



February 25, 2019

Ms. Shealagh Costello, National Eventing Programs Director
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Dear Shealagh,

Thank you for submitting your request for a Presidential Modification to the application of EV115.2d on behalf of the USEF Eventing Sport Committee. A Presidential Modification is granted in cases of extraordinary, special circumstances. When measured against that criterion, it has been determined that your request meets the standard for a Presidential Modification and therefore is approved. This modification will allow a postponement in enforcing EV115.2d until November 30, 2019.

In reviewing your request, it was noted that The Eventing Sport Committee followed common practice to submit a rule change to match FEI rule changes adopted at the 2019 FEI General Assembly, specifically the diameter of snaffle bits permitted in the Dressage phase of Eventing competitions. Due to the fact that Eventing national competitions in the US begin earlier than in other countries the first competition of 2019, Stable View Winter Horse Trials, found a significantly large number of bits were found to be out of compliance. It was also noted that subsequent conversations with the FEI Eventing Committee Chair David O'Connor and member Marilyn Payne who advised a delayed implementation of this rule in order to review it more thoroughly.

Please ensure that the Eventing department is kept up to date on FEI Eventing Committee discussions surrounding this rule and that if necessary an extraordinary rule change proposal is submitted by the deadline to address any changes to this rule for the 2020 competition year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'William J. Moroney'.

William J. Moroney
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Murray S. Kessler, President
C. Michael Huber, USEF Eventing Sport Committee Chair
Joanie Morris, Managing Director of Eventing
Meredith Monti, Compliance Manager