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Chapter 1. General Licensing Policies and Procedures.

Section 1. General.

1. The official version of the current Federation Licensed Officials Policies and Procedures (the "Policies and Procedures" or "P&P") will be maintained by the Federation Licensed Officials Department. Only the Policies and Procedures maintained by the Federation Licensed Officials Department will be considered the current and enforceable version.
    a. The Licensed Officials Policies and Procedures will indicate the version number (i.e. v.1.0) and the date of amendment.
    b. The Federation will publish the Licensed Officials Policies and Procedures on the Federation website under the Licensed Officials tab.
2. Relevant fees can be reviewed here.
3. The Federation Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or their designee may, in their sole discretion provide an exemption to these Policies and Procedures when appropriate. Any such decision is final and not appealable.

Section 2. Amendments and Revisions.

1. The Policies and Procedures will be amended per the schedule outlined by the Licensed Officials Department, except in extraordinary circumstances, as determined by the Licensed Officials Committee. The Federation's Board of Directors or Executive Committee must review and approve all revisions.
2. Amendment and Revision Process
    a. The Licensed Officials Department will determine the amendment schedule and will accept recommendations from Federation Committees and Recognized Affiliates for revisions to the Policies and Procedures.
        i. Federation Committees and Recognized Affiliates must submit proposed amendments and revisions to the Licensed Officials Department using the form provided by that department and following any established guidelines.
    b. The Licensed Official Committee will review proposed amendments and revisions to the Policies and Procedures and make recommendations to the Federation's Board or Executive Committee.
        i. The Licensed Officials Department will submit recommendations for amendments and revisions to the Councils and applicable Recognized Affiliate(s) for comment and feedback before submission to the Board or Executive Committee.
    c. The Federation will publish the revised version of the Policies and Procedures on or around December 1.
        i. Updates to the Licensed Officials Policies and Procedures will be effective upon publication.
        ii. Current or pending applications will be subject to the Policies and Procedures in effect at the time of submission of the application to the Federation.
        iii. Revised Policies and Procedures will not automatically apply to an applicant. Applicants can request in writing for the Director of Licensed Officials to apply the latest version if they believe it would be beneficial (e.g. expedited review, reduced apprenticing requirements, etc.).

Section 3. Licensing.

1. Applications must be submitted using the application available on the Federation website. The required fee is not refundable.
2. Applicants must initiate an application before completing any application requirements.
3. Enrollment or promotion as a licensed official in more than four divisions at any one time will not be considered.
4. Denied Applications
    a. If the Federation denies an application, the applicant will not be eligible to reapply for the same division for 12 months following the date of the notification to the applicant. "Denied" refers to applications that have been closed by the Federation rather than those pended and asked to complete additional requirements.
    b. Any applicant who has been denied for the same license level and type more than three times is barred from reapplying for the same license and type for seven years.

c. Denied applicants must begin a new application subject to the Policies and Procedures in effect at the time of the latest application.

5. The Federation may require an examination by a physician for evidence of fitness to perform the duties of a Licensed Official. This may be required enrollment, promotion, renewal, or to maintain licensure to ensure the person can safely perform their duties. No application will be rejected for unfitness to perform before an examination is undertaken. If an applicant does not pass the examination, then their application will be denied. If an official does not pass the examination, the Federation will review their license.
6. Unless stated otherwise, all applicants when first approved as an official in a division, will receive Recorded status regardless of age or experience.
7. Eligibility and Application Requirements
    a. All national level and Federation FEI officials must be Competing Members, at least 21 years of age. Apprentices must be at least 21 years of age. Exception: Paso Fino Judge applicants must be at least 25 years of age at the time of application completion.
    b. All applicants must be compliant with the USEF Safe Sport Policy before starting any application requirements. To be compliant with the Policy, applicants must complete SafeSport Training and a background check.
    c. The Federation may assign educational requirements to licensed official applicants.
    d. Applicants are not permitted to start a licensed official application or complete application requirements while suspended.
8. Reinstatement and Re-application of Licenses
    a. If between one and four competition years have passed since an official renewed their license(s), the official must submit a Reinstatement Request and pay the applicable fee. All requests must be submitted on the designated form, which is available on the Federation website.
        1. If four competition years have passed since an official renewed their license(s), then the official must be current on the clinic maintenance requirement, if applicable, for the respective license(s) before submitting a reinstatement request. If the official is not current on the clinic maintenance requirement, then they must attend the next available clinic before submitting a Reinstatement Request.
    b. If five or more competition years have lapsed since an official renewed their license(s), then an official must re-apply for licensing, and follow the current license application requirements specified for each license.
    c. If the Federation denies an official's clinic or officiating extension request, the official must submit a Reinstatement Request.
9. Per GR1002, the Federation may provide the relevant Federation committee or Recognized Affiliate an opportunity to submit an evaluation of and recommendation for an applicant as part of the application for licensure.
10. Apprenticing
    a. An Apprentice must first obtain permission from the Licensed Competition followed by approval from the licensed official(s) with whom they will be apprenticing.
    b. Apprenticing in Opportunity or Exhibition classes does not count toward licensing requirements. Exception: Dressage Opportunity classes.
    c. Any clinician, examiner, mentor, or similar professional must conduct all evaluations in good faith, ensure they do not have any conflict of interest that would prejudice the outcome of the evaluation, and share their assessment within the evaluation form. The clinician, examiner, mentor, or similar professional must share the evaluation with the applicant in person or within 15 days of completing the requirement.
    d. The Federation will not consider apprentice evaluations received more than 30 days after the last day of the competition, and the Federation will not count the apprenticing experience toward licensure requirements.
    e. Applicants are not permitted to apprentice and officiate in the same class.
    f. Applicants must be current with SafeSport Training and a background check at the time of an apprenticeship.
    g. See additional restrictions and rules in GR1006.

11. Comments, assessments, reviews, evaluations and the like used in assessing an applicant's fulfillment of a licensing requirement that occurred after February 1, 2019, will be made available to the applicant for review without redaction. Applicants are required to upload all applicable documentation to their online application.
12. Unless noted in the eligibility or application requirements, applicants are not permitted to start application requirements for a Registered or Senior license before they obtain a Recorded or Registered license, respectively.
13. If an applicant incurs extreme hardship when attempting to achieve a Recognized Affiliate's license, and if the Recognized Affiliate's license is a requirement for a Federation license application or license maintenance, the applicant may request a waiver of the Recognized Affiliate license requirement in writing to the Federation.
14. Applicants may submit an appeal regarding a recommendation from an Affiliate and/or Federation Committee to the Federation within 15 days of receiving the recommendation.
15. An applicant may submit an appeal to the Federation within 15 days of completion of the assessment, review, or evaluation if they believe that an assessment, review, or evaluation procedure was not conducted properly.
16. Applicants may request a waiver of the licensing requirements. Waiver requests are subject to the Licensed Officials Waiver Policy on the Federation website.
17. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), applicants with disabilities who require testing accommodations due to a physical, mental or learning disability may request reasonable accommodations to standard testing conditions. A copy of our policy on testing accommodations for applicants under Title III of the ADA is available here. Additional information, including the form to be completed to make a request is available here.
18. Officials may request a license abeyance for extenuating circumstances or when serving in a leadership role or staff position for a Recognized Affiliate or the Federation. When the license abeyance ends, the official must be current with all license maintenance requirements except for officiating maintenance requirements before their license is reinstated.

Section 4. Maintenance Requirements.

1. It is the responsibility of the licensed official to satisfy all requirements for maintaining their license. The Federation is not required to provide notices of time periods within which the requirements must be fulfilled.
    a. It is the responsibility of the licensed official to renew their Federation and/or FEI license(s) every competition year. The Federation is not required to provide notices of a missing license renewal.
    b. An official who is eligible to renew will have one full competition year after the lapse of their license(s), to renew their license.
2. Renewal Requirements
    a. All licensed officials must complete SafeSport Training and a background check as assigned by the Federation.
    b. The Federation may assign education requirements to licensed officials.
    c. All Federation national and U.S. FEI officials must be Federation Competing Members.
    d. Officials must be compliant with the Maintenance Requirements as outlined in each applicable license section in Chapter 2 of the Licensed Officials Policies and Procedures.
    e. An official will not be permitted to renew their license(s) if any money is owed to the Federation.
3. To maintain officiating requirements, the first full competition year after an official's approval will be considered as the commencement of their officiating record.
4. Attending and passing an FEI recognized maintenance course will count towards fulfilling the clinic maintenance requirement of the comparable Federation Judge or Course Designer license (Exception: Jumper Judge and Dressage divisions. Dressage Judge refer to Chapter Two, Section 7), provided it occurs during the same time frame required by the Federation license.
5. Officials will have an unlimited number of attempts to pass a maintenance examination before the deadline. If an official fails to achieve a passing score by the deadline, they may be assessed an additional fee and will be ineligible to renew the license until the fee is paid in full.

6. Any official who fails to fulfill clinic, exam, officiating, or measurement requirements, or any other type of maintenance requirements, will not be eligible to have their license renewed and will have to apply for an extension. A clinic or officiating extension may be granted by the Federation for one competition year.
    a. All requests must be received on the appropriate form provided on the Federation website.
    b. If the Federation denies an official's clinic or officiating extension request, they must submit a Reinstatement Request.
7. If an official's clinic or exam maintenance requirement is due in a year in which a corresponding clinic or exam is not offered, the deadline will automatically be extended to the following year with no restrictions, provided all other requirements of the license are met.
8. The Licensed Officials Committee may require an official to complete additional educational experiences.

Section 1. Andalusian/Lusitano Judges.

Section 1.1 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain 'r' Status

A. Eligibility Requirements
    1. Applicants are not required to meet any additional eligibility requirements aside from those defined in Chapter 10 of the Federation rulebook and/or the Policies and Procedures.
B. Application Requirements
    1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.
    2. Applicants may complete the following requirements in any order. However, the Final Examination must be completed last. All application requirements must be completed within three years preceding license application.
    3. Apprentice at a minimum of two Federation Licensed Competitions, under a minimum of two different Registered ('R') Federation Andalusian/Lusitano Judges. The applicant must apprentice all Federation Andalusian/Lusitano classes offered at the competition. The applicant must receive at least two positive apprentice evaluations. If the applicant fails to receive a positive apprentice evaluation from the Judges, the applicant may continue to apprentice with Federation Registered ('R') Andalusian/Lusitano Judge(s) at Federation Licensed Andalusian/Lusitano competitions until they receive two positive apprentice evaluations.
        i. Exception: The apprenticeship requirement is not required for Registered ('R') Judges licensed in the Arabian, Morgan, Friesian, or Welsh divisions.
    4. Attend a Federation/International Andalusian & Lusitano Horse Association (IALHA) Andalusian/Lusitano Judges' clinic.
    5. Applicants must receive a passing score of 85% or higher on the Federation Andalusian/Lusitano Final Examination. If the applicant fails the test on the first attempt, they may re-take the exam one additional time. If a passing score is not achieved on the second attempt, the applicant must repeat all application requirements.
C. Maintenance Requirements
    1. Judges must attend a Federation/IALHA Andalusian/Lusitano Judges' clinic every five years.
    2. Judges must receive a passing score of 85% or higher on an examination administered by the Federation every two years.

Section 1.2 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain 'R' Status

A. Eligibility Requirements
    1. Officiate at two Federation Andalusian/Lusitano licensed competitions in the past three years.
B. Application Requirements
    1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.
    2. All application requirements must be completed within one year preceding license application.
    3. Applicants must complete a Final Examination with a score of 85% or higher.
C. Maintenance Requirements
    1. Judges must attend a Federation/ IALHA Andalusian/Lusitano Judges' clinic every five years.
    2. Judges must receive a passing score of 85% or higher on an examination administered by the Federation every two years.

Section 2. Arabian Judges.

Section 2.1 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain 'r' Status

A. Eligibility Requirements
    1. Applicants must be a current member in good standing with the Arabian Horse Association (AHA) for at least two consecutive years.

i. Exception: Registered ('R') Federation licensed breed judges must be current members in good standing of AHA but do not need to meet the two-year requirement.

2. Applicants must attend all sessions of the AHA Exhibitors/Judges' School within six months prior to checklist submission.

B. Application Requirements

1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.
2. Applicants must complete the application requirements in the order defined below. All application requirements must be completed within three years preceding license application.
3. Apprenticing
   i. Applicants must apprentice for a minimum total of five days.
   ii. Applicants must apprentice with a minimum of three different Federation 'R' Arabian Judges.
   iii. Apprenticeships must be completed at Federation licensed competitions at a minimum of two different locations.
   iv. Applicants are not required to apprentice each day of a competition.
   v. The 'R' Judge is required to discuss the evaluation with the apprentice and provide the apprentice with a copy of the entire evaluation form.
4. Applicants must pass each of the following components of the AHA Evaluation:
   i. AHA-administered written examinations;
      1. Passing scores vary from 80-85% depending on the exam.
   ii. Video testing
      1. Video testing is scored using the same method as the majority of horse/livestock judging contests.
   iii. Live Judging of in-hand and performance classes;
      1. Live judging is scored using the same method as the majority of horse/livestock judging contests.
   iv. AHA administered interviews conducted by EEC members and others as appointed by the Commissioner.
      1. A standard evaluation form with scoring rubric is utilized. Passing score is overall 4 out of 5 points.
5. Additional helpful information can be found here.

C. Maintenance Requirements

1. Judges must attend all sessions of the Federation/AHA Judges' Seminar every three years.
2. Judges must pass a written exam with a score of 85% or higher every three years.

Section 2.2 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain 'R' Status

A. Eligibility Requirements

1. Applicants must be a current member in good standing with the AHA.
2. Officiate a minimum of five days (six hours minimum each day) at a minimum of two Federation licensed competitions with an Arabian division within the past six years. At least one of the Federation licensed competitions must be outside of the applicant's home AHA Region. Applicants must judge a minimum of 440 Arabian/Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian entries within the past six years at Federation licensed and/or AHA recognized Arabian competitions in the following classes/sections. Classes judged at Federation licensed competitions as well as AHA Value Shows count equally in meeting these officiating requirements. (The number of horses shown as listed in official results for a class equals the number of entries in that class.)

Classes/Sections	# of Entries
In hand (including Performance Halter & championship classes)	70
Western Pleasure	100
Hunter Pleasure	100
Country English Pleasure/English Pleasure/Park	90

Trail/Ranch Riding	30
Reining/Reining Seat Equitation	10
Hunter Seat Equitation	20
Saddle Seat Equitation	10
Western Seat Equitation/Western Horsemanship	10

B. Application Requirements
    1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.
    2. Applicants may complete the following requirements in any order. However, the Final Examination must be completed last. All application requirements must be completed within three years preceding license application.
    3. Applicants must have completed a Federation/AHA Judges' Seminar while licensed as a 'r' Arabian Judge.
    4. Applicants must submit a Request for Recommendation for Promotion application to the AHA Judges & Stewards Commissioner.
        i. Applicants must receive a positive recommendation from AHA.
    5. Applicants must pass a Final Examination with a score of 85% or higher.
    6. Additional helpful information can be found here.
C. Maintenance Requirements
    1. Judges must attend the Federation/AHA Judges' Seminar every three years.
    2. Judges must pass a written examination with a score of 85% or higher every three years.

Section 3. Carriage Pleasure Driving.

Section 3.1 – Carriage Pleasure Driving Judges.

Section 3.1.1 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain 'R' Status

A. Eligibility Requirements
    1. Applicants are not required to meet any additional eligibility requirements aside from those defined in Chapter 10 of the Federation rulebook and/or the Policies and Procedures.
B. Application Requirements
    1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.
    2. Applicants may complete the following requirements in any order. However, the Final Examination must be completed last. All application requirements must be completed within three years preceding license application.
    3. Attend a Federation Carriage Pleasure Driving officials' clinic.
    4. Apprentice at least one Federation licensed Carriage Pleasure Driving, Breed, or Multi-breed Competition with either breed-restricted and/or open Carriage Pleasure Driving classes and receive a positive evaluation from the officiating Federation Carriage Pleasure Driving Judge.
        i. Exception: Judges holding a Federation breed license that have officiated Carriage Pleasure Driving classes (breed restricted or open with a Guest card) at a minimum of five Federation licensed competitions are not required to apprentice.
    5. Complete a Federation Carriage Pleasure Driving Judge's written final exam and receive a score of 85% or higher.
C. Maintenance Requirements
    1. Judges must officiate at one Federation licensed competition with Carriage Pleasure Driving classes every five years.
    2. Judges must attend a Federation Carriage Pleasure Driving Judges' clinic every three years.
    3. Judges must pass a written exam with a score of 85% or higher every three years.

Section 3.2 – Carriage Pleasure Driving Technical Delegates.

Section 3.2.1 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain 'R' Status

A. Eligibility Requirements

1. Applicants are not required to meet any additional eligibility requirements aside from those defined in Chapter 10 of the Federation rulebook and/or the Policies and Procedures.

B. Application Requirements
    1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.
    2. Applicants may complete the following requirements in any order. However, the Final Examination must be completed last. All application requirements must be completed within three years preceding license application.
    3. Apprentice at least one Federation licensed Carriage Pleasure Driving competition, or a Breed or Multi-breed Competition with either breed-restricted or open Carriage Pleasure Driving classes, and receive a positive evaluation from the officiating Federation Carriage Pleasure Driving Technical Delegate.
        i. Applicants must apprentice for a minimum of 16 Carriage Pleasure Driving classes.
        ii. Pairs and multiples classes must be included in the 16 classes. (Exception: An applicant may substitute documented driving experience with Pairs, Multiple and Fours for apprenticing experience.)
        iii. Exceptions to apprenticing requirements:
            1. Federation C2 Stewards who have officiated two or more Carriage Pleasure Driving classes at a minimum of one Federation licensed competition are not required to apprentice.
            2. Federation Carriage Pleasure Driving Judges are required to apprentice, with a Federation Carriage Pleasure Driving Technical Delegate, at least five Carriage Pleasure Driving classes at a minimum of one Federation licensed competition. Applicants must receive a positive evaluation.
    4. Attend a Federation Carriage Pleasure Driving officials' clinic.
    5. Applicants must pass a Final Examination with a score of 85% or higher.

C. Maintenance Requirements
    1. Technical Delegates must officiate at one Federation licensed competition with Carriage Pleasure Driving classes every five years.
    2. Technical Delegates must attend a Federation Carriage Pleasure Driving technical delegates clinic every three years.
    3. Technical Delegates must pass a Carriage Pleasure Driving technical delegates' examination with a score of 85% or higher every three years.

Section 4. Certified Schooling Supervisor.

A. Eligibility Requirements
    1. Must have been a participant in a minimum of six Federation licensed Hunter/Jumper competitions within the past eight years in at least one of the following positions: competitor, trainer, owner, licensed official, groom, competition employee (i.e. in-gate personnel, jump crew), or competition official (including but not limited to those listed in GR113).

B. Application Requirements
    1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.
    2. Applicants must complete the application requirements in the order defined below. All application requirements must be completed within three years preceding license application.
    3. Applicants must complete the Applicant Certified Schooling Supervisor Training Session.
    4. Apprenticing
        i. Apprenticing must be completed at Federation licensed Jumper Rating 3 and Hunter rating National competitions or above.
        ii. Applicants must apprentice with at least two different Certified Schooling Supervisors on different days for a minimum total of 24 hours when the hours are combined.

1. Exception: Applicants may apprentice with U.S FEI Jumping Stewards for jumper classes. However, any apprenticing for hunter classes must be completed with a Certified Schooling Supervisor.

iii. Applicants must apprentice for at least two hunter classes with $10k or more in prize money and two jumper classes with $25k or more in prize money.

iv. All evaluations must be positive in order to count.

