

Rule	Tracking	Draft	Proposal Type	Effective Date	Proponent	Status
DR 121.4	297-19	1	FEI Rule Change	7/1/2020	Dressage	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: saddlery and equipment						
DR 127.9	316-19	1	FEI Rule Change	7/1/2020	Dressage	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: musical freestyle						
GR 102.0	347-19	1	Rule Clarification	9/1/2020	Friesian	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: age of equine						
GR 314.0	353-19	1	Rule Clarification	9/1/2020	Dressage	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: dressage sport horse breeding						
GR 1009.0	354-19	1	Rule Clarification	9/1/2020	Dressage	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: recorded judge						
GR 1026.0	351-19	1	Rule Clarification	9/1/2020	Licensed Officials	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: eventing course designers						
GR 1038.5	352-19	1	Extraordinary	9/1/2020	PFHA	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: conflicts of interest - Paso Fino						
GR 1123.0	364-19	1	Rule Clarification	9/1/2020	Andalusian/Lusitano	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: andalusian/lusitano						
GR 1305.0	357-19	1	Rule Clarification	9/1/2020	USDF	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: qualifying and championship classes						
DR 105.6	299-19	1	Rule Clarification	9/1/2020	Dressage	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: change of lead						
DR 112.9	301-19	1	Rule Clarification	9/1/2020	Dressage	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: working pirouette						
DR 117.5	302-19	1	Rule Clarification	9/1/2020	Dressage	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: dispensation/classification certificate						
DR 118.5	303-19	1	Rule Clarification	9/1/2020	Dressage	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: tests						
DR 119.11	304-19	1	Rule Clarification	9/1/2020	Dressage	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: dispensation/classification certificates						
DR 120.12	305-19	1	Rule Clarification	9/1/2020	Dressage	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: dispensation/classification certificates						

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DR 121.1	306-19	1	Rule Clarification	9/1/2020	Dressage	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: dispensation/classification certificates						
DR 121.5	307-19	1	Rule Clarification	9/1/2020	Dressage	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: bridles						
DR 121.13	318-19	1	Rule Clarification	9/1/2020	USDF	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: saddlery and equipment						
DR 122.1	308-19	1	Rule Clarification	9/1/2020	Dressage	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: dispensation/classification certificates						
DR 122.5	309-19	1	Rule Clarification	9/1/2020	Dressage	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: errors						
DR 122.9	310-19	1	Rule Clarification	9/1/2020	Dressage	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: collective marks						
DR 123.1	312-19	1	Rule Clarification	9/1/2020	Dressage	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: test sheet						
DR 123.6	311-19	1	Rule Clarification	9/1/2020	Dressage	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: test sheet						
DR 123.11	313-19	1	Rule Clarification	9/1/2020	Dressage	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: score sheets						
DR 124.2	314-19	1	Rule Clarification	9/1/2020	Dressage	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: errors						
DR 126.1	315-19	1	Rule Clarification	9/1/2020	Dressage	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: dispensation/classification certificates						
DR 127.8	319-19	1	Rule Clarification	9/1/2020	USDF	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: qualifying and championship classes						
DR 128.3	320-19	1	Rule Clarification	9/1/2020	USDF	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: qualifying and championship classes						
DR 133.1	298-19	1	Rule Clarification	9/1/2020	Dressage	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: dressage seat equitation						
DR 206.2	317-19	1	Extraordinary	9/1/2020	Dressage	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: halters						

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EQ 118.12	348-19	1	Extraordinary	9/1/2020	Saddle Seat Eq	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: saddle seat medal class						
EV 115.0	365-19	1	Rule Clarification	9/1/2020	Eventing	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: boots and bandages						
EV 155.0	197-19	1	Rule Clarification	9/1/2020	Eventing	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: three-day events						
HJ 126.0	361-19	1	Rule Clarification	9/1/2020	Bill Moroney	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: measurement						
HJ 137.2	366-19	1	Extraordinary	9/1/2020	William Moroney	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: measurement appeal						
HU App. A	360-19	1	Rule Clarification	9/1/2020	Bill Moroney	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: safety cups						
MO 166.0	349-19	1	Rule Clarification	9/1/2020	AMHA	Approved (6/22/2020)
PF 101.0	271-19	1	Standard	9/1/2020	Paso Fino	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: amateur owner						
PF 102.1	266-19	1	Standard	9/1/2020	Paso Fino	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: horse's age						
PF 102.7	255-19	1	Standard	9/1/2020	Paso Fino	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: commencement of classes						
PF 102.8	254-19	1	Standard	9/1/2020	Paso Fino	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: jumps						
PF 103.1	251-19	1	Standard	9/1/2020	Paso Fino	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: shoeing						
PF 107.0	274-19	1	Standard	9/1/2020	Paso Fino	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: International Paso Equitation						
PF 123.0	270-19	1	Standard	9/1/2020	Paso Fino	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: horse's age						
PF 127.1	248-19	1	Standard	9/1/2020	Paso Fino	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: metal on nosepiece						

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PF 127.1 Description: Bridle	250-19	1	Standard	9/1/2020	Paso Fino	Approved (6/22/2020)
PF 127.3 Description: bits	252-19	1	Standard	9/1/2020	Paso Fino	Approved (6/22/2020)
PF 127.6 Description: western style breastplates	260-19	1	Standard	9/1/2020	Paso Fino	Approved (6/22/2020)
PF 127.7 Description: spurs	261-19	1	Standard	9/1/2020	Paso Fino	Approved (6/22/2020)
PF 128.0 Description: conservative colors	273-19	1	Standard	9/1/2020	Paso Fino	Approved (6/22/2020)
PF 132.1 Description: Amateur owned and trained classes	249-19	1	Standard	9/1/2020	Paso Fino	Approved (6/22/2020)
PF 137.0 Description: back	246-19	1	Standard	9/1/2020	Paso Fino	Approved (6/22/2020)
PF 139.0 Description: appointments	256-19	1	Standard	9/1/2020	Paso Fino	Approved (6/22/2020)
PF 144.0 Description: horse's age	269-19	1	Standard	9/1/2020	Paso Fino	Approved (6/22/2020)
PF 147.0 Description: canter or lope	272-19	1	Standard	9/1/2020	PFHA	Approved (6/22/2020)
PF 147.2 Description: paso trail	259-19	1	Standard	9/1/2020	Paso Fino	Approved (6/22/2020)
PF 147.4 Description: paso trail	253-19	1	Standard	9/1/2020	Paso Fino	Approved (6/22/2020)
PF 152.1 Description: championship classes eligibility	247-19	1	Standard	9/1/2020	Paso Fino	Approved (6/22/2020)
PF 154.0 Description: All Paso International	262-19	1	Standard	9/1/2020	Paso Fino	Approved (6/22/2020)
PF 155.0 Description: Grand National Championship Show	264-19	1	Standard	9/1/2020	Paso Fino	Approved (6/22/2020)

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WD 102.0	362-19	1	Rule Clarification	9/1/2020	Western Dressage	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: participation						
WD 114.0	356-19	1	Rule Clarification	9/1/2020	WDAA	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: pivot						
WD 114.2	363-19	1	Rule Clarification	9/1/2020	Western Dressage	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: pivot						
WD 128.0	355-19	2	Rule Clarification	9/1/2020	WDAA	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: elimination						
GR 307.4	109-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	Competitions Task Force	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: classifications - hunter/jumper						
GR 311.0	110-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	USHJA	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: Hunter - awards ratings						
GR 312.0	133-19	2	Standard	12/1/2020	Competitions Task Force	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: determining ratings						
GR 313.0	111-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	AHA	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: Arabian - select, choice, and elite						
GR 315.0	135-19	2	Standard	12/1/2020	USEF Officers	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: mileage exemption						
GR 315.4	112-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	Competitions Task Force	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: mileage exemption						
GR 414.0	127-19	2	Standard	12/1/2020	Veterinary	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: bisphosphonates						
GR 702.1	124-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	USEF Officers	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: violations						
GR 821.2	113-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	Dressage	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: opportunity classes - dressage						
GR 846.0	126-19	3	Standard	12/1/2020	Veterinary	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: isolation protocol						
GR 10.0	146-19	3	Standard	12/1/2020	Licensed Officials	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: Duties						

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GR 1004.1	079-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	Licensed Officials	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: general rules						
GR 1034.4	115-19	2	Standard	12/1/2020	Licensed Officials	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: stewards and technical delegates						
GR 1102.0	116-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	USEF Officers	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: horse recordings						
GR 1105.0	122-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	USEF Officers	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: transfer of ownership						
GR 1124.6	117-19	2	Standard	12/1/2020	Arabian	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: arabian						
GR 1131.0	142-19	2	Standard	12/1/2020	Thomas Brennan	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: Green Hunter Incentive Stakes						
GR 1131.3	119-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	USHJA	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: hunter and equitation divisions						
GR 1142.0	121-19	2	Standard	12/1/2020	Welsh	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: welsh pony						
GR 1144.0	120-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	Western Dressage	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: western dressage						
GR 1202.0	125-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	Dressage	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: safe sport training						
GR 1202.0	134-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	USEF Officers	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: safe sport						
AL 132.3	234-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	Andalusian/Lusitano	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: appointments						
AR 171.3	292-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	Arabian	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: jumper class specifications						
AR 175.3	339-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	AHA	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: Sport Horse In-Hand Championships						
AR 180.3	338-19	2	Standard	12/1/2020	AHA	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: Sport Horse Under Saddle appointments						

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AR 222.0	344-19	2	Standard	12/1/2020	AHA	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: ranch horse cow						
AR 223.0	343-19	2	Standard	12/1/2020	AHA	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: Ranch Horse Rail Pleasure						
AR 223.1	291-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	Arabian	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: breaking ties						
AR 224.0	341-19	2	Standard	12/1/2020	AHA	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: Ranch Horse Cow						
AR 238.3	337-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	AHA	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: age						
AR 247.0	335-19	2	Standard	12/1/2020	AHA	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: showmanship						
AR 263.0	340-19	2	Standard	12/1/2020	AHA	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: walk/jog classes						
DR 106.4	300-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	Dressage	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: rein back						
DR 120.16	296-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	Dressage	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: electronic devices						
DR 121.0	282-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	Dressage	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: saddlery and equipment						
DR 121.20	295-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	Dressage	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: kicking chains						
DR 122.0	027-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	Dressage	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: whip						
DR 126.1	284-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	Dressage	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: tack inspections						
DR 126.1	285-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	Dressage	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: exercise and training areas						
DR 133.1	288-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	USDF	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: numbers						

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DR 135.0	283-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	Dressage	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: measurement						
DR 203.7	287-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	USDF	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: sport horse breeding						
EN 101.0	346-19	2	Extraordinary	12/1/2020	Endurance	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: endurance chapter						
EQ 107.0	180-19	2	Standard	12/1/2020	USHJA	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: points						
EQ 111.0	189-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	USHJA	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: Specifications						
EQ 117.0	190-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	Saddle Seat Eq	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: saddle seat medal final						
EQ 117.0	279-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	Saddle Seat Eq	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: class routine						
EQ 118.15	277-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	Saddle Seat Eq	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: UPHA 10 & under walk/trot challenge cup						
EQ 119.0	276-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	Saddle Seat Eq	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: posting tests						
EQ 119.16	278-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	Saddle Seat Eq	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: exchanging horse's						
EQ 129.7	281-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	Western Committee	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: western equitation						
EV App. 3	321-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	US Eventing	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: Modified Classic Three-Day Events						
EV App. 3	322-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	US Eventing	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: Modified Classic Three-Day Events						
EV 0.3	325-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	US Eventing	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: Modified Classic Three-Day Events						
EV 113.3	207-19	2	Standard	12/1/2020	Eventing	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: medical cards/bracelets						

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EV 114.5 Description: dress	203-19	2	Standard	12/1/2020	US Eventing	Approved (6/22/2020)
EV 114.10 Description: dress	204-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	US Eventing	Approved (6/22/2020)
EV 140.0 Description: water crossings	350-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	Eventing	Approved (6/22/2020)
EV 141.1 Description: faults at obstacles	205-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	US Eventing	Approved (6/22/2020)
EV 155.3 Description: three-day events	324-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	US Eventing	Approved (6/22/2020)
EV 156.2 Description: National Three-Day Events	323-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	US Eventing	Approved (6/22/2020)
FR 101.13 Description: bits	244-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	Friesian	Approved (6/22/2020)
FR 101.27 Description: championship classes	243-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	IFSHA	Approved (6/22/2020)
FR 103.1 Description: shoeing	245-19	2	Standard	12/1/2020	Friesian	Approved (6/22/2020)
HJ 105.1 Description: Privacy Screens	164-19	3	Standard	12/1/2020	USHJA	Approved (6/22/2020)
HJ 119.1 Description: Young Hunter	172-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	USHJA	Approved (6/22/2020)
HJ 119.3 Description: Young Hunter	173-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	USHJA	Approved (6/22/2020)
HJ 127.1 Description: Measurement	156-19	3	Standard	12/1/2020	USHJA	Approved (6/22/2020)
HK 113.0 Description: appointments	202-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	Hackney	Approved (6/22/2020)
HK 131.0 Description: hackney pony gig	275-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	Hackney	Approved (6/22/2020)

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HK 134.0	222-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	AHHS	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: measurement						
HK 135.0	223-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	Hackney	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: Hackney Roadster Ponies						
HU 106.0	075-19	2	Standard	12/1/2020	USHJA	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: equipment						
HU 111.0	177-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	USHJA	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: Young Hunter						
HU 129.1	166-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	USHJA	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: Under Saddle & Hack Classes						
HU 131.2	149-19	4	Standard	12/1/2020	USHJA	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: Green Eligibility						
HU 131.9	167-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	USHJA	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: Green Eligibility						
HU 133.2	179-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	USHJA	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: Young Hunter						
HU 142.10	168-19	2	Standard	12/1/2020	USHJA	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: Junior Hunter (Under Saddle classes)						
HU 145.2	154-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	USHJA	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: Pony Hunter Breeding						
HU 162.3	178-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	USHJA	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: Young Hunter						
HU 167.0	191-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	USHJA	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: Specifications						
HU 169.0	143-19	2	Standard	12/1/2020	Thomas Brennan	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: green hunter incentive program						
HU 174.2	171-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	USHJA	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: Hunter Classics (Combining/Dividing)						
JP 103.0	073-19	3	Standard	12/1/2020	USHJA	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: schooling supervision						

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JP 111.1	160-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	Jumper	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: Tack and Attire						
JP 113.0	188-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	USHJA	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: Specifications						
JP 117.0	159-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	Jumper	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: Sections/Classes Restricted to JR, A/O, Amateur or YR						
JP 122.1	158-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	Jumper	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: Fence Dimensions						
JP 122.7	290-19	2	Standard	12/1/2020	Jumper	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: USEF Show Jumping Ranking List						
JP 136.1	157-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	Jumper	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: The Competition Round						
MO 127.0	293-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	Morgan	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: morgan classic pleasure saddle class						
MO 186.0	057-19	2	Standard	12/1/2020	Angela Thayer	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: appointments						
MO 201.0	345-19	2	Standard	12/1/2020	Morgan	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: morgan working western						
RD 107.0	217-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	Roadster	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: attire						
RD 107.0	331-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	Roadster	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: appointments						
RD 114.0	218-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	Roadster	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: Roadster ponies measurement						
RD 114.0	330-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	Roadster	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: amateur to bike						
SB 120.0	333-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	American Saddlebred	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: driving appointments						
SB 128.0	332-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	American Saddlebred	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: five-gaited						

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SB 157.5	200-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	ASHA	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: professionals						
SB 163.0	201-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	ASHA	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: hunter country pleasure						
WD 110.2	238-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	WDAA	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: transitions						
WD 114.0	071-19	2	Standard	12/1/2020	WDAA	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: turn on the haunches						
WD 121.5	237-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	Western Dressage	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: reins						
WD 121.6	239-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	WDAA	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: saddle						
WD 123.0	241-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	Western Dressage	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: attire						
WD 125.4	236-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	Western Dressage	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: longeing						
WD 126.0	328-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	WDAA	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: switching hands						
WD 127.3	240-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	Western Dressage	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: breaking ties						
WD 129.5	235-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	Western Dressage	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: schooling						
WD 131.0	329-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	WDAA	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: penalties						
WD 131.2	242-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	Western Dressage	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: musical freestyle						
WD 141.0	327-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	WDAA	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: judging						
WD 143.0	326-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	WDAA	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: youth classes						

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WL 101.0	123-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	USEF Officers	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: eligibility						
WS 103.0	280-19	1	Standard	12/1/2020	Western Committee	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: conduct						
GR 1021.0	130-19	1	Standard	12/1/2021	USHJA	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: course designers						
GR 1205.0	132-19	1	Standard	12/1/2021	USHJA	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: course designer						
DR 119.8	286-19	2	Standard	12/1/2021	Dressage	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: CDI requirements						
EQ 110.0	147-19	1	Standard	12/1/2021	USHJA	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: Course Designers						
HU 117.0	148-19	1	Standard	12/1/2021	USHJA	Approved (6/22/2020)
Description: Course Designers						

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FEI Rule Change	7/1/2020	2/7/2020	Approved 6/22/2020

Proposed Change

**DR121.4 Saddlery and Equipment.** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]

**DR121.4 Saddlery and Equipment. Change to read:**

For FEI tests ridden at national competitions, a plain snaffle bridle or simple double bridle may be used, as described above in DR121.2-.3. However, for USEF High Performance qualifying and championship classes, **and** USEF Young Adult qualifying and championship classes, ~~USEF Junior championship classes, and USEF Young Rider championship classes,~~ a double bridle is mandatory. Snaffle bridles are permitted for NAYC qualifying classes, USEF Junior qualifying classes and USEF Young Rider qualifying classes. ~~Double bridles are mandatory~~ **Either a snaffle or double bridle is permitted** for NAYC and USEF Junior and Young Rider championships. Only snaffles, curbs and bridoons and in Annex A are permitted in FEI tests.

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Rule Change Intent

FEI rule change effective 1.1.20. For FEI Junior and Young Rider Championships a snaffle bridle is now allowed. This change would allow our national championships to match the FEI championships saddlery and equipment.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> saddlery and equipment

Committee Actions	
Competition Management	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 03/31/2020	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
Council - Intl Discipline	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 04/28/2020	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
Dressage	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 04/07/2020	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
USDF	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Disapproval 04/24/2020	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>

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## Proposed Change

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

## 7. Movements

a. In FEI Level Freestyles, the competitor must include all gaits and movements required on the FEI score sheet at

the level shown. Current FEI rules apply. **See current FEI Freestyle directives and handouts.** ~~Failure to include required movements will result in a zero (0) score on the appropriate line.~~

~~b. Any movements included in tests at or below the level declared may be included in Freestyle rides but those not specified as compulsory movements on the score sheet will be scored only as they enhance or detract from the Artistic Impression.~~

~~c. Riders should note that it is compulsory to come into and out of the canter pirouette in canter for the technical mark to be given. Walking into and out of the canter pirouette will be considered only in the artistic marks. BOD~~

~~1/12/19 Effective 2/1/19~~

~~d. In FEI Level Freestyles, movements intentionally performed above the level declared shall be penalized by elimination, preferably immediately. Exceptions for FEI Para-Equestrian Freestyles performing movements above the level are noted on the FEI Para-Equestrian tests. A rider showing more than one half-pirouette (i.e., more than 180 degrees) in one continuous movement in the Young Rider Freestyle Test or a rider showing more than one full pirouette (i.e., more than 360 degrees) in one continuous movement in the Intermediate I Freestyle Test, will receive "0" (zero) for the whole movement and the scores for choreography as well as the degree of difficulty cannot be higher than "5". See DR124.1m.~~

1. e. Once a movement has been included in the tests of the Freestyle level declared or those below, it can be shown

at any location in the arena (**exception: mandatory halts**). ~~(for instance, pirouettes on the center line in Intermediate I) or at sharper angles (half pass) or in greater numbers (tempi changes) to enhance the degree of difficulty.~~

~~f. Grand Prix Freestyle Tests. Besides all the Grand Prix level movements, double pirouettes, pirouettes in piaffe and half pass in passage are allowed. A rider showing more than a double pirouette (i.e., two pirouettes of more than 360 degrees each) in one continuous movement, will receive a "0" (zero) for the whole movement and the scores for choreography as well as the degree of difficulty cannot be higher than "5". A rider showing other non-permitted movements in FEI Level Freestyles must be disqualified. One Piaffe has to be shown straight (minimum 10 steps). If the Piaffe is only shown as a Pirouette, a minimum of 10 steps is to be shown before or after turning. Passage shown in Half Pass is not considered as the compulsory passage. Scores and credit for transitions will only be given for the sequence "passage, piaffe, passage".~~ ~~Airs above the ground and Canter~~

~~“Terre a Terre” are not allowed. Flying changes must be shown in at least 5 consecutive changes every second~~

~~stride and minimum nine changes at every stride.~~

~~g. Mistakes, such as in tempi changes, should not be penalized as exceeding the degree of difficulty of the level~~

~~shown but only as they affect the technical marks.~~

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Dressage

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### Rule Change Intent

The FEI has removed rules for freestyles from their rule book and now publishes various directives and handouts specifying which movements are permitted and how they are to be judged and scored. Their document is also updated frequently, and instead of submitting rule changes each time it is updated, we would like to directly reference their documents for the FEI level freestyles. There is also the addition that per the FEI: if a movement has been included in the tests of the Freestyle level declared or those below, it can be shown at any location in the arena. However, the exception is mandatory halts, which has now been noted below.

### Linked Rules

### Comments

**Web:** musical freestyle

### Committee Actions

#### Competition Management

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

#### Council - Intl Discipline

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

#### Dressage

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

#### USDF

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

**GR102 Tracking #347-19 Draft #1 Approved**

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
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Proposed Change

**GR102 Age (of Equine)** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 1-A DEFINITIONS]

GR102 Age (of Equine) {1-A Definitions}

3. A junior horse is one that is four years of age or younger. Exceptions:

a. Junior Breeding or In-Hand classes are open to horses two years old and under. Junior Horse performance classes held in the Arabian, Friesian, National Show Horse, and Western Division(s) are open to horses five years old and under. Senior Breeding or In-Hand classes are open to horses three years old and over.

~~b. Friesian: six and older.~~

~~b. e.~~ For Andalusian/Lusitano, see division rules.

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Rule Change Intent

The language being removed is not compatible as an exception to GR102.3 and does not need to be included. The exception that Junior horses in the Friesian division are five years old and under is already stated in point (a) of this rule.

Linked Rules	Comments
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**Web:** age of equine

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Proposed Change

**GR314 Mileage.** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 3-C COMPETITION MILEAGE]

**GR314 Mileage. Change to read:**

- 2. Mileage Boundaries. Mileage consideration may be applicable to more than one mileage provision.
- c. Mileage Boundaries for Dressage Competitions.
  - 1. In the case of a Regular or Local Competition holding Open Dressage Division classes, the question of conflict shall be determined with reference only to those dates, inclusive, during which Open Dressage classes are to be held. See DR127.15 for a map of USDF regions.
  - 2. Applicable Mileage:
    - a. A 75 mile radius shall apply to Dressage Competitions held in contiguous USDF regions, for which different distances are specified, in the case of Dressage Competitions, Regular Competitions, or Local Competitions holding "open" Dressage Division classes.
    - b. A 50-mile radius shall apply for Dressage Competitions in USDF Regions 1, 2, 6, & 8 holding "open" Dressage classes (excluding competitions restricted to one breed).
    - c. A 100-mile radius shall apply for Dressage Competitions in USDF Regions 3, 4, 5, 7 and 9 holding "open" Dressage classes (excluding competitions restricted to one breed).
- 3. Two or more Dressage Competitions may not be held at the same or adjacent locations on the same days.
  - a. Exception: Dressage Competitions that are limited to Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes may be held at the same or adjacent location **or within the applicable mileage radius** as another Dressage Competition that does not offer Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes.
- 4. All dressage competitions are categorized by Level. See DR126 for criteria for each level.

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Rule Change Intent

This clarification was requested by the Legal and Competition Departments due to application challenges with mileage.

Effective: Clarification. Effective immediately.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> dressage sport horse breeding

Committee Actions	
Competition Management	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 04/15/2020	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
Competition Secretaries	
<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
Council - Intl Discipline	
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Proposed Change

**GR1009 Recorded Judge.** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]

**GR1009 Recorded Judge. Change to read:**

2. The following divisions have specific limitations for 'r' recorded judges.

b. Dressage - A Recorded Dressage judge may officiate at Second Level and below and may not officiate at the Third Level and above. Recorded Dressage judges may not officiate in FEI or USEF Dressage Tests for 4 and 5 year old horses or in FEI Pony Tests **or FEI Para-Equestrian tests**. Recorded Dressage judges may officiate in Eventing or ~~FEI Para-Equestrian Dressage Tests~~ equivalent to Second Level or below. Recorded Dressage judges may officiate in Eventing Competitions at the Intermediate Level or below

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Rule Change Intent

There is no longer an "equivalency" between standard dressage tests and FEI Para tests. Therefore, a Recorded dressage judge should no longer be eligible to judge FEI Para tests.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> recorded judge

Committee Actions	
Competition Management	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 04/15/2020	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
Council - Intl Discipline	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 04/28/2020	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
Licensed Officials	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 04/06/2020	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
USDF	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 04/24/2020	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
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Proposed Change

**GR1026 Eventing Course Designers** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 10-F CLASSIFICATIONS - COURSE DESIGNERS]

GR1026 Eventing Course Designers

1. A **minimum of a** Certified Eventing Cross Country Course Designer is required for Beginner Novice, Novice, and Training Horse Trials.
  2. A minimum of a Recorded ('r') license is required to officiate at Preliminary Horse Trials, Modified Horse Trials, and National Three-Day Events.
  3. A minimum of a Registered ('R') license is required to officiate at Intermediate Horse Trials.
  4. A minimum of a Senior ('S') license is required to officiate at Advanced Horse Trials.
  5. An individual recognized by the FEI or by another National Federation may serve as the Course Designer for a specific competition with the approval of the Federation Eventing Sport Committee.
- See Chapter EV - Eventing EV169 for officiating eligibility for 'S', 'R' and 'r' Eventing Course Designers.

EV169 National Horse Trials (remainder of chart remains the same)

HORSE TRIALS	BN-T	M-P	IN
REQUIRED OFFICIALS	President Only or more	President Only or more	Pr or
CROSS COUNTRY COURSE DESIGNER	<b>Minimum</b> Certified Cross Country Designer	Minimum USEF 'r'	Mi 'R'

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Rule Change Intent

USEF staff realized that the language in GR1026 can be interpreted as restrictive to the type of official that is allowed to officiate for Beginner Novice, Novice, and Training Horse Trials. This clarification would allow a Certified Eventing Cross Country Course Designer, 'r' Eventing Course Designer, 'R' Eventing Course Designer, or 'S' Eventing Course Designer to officiate at those levels, which is how this rule has been applied practically.

Linked Rules

Comments

**Web:** eventing course designers

Committee Actions

Competition Management

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/15/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/28/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Eventing

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/07/2020

**Draft 1:** The Eventing Sport Committee recommends approval as the proposal clarifies that a 'r' or 'R' CD may design at the the training level and below.

**GR1038.5 Tracking #352-19 Draft #1 Approved**

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Extraordinary	9/1/2020	2/21/2020	Approved 6/22/2020

**Extraordinary Change Reason**

The PFHA submits rule changes every other year and their timeline does not allow them to submit GR rule changes before the USEF deadline

**Proposed Change**

**GR1038 Conflicts of Interest and Restrictions - Judges (See also GR107 and GR1304)** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 10-H REGULATIONS GOVERNING OFFICIALS]

**GR1038.5b**

5. Paso Fino Division: A judge may not officiate more than once within two hundred (200) road miles during any thirty (30) day period.

a. This restriction does not apply to Guest Judges officiating classes recognized by a national breed or discipline association for which the Federation has no division rules and does not license judges.

*b. Exception: If a Judge is substituted for one who is officially designated in the prize list and catalogue and who is unable to serve owing to circumstances beyond his control, the restrictions in section 5 above shall not apply with respect to the show.*

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**Rule Change Intent**

This rule change aligns with the new language approved for the PFHA rulebook and will allow for show management to substitute sick or otherwise incapacitated judges with local officials.

Linked Rules	Comments
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**Web:** conflicts of interest - Paso Fino

**Committee Actions**

**Competition Management**

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/15/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

**Council - Natl Breed & Discipline**

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/27/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

**Licensed Officials**

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/06/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

**Paso Fino**

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 02/17/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

**GR1123 Tracking #364-19 Draft #1 Approved**

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Proposed Change

**GR1123 Andalusian/Lusitano Division** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 11-F AWARD SECTIONS ]

GR1123 Andalusian/Lusitano Division {11-F Award Sections}

- c. Andalusian/Lusitano Sport Horse **In-Hand**: Classes to count include: Sport Horse In-Hand; ~~Sport Horse Under Saddle and Sport Horse Show Hack are combined.~~
- d. Andalusian/Lusitano Sport Horse Under Saddle: Classes to count include: Sport Horse Under Saddle and Sport Horse Show Hack are combined.**
- ~~d e. Half Andalusian/Lusitano Sport Horse In-Hand: Classes to count include: Sport Horse In-Hand; Sport Horse Under Saddle and Sport Horse Show Hack are combined.~~
- f. Half Andalusian/Lusitano Sport Horse Under Saddle: Classes to count include: Sport Horse Under Saddle and Sport Horse Show Hack are combined.**

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Rule Change Intent

There has been some confusion about if the Sport Horse In-hand classes were a stand alone award category or were combined with the under saddle classes. Originally the seperation was depicted by the semicolon between the In-hand and under saddle classes, but this written seperation will clarify that the Sport Horse In-hand classes make up their own award category and the two types of under saddle classes are under a seperate award.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> andalusian/lusitano

Committee Actions

Competition Management	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 05/22/2020	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
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**GR1305 Tracking #357-19 Draft #1 Approved**

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
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Proposed Change

**GR1305 Eliminations & Withdrawal from Classes & Competition** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]

**DR 1305 Eliminations & Withdrawal from Classes & Competition – delete:**

4. All horses competing in USEF/USDF Regional Dressage Championships classes must remain on the competition grounds from the time of entry to the grounds and for the duration of their USEF/USDF Regional Dressage Championship classes. (See DR127.8) If required to remain overnight, horses must be stabled on the competition grounds.

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Rule Change Intent

Effective: Immediately

Intent: GR1305.4 should be deleted because it is in conflict with DR121.13, DR127.8 and DR128.3 and is unnecessary. The purpose of this and the related proposals is to avoid redundant and conflicting language in multiple rules.

Linked Rules	Comments
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DR 121 (318-19), DR 127 (319-19), DR 128 (320-19)

**Web:** qualifying and championship classes

Committee Actions

Competition Management

**Draft 1:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Competition Secretaries

**Draft 1:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

Dressage

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

USDF

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**Draft 1:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments

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Proposed Change

**DR105 The Canter** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]

6. Change of lead through the Trot. This is a change of lead where the horse is brought back into the trot and after a few trot ~~strides~~ **steps**, is restarted into a canter with the other leg leading.

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Rule Change Intent

Clarification to current USEF rules indicating the correct terminology of a change of lead through the trot is referenced in steps.

Linked Rules

Comments

**Web:** change of lead

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Council - Intl Discipline

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

Dressage

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

USDF

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Proposed Change

**DR112 The Pirouette, The Half-pirouette, The Quarter-pirouette, The Working Pirouette, The Working Half-pirouette, The Turn on the Haunches.**  
 [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]

**DR112 The Pirouette, The Half-pirouette, The Quarter-pirouette, The Working Pirouette, The Working Half-pirouette, The Turn on the Haunches.**  
**Change to read:**

9. The Working Pirouette and Working Half-Pirouette. The pirouette (half-pirouette) is a turn of 360 degrees (180 degrees) executed on two tracks, with the forehand moving around the haunches. ~~The size of the working pirouettes should be approximately three meters. The requirements for a working half-pirouette are identical to those of a regular half-pirouette, except that~~ The allowable diameter **of a working pirouette** is increased to approximately three meters. A working half-pirouette is to be judged like a regular half-pirouette except that full credit must be given for a well-performed, but larger (three meter) half-pirouette. Full credit should also be given for a well-performed regular-sized half-pirouette. A significant deduction should be made if a rider attempts but performs poorly a regular half-pirouette.

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Rule Change Intent

Clarification as some judges have misinterpreted the current wording. Removing this wording will make the allowable diameter of a working pirouette more clear.

Linked Rules

Comments

**Web:** working pirouette

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Council - Intl Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/28/2020

**Draft 1: No Comments**

Dressage

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USDF

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**Draft 1: No Comments**

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Rule Clarification	9/1/2020	2/27/2020	Approved 6/22/2020

Proposed Change

**DR117 The Position and Aids of the Rider.** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]

**DR117 The Position and Aids of the Rider. Change to read:**

5. Unless indicated on a **Federation Dispensation/Classification Certificate** ~~Federation Dispensation Certificate, International Para-Equestrian Classification Card (FEI PE Card), USEF Para-Equestrian Classification Card,~~ or Presidential Modification letter, the use of stirrups is required.

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Rule Change Intent

To correct the rule to reflect the current terminology for Dispensation/classification certificates.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> dispensation/classification certificate

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Council - Intl Discipline

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Dressage

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

ParaEquestrian

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/07/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

USDF

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Proposed Change

**DR118 Tests for Dressage Competitions.** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]

**DR118 Tests for Dressage Competitions. Change to read:**

5. Tests for Para Equestrians may be ridden only in classes, including Test of Choice classes, that are limited to Para Equestrians. Young Horse tests may be ridden only in classes, including Test of Choice classes, that are limited to Young Horses. Freestyle tests may be ridden only in classes, including Test of Choice classes, that are limited to Freestyles. Quadrille and Pas de Deux ~~tests classes~~ cannot be ridden in Freestyle Test of Choice classes. Quadrilles and Pas de Deux rides may be ridden only in classes, including Test of Choice classes, that are limited to Quadrilles and Pas de Deux rides.

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Rule Change Intent

Clarification to correct wording; a Pas de Deux is a test (not a class).

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web: tests</b>

Committee Actions	
Competition Management	
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Competition Secretaries	
<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
Council - Intl Discipline	
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Dressage	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 04/07/2020	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
USDF	
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Proposed Change

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

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

11. Riders with a diagnosed permanent disability who require the use of compensatory aids or adaptive equipment must hold a Federation Dispensation/**Classification** Certificate indicating their International (FEI) or their National (USEF) classification status. A copy of an athlete's Dispensation/**Classification** Certificate listing all of his or her allowed compensating aids and adaptive equipment must be included with the rider's entry, with a copy then attached to each of their Dressage sheets for the Judge's reference. A copy must remain with the entry records for review by the Technical Delegate.

