum of three (3) spreads (as defined in JP125), excluding triple bar (if any). The course must include one (1) double and one (1) triple combination (or three (3) doubles), and at least one (1) Liverpool covered with water.

b. (2\*) - Fence heights will be 1.15m to ~~1.20m (3'9" to 3'11")~~ with a minimum of three (3) spreads (as defined in JP 125), excluding triple bar (if any) and water obstacle. The course must include one (1) double and one (1) triple combination (or three (3) doubles), one (1) water-filled Liverpool, and a water-filled water jump (minimum 2.45m (8') **with an option fence.**) The water (if dug in with or without a rail over it, or if above ground must have a rail over it, **and**). ~~The water~~ must be colored black or blue so the bottom is not visible.

c. (3\*) - Fence heights will be **1.15m (3'9")** ~~1.20m (3'11")~~ with a minimum of three (3) spreads (as defined in JP124), excluding triple bar (if any), and water obstacle. The course must include one (1) double and one (1) triple combination (or three (3) doubles), one (1) water-filled Liverpool, and a dug in water-filled open water jump of 3.05m to 3.65m (10' to 12') **with or without a rail over it, unless** at the judge's discretion in consultation with the Course Designer, a rail **is may be** added over the water in the interest of safety to the competitors. The water must be colored black or blue so the bottom is not visible.

[...]

e. Other Judging Considerations

1. Jumping Phase - To be judged on style, function and execution.

a. The performance begins once the ~~audible tone is sounded~~ **horse enters the ring.**

[...]

f. Other Class Considerations

[...]

4. All riders must ride in the jumping phase, which will be offered first and constitutes entry into the class as a whole, regardless of whether the rider

is one of those called back for the second, flat phase. To fill a class, ~~THREE SIX~~ **SIX** COMPETITORS MUST COMPLETE THE COURSE.

g. See EQ105.5b for tack and saddlery restrictions.

Linked Rule

### EQ105 Appointments

[...]

5. Tack. Judges may penalize but not eliminate a horse or pony that competes in unconventional tack. Judges must eliminate a horse or pony that competes in illegal tack.

[...]

b. Jumping Seat Equitation (USEF Talent Search, WIHS Jumper Phase, USHJA Jumping Seat Medal, and any class specifically designated as a Jumping Seat Equitation class):

1. Legal bits include snaffles, pelhams, gags, kimberwicks, and two or three ring bits. Full bridles may be used. Any other bits (including but not limited to hackamores, etc.) are prohibited. **Exception: Hackamores may be used in jumping phases of the USEF Talent Search Classes and Finals.** Changing of bit/bridle between phases is permissible.

### EQ110 Requirements for Specific Classes

9. USEF SHOW JUMPING TALENT SEARCH CLASS, a test of the abilities of an individual as a show jumping rider, is open to Junior/Young Riders under Federation rules, who are members of the Federation.

[...]

c. Class Specifications - The USEF SHOW JUMPING TALENT SEARCH CLASS will be conducted using a star (\*) level based on the difficulty and class specifications. Star levels will be conducted as follows:

[...]

3. The time allowed for **a 1\* and 2\*** all-levels will be figured at 350 meters per minute.

**4. The time allowed for a 3\* will be figured at 375 meters per minute, if arena size permits.**

[...]

7. ~~6.~~ The Jumping phase of the class shall be held prior to the Flat phase over a Junior Jumper styled course with a minimum of ten numbered fences at the respective heights, spreads, and other obstacles as delineated below.

a. (1\*) - Fence heights will be 1.10m to 1.15m (3'7" to 3'9") with a minimum of three (3) spreads (as defined in JP125), excluding triple bar (if any). The course must include one (1) double and one (1) triple combination (or three (3) doubles), and at least one (1) Liverpool covered with water.

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c. (3\*) - Fence heights will be **1.15m (3'9")** ~~1.20m (3'11")~~ with a minimum of three (3) spreads (as defined in JP124), excluding triple bar (if any), and water obstacle. The course must include one (1) double and one (1) triple combination (or three (3) doubles), one (1) water-filled Liverpool, and a dug in water-filled open water jump of 3.05m to 3.65m (10' to 12') **with or without a rail over it, unless** at the judge's discretion in consultation with the Course Designer, a rail **may be** added over the water in the interest of safety to the competitors. The water must be colored black or blue so the bottom is not visible.

[...]

e. Other Judging Considerations

1. Jumping Phase - To be judged on style, function and execution.

a. The performance begins once the ~~audible tone is sounded~~ **horse enters the ring.**

[...]

f. Other Class Considerations

[...]

4. All riders must ride in the jumping phase, which will be offered first and constitutes entry into the class as a whole, regardless of whether the rider is one of those called back for the second, flat phase. To fill a class, **THREE SIX COMPETITORS MUST COMPLETE THE COURSE.**

g. See EQ105.5b for tack and saddlery restrictions.