5. Final Examination

i. The Final Examination will include two components – a written examination and a practical examination. Applicants must pass both components in order to pass the Final Examination. If an Applicant has a total of two failures for either component, their application will be closed. The written examination must be completed first.

ii. Applicants must receive a score of 85% or higher on the written examination to receive a passing score. If an applicant does not pass the written examination, they must wait at least 30 days before completing another attempt.

1. If an applicant fails the second attempt, their application will be closed, and they must start a new application. A new application may be opened six months after the date of exam.

iii. The Practical Examination must be conducted at a Federation licensed Jumper Rating 3 and Hunter rating National competition or above. It must be completed at a separate competition than where the applicant completed the apprenticeship(s). It will consist of two parts:

1. Knowledge of the Schooling Rules, Safety, and Scope of Authority
2. Officiating

iv. Applicants must contact an Examiner directly to arrange a time and place for the examination.

v. Applicants should be prepared to spend at least one full day completing the Practical Examination.

vi. Applicants must receive a score of 85% or higher on the practical examination to receive a passing score. If an applicant does not pass the practical examination, they must wait at least 90 days before completing another attempt. Before attempting the practical examination again, the applicant must complete at least 12 apprenticing hours with at least one CSS Examiner. During these apprenticeships, applicants must apprentice for at least one hunter class with $10k or more in prize money and one jumper class with $25k or more in prize money.

1. If an applicant fails the second attempt, their application will be closed, and they must start a new application. A new application may be opened six months after the date of exam.

C. Maintenance Requirements

1. Certified Schooling Supervisors must complete the License Maintenance Program every three years.
   i. Exception: C1 Stewards are not required to complete the CSS License Maintenance Program if they complete the C1 Steward License Maintenance Program.
2. Certified Schooling Supervisors must pass an annual examination with a score of 85% or higher.
3. Certified Schooling Supervisors must officiate at four Federation licensed competitions every four years.

Section 5. Combined Driving.

Section 5.1 – Combined Driving Judges.

Section 5.1.1 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain 'R' Status

A. Eligibility Requirements

1. Applicants must have a minimum of five years of practical competition experience as an athlete, groom/navigator, organizer, official, or volunteer in the sport of Combined Driving at the Federation or FEI level.

B. Application Requirements

1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.

2. Applicants may complete the following application requirements in any order within three years preceding application.
3. Attend a Federation or FEI Combined Driving Judge clinic.
4. Apprenticeships
    i. Applicants must apprentice at a minimum of six Federation licensed competitions and receive six positive evaluations.
        1. A minimum of two competitions must be Combined Driving Events (CDEs). Additional competitions can be CDEs or Short Format Driving Events.
        2. A minimum of two competitions must include the Novice Advanced division, Open Advanced division, or FEI level.
    ii. Applicants must apprentice with a Federation licensed Combined Driving Judge or FEI Driving Judge. Only one evaluation can be obtained per event, and only two evaluations can be from the same official.
    iii. Applicants may continue to apprentice until six positive apprentice evaluations are received.
    iv. Exception: Applicants who meet one of the following criteria are only required to apprentice at a minimum of three Federation licensed competitions. At least one competition must be a CDE. At least one competition must include the Novice Advanced division, Open Advanced division, or an FEI level. Applicants must obtain a minimum of three positive evaluations. Applicants must apprentice with a Federation licensed Combined Driving Judge or FEI Driving Judge. Only one evaluation can be obtained per event, and only two evaluations can be from the same official.
        1. Athletes who have completed at least five Federation Novice Advanced, Federation Open Advanced, or FEI CAI2* or above competitions with Dressage scores of 60 penalties or less.
        2. Combined Driving Judges from any National Federation.
        3. Federation licensed Dressage and Eventing Judges (any level).
5. Applicants must pass a Final Examination with a score of 85% or higher.

C. Maintenance Requirements
1. Judges must attend a Federation or FEI Combined Driving Judge clinic every three years.
2. Judges must pass an annual maintenance examination with a score of 85% or higher.

Section 5.2 – Combined Driving Technical Delegates.

Section 5.2.1 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain 'R' Status

A. Eligibility Requirements
1. Applicants must have at least five years of practical competition experience as an athlete, groom/navigator, organizer, official, or volunteer in the sport of Combined Driving at the Federation or FEI level.

B. Application Requirements
1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.
2. Applicants may complete the following application requirements in any order within three years preceding application.
3. Attend a Federation Combined Driving Technical Delegate clinic. If a technical delegate attends an FEI Combined Driving Technical Delegate clinic, then they must also complete Federation assigned training.
4. Apprenticeships
    i. Applicants must apprentice at a minimum of six Federation licensed competitions and receive six positive evaluations.
        1. A minimum of two competitions must be Combined Driving Events (CDEs). Additional competitions may be CDEs or Short Formant Driving Events.
        2. A minimum of two competitions must include the Novice Advanced division, Open Advanced division, or FEI level.
        3. If the competition is a Short Format Driving Event, the competition must include the marathon phase.

ii. Applicants must apprentice with a Federation licensed Combined Driving Technical Delegate. Only one evaluation can be obtained per event, and only two evaluations can be from the same official.
iii. Applicants may continue to apprentice until six positive apprentice evaluations are received.
iv. Exception: Applicants who meet one of the following criteria are only required to apprentice at a minimum of three Federation licensed competitions. At least one competition must be a CDE and one must include the Novice Advanced division, Open Advanced division, or FEI level. Applicants must obtain a minimum of three positive evaluations. Applicants must apprentice with a Federation licensed Combined Driving Technical Delegate. Only one evaluation can be obtained per event, and only two evaluations can be from the same official.
1. Athletes who have completed at least five Federation Novice Advanced, Federation Open Advanced, or FEI CAI2* or above competitions with Dressage scores of 60 penalties or less.
2. Federation licensed Combined Driving official.
3. FEI licensed Driving Technical Delegate.

5. Applicants must pass a Final Examination with a score of 85% or higher.

C. Maintenance Requirements
1. Technical delegates must attend a Federation or FEI Combined Driving Technical Delegate clinic every three years. If a technical delegate attends an FEI Combined Driving Technical Delegate clinic, then they must also complete Federation assigned training.
2. Technical delegates must pass an annual maintenance examination with a score of 85% or higher.

Section 5.3 – Combined Driving Course Designers.

Section 5.3.1 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain 'R' Status

A. Eligibility Requirements
1. Applicants must have at least five years of practical competition experience as an Athlete, Groom/Navigator, Organizer, Official or Volunteer in the sport of Combined Driving at the Federation, or FEI level.

B. Application Requirements
1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.
2. Applicants may complete the following requirements in any order within three years preceding application.
3. Attend a Federation or FEI Combined Driving Course Designer clinic.
4. Apprenticeships
i. Applicants must apprentice at a minimum of three different Federation licensed competitions and receive three positive evaluations.
1. A minimum of two competitions must be Combined Driving Events (CDEs). Additional competitions can be CDEs or Short Format Driving Events.
2. A minimum of one competition must include the Novice Advanced division, Open Advanced division, or FEI level.
3. If the competition is a Short Format Driving Event, the competition must include the marathon phase.

ii. Applicants must apprentice with at least two different Federation or FEI Combined Driving Course Designers.
iii. Applicants may continue to apprentice until three positive apprentice evaluations are received.
5. Applicants must pass a Final Examination with a score of 85% or higher.

C. Maintenance Requirements
1. Course Designers must attend a Federation or FEI Combined Driving Course Design clinic every three years.
2. Combined Driving Course Designers must receive a score of 85% or higher on an examination administered by the Federation or pass an FEI Course Designer exam at least once every three years.

Section 5.4 – Requirements to Obtain and Maintain Pony Measurement Certification.

A. Eligibility Requirements
    1. Applicants must be a Federation licensed Combined Driving official.
B. Application Requirements
    1. Applicants may complete the application requirements in any order.
    2. Attend a Federation pony measurement certification clinic.
    3. Pass a measurement exam with a score of 85% or higher.
        i. Applicants are only permitted to attempt the test twice. If an applicant fails twice, they may re-test at the next available clinic. Applicants cannot re-test at the same clinic where they failed an exam.
C. Maintenance Requirements
    1. Attend a Federation pony measurement clinic every four years.
    2. Officials certified to measure must pass a measurement exam with a score of 85% or higher every four years.

Section 6. Connemara Judges.

Section 6.1 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain 'R' Status

A. Eligibility Requirements
    1. Applicants be a current member in good standing with the American Connemara Pony Society (ACPS).
B. Application Requirements
    1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.
    2. Applicants may complete the following requirements in any order. All application requirements must be completed within five years preceding license application.
    3. Applicants must apprentice at least once with a Federation Connemara Judge at a Federation licensed competition. A positive evaluation with a recommendation for licensure must be received from the judge.
        i. Exception: Apprenticing is not required for Federation Welsh or Shetland Pony Judges.
    4. Applicants must attend a Federation/ACPS Connemara Judge's clinic.
    5. Applicants must pass a Final Examination with a score of 85% or higher.
C. Maintenance Requirements
    1. Judges must attend a Federation/ACPS clinic once every four years.
    2. Judges must pass an examination with a score of 85% or higher once every two years.

Section 7. Dressage.

Section 7.1 – Dressage Judges.

Section 7.1.1 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain 'r' Status

A. Eligibility Requirements
    1. Applicants must be current Participating Members in good standing with the United States Dressage Federation (USDF).
    2. Applicants must have graduated from the L Education Program with Distinction within five years of starting a USEF license application. If it has been more than five years since an individual graduated the L Education Program with Distinction, the individual will need to participate or audit Part I (Sessions A, B, and C) of the L Education Program prior to attending Part 1 of the Training Program.
        i. Applicants must be current with L Education Program requirements, which includes meeting continuing education and USEF Safe Sport Policy requirements.
    3. Applicants must earn five riding scores of 65% or higher at the Fourth Level or above from four different 'R' or 'S' Judges at Federation licensed/USDF recognized open Dressage Competitions (Freestyle does not count).
        i. If applicants meet the riding requirements for the 'R' or 'S' Dressage Judge eligibility requirements, then those scores will be accepted in place of the 'r' riding score eligibility requirements.
B. Application Requirements

1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.
2. Applicants must complete the application requirements in the order defined below. In order to be eligible to participate in any application requirement listed below, applicants must be current with the L Education Program.
3. Submit Training Program application to USDF.
4. Applicants must complete Part I and II of the Training Program within two years preceding license application.
5. Attend Part I (Three Days) of the Training Program.
6. Clinic Attendance
    i. Applicants must attend a Federation/USDF Dressage Judges Clinic during the time period that they are attending the Training Program. If none is offered, applicants must attend a clinic the following year.
7. Apprenticeships
    i. All apprenticeships must be completed between Part I and Part II of the Training Program and with a judge approved per the mentor criteria.
    ii. Applicants may not apprentice with an examiner of a given training program. However, applicants may work with the instructor of a training program as long as this instructor is not involved in the Final Examination.
    iii. Apprentice for a total of 22 classes at a minimum of four different Federation licensed/USDF recognized open Dressage Competitions with at least two different judges approved per the mentor criteria:
        1. A class must have a minimum of four riders complete the test to receive credit.
            a. Six classes in Training Level
            b. Six classes in First Level
            c. 10 classes in Second Level
            d. At least 20 rides must be at Second Level, Test 2 or 3
        2. Freestyle classes do not count towards any apprenticing requirements.
    iv. Applicants must fulfill the required apprenticeships in a group setting. However, a maximum of one individual apprenticing experience per applicant is permitted.
    v. All apprentice evaluations must be positive to count toward apprenticing requirements.
8. Final Examination
    i. Training Program Part II
        1. The Final Examination includes the following components:
            a. Closed book written examination
                i. Applicants must pass the closed book written examination with a score of 80% or higher.
            b. Practical Examination
                i. Oral Evaluation
                ii. Practical Judging
                iii. Applicants must pass the Practical Examination with a score of 73% or higher.
9. Additional helpful information can be found here.

C. Maintenance Requirements
1. Judges must be a current Participating Member in good standing of the USDF.
2. All judges must attend a Federation/USDF Dressage Judge clinic every three years.
3. Judges must officiate at four Federation licensed/USDF recognized Dressage competitions, Regular Competitions (with open or breed-restricted Dressage divisions), and/or Eventing Competitions every two years.
4. Judges must annually pass an open book maintenance examination with a score of 85% or higher.

Section 7.1.2 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain 'R' Status

A. Eligibility Requirements

1. Applicants must be current Participating Members in good standing with the USDF.
2. Applicants must have been licensed as a 'r' Judge for at least 36 months.
3. Must have officiated at a minimum of 12 Federation licensed/USDF recognized competitions within the past five competition years.
4. Must have officiated a minimum of 40 Training Level rides, 40 First Level rides, and 40 Second Level Test 3 rides at Federation licensed/USDF recognized competitions within the past five competition years. Eventing and Breed restricted competitions do not count.
5. Must have officiated the following classes as part of a judges panel that included an 'R' or 'S' Dressage Judge:
    i. Three Second Level classes (Tests 1,2, or 3)
    ii. A class must have a minimum of four riders complete the test to receive credit.
6. Must earn five riding scores at a minimum of 65% or higher from four different judges at Prix St. Georges or above at Federation licensed open dressage competitions (Freestyle does not count).
    i. If applicants meet the riding requirements for the 'S' Dressage Judge eligibility requirements, then those scores will be accepted in place of the 'R' riding score eligibility requirements.
7. EXCEPTION: A judge from a foreign country that has a national license equivalent to the USEF 'S' Dressage Judge license and whose country has a standardized training program, may apply for a USEF 'R' Dressage Judge license. Qualified applicants will be exempt from the eligibility requirements listed above but must complete the application requirements. In addition:
    i. Applicants must reside in the United States full or part time and have either a work visa or Green Card status.
    ii. Applicants must be current Federation Active and USDF Participating members in good standing.
    iii. Applicants must audit the A, B and C Sessions of the L Education Program prior to taking the final exam.
    iv. Applicants must submit required documentation regarding foreign national level license and standardized training program.

B. Application Requirements
1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.
2. Applicants must complete the application requirements in the order defined below unless noted otherwise.
3. Submit Training Program application to USDF.
4. Applicants must complete Part I and II of the Training Program within two years preceding license application.
5. Attend Part I of the Training Program (Three Days).
6. Apprenticeships
    i. All apprenticeships must be completed between Part I and Part II of the Training Program and with a judge approved per the mentor criteria.
    ii. Applicants may not apprentice with an examiner of a given training program. However, applicants may work with the instructor of a training program as long as this instructor is not involved in the Final Examination.
    iii. Apprentice a total of 18 classes at a minimum of three Federation licensed/USDF recognized open dressage competitions with at least two different judges approved per the mentor criteria:
        1. A class must have a minimum of four riders complete the test to receive credit.
            a. Nine classes at Third Level
            b. Six classes at Fourth Level
            c. Three classes at Fourth Level (Test 3), Prix St. Georges, FEI Young Rider, or Developing Horse Prix St. Georges
        2. Freestyle classes do not count towards any apprenticing requirements.
    iv. Applicants must apprentice a minimum of six classes outside of their home USDF region.
    v. Applicants must fulfill the required apprenticing in a group setting. However, a maximum of one individual apprenticing experience per applicant is permitted.

vi. All apprentice evaluations must be positive to count toward apprenticing requirements.

7. Observing
    i. Observing may begin upon acceptance of an invitation and assignment to a scheduled USDF Training Program.
    ii. Must sit as an observer at a minimum of three Federation licensed/USDF recognized open dressage competitions at Third and Fourth Levels. This must include a minimum of:
        1. Three rides of each test at each level (Third Level Test 1, Third Level Test 2, Third Level Test 3, Fourth Level Test 1, Fourth Level Test 2, Fourth Level Test 3) for a minimum total of 18 tests.
        2. This must be done with three different USEF Senior or FEI Judges.
        3. Candidates are also encouraged to sit and observe as many Prix St. Georges tests as possible.
8. Final Examination
    i. Training Program Part II
        1. The Final Examination includes the following components:
            a. Closed book written examination
                i. Applicants must pass the closed book written examination with a score of 80% or higher.
            b. Practical Examination
                i. Oral Evaluation
                ii. Practical Judging
                iii. Applicants must pass the Practical Examination with a score of 73% or higher.
9. Additional helpful information can be found here.

C. Maintenance Requirements
1. Judges must be a current Participating Member in good standing of the USDF.
2. Judges must annually pass an open book maintenance examination with a score of 85% or higher.
3. All judges must attend a Federation/USDF Dressage Judge clinic every three years.
4. Judges must officiate at four Federation licensed/USDF recognized Dressage competitions, Regular Competitions (with open or breed-restricted Dressage divisions), or Eventing Competitions every two years.

Section 7.1.3 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain 'S' Status

A. Eligibility Requirements
1. Applicants must be current Participating Members in good standing with the USDF.
2. Applicants must have been licensed as a 'R' Judge for at least 36 months.
3. Must have officiated at a minimum of 15 Federation licensed/USDF recognized Dressage competitions within the past five competition years.
4. Must have officiated a minimum of 350 rides at Federation licensed/USDF recognized Dressage competitions as a USEF 'R' Dressage Judge.
5. Must have officiated a minimum of 40 Third Level Test 2 or 3 rides and 40 Fourth Level Test 2 or 3 rides at Federation licensed/USDF recognized Dressage competitions within the past five competition years. Eventing and Breed restricted competitions do not count.
6. Must have officiated the following classes as part of a judges panel that included an 'S' Dressage Judge.
    i. Three Fourth Level classes (Tests 1, 2, or 3)
    ii. A class must have a minimum of four riders complete the test to receive credit.
7. Must earn five riding scores at a minimum of 60% or higher from four different judges at the Intermediate A, B or II /Grand Prix/Grand Prix Special level. Three of the five scores must be at the Grand Prix Level at Federation licensed/USDF recognized open Dressage competitions (Freestyles do not count).
8. Exception: If otherwise eligible, currently licensed, or retired, foreign FEI Level 3 (formerly 4*) and Level 4 (formerly 5*) Dressage Judges may apply for a Federation Senior ('S') Dressage Judge license. Qualified applicants will be exempt from the eligibility requirements listed above but must meet the following application requirements:

i. Applicants must reside full or part time in the United States and must have either a work visa or Green Card status.
ii. Applicants must be current Federation Active and USDF Participating members in good standing.
iii. Applicants must attend a Federation/USDF Dressage Judge Clinic within 12 months prior to submitting licensing request.