12. Athletes in FEI Para-Equestrian tests must have a current Federation Dispensation/**Classification** Certificate which indicates their Classification status to be eligible to participate.

13. Riders who do not submit a current ~~USEF~~ **Federation** Dispensation/**Classification** Certificate or USEF Presidential Modification letter to the competition secretary cannot compete with any modifications, compensatory aids, or dispensations to the rules in DR Chapter 1. USEF affidavits cannot be used to compete with modifications or compensatory aids when either the Dispensation/**Classification** Certificate or Presidential Modification is not available.

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

To change the rule to reflect the current terminology for Dispensation/classification certificates.

Linked Rules

Comments

**Web:** dispensation/classification certificates

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Council - Intl Discipline

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Dressage

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

ParaEquestrian

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

USDF

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

**DR120.12 Tracking #305-19 Draft #1 Approved**

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Proposed Change

**DR120 Dress** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]

**DR120 Dress. Change to read:**

12. Individuals holding Federation Dispensation/**Classification** Certificates may be allowed exceptions, i.e.; gloves not required if unable to wear them, half-chaps and black or brown riding shoes with heels. If dispensation for modified shoes or boots is given, safety stirrups are required. Riders may also be given dispensation for modified gloves, hand weights and arm belts. All exceptions to required dress must be listed on the rider's Dispensation/**Classification** Certificate.

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Rule Change Intent

To change the rule to reflect the current terminology for Dispensation/classification certificates.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> dispensation/classification certificates

Committee Actions	
Competition Management	
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Council - Intl Discipline	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 04/28/2020	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
Dressage	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 04/07/2020	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
ParaEquestrian	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 04/07/2020	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
USDF	
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Proposed Change

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

**DR 121 Saddlery and Equipment. Change to read:**

1. An English type saddle with flaps and stirrups is compulsory for all tests and classes other than FEI tests. Stirrups must have closed branches. An English type saddle may be constructed with or without a tree but cannot have a horn, swell, gallerie, or open gullet. Australian, Baroque, Endurance, McClellan, Spanish, Stock, or Western saddles are not permitted nor are modified versions of these saddles (exception: competitors with a current approved Federation Dispensation/**Classification** Certificate). A Dressage saddle which must be close to the horse and have long, near-vertical flaps and stirrups is compulsory for FEI tests (**except FEI Para tests**)...

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14. Athletes holding a Federation Dispensation/**Classification** Certificate may use special saddlery and equipment as specifically listed on their Certificate.

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Rule Change Intent

To correct the rule to reflect the current terminology for Dispensation/classification certificates, as well as noting the exception to dressage saddles for FEI Para Tests

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> dispensation/classification certificates

Committee Actions	
Competition Management	
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Council - Intl Discipline	
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Dressage	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 04/07/2020	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
ParaEquestrian	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 04/07/2020	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
USDF	
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Proposed Change

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

**DR 121 Saddlery and Equipment. Change to read:**

5. Riders competing only in FEI Para-Equestrian tests may use either a plain snaffle bridle or simple double bridle. Riders competing in both FEI Para-Equestrian tests and USDF or USEF tests at the same competition must use a plain snaffle bridle at ~~Grades I-IV levels~~ **Second Level and below**. A double bridle may be used in warm-up and while competing only ~~at Third Level or above, at the Grade V level.~~ **at Third Level or above.**

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Rule Change Intent

Clarification to reflect new rule allowing non-consecutive levels to be ridden by Para riders competing in both Para tests and standard dressage tests. If approved, this will also need to be incorporated in the DR121 rewrite RCP under 3.10.6

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> bridles

Committee Actions	
Competition Management	
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Council - Intl Discipline	
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Dressage	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 04/07/2020	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
ParaEquestrian	
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USDF	
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Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
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Proposed Change

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

**DR121 Saddlery and Equipment – delete:**

~~13. Horses competing in Competition Level 4-5 classes (for example: USEF/USDF Regional Championships classes and USEF National Championships classes) must be stabled on the grounds of the competition and must remain on the grounds for the duration of the event from the time of entry until the horse has finished competing in classes designated as Level 4 or 5.~~

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Rule Change Intent

Intent: The current rule is redundant with DR128.3 and in conflict with DR127.8. NOTE: The USEF Dressage Rules WG is proposing to delete this rule on 12.1.20, but this would allow it to be deleted earlier to coincide with the two following RCPs.

Linked Rules	Comments
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DR 127 (319-19), DR 128 (320-19), GR 1305 (357-19)

**Web:** saddlery and equipment

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Competition Secretaries

**Draft 1:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

Dressage

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

USDF

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/24/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

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Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
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Proposed Change

**DR122 Execution and Judging of Tests** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]

**DR122 Execution and Judging of Tests. Change to read:**

1. Calling Tests. .... FEI Para-Equestrian tests must be ridden from memory unless an exemption is listed on the rider's Dispensation/**Classification** Certificate. In all tests, all movements must follow the order laid down in the test.

4. Individuals holding a Federation Dispensation/**Classification** Certificate are allowed the following exceptions, provided these exceptions are clearly listed on the Certificate:

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Rule Change Intent

To correct the rule to reflect the current terminology for Dispensation/classification certificates.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> dispensation/classification certificates

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Council - Intl Discipline

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

Dressage

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/07/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

ParaEquestrian

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/07/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

USDF

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/24/2020

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Proposed Change

**DR122 Execution and Judging of Tests.** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]

**DR122 Execution and Judging of Tests. Change to read:**

5. Errors.

a. When a competitor makes an “error of the course” (takes the wrong turn, omits a movement, etc.) the President of the Jury warns him by sounding the bell. The President shows him if necessary the point at which he must take up the test again and the next movement to be executed then leaves him to continue by himself. However, in some cases when, although the competitor makes an “error of the course”, the sounding of the bell would unnecessarily impede the fluency of the performance for instance if the competitor makes a transition from medium trot to collected walk at V instead of at K or cantering up the center line from A makes a pirouette at D instead of at L it is up to the President to decide whether to sound the bell or not. However, if the bell is not sounded at an error of course, or error of test in which the movement, or a requirement of the movement, is repeated and the error occurs again, only one error is recorded. If a rider performs in a rising trot when a sitting trot is required, or vice versa, the bell must be sounded and the rider warned that this is an error that accumulates if repeated, leading to elimination at the third occurrence. **Exception: The bell is not sounded for errors in Freestyles.**

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

Clarification to reflect current rules which are that the bell is not sounded for errors in Freestyles.

Linked Rules

Comments

**Web:** errors

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Council - Intl Discipline

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Dressage

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USDF

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Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
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Proposed Change

**DR122 Execution and Judging of Tests** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]

**DR122 Execution and Judging of Tests. Change to read:**

9. Collective marks are awarded (from 0 to 10) after the competitor has finished his performance for USEF, **USDF** and FEI Dressage Tests--.

~~a. Gaits.~~

~~b. Impulsion.~~

~~c. Submission (Willing Cooperation)~~

~~d. The rider's position and seat; correctness and effect of the aids.~~

The collective marks as well as certain difficult and/or infrequently repeated movements can be given a co-efficient which is fixed by the USDF, the Federation (USEF) Dressage Sport Committee or the Bureau of the FEI for their respective tests.

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Rule Change Intent

The FEI tests do not include all the collective marks anymore and as a result they are different than the USEF/USDF tests. It is inaccurate and misleading to list these out as reference. The USDF has been added in the listing because the tests are joint now.

Linked Rules

Comments

**Web:** collective marks

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Council - Intl Discipline

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Dressage

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USDF

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## DR123.1 Tracking #312-19 Draft #1 Approved

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### Proposed Change

**DR123 Scoring, Classification and Prize-Giving** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]

**DR123 Scoring, Classification and Prize-Giving. Change to read:**

1. After each performance and after each judge has given his Collective Marks, which must be done with due consideration, **and signed the test**, the judges' sheets pass into the hands of the scorers. Scores and comments must be written in ink. Any corrected score must be initialed by the judge having made the correction. The marks are multiplied by the corresponding co-efficients where applicable and then totaled. Penalty points incurred for errors in the execution of the test are then deducted on each judge's sheet. **Scores and comments may also be recorded electronically, and must be signed either electronically, or by hand, by the judge(s) for the test or class, before being tabulated.**

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### Rule Change Intent

To clarify that tests must be signed before being tabulated and that only the person who judged the test may sign it. Each Dressage Test has a spot for signature.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> test sheet

### Committee Actions

Competition Management	
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Competition Secretaries	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Council - Intl Discipline	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 04/28/2020	Draft 1: No Comments
Dressage	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 04/07/2020	Draft 1: No Comments
USDF	
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Proposed Change

**DR123 Scoring, Classification and Prize-Giving.** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]

**DR123 Scoring, Classification and Prize-Giving. Add new and renumber:**

**6. Total scores and marks for each movement may be published by competition management, however, complete scoresheets or judge's comments are considered private and shall not be published.**

Proponent Details	Contact Information
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Rule Change Intent

Clarification to reflect current practice. Each Dressage Test also includes a spot for signature already as well.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> test sheet

Committee Actions	
Competition Management	
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Competition Secretaries	
<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
Council - Intl Discipline	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 04/28/2020	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
Dressage	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 04/07/2020	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
USDF	
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Proposed Change

**DR123 Scoring, Classification and Prize-Giving** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]

**DR123 Scoring, Classification and Prize-Giving. Add new and renumber:**

11. After the awards for a class have been presented, the judge's score sheet should be given to the competitor. The score sheet must be handed directly to the competitor or his representative. Privacy must be maintained. **Score sheets may be provided electronically to the competitor, but they shall, upon request, also be provided with a printed copy.**

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Rule Change Intent

The rules need to be clarify that while tests may be provided electronically; the competitor still has a right to request a printed copy at the show.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> score sheets

Committee Actions	
Competition Management	
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Competition Secretaries	
<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
Council - Intl Discipline	
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Dressage	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 04/07/2020	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
USDF	
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**DR124.2 Tracking #314-19 Draft #1 Approved**

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Rule Clarification	9/1/2020	2/27/2020	Approved 6/22/2020

Proposed Change

**DR124 Elimination.** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]

**DR124 Elimination. Change to read and add new:**

2. Horse and rider combinations shall be eliminated from the competition (for .a, .f and .i, below) or from the current or next class depending on which is closest to the time the incident occurred (for all others), under the following circumstances:

e. ~~Three~~ **Errors** of the course and/or test **as specified in DR122.** (DR122);

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Rule Change Intent

Update to current rules in DR122 which indicate elimination for two errors in some FEI tests.

Linked Rules	Comments
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**Web:** errors

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Council - Intl Discipline

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Dressage

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USDF

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DR126.1 Tracking #315-19 Draft #1 Approved

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
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Proposed Change

**DR126 Requirements for Dressage Competition Management.** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]

**DR126 Requirements for Dressage Competition Management. Change to read:**

1.j. Miscellaneous.

1. Management must provide judges and technical delegates with copies of Federation Presidential Modification

letters *or Federation Dispensation/Classification Certificates* they have received, prior to the classes where those riders compete under those judges. Competitors will not be allowed to compete with modifications unless a copy of their Presidential Modification letter *or Federation Dispensation/Classification Certificate* is provided to the competition secretary by the beginning of the competition.

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

To correct the rule to reflect the current terminology for Dispensation/classification certificates

Linked Rules

Comments

**Web:** dispensation/classification certificates

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Council - Intl Discipline

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Dressage

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

ParaEquestrian

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/07/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

USDF

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/24/2020

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**DR127.8 Tracking #319-19 Draft #1 Approved**

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Rule Clarification	9/1/2020	2/27/2020	Approved 6/22/2020

Proposed Change

**DR127 USEF/USDF Qualifying and Championship Classes and USEF/USDF National Championships for Dressage** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]

**DR127 USEF/USDF Qualifying and Championship Classes and USEF/USDF National Championships for Dressage – change to read:**

8. All horses competing in Regional Championships classes must be stabled on the competition grounds and must remain on the grounds for the duration of their participation in the event, from the time of arrival until the horse has finished competing in all classes, **including all non-championship classes. If the horse leaves the grounds, it would be disqualified in championship classes, but not in non-championship classes.**

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Rule Change Intent

Intent: The current rule is in conflict with DR121.13 and DR128.3. The additional wording would make it clear that “all classes” also refers to non-championship classes that might follow participation in championship classes and that disqualification would only occur in championship class(es) if the horse leaves the grounds before it has finished competing in all classes.

Linked Rules	Comments
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DR 121 (318-19), DR 128 (320-19), GR 1305 (357-19)

**Web:** qualifying and championship classes

Committee Actions

Competition Management

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 03/31/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Competition Secretaries

**Draft 1:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

Dressage

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/07/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

USDF

**Draft 1:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments

DR128.3 Tracking #320-19 Draft #1 Approved

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Rule Clarification	9/1/2020	2/27/2020	Approved 6/22/2020

Proposed Change

**DR 128 USEF National Championships** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]

**DR 128 USEF National Championships – change to read:**

3. Horses competing in Level 4-5 classes (for example: ~~USEF/USDF Regional Championships — classes and~~ USEF National Championships classes) must be stabled on the competition grounds and must remain on the grounds for the duration of their participation in the event from the time of arrival until the horse has finished competing in championship classes. **Exception: For USEF/USDF Regional and National Championships for Dressage, horses must remain on the grounds from the time of arrival until the horse has finished competing in all classes, including all non-championship classes.**

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

Intent: The current rule is redundant with DR121.13 and in conflict with DR127.8. The additional wording would make this rule language compatible with DR127.8.

Linked Rules

DR 121 (318-19), DR 127 (319-19), GR 1305 (357-19)

Comments

**Web:** qualifying and championship classes

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Competition Secretaries

**Draft 1:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

Dressage

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/07/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

# DR133.1 Tracking #298-19 Draft #1 Approved

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Rule Clarification	9/1/2020	2/27/2020	Approved 6/22/2020

## Proposed Change

**DR133 Dressage Seat Equitation** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]

### DR133 Dressage Seat Equitation

1. Dressage Seat Equitation classes. May be offered for Juniors, Young Riders, Adult Amateurs and/or Open riders according to the following specifications:

a. Medium walk, working trot and canter both ways of the ring must be performed. Equitation classes may also be offered that are limited to medium walk and working trot. ~~However,~~ Dressage Seat Equitation classes **may** ~~cannot~~ be held as Opportunity classes **as specified in GR 821.2e**. The rider's position, seat and specifically the correct use and effect of the aids required by the Training and First Level Dressage tests are to be judged as outlined in DR117.1.

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## Rule Change Intent

This clarification would parallel a rule change to GR821 that was effective 12.1.19, allowing Dressage Seat Equitation classes to be held as Opportunity classes. The current language in DR133 contradicts GR821 and would take precedence over the general rule.

### Linked Rules

### Comments

**Web:** dressage seat equitation

## Committee Actions

### AMHA

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/25/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

### Competition Management

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### Competition Secretaries

**Draft 1:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments

### Council - Intl Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/28/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

### Dressage

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### USDF

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DR206.2 Tracking #317-19 Draft #1 Approved

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Extraordinary	9/1/2020	2/27/2020	Approved 6/22/2020

Extraordinary Change Reason

Exhibitors have been showing large yearlings and horses coming two years of age in European foal show halters. These halters are prone to breaking when they being used on larger horses creating a potential safety issue for handlers, judges, and other entries.

Proposed Change

**DR206 Equipment and Turn Out** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]

**DR206 Equipment and Turn Out. Change to read.**

2. Bridles are mandatory on all horses age two or older in the competition ring, including non-competing mares accompanying a foal. Bridles are forbidden on foals and weanlings but are permitted on yearlings. A bridle shall consist of a snaffle type bit (as pictured in Chapter DR, Subchapter DR-1, Figure 1A) with two reins and headstall with throatlatch. Reins must be attached only to bits as described in DR121.6. Noseband is optional. A split or single chain with a lead may be used instead of or in addition to reins, however a lead shank is required if reins are placed over the horse's neck and the handler must hold the shank. Horses under the age of two may be shown in halters, except as noted above and chain shanks may be used. **A traditional halter must be used; it must be made of leather or leather-like material and may be reinforced with nylon. European Foal Show Halters (halters with a cavesson, browband and throatlatch but no bit attachment) may only be used on current year foals.**

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

The intent of the rule change is to prohibit the use of the cavessons as halters in DSHB classes. Cavessons do not provide the necessary control and restraint of horses and create a potential safety factor for handlers and other entries. The rules must be clear that a traditional halter is required.

Linked Rules

**Web:** halters

Comments

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Council - Intl Discipline

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Dressage

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USDF

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## EQ118.12 Tracking #348-19 Draft #1 Approved

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Extraordinary	9/1/2020	2/18/2020	Approved 6/22/2020

### Extraordinary Change Reason

Because of the current rule change timeline there was no way to submit a standard rule change following the 2019 Finals that would be in effect prior to the 2020 Finals.

### Proposed Change

#### EQ118 Requirements for Specific Classes [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ-3 SADDLE SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]

12. USEF SADDLE SEAT MEDAL CLASS (17 & Under and Adult/Amateur).

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 c. Conditions Governing USEF Saddle Seat Medal Finals  
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~~6. Judges officiating these Finals will be asked to score the rail and pattern work numerically. Those scores will be placed then tabulated through the MOS system.~~

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Saddle Seat Eq

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### Rule Change Intent

In 2017 the USEF Saddle Seat Equitation committee implemented a numerical scoring system for use in the USEF Saddle Seat Medal Final and the USEF Saddle Seat Adult Amateur Medal Final. When this scoring system was implemented, the group agreed to a three year trial period, beginning with the 2017 Finals and ending with the 2019 Finals. Following the 2019 Finals, the committee reviewed feedback from competitors about the scoring system and the effect it has had on the Finals. The original goal of the scoring system was to be more transparent with the results of the Finals. However, after using the scoring system for three years, it has actually had the opposite effect and created more confusion.

### Linked Rules

### Comments

**Web:** saddle seat medal class

### Committee Actions

#### AMHA

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#### Competition Management

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Proposed Change

**EV115 Saddlery** [CHAPTER EV-1 General Rules for All Eventing Competitions]

EV115 Saddlery

2. DRESSAGE TEST.

f. Martingales, bit guards, any kind of gadgets (such as bearing, side running or balancing reins, etc.) reins with any loops or hand attachments, ~~any kind of boots or leg bandages~~ and any form of blinkers, including earmuffs, earplugs, hoods, and seat covers are, under penalty of elimination, strictly forbidden.

**g. Any kind of boots or leg bandages are prohibited in the areas around the arena and inside the arena. The boots and/or bandages must be removed before entering the space around the Competition arena or the Athlete will be penalized. See EV136. c.**

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Rule Change Intent

Currently, Rule EV115.f states that the penalty for competitors entering the dressage ring or space around the dressage ring with horses wearing bandages or boots is elimination. This conflicts with EV136.c which prescribes the awarding of 2 penalty points.

EV136.c was changed to mirror the FEI Rules and is correct.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> boots and bandages

Committee Actions	
Competition Management	
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Council - Intl Discipline	
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Proposed Change

**EV155 Three-Day Event- Introduction** [CHAPTER EV155 Three-Day Event- Introduction]

EV155 Three-Day Events- Introduction

3. LEVELS. The levels of Three-Day Events are indicated by stars. The ~~five~~ **four** levels of Three-Day Events are:

a. Training Three-Day Event - An educational introduction to the Three-Day Event at the Training Level.

b. **Preliminary Three-Day Event**

c.-b. One Star

d.-e. Two Star (\*\*)—An introduction to the Three-Day Event for competitors and horses.

e.-d. Three Star (\*\*\*)—For competitors with some experience in Three-Day Events on horses just beginning International competition.

f.-e. Four Star (\*\*\*\*)—For competitors and horses with some International experience.

g.-f. Five Star (\*\*\*\*\*)—For experienced and successful combinations of International competitors and horses.

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Rule Change Intent

The use of asterisks to show a start level for CCI events is no longer common practice. Additionally, there are now five levels of events.

Linked Rules	Comments
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**Web:** three-day events

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Council - Intl Discipline

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Proposed Change

**HJ126 General** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HJ-7 MEASUREMENT]

HJ126 General

1. Horses or ponies competing in any division, section or class where height is a requirement must be measured. Measurements will be conducted in accordance with Subchapter HJ-7 Measurement.

2. Competition Management is required to check measurement cards for horses or ponies showing in divisions, sections, or classes where height is a requirement. Management shall not provide a back number to an animal entered in such sections unless the exhibitor or his agent is in possession of:

- a. the original or a copy of a measurement card issued by the Federation. ~~Equine Canada measurement cards are not acceptable proof of height.~~
- b. a copy of a valid measurement form.

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Rule Change Intent

The current agreement between USEF and EC allows EC measurement cards to be accepted at USEF licensed competitions. This language in the rulebook is creating confusion among stewards about whether they can accept the EC measurement cards. Removal of this language and leaving the rulebook silent on EC measurement cards allows the agreement with EC to change from year to year without the rulebook being in direct conflict.

Linked Rules

Comments

**Web:** measurement

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Jumper

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

National Hunter Committee

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USHJA

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Extraordinary Change Reason

Currently the appeal process does not allow enough time for owners to be notified of the measurement

Proposed Change

**HJ137 Measurement Appeal** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HJ-7 MEASUREMENT]

HJ137 Measurement Appeal  
2.Procedures

a. The appeal must be made **in writing** to the Federation office ~~in writing~~ within fourteen (14) days of the ~~date~~ **date the measurement is sent from the Federation to the owner**. The Federation reserves the right to grant an appeal measurement. The request for an appeal measurement due to extenuating circumstances must be made in writing to the Federation office.

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Rule Change Intent

To make sure the owner has proper notification that the measurement took place and what the results of the measurement are.

Linked Rules

Comments

**Web:** measurement appeal

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Council - Intl Discipline

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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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National Hunter Committee

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**Proposed Change**

**HU Appendix A** [CHAPTER HU Appendix A]

3. At Premier Hunter Competitions, the use of FEI Approved Safety Cups to support the back rails of all spread obstacles in all warm-up/schooling areas is mandatory. In National and below Hunter Competitions FEI approved safety cups are strongly recommended however, when FEI approved safety cups are not available, cups with breakable pins, such as wooden dowels, must be used. After December 1, 2019, **The use of** FEI approved safety cups will be **is** mandatory in all warm-up/schooling areas.

EQ109 Course Requirements

15. The use of FEI Approved Safety Cups to support the back rails of all spread obstacles in all warm-up/schooling areas is strongly recommended; however when FEI approved safety cups are not available, cups with breakable pins, such as wooden dowels, must be used. After December 1, 2019, **The use of** FEI approved safety cups will be **is** mandatory in all warm-up/schooling areas.

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**Rule Change Intent**

The intent of this clarification is to remove language from the rulebook that is no longer relevant in order to provide clarity as to what the current rules are.

Linked Rules	Comments
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**Web:** safety cups

**Committee Actions**

**Competition Management**

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**Jumper**

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**National Hunter Committee**

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**USHJA**

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Proposed Change

**MO166 Steps To Hold AMHA Medal Classes** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER MO-12 MORGAN EQUITATION]

MO166 Steps to Hold AMHA Medal Classes {MO-12 Morgan Equitation}

3. The Competition Secretary must verify that all entries in AMHA Medal Classes are current youth members of AMHA. ~~The AMHA will provide a list of current members to the Competition Secretary when sending the report form.~~ **Members can be verified on the AMHA website. If membership cannot be verified on line** Participants not included on this list must present their current AMHA membership card or submit a membership application to the Competition Secretary prior to the class. The competition will be responsible for forwarding these completed membership applications and membership fees to the AMHA with the name, address and birth date of the participant. Duplicate membership fees will be credited to the participant's account at AMHA. ~~Competitions failing to collect this fee must pay the membership fee for each non-member in the medal class.~~

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Rule Change Intent

This clarification is to update the process of how membership is checked and applied for at a show when they are hosting an AMHA Medal Class. These changes will align with the current AMHA practices.

Linked Rules	Comments
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Committee Actions

Competition Management	
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Proposed Change

Throughout PF Chapter [CHAPTER Full PF Chapter]

**PF125 Schooling Classes**

1. Horse Must be 30 Months. Notwithstanding the fact that a horse may be considered three years old under GR102.1a, No horse may be ridden in a saddle class, whether a Schooling class or regular class, until it is at least thirty (30) months old, based on the actual date of foaling.

2. Schooling Class Sections. Schooling classes may be offered in the Fino, Performance and Pleasure Divisions, including the Amateur ~~Owner~~ Classes, as follows. There may be open schooling classes for horses three or four years old 36 to 60 months old. Alternatively, there may be two (2) Schooling age sections within a Division for:

- (1) horses that are 36 to 48 months old three years old, and
- (2) horses that are 49 to 60 months old four years old.

The horse's age for purposes of determining the appropriate class shall be determined under GR102.1a

**PF126 Junior Riders, Youth and Amateur-~~Owner~~Classes**

- 3. Amateur ~~Owner~~ Classes. Horses entered in Amateur ~~Owner~~ classes may be cross entered in other classes in the same section.
- 4. When horses that are at least thirty (30) months old but no older than sixty (60) months old are shown in Amateur ~~Owner~~ or Youth classes (not including Equitation), schooling headgear is allowed.
- 5. Entries in Youth classes in a division are not eligible for Championship classes in that division unless otherwise

**PF127 Tack**

2. Schooling Headgear. Schooling headgear is defined as a bosal and barbada or alsador attached to the correct bridle for that division. Schooling Headgear is permitted in the following circumstances:

- a. Schooling classes,
- b. Three- and four-year-old horses in Amateur ~~Owner~~ classes that are not Schooling classes or
- c. Three- and Four-year-old horses in Youth classes, except Equitation and Horsemanship classes, headgear can be any training headgear not considered cruel or inhumane by the Judge or Show Committee. Bare metal, except for curb chains or parts of buckles, is not allowed. In a schooling class, metal may be used if covered in a nosepiece or under the chin, but it must not be considered cruel or inhumane by the Judge or Show Committee and be sufficiently covered to ensure comfort to the animal.

**SUBCHAPTER PF-8 PASO FINO COUNTRY PLEASURE (RESTRICTED TO AMATEUR OWNERS)**

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Rule Change Intent

The Intent of this rule change is to remove "Owner" from the title of "Amateur Owner" classes. The PFHA has approved this language change throughout their rule book and would like to create consistency throughout the USEF Paso Fino Chapter.

Linked Rules Comments

**Web:** amateur owner

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Proposed Change

**PF102 General Rules** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER PF-1 GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS]

**PF102 General Rules**

1. Horse's Age. For separation into classes by age in years at horse shows, a horse's age is determined by the age it would be if its next birthday were the first day of January of the show year in question. Therefore any horse will be considered to be one year older on the first day of January following the actual date of foaling and the same for each subsequent year. For example, a horse born in 1996 would be a yearling during the September 1996–August 1997 show year, a two-year-old during the September 1997–August 1998 show year, etc. However, when a horse's age requirement is stated in months, as for saddle or driving classes, a horse is considered to be twenty-four (24) or thirty (30) to sixty (60) months old as counted from its actual foaling date.

**A horse's age requirement will be counted in months. For purposes of determining the appropriate class at a horse show, a horse's age is determined in months from the foaling date to the end of the month preceding the month of the show.**

GR102 Age (of Equine)

1. For competition purposes any horse is considered to be one year old on the first day of January following the actual date of foaling.  
**a. Exception: In the Paso Fino Horse Division, For purposes of determining the appropriate class for competition at a specific horse show, a horse's age is determined in months from the foaling date to the last day of the month preceding the month of the show. a horse's age is determined by the age it is on the first day of January during the twelve month period September 1 through the following August 31.**

**PF104 Type and Conformation**

The Paso Fino horse reflects its Spanish heritage through its proud carriage, grace and elegance. Modern care and selective breeding have enhanced its beauty, refinement and well-proportioned conformation that conveys strength and power without extreme muscling.

7. Mane, Tail and Forelock: Mane, tail, and forelock are as long, full, and luxurious as nature can provide. No artificial additions or alterations are allowed. A bridle path not exceeding 4" is acceptable. Horses under ~~one (1) year of age~~ **12 months** will not be penalized for having clipped manes or tails.

**PF125 Schooling Classes** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER PF-4 PERFORMANCE CLASSES (UNDER SADDLE)]

PF125 Schooling Classes

1. Horse Must be 30 Months. ~~Notwithstanding the fact that a horse may be considered three years old under GR102.1a,~~ No horse may be ridden in a saddle class, whether a Schooling class or regular class, until it is at least thirty (30) months old, based on the actual date of foaling.

2. Schooling Class Sections. Schooling classes may be offered in the Fino, Performance and Pleasure Divisions, including the Amateur Owner Classes, as follows. There may be open schooling classes for horses ~~three or four years old~~ **36 to 60 months old**. Alternatively, there may be two (2) Schooling age sections within a Division for:

- (1) horses that are **36 to 48 months old** ~~three years old~~, and
- (2) horses that are **49 to 60 months old** ~~four years old~~.

The horse's age for purposes of determining the appropriate class shall be determined under GR102.1a

**PF127 Tack** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER PF-4 PERFORMANCE CLASSES (UNDER SADDLE)]

2. Schooling Headgear. Schooling headgear is defined as a bosal and barbada or alsador attached to the correct bridle for that division. Schooling Headgear is permitted in the following circumstances:

- a. Schooling classes,
- b. ~~Three and four year old~~ **36 to 60 month old** horses in Amateur Owner classes that are not Schooling classes or
- c. ~~Three and Four year old~~ **36 to 60 month old** horses in Youth classes, except Equitation and Horsemanship classes, headgear can be any training headgear not considered cruel or inhumane by the Judge or Show Committee. Bare metal, except for curb chains or parts of buckles, is not allowed. In a schooling class, metal may be used if covered in a nosepiece or under the chin, but it must not be considered cruel or inhumane by the Judge or Show Committee and be sufficiently covered to ensure comfort to the animal.

6. Western Tack.

a. In all classes where Western tack is designated, the tack shall consist of a good working stock saddle with horn. If a saddle pad is used, it will be conservative in color and Western type. Western saddles are allowed in those classes requiring Western tack and in pleasure classes if Western tack is used and Western attire is worn. Silver equipment is permitted but must not predominate. The head stall shall be of the Western type customarily used with a stock saddle. Western Pleasure horses under the age of ~~five years~~ **60 months and under** may use a snaffle or bosal; horses ~~five~~ **61 months** and over must use a curb bit. In Paso Pleasure when using Western style tack, Colombian and Western hackamore, mecates, sidepulls, curb, and snaffle bits may be used. Cavessons and nose bands are prohibited. Breastplates are permitted. See specific class descriptions and appointments for additional requirements concerning tack.

#### PF132 Classes within this Division [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER PF-5 CLASSIC FINO DIVISION]

1. Classic Fino Schooling. Schooling classes may be offered. These classes are to be conducted in exactly the same manner as the Classic Fino classes except that they will be limited to schooling horses. Tack and attire shall be the same as in Classic Fino with the exception of the headgear, which may be schooling headgear. (GR801). Schooling classes, if offered, may be separated as follows:

- a. May be open; or
- b. May be divided into Open Schooling ~~3-Year-Olds and Open Schooling 4-Year-Olds~~; or **36-48 months and open schooling 49-60 months**.
- c. May be divided into ~~3-Year-Old~~ **36-48 Months** Schooling Fillies, ~~3-Year-Old~~ **36-48 months** Schooling Colts and Geldings (or Colts and Geldings may also be separated), ~~4-Year-Old~~ **49-60 months** Schooling Fillies, and ~~4-Year-Old~~ **49-60 months** Schooling Colts and Geldings (or Colts and Geldings may also be separated).

2. Classic Fino. These classes may be separated as follows;

- a. May be Open (includes all ages and all sexes);
- b. ~~May be divided into Classic Fino Schooling Open (see Section 1, a, above) and Classic Fino Open (horses 5 years old and over, any sex); or~~ **May be divided into Open Schooling 36-48 months and Open Schooling 49-60 months**.
- c. Schooling classes may be divided as provided in Section 1 above and Classic Fino divided into Mares, Geldings, and Stallions.
- d. ~~Schooling classes may be divided as provided in Section 1 above and Classic Fino divided into Mares 5 & 6 years old, Mares 7 & older, Geldings 5 & 6 years old, Geldings 7 & older, Stallions 5 & 6 years old, Stallions 7 & older.~~ **Schooling classes may be divided as provided in Section 1 above, and Classic Fino divided into Mares 61-84 months, Mares 85 months and over, Geldings 61-84 months, Geldings 85 months and over and Stallions 61-84 months, Stallions 85 months and over.**
- e. Amateur ~~Owner~~ classes may also be offered. They may be Open or divided, as provided in Section 2 above.

#### PF136 Classes Within this Division [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER PF-6 PASO PERFORMANCE DIVISION]

1. Paso Performance Schooling. Schooling classes may be offered. These classes are to be conducted in exactly the same manner as the Paso Performance classes except that they will be limited to schooling horses. Tack and attire shall be the same as in Paso Performance with the exception of the headgear, which may be schooling headgear. See PF129.3 for the definition of schooling headgear.

Schooling classes, if offered, may be separated as follows:

- a. May be Open; or
  - b. May be divided into Open Schooling ~~3-Year-Olds~~ **36-48 months** and Open Schooling ~~4-Year-Olds~~ **49-60 months**; or
  - c. May be divided into ~~3-Year-Old~~ **36-48 months** Schooling Fillies, ~~3-Year-Old~~ **36-48 months** Schooling Colts and Geldings (or Colts and Geldings may also be separated), ~~4-Year-Old~~ **49-60 months** Schooling Fillies, and ~~4-Year-Old~~ **49-60 months** Schooling Colts and Geldings (or Colts and Geldings may also be separated).
2. Paso Performance. These classes may be separated as follows;
- a. May be Open (includes all ages and all sexes);
  - b. ~~May be divided into Paso Performance Schooling Open (see Section 1, a, above) and Paso Performance Open (horses 5 years old and over, any sex); or~~ **Open Schooling 36-48 months and Open Schooling 49-60 months**.
  - c. Schooling classes may be divided as provided in Section 1 above and Paso Performance divided into Mares, Geldings, and Stallions; or
  - d. ~~Schooling classes may be divided as provided in Section 1 above and Paso Performance divided into Mares 5 & 6 years old, Mares 7 & older, Geldings 5 & 6 years old, Geldings 7 & older, Stallions 5 & 6 years old, Stallions 7 & older.~~ **Schooling classes may be divided as provided in Section 1 above, and Paso Performance divided into Mares 61-84 months, Mares 85 months and over, Geldings 61-84 months, Geldings 85 months and over and Stallions 61-84 months, Stallions 85 months and over.**
  - e. Amateur ~~Owner~~ classes may also be offered. They may be Open or ~~divided as provided in Section 2 above~~ **if divided, they must be divided into Mares**

**61-84 months, Mares 85 months and over, Geldings 61-84 months, Geldings 85 months and over and Stallions 61-84 months, Stallions 85 months and over. Amateur Schooling classes may be offered and may be divided the same as provided in this Section 1 above.**

#### PF140 Classes within this Division

1. Paso Pleasure Schooling. Schooling classes may be offered. These classes are to be conducted in exactly the same manner as the Paso Pleasure classes except that they will be limited to schooling horses. Tack and attire shall be the same as in Paso Pleasure with the exception of the headgear, which may be schooling headgear. See PF129.3 for the definition of schooling headgear.