Linked Rule

**EQ105 Appointments**

[...]

5. Tack. Judges may penalize but not eliminate a horse or pony that competes in unconventional tack. Judges must eliminate a horse or pony that competes in illegal tack.

[...]

b. Jumping Seat Equitation (USEF Talent Search, WIHS Jumper Phase, USHJA Jumping Seat Medal, and any class specifically designated as a Jumping Seat Equitation class):

1. Legal bits include snaffles, pelhams, gags, kimberwicks, and two or three ring bits. Full bridles may be used. Any other bits (including but not limited to hackamores, etc.) are prohibited. **Exception: Hackamores may be used in jumping phases of the USEF Talent Search Classes and Finals.** Changing of bit/bridle between phases is permissible.

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**Rule Change Intent**

The proposal addresses several aspects of the class specifications including reducing the fence height from 1.20m to 1.15m, providing an option to the water jump at the 2\* as well as some clarity as to when a rail must be used and increasing the speed to 375m for the 3\*. Additionally, 9.e.1 aligns when the performance begins with the new JP 135.1 regarding falls at any time in the ring and 9.f.4 reduces the number of competitors to fill a class from 6 to 3 to address concerns in areas of the country where there are not many competitors. EQ105 aligns the use of Hackamores with what is permitted at the Talent Search Finals.

Linked Rules	Comments
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**Web:** talent search

**Committee Actions**

**Competition Management**

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**Draft 1: No Comments**

**Council - Intl Discipline**

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**Draft 1: No Comments**

**Council - Natl Breed & Discipline**

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**Draft 1: No Comments**

**National Hunter Committee**

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 05/13/2019

**Draft 1: No Comments**

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Extraordinary	12/1/2019	5/2/2019	Approved 7/8/2019 1

### Extraordinary Change Reason

Creating hardship for the organizers by offering tests that have been endorsed by the eventing community, but have not been included within the rulebook.

### Proposed Change

#### EV122 Introduction [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EV-2 RULES FOR TESTS]

##### EV122 Introduction

1. DEFINITION. Tests consist of one or more dressage, cross-country or jumping competitions. They are designed to introduce the discipline, and to prepare competitors and horses for Horse Trials. They provide experience for participants within an enjoyable day of competition. ~~These competitions may include:~~

- ~~a. Cross-Country Tests~~
- ~~b. Combined Tests~~
- ~~c. Starter Event Rider Tests~~
- ~~d. Eventing Equitation Tests~~
- ~~e. Young Event Horse Tests~~

2. ORGANIZATION. Tests may be offered as separate competitions, or may be organized in conjunction with a Horse Trial or an Event. They usually take place on one day.

##### EV123 Rules for Tests

1. PARTICIPATION. A horse may be ridden by more than one competitor. A competitor may ride more than one horse. The number of horses that a competitor may ride may be limited by the Organizer. The number of times that a horse may compete may be limited by the Organizer.

2. LICENSED OFFICIALS. ~~For competitions that do not require Licensed Judges (such as Cross-Country Tests), a Federation Licensed Eventing Technical Delegate is required. In such instances, the Technical Delegate assumes the responsibility of the Ground Jury as noted in Part Six.~~ For competitions which include dressage and jumping **phases** (such as Combined Tests, Starter Event Rider Tests, Eventing Equitation Tests or Young Event Horse Tests), a Federation Licensed Eventing Judge is required. This Judge shall act as the Ground Jury and shall perform the course evaluation functions of a technical delegate. Other judges may be Federation Licensed Judges, participants or graduates of the USEA Training Program, or knowledgeable horsemen.

3. OTHER OFFICIALS. A veterinarian shall be present on the grounds during any cross-country or jumping competition. Qualified medical personnel (EV113.1) must be present during all competitions.

4. TESTS. Flexibility is provided for the running of Tests. Tests may be judged in the normal manner, as minimum percentage classes, as clear round classes, on the honor system, purely on time or points, etc. Classification may be individual, pairs or teams. ~~Organizing Committees are encouraged to create attractive competitions, whether they use the Tests described below or create additional Tests.~~ **Tests will be conducted under guidelines published by the USEA.**

##### EV124 Cross-Country Tests

~~Cross-Country Tests consist of distinct competitions involving various cross-country skills. The tests may include pace, taking your own line, following unknown course, top score competitions with obstacles of different values, clear round cross-country, etc. The conditions under which the Cross-Country Tests will be conducted will be printed in the prize list.~~

##### EV125 Combined Tests

~~Combined Tests consist of two distinct tests during which a competitor rides the same horse throughout. The tests may include two of the following—dressage, cross-country, jumping; or may include one discipline (such as cross-country) repeated twice under different conditions. Combined Tests will be conducted under guidelines published by the USEA.~~

##### EV126 Starter Event Rider Tests



Open to riders of any age who have never competed in a horse trial, on any horse. The test shall involve a short dressage test (30%), jumping 6 or 7 fences in an arena (30%), and galloping in the open over 3 or 4 fences (40%). The fences will not exceed 2'6". Each competitor will be judged on position, seat, and effective use of aids. The competitor must ride the same horse throughout.