B. Application Requirements
1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.
2. Applicants must complete the application requirements in the order defined below unless noted otherwise.
3. Submit Training Program application to USDF.
4. Applicants must complete Part I and II of the Training Program within two years preceding license application.
5. Attend Part I of the Training Program (Three Days).
6. Apprenticeships
    i. All apprenticing must be completed between Part I and Part II of the training program and with a judge approved per the mentor criteria.
    ii. Applicants may not apprentice with an examiner of a given training program. However, applicants may work with the instructor of a training program as long as this instructor is not involved in the Final Examination
    iii. Apprentice at a minimum of three Federation licensed/USDF recognized open dressage competitions with at least two different judges approved per the mentor criteria:
        1. A class must have a minimum of four riders complete the test to receive credit.
            a. Eight classes in Intermediate II, Grand Prix (including Developing Horse), Grand Prix Special, or FEI 16-25 Grand Prix.
            b. 10 tests at Prix St. Georges, YR, or Developing Horse Prix St. Georges.
            c. 10 tests at Intermediate I
        2. Freestyle classes do not count towards any apprenticing requirements.
    iv. Applicants must apprentice at least six classes outside of their home USDF region.
    v. Applicants must fulfill the required apprenticing in a group setting. However, a maximum of one individual apprenticing experience per applicant is permitted.
    vi. All apprentice evaluations must be positive to count toward apprenticing requirements.
7. Observing
    i. Observing may begin upon acceptance of an invitation and assignment to a scheduled USDF Training Program.
    ii. Must sit as an observer at a minimum of four Federation licensed/USDF recognized open dressage competitions. This must include a minimum of:
        1. 10 tests at Intermediate II, Grand Prix, Grand Prix Special (including Developing Horse Grand Prix), or FEI 16-25 Grand Prix. This must be completed with at least two different USEF licensed Senior or FEI Judges.
        2. 10 tests at Prix St. Georges, YR, or Developing Horse Prix St. Georges.
        3. 10 tests at Intermediate I
        4. Six tests each of 4, 5, and 6-year old Young Horse tests with panels of FEI Judges or a combination of FEI and Federation licensed Senior Judges. Candidates may substitute this sitting/observing by attending a USEF/USDF Young Horse clinic.
        5. Candidates are also encouraged to sit and observe as many FEI Freestyle classes as possible.
8. Final Examination
    i. Training Program Part II
        1. The Final Examination includes the following components:
            a. Closed book written examination

i. Applicants must pass the closed book written examination with a score of 80% or higher.

b. Practical Examination
   i. Oral Evaluation
   ii. Practical Judging
   iii. Applicants must pass the Practical Examination with a score of 73% or higher.

9. Additional helpful information can be found here.

C. Maintenance Requirements
1. Judges must be a current Participating Member in good standing of the USDF.
2. Judges must annually pass an open book maintenance examination with a score of 85% or higher.
3. Judges must attend Federation/USDF Dressage Judge clinic every three years. (Exception: FEI-licensed Dressage Judges who attend an FEI Judge's clinic at least once every three years are required to attend a Federation/USDF Dressage Judge clinic only once every five years.)
4. Judges must officiate at four Federation licensed/USDF recognized Dressage competitions, Regular Competitions (with open or breed-restricted Dressage divisions), or Eventing Competitions every two years.

Section 7.1.4 Requirements to Obtain Freestyle Designation

A. Eligibility Requirements
1. Applicants must be Federation Dressage Judges and current Participating Members in good standing with the USDF.

B. Application Requirements
1. Applicants must attend a Federation/USDF Freestyle Designation clinic or an approved USDF Continuing Education in Judging Freestyle clinic within the past three years.
2. Applicants must pass a quiz with a score of 85% or higher within 30 days of clinic attendance.

C. Maintenance Requirements
1. Officials are not required to complete any maintenance requirements.

Section 7.1.5 Requirements to Obtain Dressage Seat Equitation Designation

A. Eligibility Requirements
1. Applicants must be Federation Dressage Judges and current Participating Members in good standing with the USDF.

B. Application Requirements
1. Applicants must have completed the following requirements within the past three years.
2. Applicants must complete the Dressage Seat Equitation Learning Module and pass the quiz with a score of 85% or higher within 60 days prior to attending the Federation/USDF Dressage Seat Equitation Clinic.
3. Applicants must attend a Federation/USDF Dressage Seat Equitation Designation clinic.
4. Applicants must pass a quiz with a score of 85% or higher within 30 days of clinic attendance.

C. Maintenance Requirements
1. Officials are not required to complete any maintenance requirements.

Section 7.1.6 Requirements to Obtain Young Horse Designation

A. Eligibility Requirements
1. Applicants must be Federation Dressage Judges and current Participating Members in good standing with the USDF.

B. Application Requirements
1. Applicants must attend a Federation/USDF Young Horse Designation clinic within the past three years.
2. Applicants must pass a quiz with a score of 85% or higher within 30 days of clinic attendance.

C. Maintenance Requirements
1. Officials are not required to complete any maintenance requirements.

Section 7.2 – Dressage Sport Horse Breeding Judges.

Section 7.2.1 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain 'r' Status

A. Eligibility Requirements
1. Applicants must be current Participating Members in good standing with the USDF.

2. All applicants must demonstrate knowledge and experience with the breeding of horses raised primarily for dressage for a minimum of five years. This may include experience as a breeding manager, owner, breeder or trainer of sport horses showing in Dressage Sport Horse Breeding (DSHB) classes, or member of an inspection jury of a WBFSH breed association. Documentation must be submitted on the required form, which is available from USDF.
3. All applicants must fulfill two of following (either iii or iv can be counted, but not both):
    i. Be a Federation licensed Dressage Judge
    ii. Have exhibited as a breeding manager, owner, breeder, or trainer in DSHB classes at USEF licensed/USDF recognized Dressage Competitions in Sport Horse Prospect or Breeding Stock in-hand classes, receiving a minimum of four scores at 70% or higher, from a minimum of three different judges. Group or Individual Breed Classes (IBC) will not be considered.
    iii. Either, have owned, bred or trained at least two horses which have shown successfully in DSHB classes at Federation licensed/USDF recognized Dressage Competitions resulting in placing in the top 25% of USDF DSHB Horse of the Year (HOY) awards or qualifying for a USDF Breeders Championship Series Finals with a minimum score of 72%;
    iv. Have bred at least two horses which have qualified under saddle for USEF/USDF Dressage Regional Championships at any level and division per published minimum requirements.
    v. Participate as a member of the Inspection Jury for a European breed association or its North American affiliate at a minimum of three inspection sites with a minimum of ten horses inspected at each site.
    vi. For Federation Dressage Judges only: Observe USEF/USDF DSHB classes totaling at least 16 hours with a "R" DSHB Judge, including in hand, group and under saddle or Materiale classes. Classes must be at Federation licensed/USDF recognized Dressage Competitions holding DSHB classes. Observe in-hand classes for a minimum of 12 hours (of the required 16 hours). Handler classes do not count towards meeting this requirement.
4. Attend at least one USDF Sport Horse Seminar within the past six calendar years.

B. Application Requirements
1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.
    a. Exception: Scribing requirements may be completed prior to starting an application.
2. Applicants must complete the application requirements in the order defined below. Applicants must complete the following requirements within two years preceding license application.
3. Submit a training program application to USDF.
4. Attend at least one USDF Sport Horse Seminar (for a total of two seminars) within the past six calendar years prior to attending the Practical Training.
5. Scribe a minimum of 16 hours in DSHB classes at Federation licensed/USDF recognized Dressage Competitions, with Federation licensed DSHB Judges.
6. Observe a minimum of 16 hours in DSHB classes at Federation licensed/USDF recognized Dressage Competitions, with Federation licensed DSHB Judges.
7. Complete the Practical Training Program.
8. Apprenticing
    i. Apprentice at a minimum of three Federation licensed Dressage Competitions with at least three different Federation licensed DSHB Judges for a minimum of 45 total in-hand entries.
        1. Apprentice a minimum of four DSHB Under Saddle, Materiale, or Suitability classes in the DSHB division. There must be a minimum of 12 horses judged in a combination of Under Saddle, Materiale, and Suitability classes.
        2. Handler classes do not count towards meeting this requirement.
    ii. All apprenticeships must be completed with a DSHB 'R' Judge who is on the approved mentor list.
    iii. All apprentice evaluations must be positive to count toward apprenticing requirements.

9. Applicants who are not already Federation licensed Dressage Judges must attend (as an auditor or participant) Sessions A, B and C of any USDF "L" Education Program. Written verification of attendance is required. This requirement must be completed before attending the Final Examination.
10. Applicants must attend a Federation/USDF Dressage Sport Horse Breeding (DSHB) Judges Clinic before attending the Final Examination.
11. Attend the Final Examination which includes:
    i. Closed book written examination
        1. Applicants must pass the closed book examination with a score of 85% or higher.
    ii. Practical examination
        1. Oral examination
        2. Live Horse Judging Examination
        3. Applicants must pass the Practical Examination with a score of 73% or higher.
12. Additional information, including definitions for scribing, apprenticing, and observing can be found in the Dressage Licensing Handbook.

C. Maintenance Requirements
1. Judges must be current Participating Members in good standing of the USDF.
2. Judges must attend a Federation/USDF DSHB Judges' clinic every three years.
3. Judges must officiate at two Federation licensed competition every three years.
4. Judges must annually pass an open book examination with a score of 85% or higher.

Section 7.2.2 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain 'R' Status

A. Eligibility Requirements
1. Applicants must be current Participating Members in good standing with the USDF.
2. Applicants must have maintained their 'r' DSHB Federation license for at least 36 months.
3. Applicants must officiate at nine competitions with DSHB divisions each with 10 or more horses and with a minimum of 100 horses judged overall. Breed specific Sport Horse divisions cannot be counted as part of the minimum eight competitions or in the minimum total number of horses judged.
4. Applicants must have officiated two USDF Breeders Championship.

B. Application Requirements
1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.
2. Applicants must complete the application requirements in the order defined below unless noted otherwise. Applicants must complete the following requirements within two years preceding license application.
3. Submit a training program application to USDF.
4. Complete the Practical Training Program.
5. Attend the Final Examination which includes:
    i. Closed book written examination
        1. Applicants must pass the closed book written examination with a score of 85% or higher.
    ii. Practical Examination
        1. Oral examination
        2. Live Horse Judging Examination
        3. Applicant must pass the Practical Examination with a score of 73% or higher.
6. Additional information, including definitions for scribing, apprenticing, and observing can be found in the Dressage Licensing Handbook.

C. Maintenance Requirements
1. Judges must be current Participating Members in good standing of the USDF.
2. Judges must attend a Federation/USDF DSHB clinic once every three years.
3. Judges must officiate at two Federation licensed competition every three years.
4. Judges must annually pass an open book examination with a score of 85% or higher.

Section 7.3 – Dressage Technical Delegates.

Section 7.3.1 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain 'r' Status

A. Eligibility Requirements

1. Applicants must be current Participating Members in good standing with the USDF.
2. Applicants must have served in a position of responsibility in the past eight years, at a minimum of six Federation licensed/USDF recognized dressage competitions. This experience must be completed over a minimum of six full competition days in six or more of the following positions:
    i. At least two of these positions must be as a Manager, Assistant Manager, Secretary or Assistant Secretary.
    ii. The other experiences must be from the following positions:
        1. Scribe
        2. Scorer
        3. Stable Manager
        4. Ring Steward
        5. Volunteer Coordinator
    iii. In addition, the USDF Competition Management Learning Module must be completed in order for Assistant Managers and Assistant Secretaries to meet this requirement.
3. Applicants must serve a minimum of one-half day (at least three hours) as an equipment checker at two different Federation licensed/USDF recognized competitions with two different Dressage Technical Delegates ("DTDs").
4. Applicants must have documented experience at three different Federation licensed/USDF recognized dressage competitions as a competitor, trainer, coach, groom, or owner. Applicants must provide detailed self-documentation for any information that is not easily verified.
5. Applicants must attend a USDF Apprentice TD Clinic.
6. Exception: 'R' Category 2 (C2) Stewards who have been licensed by the Federation for a minimum of five years, and who have officiated at a minimum of five Federation licensed/USDF recognized Regular Competitions holding Dressage classes, may apply for enrollment in the Recorded ('r') Dressage Technical Delegate Training Program upon completion of at least three full days of service in four or more of the following positions at a Dressage Competition:
    i. Manager or Assistant Manager
    ii. Secretary or Assistant Secretary
    iii. Scorer
    iv. Equipment Checker
    v. In addition, the Competition Management Learning Module must be completed in order for Assistant Managers and Assistant Secretaries to meet this requirement.
7. Applicants must complete and submit the Documentation of Experience Form for all of the above experiences.

B. Application Requirements
1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.
2. Applicants must complete the application requirements in the order defined below unless otherwise noted.
3. Submit training program application to USDF. The application requirements must be completed within two years of the application date.
4. Attend a Federation Measurement Certification clinic at any time before the Final Examination.
    i. Federation Measurement Certification clinics include practical and open book written examinations. Applicants must pass the written examination with a score of 85% or higher and pass the practical examination with a score of 85% or higher.
    ii. Applicants are only permitted to attempt the written examination once. If an applicant fails the written examination, they may re-test at the next available clinic.
    iii. Applicants are only permitted to attempt the practical examination twice. If an applicant fails twice, they may re-test at the next available clinic.
    iv. Applicants cannot re-test the written or practical examinations at the same clinic where they failed an exam.

5. Attend a Federation/USDF Dressage TD clinic within one calendar year of acceptance into the training program and prior to any apprenticing.
6. Apprenticeship
    i. Applicants must apprentice at a minimum of four different Federation licensed/USDF recognized Dressage Competitions.
        1. All competitions must be at least two days in length.
        2. At least two competitions must be Level 3 or higher. At least one competition must be Level 2. The remaining competition(s) may be any level (Level 1-5).
        3. A full day is defined as a minimum of six working hours at the competition. Working less than six hours per day cannot be used to fulfill this requirement but may be used as an additional experience.
    ii. Applicants must apprentice with at least four different Federation licensed DTDs who are on the approved mentor list. Two of the mentors must be Registered ('R') DTDs.
    iii. Three of the four competitions must offer FEI level classes.
    iv. The competitions must be in at least three different locations.
        1. At least one must be with a Federation approved 'R' DTD in a location outside the apprentice's home USDF Region.
        2. At least one must be in a location outside of the apprentice's home state.
    v. Multiple competitions held on consecutive days under the same Management and Licensee will be counted as one competition for the purpose of apprenticing.
        1. In order for an apprenticeship to be counted, the apprentice must attend the entire competition (minimum of six hours per day) and cannot perform any other activities related to the competition (i.e. competing, management).
    vi. All apprentice evaluations must be positive to count toward apprenticing requirements.
7. Final Examination
    i. Applicants must submit a DTD Final Examination Request Form.
    ii. Applicants must complete a written examination which will be administered each year at the USDF Annual Convention or at another time and location approved and supervised by the USDF.
    iii. Applicants must pass the open book examination with a score of 85% or higher.
        1. If an applicant fails the first attempt, the applicant must meet with the USDF Licensed Officials Working Group to review areas of concern. A second exam will be offered within 90 days of the first examination attempt.
        2. If an applicant fails the second attempt, the applicant must apprentice with Technical Delegates selected by the USDF Licensed Officials Working Group at one Level 2 and one Level 3 Federation licensed/USDF recognized Dressage competition. After these two apprenticeships have taken place, with positive recommendations from the presiding TDs, the applicant may retest a third time.
        3. If an applicant fails the third attempt, the application will be closed, and they must start a new application. A new application may be opened after waiting for 12 months from the date of exam.
8. Additional helpful information can be found here.

C. Maintenance Requirements
1. Technical Delegates must be current Participating Members in good standing of the USDF.
2. Technical Delegates must attend a Federation/USDF Dressage TD clinic every three years.
3. Technical Delegates must complete the Federation Measurement Certification maintenance requirements every three years. Full program requirements are provided on the Federation website.
    i. A DTD who fails to complete the measurement certification maintenance requirements will not have his license renewed the next membership year and must pass the relevant examination(s) before his license is reinstated.
4. Technical Delegates must officiate at three Federation licensed/USDF recognized competitions every three years.
5. Technical Delegates must pass an annual online "New Rules and Equipment" quiz with a score of 90% or higher.

6. Technical Delegates must annually pass three Continuing Education Learning Modules with a score of 85% or higher on each quiz.

Section 7.3.2 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain 'R' Status

A. Eligibility Requirements
    1. Applicants must be a current Participating member in good standing with the USDF.
    2. Applicants must have maintained a 'r' DTD license for at least 36 months.
    3. Applicants must have officiated as a DTD at 15 or more Federation licensed/USDF recognized open Dressage competitions within the past eight years. Multiple competitions held on consecutive days under the same Management and Licensee will be counted as one competition for the purpose of the show count.
        i. Six of these competitions must be out of the applicant's home USDF Region with at least two different USDF Regions represented.
        ii. Six of these competitions must be at Level 3 or higher.

B. Application Requirements
    1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.
    2. Applicants may complete the following requirements in any order. However, the training program application must be submitted first.
    3. Submit training program application to USDF. All application requirements must be completed within two years after acceptance into the training program.
    4. Applicants must attend a Federation/USDF Dressage TD clinic.
    5. Apprenticeships
        i. Apprentice at five Level 3 or higher Federation Licensed/USDF recognized Dressage Competitions. Each competition must be held over three or more days.
            1. At least one of these competitions must be a Level 3 or higher Federation Licensed/NAYC qualifying competition.
            2. At least two competitions must be a Level 4 or higher USEF/USDF Regional Championship outside of the applicant's home USDF Region.
            3. At least two competitions must be a Level 5 USEF/USDF competition with a CDI.
        ii. Apprentice with at least three different Registered DTDs. All apprenticeships must be completed with DTDs who are on the approved mentor list.
        iii. Competitions with separate USEF License numbers for each consecutive day will be accepted towards fulfillment of this requirement as long as the entire duration of the consecutive competition days is at least three days.
        iv. Multiple competitions held on consecutive days under the same Management and Licensee will be counted as one competition for the purpose of apprenticing.
        v. A full day is defined as a minimum of six working hours at the competition. Working less than six hours per day cannot be used to fulfill this requirement but may be used as additional experience.
            1. In order for an apprenticeship to be counted, the apprentice must attend the entire competition (minimum of six hours per day) and cannot perform any other activities related to the competition (i.e., competing, management).
        vi. All apprentice evaluations must be positive to count toward apprenticing requirements.
    6. Final Examination
        i. Applicants must submit the DTD Final Examination Request Form.
        ii. Applicants must complete a written examination which will be administrated each year at the USDF Annual Convention or at another time and location approved and supervised by the USDF.
        iii. Applicants must pass the open book examination with a score of 85% or higher.
            1. If an applicant fails the first attempt, the applicant must meet with the USDF Licensed Officials Working Group to review areas of concern. A second exam will be offered within 90 days of the first examination attempt.

2. If an applicant fails the second attempt, the applicant must apprentice with Technical Delegates selected by the USDF Licensed Officials Working Group at one Level 4 and one Level 5 Federation licensed/USDF recognized Dressage competition. After these two apprenticeships have taken place, with positive recommendations from the presiding TDs, the applicant may retest a third time.
3. If an applicant fails the third attempt, the application will be closed, and they must start a new application. A new application may be opened after waiting for 12 months from the date of exam.

7. Additional helpful information can be found here.

C. Maintenance Requirements
1. Technical Delegates must be current Participating Members in good standing of the USDF.
2. Technical Delegates must attend a Federation/USDF Dressage TD clinic every three years.
3. Technical Delegates must complete the Federation Measurement Certification maintenance requirements every three years. Full program requirements are provided on the Federation website.
    i. A DTD who fails to complete the measurement certification maintenance requirements will not have his license renewed the next membership year and must pass the relevant examination(s) before his license is reinstated.
4. Technical Delegates must officiate at three Federation licensed/USDF recognized Dressage competitions every three years.
5. Technical Delegates must pass an annual online "New Rules and Equipment" quiz with a score of 90% or higher.
6. Technical Delegates must annually pass three Continuing Education Learning Modules with a score of 85% or higher on each quiz.

Section 8. Endurance.

Section 8.1 – Endurance Stewards.

Section 8.1.1 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain 'r' Status

A. Eligibility Requirements
1. Applicants are not required to meet any additional eligibility requirements besides those defined in Chapter 10 of the Federation rulebook and/or the Licensed Official Policies and Procedures.