Schooling classes, if offered, may be separated as follows:

a. May be Open; or

b. May be divided into Open Schooling ~~3-Year-Olds~~ **36-48 months** and Open Schooling ~~4-Year-Olds~~ **49-60 months**; or

c. May be divided into ~~3-Year-Old~~ **36-48 months** Schooling Fillies, ~~3-Year-Old~~ **36-48 months** Schooling Colts and Geldings (or Colts and Geldings may also be separated), ~~4-Year-Old~~ **49-60 months** Schooling Fillies, and **49-60 months** ~~4-Year-Old~~ Schooling Colts and Geldings (or Colts and Geldings may also be separated).

2. Paso Pleasure. These classes may be separated as follows;

a. May be Open (includes all ages and all sexes);

b. May be divided into ~~Paso Pleasure Schooling Open (see Section 1, a, above) and Paso Pleasure Open (horses 5 years old and over, any sex); or~~ **Open Schooling 36-48 months and Open Schooling 49-60 months.**

c. Schooling classes may be divided as provided in Section 1 above and Paso Pleasure divided into Mares, Geldings, and Stallions; or

~~d. Schooling classes may be divided as provided in Section 1 above and Paso Performance divided into Mares 5 & 6 years old, Mares 7 & older, Geldings 5 & 6 years old, Geldings 7 & older, Stallions 5 & 6 years old, Stallions 7 & older.~~ **d. Schooling classes may be divided as provided in Section 1 above, and Paso Pleasure divided into Mares 61-84 months, Mares 85 months and over, Geldings 61-84 months, Geldings 85 months and over and Stallions 61-84 months, Stallions 85 months and over.**

e. Amateur Owner classes may also be offered. They may be Open or divided as provided in Section 2 above **if divided, they must be divided into Mares 61-84 months, Mares 85 months and over, Geldings 61-84 months, Geldings 85 months and over and Stallions 61-84 months, Stallions 85 months and over. Amateur Schooling classes may be offered and may be divided the same as provided in this Section 1 above.**

#### PF146 Paso Western Pleasure

3. Appointments. The tack and attire are to be Western type. Horses under **60 months and under** the age of five may use a snaffle or bosal. Horses ~~five~~ **61 months** and over must use a curb bit. Australian stock saddles are prohibited but Western saddles made in Australia (with a horn) are allowed. See PF127 concerning Western tack.

#### PF155 Grand National Championship Show [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER PF-12 SHOW CONDUCT]

1.

f. Eligibility. Except as provided in the next sentence, to be eligible for entry and competition in the Association National Championship Show, an entry must have accumulated, in the specific class **division** in which it/he/she is entering, a minimum of twenty (20) points in Association sanctioned shows during that show year. The Walk-Corto Leadline class and the Paso Pleasure Driving Class have no entry requirements

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#### Rule Change Intent

The purpose of this rule change is to change the method by which a horse's age is determined. Currently a horse's age is determined by year based upon the age it would be if its next birthday were the first day of January of the show year in question or stated in months counted from its actual foaling date. (PF102.1). This rule change proposal would change the determination of a horse's age by months counted from its actual foaling date.

This rule change would eliminate the showing age penalty for horses born later in the show year and forced to compete against older horses.

The PFHA recently approved this change to the PFHA rulebook. This rule change proposal would bring the USEF rule book in line with the PFHA rule book

Web: horse's age

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Paso Fino

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Proposed Change

**PF102.7 General Rules** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER PF-1 GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS]

7. Delay and/or Commencement of Classes.

a. Commencement see GR109. Delay see GR831.

~~b. When horses are competing collectively, if horses do not enter in the in-gate ready to participate, after the in-gate is open, within two minutes, a warning is issued and horses are given two minutes before the gate is closed and judging commences or class is cancelled.~~

**b. Show management may apply one of the following procedures in order to ensure timely commencement of classes:**

**1. When horses are competing collectively, if the first horse does not enter the in-gate within 1 minute after the in-gate is open the class is cancelled.**

**2. When the first horse enters the in-gate within 1 minute and there are remaining exhibitors who have not entered the ring, a 3-minute warning may be issued. If the remaining horses do not enter at the end of the 3-minute warning, the gate will be closed.**

**3. Judging must commence upon closure of the gate.**

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Rule Change Intent

The purpose of this rule change is to provide guidance to competition management regarding commencement of classes and encouraging participants to enter the ring in a timely manner. The PFHA recently approved this change to the PFHA rulebook. This rule change proposal would bring the USEF rule book in line with the PFHA rule book.

Linked Rules	Comments
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**PF102 General Rule** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER PF-1 GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS]

8. Jumps. In all classes calling for jumps, the jumps **may be either horizontal bar jumps or cross rails. The horizontal bar jumps** must include two (2) vertical poles, appropriate jump cups, a horizontal bar for the jump, and a bar for a ground line. All material should be white or some other color that is in contrast to the ring. Jump rails **for the horizontal bar jump** must sit firmly in jump cups and cannot be on the cup edges. Ground lines must be on the approach side of the jump and no farther than two (2) feet away from the horizontal jump crossbar. **The horizontal bar jump shall be a minimum of eighteen (18) inches and a maximum of two (2) feet. The height of a cross rail may not exceed eighteen (18) inches and shall be measured at the top of the center of the intersection of the poles. The height of the jump cups should be set so the angle of the poles does not exceed approximately 30 degrees.** The jump height may not exceed two (2) feet. Hay bales cannot be used as jumps. All jumps in warm-up areas must conform to the above guidelines as well.

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Rule Change Intent

The purpose of this rule change is to permit the use of cross rails in classes that include jumps. Cross rails are typically used as a less intimidating type of jump. Exhibitors may be more likely to enter these classes if the jump seems more reasonable. Increased entries in these classes may help interest others in our breed. The PFHA recently approved this change to the PFHA rulebook. This rule change proposal would bring the USEF rule book in line with the PFHA rule book.

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**PF103 Shoeing Regulations** [CHAPTER PF-1 General Qualifications & PF-5 Classic Fino]

If a horse is shown unshod, hooves will be neatly trimmed to a short natural length, not to exceed four (4) inches. If a horse is shown shod, the length of the hooves is not to exceed four and one half (4 1/2) inches, including shoes. All four (4) feet must be shod with the same type of shoe of the same material, weight, and thickness although front and back hooves may be shod in different sizes. Each shoe cannot exceed ten (10) ounces. Weighted shoes, trailers, heel caulks, and any style of pads are prohibited. Toe and/or side clips drawn from the shoe are allowed as long as the clips are an integral part of the plate shoe.

- All Horses Showing in Classic Fino must be shown shod.**

**Subchapter PF-5 Classic Fino Division**

**PF129 Class Specifications**

In this class, horses shall demonstrate the fully collected Classic Fino gait whenever they are being judged. This class shall be judged: 65% on execution and naturalness of the Classic Fino gait; 15% on appearance, conformation and way of going, 10% on manners and 10% on the sounding board when available. If a sounding board is not available, the class shall be judged: 75% on execution and naturalness of the Classic Fino gait, 15% on appearance, conformation and way of going, and 10% on manners. **All Horses Showing in Classic Fino must be shown shod.**

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Rule Change Intent

The intent of this rule change proposal is to require horses shown in Classic Fino to be shod. Shoeing allows for better evaluation of footfall evenness on the sounding board. A majority of Fino horses are shown shod so it is not anticipated that this will create a hardship for competitors. In addition, the Paso Fino is an international breed and this will bring USEF into alignment with international competition rules governing Paso Finos.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> shoeing

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**PF107 & PF 119** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER PF-2 PASO FINO YOUTH SECTION]

**PF107 Class Separations**

1. Any youth class, with the exception of Gold or Silver Medal Advanced Equitation, may be offered as open to all youth or may be divided into age groups as follows:

- a. Divided into Junior Youth (13-17) and into Sub-junior Youth (7-12)
- b. Divided into Junior Youth Level I (13-15), Junior Youth Level II (16-17), Sub-junior Youth Level I (7-9) and Sub-junior Youth Level II (10-12)

2. ~~Gold and Silver Medal Advanced Equitation: The Gold and Silver Medal Equitation may be offered as follows:-~~

- a. ~~Open to all Youth riders who have not reached their 18th birthday. A Youth rider who places first or second in an Association Silver Medal Class (held at Regional Group show) is qualified to participate in the Gold Medal Finals at the Grand National Championship Show.-~~
- b. ~~Once a Youth rider has placed first in a Silver Medal Class, that youth rider is not eligible to exhibit in another Silver Medal Class for the remainder of the current competition year. The Youth rider may, but is not required to, ride the same horse at Gold Medal Final Class that the rider rode when he or she qualified to participate in the Gold Medal Final Class.-~~
- c. ~~To hold a Silver Medal class at a Regional Group show, the show management must request class when asking for approval for show.-~~
- d. ~~The name of the winner of the Gold Finals at the Grand National Show is engraved upon a Perpetual Trophy which remains in the possession of the Association. The winner will receive a Gold Medallion at the Grand National Championship Show.-~~
- e. ~~The winner of a Gold Medal class is no longer eligible to compete in Medal classes after having won twice.~~

**PF112 Appointments**

The tack shall be English type. Schooling tack is not acceptable. The attire shall be the official Paso Fino show costume. (See PF128.1 Official Paso Fino Show Costume.)

**PF119 International Paso Equitation**

*The Paso Horse Equitation highlights the style, grace, rhythm of the Paso horse, and the special relationship between the horse and rider. Paso Equitation is the art of effectively and correctly riding a horse using effective aids to achieve the best performance of the horse while maintaining correct posture, seat and balance that enhances the oneness between rider and horse. This event is judged 100% on the international equitation parameters and rules as defined herein. Results as shown by the performance of the horse are not to be considered more important than the method, skills and aids used in obtaining the best performance of the horse.*

1. **Riders Position while the Horse is in Motion:** *The rider's position while the horse is in motion should be natural, coordinated and graceful. From the side, a straight line should be able to be drawn perpendicular to the ground through the rider's head, shoulder and ankle. The center of balance should be kept directly above the feet and ankles. The rider's upper arms should fall naturally from the shoulders toward the hip bones and should appear flexible, never tight against the body, reaching forward and/ or spread away from the body. The rider should appear relaxed, comfortable and natural. The upper body should not appear to be rocking from side to side. The rider must maintain a centered seat on the saddle and not slip backwards on/over the cantle regardless of the modality/gait of the horse being ridden. The rider should appear to have a natural flow downward into the saddle and the body should not interfere with the movement of the horse.*
2. **Posture:** *The rider shall have a balanced, natural and correct position on the horse that promotes the best performance of the horse. The rider shall convey the impression of effective and complete control of the horse at all times, handling the horse in the most appropriate/ effective manner while maintaining a high degree of elegance, style and oneness with the horse.*
3. **Seat:** *The rider seat should have a natural flow downward into the saddle so that the torso, pelvis and legs are balanced and symmetrical. The body of the rider should not interfere with the movement and balance of the horse, but it should promote a good performance. The rider should be centered on the saddle and aligned with the horse's dorsal line. The seat must appear natural and comfortable at all times, highlighting the union with the horse. The seat should never appear rigid or tense.*
4. **Head:** *The rider's head must be held straight at all times, with the chin up, looking forward in the direction of travel so as to maintain full control of the horse while in motion.*
5. **Back:** *The rider's back should be straight, but not tense or stiff. The position of the back must look natural and it should not be arched, leaning forward or backward. The rider's shoulders should be square, but not tense or stiff. From behind, the riders back should be aligned with the horse's dorsal line.*

6. **Arm and Hand Position:** The arms should hang naturally with the elbows not extending forward, backward or outward beyond a perpendicular line even with the rider's shoulders. The reins shall be held in one of the following ways (riders twelve (12) years of age and under may use a, b, or c. Riders thirteen (13) and over must use c.):

a. One rein in each hand entering at the bottom below the little finger and extending upward with the bight (excess) of the rein hanging to the right side of the horse.

b. The reins must pass directly from the ring of the bit, between the little and ring fingers, with the thumb being placed on top holding down the reins. It is important that the ring finger holds the edges of the rein in the joints (knuckles) nearest to the palm and that the fingers are closed securely, but without tension. The bight (excess) of the rein should hang to the right side of the horse. The rider's hands should be held in an easy and natural position, horizontal to the saddle, and should convey softness, adaptability and control. The appropriate height the rider's hands are held above the horse's withers is determined by the head carriage of the rider's horse. However, it is improper to maintain hands in an extremely high or low position. The rider must make every effort to achieve as straight of a line as possible from the elbow through the forearm; from the forearm to the hand; from the hand to the rein; and to the ring of the bit. The hands and wrists should remain flexible and not too far apart from each other.

c. The rider may also hold both reins in one hand. The other hand should take the reins from over or underneath the first hand so that both hands have control of the reins. The reins should be close together with the bight (excess) of the rein always hanging to the right side of the horse.

7. **Leg and Feet Position:** The rider's leg should hang naturally. The rider's lower leg should be under the rider's body and should not be extended forward or backwards; that is, it should follow a straight line from the knee down to the stirrup. Extending the leg forward, backward or not keeping a straight line from the knee to the stirrup shall be penalized. The rider's feet should be maintained parallel to the horse's body with the heels slightly lower than the toes (approximately one inch). The ball of the rider's foot should rest directly on the stirrup while exerting even pressure on the entire stirrup. The rider's foot position should appear natural and be as parallel as possible to the horse's body. The foot's position should not appear to be forced inwards and/or the toes pointing outwards. Those riders that appear to be forcing the foot position or maintain the toes pointing towards the body of the horse (inwards) or outwards; shall be penalized.

## 8. Judging Criteria

This class shall be judged: 60% on horsemanship/ riding skills and individual tests, 40% on the equitation posture of the rider as follows:

### Handling/ Riding Skills

Handling of the horse, control, confidence, focus, skills and ability to maintain the horse in gait throughout the class. 30 points

Effective use of aids 10 points

### Individual Tests:

- Figure Eight (Including Entrance and Halt) 7 points
- Back 3 points
- Serpentine 5 points
- Sounding Board 5 points

Subtotal 60 points

### Posture/ Equitation

Head Position 4 points

Seat 8 points

Back	6 points
Arms and Elbows	6 points
Hands	6 points
Legs	6 points
Feet	4 points
Subtotal	40 points
Grand Total	100 points

- a. The individual tests start at the figure eight and ends after completion of the Sounding Board test. The individual test must be completed in its entirety.
- b. Participants that don't follow the sequence of the tests shall be penalized with 15 points under the Handling and focus area.
- c. In the event that a participant omits or does not complete a test, the participant shall be penalized with up to five points under the Focus area plus five points for each incomplete test.
- d. The rider's seat should appear centered on the saddle and aligned with the horse's dorsal line. The seat must appear natural and comfortable at all times highlighting the oneness with the horse. The seat should never appear rigid and/or tense. A seat that does not appear to be natural and uneven/off-center shall be penalized with up to eight points.
- e. The rider's foot position should appear natural and be as parallel as possible to the horse's body. The foot's position should not appear to be forced inwards and/ or the toes pointing outwards. The feet position should appear natural. Those rider's that appear to be forcing the foot position, or that maintain the toes pointing towards the body of the horse (inwards) or outwards shall be penalized with up to four points.

#### 9. Class Procedures

- a. All exhibitors must maintain horses at a Corto or Fino while being judged.

b. Participants shall enter the arena to the right, close to the rail and circle the arena in a counterclockwise manner. Participants should maintain their horses on the rail. The rail should not have any obstacles that may prevent the continuous movement of participants, including personnel and/ or judges. At the discretion of the Judges, the participants will be ordered to complete various circles in one direction until instructed to reverse to be evaluated clockwise. The reverse will be executed toward the center of the ring returning to the rail in the opposite direction. The turn should not exceed an area of three meters. The rider should maintain their horses in gait during the reverse. Judges will observe the rider's skills, focus, handling and ability to maintain the horse in gait during its movement on a straight line as well as during the turns. Participants will then be asked to line up their horses in a predetermined area of the arena where they will wait to be asked to go over the sounding board one by one in both directions and exit to the Holding/ Line up area where they will wait for their individual tests.

(Insert "Individual Test-Pattern" Graphic Here)

c. Regardless of where the participants start from, participants shall approach the Figure Eight from in between the sounding board and the Figure Eight poles. After completing the Figure Eight and Back, the participants shall exit the figure eight in a straight line from the middle of the two poles and head towards the Serpentine test. After completing the serpentine, the riders will head to the rail in a straight line and proceed to the sounding board. The sounding board test must be completed in both directions. Not performing the tests in the sequence established herein shall be penalized with the corresponding loss of points. Participants must maintain the horses in gait at all times.

d. Each participant will perform individually in order the following mandatory tests:

1. Figure Eight
2. Halt and Back
3. Serpentine
4. Sounding Board

#### e. Figure Eight

Participants shall execute three Figure 8s around the poles (two in one direction and one in the opposite direction). The start and end of each figure eight will be in the center (midpoint) of the two poles. Participants shall enter the figure eight from in between the sounding board and the first figure eight pole to cross over the midpoint to the second pole and complete two figure eights in one direction, followed by a straight line (towards the entry point) from one pole to the next and then complete one more Figure Eight in that direction. At the completion of the last Figure Eight, participants will halt in between the two poles facing the judges. Participants that turn in circles around one of the poles during the Figure Eight test to show off shall be disqualified in classes over nine years of age. Younger ages shall be penalized. Participants shall be penalized if they enter the Figure Eight incorrectly or, perform more or less than three figure eights in the manner described herein. During the Figure Eight test, the Judges will evaluate the softness of the hands on the reins, the use of aids balancing the body on the horse during the turns, and the rider's ability to maintain the horse in gait throughout the test. Participants shall be penalized if the rider opens and widens the position of the hands and arms while turning (except in classes of youth less than 12 years old), using a leading rein on/or close to the horse's neck, using excessive aids (kicking, slapping the reins, etc.), if their mount veers off track during the turns, or does not maintain gait

during the test.

#### f. Halt and Back

Once the figure eights are completed, participants must halt in the middle of the two Figure Eight poles and back their horses a minimum of four steps and a maximum of six steps. Judges will evaluate the smoothness of the command to halt, the rider's seat (relaxed natural seat, balance, and proper position), the way the rider guides the horse backwards with subtle commands, and in a straight line using even diagonal steps until halting the horse to complete the back. After completing the required back, the participant must come to a full stop and command the horse to move forward with softness, focus and determination. This is accomplished with the use of the proper aids and the rider's balance on the horse. After completing the halt and back, the rider should head in straight line in between the poles towards the serpentine.

#### g. Serpentine

After completing the "Halt and Back" test, participants must perform a Serpentine in an area designated for such. This test allows the Judges to evaluate the riders' use of aids and the ability to maintain their horses in gait, with cadence and flexibility during the straight lines and turns. The serpentine test consists of alternating straight-line movements and half circles turns. During the half-circle turns, the horse's body should bend toward the center of the circle. During the transition from straight lines to half-circle turns, the horse must not move over the tangent, in zigzag or sinusoid patterns (Refer to diagram below). The serpentine pattern will be marked with three rows of cones to ensure that the test is performed correctly. The use of bright yellow objects is recommended (refer to diagram below).

(Insert "Serpentina/Serpentine" Graphic Here)

#### h. Sounding Board

The board shall be placed at ground level. If this is not possible, then there must be access ramps. Once the serpentine test is completed, participants must go over the sounding board in both directions with the horse centered in the middle of the board and straight tracking throughout. Participants must traverse the sounding board in one direction, come off completely (in any direction) and return in the opposite direction. Not performing the test in the manner reference above shall be penalized. The Judges shall evaluate the rider's ability to maintain the horse in gait, the ability to keep the horse in a straight-line trajectory over the sounding board. Participants shall be penalized for not maintaining their horses in gait; or allowing the horse to move sideways (not straight) over the sounding board; or allowing the horse to step off (one leg) the sounding board. Participants in categories of nine years of age and older shall be disqualified for turning on the sounding board or stepping more than one leg off the sounding board. Participants in categories under nine years of age shall be penalized for turning on the sounding board.

#### i. Additional Test/ Work Offs

Judges may request optional tests/ work offs between two or more participants. These tests shall be randomly selected (from tests 1, 2, 3, 4) through a lottery system prior to the competition and will be performed independently one at a time until the judges are ready to pin the class.

1. Reverses - Four Calls for Reverse
2. Parallel Comparison
3. Circles (three circles around the poles in one direction, reverse towards the pole and three circles around the poles in the opposite direction).
4. Dismount and Remount (can only be requested for participants 13 years of age and older). Riders must follow the procedure outlined.

#### j. Dismount/ Remount Procedure

1. To dismount, the rider may slide down off the saddle or use the stirrups. The participant's height must be taken into consideration.
2. Before mounting, the rider must check, and if necessary, readjust the curb chain and the cinch.
3. The rider should hold the reins in the left hand using little pressure on the reins and stand diagonally by the side of the horse facing front and looking at the horse's withers.
4. The participant should then place his or her left hand on the horse's withers while holding on to the mane or the pommel,
5. Turn the stirrup towards his or her body using the right hand and put the left foot into the stirrup.
6. Holding the opposite side of the saddle (cantle) or on the front panel (the pommel or the horn) with the right hand, the rider should smoothly lift him or herself up to the saddle, straighten both knees and cross the right leg over the seat of the saddle, and then ease down into the seat while placing the right foot into the stirrup without looking down.
7. Judges must take into consideration the training and manners of the horse. A participant may not be penalized for the behavior of the horse during the dismount and remount procedure.

#### PF119-Gold and Silver Medal Equitation

1. All requirements, including appointments, for this class shall be the same as for Paso Equitation (see PF109 and PF112). However, the Gold and Silver Medal Equitation classes are intended to be conducted and judged as advanced level Paso Equitation classes. As in the Equitation class, all entries will enter the ring, counterclockwise, at a Paso Corto and continue at a Paso Corto until otherwise instructed. The sequence of gait will be Paso Corto, Paso Largo, Collected Walk, reverse and repeat in the opposite direction. After the sequence of gaits is requested, the horses will be lined up. Any horse that did not perform the proper Paso gait will be disqualified at this line up.

2. Tests. The judge will prepare, in writing, the number and sequence of tests that each exhibitor will be required to perform after the horses are lined up. The tests from which the judge will choose will be the same as those described at paragraph PF110, above, with the addition of the tests described below in letters a through

f. The number and sequence of tests should be designed so the majority of exhibitors can complete the tests in under sixty (60) seconds. The number and sequence of tests will be posted at the show office no less than approximately one hour before the commencement of the class. As directed by the judge, each exhibitor will individually perform the tests in the sequence posted and will return to the line up. a. Dismount and mount from either side of the horse. The procedure described in PF110 above for the dismount and mount will be modified as appropriate for the side of the horse from which the rider will dismount and mount. b. Properly execute a serpentine at the walk or Paso Corto. The horse should smoothly perform the serpentine without missing or breaking gait throughout. c. Perform circles at a Paso Corto. The horse should smoothly perform the circles without missing or breaking gait throughout. d. Stop the horse from a Paso Corto. The horse should quickly stop on the rider's command, without throwing its head or otherwise expressing discontent about being stopped. e. Traverse the sounding board at a Paso Corto. f. Side Pass, left and right, for as many steps as the judge directs. The horse should move evenly left and right at the side pass

Rule Change Intent

Per the newly approved PFHA rule change, the Silver & Gold Medal Equitation will no longer be offered and will be replaced with the International Equitation Class. This will provide youth with a class that prepares them for International competitions. This rule change provides consistency between the PFHA rule book and the USEF rulebook.

Linked Rules

Comments

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PF 123 Classes within this Division [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER PF-3 BELLAS FORMAS (CONFORMATION) CLASSES]

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1. Open Bellas Formas (all ages and all sexes);
  2. Yearlings **12 to 23 months** Bellas Formas (may be open or, if divided, must be divided into Colts, Geldings, and Fillies), and/or Bellas Formas ~~Two Year Olds~~ **24-35 months** (may be open or, if divided, must be divided into Colts, Geldings, and Fillies), and/or Bellas Formas ~~Three Year Olds~~ **36-48 months** (may be open or, if divided, must be divided into Colts, Geldings and Fillies); and/or Bellas Formas ~~Four Year Olds~~ **49 months and older** (may be open or, if divided, must be divided into Mares, Geldings and Stallions); or
  3. Bellas Formas ~~Four Year Olds~~ **49 months and older** (may be open or, if divided, must be divided into Mares, Geldings, and Stallions); and/or Bellas Formas ~~Three Year Olds~~ **48 months and younger** (may be open or, if divided, must be divided into Colts, Geldings, and Fillies) or further divided as described above.
- In a show where Bellas Formas classes are offered by age groups, e.g., ~~three year old~~ **36-48 months colts**, a younger horse must be shown in the class corresponding to its age group and cannot be shown in a mares, geldings, or stallions class.

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Rule Change Intent

The purpose of this rule change is to change the method by which a horse's age is determined. Currently a horse's age is determined by year based upon the age it would be if its next birthday were the first day of January of the show year in question or stated in months counted from its actual foaling date. (PF102.1). This rule change proposal would change the determination of a horse's age by months counted from its actual foaling date. This rule change would eliminate the showing age penalty for horses born later in the show year and forced to compete against older horses. The PFHA recently approved this change to the PFHA rulebook. This rule change proposal would bring the USEF rule book in line with the PFHA rule book."

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**PF127 Tack** [CHAPTER Subchapter PH-4 Performance Classes (Under Saddle)]

1. Bridle

a. Metal on Nosepiece/*Bosal/Cavesson and Alzador/Barbada*. A curb chain or curb strap is permitted but shall not be cruelly tight. **Bumps, balls, and knots are not allowed in either nose piece or chin pieces in any class.** Except for Schooling classes *in the Classic Fino and Paso Performance divisions*, metal is not permitted in, under, over or attached to the cavesson nosepiece except for necessary buckles. In all Paso Pleasure classes, including schooling classes, metal is not permitted in, under, over or attached to the cavesson nosepieces and headriser, except for necessary buckles.

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Rule Change Intent

The purpose of this rule change is to include a description of metal on nosepieces/bozal/cavesson, and alzador/barbada. This description exists only in the tack guide and has to be frequently clarified. Placement in the rulebook should help exhibitors as many only look at the rulebook and not the tack guide. The PFHA recently approved this change to the PFHA rulebook. This rule change proposal would bring the USEF rule book in line with the PFHA rule book.

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**PF127 Tack** [CHAPTER Subchapter PH-4 Performance Classes (Under Saddle)]

1. Bridle

a. Metal on Nosepiece. A curb chain or curb strap is permitted but shall not be cruelly tight. Except for Schooling classes, metal is not permitted in, under, over or attached to the cavesson nosepiece except for necessary buckles. In all Paso Pleasure classes, including schooling classes, metal is not permitted in, under, over or attached to the cavesson nosepieces and headriser, except for necessary buckles.

b. ~~No Metal on Browbands. No metal decoration is allowed on browbands.~~ **B. Metal on Bridles and Breast Straps/Breastcollars. Flat and or engraved metal decoration is allowed on browbands, cavessons and/or cheek pieces of bridles as well as on the straps of breast straps/breastplates. No reflective vinyl is allowed on headgear, breast straps or breastplates.**

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Rule Change Intent

The purpose of this rule change is to identify permitted metal decorations on bridles and breast straps/breastplates. Metal decoration on bridles and breast straps/Breastplates has been a part of Paso Fino competition history for decades. Allowing for tasteful and beautiful adornment not only will give beauty in the show ring, it will pay homage to the heritage of our horses.

The PFHA recently approved this change to the PFHA rulebook. This rule change proposal would bring the USEF rule book in line with the PFHA rule book.

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Proposed Change

**PF127 Tack** [CHAPTER Subchapter PH-4 Performance Classes (Under Saddle)]

3. Bits. (All Divisions)

a. Bits are required in all classes except Schooling Classes or other classes as specified. Bits may be of any humane approved type, curb or snaffle. Bits may be of any humane approved type, curb or snaffle. **See Paso Fino Tack Guide.**

**There shall be no discrimination against any standard curb bit. A standard curb bit is defined as having a shank with a maximum length overall of 8 1/2". When a curb bit is used a curb strap or curb chain is required and must be at least 1/2 inch in width.**

**The mouthpiece will consist of a metal bar 5/16" to 3/4" in diameter as measured one inch in from the shank. The bars may be inlaid but must be smooth or latex wrapped. Nothing may protrude above or below the mouthpiece (bar) such as extensions, prongs or rivets designed to intimidate the horse. Rollers attached to the center of the bit are acceptable, and may extend below the bar. Jointed mouthpieces are acceptable and may consist of two or three pieces and may have one or two joints. A three-piece mouthpiece may include a connecting ring of 1 1/4" or less in diameter or a connecting flat bar of 3/8" to 3/4" (measured top to bottom with a maximum length of 2"), which lies flat in the mouth, or a roller or port as described herein. The port must be no higher than 3 1/2" maximum with roller(s) and covers acceptable. Jointed mouthpieces, half-breeds and spade bits are standard. Slip or gag bits, rigid donut mouth- pieces and flat polo mouthpieces are prohibited. Roping bits with both reins connected to a single ring at center of cross bar shall not be used.**

**Reins must be attached to each shank. Any rein design or other device which increases the effective length and thereby the leverage of the shank of a standard curb bit is prohibited. Anything that alters the intended use of the equipment as described in the appointments for a given class is considered to be an artificial appliance.**

**A standard snaffle bit is defined as a center jointed single rounded, unwrapped smooth mouthpiece of 5/16" to 3/4" diameter metal as measured from ring to 1" in from the ring with a gradual decrease to the center of the snaffle. The rings may be from 2" to 4" outside diameter of either the loose type, eggbutt, dee or center mounted without cheeks. The inside circumference of the ring must be free of rein, curb or headstall attachment hooks. Snaffle bits do not require a curb chain. If a curb strap is used it must be attached below the reins.**

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Rule Change Intent

The purpose of this rule change proposal is to match the USEF Paso Fino bit rules with other breeds in the USEF rule book, AQHA, and Western Dressage. The PFHA recently approved this change to the PFHA rulebook. This rule change proposal would bring the USEF rule book in line with the PFHA rule book. The PFHA will continue to use illustrations in their tack guide which will help exhibitors understand the requirements.

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: bits

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Proposed Change

**PF127 Western Tack** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER PF-4 PERFORMANCE CLASSES (UNDER SADDLE)]

6. Western Tack.

a. In all classes where Western tack is designated, the tack shall consist of a good working stock saddle with horn. If a saddle pad is used, it will be conservative in color and Western type. Western saddles are allowed in those classes requiring Western tack and in pleasure classes if Western tack is used and Western attire is worn. Silver equipment is permitted but must not predominate. The head stall shall be of the Western type customarily used with a stock saddle. Western Pleasure horses under the age of five years may use a snaffle or bosal; horses five and over must use a curb bit. In Paso Pleasure when using Western style tack, Colombian and Western hackamore, mecatas, sidepulls, curb, and snaffle bits may be used. Cavessons and nose bands are prohibited. **Western style** Breastplates, **which may exceed one inch** are permitted. See specific class descriptions and appointments for additional requirements concerning tack.

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Rule Change Intent

The purpose of this rule change proposal is to permit the use of Western style breastplates which have traditionally been decorative. Metal decoration on breast straps or breastplates has been a part of Paso Fino competition history for decades. It is a tradition on the native island of Puerto Rico. Allowing for this tasteful and beautiful adornment not only will give beauty to the show ring, it will pay homage to the heritage of our horses.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> western style breastplates

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Proposed Change

**PF127 Crops and Spurs** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER PF-4 PERFORMANCE CLASSES (UNDER SADDLE)]

PF127.7b

b. ~~Blunt spurs as appropriate for English or Western classes may be used.~~ **Spurs may not be used in any Paso Fino Competition except, blunt spurs may be used in Specialty classes.**

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Rule Change Intent

This rule change aligns with the new language approved for the PFHA rulebook and promotes horse welfare. The Paso Fino is an intelligent and naturally motivated horse breed. Spurs are not needed.

Linked Rules	Comments
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**Web:** spurs

Committee Actions

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Proposed Change

PF128 Attire and Appointments [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER PF-4 PERFORMANCE CLASSES (UNDER SADDLE)]

PF128 Attire and Appointments

- Official Paso Fino Show Costume. In classes requiring the official Paso Fino show costume, the attire shall be a long sleeved bolero type jacket and full length pants or jumpsuit which cover the boots. The bolero jacket and pants or jumpsuit must be conservative in color and trim. A long sleeve, short sleeve, or sleeveless shirt or blouse may be worn under the long sleeve bolero jacket. A matching or contrasting cummerbund is optional. Sequins, glitter, or other similar reflective adornment is not allowed on any part of the Paso Fino show costume. Male riders shall wear an unadorned tie. The exhibitor must wear a Spanish type felt, leather or suede hat with a round, flat crown and with a flat or slightly rolled brim with a matching or contrasting hatband.
- Conservative Colors- Conservative colors (including trim) are black, white, off white, darker/muted shades of grey, blue, green, red, brown and purple. Bright shades of any color (hot pink, lime green, fuchsia, fluorescent orange, etc.) are not considered conservative. Reflective stitching and fabric with reflective glitter threads are not considered conservative.**

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Rule Change Intent

The purpose of this rule change is to provide guidance on which colors and materials are considered conservative for attire and appointments. The PFHA recently approved this change to the PFHA rulebook. This rule change proposal would bring the USEF rule book in line with the PFHA rule book.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> conservative colors

Committee Actions

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Proposed Change

**PF132 Classes within this Division** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER PF-5 CLASSIC FINO DIVISION]

1. Classic Fino Schooling. Schooling classes may be offered. These classes are to be conducted in exactly the same manner as the Classic Fino classes except that they will be limited to schooling horses. Tack and attire shall be the same as in Classic Fino with the exception of the headgear, which may be schooling headgear. (GR801). Schooling classes, if offered, may be separated as follows:

f. Amateur Owned and Trained classes may also be offered. They will be open for all age horses. Exhibitor must be an Amateur and horse must not have been trained by a professional for six months. Horse must be owned by exhibitor or their family. ***This class does not qualify for Amateur Fino Championship***

**PF136 Classes within this Division** [CHAPTER PF SUBCHAPTER PF-6 PASO FINO PERFORMANCE DIVISION]

1. Paso Performance Schooling. Schooling classes may be offered. These classes are to be conducted in exactly the same manner as the Paso Performance classes except that they will be limited to schooling horses. Tack and attire shall be the same as in Paso Performance with the exception of the headgear, which may be schooling headgear. See PF129.3 for the definition of schooling headgear.