#### EV127-Eventing-Equitation Tests

Open to riders 14 to 18 years of age, on any horse. The test shall involve a short dressage test (40%), and jumping approximately 10 cross-country-type obstacles not to exceed 3'7" (60%). The jumping may be in an arena or on a short cross-country course. Each competitor will be judged on position, seat, and effective use of aids. The competitor must ride the same horse throughout.

#### EV128-Young-Event-Horse-Tests

Open to four and five year old horses with any rider. The test shall involve a short dressage test, a jumping test that may involve cross-country obstacles of 8-12 fences up to 3'3" (4 yo) or 3'7" (5 yo) in height, and a final judging of horses shown in hand for conformation, suitability and presence. The same competitor must ride or show the horse throughout.

### Proponent Details

Eventing

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### Rule Change Intent

Having specific Eventing Tests in the rulebook has created a hardship for organizers. As the rule stands, only those Tests listed in EV122 may be included with a recognized/endorsed competition. Anything outside of these open a competition up for receiving fines from the competitions department. The sport has evolved to include unique opportunities for competitors outside of these Tests, however, organizers are penalized for offering them around a recognized/endorsed competition.

### Linked Rules

### Comments

**Web:** tests

### Committee Actions

#### Competition Management

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

#### Council - Intl Discipline

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

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Proposed Change

**JP111 Tack and Attire** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER JP-1 GENERAL]

1. Martingales.

a. Classes offered at 1.30m or below—No martingale restrictions when used in a conventional manner (see also JP111.3). **See JP 111.1.b for conventional manner**

b. Classes offered above 1.30m (and all classes restricted to young horses)—The only martingales permitted are running martingales used in the conventional manner. **Running martingale used in the conventional manner: Only one martingale stopper per rein is allowed. The stopper must be positioned between the ring of the martingale and the attachment of the rein to the bit, hackamore or bridle.** Exception: Irish martingales are permitted in all classes.

Proponent Details

Jumper

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Rule Change Intent

Martingales used in a conventional manner do not have two stoppers and therefore this is not allowed under the current rule. This clarification makes it abundantly clear. Using one stopper per rein is and always has been the conventional use but this year the FEI specifically identified one stopper in their Steward's manual. Because of this, some people are questioning our rule since it doesn't specifically state it as well. Using two stoppers effectively keeps the martingale ring from being able to move along the rein and therefore can keep the horse's head from being able to move creating a dangerous situation especially while jumping.

Linked Rules

Comments

**Web:** Running Martingale

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

## WD121.4 Tracking #052-19 Draft #1 Approved

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### Proposed Change

#### WD121 Tack [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER WD-5 APPOINTMENTS]

WD121 Tack {WD-5 Appointments}

4. Reins:

~~e. A breastplate and/or crupper may be used.~~

~~f. Whips: One whip no longer than 47.2 inches (120 cm) including lash, is permitted in all Classes/Tests.~~

5. Saddle:

**e. A breastplate and/or crupper may be used.**

**8. Whip: One whip no longer than 47.2 inches (120cm) including lash, is permitted in all Classes/Tests.**

### Proponent Details

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### Rule Change Intent

When the Western Dressage Chapter was re-organized in the 2016 Rulebook, these two points were incorrectly placed under the Reins category of the Tack rule. This clarification corrects that mistake and correctly re-organizes both points.

### Linked Rules

### Comments

**Web:** Tack

### Committee Actions

#### Competition Management

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**Draft 1: No Comments**

#### Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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**Draft 1: No Comments**

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Proposed Change

**WD130 General** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER WD-8 TESTS]

WD130 General {WD-8-Tests}

The WDAA approves and issues tests for use at Federation licensed and WDAA recognized competitions in the United States. Tests cannot be modified without approval of the WDAA with the exception that gaited horses must be ridden at the saddle gait instead of the jog in Western Dressage classes.

**A link to the tests are is** located on the USEF website at [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org). Competitions are permitted to hold gaited classes but they are to be held as separate classes. **If gaited classes are not being held at a competition, then gaited and non-gaited horses are permitted to compete together in the same class.** The gaits required in lieu of the jog are defined in Subchapter WD-2.

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

There has been confusion regarding when gaited classes are not held, if gaited and non-gaited horses are allowed to compete together. This additional verbiage will clarify this confusion. There is also an addition of verbiage to clarify that the WDAA tests are not located on the USEF website but rather the link to the tests is located on the USEF website.

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: tests

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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