B. Application Requirements
1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.
2. Applicants must complete the application requirements in the order defined below. All requirements must be completed within three years prior to the application for licensure.
3. Complete a Federation Endurance Steward clinic.
4. Applicants must apprentice with a Federation Endurance Steward, an FEI Endurance Steward, or FEI Technical Delegate at one Federation licensed Endurance competition or U.S. FEI Endurance event. The applicant must receive a positive apprentice evaluation.
    i. Exception: Apprenticing if not required if an individual has competed at and completed a minimum of three Endurance rides at a minimum distance of 80km at a Federation Licensed Endurance competition or U.S FEI Endurance event within the past five years, or;
    ii. Acted as a Competition Manager for a minimum of three Federation Licensed Endurance competitions or U.S FEI Endurance events within the past five years, or;
    iii. Held an active U.S. FEI Endurance Steward status within the past five competition years.
5. Applicants must pass a Federation Endurance Steward final exam with a score of 85% or higher.

C. Maintenance Requirements
1. Stewards must complete a Federation Endurance Steward clinic every three years.
2. Stewards must pass a written exam with a score of 85% or higher every three years.

Section 8.2 – Endurance Veterinarians.

Section 8.2.1 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain 'r' Status

A. Eligibility Requirements

1. Applicants must be registered and licensed to practice veterinary medicine, or engaged as a veterinarian in a regulatory, teaching, research, extension, or other area of veterinary medicine that does not require licensure, in the United States.

B. Application Requirements
    1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.
    2. Applicants must complete the application requirements in the order defined below. All requirements must be completed within three years prior to the application for licensure.
    3. Complete a Federation Endurance Veterinarian clinic.
    4. Applicants must apprentice with a Federation Endurance Veterinarian, FEI EOV, or FEI EVT at one Federation licensed Endurance competition or U.S. FEI Endurance event. The applicant must receive a positive apprentice evaluation.
        i. Exception: Apprenticing if not required if an individual has competed at and completed a minimum of three Endurance rides at a minimum distance of 80km at a Federation Licensed Endurance competition or U.S FEI Endurance event within the past five years, or;
        ii. Acted as a Competition Manager for a minimum of three Federation Licensed Endurance competitions or U.S FEI Endurance events within the past five years.
    5. Applicants must pass a Federation Endurance Veterinarian final exam with a score of 85% or higher.

C. Maintenance Requirements
    1. Veterinarians must maintain their license to practice veterinary medicine or engagement in veterinary medicine as outlined in 8.2.1.A and report any lapses to the Federation.
    2. Veterinarians must complete a Federation Endurance Veterinarian clinic every three years.
    3. Veterinarians must pass a written exam with a score of 85% or higher every three years.

Section 9. Eventing.

Section 9.1 – Eventing Judges.

Section 9.1.1 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain ‘r’ Status

A. Eligibility Requirements
    1. Applicants must be a current Lifetime or Full member in good standing with the United States Eventing Association (USEA).

B. Application Requirements
    1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.
    2. Applicants must complete the following requirements within three years. The Final Examination must be completed last.
        i. Exceptions:
            1. Federation and FEI Dressage Judges are not required to complete the Dressage Training Program and Dressage Apprenticeships
            2. USDF L Graduates with distinction are not required to complete the Dressage Training Program
            3. Federation Eventing TDs and/or Eventing Course Designers are not required to complete the USEA XC, Jumping, and Course Design Training Program
    3. Applicants must accumulate a minimum of 10 points from Riding, Training, Organizational, and/or Officiating Experience. At least two points must come from the Organizational Experience category and at least two points must come from the Verifiable Riding or Training Experience category. Points can be earned at any time, but must be completed before attending the Final Examination.
        i. Riding or Training Experience - To be counted for riding experience, a ride must have achieved a verifiable completion result. Points are per MERs:
            1. CCI5*, CCI4* L, CCI4* S - 5 points
            2. CCI3* L - 4 points
            3. CCI3* S or CCI2* L - 3 points

4. Advanced – 4 points
5. Intermediate – 3 points
6. CCI2* S or Preliminary – 2 points
7. Training or Modified– 1 point (maximum of two points from training and/or Modified)
8. ECP Certified Coach: Level IV or V - 2 points

ii. Organizational Experience:
1. Organizer, Assistant Organizer, or Co-Organizer of a Federation Licensed/Endorsed Eventing competition - 3 points in total, not per event
2. Organizer, Assistant Organizer, or Co-Organizer of a FEI Eventing competition - 6 points in total, not per event
3. Secretary or Assistant Secretary of a Federation Licensed/Endorsed Eventing competition - 2 points in total, not per event
4. Member of an Organizing Committee – 1 point in total, not per event
5. Volunteering hours – 2 points maximum total
    a. Applicants must complete a total of 20 volunteer hours. Applicants must have the hours entered into the USEA's Volunteer Database.

iii. Officiating Experience:
1. Certified Cross-Country Course Designer – 2 points
2. USDF L Graduate Judge, with distinction – 1 point
3. Federation Dressage Judge – 2 points
4. Federation 'r' Eventing Technical Delegate or Course Designer – 4 points
5. Federation 'R' or 'S' Eventing Technical Delegate or Course Designer – 6 points
6. FEI Eventing Technical Delegate or Course Designer – 8 points

4. Dressage Training Program
    i. The Dressage Training Program consists of two Training Sessions, Independent Study and Apprenticing. Independent Study can be completed at any time.
    ii. Attend the USEA Dressage Training Session I. This session must be completed before attending Session II.
    iii. Independent Study
        1. Independent Study is separate from Apprenticing and includes scribing and sitting. All independent study must be completed at Federation licensed Eventing or Dressage competitions. Independent study requirements:
            a. Scribe for an FEI or USEF Eventing or Dressage Judge (minimum 4 hours total)
            b. Sit with a minimum of two different FEI Eventing, FEI Dressage, USEF Eventing, or USEF Dressage Judges (minimum 8 hours total)
            c. Sitting must be completed at Beginner Novice, Novice, Training, Modified, or Preliminary Levels or the comparable dressage levels per DR119.2.
    iv. Attend the USEA Dressage Training Session II.
5. Attend the USEA XC, Jumping, and Course Design Training Program.
6. Apprenticeships
    i. Multiple apprenticeships can be completed at the same competition. All apprenticeships must be completed with a USEA Preceptor at Federation licensed/Endorsed competitions. Apprenticeships with a Ground Jury Member may be used to fulfill the Dressage, Cross-Country and Jumping portions of the apprentice requirements. Dressage, Cross-Country, and Jumping apprenticeships can be completed at the same competition.
    ii. All apprenticeships must result in a positive recommendation for licensing from the Preceptor in order to count.
    iii. Dressage Apprenticeship
        1. Applicants must attend the second Dressage Training Session (Session II) prior to dressage apprenticing
        2. Apprentice with a minimum of four different Preceptors
        3. Apprentice at a minimum of two different Federation Licensed/Endorsed Eventing Competitions. The competitions must be at different locations.

4. Minimum of 60 tests, including a minimum of:
    a. 15 at Beginner Novice or Novice
    b. 15 at Training, Modified, or FEI CCI1*, and;
    c. 30 at Preliminary or FEI CCI2*

iv. Cross-Country Apprenticeship
1. Apprentice at a minimum of four Federation Licensed/Endorsed Competitions in their entirety. Apprenticing must be completed at a minimum of two different locations.
2. Must not complete more than two cross-country apprenticeships prior to attending the USEA XC, Jumping, and Course Design Training Program
3. Apprentice with two different TD Preceptors
    a. At least one TD Preceptor must have their 'R' or 'S' Eventing TD license
4. Apprentice with two different Judge Preceptors
    a. At least one Judge Preceptor must have their 'R' or 'S' Eventing Judge license
5. One apprenticeship MUST include the inspection the day before the event
6. Must apprentice at least once at each of the following levels (may be at the same events)
    a. Beginner Novice
    b. Novice
    c. Training or Modified
    d. Preliminary

v. Jumping Apprenticeship
1. Apprentice a minimum of eight hours total with at least two different Judge or TD Preceptors
2. Apprentice at a minimum of two different Federation Licensed/Endorsed Competitions. The competitions must be at different locations.

vi. If the apprenticing requirements for 'r' Judge and TD applicants are identical, then the apprenticeship may be applied to both Judge and TD license applications, if the applicant has open applications at the same time. The apprenticeship must meet all other requirements in order to count.

7. Final Examination
i. Applicants must pass a Final Examination with a score of 85% or higher on the written examination and receive passing evaluations from the examiners on the practical exam.
1. Federation licensed 'r', 'R', or 'S' Eventing TDs are only required to complete the dressage portion of the Final Examination. Federation licensed or FEI Dressage Judges are not required to complete the dressage portion of the Final Examination.

iii. Should a candidate fail to pass any section of the Final Examination, that portion will need to be re-tested, and a re-test can only be completed at another Final Examination. The examiner will discuss with the candidate, the reason the section was not passed and suggest ways for the candidate to prepare for the re-test. All additional apprenticing or other self-study will need to be documented.

C. Additional helpful information can be found here.
D. Maintenance Requirements
1. Judges must officiate at three Federation Licensed/Endorsed Eventing Competitions every three years.
2. Judges must attend a Federation/USEA Eventing Judges' clinic every three years.
3. Judges must pass a written examination with a score of 85% or higher every three years.
4. Judges must be a current Lifetime or Full Member in good standing of the USEA.

Section 9.1.2 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain 'R' Status

A. Eligibility Requirements
1. Applicants must be a current Lifetime or Full member in good standing with the USEA.
B. Application Requirements
1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.

2. Applicants must complete the following requirements within three years. Final Examination must be completed last.
    i. Exceptions:
        1. 'R' or 'S' Eventing Technical Delegates are not required to complete the Independent Study, and Cross-Country and Jumping Apprenticeships.
        2. Federation or FEI Dressage Judges are not required to complete the Independent Study and Dressage Apprenticeship.
3. Applicants must have officiated at a minimum of 10 Federation Licensed/Endorsed competitions before attending the Final Examination. The applicant must have been listed as President or member of the Ground Jury for ten competitions that included the Preliminary level.
4. Attend the USEA 'R' & 'S' Promotion Training Program.
5. Independent Study
    i. Independent Study is separate from Apprenticing and includes sitting. All Independent Study must be completed at Federation licensed/Endorsed Eventing or Dressage competitions. Independent Study requirements include:
        1. Sit with a minimum of two different FEI Eventing, FEI Dressage, USEF Eventing ('R' or 'S'), or USEF Dressage Judges
        2. Sit for a total of 20 dressage tests at the Intermediate level, the comparable dressage levels per DR119.2, or FEI CCI3*.
6. Apprenticeships
    i. Apprenticeships with a Ground Jury Member may be used to fulfill the Dressage and Course Evaluation portions of the apprentice requirements at the same competition. All apprenticeships must be completed at Federation licensed/Endorsed competitions. All apprenticeships must result in a positive recommendation for licensing in order to count.
    ii. Dressage Apprenticeships – A minimum of two separate apprenticeships are required.
        1. Apprentice with two different Ground Jury Members (PGJ or MGJ) at the Intermediate level or at a CCI3* (S or L).
        2. One of the two apprenticeships must include the Intermediate level.
        3. Applicants must apprentice a minimum of 15 tests total.
    iii. Cross-Country and Jumping Apprenticeships (which include the course evaluation) – A minimum of four separate apprenticeships are required.
        1. Complete two apprenticeships with two different Ground Jury Members (PGJ or MGJ) at the Intermediate level.
        2. Complete one apprenticeship with a Member of the Ground Jury (PGJ or MGJ) at a CCI3* (S or L)
        3. Complete one apprenticeship with a U.S. Cross-Country Course Advisor, 'R' or 'S' Eventing CD, or an FEI Level 2 or higher Eventing Course Designer. This apprenticeship must include the Intermediate level or CCI3* (S or L). This apprenticeship can occur prior to or during the competition.
    iv. If the apprenticing requirements for 'R' Judge and TD applicants are identical, then the apprenticeship may be applied to both Judge and TD license applications, if the applicant has open applications at the same time. The apprenticeship must meet all other requirements in order to count.
7. Final Examination
    i. Applicants must pass a Final Examination with a score of 85% or higher on the written examination and receive passing evaluations from the examiners on the practical exam.
        1. Federation licensed 'R' or 'S' Eventing TDs are only required to complete the dressage portion of the Final Examination. Federation licensed or FEI Dressage Judges are not required to complete the dressage portion of the Final Examination.
    ii. Should a candidate fail to pass any section of the Final Examination, that portion will need to be re-tested, and a re-test can only be completed at another Final Examination. The examiner will discuss with the candidate the reason the section was not passed, and suggest ways for the

candidate to prepare for the re-test. All additional apprenticing or other self-study will need to be documented.

8. Additional helpful information can be found here.

C. Maintenance Requirements
   1. Judges must officiate at three Federation Licensed/Endorsed Eventing Competitions every three years.
   2. Judges must attend a Federation/USEA Eventing Judges' clinic every three years.
   3. Judges must pass a written examination with a score of 85% or higher every three years.
   4. Judges must be a current Lifetime or Full Member in good standing of the USEA.

Section 9.1.3 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain 'S' Status

A. Eligibility Requirements
   1. Applicants must be a current Lifetime or Full member in good standing with the USEA.

B. Application Requirements
   1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.
   2. Applicants must complete the following requirements within three years. The Final Examination must be completed last.
      i. Exceptions:
         1. USEF 'S' Eventing Technical Delegates are not required to complete the Independent Study and Course Evaluation Apprenticeship.
         2. USEF 'R', 'S' Dressage Judges or FEI Dressage Judges are not required to complete the Independent Study and Dressage Apprenticeship.
   3. Applicants must have officiated at a minimum of 10 Federation Licensed/Endorsed competitions before attending the Final Examination. The applicant must have been listed as President or member of the Ground Jury for ten competitions that included the Intermediate level.
   4. Attend the USEA 'R' & 'S' Promotion Training Program.
   5. Independent Study
      i. Independent Study is separate from Apprenticing and includes sitting. All Independent Study must be completed at Federation licensed/Endorsed Eventing or Dressage competitions. Independent Study requirements include:
         1. Sit with a minimum of two different FEI Eventing, FEI Dressage, USEF Eventing ('S'), or USEF Dressage Judges ('R' or 'S').
         2. Sit for a total of 20 dressage tests at the Advanced level, the comparable dressage levels per DR119.2, or FEI CCI4*.
   6. Apprenticeships
      i. Apprenticeships with a Ground Jury Member may be used to fulfill the Dressage and Course Evaluations portions of the apprentice requirements at the same competition. All apprenticeships must be completed at Federation licensed/Endorsed competitions. All apprenticeships must result in a positive recommendation for licensing in order to count.
      ii. Dressage Apprenticeship – A minimum of two separate apprenticeships are required.
         1. Apprentice with a minimum of two different Ground Jury Members (PGJ or MGJ) at the Advanced level or at a CCI4* (S or L).
         2. One of the two apprenticeships must include the Advanced level.
         3. Applicants must apprentice a minimum of 10 tests total.
      iii. Course Evaluation Apprenticeship – A minimum of two separate apprenticeships are required.
         1. Apprentice with a minimum of two different Members of the Ground Jury (PGJ or MGJ) at the Advanced level or at a CCI4* (S or L).
   7. Final Examination
      i. Applicants must pass a Final Examination with a score of 85% or higher on the written examination and receive passing evaluations from the examiners on the practical exam.
         1. Federation licensed 'S' Eventing TDs are only required to pass the dressage portion of the Final Examination. Federation licensed 'R' or 'S', or FEI Dressage Judges are not required to complete the dressage portion of the Final Examination.

ii. Should a candidate fail to pass any section of the Final Examination, that portion will need to be re-tested, and a re-test can only be completed at another Final Examination. The examiner will discuss with the candidate, the reason the section was not passed, and suggest ways for the candidate to prepare for the re-test. All additional apprenticing or other self-study will need to be documented.

8. Additional helpful information can be found here.

C. Maintenance Requirements
   1. Judges must officiate at three Federation Recognized/Endorsed Eventing Competitions every three years.
   2. Judges must attend a Federation/USEA Eventing Judges' clinic every three years.
   3. Judges must pass a written examination with a score of 85% or higher every three years.
   4. Judges must be a current Lifetime or Full Member in good standing of the USEA.

Section 9.2 – Eventing Technical Delegates.

Section 9.2.1 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain 'r' Status

A. Eligibility Requirements
   1. Applicants must be a current Lifetime or Full member in good standing with the USEA.

B. Application Requirements
   1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.
   2. Applicants must complete the following requirements within three years. The Final Examination must be completed last.
      i. Exception
         1. Federation Eventing Judges and/or Eventing Course Designers are not required to attend the USEA XC, Jumping, and Course Design Training Program.
   3. Applicants must accumulate a minimum of 10 points from Riding, Training, Organizational, and/or Officiating Experience. At least two points must come from the Organizational Experience category and at least two points must come from the Verifiable Riding or Training Experience category. Points can be earned at any time, but must be completed before attending the Final Examination.
      i. Riding or Training Experience - To be counted for riding experience, a ride must have achieved a verifiable completion result. Points are per MERs:
         1. CCI5*, CCI4* L, CCI4* S - 5 points
         2. CCI3* L - 4 points
         3. CCI3* S or CCI2* L - 3 points
         4. Advanced – 4 points
         5. Intermediate – 3 points
         6. CCI2* S or Preliminary – 2 points
         7. Training or Modified– 1 point (maximum of two points from training and/or Modified)
         8. ECP Certified Coach: Level IV or V– 2 points
      ii. Organizational Experience
         1. Organizer, Assistant Organizer, or Co-Organizer of a Federation Licensed/Endorsed Eventing competition - 3 points in total, not per event
         2. Organizer, Assistant Organizer, or Co-Organizer of a FEI Eventing competition - 6 points in total, not per event
         3. Secretary or Assistant Secretary of a Federation Licensed/Endorsed Eventing competition - 2 points in total, not per event
         4. Member of an Organizing Committee – 1 point in total, not per event
         5. Volunteering hours – 2 points maximum total
            a. Applicants must complete a total of 20 volunteer hours. Applicants must have the hours entered into the USEA's Volunteer Database.
      iii. Officiating Experience
         1. Certified Cross-Country Course Designer – 2 points
         2. USDF L Graduate Judge, with distinction – 1 point
         3. Federation Dressage Judge – 2 points

4. Federation ‘r’ Eventing Judge or Course Designer – 4 points
5. Federation ‘R’ or ‘S’ Eventing Judge or Course Designer – 6 points
6. FEI Eventing Judge, Technical Delegate or Course Designer – 8 points

4. Attend the USEA XC, Jumping, and Course Design Training Program.
5. Apprenticeships
    i. All apprenticeships must be completed at Federation licensed/Endorsed competitions. Applicants must apprentice at least once at each of the following levels (may be at the same events):
        1. Beginner Novice
        2. Novice
        3. Training, Modified, or FEI CCI1*
        4. Preliminary or FEI CCI2* (S or L)
    ii. All apprenticeships must result in a positive recommendation for licensing in order to count.
    iii. Cross-Country Apprenticeship – A minimum of four apprenticeships are required.
        1. Jumping and Cross-Country apprenticeships may be completed at the same competition.
        2. Must not complete more than two cross-country apprenticeships prior to attending the USEA XC, Jumping, and Course Design Training Program.
        3. Apprentice at a minimum of four Federation Licensed/Endorsed competitions with a minimum of four different TD Preceptors
        4. Apprentice at a minimum of two different locations
        5. Two Preceptors must be an ‘R’, ‘S’, or Level 2 or higher FEI Eventing TD
    iv. Jumping Apprenticeship– A minimum of two apprenticeships are required.
        1. Jumping and Cross-Country apprenticeships may be completed at the same competition.
        2. Apprentice at two Federation licensed/Endorsed competitions with a minimum of two different Preceptors (minimum of eight hours total).
            a. Apprentice with one ‘R’ or ‘S’ TD Preceptor
            b. Apprentice with one ‘R’ or ‘S’ Eventing CD Preceptor, EVJCD Preceptor, or ‘R’ Jumper CD
        3. Apprentice at a minimum of two different locations
        4. Each apprenticeship must include a course inspection prior to a class.
    v. If the apprenticing requirements for ‘r’ Judge and TD applicants are identical, the apprenticeship may be applied to both Judge and TD license applications, if the applicant has open applications at the same time. The apprenticeship must meet all other requirements in order to count.
6. Final Examination
    i. Applicants must pass a Final Examination with a score of 85% or higher on the written examination and receive passing evaluations from the examiners on the practical exam.
    ii. Should a candidate fail to pass any section of the Final Examination, that portion will need to be re-tested, and a re-test can only be completed at another Final Examination. The examiner will discuss with the candidate the reason the section was not passed, and suggest ways for the candidate to prepare for the re-test. All additional apprenticing or other self-study will need to be documented.
7. Additional helpful information can be found here.