Schooling classes, if offered, may be separated as follows:

f. Amateur Owned and Trained classes may also be offered. They will be open for all age horses. Exhibitor must be an Amateur and horse must not have been trained by a professional for six months. Horse must be owned by exhibitor or their family. ***This class does not qualify for Amateur Performance Championship***

**PF140 Classes within this Division** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER PF-7 PASO PLEASURE DIVISION]

1. Paso Pleasure Schooling. Schooling classes may be offered. These classes are to be conducted in exactly the same manner as the Paso Pleasure classes except that they will be limited to schooling horses. Tack and attire shall be the same as in Paso Pleasure with the exception of the headgear, which may be schooling headgear. See PF129.3 for the definition of schooling headgear.

Schooling classes, if offered, may be separated as follows:

f. Amateur Owned and Trained classes may also be offered. They will be open for all age horses. Exhibitor must be an Amateur and horse must not have been trained by a professional for six months. Horse must be owned by exhibitor or their family. ***This class does not qualify for Amateur Pleasure Championship.***

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Rule Change Intent

The purpose of this rule change is to clarify that the Amateur owned and trained classes do not qualify for the championship.

Linked Rules	Comments
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**Web:** Amateur owned and trained classes

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Proposed Change

**PF137 Class Specifications** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER PF-7 PASO PLEASURE DIVISION]

**PF137 Class Specifications**

1.The horse will be required to flat walk, Paso Corto, Paso Largo, line-up and back. The back should be straight, calm and controlled, and refusal to back disqualifies **will result in the horse being excused** the horse from placement. Riders may not ride without stirrups.

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Rule Change Intent

The purpose of this rule change is to allow horses who do not perform the back in a Paso Pleasure class to remain eligible to compete in the championship class. Under the current rule not performing the back would result in disqualification, under this proposal failing to back would result in the horse being excused from placement in the class but the horse would remain eligible to enter the championship class. This is consistent with other rules in the PF chapter for circumstances where horses do not perform a required gait. The PFHA recently approved this change to the PFHA rulebook. This rule change proposal would bring the USEF rule book in line with the PFHA rule book.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> back

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**PF139 Appointments** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER PF-7 PASO PLEASURE DIVISION & SUBCHAPTER PF-8 PASO FINO COUNTRY PLEASURE. (RESTRICTED TO AMATEURS)]

**PF139 Appointments**

The tack and headgear for the horses must be English or Western as described in PF127 including without limitation a side saddle and leather covered stirrups. A bit is not required. Metal is not permitted in, under, over or attached to the cavesson nosepieces and headrisers, except for necessary buckles. Attire shall be in keeping with the type of tack used. Where Western-style tack is used, riders shall dress as specified under requirements for Western attire described at PF128.2, with the exception that chaps or chinks are optional in this class. Where English-style or Plantation-type tack is used, the rider's attire shall consist of a long sleeved shirt, full-length trousers, tailored jacket or vest, hat and riding boots. When a long sleeve jacket is worn, the rider may wear a long sleeve, short sleeve, or sleeveless shirt underneath. Riders that use English tack cannot wear chaps. Sweater vests are not allowed. A tie is optional. Women riders may wear skirts, culottes, jodhpurs or gaucho pants that are long enough to cover the knees while seated in a saddle along with knee-high boots. Sequins, and rhinestones or other similar reflective adornment, except glitter and mirrors, may be used as an accent or buttons on a jacket, vest, or hat band, but must not predominate. Reflective adornment is not permitted on shirts or blouses, except functional buttons at the cuffs and the front of the garment. ~~No part of the official Paso Fino costume shall be allowed except for riding boots, jumpsuit, or pants.~~ **Riders shall not wear any part of their official Paso Fino costume except riders are permitted to wear riding boots, jumpsuit, and pants. If the rider wore tuxedo style pants as part of the official Paso Fino costume, tuxedo style pants are not permitted.**

**PF143 Appointments.**

Tack and attire are to be appropriate for Paso Pleasure Class, at all times neat, clean and in good taste. Bits are not required in the Paso Fino Country Pleasure Class. The tack and headgear for the horses may be of any variety that would be appropriate and practical for pleasure riding. Attire shall be in keeping with the type of tack used. Where Western-style tack is used, riders shall dress as specified under requirements for Western attire described in PF130 with the exception that chaps or chinks are optional in this class. Where English-style or Plantation-type tack is used, the rider's attire shall consist of a long sleeved shirt, full-length trousers, tailored jacket or vest, hat and riding boots. When a long sleeve jacket is worn, the rider may wear a long sleeve, short sleeve, or sleeveless shirt underneath. Riders who use English tack cannot wear chaps. Sweater vests are not allowed. A tie is optional. Women riders may wear skirts, culottes, jodhpurs or gaucho pants that are long enough to cover the knees while seated in a saddle along with knee-high boots. Jeans and baseball-style hats are prohibited. ~~No part of the official Paso Fino costume shall be allowed except for riding boots, jumpsuit or pants.~~ **Riders shall not wear any part of their official Paso Fino costume except riders are permitted to wear riding boots, jumpsuit, and pants. If the rider wore tuxedo style pants as part of the official Paso Fino costume, tuxedo style pants are not permitted.** Exhibitors should remember that even though this is a Paso Country Pleasure Class, it is a horse show class and not just a ride for pleasure.

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Rule Change Intent

The purpose of this rule change is to prohibit tuxedo style pants in Pleasure classes. The PFHA recently approved this change to the PFHA rulebook. This rule change proposal would bring the USEF rule book in line with the PFHA rule book.

Linked Rules Comments

Web: appointments

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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**PF144 Classes within this Division** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER PF-8 PASO FINO COUNTRY PLEASURE. (RESTRICTED TO AMATEURS)]

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2. Country Pleasure. These classes may be separated as follows:
- a. May be Open (includes all ages and sexes).
  - b. May be divided into Schooling ~~3 & 4 year~~ **36-60 month olds** all sexes, and Schooling ~~5~~ 61 months & Older all sexes.
  - c. May be divided into Schooling ~~3 & 4 year~~ **36-60 month olds** all sexes, Country Pleasure Mares ~~5 year~~ **61 months & older**, and Country Pleasure Geldings & Stallions ~~5 year olds~~ **61 months & older**.

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Rule Change Intent

The purpose of this rule change is to change the method by which a horse's age is determined. Currently a horse's age is determined by year based upon the age it would be if its next birthday were the first day of January of the show year in question or stated in months counted from its actual foaling date. (PF102.1). This rule change proposal would change the determination of a horse's age by months counted from its actual foaling date. This rule change would eliminate the showing age penalty for horses born later in the show year and forced to compete against older horses. The PFHA recently approved this change to the PFHA rulebook. This rule change proposal would bring the USEF rule book in line with the PFHA rule book.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> horse's age

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Proposed Change

**PF147 Paso Trail** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER PF-9 SPECIALTY CLASSES]

**PF147.1e**

e. Qualifying gaits include: Flat Walk, Paso Corto, Paso Largo, and ~~Canter or Lope~~. It is not required to use all the qualifying gaits

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Rule Change Intent

This rule change aligns with the new language approved for the PFHA rulebook which states that the canter or lope is not to be called for in the class procedure. The rider has the option of choosing to canter or lope if there is a jump. Frequently trail designers want to put a canter into the pattern. This would eliminate that tendency.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> canter or lope

Committee Actions

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**PF147 Paso Trail Procedures** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER PF-9 SPECIALTY CLASSES]

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 d.The course is to include a minimum of six (6) obstacles and a maximum of eight (8) obstacles. (See WS126, as may be amended from time to time, for dimensions of trail obstacles **only, does not include section on Unacceptable Obstacles.**)

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Rule Change Intent

This rule change aligns with the new language approved for the PFHA rulebook and clarifies which information is included in WS126 when referenced. The PFHA has identified a need for this clarification to be put in place.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> paso trail

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PF 147 Paso Trail [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER PF-9 SPECIALTY CLASSES]

4. Class separations. Shall be offered as Open (includes all ages and all sexes) and Amateurs. Classes ~~will~~ **may** be run concurrently but judged separately.

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Rule Change Intent

This rule change aligns with the new language approved for the PFHA rulebook to allow shows to run the trail class separately or concurrently.

Linked Rules

Comments

**Web:** paso trail

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Proposed Change

**PF152 Championship Classes** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER PF-11 CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES]

1. Eligibility. To be eligible for entry into a Championship class, a horse must have been properly entered, shown and judged in one of the qualifying classes. To be considered shown and judged, a horse must perform all required gaits both ways of the ring in the original class and must remain in the ring until either excused or placed by the judge. An entry disqualified by the judge for any reason may not use that class as a qualifier for the championship class. Entries qualified for Championship classes in Amateur classes must compete in the Amateur Championship classes in that Division, if offered. If Amateur Championship classes are not offered, an entry that qualifies for the Championship class in the Amateur class may compete in the regular Championship class in the Division for which they are qualified. ~~However, in the Bellas Formas division, all Championship classes shall be composed of the entries who placed first and second in their qualifying classes.~~ From these entries a Champion, Reserve Champion, Third Champion and Fourth Champion shall be chosen. A fifth place, also called honorable mention, may be awarded in case of disqualification of any of the top four placing champions.

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

The purpose of this rule change proposal is to change the requirements for eligibility to enter Bellas Formas division Championship classes. Currently horses must place first or second in a qualifying class to be eligible to enter the Championship class. This rule change allows horses who have been properly entered, shown, and judged in one of the Bellas Formas qualifying classes to be eligible to enter the Bellas Formas Championship class. This bring the Bellas Formas division in line with other divisions. This will increase opportunities for horses in the Bellas Formas division to earn points and ribbons. The PFHA recently approved this change to the PFHA rulebook. This rule change proposal would bring the USEF rule book in line with the PFHA rule book.

Linked Rules

Comments

**Web:** championship classes eligibility

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Proposed Change

**PF154 Competitions** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER PF-12 SHOW CONDUCT]

1. Federation-PFHA "AB" Sanctioned Shows. An All Breed ("AB") show shall have PFHA sponsored classes which are part of an All Breed Federation Regular Member show. The cosponsoring PFHA Regional Group is responsible to make sure that all required paperwork is received by the PFHA office in the required time. FEDERATION-PFHA sanctioned shows shall be judged by an FEDERATION-PFHA certified Judge. FEDERATION-PFHA sanctioned shows shall be stewarded by one steward with both FEDERATION and PFHA certification or by one FEDERATION steward and one PFHA steward. In FEDERATION-PFHA sanctioned shows when any PFHA Rule conflicts with a FEDERATION Rule, the FEDERATION Rule will prevail. Thus, even if class specifications differ, FEDERATION Rules will be followed and PFHA points will be recorded for that class.

2. Classification. For the purpose of equalizing competition for High Point awards and Society of Merit awards, and to promote PFHA-FEDERATION All Breed shows, PFHA approved shows shall fall into one of ~~three~~ **four** classifications: All Breed ("AB"), All Paso ("AP"), **All Paso International ("AP-I")** and Local ("L"). These shows must be sponsored by a recognized Regional Group. These do not include the PFHA National Championship Show.

**PF130 Procedures** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER PF-5 CLASSIC FINO DIVISION]

Exhibitors will enter the ring to the right on the rail and circle the arena in a counterclockwise manner until instructed to reverse or halt. Horses must work both directions, reverse, halt and proceed in gait and traverse the sounding board when available. Breaking gait on reverses, stops or starts shall be penalized. A figure eight may be requested to demonstrate flexibility, responsiveness, and steadiness of gait, but diminishing circles are not allowed. Only inanimate objects may be used as "posts" for the figure eight as long as they do not present a danger to horse or rider. Judges may call for horses to perform a serpentine at the classic fino as an optional test. Judges may call for horses to work parallel together at the classic fino as an optional test. A solid, ground level, hard surface sounding board 48' or longer shall be used in this class to clearly exhibit the rhythmic consistency of the horse's cadence and impact when available. The performance of the horse on the sounding board shall not be given preference over the horse's work on the rail. During competition, while being judged, exhibitors are not allowed to turn on the sounding board. Backing of horses may be requested.

1. **International Fino**

**At International Competitions, the following procedures will be performed in all Fino Classes:**

- Exhibitors shall enter the ring to the right on the rail and circle the arena in a counterclockwise manner until instructed to reverse or halt. Horses must work both directions, reverse, halt and proceed in gait. The reverses must be performed towards the center of the ring. After completing the rail work, horses must traverse the sounding board in both directions then line up. Breaking gait on reverses, stops or starts shall be penalized. Only inanimate objects may be used as "posts" for the figure eight as long as they do not present a danger to horse or rider. The distance between the posts shall be 3 meters (9.9 feet). A solid, continuous surface allowing no more than one-half inch of space between the boards, ground level, hard surface sounding board forty-eight (48) feet or longer shall be used in this class to clearly exhibit the rhythmic consistency of the horse's cadence and impact when available. The Performance of the horse on the sounding board shall not be given preference over the horse's work on the rail. During competition while being judged, exhibitors are not allowed to turn on the sounding board.**
- After line up inspection is complete- all horses moving forward in competition will be required to perform individually 3 figure eights (2 in one direction, make a straight line then one additional eight in opposite direction); halt in the center between post; back 4 to 6 steps; traverse the sounding board in both directions.**
- Should additional work offs be requested it must be requested in the following order: 1) Reverse of directions on the rail four times. 2) Traverse the sounding board in both directions. 3) A parallel comparison up and back. 4) Circle the entry 3 times in one direction then change direction to perform 3 additional circles in the opposite direction. These tests can't be combined and must be performed independently and in sequential order starting with #1 with two or more horses. After the first test is completed, if the judges are not ready to pin, they can request the next test in the order and so on.**
- Any show that uses in their title/description/rating using the word "International" will need to comply with Fino class descriptions that describes International Fino**

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Rule Change Intent

The purpose of this rule change proposal is to add All Paso International competition classification and the procedures for those competitions to the USEF rule book. The PFHA recently approved this change to the PFHA rulebook. This rule change proposal would bring the USEF rule book in line with the PFHA rule book.

Linked Rules Comments

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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**Draft 1: No Comments**

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Paso Fino

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Proposed Change

**PF155 Grand National Championship Show** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER PF-12 SHOW CONDUCT]

**PF155.1c**

c. Selection of Judges. The selection of the National Show's judging system shall be made for the next National Show at the January Board of Director's meeting and the judges shall be selected at the Spring Board of Director's meeting. The selection of judges shall be made from a list of qualified judges supplied by the Judges and Stewards Committee. Conferencing of judges shall be allowed if desired by the Board of Directors. However, each judge will individually present his or her placements on a judge's card. ~~Each judge shall be a Senior Certified judge of the Paso Fino Horse Association and hold a Federation judge's card.~~ **Each Judge shall be a Certified Judge of the Association and hold a USEF recorded "r," registered "R" or a Guest Judge card.** No judge shall be eligible to judge two (2) consecutive Association National Championship Shows. Those judges selected must be in good standing with the Association at the time of selection and at the time of the Grand National Championship Show. Judges that submit their names for consideration to officiate at the Grand National Championship Show will provide a resumé for the Board of Directors through the Judges and Stewards Committee.

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Rule Change Intent

This rule change aligns with the new language approved for the PFHA rulebook. This rule change was approved as necessary to aid in selection of available judges.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> Grand National Championship Show

Committee Actions

Competition Management	
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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 04/27/2020	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
Paso Fino	
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**Proposed Change**

**WD102 Participation in Western Dressage Competitions** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER WD-1 WESTERN DRESSAGE HORSE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES]

WD102 Participation in Western Dressage Competitions {WD-1 Western Dressage Horse Goals and Objectives}

8. WDAA Membership.

b. In order to compete in any Western Dressage class at a Federation licensed competition, as an exhibitor, rider, trainer, or his/her agent(s), a person must be an Active member of the Western Dressage Association of America or pay a non-member fee to the Western Dressage Association of America. Exception to both a and b: Local Competitions, Lite Competitions, breed restricted competitions that offer an open Western Dressage section, **breed restricted Western Dressage classes at breed shows**, and exceptions listed in GR901.9.

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Western Dressage

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**Rule Change Intent**

During a re-organization of this rule in 2019 a portion was left out which needs to be added back in. Participants in breed restricted Western Dressage classes are not required to be WDAA members and thus should be listed under the exemption in WD102.8b.

Linked Rules	Comments
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**Web:** participation

**Committee Actions**

**AMHA**

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/25/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

**Competition Management**

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/15/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

**Council - Natl Breed & Discipline**

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/27/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

**WDAA**

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Proposed Change

**WD114 Turn on the Haunches; Turn on the Forehand** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER WD-3 ADDITIONAL MOVEMENTS AND METHODS]

WD114 Turn on the Haunches; Turn on the Forehand {WD-3 Additional Movements}

2. Pivot In keeping with traditional Western Stock horse movements, the horse is allowed to pivot on the inside hind leg and step around it with the outside hind leg. The horse pushes off with the outside hind leg. The pivot leg is allowed to pickup and reset when it reaches the point of stress. The horse should maintain correct bend and balance and respond to the rider's leg. A pivot should **begin be performed** at a walk tempo with forward intention, **building speed moderately while maintaining form and fluidity**. Each step backwards is penalized by a .5 deduction. Pivoting around the middle axis of the horse should receive a marginal to insufficient score of 5 or lower. It is not a fault to step forward 1-2 steps into the pivot.

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

This language change will more clearly describe the tempo needed while performing a pivot; maintaining the walk tempo throughout the pivot necessitates a break in form, increasing speed allows fluidity throughout the movement.

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: pivot

Committee Actions

Competition Management

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 04/15/2020

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 04/27/2020

Draft 1: No Comments

Western Dressage

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Draft 1: No Comments

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Proposed Change

**WD114 Turn on the Haunches; Turn on the Forehand** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER WD-3 ADDITIONAL MOVEMENTS AND METHODS]

WD114 Turn on the Haunches: Turn on the Forehand

2. Pivot

In keeping with traditional Western Stock horse movements, the horse is ~~allowed to pivot~~ on the inside hind leg and steps around it with the outside hind leg. The horse pushes off with the outside hind leg. The pivot leg is allowed to pickup and reset when it reaches the point of stress. The horse should maintain correct bend and balance and respond to the rider's leg. A pivot should be performed at a walk tempo with forward intention. Each step backwards is penalized by a .5 deduction. Pivoting around the middle axis of the horse should receive a marginal to insufficient score of 5 or lower. It is not a fault to step forward 1-2 steps into the pivot.

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Rule Change Intent

The committee would like to request for the word "allowed" to be removed because it is confusing to exhibitors, it should be clear that pivoting on the inside leg is the correct movement and not just an allowed movement.

Linked Rules	Comments
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**Web:** pivot

Committee Actions

Competition Management

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 05/22/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

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Proposed Change

**WD128 Elimination** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER WD-7 COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS]

WD128 Elimination {WD-7 Competition Requirement}

1. Horse and rider combinations shall be eliminated from the competition for "a, f and i" below; horse and rider combination shall be eliminated from the current or next class depending on which is closest to the time the incident occurred for all others, under the following circumstances:

- a. Misrepresentation of entry or inappropriate entry.
- b. Bucking while riding a test
- c. Use of illegal equipment, **including rein holds**.

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Rule Change Intent

For clarity of the rule and to align with current practices, a request is being made to add "rein holds" to this rule as a cause of elimination.

Linked Rules

Comments

**Web:** elimination

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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**Draft 2:** No Action

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

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 04/27/2020  
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**Draft 1:** The council would approve if the language in 1c was changed from "Or" to "Including"  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

Western Dressage

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Proposed Change

**GR307 Classification** [CHAPTER 3-B COMPETITION CLASSIFICATION]

GR307 Classification

1. Licensed Competitions may be classified as Regular Competitions, Local Competitions, Eventing Competitions, Dressage Competitions, Driving Competitions, Endurance Competitions, Reining Competitions, and Vaulting Competitions.

2. Divisions and sections of Regular Competitions are classified as follows for the purpose of reckoning points toward the Federation Annual Horse of the Year Awards. (Exception: Jumper Division, see GR1114):

a. A, B, or C; or

b. To include any of the following, individually or combined:

1. Andalusian/Lusitano;
2. Arabian;
3. Friesian;
4. Hackney;
5. National Show Horse;
6. Morgan;
7. Roadster;
8. American Saddlebred;
9. Shetland.

3. Divisions and sections of Local, Dressage, Driving Competitions, Endurance Competitions, Reining Competitions, Vaulting Competitions, and Eventing Competitions are not rated. However, Dressage Competitions are categorized by levels.

**4. Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes must be held at a competition that holds at a minimum, a Local Hunter Rating. Competitions choosing to offer only Hunter and/or Jumping Seat Equitation classes must obtain a Local Hunter License, and the Local Hunter mileage will apply (see GR314 Mileage).**

4. 5. Federation Endorsed Competitions, Divisions, or Levels or those events receiving approval pursuant to the Federation Bylaws

5. 6. Heritage Designations

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Rule Change Intent

To clarify licensing and mileage requirements for competitions offering Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes.

Linked Rules	Comments
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**Web:** classifications - hunter/jumper

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

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Council - Member Services

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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

Jumper

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/08/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

National Hunter Committee

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USHJA

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## Proposed Change

### GR311 Awards Rating Classifications [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 3-B COMPETITION CLASSIFICATION]

#### GR311 Awards Rating Classifications

a. In the Green Hunter 3'0", 3'3", 3'6" and 3'9", Young Hunter **5 and under**, **Young Hunter 6 and under**, **Young Hunter 7 and under** ~~3'0", 3'3" and 3'6"~~, High Performance Hunter, Performance Hunter 3'3" and 3'6", Green Conformation Hunter 3'6" and High Performance Conformation Hunter, standings for the National Horse of the Year Awards based on moneywon will be determined by dollars won in the horses respective sections. See GR1131.

#### GR312 Determining Ratings

6. The following are rated "C" regardless of the number of classes or amount of prize money offered: Small Hunter, Hunter Breeding, Ladies Side Saddle Hunter, Adult Amateur Hunter, Children's Hunter, USHJA Hunter 2'0", 2'3", 2'6", 2'9", 3'0" and Thoroughbred Hunter.

#### Young Hunter Sections

Young Hunter **5 and under** ~~3'0"~~

Young Hunter **6 and under** ~~3'3"~~

Young Hunter **7 and under** ~~3'6"~~

\*\*Link to GR1131 and HU111

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## Rule Change Intent

The Young Hunter Ad Hoc was formed to evaluate young hunters. The goal is to increase interest in the Young Hunter section, support Hunter Breeders and create a larger and more inclusive pool of owners, riders and trainers for the Hunter division.

This rule change adjusts the names of the Young Hunter sections to more accurately describe the sections. Additionally, this rule change adjusts the fence heights for each Young Hunter section. Lowering the fence heights will allow horses to begin competing in a Young Hunter section without it affecting the horse's Green Hunter status

### Linked Rules

### Comments

**Web:** Hunter - awards ratings

## Committee Actions

### Competition Management

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### Council - Member Services

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### Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

### National Hunter Committee

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### USHJA

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Proposed Change

**GR312.6 Determining Ratings** [CHAPTER 3-B COMPETITION CLASSIFICATION]

GR312 Determining Ratings

[...]

6. The following are rated "C" regardless of the number of classes or amount of prize money offered: Small Hunter, Hunter Breeding, Ladies Side Saddle Hunter, Adult Amateur Hunter, Children's Hunter, USHJA Hunter 2'0", 2'3", 2'6", 2'9", 3'0" and Thoroughbred Hunter

HUNTER SECTIONS <i>RATINGS &amp; CLASSES</i>	"A"	"A"	<b>"B" and "C"</b> <i>Multi-Day Comp.</i>	<b>"B" and "C" One-Day Comp.</b> <i>Min./Max.</i>	"B"
	Required Classes	Money	<i>Min./Max.</i>  <i>Required Classes</i>	Required Classes	Money

Open Hunter Sections

Green Conformation Hunter	4-6*	500	3-5	3-4***	50
High Performance Conformation Hunter	4-6*	500	3-5	3-4***	50
High Performance Hunter	3-5	750**	3-5	3-4***	200
Performance Hunter 3'3"	3-5	400	3-5	3-4***	50
Performance Hunter 3'6"	3-5	500	3-5	3-4***	100
Small Hunter	-	-	-	3-4	100

Green Hunter Sections

Green Hunter 3'0"	4-6		3-5	3-4***	
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Green Hunter 3'3"	<b>4-6</b>		<b>3-5</b>	<b>3-4***</b>	
Green Hunter 3'6"	4-6±	500	<b>3-5</b>	3-4***	100
Green Hunter 3'9"	4-6±	500	<b>3-5</b>	3-4***	100
Young Hunter Sections					
Young Hunter 3'0"	<b>3-5</b>		<b>3-5</b>	<b>3-4***</b>	
Young Hunter 3'3"	<b>3-5</b>		<b>3-5</b>	<b>3-4***</b>	
Young Hunter 3'6"	<b>3-5</b>		<b>3-5</b>	<b>3-4***</b>	
Amateur Owner Hunter Sections					
Amateur Owner Hunter 3'6" 18-35	4-6*	500	<b>3-5</b>	3-4***	100
Amateur Owner Hunter 3'6" 36 & over	4-6*	500	<b>3-5</b>	3-4***	100
Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3" 18-35	4-5	500	<b>3-5</b>	3-4***	100
Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3" 36 & over	4-5	500	<b>3-5</b>	3-4***	100
Junior Hunter Sections					
Small Junior Hunter 3'6" 15 & under	4-5*	500	<b>3-5</b>	3-4***	100
Small Junior Hunter 3'6" 16-17	4-5*	500	<b>3-5</b>	3-4***	100
Large Junior Hunter 3'6" 15 & under	4-5*	500	<b>3-5</b>	3-4***	100
Large Junior Hunter 3'6" 16-17	4-5*	500	<b>3-5</b>	3-4***	100

Small Junior Hunter 3'3" 15 & under	4-5*	500	<b>3-5</b>	3-4***	100
Small Junior Hunter 3'3" 16-17	4-5*	500	<b>3-5</b>	3-4***	100
Large Junior Hunter 3'3" 15 & under	4-5*	500	<b>3-5</b>	3-4***	100
Small Junior Hunter 3'3" 16-17	4-5*	500	<b>3-5</b>	3-4***	100

Hunter & Green Hunter Pony Section

Small Pony Hunter	4-5*	400	<b>3-5</b>	3-4***	100
Medium Pony Hunter	4-5*	400	<b>3-5</b>	3-4***	100
Large Pony Hunter	4-5*	400	<b>3-5</b>	3-4***	100
Green Small Pony Hunter	4-5*	250	<b>3-5</b>	3-4***	50
Green Medium Pony Hunter	4-5*	250	<b>3-5</b>	3-4***	50
Green Large Pony Hunter	4-5*	250	<b>3-5</b>	3-4***	50

Children's Hunter Sections+

Children's Hunter Younger			<b>3-5</b>	<b>3-4***</b>	
Children's Hunter Older			<b>3-5</b>	<b>3-4***</b>	
Children's Hunter Pony Small/Medium			<b>3-5</b>	<b>3-4***</b>	
Children's Hunter Pony Large			<b>3-5</b>	<b>3-4***</b>	

Adult Amateur Hunter Sections+

Adult Amateur Hunter Younger	3-5	3-4***
Adult Amateur Hunter Middle	3-5	3-4***
Adult Amateur Hunter Older	3-5	3-4***
Miscellaneous Hunter Sections		
Ladies Side Saddle		
Hunter Breeding		
Small Hunter	3-5	3-4***
Thoroughbred Hunter	3-5	3-4***
USHJA Hunter Sections		
**"C" rated only		
USHJA Hunter 2'0"	3-5	3-4***
USHJA Hunter 2'3"	3-5	3-4***
USHJA Hunter 2'6"	3-5	3-4***
USHJA Hunter 2'9"	3-5	3-4***
USHJA Hunter 3'0"	3-5	3-4***

(+ Denotes sections which may have USHJA Zone Specifications that govern number of classes and prize money)

(\*See HU161.3, HJ126 regarding Model Classes, and other class requirements).

\*\*At Premier competitions, minimum prize money for High Performance Hunter must be \$1500. See HU149.2 for requirements regarding minimum number of classes to award a championship.

**\*\*\*No more than two (2) one-day competitions may be held consecutively by the same licensee or any entity associated with the same licensee during any calendar week (Monday through Sunday). If the licensee is a business entity, this provision includes all persons listed as principals of**

**the business entity. (See HJ122 and HJ123).**

7. All classes offered in a licensed Open Western Division shall be conducted in accordance with GR818, unless the competition has applied for and received a rating. (See ratings chart GR312.)

8. Any breed-restricted division, or combination of breed-restricted divisions, may be offered at Local Regular Competitions, in accordance with GR310.

9. IMPORTANT: See Chapter HU **and HJ**. There are special conditions and requirements for determining the ratings of Hunter sections. Management's attention is directed to these conditions in particular, HUJ131 and HU119–HU123 **HJ127 – HJ133**.

#### HJ122 Regional I Rated Competitions

1. Number of horse entries required for a Regional I rated hunter or HJ competition is a minimum of fifty (50).

2. At least three (3) "B" rated Hunter sections must be offered. One Children's Hunter or one Adult Amateur Hunter section may be substituted for two required "B" sections. Divided sections count as a single section.

**3. No more than two (2) one-day Regional I rated competitions may be held consecutively by the same licensee or any entity associated with the same licensee during any calendar week (Monday through Sunday). If the licensee is a business entity, this provision includes all persons listed as principals of the business entity.**

#### HJ123 Regional II Rated Competitions

1. Number of horse entries required for a Regional II rated hunter or HJ competition is a minimum of twenty-five (25).

2. At least two (2) "C" rated must be offered. Divided sections count as a single section. Competitions restricted to side saddle may offer a Ladies Hunter Side Saddle Section as the only "C" rated Hunter section.

**3. No more than two (2) one-day Regional II rated competitions may be held consecutively by the same licensee or any entity associated with the same licensee during any calendar week (Monday through Sunday). If the licensee is a business entity, this provision includes all persons listed as principals of the business entity.**

[...]

#### HJ127 General

1. "A" rated Hunter sections may be held and judged on one or more days. If held on one day "A" sections are limited to a maximum of four classes per section (3 over fences and 1 under saddle). If held on two or more days, three to five performance classes must be offered (Exception: Pony Hunter and Junior Hunter sections).

2. Competitions cannot offer more than the required amount of classes for an "A" or "B" section rating. Model classes and Classics do not count toward the number of classes required, (Model classes must be offered in "A" rated Conformation sections in addition to the four or five required classes), therefore, they can be offered as additional classes. In addition, Model and Classics do not count towards the number of required classes to meet the rating requirement, therefore the prize money offered in Model and/or Classic classes cannot be used to determine the amount of required prize money to calculate the Premier rating. (Exception: see HJ120.7 and HJ121.7).

3. No more than three (3) classes in any "A" rated hunter section at a National or Premier rated competition may be held in one day if the section is held over two days. (Exception: Model classes in Green Conformation Hunter 3'6" and High Performance Conformation Hunter sections may be held as a fourth class. High Performance Hunter, Performance Hunter 3'6" and Performance Hunter 3'3" at National and Premier rated competitions and Pony Hunter sections at National rated competitions may be held on one day.)

a. At National and Premier rated competitions, classes in recognized sections must be run on consecutive days.  
b. (Exception: hunter classics).

**4. No more than five (5) classes in any "B" or "C" rated hunter section at a multi-day Regional I, Regional II, National or Premier rated competition may be held.**

**5. No more than four (4) classes in any "B" or "C" rated hunter section at a one-day Regional I or Regional II rated competition may be held.**

4. 6. At all Regular Competitions, an Under Saddle class cannot be the first performance class held in a section. (Exception: Ladies Hunter Side Saddle and un-rated sections).

5. 7. A Model class must be offered as the first class in an "A" rated Conformation Section.

6. 8. All Amateur Owner classes should be scheduled in as short a period of time as possible.

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## Rule Change Intent

To align the rule with current interpretation and to add clarifying language to the existing chart regarding the minimum and maximum number of classes that are allowed to be held within Hunter sections at different types of competitions. This proposal also limits the number of one-day competitions that can be held consecutively and adds language to HJ122, HJ123 and HJ127. Additionally, this proposal removes a duplicate reference to Small Hunter within the chart and corrects outdated rule references in GR312.9.

## Linked Rules

## Comments

**Web:** determining ratings

## Committee Actions

## Competition Management

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## Council - Member Services

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## Council - Natl Breed &amp; Discipline

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## National Hunter Committee

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## USHJA

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# GR313 Tracking #111-19 Draft #1 Approved

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## Proposed Change

### GR313 SPECIAL CONDITIONS [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 3-B COMPETITION CLASSIFICATION]

GR313 Special Conditions {3-B Competition Classification}

2. The following classes do not count toward the minimum number of classes nor toward the minimum prize money required for any division or section rating; these following classes do not count toward HOTY awards unless included in the specific division award rules:

- a. Breeding;
- b. Classes restricted as to area;
- c. Classes, **such as Maiden, Novice, Limit and other such rider restricted classes**, which restrict the number of ribbons won by any rider, handler or driver, e.g., ~~Maiden, Novice, Limit and other such rider restricted classes~~ **except for Select, Choice, and Elite classes in the Arabian Division**;
- d. Owners, except in Amateur Owner sections and Paso Fino Division;
- e. Classes that do not count toward a Hunter or Jumper Championship;
- f. Bareback, Grooms, Consolation, Races, Parades, Command, Cutting classes, and except in the Paso Fino Divisions, Costume classes, Calcutta classes;
- g. Exhibitions;
- h. Classes restricted to one breed (except in one breed divisions), type or color;
- i. Classes restricted to horse or rider (e.g. age or sex, unless complementary classes are offered for other entries). Ladies classes will count toward the rating requirement even if complementary classes for Gentlemen are not offered;
- j. Any class in which the judging specifications are not in accordance with the Federation;
- k. Opportunity classes;
- l. Academy classes;
- m. Classes held as part of a USHJA Outreach competition.

Proponent Details	Contact Information
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## Rule Change Intent

Currently due to GR313.2c the Arabian Select, Choice, and Elite classes are not permitted to be counted for HOTY points. AHA/The Arabian Rules Committee would like to make an exception for these classes that are growing in popularity which the eligibility to compete in is determined by an AHA program that takes into consideration both the horse and rider's achievements. The intent is to be mutually beneficial for both USEF and AHA; with these classes already an established part of the AHA Achievement Award Program, it is anticipated that many AHA members who currently do not participate in the HOTY award program will now do so with the inclusion of these classes and vice versa with USEF members participating in the HOTY awards program that will also begin to participate in the AHA Achievement Award Program if they do not already do so.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> Arabian - select, choice, and elite

Committee Actions	
Arabian	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 08/20/2019	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
Competition Management	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 03/31/2020	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 04/27/2020	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2020	3/13/2020	Approved 6/22/2020

Proposed Change

**GR315 Mileage Exemption** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 3-D MILEAGE EXEMPTION AND COMPETITION LICENSE DISPUTES]

4. Mileage Exemption Procedure.

**e. This paragraph pertains to competitions requesting renewal of an approved mileage exemption where an agreement has been reached with the affected competition(s).** Within 15 calendar days of receipt of a completed Mileage Exemption Response Form and the terms and conditions of an agreement, if such agreement was reached between the affected parties, the request will be reviewed by the Federation Internal Review Panel, which shall determine whether it is in the best interest of the sport to either deny or grant the approval and under what terms and conditions such approval shall be given. The Federation Internal Review Panel consists of the Federation Chief Executive Officer or his designee; the Director of Competitions; and a staff member from the relevant breed or discipline chosen by the Sport Director.

**f. This paragraph pertains to competitions requesting a mileage exemption for the first time, or competitions where an agreement could not be reached with the affected competition(s) or the affected competition(s) failed to timely respond.** Within 15 calendar days of receipt of a completed Mileage Exemption Response Form from Priority Date Holder(s) objecting to the request, or the expiration of the 21 day response period if no completed Mileage Exemption Response Form is submitted, the Federation will notify the applicable Recognized Breed/Discipline Affiliate and provide all documentation received in the process from any party. The applicable Recognized Breed/Discipline Affiliate has 30 calendar days from notification from the Federation to submit to the Federation Competitions Department, a recommendation to approve or disapprove the exemption request accompanied by a detailed explanation based on the considerations enumerated in paragraph 3 above. If the Federation learns that an individual with a conflict of interest was present when an Affiliate considers its recommendation under this Chapter, then such recommendation will be not be considered by the Federation panel.

Proponent Details      Contact Information

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Rule Change Intent

To give Recognized Breed/Discipline Affiliate's the opportunity to provide a recommendation as to approval or disapproval of new mileage exemption requests where Priority Date Holder(s) recommend approval. These requests are currently routed directly to an Internal Review Panel. Collecting the recommendation of the Recognized Breed/Discipline Affiliate will generate additional information for consideration by the Internal Review Panel (and Mileage Exemption Panel where applicable) when considering whether to approve or disapprove first year mileage exemption requests.

Linked Rules      Comments

Web: mileage exemption

Committee Actions

Competition Management

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 03/31/2020

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments

Competitions Task Force

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 02/25/2020  
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: the Task Force would approve this PRC if point "f" were amended as follows to better support the intent: f. This paragraph pertains to competitions requesting a mileage exemption for the first time, or competitions where an agreement could not be reached with the affected competition(s) or the affected competition(s) failed to timely respond...  
Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 04/28/2020

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Member Services

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 04/21/2020

Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 04/27/2020

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

Dressage

**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 04/07/2020

**Draft 2:** No Comments

Jumper

**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 04/08/2020

**Draft 2:** No Comments

National Hunter Committee

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 01/20/2020  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 04/07/2020

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

USDF

**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 04/15/2020

**Draft 2:** No Comments

USHJA

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/12/2019  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 04/13/2020

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

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2020	8/29/2019	Approved 6/22/2020

Proposed Change

**GR315.4 Mileage Exemption** [CHAPTER 3-D MILEAGE EXEMPTION AND COMPETITION LICENSE DISPUTES]

GR315 Mileage Exemption

[...]

4. Mileage Exemption Procedure

a. An Applicant must first contact the Priority Date Holder(s) and seek cooperation in running the proposed event.

1. If the Priority Date Holder(s) agree to the exemption request, then the terms and conditions of any agreement must be fully disclosed to the Federation in writing along with submission of the Mileage Exemption Response. Submission of these materials indicates that the parties agree that the Federation is not responsible for the enforcement or performance of the terms and conditions of the agreement between the competition organizer and those parties expressly waive any claim against the Federation for failure to perform.

2. If the Priority Date Holder(s) does not agree to the exemption request, then the Applicant shall submit the Mileage Exemption Request Form to the Federation in accordance with these rules.

b. Beginning with competitions conducted in the 2017 competition year, the Applicant shall submit the Mileage Exemption Request Form, fully completed, to the Federation no earlier than 360 calendar days and no later than 240 calendar days before the start date of the proposed competition. The fully completed Mileage Exemption Request Form must be accompanied with the non-refundable application fee of \$500.00. A mileage exemption request will not be accepted unless the Mileage Exemption Request Form is fully completed and the application fee is paid in full. Within 21 days of acceptance of a properly submitted request and application fee, the Federation will notify the Applicant that their request is being processed.

c. Within 21 days of acceptance of a properly submitted request and application fee, the Federation will notify the Priority Date Holder(s) and provide the submitted Mileage Exemption Request Form. ~~An Applicant is not permitted to advertise or promote the proposed competition until the competition has received final approval. Non-compliance with this requirement will disqualify the applicant and will result in disapproval of the application.~~

[...]

j. The Federation, through the Federation Internal Review and Federation Mileage Exemption Panels, shall have final decision-making authority on all exemption requests and will not delegate this responsibility. The Panel's decision will be provided to the Applicant, Priority Date Holder(s), and the Recognized Affiliate within seven calendar days of the decision, excluding national holidays. The Panel's decision is provisional until such time that any dispute process under these rules has been exhausted. ~~An Applicant shall not advertise or promote the proposed competition unless and until the competition has received final approval. Non-compliance with this requirement may result in withdrawal of the application.~~

Proponent Details	Contact Information
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Competitions Task Force

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Rule Change Intent

GR302 – License Application Policies and Procedures (specifically GR302.3.c) allows a licensee to “advertise a new or renewing competition prior to receiving a license provided that the advertising clearly and prominently states that the competition is pending Federation approval.” New and renewing competitions include those application submissions that, after receipt by the Federation, may be identified as having a mileage conflict and may proceed through the mileage exemption process. As a result, the existing language in GR315.4.c and GR315.4.j prohibiting mileage exemption applicant competitions from advertising should be removed since it directly conflicts with the current rule in GR302.3.c which allows advertising prior to licensure provided the advertisement clearly and prominently indicates the license is pending Federation approval.

Linked Rules	Comments
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**Web:** mileage exemption

Committee Actions

Competition Management

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 03/31/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/28/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Council - Member Services

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/21/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/27/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Dressage

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/07/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/07/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/07/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Jumper

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/18/2019

**Draft 1:** No Comments

National Hunter Committee

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 01/20/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

USDF

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/15/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

USHJA

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/12/2019

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2020	2/7/2020	Approved 6/22/2020

Proposed Change

**GR414 Prohibited Practices** [CHAPTER GR4 Drugs and Medications]

**6. It is a prohibited practice to administer bisphosphonates, except in horses four years of age or older and when using bisphosphonates that are FDA approved for use in horses. GR411 must be followed.**

**7. It is a prohibited practice to compete in Federation competitions with a tracheotomy/tracheostomy (i.e. surgical opening through the skin into the trachea)**

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

Biophosphonates:

Currently, the use of bisphosphonates is prohibited in international competitions; the majority of bisphosphonates are considered Banned Substances on the FEI Equine Prohibited Substances List (EPLS). There are two bisphosphonates considered to be Controlled Medications on the EPLS (tiludronate and clodronate). Due to potential association with catastrophic failures in young horses, the label claims for both of these products restrict the use to horses that are at least 4 years of age. Recently, Equine Canada has taken a similar approach to the use of these two bisphosphonates in young horses by changing the penalty structure if detecting in horses under 4 years of age. On 8.26.19 the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium (RMTC) announced that their Board had adopted recommendations from their Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) which had recommended that a similar prohibition on the use of bisphosphonates in horses under 4 years of age be enacted.

Intent of the Rule:

To prohibit the use of bisphosphonates not FDA approved for use in horse, while permitting the use of FDA approved bisphosphonates with the appropriate filing of a Medication Report Form (MRF) as detailed in GR411. Additionally, would restrict the use of FDA approved bisphosphonate usage to horses over 4 years of age to be consistent with the manufacturer's recommendation.

Tracheotomy:

Occasionally, due to an upper airway issue, horses may require a tracheotomy. For most horses, this is a temporary/emergency procedure. However, a few horses may have a maintained tracheostomy. The concern is horses competing with this opening in the ventral neck are at increased risk for medical issues. Horses that fall in water during competition (eventing and jumping) have the potential to aspirate water causing a life threatening condition. Additionally, permitting a horse to compete with a tracheotomy/tracheostomy presents as a perception problem to the public. Currently, the FEI prohibits a horse from competing with a tracheotomy/tracheostomy.

Intent of the Rule:

The intent of this rule is to prohibit a horse from competing with a tracheotomy/tracheostomy because of an increased inherent risk to the horse.

Linked Rules

**Web:** bisphosphonates

Comments

Committee Actions

American Saddlebred

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/01/2019  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

AMHA

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 01/22/2020  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** The committee agree with the majority of the rule change but requests that the restriction of it being only used for Navicular Disease be eliminated.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

Andalusian/Lusitano

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 01/29/2020  
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: The committee would approve of this rule proposal if the restriction of its use being only for Navicular be removed.  
Draft 2: No Comments

Arabian

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/14/2019  
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: The committee would approve if this was opened up to being used for treatment of other conditions, not just navicular disease, and if it included language regarding the withdrawal period.  
Draft 2: No Comments

Carriage Pleasure Driving

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/30/2019  
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments

Competition Management

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 03/31/2020

Draft 2: No Comments

Connemara

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/16/2019  
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 04/28/2020

Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Member Services

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 04/21/2020

Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 04/27/2020

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments

Dressage

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 04/07/2020

Draft 2: No Comments

Driving

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 04/14/2020

Draft 2: No Comments

Eventing

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 04/07/2020

Draft 2: The science regarding the danger of using bisphosphonates in young horses is well documented and established. It is in the interests of the horses to afford them this protection.

Friesian

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 02/06/2020  
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: The committee would like to see points 4 and 5 separated into two separate rule proposals.  
Draft 2: No Comments

Hackney

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/30/2019  
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments

Jumper

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/18/2019  
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 04/08/2020

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments

Morgan

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 01/17/2020  
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 03/31/2020

Draft 1: The committee agree with the majority of the rule change but requests that the restriction of it being only used for Navicular Disease be eliminated.  
Draft 2: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 01/20/2020  
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 04/07/2020

Draft 1: The committee agrees with prohibiting the use of bisphosphonates in horses under 4 years of age but feels that the restrictions for the horses over 4 years of age should be left to the discretion of the treating veterinarian. Additionally, the committee feels that the tracheotomy piece of this rule belongs with the soundness definition in a different section of the rulebook.  
Draft 2: No Comments

National Show Horse

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 01/17/2020  
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: The committee agrees with the rule but requests that it is not restricted for only the treatment of Navicular disease. The committee does approve the second part of this rule proposal (GR414.5).  
Draft 2: No Comments

Paso Fino

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 02/17/2020

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments

Roadster

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/30/2019  
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments

Saddle Seat Eq

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/06/2019  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

Shetland

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 02/05/2020  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** The committee would like to see point 4 and 5 separated into two different rule changes. The committee also feels that point 4 is currently difficult to enforce due to the restriction of the use being only for Navicular, they would like to see that portion of the rule be reconsidered.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

USDF

**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 04/15/2020

**Draft 2:** No Comments

USHJA

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 12/12/2019  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 04/13/2020

**Draft 1:** Would approve .4 if use is not limited to navicular disease as the treatment may be indicated for other conditions. Believes .5 should be a separate rule.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

Veterinary

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 04/14/2020

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

Welsh

**Draft 1:** No Action 11/12/2019  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** Does not impact Welsh  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

Western Committee

**Draft 1:** No Action 11/11/2019  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

Western Dressage

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 01/21/2020  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 03/31/2020

**Draft 1:** The committee approves of point 5 of this rule change and feels it should be its own rule change. They also agrees with point 4 but would like the restriction of it being used only for Navicular to be removed.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

GR702.1 Tracking #124-19 Draft #1 Approved

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2020	10/7/2019	Approved 6/22/2020

Proposed Change

**GR702 Violations** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 7-A Individuals]

1. A violation is any act prejudicial to the best interests of the Federation, including but not limited to the following:

*o. Retaliation against a person for making an allegation of any rule violation, for supporting a reporting party or witness, or for providing information relevant to a potential violation. Retaliation may be considered any adverse action taken by an individual against a person participating in a USEF proceeding.*

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

To remove a barrier to reporting abuse and providing an opportunity to sanction those who engage in retaliatory conduct.

Linked Rules

Comments

**Web:** violations

Committee Actions

American Saddlebred

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/01/2019

**Draft 1:** No Comments

AMHA

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 01/22/2020

**Draft 1:** The committee feels that the purpose of the rule is agreeable but that the language needs to be expanded and clarified, particularly with regards to Safe Sport and horse abuse.

Andalusian/Lusitano

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 01/29/2020

**Draft 1:** The committee agrees with the intent but would like to see this rule more clearly defined.

Arabian

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/14/2019

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Carriage Pleasure Driving

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 10/30/2019

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Competition Management

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 03/31/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Connemara

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/16/2019

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/28/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Council - Member Services

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/21/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/27/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Dressage	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 04/07/2020	Draft 1: No Comments
Driving	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 04/14/2020	Draft 1: No Comments
Eventing	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 04/07/2020	Draft 1: The ESC also agrees with the idea of this proposal and feel that it needs more work, and more clarity regarding the implementation and expansion of information regarding the overall process of how retaliation is determined and what the repercussions are.
Friesian	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 02/06/2020	Draft 1: The committee feels this rule needs more work, that the current language is not clear and detailed enough.
Hackney	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/30/2019	Draft 1: The committee believes this rule should be written with better definition and had specific concerns about how it will be enforced when anonymous accusations are accepted.
Jumper	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/18/2019	Draft 1: No Comments
Licensed Officials	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 04/06/2020	Draft 1: The LOC agrees with the concept, but would like to see a definition of "retaliation" included within the rule.
Morgan	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 01/17/2020	Draft 1: The committee feels that the purpose of the rule is agreeable but that the language needs to be expanded and clarified, particularly with regards to Safe Sport and horse abuse.
National Hunter Committee	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 01/20/2020	Draft 1: No Comments
National Show Horse	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 01/17/2020	Draft 1: The committee agrees with the intent of this rule but feels the rule still needs work to better define retaliation and the repercussions of false accusations. The committee was also concerned with how this will be enforced when anonymous accusations are submitted.
Paso Fino	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 02/17/2020	Draft 1: No Comments
Roadster	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/30/2019	Draft 1: The committee was concerned about the enforceability of this rule when anonymous complaints are accepted.
Saddle Seat Eq	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval	Draft 1: No Comments
Shetland	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 02/05/2020	Draft 1: The committee agrees with the intent of this rule but feel that is it underdeveloped as currently written, that it contains a lot of gray area.
USDF	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 04/15/2020	Draft 1: No Comments
USHJA	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/12/2019	Draft 1: No Comments
Welsh	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/12/2019	Draft 1: No Comments
Western Committee	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/11/2019	Draft 1: Committee feels that the rule should be written with better definition and more clarity
Western Dressage	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 01/21/2020	Draft 1: The committee agrees with the idea of this proposal but feels it needs more work; more clarity on the implementation and expansion of information regarding overall process of how retaliation is determined and what the repercussions are.

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2020	9/6/2019	Approved 6/22/2020

## Proposed Change

**Opportunity Classes** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 8-C COMPETITION AND CLASS CONDITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY]**GR821 Opportunity Classes. Change to read:**

## 2. Opportunity Classes:

- a. do not count towards Horse of the Year Awards and the results from Opportunity Classes may not be used by any entity for a national awards program. Only with permission of the respective recognized affiliate organization may results from Opportunity Classes be used for regional awards.
- b. cannot be used as a qualifying class for any championship class held at the competition except an Opportunity Class championship at the competition.
- c. cannot be considered in reckoning Competition Championships awarded on points except an Opportunity Class championship at the competition.
- d. do not count towards the minimum number of classes nor amount of prize money offered when determining the rating of the competition.
- e. Dressage classes can be offered as Opportunity classes at Dressage Competitions or Regular/Local Competitions with "Open" Dressage classes as described below:
  1. Classes are limited to the following competition levels and dressage tests:
    - a. Level 1 competitions may offer ~~three two~~ tests and only ~~three two~~ classes per level per day at Introductory - ~~Fourth Second~~ Level.
    - b. Level 2 competitions may offer ~~three two~~ tests and only ~~three two~~ classes per level per day at Introductory - ~~Third First~~ Level.
    - c. Level 3 competitions may offer ~~three two~~ tests and only ~~three two~~ classes per level per day at Introductory - ~~Second Training~~ Level.
    - d. Level 4 and Level 5 competitions may not offer Opportunity classes.
  2. Opportunity Classes are for entry level ~~riders~~ **participants and may be offered to encourage participation in Federation licensed competitions.**
  3. Freestyles may not be offered as Opportunity classes. Opportunity classes cannot be offered as "Test of Choice" classes.
  4. If opportunity classes at Dressage Competitions or Regular/Local Competitions with "Open" Dressage classes are restricted to amateurs, riders are required to have an amateur status with USEF.
  5. All rules and regulations in GR821 must be followed, except for GR821.6.
  6. Horses, riders, owners, trainers, and coaches participating only in Opportunity classes are exempt from Federation and affiliate organization membership and Horse Identification (HID) requirements and non-member/Show Pass fees, but are required to list the Federation membership number if the participant is a member.
- f. Breed restricted Dressage classes can be offered as opportunity classes at Regular/Local breed restricted competitions

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9. Opportunity Classes may be judged by any judge officiating at the competition. (**Exception: Judges for Dressage Opportunity classes must be eligible according to GR1007, GR1008 or GR1009.**) Conflict of interest rules in GR1304 apply.

Proponent Details	Contact Information
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Dressage

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Rule Change Intent
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Participation in licensed Dressage Competitions has decreased in many areas. Several shows and potential participants have pointed to the increased cost of licensed competitions as the reason for this decline and have requested that additional levels of Opportunity classes be allowed in order to stimulate more affordable access to licensed competitions.

Linked Rules	Comments
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**Web:** opportunity classes - dressage

Committee Actions
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Competition Management
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**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 03/31/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline
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**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/28/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Council - Member Services
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**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/21/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Dressage
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**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/07/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Licensed Officials
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**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 01/07/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

USDF
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**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/15/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2020	4/21/2020	Approved 6/22/2020

Proposed Change

**GR846 Accident Preparedness Plan** [CHAPTER Subchapter 8-G Safety Preparedness and Reporting]

GR 846 Accident Preparedness Plan

- All competitions must have in place, prior to the start of the competition, an accident preparedness plan. In addition, all competitions must have in place an isolation protocol for horses. **Competitions must report to the Chief Administrator of the Drugs & Medications Program, within 24 hours, any horse identified to Competition Management as showing symptoms of infectious disease, put into isolation at the competition, or that departs the competition to receive treatment for a potential infectious disease.**

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

This past Spring, there were influenza outbreaks in the U.S. They were minimal compared to the rest of the world, however, they were still a source of confusion for competitors and competition manager's alike. The source of the confusion in one case was when a competition manager refused to initially even acknowledge the 'outbreak' in which several horses had left the competition and were subsequently diagnosed with influenza. In the end, several horses were isolated at the venue and care was excellent, but there was no reporting of the outbreak to the EDCC or others until the competition eventually put out a press release. The lack of information served to create panic among competitors and impacted other competitions.

The intent for this rule is to require competitions to be forthcoming about horses being placed in isolation. The criteria for reporting would be any horse that is put into isolation at the horse show or departs the horse show to receive treatment for a potential infectious disease.

Linked Rules

Comments

**Web:** isolation protocol

Committee Actions

American Saddlebred

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 12/19/2019  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action

**Draft 1:** The Committee supports the concept of this rule but feels a timeline for reporting any infectious disease needs to be included in this rule.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

AMHA

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 01/22/2020  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action

**Draft 1:** The committee agrees with the rule change but requests a time frame be established for when isolation cases be reported.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

Andalusian/Lusitano

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 01/29/2020  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action

**Draft 1:** The committee agrees with the intent but would like more definitive information be added including when to make this report, who makes this report, and the contact information be listed for the Chief Administrator.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

Arabian

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/14/2019  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

Carriage Pleasure Driving

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/18/2019  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

## Competition Management

**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 03/31/2020  
**Draft 3:** No Action

**Draft 2:** Would consider if this said "within 24 hours of being notified that any horse was identified"  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

## Connemara

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/16/2019  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

## Council - Intl Discipline

**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** Recommends Approval 04/28/2020

**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

## Council - Member Services

**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** Recommends Approval 04/21/2020

**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** Draft 2 of this PRC was amended on the Council floor to address concerns the Council had regarding ensuring that the 24-hour requirement for reporting begins once Competition Management is notified that a horse has been identified as showing symptoms of infectious disease. Draft 3 reflects the necessary language changes to clarify this point.

## Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** Recommends Disapproval 04/27/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** The council feels this rule is too broad by including horses showing symptoms and would like to see more specific and clear language in regards to the competition management's responsibility for horses which have departed for treatment but have not been reported to show management

## Dressage

**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 04/07/2020  
**Draft 3:** No Action

**Draft 2:** Agree with comp management committee, who noted a change to the following sentence: within 24 hours of being informed of being made aware  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

## Driving

**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 04/14/2020  
**Draft 3:** No Action

**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

## Eventing

**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 04/07/2020  
**Draft 3:** Recommends Approval 04/21/2020

**Draft 2:** In light of the risk that unreported contagious diseases pose to the Equestrian population and Equestrian sport and also of the increasing incidences of such diseases it is in the interests of the horses and their owners to afford them every protection possible.  
**Draft 3:** The change made in draft 3 is sensible in that it clarifies the intended administration of the proposed rule.

## Friesian

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 02/06/2020  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action

**Draft 1:** The committee agrees with the intent of the rule but feels more work is needed to further describe the procedure. They would like to see the contact information included as well as language about what happens after the report is made. In addition this committee would like the Isolation Protocol to be reviewed to address issues such as show grounds not having a true "isolation" area and local equine hospitals refusing patients with possible infectious diseases.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

## Hackney

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/11/2019  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

## Jumper

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/18/2019  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 04/08/2020  
**Draft 3:** No Action

**Draft 1:** Completely supports the concept but a timeframe for reporting needs to be included in the rule. Otherwise, the reporting could happen any time, including weeks after.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

## Morgan

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 01/17/2020  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 03/31/2020  
**Draft 3:** No Action

**Draft 1:** The committee agrees with the rule change but requests a time frame be established for when isolation cases be reported.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

## National Hunter Committee

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 01/20/2020  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 04/07/2020  
**Draft 3:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

## National Show Horse

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 01/17/2020  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action

**Draft 1:** The committee agrees with the rule but would like to see the addition of a time frame for when an isolation report needs to be submitted.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

Paso Fino

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 02/17/2020  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: The committee believes the language of reporting when a horse is "identified as showing symptoms" is too vague.  
Draft 3: No Comments

Roadster

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/11/2019  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments

Saddle Seat Eq

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/19/2019  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: The committee would approve this rule if a time frame for reporting the outbreak of any infectious disease was added to this rule.  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments

Shetland

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 02/05/2020  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: The committee agrees with the intent but feels that the rule is not developed enough as written, would like to see additional work put into this rule as described by other committee comments.  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments

USDF

Draft 3: Recommends Disapproval 04/15/2020

Draft 3: Lack of transparency, how can shows and other know what has been agreed to by USEF.

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/12/2019  
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 04/13/2020  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments

Veterinary

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 04/14/2020  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: As the Proponent, the Veterinary Committee would agree to the modification suggested by the Competition Committee.  
Draft 3: No Comments

Welsh

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/12/2019  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments

Western Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/19/2019  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 01/21/2020  
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 03/31/2020  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: The committee agrees with the intent of the rule but requests more information be added. Contact information for the Chief Administrator, who files this report, the time for reporting, and what happens to the information once it has been reported.  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2020	4/21/2020	Approved 6/22/2020

Proposed Change

**GR1001 Duties** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 10-A APPLICATION PROCESS]

please see attachment for complete rule change proposal

Proponent Details	Contact Information
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Licensed Officials

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Rule Change Intent

The purpose of this rule change is to provide clarity and synchronize the entirety of Chapter 10. In addition, this rule change:

- Requires U.S. FEI officials to maintain their U.S. FEI license.
- Adds the Certified Schooling Supervisor responsibilities to the chapter because the role of this licensed official now encompasses jumper and hunter schooling areas. This also adds references within the JP and HU chapters to direct readers to the CSS requirements within Chapter 10.
- Adds dressage apprenticeship restrictions that were previously located within a standalone document.
- Outlines that apprentices cannot apprentice with a family member, cohabitant, companion, domestic partner, housemate, member of the household, client, employer, or employee in order to prevent real or perceived conflicts of interest.
- Adds existing language for the duties of hunter and jumper course designers to the respective course designer sections.
- Fixes typos and grammatical errors.

The second draft only addresses changes to the Jumper CD Special Card, Hunter CD Special Card, and CSS sections.

Linked Rules	Comments
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**Web:** Duties

Committee Actions

American Saddlebred

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/19/2019  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

AMHA

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 01/22/2020  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

Andalusian/Lusitano

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 01/29/2020  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

Arabian

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 01/27/2020  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

Carriage Pleasure Driving

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

Competition Management

**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action

**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

Connemara

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/16/2019  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 04/28/2020

Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments

Council - Member Services

Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 04/21/2020

Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: The Council amended this proposal on the floor to address some language that was inadvertently omitted from Draft 2.

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 04/27/2020

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments

Dressage

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 04/07/2020  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments

Driving

Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments

Friesian

Draft 1: No Action 02/06/2020  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments

Hackney

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/11/2019  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments

Jumper

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/18/2019  
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 04/08/2020  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Would approve if the following are amended: - the Special Jumper CD language is corrected so not to allow more than two in a lifetime regardless of approvals - remove strike through of the JP 103 language. The JP Chapter must keep the CSS requirements along with the other Jumper officiating requirements. Also, there were several references to fees. Should all fees be removed and kept in a Policy and Procedure?  
Draft 2: Would approve if Jumper Course Designers are included as an exception in GR 1038.3 and if GR 1005.19.4 regarding guest cards was deleted.  
Draft 3: No Comments

Morgan

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 01/17/2020  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 04/07/2020  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments

National Show Horse

Draft 1: No Action 01/17/2020  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments

Paso Fino

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 02/17/2020  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments

Roadster

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/11/2019  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments

Saddle Seat Eq

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/19/2019  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments

Shetland

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 02/05/2020  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments

USDF

Draft 3: Recommends Approval 04/15/2020

Draft 3: No Comments

USHJA

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 12/12/2019  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 04/14/2020  
**Draft 3:** No Action

**Draft 1:** There is language regarding guest cards for Jumper Course Designers and FEI Jumping Stewards that needs to be amended before this can be approved.  
**Draft 2:** Disapprove, but would approve if the language from GR1202.4 regarding course designers is substituted for the language in GR1038, as this exempts course designers from the conflict of interest with managers. The language from GR1202.4 states: " 4. A manager cannot serve as judge, steward or technical delegate of his own competition. A member of a manager's family cannot officiate as judge, steward or technical delegate at said manager's competition."  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

Welsh

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/12/2019  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

Western Committee

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/19/2019  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

Western Dressage

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 01/21/2020  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2020	4/1/2019	Approved 6/22/2020

Proposed Change

**GR1004 General** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 10-B GENERAL RULES AND FEES]

GR1004 General

**1. Any written agreement between the Federation and another National Federation regarding requirements for licensed officials shall supersede these rules.**

Proponent Details	Contact Information
Licensed Officials	Alina Brazzil abrazzil@usef.org

Rule Change Intent

The Federation may sign into an agreement with another entity that would change licensed official requirements and/or processes from those stated within Chapter 10. In order for individuals to know that these outside agreements may change rules regarding officials, a statement must be added within Chapter 10 informing members of these potential changes. For example, Equestrian Canada and the Federation have an agreement in place that affects when Canadian individuals are required to apply for guest cards.

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: general rules

Committee Actions

American Saddlebred	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/01/2019	Draft 1: No Comments
AMHA	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 01/22/2020	Draft 1: No Comments
Andalusian/Lusitano	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 01/29/2020	Draft 1: No Comments
Arabian	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/14/2019	Draft 1: No Comments
Carriage Pleasure Driving	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/30/2019	Draft 1: No Comments
Competition Management	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Connemara	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/16/2019	Draft 1: No Comments
Council - Intl Discipline	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 04/28/2020	Draft 1: No Comments
Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 04/27/2020	Draft 1: No Comments
Dressage	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 04/07/2020	Draft 1: This would give a lack of transparency & fact that shows could not make plans under these pretenses in advance without knowledge of an agreement with another federation. This would be impossible to enforce into the field.
Driving	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 04/14/2020	Draft 1: No Comments
Friesian	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 02/06/2020	Draft 1: No Comments

Hackney

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 10/30/2019

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Jumper

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/08/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Morgan

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 01/17/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

National Hunter Committee

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 01/20/2020

**Draft 1:** The committee would like to see this rule amended to only apply to US Equestrian's agreement with Equestrian Canada.

National Show Horse

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 01/17/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Paso Fino

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 02/17/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Roadster

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 10/30/2019

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Saddle Seat Eq

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/06/2019

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Shetland

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 02/05/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

USDF

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 04/15/2020

**Draft 1:** Lack of transparency, how can shows and other know what has been agreed to by USEF

USHJA

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/12/2019

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Welsh

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/12/2019

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Western Committee

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/11/2019

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Western Dressage

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 01/21/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

## GR1034.4 Tracking #115-19 Draft #2 Approved

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2020	2/21/2020	Approved 6/22/2020

### Proposed Change

#### GR1034 Stewards and Technical Delegates [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 10-H REGULATIONS GOVERNING OFFICIALS]

GR1034  
[...]

4. Except in Hawaii and Alaska, no steward may officiate for more than three consecutive years at the same competition or at more than three consecutive competitions run by the same ~~governing body, Board of Directors or~~ Licensee. When three or more stewards are officiating one steward will not be subject to these restrictions and will be eligible to serve as steward for a fourth consecutive competition run by the same ~~governing body, Board of Directors or~~ Licensee.
5. Except in Hawaii, no technical delegate may officiate for more than two consecutive years at the same competition or at more than two consecutive competitions run by the same ~~governing body, Board of Directors or~~ Licensee. In Alaska, no dressage technical delegate may officiate more than three consecutive years at the same competition, but are not otherwise restricted from officiating at consecutive competitions run by the same ~~governing body, Board of Directors or~~ Licensee. For the purposes of this rule, multiple, consecutive day Dressage Competitions held within a six-day period will be counted as one competition, if they are run by the same ~~governing body, Board of Directors or~~ Licensee.

#### Proponent Details

Licensed Officials

#### Contact Information

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#### Rule Change Intent

The purpose of this rule change is to simplify the Steward and TD consecutive officiating restrictions by only restricting the licensee as the determining factor if a Steward or TD can officiate at consecutive competitions. Staff have to manually check all of the owners of the governing body, board of directors, or licensee to determine if a Steward or TD is violating a rule. If this is simplified, then USEF could potentially help provide a report or mechanism for Stewards and TDs to check their status on their own.

#### Linked Rules

#### Comments

**Web:** stewards and technical delegates

#### Committee Actions

##### American Saddlebred

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/19/2019  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

##### AMHA

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 01/22/2020  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** The committee agrees with decreasing the number of determining factors but does not agree with the current language that restricts stewards from officiating at more than three consecutive shows run by the same licensee.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

##### Andalusian/Lusitano

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 01/29/2020  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** The committee agrees with decreasing the number of determining factors but does not agree with the current language that restricts stewards from officiating at more than three consecutive shows run by the same licensee.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

##### Arabian

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/14/2019  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** The committee agrees with decreasing the number of determining factors but does not agree with the current language that restricts stewards from officiating at more than three consecutive shows run by the same licensee.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

##### Carriage Pleasure Driving

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/18/2019  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

##### Competition Management

**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 03/31/2020

**Draft 2:** No Comments

##### Connemara

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/16/2019  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 04/28/2020

Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 04/27/2020

Draft 2: No Comments

Dressage

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 04/07/2020

Draft 2: No Comments

Driving

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 04/14/2020

Draft 2: No Comments

Friesian

Draft 1: No Action 02/06/2020

Draft 1: No Comments

Draft 2: No Action

Draft 2: No Comments

Hackney

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/11/2019

Draft 1: No Comments

Draft 2: No Action

Draft 2: No Comments

Jumper

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/18/2019

Draft 1: No Comments

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 04/08/2020

Draft 2: No Comments

Morgan

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 01/17/2020

Draft 1: The committee agrees with decreasing the number of determining factors but does not agree with the current language that restricts stewards from officiating at more than three consecutive shows run by the same licensee.

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 03/31/2020

Draft 2: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 01/20/2020

Draft 1: No Comments

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 04/07/2020

Draft 2: The committee prefers the changes in draft 1 of this rule change and feels that leaving the three year/three competitions restriction in the rules places too many restrictions on stewards. Additionally, there is a declining number of stewards and having a smaller pool to choose from places a hardship on managers trying to find enough stewards to rotate out.

National Show Horse

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 01/17/2020

Draft 1: The committee agrees with decreasing the number of determining factors but does not agree with the current language that restricts stewards from officiating at more than three consecutive shows run by the same licensee.

Draft 2: No Action

Draft 2: No Comments

Paso Fino

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 02/17/2020

Draft 1: No Comments

Draft 2: No Action

Draft 2: No Comments

Roadster

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/11/2019

Draft 1: No Comments

Draft 2: No Action

Draft 2: No Comments

Saddle Seat Eq

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/19/2019

Draft 1: No Comments

Draft 2: No Action

Draft 2: No Comments

Shetland

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 02/05/2020

Draft 1: The committee agrees with decreasing the number of determining factors but does not agree with the current language that restricts stewards from officiating at more than three consecutive shows run by the same licensee.