C. Maintenance Requirements
    1. Technical delegates must officiate at three Federation Licensed/Endorsed Eventing Competitions every three years.
    2. Technical delegates must attend a Federation/USEA Eventing TD clinic every three years.
    3. Technical delegates must pass a written examination with a score of 85% or higher every three years.
    4. Technical delegates must be a current Lifetime or Full Member in good standing of the USEA.

Section 9.2.2 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain ‘R’ Status

A. Eligibility Requirements
    1. Applicants must be a current Lifetime or Full member in good standing with the USEA.
B. Application Requirements

1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.
2. Applicants must complete the following requirements within three years. The Final Examination must be completed last.
    i. Exception:
        1. If the apprenticing requirements for 'R' Judge and TD applicants are identical, then the apprenticeship may be applied to both Judge and TD license applications, if the applicant has open applications at the same time. The apprenticeship must meet all other requirements in order to count.
3. Applicants must have officiated as a Technical Delegate at a minimum of 10 Federation Licensed/Endorsed competitions and/or CCI2* (S or L) competitions before attending the Final Examination. At least five of the competitions must include the Preliminary level.
4. Attend the USEA 'R' and 'S' Promotion Training Program.
5. Apprenticeships (which include the course evaluation) - A minimum of four apprenticeships are required:
    i. All apprenticeships must be completed at Federation licensed/Endorsed competitions.
    ii. Complete two apprenticeships with two different 'R' or 'S' Technical Delegates at two Federation Licensed/Endorsed competitions that include the Intermediate Level
    iii. Complete one apprenticeship with a Level 2 or higher FEI Eventing Technical Delegate at a CCI3* (S or L)
    iv. Complete one apprenticeship with a U.S. Cross-Country Course Advisor, Level 2 or higher FEI Eventing Course Designer, or Federation licensed 'R' or 'S' Eventing CD. This apprenticeship must include the Intermediate level or CCI3* (S or L). This apprenticeship can occur prior to or during the competition.
    v. All apprenticeships must result in a positive recommendation for licensing in order to count.
    vi. If the apprenticing requirements for 'R' Judge and TD applicants are identical, then the apprenticeship may be applied to both Judge and TD license applications, if the applicant has open applications at the same time. The apprenticeship must meet all other requirements in order to count
6. Final Examination
    i. Applicants must have passed a Final Examination with a score of 85% or higher on the written examination and receive passing evaluations from the examiners on the practical exam.
    ii. Should a candidate fail to pass any section of the Final Examination, that portion will need to be re-tested, and a re-test can only be completed at another Final Examination. The examiner will discuss with the candidate the reason the section was not passed, and suggest ways for the candidate to prepare for the re-test. All additional apprenticing or other self-study will need to be documented.
7. Additional helpful information can be found here.

C. Maintenance Requirements
1. Technical delegates must officiate at three Federation Licensed/Endorsed Eventing Competitions every three years.
2. Technical delegates must attend a Federation/USEA Eventing TD clinic every three years. Refer to the Eventing Licensing Handbook for dually licensed FEI TD/USEF TD education requirements.
3. Technical delegates must pass a written examination with a score of 85% or higher every three years.
4. Technical delegates must be a current Lifetime or Full Member in good standing of the USEA.

Section 9.2.3 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain 'S' Status

A. Eligibility Requirements
1. Applicants must be a current Lifetime or Full member in good standing with the USEA.

B. Application Requirements
1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.

2. Applicants must complete the following requirements within three years. The Final Examination must be completed last.
3. Applicants must have officiated as a Technical Delegate at a minimum of 10 Federation Licensed/Endorsed competitions and/or CCI3*-L competitions (FEI Assistant Technical Delegate) before attending the Final Examination. At least five of the competitions must include the Intermediate level.
4. Attend the USEA 'R' and 'S' Promotion Training Program.
5. Cross-Country and Jumping Apprenticeships (which include the course evaluation) – A minimum of two apprenticeships are required:
    i. All apprenticeships must be completed at Federation licensed/Endorsed competitions.
    ii. Complete one apprenticeship with a 'S' Technical Delegate or Level 3 or higher FEI Eventing TD at a Federation Licensed/Endorsed competition that includes the Advanced Level or a CCI4* (S or L)
    iii. Complete one apprenticeship with a U.S. Cross-Country Course Advisor, Level 3 or higher FEI Eventing Course Designer, or 'S' Federation licensed Eventing CD at a Federation Licensed/Endorsed competition that includes the Advanced Level or a CCI4* (S or L). This apprenticeship can occur prior to or during the competition.
    iv. All apprenticeships must result in a positive recommendation for licensing in order to count.
6. Final Examination
    i. Applicants must pass a Final Examination with a score of 85% or higher on the written examination and receive passing evaluations from the examiners on the practical exam.
    ii. Should a candidate fail to pass any section of the Final Examination, that portion will need to be re-tested, and a re-test can only be completed at another Final Examination. The examiner will discuss with the candidate the reason the section was not passed, and suggest ways for the candidate to prepare for the re-test. All additional apprenticing or other self-study will need to be documented.
7. Additional helpful information can be found here.

C. Maintenance Requirements
1. Technical delegates must officiate at three Federation Licensed/Endorsed Eventing Competitions every three years.
2. Technical delegates must attend a Federation/USEA Eventing TD clinic every three years. Refer to the Eventing Licensing Handbook for dually licensed FEI TD/USEF TD education requirements.
3. Technical delegates must pass a written examination with a score of 85% or higher every three years.
4. Technical delegates must be a current Lifetime or Full Member in good standing of the USEA.

Section 9.3 – Eventing Cross-Country Course Designers.

Section 9.3.1 Certified Eventing Cross-Country Course Designer

A. Eligibility Requirements
1. Applicants must be a current Lifetime or Full member in good standing with the USEA.

B. Application Requirements
1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.
2. Applicants must complete the following requirements within three years. The Final Examination must be completed last.
    i. Exception: Foreign FEI Eventing Course Designers are not required to complete the USEA XC, Jumping, and Course Design Training Program, Apprenticeships, or practical portion of the Final Exam.
3. Applicants must attend the USEA XC, Jumping, and Course Design Training Program on Course Design and receive a passing score.
4. Apprenticeship
    i. Two apprenticeships are required. Apprenticeship must be completed with a Preceptor Eventing CD. All apprenticeship(s) must result in a positive recommendation for licensing from presiding CD in order to count.
    ii. Apprenticeship must include the Beginner Novice, Novice, and Training levels.

iii. One apprenticeship must occur during the design and setting phase prior to the competition. This may occur up to one year prior to the competition. The other apprenticeship must occur during a competition.

5. Final Examination
    i. Applicants must pass a Final Examination with a score of 85% or higher on the written examination and receive passing evaluations from the examiners on the practical exam.
    ii. Should a candidate fail to pass any section of the Final Examination, that portion will need to be re-tested, and a re-test can only be completed at another Final Examination. The examiner will discuss with the candidate, the reason the section was not passed and suggest ways for the candidate to prepare for the re-test. All additional apprenticing or other self-study will need to be documented.
6. Additional helpful information can be found here.

C. Maintenance Requirements
1. Course Designers must attend a Federation/USEA Eventing course designers' clinic or the USEA XC, Jumping, and Course Design Training Program every three years.
2. Course designers must officiate at two Federation Licensed/Endorsed Eventing Competitions every three years.
3. Course designers must pass a written examination with a score of 85% or higher every three years.
4. Course designers must be a current Lifetime or Full Member in good standing of the USEA.

Section 9.3.2 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain 'r' Status

A. Eligibility Requirements
1. Applicants must be a current Lifetime or Full member in good standing with the USEA.

B. Application Requirements
1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.
2. Applicants must complete the following requirements within three years. The Final Examination must be completed last.
    i. Exception:
        1. Federation Certified Cross Country Course Designers are not required to attend the USEA XC Jumping, and Course Design Training Program.
        2. Foreign FEI Eventing Course Designers are not required to attend the USEA XC, Jumping, and Course Design Training Program, complete the Apprenticeships, or complete the practical portion of the Final Exam.
3. Applicants must document experience at the Preliminary level or higher as rider, trainer, coach, Federation Eventing Technical Delegate, Federation Eventing Judge, or builder in the past 20 years.
4. Complete the USEA XC Jumping, and Course Design Training Program.
5. Apprenticeship
    i. Apprenticeships must be completed with a 'r', 'R', or 'S' CD Preceptor, U.S. Cross-Country Course Advisor, or Level 2 or higher FEI Eventing CD. All apprenticeships must result in a positive recommendation for licensing from presiding CD in order to count. Applicants must apprentice with a minimum of two different officials.
    ii. The following apprenticeships are required:
        1. Applicants must apprentice at a minimum of three Federation licensed/Endorsed competitions.
        2. Applicants must apprentice at a minimum of three different venues.
        3. The following levels must be apprenticed at least once across the three apprenticeships:
            a. Preliminary
            b. Intermediate
            c. CCI2* or CCI3* (S or L)
    iii. At least two of the apprenticeships must occur before the competition, during the design and setting phase. This may occur up to one year prior to the competition. At least one of the apprenticeships must take place during the competition.

iv. During at least one apprenticeship, applicants must design cross-country course maps (hypothetical or actual) for the Training, Modified, and Preliminary levels. The course maps must be provided to the CD they are apprenticing with. These maps must include the track, placement of the obstacles, overall distance, expected number of strides in a combination with more than three strides, actual distance for three strides or less, and a key identifying the obstacles.

6. Final Examination
    i. Applicants must pass a Final Examination with a score of 85% or higher on the written examination and receive passing evaluations from the examiners on the practical exam.
    ii. Should a candidate fail to pass any section of the Final Examination, that portion will need to be re-tested, and a re-test can only be completed at another Final Examination. The examiner will discuss with the candidate the reason the section was not passed, and suggest ways for the candidate to prepare for the re-test. All additional apprenticing will need to be documented.
7. Additional helpful information can be found here.

C. Maintenance Requirements
    1. Course designers must attend a Federation/USEA Eventing course designers' clinic or the USEA 'r' B & C XC Jumping, and Course Design Training Program every three years.
    2. Course designers must officiate at two Federation Licensed/Endorsed Eventing Competitions every three years.
    3. Course designers must pass a written examination with a score of 85% or higher every three years.
    4. Course designers must be a current Lifetime or Full Member in good standing of the USEA.

Section 9.3.3 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain 'R' Status

A. Eligibility Requirements
    1. Applicants must be a current Lifetime or Full member in good standing with the USEA.
B. Application Requirements
    1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.
    2. Applicants must complete the following requirements within three years. The Final Examination must be completed last.
    3. Applicants must document experience at the Intermediate level or higher as rider, trainer, coach, Federation Eventing Technical Delegate, Federation Eventing Judge, or builder in the past 20 years.
    4. Applicants must have designed 12 Preliminary courses at Federation Licensed/Endorsed competitions at three different sites before attending the Final Examination.
    5. Complete the USEA 'R' and 'S' Promotion Training Program.
    6. Apprenticeships
        i. All apprenticeships must be completed with a 'R' or 'S' Federation licensed Eventing CD Preceptor, Level 2 or higher FEI Eventing Course Designer, or U.S. Cross-Country Course Advisor. One apprenticeship must be completed with a U.S. Cross Country Course Advisor. All apprenticeships must result in a positive recommendation for licensing in order to count.
        ii. At least two of the apprenticeships must occur before the competition, during the design and setting phase. This may occur up to one year prior to the competition. At least one of these apprenticeships must occur during a competition.
        iii. The following apprenticeships are required:
            1. Applicants must apprentice at a minimum of three Federation licensed/Endorsed competitions.
            2. Applicants must apprentice at a minimum of three different venues.
            3. The following levels must be apprenticed at least once across the three apprenticeships:
                a. Intermediate
                b. Advanced
                c. CCI3* or CCI4* (S or L)
    7. Final Examination

i. Applicants must pass a Final Examination with a score of 85% or higher on the written examination and receive passing evaluations from the examiners on the practical exam.
ii. Should a candidate fail to pass any section of the Final Examination, that portion will need to be re-tested, and a re-test can only be completed at another Final Examination. The examiner will discuss with the candidate the reason the section was not passed, and suggest ways for the candidate to prepare for the re-test. All additional apprenticing will need to be documented.

8. Additional helpful information can be found here.

C. Maintenance Requirements
1. Course designers must officiate at three Federation Licensed/Endorsed Eventing Competitions at the Intermediate Level every three years or maintain Level 2 FEI Eventing Course Designer status. Failure to meet the officiating maintenance requirement will result in the Course Designer being demoted to 'r' status.
2. Course designers must attend a Federation/USEA Eventing course designers' clinic every three years.
3. Course designers must pass a written examination with a score of 85% or higher every three years.
4. Course designers must be a current Lifetime or Full Member in good standing of the USEA.

Section 9.3.4 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain 'S' Status

A. Eligibility Requirements
1. Applicants must be a current Lifetime or Full member in good standing with the USEA.

B. Application Requirements
1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.
2. Applicants must complete the following requirements within five years. The Final Examination must be completed last.
3. Applicants must document experience at the Advanced or FEI CCI4* or higher level as rider, trainer, coach, Federation Eventing Technical Delegate, Federation Eventing Judge, or builder in the past 20 years.
4. Applicants must have designed 12 Intermediate courses at Federation Licensed/Endorsed competitions at four different sites.
5. Complete the USEA 'R' and 'S' Promotion Training Program.
6. Apprenticeships
i. All apprenticeships must be completed with a 'S' Federation licensed Eventing CD Preceptor, U.S. Cross-Country Course Advisor, or Level 3 or higher FEI Eventing Course Designer. One apprenticeship must be completed with a U.S. Cross-Country Course Advisor. All apprenticeships must result in a positive recommendation for licensing in order to count.
ii. At least two of the apprenticeships must occur before the competition, during the design and setting phase. This may occur up to one year prior to the competition. At least one of these apprenticeships should occur during a competition.
iii. The following apprenticeships are required:
1. Applicants must apprentice at a minimum of three Federation licensed/Endorsed competitions.
2. Applicants must apprentice at a minimum of three different venues.
3. The following levels must be apprenticed at least once across the three apprenticeships:
a. Advanced
b. CCI4* (S or L)
7. Final Examination
i. Applicants must pass a Final Examination with a score of 85% or higher on the written examination and receive passing evaluations from the examiners on the practical exam.
ii. Should a candidate fail to pass any section of the Final Examination, that portion will need to be re-tested, and a re-test can only be completed at another Final Examination. The examiner will discuss with the candidate the reason the section was not passed, and suggest ways for the candidate to prepare for the re-test. All additional apprenticing will need to be documented.
8. Additional helpful information can be found here.

C. Maintenance Requirements
    1. Course designers must fulfill one of the following requirements to maintain their license and renew beginning for the 2029 competition year. Failure to meet the officiating maintenance requirement will result in the Course Designer being demoted to 'R' status.
        i. Maintain a Level 3 or Level 4 FEI Eventing Course Designer status
        ii. Officiate three Federation Licensed/Endorsed Eventing Competitions at the Intermediate level or maintain a Level 2 FEI Eventing Course Designer status, and assist at one Federation Licensed/Endorsed Eventing Competition at the Advanced level every five years
        iii. Officiate one Federation Licensed/Endorsed Eventing Competition at the Advanced level every five years
    2. Course designers must attend a Federation/USEA Eventing course designers' clinic every three years.
    3. Course designers must pass a written examination with a score of 85% or higher every three years.
    4. Course designers must be a current Lifetime or Full Member in good standing of the USEA.

Section 9.3.5 'R' Eventing Jumping Course Designer

A. Eligibility Requirements
    1. Applicants must be a current Lifetime or Full member in good standing with the USEA.
B. Application Requirements
    1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.
    2. Applicants must complete the following requirements within three years. Final Examination must be completed last.
    3. Design the jumping course at a minimum of two Preliminary level or higher horse trials at two separate Federation Licensed/Endorsed competitions within the previous two calendar years.
    4. Attend a Federation/USHJA Jumper Course Design Clinic or a USEA clinic given by a 'R' EVJCD or 'R' Jumper Course Designer.
    5. Apprenticing
        i. Applicants must complete at least three apprenticeships. Two apprenticeships must take place at Federation licensed Jumper or FEI Jumping competitions. One apprenticeship must take place at a Federation licensed/Endorsed or FEI Eventing competition at the Preliminary level or higher.
        ii. All apprenticeships at a Federation licensed Jumper or FEI Jumping competition must be completed with a Federation 'R' Jumper Course Designer or Level 2 or higher FEI Jumping Course Designer.
        iii. All apprenticeships at a Federation licensed/Endorsed or FEI Eventing competition must be completed with a Federation 'R' Jumper Course Designer, Level 2 or higher FEI Jumping Course Designer, Federation 'R' Eventing Jumping Course Designer, or Federation Eventing Course Designer.
        iv. Applicants must apprentice with at least two different course designers.
        v. All apprenticeships must result in a positive recommendation for licensing in order to count.
        vi. Each apprenticeship must be for at least two consecutive days.
            1. If the apprenticing takes place at a multi-day competition of four or more consecutive days, two apprenticing experiences may be completed at the same competition with two different Federation 'R' Jumper Course Designers or FEI Jumping Course Designers.
    6. Final Examination
        i. Applicants must pass a Final Examination with a score of 85% or higher on the written examination and receive passing evaluations from the examiners on the practical exam.
        ii. Should a candidate fail to pass any section of the Final Examination, that portion will need to be re-tested, and a re-test can only be completed at another Final Examination. The examiner will discuss with the candidate the reason the section was not passed, and suggest ways for the candidate to prepare for the re-test. All additional apprenticing will need to be documented.
    7. Additional helpful information can be found here.
C. Maintenance Requirements

1. Eventing Jumping Course Designers must officiate at two Federation Licensed/Endorsed competitions every three years.
2. Eventing Jumping Course Designers must attend a Federation/USHJA Jumper Course Designer clinic or a USEA clinic given by a 'R' EVJCD or 'R' Jumper Course Designer every three years.
3. Eventing Jumping Course designers must pass a written examination with a score of 85% or higher every three years.
4. Eventing Jumping Course designers must be a current Lifetime or Full Member in good standing of the USEA.

Section 10. Friesian Judges.