Draft 2: No Action

Draft 2: No Comments

USDF

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 04/15/2020

Draft 2: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/12/2019

Draft 1: No Comments

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 04/13/2020

Draft 2: No Comments

Welsh

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/12/2019

Draft 1: In taking out the language specific to "years", this rule can be interpreted in different ways depending on the reader. The removal of that language allows a steward to work for a specific competition for indefinite number of years. The current language only prevents the steward from working consecutive shows under one licensee throughout the year

Draft 2: No Action

Draft 2: No Comments

Western Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/19/2019

Draft 1: No Comments

Draft 2: No Action

Draft 2: No Comments

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 01/21/2020  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 03/31/2020

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

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2020	9/5/2019	Approved 6/22/2020

Proposed Change

**GR1102 Horse Recordings** [CHAPTER 11-A HORSE IDENTIFICATION AND RECORDING]

GR1102 Horse Recordings

~~6. A duplicate annual card or a duplicate life certificate will be issued for a fee.~~

Proponent Details	Contact Information
USEF Officers	Ken Ball kball@usef.org

Rule Change Intent

The horse recording certificates will be available online and accessible through the owners USEF online account.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> horse recordings

Committee Actions

American Saddlebred

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/01/2019

**Draft 1:** No Comments

AMHA

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 01/22/2020

**Draft 1:** The committee feels that removing the option of a paper copy would obstruct the Amish population due to religious reasons and also restricts people who are not comfortable using technology.

Andalusian/Lusitano

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 01/29/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Arabian

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/14/2019

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Carriage Pleasure Driving

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 10/30/2019

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Competition Management

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 03/31/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Connemara

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

Dressage

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

Driving

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/14/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Friesian

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 02/06/2020

Draft 1: No Comments

Hackney

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/30/2019

Draft 1: Committee felt they are being forced to use electronic methods of doing business and not everyone is comfortable using technology.

Morgan

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 01/17/2020

Draft 1: The committee feels that removing the option of a paper copy would obstruct the Amish population due to religious reasons and also restricts people who are not comfortable using technology.

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 01/20/2020

Draft 1: No Comments

National Show Horse

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 01/17/2020

Draft 1: The committee feels that there should still be the option to have a paper copy provided upon request.

Paso Fino

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 02/17/2020

Draft 1: No Comments

Roadster

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/30/2019

Draft 1: No Comments

Saddle Seat Eq

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/06/2019

Draft 1: No Comments

Shetland

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 02/05/2020

Draft 1: No Comments

USDF

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 04/15/2020

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/12/2019

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Welsh

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/12/2019

Draft 1: No Comments

Western Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/11/2019

Draft 1: No Comments

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 01/21/2020

Draft 1: The committee feels that the option of requesting a paper copy should be available.

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Proposed Change

GR1105, GR1106 and GR1107 [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 11-C OWNERSHIP AND COMPETITION RECORDS]

GR1105 Transfer of Ownership

1. Ownership of a Federation recorded horse may be transferred during the year without affecting the animal's points provided proper authorization and fee are received by the Federation office. Authorization for transfer of ownership of a horse holding a ~~lifetime~~ recording with the Federation may be submitted in the form of the original **a signed** Federation recording certificate or a proper bill of sale. Authorization must be signed by the previously recorded owner(s). ~~Authorization for transfer of ownership of a horse holding an annual recording may be submitted in the form of a bill of sale signed by the previously recorded owner(s).~~ If these documents are unavailable, a Federation transfer affidavit may be obtained from the Federation office which must be completed, signed, notarized and returned to the Federation office with proof of ownership. **Transfer documents and payment may be submitted online via the new owner's MY USEF account or mailed to the Federation office.** A horse will not be eligible to receive points under its new ownership until the conditions of GR1110 and GR1111 are met. The fees can be found on the horse transfer form at [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org).

GR1106 Exhibitor Registration

1. Entries may be made in a name other than that of an individual for Horse of the Year Awards, provided such name (Stable/Farm, Corporation, etc.) is recorded with the Federation. Duplication of farm names is discouraged but not prohibited. Horses shown under a partnership, i.e., Smith & Smith, Jones & Jones, must be duly registered. All applications for registration of (Stable/Farm, Corporation, etc.) must be signed by each of the bona fide owners and accompanied by the required fee. The fees can be found on the Farm, Corporation, Syndicate or Partnership Recording application at [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org).
2. In order for points to count toward Federation Horse of the Year Awards, ~~a horse must be owned by an individual member or recorded Farm/Business~~ **at least one owner must be a Federation active Competing or Life member.**

GR1107 Change of Name

1. The recorded name of a horse competing in divisions that do not require breed registration may be changed by submission of the original recording certificate to the Federation office accompanied by the required fee. The recorded name of a horse can also be changed by submitting the Horse Name Change Request form which lists the fee and can be found at [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org). **Name changes may also be submitted online via the owner's MY USEF account.**
2. ~~The registered name of an exhibitor may be changed by submitting the original certificate to the Federation office accompanied by the required fee.~~ The recorded name of a farm, corporation, syndicate, or partnership may be changed by ~~submitting the original certificate to~~ **contacting** the Federation office ~~accompanied by~~ **and remitting** the required fee.

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Rule Change Intent

Updating the rule to match the current practice and adding electronic certificates.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> transfer of ownership

Committee Actions

American Saddlebred	
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AMHA	
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Andalusian/Lusitano	
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Arabian	
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Carriage Pleasure Driving	
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Competition Management	
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Connemara	
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Council - Intl Discipline	
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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
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Dressage	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 04/07/2020	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
Driving	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 04/14/2020	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
Friesian	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 02/06/2020	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
Hackney	
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Jumper	
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Morgan	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 01/17/2020	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
National Hunter Committee	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 01/20/2020	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
National Show Horse	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 01/17/2020	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
Paso Fino	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 02/17/2020	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
Roadster	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 10/30/2019	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
Saddle Seat Eq	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/06/2019	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
Shetland	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 02/05/2020	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
USDF	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 04/15/2020	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
USHJA	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 12/12/2019	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
Welsh	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/12/2019	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
Western Committee	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/11/2019	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>



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Proposed Change

**GR1124 Arabian and Half/Anglo Arabian Divisions [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 11-F AWARD SECTIONS ]**

GR1124 Arabian and Half/Anglo Arabian Divisions

6. Award Categories. National and Regional awards will be awarded in the following categories:

English Pleasure/Pleasure Driving—Open, Adult Amateur, Junior Exhibitor;  
 Country English Pleasure/Country Pleasure Driving—Open, Adult Amateur, Junior Exhibitor;  
 Hunter Pleasure—Open, Adult Amateur, Junior Exhibitor;  
 Western Pleasure—Open, Adult Amateur, Junior Exhibitor;  
 Working Western Horse—includes Trail, In-Hand Trail, Reining, Working Cowhorse, Cutting and Western Riding, Ranch Horse Riding, one award category;  
 Hunter— Regular Working; Green Working; Hunter Specialty (Hunter Specialty is one award category based on total number of points from ATR/JTR, AOTR, Horses 14.2 Hands and Under; and Working Hunter 2'); Specialty Horse—includes Park, English Show Hack, Ladies Side Saddle, Native Costume, Hunter Hack, Formal Combination, Informal Combination, Formal Driving, Roadster, English Trail, Versatility, Gymkhana, Carriage Pleasure Driving, Western Dressage, and Jumper, one award category;  
~~Breeding/In-Hand—includes Stallions, Mares, Geldings for Arabians and Mares and Geldings for Half/Anglo Arabians, one award category;~~  
**Halter-- includes Performance Halter (Stallions, Mares, Geldings for Arabian and Half/Anglo Arabians) and Breeding/In-Hand (Stallions, Mares, Geldings for Arabians and Mares and Geldings for Half/Anglo Arabians), one award category;**  
 Dressage—Open: Training Level; First Level; Second Level, Third Level, Fourth Level and FEI combined Level  
 Amateur: Training Level; First Level; Second Level, Third Level, Fourth Level, and FEI combined Level;  
 Sport Horse - Sport Horse In-Hand, ;Sport Horse Under Saddle, and Sport Horse Show Hack **combine for one award category. are combined.**

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Arabian

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Rule Change Intent

The Arabian Committee would like to include points won through the Performance Halter section to count towards HOTY awards by counting under the Halter award category. There were some grammatical changes made as well.

Linked Rules	Comments
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Web: arabian

Committee Actions

Competition Management

**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 03/31/2020

**Draft 2:** No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 1:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments

**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 04/27/2020

**Draft 2:** No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
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Proposed Change

**GR1131 Hunter and Equitation Divisions** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 11-F AWARD SECTIONS]

GR 1131 Hunter and Equitation Divisions

3. In the Hunter division, points are calculated according to the Increment system. In "C" and "B" rated sections, points are determined by the number of horses that compete in the first performance class of the section; in "A" rated sections, points are determined by both the rating of the competition (based on scheduling restrictions of HU158) as well as the number of horses that compete in the first performance class of the section. Exception: National awards for Green Hunter 3'0", 3'3", 3'6" and 3'9", Young Hunter 3'0", 3'3", and 3'6", High Performance and Performance Hunter 3'3" and 3'6", Green Conformation Hunter 3'6", and High Performance Conformation Hunter will be calculated using two systems towards two separate sets of national awards. The national Money Won Awards will be based on the money won by each horse in their respective section. The national Points Awards will be calculated according to the Increment System. Both money won and points won in hunter classics, the USHJA International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake, and the USHJA International Hunter Derby, **and the USHJA Green Hunter Incentive Stake** will be included. The money won and points won in the USHJA International Hunter Derby, **and the USHJA International Hunter Derby Welcome Stakes**, will only be awarded towards a declared Hunter section for HOTY points if a horse competes in the declared section a minimum of five (5) times during the competition year. **The money won and points won in the USHJA Green Hunter Incentive Stake will only be awarded toward a declared Hunter section for HOTY points if a horse competes in the declared section a minimum of three (3) times during the competition year.**

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Rule Change Intent

In my opinion, it is currently a mistake to allow horses to accumulate HOTY points/money in sections without any participation requirement in those sections (per current presidential modification and RCP 015-19). Following the example set by the USHJA International and National Derby programs, horses could be able to retroactively use points acquired through the USHJA Incentive Stake classes towards HOTY points, Indoors, and Devon once they have competed in their respective section a minimum number of times.

Linked Rules

HU 169 (143-19)

Comments

**Web:** Green Hunter Incentive Stakes

Committee Actions

Competition Management

**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 03/31/2020

**Draft 2:** Needs more study.

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 1:** No Action

**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 04/27/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

**Draft 2:** The Council is in favor of more study on the effect of Special Classes on HOTY points before approving this rule change

National Hunter Committee

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 01/28/2020

**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 04/14/2020

**Draft 1:** The committee has discussed this subject at length and feels there should be no restrictions requiring horses to compete in the Green Hunter sections in order for points from the USHJA Green Hunter Incentive to count.

**Draft 2:** No Comments

USHJA

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 01/13/2020

**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 04/13/2020

**Draft 1:** The proposal was disapproved because the board believes that: 1. Two tracks exist to win a HOTY award. Horses competing under the point system are not affected by high dollar classes. 2. The board would like to study this topic for an addition 1 - 2 years.

**Draft 2:** Contradicts rule submitted by USHJA

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Proposed Change

**GR1131 Hunter and Equitation Divisions [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 11-F AWARD SECTIONS]**

GR1131 Hunter and Equitation Divisions

3. In the Hunter division, points are calculated according to the Increment system. In "C" and "B" rated sections, points are determined by the number of horses that compete in the first performance class of the section; in "A" rated sections, points are determined by both the rating of the competition (based on scheduling restrictions of HU158) as well as the number of horses that compete in the first performance class of the section. Exception: National awards for Green Hunter 3'0", 3'3", 3'6" and 3'9", Young Hunter **5 and under, Young Hunter 6 and under, Young Hunter 7 and under** 3'0", 3'3", and 3'6", High Performance and Performance Hunter 3'3" and 3'6", Green Conformation Hunter 3'6", and High Performance Conformation Hunter will be calculated using two systems towards two separate sets of national awards. The national Money Won Awards will be based on the money won by each horse in their respective section. The national Points Awards will be calculated according to the Increment System. Both money won and points won in hunter classics, the USHJA International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake and the USHJA International Hunter Derby will be included. The money won and points won in the USHJA International Hunter Derby and USHJA International Hunter Derby Welcome Stakes will only be awarded towards a declared Hunter section for HOTY points if a horse competes in the declared section a minimum of five (5) times during the competition year.  
[...]

9. Hunter Division Section champions will be awarded 2.0 times the total 1st place point value of the first class in that section toward any National Horse of the Year point award based on points earned. Section reserve champions will be awarded 1.2 times the total 1st place value of the first class in that section towards any National Horse of the Year award based on points earned. Exception: For National Horse of the Year awards that are based on money won, Section Champions in the Green Hunter 3'0", 3'3", 3'6", and 3'9", **Young Hunter 5 and under, Young Hunter 6 and under, Young Hunter 7 and under** 3'0", 3'3", and 3'6", High Performance Hunter, Green Conformation Hunter 3'6", Performance Hunters 3'3", Performance Hunters 3'6", and High Performance Conformation Hunter will be awarded dollars equal to 10% of the total prize money offered for each respective section towards National Horse of the Year awards. Reserve Champions will be awarded dollars equal to the amount of 5% of the total prize money for each respective section.  
[...]

11. Hunter Division Section awards are offered for the following at the Zone level from USHJA and National levels from the Federation:  
a. Green Conformation Hunter 3'6", Green Hunter 3'0", 3'3", 3'6" and 3'9", High Performance Conformation Hunter, High Performance Hunter, Performance Hunters 3'3", Performance Hunters 3'6", Young Hunter **5 and under, Young Hunter 6 and under, Young Hunter 7 and under** 3'0", 3'3" and 3'6", Small Green Pony Hunter, Medium Green Pony Hunter, Large Green Pony Hunter, Small Pony Hunter, Medium Pony Hunter, Large Pony Hunter, Small Junior Hunter 15 yrs. & under, Small Junior Hunter 16-17 yrs., Large Junior Hunter 15 yrs. & under, Large Junior Hunter 16-17 yrs., Amateur Owner Hunter - 18-35 Years Old and Over 35 Years Old, Ladies Side Saddle, Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3" 18-35 Years Old and Over 35 Years Old, Small Hunter, Small Junior Hunter 3'3", 15 yrs. & under, Small Junior Hunter 3'3" 16-17 yrs., Large Junior Hunter 3'3" 15 yrs. and under and Large Junior Hunter 3'3" 16-17 yrs.  
[...]

12. Grand Champion Horse of the Year Awards are based on National points and are offered for the following Hunter sections:  
j. Young Hunter: awarded to the horse with the most points from the Young Hunter **5 and under, Young Hunter 6 and under, Young Hunter 7 and under** 3'0", 3'3" and 3'6" sections.

\*\* Link to HU111 and GR311

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Rule Change Intent

The Young Hunter Ad Hoc was formed to evaluate young hunters. The goal is to increase interest in the Young Hunter section, support Hunter Breeders and create a larger more inclusive pool of owners, riders and trainers for the Hunter Division. This rule change adjusts the names of the Young Hunter sections to more accurately describe the sections. Additionally, this rule change adjusts the fence heights for each Young Hunter section. Lowering the fence heights will allow horses to begin competing in a Young Hunter section without it affecting the horse's Green Hunter status

Linked Rules	Comments
HU 111 (177-19)	<b>Web:</b> hunter and equitation divisions

Committee Actions	
Competition Management	
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Council - Member Services	
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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/27/2020

**Draft 1: No Comments**

National Hunter Committee

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**Draft 1: No Comments**

USHJA

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**Draft 1: No Comments**

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Proposed Change

**1142 Welsh Pony, Cob and Half Welsh** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 11-F AWARD SECTIONS]

**GR1113 Credit**

Welsh. Classes with fewer than three entries will receive reduced points. Refer to charts in GR1142.4.

**GR1142 Welsh Pony, Cob and Half Welsh**

1. Welsh Pony Awards are offered for the following at the Regional and National level
  - a. Welsh English Pleasure Sections A&B, 12.2 hands & Under (*junior to ride*)
  - b. Welsh English Pleasure Sections B over 12.2 hands but not exceeding & up to 14.2 hands (*junior to ride*)
  - c. Welsh English Pleasure Sections C&D (*junior/adult to ride*)
  - d. Welsh English Pleasure Sections A&B- (*adult to ride*)
  - e. Welsh Pleasure Driving, Sections A&B (*junior/adult to drive*)
  - f. Welsh Hunter Sections A&B not exceeding 14.2 hands (*junior to ride*)
  - g. Welsh Hunter Sections C&D (*junior/adult to ride*)
  - h. Welsh Hunter Sections A&B- (*adult to ride*)
  
2. Half/Part-Bred Welsh Awards are offered for the following at the Regional and National level:
  - a. Half/Part-Bred Welsh English Pleasure (*junior/adult to ride*)
  - b. Half /Part-Bred Welsh Hunter (*junior/adult to ride*)
  
3. An overall Western Pleasure award is offered for the following at the Regional and National Level:
  - a. Western Pleasure Sections A, B, C & D and Half/Part-Bred Welsh (*junior/adult to ride*)
  
4. Full points shall be awarded to classes with three or **more** entries within the Welsh division conducted at A, B, C, and Local rated competitions based on the chart in point 4.5 below. Classes with ~~two or fewer~~ **than three** entries will receive reduced points based on the **respective** chart in point 4.5 below. Model classes will receive half points.
  
5. Points shall be awarded based on the following:

**Classes with three or more entries**

Rating	First	Second	Third	Fourth
A	20	12	8	4

<b>B</b>	10	6	4	2
<b>C</b>	5	3	2	1
<b>Local</b>	2.5	1.5	1	0.5

**Classes with two entries**

<b>A</b>	8	4
<b>B</b>	4	2
<b>C</b>	2	1
<b>Local</b>	1	0.5

**Classes with one entry**

<b>A</b>	4
<b>B</b>	2
<b>C</b>	1
<b>Local</b>	0.5

Championship points will be scored ~~scored~~ **awarded** as follows *for championships won in sections with three (3) or more entries. No points will be given for championships awarded in sections or classes that have fewer than three (3) entries completing each class:*

	<b>Champion</b>	<b>Reserve</b>
<b>A Rating</b>	40-12	24-8
<b>B Rating</b>	20	12
<b>C Rating</b>	10	6

6. For the purposes of Regional awards, ribbons won in any A-~~or B~~-rated section will receive ~~B~~ **A** points. Regional Awards will be distributed according to the Regional map.

7. Presentation of the Federation Regional Horse of the Year Awards ~~will~~ **may** be made at Regional meetings at the discretion of Regional Committees.

Division or Section	"A" Rating		"B" Rating	
	Requirements	Requirements	Requirements	Requirements
	minimum number classes	minimum prize money	minimum number of classes	minimum prize money
<b>If a section is divided in any way (ex: divided by age; Jr and Adult or divided by section: A/B, C/D, Half/Part) each split section must meet the minimum requirements for prize money and number of classes.</b>				
Welsh English Pleasure <b>Sec. A &amp; B, 12.2 &amp; under (junior to ride)</b>				
Sections A& B (12.2h & under/junior to ride)	3	\$100 <del>\$50</del>	3	\$50
Welsh English Pleasure <b>Sec B, over 12.2 &amp; up to 14.2 (junior to ride)</b>				
Section B (over 12.2h-14.2h/junior to ride)	3	\$100 <del>\$50</del>	3	\$50
Welsh English Pleasure				
Sections C & D (junior and /adult to ride)	3	\$100 <del>\$50</del>	3	\$50
Welsh <b>English</b> Pleasure				
Sections A& B (14.2h & under/adult to ride)	3	\$100 <del>\$50</del>	3	\$50
Half/Part-Bred Welsh <b>English</b> Pleasure (junior and /adult to ride)				
Sections A& B (14.2h & under/adult to ride)	3	\$100 <del>\$50</del>	3	\$50
Welsh Pleasure Driving				
Sec A& B (junior and /adult to drive)	3	\$100 <del>\$50</del>	3	\$50
Welsh Hunter				
Sections A& B (up to 14.2h/junior to ride)	3	\$100 <del>\$50</del>	3	\$50
Welsh Hunter				
Sections C & D (junior and /adult to ride)	3	\$100 <del>\$50</del>	3	\$50
Welsh Hunter				
Sections A& B (14.2h & under) ( <b>adult to ride</b> )	3	\$100 <del>\$50</del>	3	\$50
Half/Part-Bred Welsh Hunter				
Sections A& B (14.2h & under/adult to ride)	3	\$100 <del>\$50</del>	3	\$50

(junior and /adult to ride)

Welsh Western Pleasure  
Sections A B, C, D and Half/Part-Bred Welsh (*junior/adult to ride*)

3

\$50

3

\$50

**WL125 Welsh Hunter Pony Section** 5. For "A" and "B" rated Hunter sections a competition must offer at least two Over Fences (one Conformation and one Handy or Working) and one Under Saddle Class. Two of the performance classes must be judged 25% on conformation and breed type. Minimum prize money for an "A" rated section is \$100 and for a "B" rated section is \$50. WELSH HUNTER PONY—WORKING HUNTER OVER FENCES, HANDY HUNTER OVER FENCES, CONFORMATION HUNTER STAKE OVER FENCES, CONFORMATION HUNTER UNDER SADDLE.

**WL149 Half/Part-Bred Welsh Hunter Section**

4. For "A" and "B" rated Hunter sections a competition must offer at least two Over Fences (one Conformation and one Handy or Working) and one Under Saddle Class. Two of the performance classes must be judged 25% on conformation. Minimum prize money for an "A" rated section is \$100 and for a "B" rated section is \$50. HALF/PART-BRED WELSH HUNTER -WORKING HUNTER OVER FENCES, HANDY HUNTER OVER FENCES, CONFORMATION HUNTER STAKE OVER FENCES, CONFORMATION HUNTER UNDER SADDLE.

Proponent Details

Welsh

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Rule Change Intent

To ease confusion over the ratings of Welsh sections, the committee would like to narrow the options down to fewer ratings. In doing so, the committee would also like to decrease the amount of required prize money and adjust the point charts as needed. There has been some confusion over whether or not a competition is required to double the prize money if any of the sections listed are divided (such as by age of rider), so additional language has been included to clarify this requirement.

\* Linked to WL125 & 149 rule change proposals

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: welsh pony

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Proposed Change

**GR1144 WESTERN DRESSAGE** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 11-F AWARD SECTIONS ]

GR1144 Western Dressage {11-F Award Sections}

2. Point Tabulation: See GR 1113-1119.

a. Full points will be awarded to all ~~Western Dressage~~ classes conducted at USEF licensed **Western Dressage** competitions, as well as ~~Breed restricted competitions and competitions holding open Western Dressage classes.~~

b. Points in all classes will be awarded as follows: They are awarded on the scores of rides versus placings. Scores are achieved through a horse and rider combination, (unit).

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Western Dressage

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Rule Change Intent

By including points from breed restricted Western Dressage classes in Western Dressage discipline award categories, it is creating an unfair advantage for breeds affiliated with USEF as well as those breeds who host a large number of USEF licensed shows. This creates more opportunity for a horse/rider unit to gain more points than other units that are a part of a smaller breed or non-USEF affiliated breed. By eliminating these points we will be creating a more level playing field among the variety of breeds that participate in the Western Dressage discipline.

Linked Rules	Comments
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**Web:** western dressage

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Proposed Change

GR1202 & GR1203 [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 12-A COMPETITION OFFICIALS]

GR1202

1. An individual acting in this capacity, **or as Assistant Manager at a dressage competition**, is required to be a Senior Active Member of the Federation. Any individual acting as the Competition Manager of a hunter and/or jumper Open (not restricted to a breed) competition must be a Senior Active member in good standing of the United States Hunter Jumper Association, Inc. The competition manager of a Federation-licensed/USDF-recognized competition must be a current USDF Participating or Group member in good standing at the time competition recognition is granted and on the date of the competition. Anyone acting in the capacity of Competition Manager at a Federation licensed competition must complete applicable Federation education requirements or Federation approved Affiliate education requirements prior to the start date of the competition.

GR1203

1. An individual(s) who processes entries or performs such other duties as assigned by the Board of Directors, the Show Committee or Competition Management, and manager. A secretary of a Dressage Competition may not serve as judge or compete as rider or handler in his/her own competition. However, he or she may show Hors de Concours if he or she designates an assistant in charge while he or she is showing. This does not absolve the secretary's duties and responsibilities. An individual acting in this capacity, **or as Assistant Secretary at a dressage competition**, must be an Individual Senior Active member of The Federation.

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Dressage

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Rule Change Intent

Due to Safe Sport Policies, the Dressage Sport Committee would like to require dressage assistant managers and dressage assistant secretaries to be a USEF Active Member, so they would be required to complete Safe Sport Training. Assistant manager and secretaries duties are assigned by managers and secretaries according to the needs and may vary from one competition to another, but in many cases they may work directly with competitors and should be aware and held compliant to our Safe Sport policies.

Linked Rules

GR 1202 (134-19)

Comments

Web: safe sport training

Committee Actions

Competition Management

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 03/31/2020

Draft 1: No Comments

Competition Secretaries

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 04/28/2020

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Member Services

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 04/21/2020

Draft 1: No Comments

Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/04/2019

Draft 1: No Comments

USDF

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 04/15/2020

Draft 1: No Comments

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Proposed Change

GR1202 Manager [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 12-A COMPETITION OFFICIALS]

GR1202

1. An individual acting in this capacity, **or as Assistant Manager**, is required to be a Senior Active Member of the Federation. Any individual acting as the Competition Manager of a hunter and/or jumper Open (not restricted to a breed) competition must be a Senior Active member in good standing of the United States Hunter Jumper Association, Inc. The competition manager of a Federation- licensed/USDF-recognized competition must be a current USDF Participating or Group member in good standing at the time competition recognition is granted and on the date of the competition. Anyone acting in the capacity of Competition Manager at a Federation licensed competition must complete applicable Federation education requirements or Federation approved Affiliate education requirements prior to the start date of the competition.

GR1203

1. An individual(s) who processes entries or performs such other duties as assigned by the Board of Directors, the Show Committee or Competition Management, and manager. A secretary of a Dressage Competition may not serve as judge or compete as rider or handler in his/her own competition. However, he or she may show Hors de Concours if he or she designates an assistant in charge while he or she is showing. This does not absolve the secretary's duties and responsibilities. An individual acting in this capacity, **or as Assistant Secretary**, must be an Individual Senior Active member of The Federation.

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Rule Change Intent

Safe Sport requirements

Linked Rules

GR 1202 (125-19)

Comments

Web: safe sport

Committee Actions

American Saddlebred

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/19/2019

Draft 1: No Comments

AMHA

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 01/22/2020

Draft 1: The committee feels this is an unnecessary requirement to implement, making it more restrictive for competition management to work under USEF.

Andalusian/Lusitano

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 01/29/2020

Draft 1: No Comments

Arabian

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/14/2019

Draft 1: The committee feels this rule is creating additional requirements for competition management that are not necessary, making it more difficult and restrictive for competitions to be run.

Carriage Pleasure Driving

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/18/2019

Draft 1: No Comments

Competition Management

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 03/31/2020

Draft 1: No Comments

Connemara

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/16/2019

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 04/28/2020

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 04/27/2020

Draft 1: No Comments

Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 04/07/2020

Draft 1: No Comments

Friesian

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 02/06/2020

Draft 1: No Comments

Hackney

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/11/2019

Draft 1: No Comments

Morgan

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 01/17/2020

Draft 1: The committee feels this is an unnecessary requirement to implement, making it more restrictive for competition management to work under USEF.

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 01/20/2020

Draft 1: No Comments

National Show Horse

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 01/17/2020

Draft 1: No Comments

Paso Fino

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 02/17/2020

Draft 1: While the committee supports the intent of this rule, the Paso Fino show community does not often designate assistants. They often utilize volunteers who assist in the show office. These requirements would not allow spur of the moment volunteers to assist if they are not active members.

Roadster

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/11/2019

Draft 1: No Comments

Saddle Seat Eq

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/19/2019

Draft 1: The committee feels this rule is not specific enough and that the title can be changed from Assistant Manager to another title to avoid compliance.

Shetland

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 02/05/2020

Draft 1: No Comments

USDF

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 04/15/2020

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/12/2019

Draft 1: No Comments

Welsh

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/12/2019

Draft 1: No Comments

Western Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/19/2019

Draft 1: No Comments

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 01/21/2020

Draft 1: The committee feels this additional requirement is not necessary and would not be effective because the title of the person acting as the assistant manager could be easily changed to avoid this rule.

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Proposed Change

**AL132 Appointments** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER AL-9 ENGLISH PLEASURE - DRESSAGE SUITABILITY]

AL132 Appointments {AL-9 English Pleasure-Dressage Suitability}

3. Hunt coat **or Dressage attire appropriate for first level or below**, breeches or jodhpurs, boots, **paddock boots with half chaps**, or jodhpur boots and hunt cap or ~~dressage derby~~ **suitable helmet** are required attire.

Proponent Details	Contact Information
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Andalusian/Lusitano

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Rule Change Intent

The committee wishes to add more information on Dressage appointments as as option for appointments in Dressage Suitability classes.

Linked Rules	Comments
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**Web:** appointments

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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**Draft 1: No Comments**

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/27/2020

**Draft 1: No Comments**

**AR171.3 Tracking #292-19 Draft #1 Approved**

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Proposed Change

**AR171 Jumper Class Specifications** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER AR-15 JUMPER SECTION ]

AR171 Jumper Class Specifications {AR-15 Jumper Section}

3. NOVICE, ~~SELECT~~. (See AR110. Fence height does not affect Novice and ~~Select~~ status). Classes may be offered at 0.7M, 0.8M, and 0.9M. Spreads not to exceed the width of the height of the fences. The competition premium/prize list/omnibus must indicate the fence height.

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Rule Change Intent

The Arabian Committee would like to remove "SELECT" from the types of classes offered in the Jumper section of the Arabian Chapter so that the only restricted introductory class offered will be "NOVICE".

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> jumper class specifications

Committee Actions	
Competition Management	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 03/31/2020	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
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### Proposed Change

**AR175 General** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER AR-17 SPORT HORSE SECTION]

AR175 General {Subchapter AR-17 Sport Horse Section}

AR175

3. Sport Horse In-Hand Championships shall be based upon highest scoring horses in qualifying classes. Sport Horse In-Hand Champions and Reserve Champions must be at least **one year of age** ~~two years of age~~. No horse may be named Champion and Reserve Champion in the same class. (Example: when amateur and open classes qualify for the same championship class.) If the same horse has the two (2) highest scores, the next highest eligible horse shall be named Reserve Champion.

### Proponent Details

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### Rule Change Intent

Sport Horse In-Hand (show) Championships are determined solely upon highest scores earned in qualifying classes. Since there are no championship classes, the horses are not subject to the stress of having to show again so horses one year of age should be allowed to be named Champion and Reserve Champion.

### Linked Rules

### Comments

**Web:** Sport Horse In-Hand Championships

### Committee Actions

#### Arabian

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/14/2019

**Draft 1:** No Comments

#### Competition Management

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

#### Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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## Proposed Change

**AR180 Sport Horse Under Saddle Appointments (Tack & Attire)** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER AR-17 SPORT HORSE SECTION]

AR180 Sport Horse Under Saddle Appointments (Tack &amp; Attire) {AR-17 Sport Horse Section}

3. If the show is offering dressage type and hunter type splits, each exhibitor must ensure the appointments (tack & attire) are legal for the type shown. If the show does not offer the splits for the under saddle classes and/or championship classes, each exhibitor must ensure their appointments (tack & attire) adhere to one discipline only (dressage or hunter).

**a. Whips, bats, and crops are permitted in all Sport Horse Under Saddle classes, including Championships, so long as they are appropriate to the type of attire.**

**b. Earplugs are permitted, regardless of Type.**

AR182 Sport Horse Show Hack Appointments (Tack &amp; Attire) {AR-17 Sport Horse Section}

3. Attire:

a. Informal attire consists of conservatively colored short, dark coat, with tie, stock tie or choker collar, white or light colored breeches, boots or smooth leather half-chaps, hunt cap, derby, top hat or protective headgear.

b. Formal attire consists of white breeches, top hat and shad belly coat may be worn. It is usual to wear such attire after 6:00 p.m. or in championship classes.

c. Spurs and whip are optional. If a whip is carried, it may not exceed the length requirements in DR120. **Whips, bats, and crops are permitted in all Sport Horse Under Saddle classes, including Championships, so long as they are appropriate to the type of attire.**

**d. Earplugs are permitted, regardless of Type.**

## Proponent Details

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## Rule Change Intent

The Sport Horse rules refer to the dressage and hunter rules when referencing attire and tack. The Dressage rules do not permit the use of whips in Championships. In 2019, for the 2019 competition year, USEF granted a Pres Mod to permit the use of whips for dressage type in Arabian sport horse under saddle and sport horse show hack classes. This rule change proposal changes the rule to permit the use of whips for dressage type in Arabian sport horse under saddle and sport horse show hack classes.

## Linked Rules

## Comments

**Web:** Sport Horse Under Saddle appointments

## Committee Actions

## Arabian

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

## Competition Management

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## Council - Natl Breed &amp; Discipline

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## Proposed Change

AR222 Ranch Horse Cow Work [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER AR-26 WORKING WESTERN SECTION]

AR222 Ranch Horse Cow Work {Subchapter AR-26 Working Western Section}

*The ideal ranch horse must also be a cow horse and the purpose of this class is to demonstrate and measure the horse's ability to do cow work. It should have a natural ranch horse appearance from head to tail in each maneuver. There is a time limit per horse/exhibitor team to perform the work and the time shall begin when the gate closes behind the cow after being let into the arena. If the time has not elapsed and the judge is satisfied that all requirements of the class have been met, the judge should blow the whistle for the exhibitor to cease work. The judge may blow a whistle at any time for the exhibitor to cease work for safety reasons. Judges will give credit for what they have seen. Only the judge may award a new cow to an exhibitor to replace a cow that will not honor a horse. If the judge awards a new cow, the exhibitor has the option to refuse the new cow by continuing to work. If the exhibitor accepts the new cow, the time for working the cow will start over. If the exhibitor intends to accept the new cow, the exhibitor must pull up immediately. When multiple judges are scoring, any one of the judges may terminate the work or signal for a new cow.*

**SCORING SYSTEM:** Each horse/exhibitor team is scored between 0-100 points and automatically begins the run with a score of 70 points. The horse/exhibitor team is scored on the quality of each maneuver (e.g. -1 ½ extremely poor, -1 very poor, -1/2 poor, 0 correct, +1/2 good, +1 very good and +1 ½ excellent). Plusses and minuses are a reflection of the smoothness, finesse, attitude, quickness, and authority of the horse/rider team when performing the various maneuvers.

**RANCH HORSE COW WORK**

**1. Exhibitors in Ranch Horse Cow Work are allotted one minute and thirty seconds to complete the work. The announcer will announce, when there are thirty seconds remaining. At one minute and thirty seconds, the announcer will call for time. Exhibitors are not required to use all of the allotted time, but must ride until the judge whistles the end of the run or time expires, whichever occurs first. There are four parts to the work: boxing the cow; setting up the cow and driving it down the fence to the opposite end of the arena; boxing the cow at the opposite end of the arena; and, then driving the cow past the middle marker again. There is no expectation that the exhibitor will make a "fence turn," rather the drive down the fence demonstrates correct position and control around the corner.**

**Part One- Boxing the Cow:** The exhibitor shall ride into the arena, face the cattle entry gate, and signal for their cow to be turned into the arena. The cow shall be controlled on the entry end of the arena for a sufficient amount of time to demonstrate the horse's ability to "hold" the cow. If the cow does not immediately challenge the horse, the exhibitor shall aggressively move in on the cow to demonstrate the horse's ability to drive and block the cow.