Section 10.1 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain 'r' Status

A. Eligibility Requirements
    1. Applicants be a current member in good standing with the International Friesian Show Horse Association (IFSHA).
B. Application Requirements
    1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.
    2. Applicants may complete the following requirements in any order. However, the Final Examination must be completed last. All application requirements must be completed within three years preceding license application.
    3. Applicants must apprentice at least once with a Federation Friesian Judge. The apprenticeship must be completed at a Federation Licensed Competition with multiple Friesian sections. The applicant must receive a positive apprentice evaluation. If the applicant does not receive a positive apprentice evaluation from the Judge, the applicant may continue to apprentice until they receive a positive apprentice evaluation.
        i. Exception: If a judge is already licensed as a Registered ('R') Judge in the Andalusian/Lusitano, Arabian, Hackney/Roadster/Saddlebred, or Morgan divisions, they may apply for a Friesian license without apprenticing, but must attend the USEF/IFSHA Friesian Judges Clinic.
    4. Applicants must attend a Federation/IFSHA Friesian Clinic.
    5. Applicants must pass a Final Examination with a score of 85% or higher. If the applicant fails the test on the first attempt, they may re-take the exam one additional time. If a passing score is not achieved on the second attempt, the applicant must repeat the clinic portion of the application requirements.
C. Maintenance Requirements
    1. Judges must attend a Federation Friesian Judges Clinic every five years.
    2. Judges must pass a written examination with a score of 90% or higher every two years.
    3. Judges must officiate at one Federation licensed competition every eight years.

Section 10.2 Requirements to Obtain 'R' Status

A. Eligibility Requirements
    1. Applicants be a current member in good standing with the IFSHA.
    2. Applicants must have officiated at two Federation licensed competitions with multiple Friesian sections within the past five years.
B. Application Requirements
    1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.
    2. All application requirements must be completed within one year preceding license application.
    3. Applicants must pass a Final Examination with a score of 85% or higher. If the applicant fails the test on the first attempt, they may re-take the exam one additional time. If a passing score is not achieved on the second attempt, the applicant must repeat the clinic portion of the application requirements.
C. Maintenance Requirements
    1. Judges must attend a Federation Friesian Judges' clinic every five years.
    2. Judges must pass a written exam with a score of 90% or higher every two years.

3. Judges must officiate at one Federation licensed competition every eight years.

Section 11. Hackney/Roadster/Saddlebred Judges.

Section 11.1 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain 'r' Status

A. Eligibility Requirements
    1. Applicants must attend a Federation/ASHBA Saddlebred/Hackney/Roadster clinic within two years preceding their checklist submission. Applicants must receive a positive evaluation with a score between 25 and 50 from all clinicians.
B. Application Requirements
    1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.
    2. Applicants must complete the application requirements in the order defined below. All application requirements must be completed within three years preceding application.
    3. Apprentice a minimum of four days at a minimum of one Federation licensed competition with at least one Federation Registered ('R') Hackney/Roadster/Saddlebred Judge. Applicants must receive a positive apprenticing evaluation.
        i. Exception: Apprenticing is not required for Federation Registered ('R') Judges licensed in another breed or Saddle Seat Equitation.
    4. Applicants must pass a Federation Final Examination with a score of 85% or higher.
    5. Applicants must be a current member in good standing with the American Saddlebred Horse and Breeders Association (ASHBA), American Hackney Horse Society (AHHS), and American Road Horse and Pony Association (ARHPA).
    6. Additional helpful information be found here.
C. Maintenance Requirements
    1. Judges must attend a Federation/ASHBA Hackney/Roadster/Saddlebred Judges' clinic every five years.
    2. Judges must pass a maintenance examination with a score of 85% or higher every three years.
    3. Judges must be a current member in good standing with the American Saddlebred Horse and Breeders Association (ASHBA) and American Hackney Horse Society (AHHS).

Section 11.2 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain 'R' Status

A. Eligibility Requirements
    1. Officiate at two Federation licensed competitions within five years preceding checklist submission.
B. Application Requirements
    1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.
    2. Applicants must complete the application requirements in the order defined below. All application requirements must be completed within one year preceding license application.
    3. Interviews
        i. Applicant will be interviewed by at least two clinicians. The applicant must receive a position interview evaluation with a score between 25 and 50.
    4. Applicants must pass a Federation Final Examination with a score of 85% or higher.
    5. Applicants must be a current member in good standing with the ASHBA, AHHS, and ARHPA.
    6. Additional helpful information be found here.
C. Maintenance Requirements
    1. Judges must attend a Federation/ASHBA Hackney/Roadster/Saddlebred Judges' clinic every five years.
    2. Judges must pass a maintenance examination with a score of 85% or higher every three years.
    3. Judges must be a current member in good standing with the American Saddlebred Horse and Breeders Association (ASHBA) and American Hackney Horse Society (AHHS).

Section 12. Hunters.

Section 12.1 – Hunter /Equitation Judges.

Section 12.1.1 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain 'r' Status

A. Eligibility Requirements
    1. Applicants must be a current Active Competing member in good standing with the United States Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA).
        i. USHJA Active/Competing membership must be maintained throughout the application process.
    2. Must not have been suspended by the Federation within the past five years. Exception: Individuals on the Medical Suspension List are permitted (GR848).
    3. Applicants must have completed two of the following requirements at Federation licensed National or Premier Hunter or Hunter/Jumper competitions within the past 10 years.
        i. Riding requirement: competed in a minimum of 25 rated hunter classes at 3'0" or higher
        ii. Training requirement: listed as a trainer for a minimum of 25 rated hunter classes at 3'0" or higher, or Regular or Green Pony Hunter over fences classes
        iii. Riding requirement: competed in a minimum of 25 equitation classes at 3'0" or higher
        iv. Training requirement: listed as a trainer for a minimum of 25 equitation classes at 3'0" or higher, or USEF Pony Medal classes

B. Application Requirements
    1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.
    2. Applicants must complete the application requirements in the order defined below.
    3. All application requirements must be completed within three years.
    4. Attend a Federation/USHJA Hunter/Equitation Judges' Clinic.
    5. Pass a written examination with a score of 84% or higher, administered at a Federation/USHJA Hunter/Equitation Judges' clinic. Pass a practical examination with a score of 80% or higher, administered at a Federation/USHJA Hunter/Equitation Judges' clinic.
    6. Apprenticeships
        i. Apprentice with at least five different Federation Registered ('R') Hunter/Equitation Judges.
        ii. Apprentice 12 full days at a minimum of three Federation licensed Regional, National or Premier Competitions. Apprenticing must be completed at a minimum of two different locations. Three of the apprenticing days must be completed at competitions that are outside of a 250 radial mile circle from the applicant's home address.
        iii. Apprentice at least two complete Premier or National rated Conformation Hunter Horse sections or two Pony Hunter sections that include a model.
        iv. Attendance at the Federation/USHJA Hunter Breeding Clinic or apprenticing one Hunter Breeding (Horse or Pony) section may substitute for one conformation section or for one Pony Hunter section with a model.
        v. Apprentice at least 15 hunter/jumping seat equitation classes total. Any combination of classes from the following list must be utilized: USEF Hunter Seat Medal, WIHS Hunter Phase, WIHS Jumper Phase, Talent Search, Maclay, NCEA Medal, USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal, USHJA 3'3" Adult Jumping Seat Medal, USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal, USEF Pony Medal, WIHS Pony Medal, THIS National Children's Medal, NHS 3'3" Medal, THIS NHS Adult Medal, Ariat National Adult Medal, and 3'3" or higher Age Group equitation.
            1. Three of the 15 classes must be at 3'3" or higher.
            2. Two of the 15 classes must be USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal, USHJA 3'3" Adult Jumping Seat Medal, WIHS Jumper Phase, or Talent Search classes.
        vi. Apprentices must receive positive recommendations for licensure from at least 80% of the judges that they apprentice with.
    7. Applicants must complete a Final Examination with a score of 85% or higher.
    8. Additional helpful information can be found here.

C. Maintenance Requirements
    1. Judges must complete a Federation/USHJA Hunter/Equitation Judges' module every year and pass an exam with a score of 84% or higher.
    2. Judges must attend a Federation/USHJA Hunter/Equitation Judges' clinic every three years.
    3. Judges must officiate at one Federation licensed competition every three years.

4. Judges must maintain an Active/Competing membership with USHJA.

Section 12.1.2 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain 'R' Status

A. Eligibility Requirements
    1. Applicants must be a current Active Competing member in good standing with the USHJA.
        i. USHJA Active/Competing membership must be maintained throughout the application process.
    2. Must not have been suspended by the Federation within the past five years. Exception: Individuals on the Medical Suspension List are permitted (GR848).
    3. Officiate at least five Federation licensed Regional, National, or Premier competitions during the past five years in the Hunter and Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation Division. At least two of the competitions must be Federation licensed National or Premier.
    4. Applicants must have completed two of the following requirements at Federation licensed National or Premier Hunter or Hunter/Jumper competitions within the past 10 years.
        i. Riding requirement: competed in a minimum of 25 rated hunter classes at 3'3" or higher
        ii. Training requirement: listed as a trainer for a minimum of 25 rated hunter classes at 3'3" or higher, or Regular or Green Pony Hunter over fences classes
        iii. Riding requirement: competed in a minimum of 25 equitation classes at 3'0" or higher
        iv. Training requirement: listed as a trainer for a minimum of 25 equitation classes at 3'0" or higher, or USEF Pony Medal classes
    5. Exception: Current Equestrian Canada Senior Hunter and Hunt Seat Equitation Judges may apply directly for a USEF 'R' Hunter/Equitation Judge license. Eligible applicants will be exempt from the eligibility requirements listed above, but must be a current Active Competing member in good standing with the USHJA. Eligible applicants are required to attend a Federation/USHJA Hunter/Equitation Judges' Clinic and pass a written examination with a score of 84% or higher, administered at the Federation/USHJA Clinic.

B. Application Requirements
    1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.
    2. Applicants may complete the following requirements in any order. All application requirements must be completed within three years.
    3. Attend a Federation/USHJA Hunter/Equitation Judges' clinic.
    4. Pass a written examination with a score of 84% or higher at a Federation/USHJA Hunter/Equitation Judges' clinic. Pass a practical examination with a score of 80% or higher, administered at a Federation/USHJA Hunter/Equitation Judges' clinic.
    5. Apprenticeships
        i. Apprentice with at least five different Federation Registered ('R') Hunter/Equitation Judges.
        ii. Apprentice 12 full days at a minimum of three Federation licensed National or Premier competitions. Apprenticing must be completed at a minimum of two different locations. Three of the apprenticing days must be completed at competitions that are outside of a 250 radial mile circle from the applicant's home address.
        iii. Apprentice one Premier or National rated conformation section, Pony Hunter section with a model, or one Hunter Breeding Section.
            1. If a Premier or National rated conformation section, Pony Hunter section with a model, or Hunter Breeding section is not offered, attendance at a Federation/USHJA Hunter Breeding clinic may serve as a substitute for the conformation apprenticing requirements.
        iv. Apprentice at least 15 hunter/jumping seat equitation classes total. Any combination of classes from the following list must be utilized: USEF Hunter Seat Medal, WIHS Hunter Phase, WIHS Jumper Phase, Talent Search, Maclay, NCEA Medal, USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal, USHJA 3'3" Adult Jumping Seat Medal, USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal, USEF Pony Medal, WIHS Pony Medal, NHS 3'3" Medal, and 3'3" or higher Age Group equitation.
            1. Six of the 15 classes must be at 3'6" or higher.

2. Three of the 15 classes must be USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal, USHJA 3'3" Adult Jumping Seat Medal, WIHS Jumper Phase, or Talent Search classes.

v. Apprentices must receive positive recommendations for licensure from at least 80% of the judges that they apprentice with.

6. Optional: Hunter Breeding Designation
   i. Applicants must attend a Federation/USHJA Hunter Breeding Clinic and pass a written exam with a score of 84% or higher. (See Section 12.1.5.C for maintenance requirements.)
7. Applicants must complete a Final Examination with a score of 85% or higher.
8. Additional helpful information can be found here.

C. Maintenance Requirements
   1. Judges must complete a Federation/USHJA Hunter/Equitation Judges' module every year and pass an exam with a score of 84% or higher.
   2. Judges must attend a Federation/USHJA Hunter/Equitation Judges' clinic every five years.
   3. Judges must officiate at one Federation licensed competition every three years.
   4. Judges must maintain an Active/Competing membership with USHJA.

Section 12.1.3 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain Hunter Breeding Designation

A. Eligibility Requirements
   1. Applicants must be a current Active Competing member in good standing with the USHJA.
   2. Applicants must be a Federation licensed 'R' Hunter/Equitation Judge or 'R' Hunter/Equitation Judge applicant.

B. Application Requirements
   1. Applicants must complete the application requirements in the order defined below.
   2. Attend a Federation/USHJA Hunter Breeding clinic.
   3. Pass a written examination with a score of 84% or higher administered at a Federation/Hunter Breeding clinic.
   4. Additional helpful information be found here.

C. Maintenance Requirements
   1. Judges must attend a Federation/USHJA Hunter Breeding clinic once every five years. In order to receive clinic credit, attendees must attend all sessions and pass an exam with a score of 84% or higher at the clinic.
   2. Judges must maintain an Active/Competing membership with USHJA.

Section 12.2 – Hunter Course Designers.

Section 12.2.1 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain Regional Hunter Course Designer Status

A. Eligibility Requirements
   1. Applicants must be a current Active Competing member in good standing with the USHJA.
      i. USHJA Active/Competing membership must be maintained throughout the application process.

B. Application Requirements
   1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.
   2. Applicants must complete the application requirements in the order defined below. All application requirements must be completed within two years.
   3. Attend a Federation/USHJA Hunter Course Designer clinic. In order to receive clinic credit, applicants must pass the Course Designer Homework with a score of 75% or higher.
   4. Applicants must complete a Final Examination with a score of 85% or higher.

C. Maintenance Requirements
   1. Course Designers must attend a Federation/USHJA Hunter Course Designer clinic every three years.
   2. Course Designers must complete a Federation/USHJA Hunter Course Designers' module every year and pass an exam with a score of 84% or higher.
   3. Course Designers must officiate at one Federation licensed competition every three years.
   4. Course Designers must maintain an Active/Competing membership with USHJA.

Section 12.2.2 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain 'r' Status

A. Eligibility Requirements
    1. Applicants must be a current Active Competing member in good standing with the USHJA.
        i. USHJA Active/Competing membership must be maintained throughout the application process.
    2. Applicants must meet at least one of the following experience requirements within the past 10 years:
        i. Designed hunter courses at a USHJA Outreach Category 1 competition
        ii. Acted as a Regional Hunter Course Designer at a minimum of three Federation licensed competitions
        iii. Officiated as a USEF Jumper Course Designer or FEI Jumping Course Designer at a minimum of three Federation licensed competitions
        iv. Acted as rider or trainer in a rated Hunter section at a minimum of five Federation licensed competitions

B. Application Requirements
    1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.
    2. Applicants must complete the application requirements in the order defined below.
    3. All application requirements must be completed within three years.
    4. Attend a Federation/USHJA Hunter Course Designer clinic. In order to receive clinic credit, applicants must pass the Course Designer Homework with a score of 75% or higher.
    5. Pass a written examination with a score of 84% or higher administered at the Federation/USHJA Hunter Course Designer Clinic.
    6. Apprenticeships
        i. Apprentice with three different Federation Registered ('R') Hunter Course Designers
        ii. Apprentice 12 full days at a minimum of three Federation licensed Regional, National, or Premier Competitions in different locations. Five of the apprenticing days must be completed at competitions that are outside of a 250 radial mile circle from the applicant's home address.
        iii. Apprentice the following classes:
            1. One USHJA National or International Hunter Derby.
            2. Six unique Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation courses from the following list: USEF Hunter Seat Medal, WIHS Hunter Phase, WIHS Jumper Phase, Talent Search, Maclay, NCEA Medal, USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal, USHJA 3'3" Adult Jumping Seat Medal, USEF Pony Medal, WIHS Pony Medal, THIS National Children's Medal, THIS NHS Adult Medal, USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal, Ariat Adult Medal, and 3'3" or higher Age Group equitation.
        iv. Apprentices must receive positive recommendations for licensure from at least 80% of the course designers that they apprentice with.
    7. Applicants must complete a Final Examination with a score of 85% or higher.
    8. Additional helpful information be found here.

C. Maintenance Requirements
    1. Course Designers must attend a Federation/USHJA Hunter Course Designer clinic every three years.
    2. Course Designers must complete a Federation/USHJA Hunter Course Designers' module every year and pass an exam with a score of 84% or higher.
    3. Course Designers must officiate at one Federation licensed competition every three years.
    4. Course Designers must maintain an Active/Competing membership with USHJA.

Section 12.2.3 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain 'R' Status

A. Eligibility Requirements
    1. Applicants must be a current Active Competing member in good standing with the USHJA.
        i. USHJA Active/Competing membership must be maintained throughout the application process.
    2. Officiate as a Hunter Course Designer at a minimum of four National and one Premier or three Premier Federation licensed competitions within the previous three years.
    3. Exception: Current Equestrian Canada Senior Hunter Course Designers may apply directly for a USEF 'R' Hunter Course Designer license. Eligible applicants will be exempt from the eligibility requirements listed above, but must be a current Active Competing member in good standing with the USHJA. Eligible

applicants are required to attend a Federation/USHJA Hunter Course Design Clinic, pass a written examination with a score of 84% or higher, administered at the Federation/USHJA Hunter Course Design Clinic, and pass the Course Designer Homework with a score of 80% or higher.

B. Application Requirements
    1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.
    2. Applicants may complete the following requirements in any order. All application requirements must be completed within three years.
    3. Applicants must have maintained a 'r' Hunter Course Design license for 24 months.
    4. Attend a USHJA Hunter Course Designer clinic. In order to receive clinic credit, applicants must pass the Course Designer Homework with a score of 80% or higher.
    5. Pass a written examination with a score of 84% or higher, administered at the Federation/USHJA Hunter Course Designer Clinic.
    6. Apprenticeships
        i. Apprentice with three different Federation Registered Hunter Course Designers
        ii. Apprentice 12 full days at a minimum of three Federation licensed National or Premier Competitions in different locations. Five of the apprenticing days must be completed at competitions that are outside of a 250 radial mile circle from the applicant's home address.
        iii. Apprentice the following classes:
            1. One USHJA International Hunter Derby.
            2. Six unique Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation courses from the following list: USEF Hunter Seat Medal, WIHS Hunter Phase, WIHS Jumper Phase, Talent Search, Maclay, NCEA Medal, USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal, USHJA 3'3" Adult Jumping Seat Medal, USEF Pony Medal, WIHS Pony Medal, THIS National Children's Medal, THIS NHS Adult Medal, USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal, Ariat National Adult Medal, and 3'3" or higher Age Group equitation.
        iv. Apprentices must receive positive recommendations for licensure from at least 80% of the course designers that they apprentice with.
    7. Applicants must complete a Final Examination with a score of 85% or higher.
    8. Additional helpful information be found here.

C. Maintenance Requirements
    1. Course Designers must attend a Federation/USHJA Hunter Course Designer clinic every five years.
    2. Course Designers must complete a Federation/USHJA Hunter Course Designers' module every year and pass an exam with a score of 84% or higher.
    3. Course Designers must officiate at one Federation licensed competition every three years.
    4. Course Designers must maintain an Active/Competing membership with USHJA.

Section 13. Jumper.

Section 13.1 – Jumper Judges.

Section 13.1.1 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain 'r' Status

A. Eligibility Requirements
    1. Applicants must be a current Active Competing member in good standing with the United States Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA).
        i. USHJA Active/Competing membership must be maintained throughout the application process.

B. Application Requirements
    1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.
    2. Applicants must complete the application requirements in the order defined below.
    3. All application requirements must be completed within three years.
    4. Attend a Federation/USHJA Jumper Judge clinic.

5. Pass a written examination with a score of 84% or higher, administered at the Federation/USHJA Jumper Judges Clinic.
6. Apprenticeships
    i. Apprentice with at least five different Federation Registered ('R') Jumper Judges or Level 3 or higher FEI Jumping Judges.
    ii. Apprentice 12 days at a minimum of three Federation licensed Level 3 or higher competitions at three different locations.
    iii. Apprentices must receive positive recommendations for licensure from at least 80% of the judges that they apprentice with.
7. Applicants must complete a Final Examination with a score of 85% or higher.
8. Additional helpful information be found here.

C. Maintenance Requirements
1. Judges must attend a Federation/USHJA Jumper Clinic every three years.
2. Judges must complete a Federation/USHJA Jumper Judges' module every year and pass an exam with a score of 84% or higher.
3. Judges must officiate at three Federation licensed competitions every three years. Officiating is defined as marking the card or running the timers. Back up timing does not count for officiating credit.
4. Judges must maintain an Active/Competing membership with USHJA.

Section 13.1.2 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain 'R' Status

A. Eligibility Requirements
1. Applicants must be a current Active Competing member in good standing with the USHJA.
    i. USHJA Active/Competing membership must be maintained throughout the application process.
2. Officiate at least two or more Federation licensed Level 3 or higher competitions in the Jumper Division within the past three years.
3. Exceptions:
    i. Current Foreign FEI Level 3 or Level 4 Jumping Judges may apply directly for a 'R' Jumper Judge license. Eligible applicants will be exempt from the eligibility requirements listed above, but must be a current Active Competing member in good standing with the USHJA. Eligible applicants must pass a written examination with a score of 84% or higher.
    ii. Current Equestrian Canada Senior Jumper Judges may apply directly for a USEF 'R' Jumper Judge license. Eligible applications will be exempt from the eligibility requirements listed above, but must be a current Active Competition member in good standing with the USHJA. Eligible applicants are required to attend a Federation/USHJA Jumper Judge Clinic, and pass a written examination with a score of 84% or higher, administered at the Federation/USHJA Jumper Judges Clinic.

B. Application Requirements
1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.
2. Applicants may complete the following requirements in any order. All application requirements must be completed within three years.
3. Applicants must have maintained a 'r' Jumper Judge license for 36 months.
4. Applicants must attend a Federation/USHJA Jumper Judge Clinic.
5. Applicants must pass a written examination with a score of 84% or higher, administered at the Federation/USHJA Jumper Judges Clinic.
6. Apprenticeships
    i. Apprentice with at least five different Federation Registered ('R') Jumper Judges or Level 3 or higher FEI Jumping Judges.
    ii. Apprentice 12 days at a minimum of three Federation licensed Level 4 or higher competitions at three different locations.
    iii. Apprentice at least three Regional Standard or higher classes with $25,000 or more in prize money.
    iv. Apprentices must receive positive recommendations for licensure from at least 80% of the

judges that they apprentice with.

7. Applicants must complete a Final Examination with a score of 85% or higher.
8. Additional helpful information be found here.

C. Maintenance Requirements
   1. Judges must attend a Federation/USHJA Jumper Clinic every five years.
   2. Judges must complete a Federation/USHJA Jumper Judges' module every year and pass an exam with a score of 84% or higher.
   3. Judges must officiate three Federation licensed competitions every three years. Officiating is defined as marking the card or running the timers. Back up timing does not count for officiating credit.
   4. Judges must maintain an Active/Competing membership with USHJA.

Section 13.2 – Jumper Course Designers.

Section 13.2.1 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain 'r' Status

A. Eligibility Requirements
   1. Applicants must be a current Active Competing member in good standing with the USHJA.
      i. USHJA Active/Competing membership must be maintained throughout the application process.
   2. Applicants must meet at least one of the following experience requirements within the past 10 years:
      i. Designed jumper courses at a USHJA Outreach Category 1 competition
      ii. Designed jumper courses at a Federation licensed Level 1 Jumper competition
      iii. Officiated as Hunter Course Designer at a minimum of three Federation licensed competitions
      iv. Acted as rider or trainer in 1.0m or higher Jumper classes at a minimum of five Federation licensed competitions

B. Application Requirements
   1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.
   2. Applicants must complete the application requirements in the order defined below.
   3. All application requirements must be completed within three years.
   4. Applicants must attend a Federation/USHJA Jumper Course Designer clinic. In order to receive clinic credit, applicants must pass the Course Designer Homework with a score of 75% or higher.
   5. Applicants must pass a written examination with a score of 84% or higher, administered at the Federation/USHJA Jumper Course Designer clinic.
   6. Apprenticeships
      i. Apprentice with three different Federation Registered Jumper Course Designers or FEI Level 3 or higher Jumping Course Designers.
      ii. Apprentice 12 full days at a minimum of three Federation license Level 3 or higher competitions at three different locations. Five of the apprenticing days must be completed at competitions that are outside of a 250 radial mile circle from the applicant's home address.
      iii. Apprentice two of the following classes: USEF Talent Search, WIHS Jumper Phase, USHJA 3'3" Adult Jumping Seat Medal, or USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal.
      iv. Apprentices must receive positive recommendations for licensure from at least 80% of the course designers that they apprentice with.
   7. Applicants must complete a Final Examination with a score of 85% or higher.
   8. Additional helpful information be found here.

C. Maintenance Requirements
   1. Course Designers must attend a Federation/USHJA Jumper Course Designer Clinic every three years.
   2. Course Designers must complete a Federation/USHJA Jumper Course Designers' module every year and pass an exam with a score of 84% or higher.
   3. Course Designers must officiate at one Federation licensed competition every three years.
   4. Course Designers must maintain an Active/Competing membership with USHJA.

Section 13.2.2 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain 'R' Status

A. Eligibility Requirements
   1. Applicants must be a current Active Competing member in good standing with the USHJA.
      i. USHJA Active/Competing membership must be maintained throughout the application process.

2. Applicants must have officiated as a Jumper Course Designer at three or more Federation licensed Level 3 or higher competitions within the previous three years.
3. Exceptions:
    i. Current Foreign FEI Level 3 or Level 4 Jumping Course Designers may apply directly for a USEF 'R' Jumper Course Designer license. Eligible applicants will be exempt from the eligibility requirements listed above, but must be a current Active Competing member in good standing with the USHJA. Eligible applicants are required to pass a written examination with a score of 84% or higher.
    ii. Current Equestrian Canada Senior Jumper Course Designers may apply directly for a USEF 'R' Jumper Course Designer license. Eligible applicants will be exempt from the eligibility requirements listed above, but must be a current Active Competing member in good standing with the USHJA. Eligible applicants are required to attend Federation/USHJA Jumper Course Design Clinic, pass a written examination with a score of 84% or higher, administered at the Federation/USHJA Jumper Course Design Clinic, and pass the Course Designer Homework with a score of 80% or higher.

B. Application Requirements
1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.
2. Applicants may complete the following requirements in any order. All application requirements must be completed within three years.
3. Applicants must have maintained a 'r' Jumper Course Design license for 24 months.
4. Applicants must attend a Federation/USHJA Jumper Course Designer clinic. In order to receive clinic credit, applicants must pass the Course Designer Homework with a score of 80% or higher.
5. Applicants must pass a written examination with a score of 84% or higher, administered at the Federation/USHJA Jumper Course Designer clinic.
6. Apprenticeships
    i. Apprentice with three different Federation Registered ('R') Jumper Course Designers or FEI Level 3 or higher Jumping Course Designers.
    ii. Apprentice 12 full days at a minimum of three Federation licensed Level 4 or higher competitions at three different locations. Five of the apprenticing days must be completed at competitions that are outside of a 250 radial mile circle from the applicant's home address.
    iii. Apprentice two of the following classes: USEF Talent Search, WIHS Jumper Phase, USHJA 3'3" Adult Jumping Seat Medal, or USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal.
    iv. Apprentices must receive positive recommendations for licensure from at least 80% of the course designers that they apprentice with.
7. Applicants must complete a Final Examination with a score of 85% or higher.
8. Additional helpful information be found here.

C. Maintenance Requirements
1. Course Designers must attend a Federation/USHJA Jumper Course Designer clinic every five years.
2. Course Designers must complete a Federation/USHJA Jumper Course Designers' module every year and pass an exam with a score of 84% or higher.
3. Course Designers must officiate at one Federation licensed competition every three years.
4. Course Designers must maintain an Active/Competing membership with USHJA.

Section 14. Morgan Judges.

Section 14.1 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain 'r' Status

A. Eligibility Requirements
1. Applicants must be a current member in good standing with the American Morgan Horse Association (AMHA).

B. Application Requirements

1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.
2. Applicants may complete the following requirements in any order. All application requirements must be completed within three years preceding license application.
3. All applicants must attend two Federation/AMHA Judges' Schools, every day of the first school and two consecutive days of the second school. Applicants must receive favorable recommendation(s) from the judge's school clinician(s).
4. Applicants must serve as an Apprentice in the Morgan division at a minimum of one entire Licensed competition with a Federation licensed Morgan Judge. One positive recommendation from the licensed Morgan Judge with whom they apprentice is required.
5. Applicants must receive a passing score of 85% or higher on an examination administered at the Federation/AMHA Judges' School. Applicants may take the Final Examination three times. If an applicant has not passed the examination within three attempts, then they must wait 12 months before attending another clinic and attempting an exam.
6. Exceptions:
    a. Recorded ('r') Federation licensed judges in another breed or discipline must:
        i. Attend two Federation/AMHA Judges' Schools, every day of the first school and two consecutive days of the second school within two years preceding application
        ii. Receive favorable recommendation(s) from the judge's school clinician(s) and;
        iii. Pass an examination administered at the Federation/AMHA Judges' School with a score of 85% or higher.
    b. Registered ('R') Federation licensed judges in another breed or discipline must:
        i. Attend two days of a Federation/AMHA Judges' School within two years preceding application
        ii. Receive favorable recommendation(s) from the judge's school clinician(s) and;
        iii. Pass an examination with a score of 85% or higher.

C. Maintenance Requirements
1. Judges must attend a Federation/AMHA Judges' School at least once every three years.
2. Judges must pass an examination with a score of 85% or higher every three years.
3. Judges must annually maintain an AMHA Membership.

Section 14.2 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain 'R' Status

A. Eligibility Requirements
1. Applicants must be a current member in good standing with the AMHA.
2. Applicants must have officiated in the Morgan division at:
    i. A minimum of two Federation licensed competitions, each with 80 Morgans entered, OR;
    ii. A minimum of two Federation licensed competitions, each with at least 20 Morgan classes and each class must have a minimum of four horses.

B. Application Requirements
1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.
2. Applicants must complete the application requirements in the order defined below. All application requirements must be completed within three years preceding license application.
4. Applicants must have maintained a Federation 'r' Morgan license for at least 12 months prior to 'R' license application.
5. Applicants must attend two consecutive days of a Federation/AMHA Judges' School.
6. Applicants must receive a passing score of 85% or higher on an examination administered at the Federation/AMHA Judges' School. Applicants may take the Final Examination three times. If the applicant has not passed the examination within three attempts, then they must wait 12 months before attending another clinic and attempting an exam.

C. Maintenance Requirements
1. Judges must attend one of the following clinic options every five years:

a. Attend a Federation/AMHA Judges' School OR;
b. Attend a judge's clinic at the AMHA convention.
2. Judges must pass an examination with a score of 85% or higher every five years.
3. Judges must annually maintain an AMHA Membership.

Section 15. Para Equestrian Classifiers.

Section 15.1 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain Status

A. Eligibility Requirements
1. Hold a current license as a physical therapist, occupational therapist, or medical doctor with experience carrying out the assessment of persons with physical impairments resulting in activity restrictions. The license must be valid in the United States.
2. Have current professional liability insurance.

B. Application Requirements
1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.
2. Applicants must complete the application requirements within two years preceding application. The clinic must be completed first and the final examination must be completed last.
3. Attend a Federation Para Equestrian Classifier clinic.
4. Apprenticing
i. Applicants must apprentice with a USEF Para Classifier for three or more classifications.
ii. Applicants must satisfactorily complete at least one classification under supervision before the apprenticeship requirement is considered complete.
5. Submit six or more completed Para Equestrian Classification Cards to the Licensed Officials Department. At least six cards must receive a score of 85% or higher.
6. Final Examination
i. Applicants must pass a final examination with a score of 85% or higher. If an applicant fails the second attempt, they must apprentice with a USEF Para Classifier for at least one classification before a third examination attempt. If an applicant fails the third attempt, the application will be closed, and they must start a new application.
7. Exception: Current FEI Para Classifiers or those currently licensed as a Para Classifier by another National Federation are only required to pass the final examination with a score of 85% or higher.

C. Maintenance Requirements
1. Para Equestrian Classifiers must attend a Federation Para Equestrian Classifier clinic every three years. Please see Chapter 1, Section 4.7 if a clinic is not offered in the year an official is due to attend a clinic.
2. Para Equestrian Classifiers must pass a maintenance examination with a score of 85% or higher every two years.

Section 16. Paso Fino Judges.

Section 16.1 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain 'r' Status

A. Eligibility Requirements
1. Applicants must be a current member in good standing with the Paso Fino Horse Association (PFHA).
2. Applicants must be licensed as a Certified or Senior Certified Judge by the PFHA and current on PFHA Judge's dues.

B. Application Requirements
1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.
2. Applicants may complete the following requirements in any order. All application requirements must be completed within three years preceding license application.
3. Applicants must attend a Federation/PFHA clinic.
4. Applicants must pass an open book written examination with a score of 85% or higher on Federation General and Paso Fino rules. The examination may be administered at the clinic. If an applicant does not

receive a passing score after two attempts, then they must attend another Federation/PFHA clinic and pass an examination at the clinic. If an applicant fails the third attempt, the application will be closed, and they must start a new application.

5. Applicants must be recommended in writing by the PFHA Judges & Stewards Committee and certify that the applicant is Active and in Good Standing Status as a PFHA Judge.

C. Maintenance Requirements
   1. Judges must be a current member in good standing with PFHA, hold an active license as a PFHA Certified or Senior Certified Judge and must be current with PFHA Judge's dues.
   2. Judges must attend a Federation/PFHA clinic at least once every three years.
   3. Judges must pass a written examination with a score of 85% or higher every three years.
   4. Judges must officiate at one Federation licensed competition in the Paso Fino Division every five years.

Section 16.2 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain 'R' Status

A. Eligibility Requirements
   1. Applicants must be a current member in good standing with the PFHA.
   2. Applicants must be licensed as an active Senior Certified Judge by the PFHA and current on PFHA Judge's dues.
   3. Applicants must have officiated at five Federation Licensed competitions in the Paso Fino Division. Of the five competitions, two must have been within the past five competition years.

B. Application Requirements
   1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.
   2. Applicants must complete the application requirements in the order defined below. All application requirements must be completed within two years preceding license application.
   3. Applicants must pass a Final Examination with a score of 85% or higher. If an applicant does not receive a passing score after two attempts, then they must attend a PFHA/Federation clinic and pass an examination at the clinic. If an applicant fails the third attempt, the application will be closed, and they must start a new application.
   4. The applicant must be recommended in writing by the PFHA Judges & Stewards Committee and certify that the applicant is Active and in Good Standing Status as a PFHA Senior Certified Judge.

C. Maintenance Requirements
   1. Judges must be a current member in good standing with PFHA, hold an active license as a PFHA Senior Certified Judge and must be current with PFHA Judge's dues.
   2. Judges must attend a Federation/PFHA clinic at least once every three years.
   3. Judges must receive a passing score of 85% or better on an examination every three years.
   4. Judges must officiate at one Federation licensed competition in the Paso Fino Division every five years.

Section 17. Roadster Judges.

Please see Section 11 for Hackney/Roadster/Saddlebred judge requirements.

Section 18. Saddlebred Judges.

Please see Section 11 for Hackney/Roadster/Saddlebred judge requirements.

Section 19. Saddle Seat Equitation Judges.

Section 19.1 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain 'r' Status

A. Eligibility Requirements
   1. Applicants must attend a Federation/ASHBA Saddle Seat Equitation clinic within two years preceding their checklist submission. Applicants must receive a positive evaluation with a score between 25 and 50 from all clinicians.

B. Application Requirements
   1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.

2. Applicants must complete the application requirements in the order defined below. All application requirements must be completed within three years preceding application.
3. Apprenticeship a minimum of four days at a minimum of one Federation licensed competition with at least one Federation Registered ('R') Saddle Seat Equitation Judge. Applicants must receive a positive apprenticing evaluation.
    i. Exception: Apprenticing is not required for Federation Registered ('R') Judges licensed in another breed.
4. Applicants must pass a Federation Final Examination with a score of 85% or higher.
5. Additional helpful information be found here.

C. Maintenance Requirements
1. Judges must attend a Federation/ASHBA Saddle Seat Equitation Judges' clinic every five years.
2. Judges must pass a maintenance examination with a score of 85% or higher every three years.

Section 19.2 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain 'R' Status

A. Eligibility Requirements
1. Officiate at two Federation licensed competitions within five years preceding checklist submission.

B. Application Requirements
1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.
2. Applicants must complete the application requirements in the order defined below. All application requirements must be completed within one year preceding license application.
4. Interviews
    i. Applicant will be interviewed by at least two clinicians. The applicant must receive a position interview evaluation with a score between 25 and 50.
5. Applicants must pass a Federation Final Examination with a score of 85% or higher.
6. Additional helpful information be found here.

D. Maintenance Requirements
1. Judges must attend a Federation Saddle Seat Equitation Judges' clinic every five years.
2. Judges must pass a maintenance examination with a score of 85% or higher every three years.

Section 20. Shetland Pony Judges.

Section 20.1 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain 'R' Status

A. Eligibility Requirements
1. Applicants are not required to meet any additional eligibility requirements aside from those defined in Chapter 10 of the Federation rulebook and/or the Policies and Procedures.

B. Application Requirements
1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.
2. Applicants may complete the following requirements in any order. However, the Final Examination must be completed last. All application requirements must be completed within two years preceding license application.
3. Applicants must attend a Federation Shetland clinic.
4. Applicants must pass a Federation Shetland Final Examination with a score of 85% or higher.

C. Maintenance Requirements
1. Judges must attend a Federation Shetland clinic every five years.
2. Judges must pass a maintenance exam with a score of 85% or higher every three years.

Section 21. Stewards – Category 1 (C1) and Category 2 (C2).

Section 21.1 Category 1 (C1) Stewards.

Section 21.1.1 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain 'r' Status

A. Eligibility Requirements
1. Applicants must be a current member in good standing with the USHJA.

2. Must have been a participant in a minimum of six Federation licensed Hunter/Jumper competitions within the past eight years in at least one of the following positions: competitor, trainer, owner, licensed official, competition employee (i.e. in-gate personnel, jump crew), competition official (including but not limited to those listed in GR113).
    i. Exceptions: Dressage Technical Delegates and C2 Stewards may meet this requirement in a minimum of three Federation licensed Hunter/Jumper competitions.