**Part Two- Set Up Cow and Drive Down Fence to Opposite End of the Arena:** After the cow has been controlled on the entry end of the arena, the exhibitor shall set the cow up for driving down the side of the arena. When coming out of the corner, the horse shall be close enough to the cow to demonstrate control with the cow against the fence. This distance and control should be maintained for approximately ½ to ¾ the length of the arena. The exhibitor will then stop and release the cow and move the horse toward the center of the arena to set the cow up for boxing on the opposite end of the arena.

**Part Three- Boxing the Cow at Opposite End of Arena:** The exhibitor will regain control or "hold" the cow at end of the arena to demonstrate the horse's ability to "hold" the cow.

**Part Four- Drive the Cow Back Down the Fence:** Past the middle marker and continue until the judge blows the whistle to show completion. The cow should be driven back down the same side of the fence.

**2. Credits and Penalties for Ranch Horse Cow Work:** All runs begin upon entering the pen; any infractions (such as two hands on the reins, using either hand to instill fear or praise, etc.) are subject to penalty at that time. During the "Boxing" portion of the run, credit will be given for the horse's expression and its "cow sense" (i.e. making moves with little exhibitor assistance); holding, controlling, and turning the cow; the amount of work actually done; and the degree of difficulty of the work. Credit will be given during the "Set Up Cow and Drive Down Fence" for rating the cow; blocking the cow with pressure towards the end of the arena; driving the cow with control down the side of the arena; and controlling a

difficult cow.

**A. One Point Penalties:**

1. *Over-bridled (per maneuver)*
2. *Out of frame (per maneuver)*
3. *Loss of working advantage*
4. *Driving cow down the opposite fence (changing sides)*
5. *Working out of position*
6. *Slipping rein*
7. *Failure to drive cow past the middle marker on second drive before time expired*

**B. Three Point Penalties:**

1. *Knocking down the cow without having a working advantage*
2. *Losing a cow while boxing*

**C. Five Point Penalties:**

1. *Spurring in front of the cinch*
2. *Blatant disobedience*
3. *Use of either hand to instill fear or praise*

**D. Ten Point Penalties:**

1. *Unnatural ranch horse appearance (Horse's tail is obvious and consistently carried in an unnatural manner in every maneuver)*
2. *Off Pattern*

**E. Zero Score:**

1. *Turning tail*
2. *Repeated blatant disobedience*
3. *Schooling after entering the arena prior to calling for cow*
4. *Schooling horse between cows if new cow is awarded*
5. *Use of two hands (except for junior horses 5 years and under in snaffle bit/hackamore)*
6. *more than one finger between split reins or any fingers between romal reins*
7. *Improper western attire*
8. *Fall of horse/rider*
9. *Failure to attempt any part of the class*

**F. No score**

1. *Lameness: Abuse; Illegal equipment*
2. *Disrespect or misconduct*
3. *Leaving arena before run is complete*

**3. Exhibitors in the Ranch Horse Cow Work cannot compete in both the Ranch Horse Cow Work, Reined Cow Horse or Working Cow Horse class at the same show with the same horse. However, exhibitors may cross-enter Ranch Horse Cow Work and Limited Reined Cow Horse classes.**

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

This rule change adds a Ranch Horse Cow section into the AR Working Western Section. The Ranch Horse grouping of classes has become very popular in the working western industry as a whole among the other breeds and there is a great interest for expansion of this division in the Arabian breed.

Linked Rules

Comments

**Web:** ranch horse cow

Committee Actions

Arabian

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Competition Management

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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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## Proposed Change

AR223 Ranch Horse Rail Pleasure [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER AR-26 WORKING WESTERN SECTION]

AR223 Ranch Horse Rail Pleasure {Subchapter AR-26 Working Western Section}

1. The ranch horse rail pleasure class measures the ability of the horse to be a pleasure to ride while being used as a means of conveyance from one ranch task to another and should reflect the versatility, attitude, and movement of a working horse. The horse should be well-broke, relaxed, quiet, soft, and cadenced at all gaits. The horse should be ridden on a relatively loose rein with light contact and without requiring undue restraint. The horse should be responsive to the rider and make timely transitions in a smooth and correct manner. The horse should be soft in the bridle and yield to contact. The ideal ranch rail pleasure horse should have a natural head carriage at each gait. In all gaits, movement of the ranch rail pleasure horse should simulate a horse needing to cover long distances, softly and quietly, like that of a working ranch horse. This class should show the horse's ability to work at a forward, working speed while under control by the rider. Light contact should be rewarded and horse shall not be shown on a full drape of reins. The overall manners and responsiveness of the horse while performing the maneuver requirements and the horse's quality of movement are the primary considerations.

2. This class is intended as a rail class but individuals working off the rail will not be penalized and riders are encouraged to use adequate space given the extension of gaits required.

3. Offered for horses three years of age or older.

4. The following qualifying gaits shall apply:

- a. Walk – The walk is a natural, flat footed, four-beat gait. The gait is rhythmic and ground-covering. As in all gaits, the horse should display a level, or slightly above level topline with a bright, attentive expression.
- b. Trot – The trot is a natural two-beat gait demonstrating more forward motion than the western pleasure jog.
- c. Extended Trot – The extended trot is an obvious lengthening of the stride with a definite increase in pace. The horse should be moving in a manner as if it were covering a large area on a ranch with an above level topline.
- d. Lope – The lope is a three-beat gait. The lope should be relaxed and smooth with a natural, forward moving stride.
- e. Extended Lope – The extended lope is not a run or a race but should be an obvious lengthening of the stride, demonstrating a forward, working speed. The horse should display an above level topline with a bright, attentive expression.

5. Class Specifications: Horses to enter at walk or jog in either direction at discretion of the judge. Entries will be worked both directions of the ring at all qualifying gaits. The overall manners and responsiveness of the horse while performing the requirements and the horse's quality of movement are the primary considerations.

6. Part of the evaluation of this class is on smoothness of transitions. A horse may be collected from the extended trot as the horse moves into the lope. The transition from the extended lope down to the trot is a transition to the seated trot, not the extended trot. Therefore, an extra cue to achieve this gait is expected. Horses that complete this total transition within three strides calmly and obediently should be rewarded. Horses that attempt to stop or do stop prior to trotting will be penalized. Judges expect to see horses that have been trained to respond to cues and when cues are applied correctly, it could be a credit earning situation.

7. A ranch horse should be willingly guided or controlled with little or no apparent resistance. Any movement on his own must be considered a lack of control.

8. Penalties. An exhibitor shall be penalized for:

- a. Too slow a gait
- b. Over-bridled
- c. Out of frame
- d. Break of gait
- e. Wrong lead, out of lead, or cross-cantering
- f. Draped reins
- g. Trotting more than two strides when taking lead
- h. Blatant disobedience (kick, bite, buck, rear, etc.)
- i. Schooling
- h. Spurring in front of cinch
- j. Use of either hand to instill fear/ praise

9. Apparel and Equipment: For rules regarding correct Western appointments, refer to AR 144.

10. Posting at the extended trot is acceptable.

11. Touching or holding the saddle horn is acceptable.

12. Hoof polish is discouraged.

13. It is customary to not remove the hair from inside of the ears, but horses with clean clipped ears will not be penalized.

14. Trimming of the bridle path, fetlocks, or excessive (long) facial hair is allowed.

15. Appointments with silver should not count over a good working outfit. Silver on bridles and saddles and the use of weighted reins are discouraged.

16. It is suggested that competitors use a breast collar and rear cinch.

17. Horses 5 years and under, may be shown in a snaffle bit/hackamore.

18. Prohibited equipment includes tie downs, cavessons, gag bits, mechanical hackamores and running martingales.

19. Horses may cross-enter with any other pleasure class at the same show.

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

This rule change adds a Ranch Horse Rail Pleasure section into the AR Working Western Section. The Ranch Horse grouping of classes has become very popular in the working western industry as a whole among the other breeds and there is a great interest for expansion of this division in the Arabian breed.

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: Ranch Horse Rail Pleasure

Committee Actions

Arabian

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Competition Management

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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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### Proposed Change

#### AR223 Western Dressage Classes Breaking Ties [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER AR-27 WESTERN DRESSAGE ]

AR223 Western Dressage Classes Breaking Ties {AR-27}

1. In the event two or more competitors have equal points (a tie), ***the competitor with the highest marks received under Collective Marks/General Impression scores shall be declared the winner.*** ~~the tie shall be broken pursuant to WD127.3 in the USEF Rule Book except when.~~ ***If*** after a review of the scores for Collective Marks/General Impressions there remains a tie, the tie must be broken as follows:

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### Rule Change Intent

The Western Dressage Chapter has changed their tie breaking system to align with the Arabian Western Dressage system so referencing the WD chapter is no longer needed.

#### Linked Rules

#### Comments

**Web:** breaking ties

### Committee Actions

#### Competition Management

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#### Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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## Proposed Change

AR224 Ranch Horse Trail [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER AR-26 WORKING WESTERN SECTION]

AR224 Ranch Horse Trail {Subchapter 26-Working Western Section}

*The purpose of the ranch trail class is to test the horses' ability to cope with situations encountered while being ridden through a pattern of obstacles generally found during the course of everyday ranch work. The horse/exhibitor team is judged on the correctness, efficiency, and pattern accuracy with which the obstacles are negotiated and the attitude and mannerisms exhibited by the horse. Judging emphasis is on identifying the well broke, responsive, and well-mannered horse which can correctly navigate and negotiate the course. The ideal ranch trail horse should have a natural ranch horse appearance from head to tail in each maneuver. For rules regarding correct Western appointments, refer to AR 144.*

**SCORING SYSTEM:** Each horse/exhibitor team is scored between 0-100 points and automatically begins the run with a score of 70 points. The horse/exhibitor team is scored on the quality of each maneuver (e.g. -1 ½ extremely poor, -1 very poor, -1/2 poor, 0 correct, +1/2 good, +1 very good and +1 ½ excellent). Pluses and minuses are a reflection of the smoothness, finesse, attitude, quickness, and authority of the horse/exhibitor team when performing the various maneuvers.

1. The ranch trail course will include between six and nine obstacles. It is mandatory that the horse be asked to walk, trot, and lope during the course. Walk can be part of obstacle score or be scored with the approaching obstacle. Trot must cover at least 35 feet and be scored with the approaching obstacle. Lope must be lead-specific, at least 50 feet and scored with approaching obstacle. Care must be exercised to avoid setting up any obstacles that may be hazardous to the horse or rider.
2. When setting courses, competition management must be mindful that the purpose is not to trap a horse/exhibitor team or eliminate it by making an obstacle too difficult. All courses and obstacles must be constructed with safety in mind. Show committee shall have the option of setting up the trail course to best fit the arena conditions. An outdoor course is recommended if appropriate terrain is available. Each single-performance event can be time consuming, especially with large classes, so it is imperative that time restrictions are placed on the class. The show committee, either through a pilot run or estimation, shall select a course that has continuous and positive flow that can be negotiated in four minutes or less.
3. Judges must walk the course and may alter the course if it is not in keeping with the intent of the class. Judges may remove or change any obstacles they deem unsafe, unnavigable, or unnecessarily difficult. Any time a trail obstacle becomes unsafe during a class it shall be repaired or removed from the course. If the obstacle cannot be repaired and some horses have completed the course, the score for that obstacle shall be deducted from all previous draws in that class.
4. The course must be designed using the mandatory obstacles and maneuvers plus optional obstacles if needed. Combining two or more of the obstacles is permitted.
5. Prohibited obstacles: Tarps, water obstacles with slick bottoms, PVC pipe used as a jump or walk-over, tires, rocking or moving bridges, logs elevated in a manner that permits such to roll in a dangerous manner.
6. Mandatory obstacles and/or maneuvers:
  - a. Ride over obstacles on the ground (usually logs). Walk, trot, or lope may be used, but only one gait is required.
    - Walk-overs: Walk over no more than five logs no more than 10 inches high and spacing between 26 to 30 inches. The formation may be straight, curved, zig-zagged, or raised.
    - Trot-overs: Trot over no more than five logs no more than 10 inches high. The space between logs or poles should be 36 to 42 inches. The formation can also be straight, curved, zigzagged, or raised.
    - Lope-overs: Lope over no more than five logs no more than 10 inches high. The space between logs should be 6 to 7 feet. The formation can also be straight, curved, zigzagged, or raised.
  - b. Opening, passing through, and closing a gate: Use a gate that will not endanger horse or rider and requires minimum side passing.
  - c. Ride over wooden bridge: Bridge should be sturdy, safe, and negotiated at a walk only. Heavy plywood lying flat on the ground is an acceptable simulation of a bridge. Suggested minimum width shall be 36 inches wide and at least 6 feet long.
  - d. Backing obstacles: Backing obstacles are to be spaced at a minimum of 28 inches. If elevated, 30 inch spacing is required. Back through and around at least three markers. Back through L, V, U, or straight or similarly shaped course which may be elevated no more than 24 inches.
  - e. Side-pass obstacle: Any object which is safe and of any length may be used to demonstrate responsiveness of the horse to leg signals. Raised side-pass obstacles should not exceed 12 inches.
  - f. Drag an object: For Open and Amateur classes ONLY. The drag is not to be used in Youth classes. Drag may be a complete figure-eight

and may begin in either direction. The exhibitor must have the rope dallyed on the saddle horn (half or full dally) for the duration of the drag.

**7. Optional obstacles:**

a. A jump obstacle whose center height is not less than 14 inches high or more than 24 inches high. Holding the saddle horn is permissible for this obstacle

b. A live or stuffed animal which would normally be encountered in an outdoor setting may be used but not to be used in an attempt to spook a horse

c. Carry object from one part of the arena to another

d. Remove and replace materials from a mailbox

e. Trot through cones spaced a minimum of 6 feet apart

f. Cross natural ditches or ride up embankments

g. Swing rope or throw rope at a dummy steer head

h. Step in and out of obstacle

i. Put on slicker or coat

j. Stand to mount with mounting block

k. Walk through water obstacle

l. Open gate on foot

m. Pick up feet

n. Walk through brush

o. Ground tie (Hobbles are allowed)

p. Lead at the trot

8. At show management option the competition trail course may be made available to exhibitors or posted prior to the day of competition. It must be posted at least one hour prior to competition. Printed handouts for exhibitors are helpful and encouraged.

**9. Credits and Penalties:**

a. All runs begin upon entering the pen and any infractions are subject to penalty at that time (such as two hands on the reins, using either hand to instill fear or praise, etc.). The exhibitor has the option to pass any obstacle; however, it will result in 20 penalty points. A judge may ask a horse to pass on an obstacle after three refusals or at any time for safety concerns.

b. Credit is given to horse/exhibitor teams who negotiate the obstacles correctly and efficiently. Horses should receive credit for showing attentiveness to obstacles and ability to negotiate through the course when the obstacles warrant it while willingly responding to exhibitor's cues on more difficult obstacles. Quality of movement and cadence should be considered part of the maneuver score for the obstacle. Penalties are assessed as follows:

1. One Point Penalties: Over-bridled (per maneuver); out of frame (per maneuver); each hit, bite, or stepping on a log, cone, plant, or any component of the obstacle; incorrect or break of gait at walk or trot for two (2) strides or less; both front or hind feet in a single-stride slot or space at a walk or trot; skipping over or failing to step into required space; split pole in lope-over; incorrect number of strides, if specified; one or two steps on mount/dismount or ground tie except shifting to balance.

2. Three Point Penalties: Wrong lead or out of lead; draped reins; break of gait at lope; break of gait at walk or trot for more than two (2) strides; three to four steps on mount/dismount or ground tie.

3. Five Point Penalties: Spurring in front of cinch; blatant disobedience; use of either hand to instill fear/praise; knocking over, stepping out of, or falling off an obstacle; dropping an object required to be carried; 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> cumulative refusal; letting go of gate; five or more steps on mount/dismount or ground tie.

4. Ten Point Penalties: Unnatural ranch horse appearance (Horse's tail is obvious and consistently carried in an unnatural manner in every maneuver) Off pattern; Third refusal; Failure to dally and remain dallyed; Failure to open and shut gate or failure to complete gate.

5. Zero Score: Repeated blatant disobedience; more than one finger between split reins or any fingers between romal reins; Use of two hands (except for junior horses 5 years and under in snaffle bit/hackamore).

6. No score: Lameness, abuse, leaving working area before pattern is complete, illegal equipment, disrespect or misconduct, improper Western attire; fall of horse/exhibitor.

10. Posting at the extended trot is acceptable.

11. *Touching or holding the saddle horn is acceptable.*

12. *Hoof polish is discouraged.*

13. *It is customary to not remove the hair from inside of the ears, but horses with clean clipped ears will not be penalized.*

14. *Trimming of the bridle path, fetlocks, or excessive (long) facial hair is allowed.*

15. *Appointments with silver should not count over a good working outfit. Silver on bridles and saddles and the use of weighted reins are discouraged.*

16. *Horses may cross-enter with any other Trail class at the same show.*

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#### Rule Change Intent

The Ranch Horse grouping of classes has become very popular in the working western industry as a whole among the other breeds and there is a great interest for expansion of this division in the Arabian breed.

#### Linked Rules

#### Comments

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#### Committee Actions

##### Arabian

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**AR238.3.b** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER AR-29 EQUITATION SECTION ]

## AR235 Hunter Seat Equitation {AR-29 Equitation Section}

## AR235.3(b)

b. For AHA Hunter Seat Equitation – Not to Jump Medal (14--18 , 18 & Under and Adult), Regional (14--18 , 18 & Under and Adult) and National (14 -18 , 18 & Under, and Adult) Not to Jump classes, all contestants are required to perform both the rail work and two or more individual tests from Equitation rule ~~EQ112~~ **EQ113** tests 1-5, ~~7-17~~ **7-8, 10-16**. **Age groups will be determined by the show commission/committees and any age splits other than 13 & under and 14-18 must have the appropriate tests i.e. a 14 & Under class can only run tests 1-5, 7.** Exception: Test 14 may be called for only at the AHA National Competition.

## AR236 Saddle Seat Equitation {AR-29 Equitation Section}

## AR236.3

3. For AHA Medal (13 & Under), Regional (13 & Under) and National (13 & Under) **Saddle Seat** classes, all contestants are required to perform both the rail work and two or more individual tests from Equitation rule EQ119, Tests 1-12 .

4. For AHA Medal (14 -18, 18 & under and 19 & Over), Regional 14-18, 18 & Under and 19 & Over) and National (14-18, 18 & under and 19 & over) classes, all contestants are required to perform both the rail work and two or more individual tests from ~~EQ118~~ **EQ119**, Tests 1-16. **Age groups will be determined by the show commission/committees and any age splits other than 13 & under and 14-18 must have the appropriate tests, i.e. a 14 & Under class can only run tests 1-12.** Test 16 may be called for only at ~~an~~ the AHA National Competition.

## AR239 Class Conduct {AR-29 Equitation Section}

## AR239.2

2. All **Western Horsemanship** exhibitors must be required to perform a pattern composed of a minimum of four tests from AR246 **AR243**. 13 & Under: Tests 1-7 and 10; 14-18, 18 & Under and 19 & Over: Tests 1-10. **Age groups will be determined by the show commission/committees and any age splits other than 13 & under and 14-18 must have the appropriate tests, i.e. a 14 & Under class can only run tests 1-7.** Off pattern does not eliminate the exhibitor.

## AR243 Tests From Which Judges Must Choose {AR-29 Equitation Section}

## AR243.11

11. 13 and Under: Tests 1-7 and 10; 14-18, 18 and Under and 19 and Over: Tests 1-10. **Age groups will be determined by the show commission/committees and any age splits other than 13 & under and 14-18 must have the appropriate tests, i.e. a 14 & Under class can only run tests 1-7.**

## AR246 AHA Medal Class Requirements {AR-29 Equitation Section}

## AR246.20.b.1

## b. AHA Saddle Seat Medal class

1. In addition to the rail work, all contestants are required to perform two or more individual tests from ~~EQ118~~ **EQ119**, 13 & Under: Tests 1-12; 14-18; 18 & Under: Tests 1 - 15 and 19 & over: Tests 1-13,15. **Age groups will be determined by the show commission/committees and any age splits other than 13 & under and 14-18 must have the appropriate tests, i.e. a 14 & Under class can only run tests 1-12.**

## AR246.20.d.1

## d. AHA Hunter Seat Not to Jump Medal class

1. In addition to the rail work, all contestants are required to perform two or more tests from EQ113, 13 & Under: Tests 1-5, 8; 14-18, 18 & Under and 19 & Over: Tests 1-5, 8-9, 11-15, 17-19. **Age groups will be determined by the show commission/committees and any age splits other than 13 & under and 14-18 must have the appropriate tests, i.e. a 14 & Under class can only run tests 1-5, 8.**

## AR246.20.e.1

## e. AHA Western Horsemanship Medal class

1. In addition to the rail work, all contestants are required to perform a minimum of four tests from AR244 **AR243** Western Horsemanship. 13 & Under: Tests 1-7; 14-18, 18 & Under and 19 & Over: Tests 1-10. **Age groups will be determined by the show commission/committees and any age splits other than 13 & under and 14-18 must have the appropriate tests, i.e. a 14 & Under class can only run tests 1-7.**

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Rule Change Intent

By implementing this change, it would allow show committees/commissions to adjust adult/junior exhibitor age splits to even out class sizes and show committees/commissions would be able to decide the appropriate divisions that best suit the ability and maturity of their exhibitors.

Linked Rules

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**AR247 General** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER AR-30 SHOWMANSHIP SECTION]

## AR247 General {AR-30 Showmanship Section}

1. Handlers in classes for junior exhibitors cannot have reached their 19th birthday in accordance with AR110. Competition Management is encouraged to offer Adult Showmanship classes for handlers who are 19 years and older and may divide classes by age groups which will vary according to local participation.
2. Unsoundness of the horse being shown shall not penalize a handler unless it is sufficiently severe as to impair the required performance, in which case penalty is at the judge's discretion.
3. Offering prize money in Halter Showmanship is prohibited.
4. A minimum of six ribbons should be awarded, but no more than ten places are recommended.
5. ~~The handler's number must be worn on the back~~ **A handler must wear the correct number on their back and it** and must be clearly visible at all times; **penalty is at judge's discretion.** ~~Hair must be neat and securely fastened so as not to cover the handler's number.~~
6. Excessive coaching or unauthorized assistance in any manner is subject to penalty or disqualification at the judge's discretion.
7. It is recommended that stallions be prohibited, but it must be so stated in the prize list.

## AR248 Class Conduct {AR-30 Showmanship Section}

1. ~~Handlers shall enter the ring in a counter clock-wise direction on the rail unless otherwise specified by the judge. To enter at the walk or trot according to the judge's instruction.~~
1. 2. The pattern for each class must be posted one hour (Regionals and Nationals 24 hours) prior to the start of the class and **must** indicate which one (1) of these three (3) procedures are to be used.
  - a. In the Ring – Exhibitors enter arena and remain collectively for the entire class. Exhibitors are to enter the arena at the walk. Trot at the marker and line up at the discretion of the ringmaster.
  - b. In and Out of the Ring – Exhibitors enter arena one at a time and are excused at the completion of their pattern.
  - c. At the Gate – Exhibitors enter arena one at a time and are gathered in arena for final inspection as a collective group.
2. ~~3.~~ Each handler shall correctly lead their horse to and from the judge or designated person and show his/her horse according to instructions from the judge.
3. ~~4.~~ Handlers may be asked to perform additional tests at the judge's discretion.

## AR249 Judges Guidelines {AR-30 Showmanship Section}

~~Good Showmanship is developed through the knowledge and understanding of the horse and the ability of the handler to present the team in a confident manner. Showmanship involves the handling of the horse, learning the horse's conformation, learning how to position and present the horse at its best, and understanding the disposition of the horse. Showmanship teaches the handler poise and self-carriage. A good Showmanship handler shows alertness and a confident attitude, always presenting the horse in a positive manner, and paying attention to every detail. The handler is always aware of their surroundings, the horse, the judge and the other exhibitors.~~

~~The showmanship class is not a halter class and should not be judged as such. The conformation of the horse is not to be judged, since the horse is considered a means of displaying the abilities of the showman. Horses are to be presented in the appointments (tack and attire) suitable for that horse's style. The class is designed to evaluate the exhibitor's ability to execute, in concert with their horse, a set of maneuvers prescribed by the judge with precision and smoothness while exhibiting poise and confidence, all while maintaining a balanced, functional and fundamentally correct body position. Style of presentation should be decided upon by two primary considerations. First, the type of horse, its movement and way of going determine if it is best to go western, hunter, saddle seat, dressage or show hack style. Safety is paramount when considering the type of lead and method of attachment or utilization of the reins to lead. Consideration of the size of the horse and height of the handler is important to a safe and successful presentation.~~

**Showmanship is not a halter class and should not be judged as such. The conformation of the horse is not to be judged. Horses are to be presented in the appointments (tack and attire) suitable for that horse's style. This class is designed to evaluate the exhibitor's ability to execute, in concert with their horse a set of maneuvers prescribed by the judge with precision and smoothness while exhibiting poise and confidence, all while maintaining a balanced, functional and fundamentally correct body position.**

## 1. SHOWMANSHIP 70 percent

## a. Leading

1. The exhibitor must lead, **back and turn from** ~~on~~ the horse's left side holding the lead shank in the right hand a reasonable length, with safety in mind. The right hand must remain on the lead at all ~~times~~ times (not on the chain). It is not appropriate to switch hands while completing the maneuvers (except set-up). If exhibitor has changed hands during the set up maneuver, they are to put the lead back ~~in~~ in the right hand for all other maneuvers. ~~Smaller exhibitors may need to use a longer hold on the lead strap.~~ The excess lead strap is held in the left hand, either in a round coil or a

figure-8, as long as it is being handled safely by the exhibitor. Both options are acceptable and exhibitors will not be penalized for either method used. ~~Neither the coil nor the Figure-8 should not be taped as this compromises safety. When leading, the exhibitor should be positioned between the eye and the mid-point of the horse's neck, referred to as the leading position.~~

2. ~~Leading, backing, turning and initiating the set-up should be performed from the left side of the horse. At no time should the exhibitor ever stand directly in front of the horse. The exhibitor should not touch the horse with their hands or feet, or visibly cue the horse by pointing their feet at the horse during the set-up.~~

3. ~~The horse should be led in a straight or curved line, as indicated in the pattern, and track briskly and freely at the prescribed gait as instructed. The horse's head and neck should be straight and in line with the body.~~

4. ~~Both arms should be bent at the elbow with the elbows held close to the exhibitor's side and the forearms held in a natural position. Height of the arms may vary depending on the size of the horse and exhibitor, but the arms should never be held straight out with the elbows locked.~~

5. ~~When demonstrating the trot, the exhibitor should run as naturally as possible. The exhibitors should demonstrate a natural frame and gait.~~

#### b. Showing

1. The exhibitor should perform the work accurately, precisely, smoothly, and with a reasonable amount of speed. Increasing speed of the work increases the degree of difficulty; however, accuracy and precision should not be sacrificed for speed. ~~The horse should lead, stop, back, turn and set up willingly, briskly and readily with minimal visible or audible cueing. A severe disobedience will not result in a disqualification but should be penalized severely, and the exhibitor should not place above an exhibitor that completes the pattern correctly. Excessive schooling or training, willful abuse, loss of control of the horse by the exhibitor shall be cause for disqualification.~~

2. The presentation/set up: The horse may be set up with a split stance or square. Either option is allowed and acceptable. ~~Exhibitors will not be penalized for either set up style. Exhibitor should stand toward the front, off the horse's shoulder, facing the horse. If at any time the horse is out of position, the exhibitor should work to position the horse correctly.~~

3. After the horse is set up for inspection: As the judge or designated person moves around the horse, handlers should position themselves so as to avoid obstructing the judge's or designated person's view of the horse. The handler is to show using the Quarter System, where the exhibitor is always in the quadrant next to the judge or designated person. The horse should be shown quietly and effectively at all times. ~~Handlers must not just show themselves. The exhibitor should maintain a position that is safe for themselves and the judge or designated person. The position of the exhibitor should not obstruct the judge's or designated person's view of the horse and should allow the exhibitor to maintain awareness of the judge's or designated person's position at all times. The exhibitor should not crowd other exhibitors when setting up side-by-side or head-to-tail. When moving around the horse, the exhibitor should change sides in front of the horse with minimal steps (3-4) and should assume the same position on the right side of the horse that they had on the left side.~~

4. The position of the exhibitor when executing a turn to the right is the same as the leading position except that the exhibitor should turn and face toward the horse's head and have the horse move away from them to the right.

5. Pull turns (pulling horse toward the handler to left) to the left, should be 90 degrees or less.

6. Push turns/Pivot (pushing the horse away from the handler). ~~On for turns of greater than 90 degrees, the turn consists of the horse pivoting on a hind leg while stepping across and in front of the right front leg with the left front leg.~~

7. When executing a back, the exhibitor should turn from the leading position to face toward the rear of the horse, with the right hand extended in front of the exhibitor's chest still maintaining slight bend in the elbow and walk forward. ~~The ideal position is for the Exhibitor's left shoulder to be in alignment with the horse's left front leg, never standing directly in front of the horse.~~

8. ~~The horse should back up readily with the head, neck and body aligned in a straight or curved line as instructed by the pattern.~~

9. ~~The stop should be straight, prompt, smooth and responsive with the horse's body remaining straight~~

10. ~~Crowding should be penalized, as it is dangerous. The handler should maintain 8-10' from the horse in front of himself in a head to tail line. When lined up side by side, there needs to be sufficient room between entries. If someone is at risk they are too close.~~

#### c. Poise/Alertness/Attitude

1. Exhibitors should be poised, confident, courteous and genuinely sportsmanlike at all times, quickly recognizing and correcting faults in the positioning of the horse. The exhibitor should continue showing the horse until the class has been placed or they have been excused, unless otherwise instructed by the judge or designated person. ~~The exhibitor should appear business-like, stand and move in a straight, natural and upright manner, and avoid excessive, unnatural or animated body positions.~~

2. ~~Handler should show the horse to its best advantage for its style of presentation throughout the class.~~

3. ~~Handlers should be focused on the class and not be distracted by people/other things inside or outside the arena.~~

## 2. PRESENTATION 30 Percent

### a. Condition 10%

1. The horse's body condition and overall fitness should be assessed.

2. The horse should be alert and healthy.

### b. a. Grooming 10%

1. The hair coat should be clean, well-brushed and in good condition. ~~The mane, tail, forelock and wither tuft may not contain ornaments (ribbons, bows, etc.), but braiding as defined in the appointments chart is allowed. The length of mane and tail may vary, as long as they are neat, clean and free of tangles. The bridle path, eyebrows, and long hair on the head and legs may be clipped.~~

2. Grooming oils should not be overdone

3. Hooves should be properly trimmed and if shod, the shoes should fit correctly and clinches should be neat. Hooves must be clean and may be painted clear or black hoof dressings, or shown naturally.

## 3. APPOINTMENTS 10 Percent

(Delete existing chart)

### a. Attire and tack should be clean, well-fitting and in good repair. A workmanlike appearance should be presented.

1. **Attire should reflect the intended use of the horse and should be consistent with attire requirements described in the division depicted.**

**b. Tack: An Arabian show halter, a leather show halter with or without silver (silver not to count), hunter/dressage/show hack style bridle, or a double bridle may be used. Modified cavessons are prohibited. A western style or bosal bridle are prohibited. Leads may be attached to the halter or cavesson. If a chain is used is, it is prohibited to go through the horse's mouth, over the nose or through the bit. When leading with the reins, they must be attached to both sides of the bit. Hats are optional. Spurs are prohibited.**

AR250 Tests From Which the Judge May Choose: {AR-30 Showmanship Section}

1. Walk or trot horse to or from judge **or designated person or marker in a straight or curved line, a circle, serpentine or figure eight.**

2. Set horse up.

3. Back horse **in a straight or curved line.**

4. Movement of handler so as not to obstruct judge's view of the horse.

5. Turn horse (90, 180, 270, 360 degrees, etc.)
6. Trot down rail or around ring.
7. Move the horse to a different spot in the line up.

8. Questions on relevant subjects such as:-

- a. Parts of the horse
- b. Grooming
- c. Basics in horse care
- d. Proper attire

NOTE: If questions are asked, the same or similar questions must be used with each handler so tested.

#### AR251 Showmanship Faults

##### Mandatory Causes for Elimination

1. Horse escapes from exhibitor
2. See AR105.6 for inhumane treatment and undue stress.
3. Excessive schooling or training
4. Loss of control or severe disobedience that endangers others to include but not limited to: biting, pawing, rearing, bolting, lunging, breaking away, kicking out or continuously circling the exhibitor. — The judge can deem it necessary to excuse the exhibitor.
5. Whip marks
6. Equipment eliminations
  - a. Western
    - \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Lead strap/chain cannot run through the horse's mouth or over the nose
    - \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Horse may not be shown in a bridle
    - \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Horse may not be shown in a hackamore or bosal
  - b. English/Hunter Style
    - \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Full bridle/Pelham:
      - \_\_\_\_\_ a. Modified cavesson is not allowed
      - \_\_\_\_\_ b. Lead strap cannot be used with or without a chain
    - \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Snaffle:
      - \_\_\_\_\_ a. Modified cavesson is not allowed
      - \_\_\_\_\_ b. Lead strap cannot be attached to only one side of the bit
      - \_\_\_\_\_ c. Chain cannot run through the bit
  - c. English/Saddle Seat Style
    - \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Full Bridle:
      - \_\_\_\_\_ a. Modified cavesson is not allowed
      - \_\_\_\_\_ b. Lead straps cannot be used with or without a chain
    - \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Snaffle: not allowed.
    - \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Dressage or Show Hack Style
      - \_\_\_\_\_ a. Full Bridle: Modified cavesson is not allowed
      - \_\_\_\_\_ b. Lead straps cannot be used with or without a chain
    - \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Snaffle:
      - \_\_\_\_\_ a. Modified cavesson is not allowed
      - \_\_\_\_\_ b. Lead strap cannot be attached to only one side of the bit
      - \_\_\_\_\_ c. Chain cannot run through the bit.

#### AR251 Scoring

The scoring will be on the basis of 0-infinty, with 70 denoting an average performance. The individual maneuvers are scored in ½ point increments for a low of -3 to a high of +3 with 0 denoting a maneuver that is correct with no degree of difficulty. Penalty points will be applied as they occur. A final score of 0 to +5 will be given for the overall form and effectiveness at the completion of each run.