B. Application Requirements
1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.
2. Applicants must complete the requirements in the order defined below. All application requirements must be completed within three years preceding license application.
    i. Exception: Applicants who have completed a minimum of six days of apprenticing with a minimum of two different 'R' C1 Stewards may attend the Applicant Clinic and complete their apprenticing following the clinic.
3. Online Training
    i. Applicants must complete the Online Applicant Training.
    ii. Applicants must contact the Federation to receive access to the Online Applicant Training.
    iii. Apprentice work completed prior to completing the Online Applicant Training will not count.
4. Apprenticing
    i. Must apprentice a minimum of 12 days at four different Federation licensed Hunter/Jumper competitions. A day is considered a minimum of six hours.
        1. At least eight days must be at Federation licensed Hunter/Jumper competitions with minimum of both a National Hunter and a Jumper Level 3 or higher.
    ii. Two apprenticeships must be completed with two different Steward Mentors.
        1. One must be the applicant's first apprenticeship and must be a minimum of two days.
    iii. One competition must be outside of the applicant's USHJA home zone.
    iv. Apprenticeships must be completed with 'R' C1 Stewards.
    v. The applicant must work with a minimum of four different 'R' C1 Stewards.
    vi. Applicants must receive four positive apprentice evaluations.
    vii. Four competitions must be with different Managers.
    viii. Exception: C2 Stewards and Dressage Technical Delegates may meet this requirement at a minimum of six complete days at two different Federation licensed Hunter/Jumper competitions (two different managers and two different C1 Stewards)
    ix. Optional: If applying to be a Measurement Steward, the applicant must complete 10 horse or pony practice measurements while apprenticing.
5. Clinics
    i. Applicants must attend a Federation Category 1 Stewards' Applicant Clinic. Applicants must receive a positive evaluation from all clinicians
        1. If an applicant does not receive a positive evaluation from all clinicians after attending their first clinic, they must apprentice a minimum of three days with a Steward Mentor before attending another clinic.
        2. If an applicant does not receive a positive evaluation from all clinicians after attending two clinics, their application will be closed, and they must start a new application.
    ii. Optional: Measurement Clinic and Information
        1. Applicants who wish to be certified to measure must pass the measurement exam at a clinic with a score of 85% or higher. Applicants must have completed all the required practice measurements prior to attempting the measurement exam.
        2. Applicants are only permitted to attempt the test twice. If an applicant fails twice, they may re-test at the next available clinic or with a Measurement Field Examiner. Applicants cannot re-test at the same clinic where they failed an exam. If the re-test is completed with a Measurement Field Examiner, the exam must be conducted at least 30 days after the Measurement Clinic. If an applicant fails a third time, they must wait

until the next competition year before re-testing. If an applicant fails a fourth time, they are not permitted to re-test, and will be a non-measuring Steward.

6. Final Examination
    i. Applicants must pass a Final Examination with a score of 85% or higher.

C. Maintenance Requirements
1. Stewards must complete the License Maintenance Program every three years. Full program requirements are provided on the Federation website.
2. Stewards must pass an annual examination with a score of 85% or higher.
3. Stewards must officiate at three Federation licensed competitions every three years.

Section 21.1.2 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain 'R' Status

A. Eligibility Requirements
1. Applicants must be a current member in good standing with the USHJA.
2. Applicants must have been licensed as a 'r' C1 Steward for at least three years.
3. Within the past five years, officiate as a C1 Steward at a minimum of 12 Federation licensed competitions. Of the 12 competitions:
    i. Eight competitions must be two days or longer
    ii. Five competitions must have a National or Premier Hunter rating
    iii. Five competitions must be Jumper Level 4 or higher
4. Applicants must have submitted at least four C1 Steward reports from Federation licensed Hunter/Jumper competitions that were two days or longer.

B. Application Requirements
1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.
2. Applicants may complete the following requirements in any order. All application requirements must be completed within three years preceding license application.
3. Apprentice a minimum of two days with a Steward Mentor at a Federation licensed competition with both a Premier Hunter rating and Level 4 or higher Jumper rating. The applicant must receive a positive evaluation.
4. Apprentice as a schooling supervisor at four hunter or jumper classes offering $25,000 or more at Federation licensed competitions. The applicant must participate in all phases of the $25,000 class (e.g. draw, check-in**,** schooling, etc.) and submit the Documentation of Experience form.
    i. Exception: Applicants who are licensed Certified Schooling Supervisors and have officiated at four Hunter or Jumper classes offering $25,000 or more at Federation licensed competitions and participated in all phases of the class do not need to apprentice. However, the Documentation of Experience form must be submitted.
5. Applicants must pass the Online Steward Promotion Course.
6. Applicants must complete the Final Examination with a score of 85% or higher.

C. Maintenance Requirements
1. Stewards must pass an annual examination with a score of 85% or higher.
2. Stewards must complete the License Maintenance Program every three years. Full program requirements are provided on the Federation website.
3. Stewards must officiate at three Federation licensed competitions every three years.

Section 21.2 Category 2 (C2) Stewards.

Section 21.2.1 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain 'r' Status

A. Eligibility Requirements
1. Must have been a participant in the past eight years at a minimum of six Federation licensed Breed, Multi-breed, or Western Dressage competitions in at least one of the following positions: competitor, trainer, owner, licensed official, competition employee (i.e. in-gate personnel, ring crew), competition official (including but not limited to those listed in GR113).
    i. Exception: Applicants who hold a C1 Steward or Dressage Technical Delegate license may meet this requirement with documented experience in one of the above roles at a minimum of three Federation licensed Breed, Multi-breed, or Western Dressage competitions.

B. Application Requirements
    1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.
    2. Applicants must complete the requirements in the order defined below. All application requirements must be completed within three years preceding license application.
        i. Exception: Applicants who have completed a minimum of five days of apprenticing with a minimum of two different 'R' C2 Stewards may attend the clinic and complete their apprenticing following the clinic.
    3. Online Training
        i. Applicants must complete the Online Applicant Training.
        ii. Applicants must contact the Federation to receive access to the Online Applicant Training.
        iii. Apprentice work completed prior to completing the Online Applicant Training will not count.
    4. Apprenticing
        i. Apprentice a minimum of 10 days at a minimum of four different Federation licensed Breed competitions (Exception: C1 Stewards and Dressage Technical Delegates must complete a minimum of six days at a minimum of two different Federation licensed Breed competitions with two different 'R' C2 Stewards.) A day is considered a minimum of six hours.
        ii. One apprenticeship must be completed with a Steward Mentor and must be a minimum of two days.
        iii. The applicant must apprentice at least once in the each of the following divisions: Arabian, Morgan, American Saddlebred, Saddle Seat Equitation, Western Dressage, Western, and Western Seat/Reining Seat Equitation.
            1. Recognized Working Western classes for Arabian and/or Morgan horses will fulfill the Western, Western Seat/Reining Seat Equitation requirement.
        iv. Applicants must apprentice in at least one of the following divisions: Andalusian/Lusitano, Friesian, Paso Fino, Hackney Harness, Roadster, Shetland, or National Show Horse.
        v. The applicant must work with a minimum of four different 'R' C2 Stewards.
        vi. Applicants must receive four positive apprentice evaluations.
        vii. The applicant must also apprentice with a 'r' or 'R' Dressage Technical Delegate for a minimum of one day at a Federation licensed Dressage Competition. This cannot be accomplished at a breed restricted Dressage competition. (NOTE: This is not required for licensed Dressage TDs.)
        viii. Optional: If applying to be a Measurement Steward, the applicant must complete practice measurements of at least five horses or ponies while apprenticing.
    5. Clinic
        i. Applicants must attend a Federation Category 2 Stewards' Applicant Clinic. Applicants must receive a positive evaluation from all clinicians.
            1. If an applicant does not receive a positive evaluation from all clinicians after attending their first clinic, they must apprentice a minimum of three days with a Steward Mentor before attending another clinic.
            2. If an applicant does not receive a positive evaluation from all clinicians after attending two clinics, their application will be closed, and they must start a new application.
        ii. Optional: Measurement Clinic and Information
            1. Applicants who wish to be certified to measure must pass the measurement exam at a clinic with a score of 85% or higher. Applicants must have completed all the required practice measurements prior to attempting the measurement exam.
            2. Applicants are only permitted to attempt the test twice. If an applicant fails twice, they may re-test at the next available clinic or with a Measurement Field Examiner. Applicants cannot re-test at the same clinic where they failed an exam. If the re-test is completed with a Measurement Field Examiner, the exam must be conducted at least 30 days after the Measurement Clinic. If an applicant fails a third time, they must wait until the next competition year before re-testing. If an applicant fails a fourth time, they are not permitted to re-test, and will be a non-measuring Steward.

6. Final Examination
    i. Applicants must pass a Final Examination with a score of 85% or higher.

C. Maintenance Requirements
1. Stewards must officiate at three Federation licensed competitions every three years.
2. Stewards must pass an annual examination with a score of 85% or higher.
3. Stewards must complete the License Maintenance Program every three years. Full program requirements are provided on the Federation website.

Section 21.2.2 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain 'R' Status

A. Eligibility Requirements
1. Applicants must officiate as a C2 Steward for five Federation licensed competitions within the past five years. Of the five competitions,
    i. Applicants must have submitted at least two C2 Steward reports to the Federation.
    ii. Applicants must have officiated a minimum of two Federation licensed single breed or multi-breed competitions.

B. Application Requirements
1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.
2. All application requirements must be completed within one year preceding license application.
3. Applicants must pass the Online Steward Promotion Course.
4. Applicants must pass a Final Examination with score of 85% or higher.

C. Maintenance Requirements
1. Stewards must officiate at three Federation licensed competitions every three years.
2. Stewards must pass an annual examination with a score of 85% or higher.
3. Stewards must complete the License Maintenance Program every three years. Full program requirements are provided on the Federation website.

Section 21.3 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain Measurement Certification

A. Eligibility Requirements
1. Applicants must be currently licensed as a Federation C1 or C2 Steward.

B. Application Requirements
1. C1 Applicants must complete practice measurements of at least 10 horses or ponies. C2 Applicants must complete practice measurements of at least five horses or ponies.
2. Applicants must attend a Federation Measurement Certification clinic.
3. Applicants must pass a Measurement Exam with a score of 85% or higher. Applicants must have completed all the required practice measurements prior to attempting the measurement exam.
4. Applicants are only permitted to attempt the test twice. If an applicant fails twice, they may re-test at the next available clinic or with a Measurement Field Examiner. Applicants cannot re-test at the same clinic where they failed an exam. If the re-test is completed with a Measurement Field Examiner, the exam must be conducted at least 30 days after the Measurement Clinic. If an applicant fails a third time, they must wait until the next competition year before re-testing. If an applicant fails a fourth time, they are not permitted to re-test, and will be a non-measuring Steward.

C. Maintenance Requirements
1. Stewards certified to measure must pass a measurement exam with a score of 85% or higher every three years.

Section 22. Vaulting.

Section 22.1– Vaulting Judges.

Section 22.1.1 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain 'R' Status

A. Eligibility Requirements
1. Applicants must be a current member in good standing with Equestrian Vaulting USA (EVUSA).
2. Applicants must be licensed by Equestrian Vaulting USA (EVUSA).

B. Application Requirements

1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.
2. Applicants may complete the following requirements in any order. However, the Final Examination must be completed last. All application requirements must be completed within three years preceding license application.
3. Applicants must attend a Federation/EVUSA Judges' Forum.
4. Applicants must apprentice at one Federation licensed vaulting competition with a Federation or FEI Vaulting Judge for at least two days.
5. Applicants must pass a Final Examination with a score of 85% or higher.

C. Maintenance Requirements
1. Judges must annually attend the Federation/EVUSA Judges Forum.
2. Judges must officiate in at least one Federation licensed competition every five years.

Section 22.2 – Vaulting Technical Delegates.

Section 22.2.1 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain 'R' Status

A. Eligibility Requirements
1. Applicants must be a current member in good standing with Equestrian Vaulting USA (EVUSA).

B. Application Requirements
1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.
2. Applicants may complete the following requirements in any order. However, the Final Examination must be completed last. All application requirements must be completed within two years preceding license application.
3. Apprenticeship
    i. Apprentice three days at a minimum of two different Federation or FEI Vaulting competitions.
    ii. Apprenticeships must be completed with at least two different Federation Vaulting TDs or FEI Vaulting Stewards.
    iii. Applicants must receive a positive evaluation from at least two different Federation Vaulting TD or FEI Vaulting Stewards.
4. Complete Federation Vaulting TD educational sessions. The educational sessions consist of two parts:
    i. Part I – Online Modules
        1. The online modules must be completed before an applicant is eligible to attend Part II.
    ii. Part II - Webinar
        1. Applicants must receive a positive evaluation from the webinar clinician.
5. Applicants must pass a Final Examination with a score of 85% or higher.

C. Maintenance Requirements
1. Technical Delegates must attend a Federation Vaulting Technical Delegates clinic every four years.
2. Technical Delegates must officiate at one Federation licensed vaulting competition every four years.
3. Technical Delegates must pass a maintenance exam with a score of 85% or higher every two years.

Section 23. Welsh Pony Judges.

Section 23.1 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain 'R' Status

A. Eligibility Requirements
1. Applicants must be a current member in good standing with the Welsh Pony and Cob Society of America (WPCSA).
2. Applicants must be a current WPCSA Approved Judge.
3. Applicants must have attended a Federation/WPCSA Welsh Judges' clinic within two years preceding application.

B. Application Requirements
1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.

2. Applicants may complete the following requirements in any order. However, the Final Examination must be completed last. All application requirements must be completed within three years preceding application.
3. Applicants must complete one full day of apprenticing in the Welsh division at a Federation licensed competitions with a Federation Registered Welsh Judge. Exceptions:
    i. Federation Hunter Judges may complete three full days of judging in the Welsh Division at Federation Licensed Competitions to fulfill their apprenticing requirements.
4. Applicants must pass a Final Examination with a score of 85% or higher.

C. Maintenance Requirements
1. Judges must attend a Federation/WPCSA Welsh Judges' Clinic every five years.

Section 24. Western Judges.

Section 24.1 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain 'R' Status

A. Eligibility Requirements
1. Applicants are not required to meet any additional eligibility requirements aside from those defined in Chapter 10 of the Federation rulebook and/or the Policies and Procedures.

B. Application Requirements
1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.
2. Applicants may complete the following requirements in any order. However, the Final Examination must be completed last. The requirements must be completed within three years prior to the application for licensure.
3. Apprentice at a minimum of two Federation Licensed Competitions, under minimum of two different Federation Western Judges, within a three year period preceding application.
    i. Exception: Judges holding Federation Reining Division license and/or one or more national breed association Judges card(s) are not required to apprentice.
4. Attend a Federation Western Judges' clinic.
5. Applicants must pass a Final Examination with a score of 85% or higher.

C. Maintenance Requirements
1. Judges must attend a Federation Western Judge clinic every five years.
2. Judges must pass a maintenance exam with a score of 85% or higher every three years.

Section 25. Western Dressage Judges.

Section 25.1 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain 'r' Status

A. Eligibility Requirements
1. Applicants must be a current member in good standing with the Western Dressage Association of America (WDAA).
2. Must meet one of the following three criteria:
    i. Be a USDF L-graduate with or without distinction, OR
    ii. Have a current Federation judge license or national equine association judge license, OR;
    iii. Meet a minimum of three of the following requirements:
        1. Scribed for a minimum of eight hours at Federation licensed Dressage or Federation licensed Western Dressage competitions
        2. Sat with a judge for a minimum of eight hours at Federation licensed Western Dressage competitions
        3. Ridden at a minimum of Level 1 Western Dressage or First Level English Dressage at Federation licensed competitions
        4. Acted as trainer of a horse/rider combination that places in the top five in a class at the WDAA Western Dressage World Championship Show
        5. Judged a minimum of three unrecognized competitions with a positive recommendation from each competition manager. Each unrecognized competition must have included at least 60 rides.

B. Application Requirements

1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.
2. Applicants must complete the license application requirements in the order defined below. All application requirements must be completed within three years preceding license application.
3. Applicants must attend all sessions of the Federation/WDAA Judges Seminar.
4. Applicants must pass an examination with a score of 85% or higher. Applicants are permitted three exam attempts. If an applicant does not pass on the second attempt, they must attend a Federation/WDAA Judges Seminar prior to their third attempt. If an applicant fails the third attempt, the application will be closed, and they must start a new application.
5. Applicants must complete the following at Federation licensed Western Dressage competitions:
    i. Sit for a minimum of 20 rides with a Federation licensed Western Dressage Judge
    ii. Scribe for a minimum of 20 rides with a Federation licensed Western Dressage Judge
6. Pass an online Progress Checkpoint examination with a score of 85% or higher. Applicants are permitted two exam attempts. If an applicant does not pass on the second attempt, their application will be closed and they must start a new application.
7. Applicants must complete the following apprenticing requirements:
    i. Sideline apprentice at a minimum of one Federation licensed Western Dressage competition with a 'R' Western Dressage Judge for a minimum of 20 tests total. Sideline apprenticing must include at least six tests from each of the following levels: Introductory, Basic, and Level 1.
        1. All sideline apprenticing sessions must receive a positive apprentice evaluation.
        2. Sideline apprenticing must occur with Judges who are not officiating at the competition where the session occurs.
8. Attend the WDAA World Show Judges Education Training and pass with a satisfactory rating.
9. Applicants must receive a "satisfactory" evaluation on the WDAA 'r' Judge Applicant Video Evaluation. The video exam must be completed within 30 days after sign-up. Should an "unsatisfactory" evaluation be received, the applicant must wait a minimum of six months prior to taking the video evaluation again. If an applicant receives a second "unsatisfactory" evaluation, their application will be closed and they must start a new application.
10. Applicants must receive a recommendation to approve licensure from the WDAA.

C. Maintenance Requirements
    1. Judges must attend a Federation/WDAA Judges clinic every three years. Additional clinic information can be found here.
    2. Judges must pass an examination with a score of 85% or higher every three years.

Section 25.2 Requirements to Obtain and Maintain 'R' Status

A. Eligibility Requirements
    1. Applicants must be a current member in good standing with the WDAA.
B. Application Requirements
    1. Applicants must start an LO application through usef.org. Eligibility requirements must be completed before an application is started. Applicants are not permitted to start application requirements until the eligibility requirements have been approved.
    2. Applicants may complete the following requirements in any order. However, the WDAA 'R' Judge Applicant Video Evaluation must be completed last. All application requirements must be completed within three years preceding license application.
    3. Applicants must hold a 'r' Western Dressage Judge license for at least twenty-four months.
    4. Applicants must officiate at least three Federation Licensed or Federation Lite Competitions. At these competitions, the applicant must officiate at least 40 rides, 24 of which must meet the following criteria:
        i. 8 rides at Intro Level
        ii. 8 rides at Basic Level
        iii. 8 rides at Level 1
    5. Applicants must complete the following apprenticing requirements:
        i. Sideline apprentice at a minimum of one Federation licensed Western Dressage

competition with a 'R' Western Dressage Judge for a minimum of 20 tests total.
    1. 10 of the 20 tests must be Level 3 or above
  ii. All sideline apprenticing sessions must receive a positive apprentice evaluation
  iii. Sideline apprenticing must occur with Judges who are not officiating at the competition where the session occurs
6. Attend the WDAA World Show Judges Education Training and pass with a satisfactory rating.
7. Applicants must pass an examination with a score of 85% or higher. Applicants are permitted three exam attempts. If an applicant does not pass on the second attempt, they must attend a Federation/WDAA Judges Seminar prior to their third attempt. If an applicant fails the third attempt, the application will be closed, and they must start a new application.
8. Applicants must receive a "satisfactory" evaluation on the WDAA 'R' Judge Applicant Video Evaluation. The video exam must be completed within 30 days after sign-up. Should an "unsatisfactory" evaluation be received, the applicant must wait a minimum of six months prior to taking the video evaluation again. If an applicant receives a second "unsatisfactory" evaluation, their application will be closed and they must start a new application.
9. Applicants must receive a recommendation to approve licensure from the WDAA.

C. Maintenance Requirements
1. Judges must attend a Federation/WDAA Judges clinic every three years. Additional clinic information can be found here.
2. Judges must pass an examination with a score of 85% or higher every three years.