##### 1. Penalties

###### a. Minor (1 point penalty)

1. Break of gait at walk or trot up to two strides
2. Over or under turning up to an 1/8 of a turn
3. Ticking or hitting cone
4. Sliding or lifting pivot foot
5. Lifting the pivot foot and replacing it in the same place
6. Lifting foot and replacing it in same place during presentation

###### b. Major (3 point penalty)

1. Break of gait at walk or trot for more than 2 strides
2. Splitting cone (cone between horse and handler)
3. Stepping out of set up during presentation
4. Steps out of or moving pivot foot during a pivot or turn
5. Over or under turn 1/8 to ¼ of turn

###### c. Severe (5 point penalty)

1. Exhibitor not in required position during inspection.
2. Touching the horse
3. Standing directly in front of horse
4. Loss of lead shank or two hands on lead shank
5. Completely stepping out of or moving hindquarter significantly during a pivot or turn
6. Severe disobedience to include but not limited to: biting, pawing, rearing, kicking out or continuously circling exhibitor.
7. Goes off pattern; wrong side of cone, never performing specified gait
8. Fall of horse or handler

##### 2. Mandatory Eliminations

###### a. Horse escapes from Exhibitor

- b. Inhumane treatment and undue stress, see AR 105.6*
- c. Excessive schooling or training*
- d. Loss of control or severe disobedience that endangers other exhibitors, to include but not limited to: bolting, lunging or kicking out.*
- e. Whip marks*
- f. Illegal equipment: chain through the horse's mouth, over nose or through the bit, modified cavessons, western bridle or bosal, reins only attached to one side of the bridle.*

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**Rule Change Intent**

It is the desire of the AHA Equitation and Showmanship Committee, our trainers and our exhibitors to update and clarify current showmanship rules.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> showmanship

Committee Actions	
Arabian	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/14/2019 <b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b> <b>Draft 2: No Comments</b>
Competition Management	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 03/31/2020 <b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b> <b>Draft 2: No Comments</b>
Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action <b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Approval 04/27/2020	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b> <b>Draft 2: No Comments</b>

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## Proposed Change

**AR263 Class Requirements** [CHAPTER New {SUBCHAPTER AR-32 ATR/JTR/AATR WALK-TROT/WALK-JOG 11 AND OVER SECTION}]

**SUBCHAPTER AR-32 ATR/JTR/AATR WALK-TROT/WALK -JOG 11 AND OVER SECTION**

**AR263 Class Requirements**

*Open to Amateur or Junior Exhibitors 11 years old and older as of December 1st of the current competition year.*

**1. Division of Classes**

- a. *Classes may be divided by age of exhibitor.*
  - b. *Separate classes for Arabians and Half/Anglo Arabians may be offered OR classes may be combined.*
  - c. *Pleasure or Sport Horse under Saddle classes may not be combined with Equitation classes.*
  - d. *Pleasure classes may be combined into a single class.*
  - e. *Equitation classes may be combined into a single class (Exception: Dressage Seat Equitation may not be combined with any other equitation class).*
- 2. Classes may be offered for Western Pleasure, Hunter Pleasure, Country English Pleasure, Sport Horse Under Saddle, Western Seat Equitation, Hunter Seat Equitation Not to Jump, Saddle Seat Equitation, and Dressage Seat Equitation (See AR267.2.e).**
- 3. Exhibitors who show in Walk/Trot or Jog 11 and Over classes may NOT show in any other class at that competition that requires exhibitors to show at the canter or lope, but may enter any class that does not require a canter or lope. Exception: Cross Rail Riders.**
- 4. A horse that is shown in these Walk/Trot or Jog 11 and Over classes may be shown by a different exhibitor in other classes at that show or by the same exhibitor in other classes that do not require a canter or lope.**
- 5. An exhibitor that shows in Walk/Trot or Jog 11 and Over classes may show in classes requiring a canter or lope at a later show in that show season, but, once they do so, become ineligible to compete in Walk/Trot or Jog classes for the remainder of that show season. Exception: Cross Rail Riders.**
- 6. Eligibility to show in these Walk/Trot or Jog 11 and Over classes begins with each show season regardless of whether the exhibitor has previously shown in classes that require a canter or lope.**
- 7. Headers are allowed.**
- 8. Stallions may be shown unless prohibited in the prize list.**
- 9. The safety of all exhibitors must be of primary consideration when adjudicating these classes. Any action by any exhibitor that endangers that exhibitor or any other exhibitor must be severely penalized and maybe considered cause for being excused from the class.**
- 10. In determining Maiden, Novice and Limit status of horses, Walk/Trot or Jog 11 and Over classes are not considered in the reckoning of status in any performance sections in the Arabian Division. (For riders, refer to AR110).**

**AR264 Conduct**

- 1. All Walk/Trot or Jog 11 and Over classes are to be judged at the walk/trot or jog only.**
  - a. *No canter, lope, hand gallop, lengthening or extension of gaits shall be called.*
- 2. Tests are optional at local, regional and national shows but, if used, tests are limited to the following:**
  - a. *Walk/Trot 11 & Over Hunter Seat Equitation Not to Jump, horses to be shown at the Walk, Posting Trot in both directions.*
    1. *Halt (4 to 6 seconds) or halt and back. When riders working collectively are asked to halt and then back, they must not be penalized if they walk forward a few steps and halt after backing.*
    2. *Figure eight at trot, demonstrating change of diagonals. At left diagonal, rider should be sitting the saddle when left front leg is on the ground; at right diagonal, rider should be sitting the saddle when right front leg is on the ground; when circling clockwise at a trot, rider should be on left diagonal; when circling counterclockwise, rider should be on the right diagonal.*
  3. *Question(s) regarding basic horsemanship, tack and equipment and conformation.*
- b. *Walk/Trot 11 & Over Saddle Seat Equitation, horses to be shown at the Walk and Trot in both directions.*
  1. *Circle at a trot. When circling clockwise, rider should be on left diagonal; when circling counterclockwise rider should be on right diagonal.*
  2. *Walk or trot on a straight line on or off the rail, using the correct diagonals*

3. *Change of diagonals on or off the rail. The judge must specify diagonal changes to be executed and the beginning diagonal.*

4. *Execute serpentine at a trot. A series of left and right half circles off imaginary line where correct diagonals must be shown.*

5. *Back for not more than eight steps.*

6. *Figure eight at trot demonstrating change of diagonals. Unless specified, it may be started either facing the center or away from the center. If started facing the center, it must be commenced from a halt.*

c. *Walk/Jog 11 & Over Western Seat Equitation, horses to be shown at the Walk and Jog in both directions.*

1. *Back in a straight or curved line.*

2. *Walk and/or jog in a straight line, curved line, serpentine, circle or figure eight, or combination of these gaits or maneuvers.*

3. *Extended jog.*

d. *Walk/Trot 11 & Over Dressage Seat Equitation, riders must be judged at the medium walk and working trot (rising) in both directions. When rising trot is permitted or requested, the rider should change the diagonal when changing directions. The correct diagonal is considered to be when the rider is sitting when the outside front foot and inside hind foot are on the ground.*

1. *In judging the position, seat and use of aids, judges may include the following movements and exercises as required at Training and First Level (May be ridden as a group):*

a. *Free walk*

b. *Transitions from one gait to the next in both directions*

c. *Transitions from walk to halt and vice versa*

2. *If individual tests are required, in addition to the tests in 1) above, the following tests are permitted*

a. *Serpentine at the trot.*

b. *Change of direction across the diagonal, down the centerline, across the arena, and/or by making a half-circle at the walk or trot*

e. *In a combined equitation seat classes, no tests are allowed.*

#### **AR265 Appointments**

*For appointments refer to AR254. 1 and AR254.2.*

AR110 {AR-1 General Section}

11. Stallions may be shown in Ladies', or Junior Exhibitors', or **11 & Over Walk/Trot or Jog** classes unless prohibited in the prize list (Exception: Stallions are prohibited in **10 & Under** Walk/Trot or Jog and Lead-Line classes).

(Index and Sub-Chapter title within chapter)

SUBCHAPTER AR-31 WALK-TROT/WALK -JOG **10 & UNDER** SECTION

AR103.1.c {AR-1 General Section}

c. Exhibitors in **10 and Under** Walk-Trot classes are exempt from AHA Membership requirements at qualifying competitions, but must have an AHA Membership with Competition Card at AHA Regional and National competitions.

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#### Rule Change Intent

There is a desire to encourage older youth or adults who may not be ready or able to canter or lope to show at Arabian shows. Exhibitors who have shown in regular classes and for reasons of age, disease, accident, or disability, cannot or do not want to canter or lope should be allowed to continue to show. Other breeds have seen increased entries at their shows since they added walk/trot/jog classes for exhibitors over the age of 10 to their class list.

The Sub-chapters and rules that will continue after this new Sub-chapter will need to be re-numbered.

**Web:** walk/jog classes

## Committee Actions

## Arabian

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**Draft 2:** No Comments

## Competition Management

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**Draft 2:** No Comments

## Council - Natl Breed &amp; Discipline

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**Draft 2:** No Comments

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Proposed Change

**DR106 The Rein Back.** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]

**DR106 The Rein Back. Change to read:**

4. The steps are counted as each foreleg moves back. After completing the required number of steps backward, the horse should ~~show a square halt~~ or move **immediately** forward ~~in~~ **with a fluid, direct transition to** the required gait ~~immediately~~. In tests where a rein back of one horse's length is required, it should be executed with three or four steps.

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Rule Change Intent

Clarification to current USEF rules to accurately describe the rein back movement, in that it is a fluid, direct transition forward from the halt to the required gait.

Linked Rules

Comments

**Web:** rein back

Committee Actions

Competition Management

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 03/31/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

Dressage

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/07/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

USDF

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

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Proposed Change

**DR120 Dress** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]

**DR120 Dress. Change to read:**

16. Earphones and/or other electronic communication devices are strictly prohibited while competing and such usage is penalized by elimination. ~~Earphones or similar devices are permitted during training and warm-up.~~ **Electronic devices that transmit and/or receive information may be used in the stabling area and in warm up areas. Electronic devices shall not be used to receive information in the competition arena. Exceptions: medical devices, such as hearing aids are allowed to be used for the medical condition for which they are prescribed. Electronic devices are allowed for Para riders if stated on their Dispensation/Classification Certificate. Riders shall not receive input about the performance of the horse or rider while in the competition arena.**

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Rule Change Intent

Electronic devices are used to receive and/or transmit information. Communication systems are used commonly in warm up areas. In recent years many devices have become available that can be used, for example, to monitor physiological or biomechanical data from the horse or rider. The intent of this rule is to prohibit the use of devices that could provide information to the rider during a competition.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> electronic devices

Committee Actions	
Competition Management	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 03/31/2020	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
Council - Intl Discipline	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 04/28/2020	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
Council - Member Services	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 04/21/2020	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action 04/27/2020	<b>Draft 1: The National breed committees will review this rule change and decide if they need to make exemptions for their breed chapters.</b>
Dressage	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 04/07/2020	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
ParaEquestrian	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 04/07/2020	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
USDF	
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Proposed Change

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

Please see attachment.

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Rule Change Intent

From feedback from athletes, officials, competition management, and staff, DR121 has been rewritten to locate the rules more easily and to better describe the permitted and not permitted saddlery and equipment. Due to the rearranging, all of this RCP submission is presented in italic bold. It is the intent to have the descriptors bolded and the rest of the information to be regular text to easily read the information. This revision includes updated figures including a chart that clearly pictures permitted and not permitted bridles at different levels as a visual supplement.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> saddlery and equipment

Committee Actions

Competition Management	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 03/31/2020	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
Competition Secretaries	
<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
Council - Intl Discipline	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 04/28/2020	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
Council - Member Services	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 04/21/2020	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
Dressage	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 04/07/2020	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
ParaEquestrian	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 04/07/2020	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
USDF	
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Proposed Change

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

**DR 121 Saddlery and Equipment. Add new:**

**20. Kicking chains. Kicking chains may be worn only in the stall. They shall be attached around the pastern and the free portion of the chain shall not exceed 25 cm in length. Each chain must swing freely and not be attached so as to have the effect of hobbles.**

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Rule Change Intent

Kicking chains are worn in the stall to prevent a horse from kicking or striking at the walls. This behavior may injure the horse and/or damage the stall with the possibility of injury to a horse in a neighboring stall. Current rules are unclear if kicking chains are permitted at competitions. If approved, this Rule change would move under number 20 of the DR121 re-write.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> kicking chains

Committee Actions	
Competition Management	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 03/31/2020	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
Council - Intl Discipline	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 04/28/2020	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
Council - Member Services	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 04/21/2020	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
Dressage	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 04/07/2020	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
USDF	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 04/15/2020	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
Veterinary	
<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments

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Proposed Change

**DR122 Execution and Judging of Tests.** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]

**DR122 Execution and Judging of Tests. Add new and renumber:**

7. Judging a test.

*m. In classes where it is prohibited to carry a whip, as soon as a whip is noticed, the judge at "C" must immediately inform the rider that he/she is eliminated. The rider may elect either to leave the arena or continue the test without the whip.*

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Rule Change Intent

To clarify for judges and athletes what should be practiced when a rider illegally carries a whip.

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: whip

Committee Actions

Competition Management

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 03/31/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/28/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Dressage

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/07/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

USDF

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/15/2020

**Draft 1:** concern about how this might be interpreted by judges

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
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Proposed Change

**DR126 Requirements for Dressage Competition Management.** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]

**DR126 Requirements for Dressage Competition Management. Change to read.**

1.i. Ring Stewards and supervision of schooling areas.

1. **Tack Inspections.** Inspection of saddlery and bits must be done at the direction of the technical delegate. Ring stewards appointed by competition management are required to inspect the saddlery, dress and equipment worn by at least one-third of the horses in a class immediately as the horse leaves the arena. In championship classes, saddlery, dress and equipment inspections are required for each horse. When an inspection is conducted, all equipment including fly hoods, nosebands, whips, bits, and spurs on both sides must be inspected. ~~Management must appoint ring stewards to check saddlery and inspect bits and spurs, on both sides of the horse, in each class at the direction of the technical delegate and in accordance with DR121.10.~~

1.i. Ring Stewards and supervision of schooling areas.

4. Bit inspectors must use a new disposable protective glove on each hand for each horse. Gloves must be provided by competition management. **The bridle must be checked with the greatest caution, as some horses are very touchy and sensitive about their mouths.**

5. When communicable disease is a concern, any deviations to established saddlery inspection protocol must be approved by the USEF Dressage Department prior to the competition.

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Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

Current rules moved from DR121 to more logical location in DR chapter.

Effective: December 1, 2020.

Linked Rules

Comments

**Web:** tack inspections

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/28/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Dressage

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

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### Proposed Change

**DR126 Requirements for Dressage Competition Management.** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]

**DR126 Requirements for Dressage Competition Management. Change to read and renumber remaining.**

**1. Designated competition grounds, exercise, and training areas.** Horses may only be exercised and ridden in management-designated areas on the competition grounds. Management must post a map in the show office outlining the “designated competition grounds” where horses may be ridden and exercised. Any restricted areas must also be noted. Under no circumstance is it allowed to school horses in the stables.

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### Rule Change Intent

We have revised DR121 of the USEF Dressage Rules. In this process, we need to move some of the already existing rules to a more logical location in the DR Chapter.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> exercise and training areas

### Committee Actions

Competition Management	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 03/31/2020	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
Competition Secretaries	
<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
Council - Intl Discipline	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 04/28/2020	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
Council - Member Services	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 04/21/2020	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
Dressage	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 04/07/2020	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
USDF	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 04/15/2020	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments

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Proposed Change

**DR133 Dressage Seat Equitation** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]

DR 133.1.h: Back **Two** numbers (*min. 3" x 5"*) must be provided to Equitation riders and they must be positioned **on each side of the saddle pad** to be clearly visible at all times.

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

This change would allow judges to be able to more quickly identify riders.

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: numbers

Committee Actions

Competition Management

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 03/31/2020

Draft 1: No Comments

Competition Secretaries

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 04/28/2020

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Member Services

Draft 1: No Action 04/21/2020

Draft 1: The Council chooses to take no action on this proposal, but would like to comment that perhaps the National Breeds and Discipline Council as well as various breed committees should have potentially reviewed this PRC due to the potential impact on breed competitions since some utilize or refer to Dressage rules.

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action 04/27/2020

Draft 1: The individual breed committees will review their respective rules to decide if they will submit an exception to this rule.

Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 04/07/2020

Draft 1: No Comments

USDF

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 04/15/2020

Draft 1: No Comments

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## Proposed Change

**DR135 Pony Measurement.** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]**DR135 Pony Measurement. Change to read:**

2. A copy of the Federation Standard or Temporary Measurement card must be submitted with the entry for each pony possessing a measurement card and competing in order to be eligible to compete in Dressage classes, tests or awards limited to ponies or Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes, tests or awards limited to ponies. If a pony, age three or over, is not in possession of a fully and correctly completed measurement card or valid measurement form, **or if competition management cannot confirm the measurement electronically with the Federation**, the Competition Management must order the pony to be measured by an eligible Dressage Technical Delegate who is certified by USEF to conduct Dressage pony measurements, and the Competition Veterinarian, pursuant to GR505 and GR508. ~~Effective December 1, 2009, Competition Management must require measurement by a USEF-certified Dressage Technical Delegate and the Competition Veterinarian if a current, valid measurement card or form is not submitted prior to the competition.~~ A current, valid USEF Driving or Hunter/Jumper measurement card may also be acceptable as long as it is otherwise valid according to Dressage measurement requirements. Failure to allow the pony to be measured will result in the pony being disqualified at that competition from competing in pony classes or tests or for awards limited to ponies. The measurement must be reported to Competition Management, which must then disqualify the pony from the competition if it is over height if it competed in pony classes or tests, or for awards limited to ponies. All measurement forms must be submitted to the Federation once the measurement process has started, regardless of the recorded height of the animal and regardless of the measurement conditions.

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6. Measurements or remeasurements conducted for the purpose of competing in Dressage classes, tests or awards or Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes, tests or awards must be recorded on the Federation "Combined Driving and Dressage Pony Measurement Form," according to GR505 **and** GR506, ~~and GR508~~, and the requirements on the form. Measurements must be taken and recorded in centimeters. A completed copy of the measurement form will be given to the owner or trainer at the time of measurement, except for "competition only" measurements.

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9. If a pony is in possession of a fully and correctly completed Measurement Certificate and the height is questioned by a competition official, the Technical Delegate must request, through the Federation, that the pony be remeasured by a licensed Dressage Technical Delegate and a Veterinarian who are approved by the Federation, pursuant to GR505 and GR506, ~~and GR508~~. Remeasurement must be made within 30 days of the request. The owner of a pony with a Standard and valid Measurement Certificate may also request remeasurement, through the Federation, under the provisions of this rule.

10. Animals submitted for measurement or remeasurement must show no evidence of lameness, and must be jogged for soundness prior to the measurement. Animals showing evidence of lameness are not eligible for measurement or remeasurement. **The official competition veterinarian must confirm the age of the horse or pony, observe the jog, and determine it is sound. Upon the official competition veterinarian's verification of soundness, the TD's measurement is final. If found to be lame by the official competition veterinarian, said animal cannot show in any classes at that competition and no measurement may be conducted. Measurement forms indicating an attempt to measure will be sent to the Federation.**

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**13. The animal must stand squarely on all four feet in such a position that the front legs are vertical to the ground and the back of the hocks are in a vertical line with the point of the animal's quarters. The head may be lowered to find the highest point of the withers but then must come up to its natural upright position.**

43 **14.** Refer to Chapter GR5, Subchapter 5-B for membership and measurement form requirements. Measurement appeals must be conducted in accordance with GR514 and GR515.

44 **15.** Measurements are conducted solely for the purposes of Federation licensed competitions. The Federation, its licensed competitions and its licensed officials shall have no liability whatsoever for measurement errors, except as specified in GR4030 **1034.2**.

45 **16.** All Level 3-5 Dressage Competitions and all licensed competitions holding Dressage classes, tests or awards limited to ponies or Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes, tests or awards limited to ponies are responsible for providing a Federation Approved Measurement Stick, with a metric scale, and a suitable surface for measurements. A suitable surface is defined as a flat, level, hard surface, preferably a concrete slab or paved area. A sheet of plywood is not suitable; however, for "competition only" measurements, a thick sheet of plywood is permitted if a suitable surface is not available. In addition, these competitions must contract a Dressage Technical Delegate to officiate the competition who is certified by USEF to conduct Dressage pony measurements.

46 **17.** Only a USEF-certified Dressage Technical Delegate officiating at the competition and the Competition veterinarian are eligible to conduct Dressage/DSHB pony measurements.

**18. The official competition veterinarian must confirm the age of the horse or pony and that it was jogged and is sound. Upon the official competition veterinarian's verification of soundness, the Technical Delegate's measurement is final. The Technical Delegate and the official competition veterinarian shall sign the measurement form. A Technical Delegate may not measure a horse or pony that is owned by a member of his family or by any of his or his family member's clients. (See GR1039.4)**

a. *Written reports of every measurement or attempt to measure must be sent to the Federation's Lexington, KY office together with the Technical Delegate's Report, or the Technical Delegate will be subject to charges and penalties per Chapters GR6 and GR7.*

b. *If the official competition veterinarian is not present at the competition, or not available when on call (see GR1210.3) the measurement may be conducted by a Technical Delegate and a judge officiating at the competition, or another Technical Delegate officiating at the competition; however, the measurement will be for the purposes of that competition only and no measurement card will be issued. Measurement forms will be sent to the Federation, but will not be given to the owner.*

~~17-19. In order to be granted a license and/or maintain his/her license all Dressage Technical Delegate must have attended a Federation Dressage/USDF/DSHB Pony Measurement Certification clinic where certification testing to measure ponies for dressage or DSHB is conducted and passed the certification examination. Effective January 1, 2015, All Dressage Technical Delegates must attend a Federation Dressage/USDF/DSHB Pony Measurement Certification clinic at least once every four years in order to maintain his/her license.~~

18-19. For informational purposes only: 148 cm is approximately 14 hands 2 1/4 inches and 149 cm is approximately 14

hands 2 3/5 inches.

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### Rule Change Intent

This rule has been amended to give a correction of rule references, addition of information from Dressage Pony Measurement form, and add in information from GRs and other rules to improve directives for handling measurement issues. Additionally, a change to be made regarding a lame horse when measured at a competition. If the horse jogs lame, then it is not able to compete in any other classes at the competition. This is similar language to a few other discipline rules.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> measurement

Committee Actions	
Competition Management	
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Competition Secretaries	
<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
Council - Intl Discipline	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 04/28/2020	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
Council - Member Services	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 04/21/2020	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
Licensed Officials	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 04/06/2020	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
USDF	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 04/15/2020	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
Veterinary	
<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments

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Proposed Change

DR 203 & DR204 [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-2 DRESSAGE SPORT HORSE BREEDING]

DR203 Definitions. Change to read:

7. Gelding—A gelded male horse of any age. Geldings are not eligible to compete in Dressage Breeding Stock In Hand classes. Geldings four years old and older are eligible to compete only in Group, Materiale, Dressage Suitability and Individual Breed classes. **Four-year-old geldings are also eligible to compete in the Four-Year-Old Prospect classes.** Other in-hand classes for mature geldings are not permitted.

10. Dressage Sport Horse Prospect- A category of in-hand classes that can be held for Young Horses (fillies, colts, and gelding up to three years of age) **and Four-Year-Old Prospects (mares, stallions, and geldings at four years of age).**

DR204 Classes. Change to read:

1. Dressage Sport Horse Prospect In Hand classes may be held for Young Horses: fillies, colts, and geldings in any age groups three years old and under, **and Four-Year-Old Prospects: mares, stallions, and geldings at four years of age.** Dressage Breeding Stock In Hand classes may be held for Mature Horses: mares and stallions, age groups four years old and older. Any of the following classes may be included or combined at the discretion of Competition Management with the exception that in sport horse or breeding classes (in-hand), horses of one sex shall not be judged against those of the opposite sex except in specified Group classes, Championship classes or special classes for single breeds (Individual Breed Classes), ponies or amateur or junior/young rider handlers. Colts and geldings may be shown together.

2. The following classes may be offered and may vary at the discretion of Competition Management:

a. In-Hand Classes (Prize List must specify Sport Horse Prospect or Breeding Stock). **The following Sport Horse Prospect classes may be offered:** Fillies of current calendar year with or without dam (fillies only to be judged); Colts of current calendar year with or without dam (colts only to be judged); Yearling fillies; Yearling colts; Yearling geldings; Two-year-old fillies; Two-year-old colts; Two-year-old geldings; Three-year-old fillies; Three-year-old colts; Three-year-old geldings; **Four-year-old mares; Four-year-old stallions; Four-year-old geldings.** The following **Breeding Stock classes may be offered and** may be divided by age, except suitable to be come a broodmare: Four-year-old and older maiden mares; Four-year-old and older broodmares (yeld) without foals; Four-year-old and older broodmares with foals at foot (Mare only to be judged);

e. Individual Breed Classes (i.e., special classes for single breeds) may be offered for horses of the same breed or breed registry. Eligibility requirements for these classes must be listed in the prize list. Horses of the opposite sex may be shown together. USDF Sport Horse Prospect score sheets must be used in all IBC classes **and Four-Year-Old Dressage Prospect In-Hand classes.**

Proponent Details

USDF

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Rule Change Intent

To incorporate USDF four-year-old prospect classes.

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: sport horse breeding

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Draft 1: No Comments

Competition Secretaries

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 04/28/2020

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Member Services

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 04/21/2020

Draft 1: No Comments

Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 04/07/2020

Draft 1: No Comments



Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Extraordinary	12/1/2020	6/22/2020	Approved 6/22/2020

Extraordinary Change Reason

Creation of a National Endurance Sport

Proposed Change

**General** [CHAPTER EN101]

Please see attached the Endurance Chapter Proposed Rule Change and all affected GRs.

amended on the floor at the 6/22/20 BOD meeting to add:

EN103.4. MEDICAL PERSONNEL

**f. It is strongly recommended that EMTs and/or Paramedics be used to fill this position. Medical personnel must not exceed the scope of their practice.**

**g. An ambulance must be on the competition grounds or on call during all scheduled rides at all competitions.**

Proponent Details

Endurance

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Rule Change Intent

These Endurance rules come before you after having been developed jointly by the USEF Legal and Sport Departments with significant input from the Endurance Committee. The rules were broken into sections and presented to the Endurance Rules Working Group for feedback and suggestions. They were then sent to the Endurance Sport Committee for final input prior to being submitted as proposed rule changes.

The proposed rule changes as submitted illustrate the Endurance Sport Committee's vision for the future of Endurance as a sport within the USEF governance structure. The basic format of these rules comes from the FEI, adapted to meet the needs of Endurance at the National level.

Linked Rules

Comments

**Web:** endurance chapter

Committee Actions

Competition Management

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/15/2020  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

Council - Intl Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/28/2020  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

Council - Member Services

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/21/2020  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

Endurance

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 01/30/2020  
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: Regarding the Licensed Officials comment in respect to GR1037.1g, this is a copy/past error and should not have been a part of the RCPs. Endurance qualifications can be difficult to interpret and the riders are responsible for ensuring entry to competition is at the level that corresponds to his/her ability as well as the horse's ability. Regarding the Safety's Committee's comment on EN103.3, Disapproved as written – The following sentence would be an addition to the Endurance Rules and procedure and would create additional hardship on riders as we work to build up the sport. "Failure to wear one's own medical card or bracelet shall be penalized by a fine of \$100. (Payable to the Organizing Committee)". Endurance would like an exception noting that if a rider does not have their medical card/bracelet, then it will be noted in the Steward's Report and not subject to an automatic fine directed to the OC/Competition Management. However, the Endurance Sport Committee supports the USEF Regulation Department following up directly with any potential violations of not wearing a medical card/bracelet as they deem necessary and as written in the Steward report, and if necessary, payment made to the USEF directly and not OC. Regarding EN103.4f, the ESC approves adding the language " It is strongly recommended that EMTs and/or Paramedics be used to fill this position. Medical personnel must not exceed the scope of their practice." Regarding EN103.4g, the ESC disapproves as this condition would not be feasible for Endurance Comp Mgt. We would recommend the Board to determine a specific number of combinations when requiring more than one Qualified Medial Personnel. Regarding EN103.4h, the ESC disapproves as endurance prefers the order 'on call' written before 'on grounds'.  
Draft 2: No Comments

Licensed Officials

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 04/06/2020  
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: The LOC agrees with all of the changes. However, GR1037.1.g needs to be corrected to state "Confirm entries and their qualifications" (it looks like it was unintentionally left blank). This language was included in earlier internal versions amongst USEF Staff.  
Draft 2: No Comments

Safety

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 04/14/2020  
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: The committee would recommend approval with the following changes: 3. USEF MEDICAL CARDS/MEDICAL BRACELETS. An approved and completed USEF Medical Card or medical bracelet is required at all times while mounted. USEF Medical cards must be enclosed in a transparent, waterproof carrier. USEF Medical cards must be securely attached to the rider's upper arm on the outside of the rider's clothing. Medical bracelets must be visible on the rider's wrist. USEF Medical cards must include any relevant medical history, injury (particularly to the head), drug allergies, and current medication. If wearing a medical bracelet, any relevant medical history, injury (particularly to the head) drug allergies, and current medication must be included in the online medical form of the bracelet's vendor website or integrally in the bracelet. Riders are responsible to record all injuries on the card or in the case of a medical bracelet, update their medical information online. REGARDING MEDICAL CARDS- THIS RULE WAS TAKEN FROM THE CURRENT EVENTING RULES. The Committee recommends that the Endurance Committee align with the current EV Rule Change (EV113.3) regarding Medical Cards, if that rule is approved, and if deemed appropriate for the Endurance Discipline. 4. MEDICAL PERSONNEL. a. Qualified medical personnel with no other duties and with appropriate medical equipment, as required by their certifying State or EMS Region, must be present during all scheduled performances at all competitions including 1 day prior to the start of the competition, if applicable. b. Qualified medical personnel is a currently certified or licensed EMT, or Paramedic, Certified First Responder, or a Physician or Nurse trained in pre-hospital trauma care and currently certified or licensed in their profession under applicable law where the competition is held. c. A Physician or Nurse trained in pre-hospital trauma care is a Physician or Nurse who is currently certified in Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS), Basic Trauma Life Support (BTLS), Pre-hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS), or who has First Responder or comparable certification. d. All medical personnel must be readily identifiable, available, and mobile. e. Unless prohibited by Federal, State, or local law, this person must furnish the Steward(s) with a copy of his/her report(s), or assist these officials with documenting any findings and treatment for all injuries sustained in competition or on the competition grounds TO ALIGN WITH CURRENT SAFETY RULES THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS ADDING THE FOLLOWING TO MEDICAL PERSONNEL: (f.) It is strongly recommended that EMTs and/or Paramedics be used to fill this position. Medical personnel must not exceed the scope of their practice. (g.) At minimum two Qualified Medical Personnel must be present during the duration of each competition. (h.) An ambulance must be on the competition grounds or on call during all scheduled rides at all competitions.  
Draft 2: No Comments

Veterinary

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments

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Standard	12/1/2020	12/18/2019	Approved 6/22/2020

## Proposed Change

**EQ107 Conduct** [CHAPTER EQ-2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION SECTION ]

EQ107

1.[.....]

8.CHAMPIONSHIPS. Championships in the Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation division may be offered on a competitive basis or based on points. Only Championships awarded based on points will count for Zone HOTY points.

a.[...]

b.Championships awarded based on points:

1 [...]

2.All classes counting toward a Championship will count equally when calculating.

*The Champion and Reserve Champion titles are awarded to the top two of the four riders that acquired the most points performing over a regulation course with obstacles at the full height required in the section in which shown. In addition to these points, only these four riders receive points for ribbons won in one flat class. In case of a tie score the Championship and/or Reserve is awarded to the rider that accumulated the most points over fences.*

## Proponent Details

USHJA

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## Rule Change Intent

This rule change defines two topics regarding awarding champion and reserve: 1. Only the top four riders over fences are eligible to receive champion or reserve and 2. Only one flat class may be used in the calculation of champion or reserve.

## Linked Rules

## Comments

**Web:** points

## Committee Actions

## Competition Management

**Draft 1:** No Action**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 03/31/2020**Draft 1:** No Comments**Draft 2:** No Comments

## Competitions Task Force

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

## Council - Intl Discipline

**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 04/28/2020**Draft 2:** No Comments

## Council - Member Services

**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 04/21/2020**Draft 2:** No Comments

## Council - Natl Breed &amp; Discipline

**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 04/27/2020**Draft 2:** No Comments

## National Hunter Committee

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/25/2019**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 01/20/2020**Draft 1:** No Comments**Draft 2:** No Comments

## USHJA

**Draft 1:** No Action**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 12/12/2019**Draft 1:** No Comments**Draft 2:** No Comments

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## Proposed Change

**EQ111 Requirements for Specific Classes [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ-2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION]**

EQ 110 Requirements for Specific Classes

[...]

**11. USHJA Championships, Programs, and Special Classes**

*For full specifications see [www.ushja.org](http://www.ushja.org)*

**a. Exhibitors must be Federation and USHJA active competing members in order to participate in the following programs. See [www.ushja.org](http://www.ushja.org) for complete specifications.**

1. **USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal Class;**
2. **USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal Finals;**
3. **USHJA Gladstone Cup Equitation Classic;**
4. **USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Class;**
5. **USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Final**
6. **USHJA National Championship (exception: Affiliate classes);**
7. **USHJA Zone Horse of the Year Championship**
8. **USHJA Zone Horsemanship Class/Championship; and**
9. **USHJA Zone Stirrup Cup Championships.**

**Horses must be USHJA registered for Gladstone Cup Equitation Classic, USHJA National Championship Zone Horse of the Year Championship Zone Horsemanship Class/Championship and Zone Stirrup Cup Championships.**

**b. Competitions eligible to host the following are:**

1. **USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal Class – any USEF licensed Hunter competition;**
2. **USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal Finals – any USEF licensed Hunter competition;**
3. **USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Class – any USEF licensed competition;**
4. **USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Final – any USEF licensed competition;**
5. **USHJA National Championship - any USEF licensed competition;**
6. **USHJA Zone Horse of the Year Championship Level;**
7. **USHJA Zone Horsemanship Class/Championship - any USEF licensed competition; and**
8. **USHJA Zone Stirrup Cup Championships - Regional I or II.**

**Competitors in the above programs shall accrue Zone Horse/Rider of the Year points in accordance with GR1131.**

~~11. USHJA Hunterdon Equitation Cup Classic. Open to any rider that is an Active USHJA member and has won~~

~~a USEF Hunter Seat Medal, ASPCA Maclay, USEF Show Jumping Talent Search, or Overall WIHS Equitation~~

Classic during the qualifying period. The show in which they qualify must have started on or before the final day

of the qualifying period. The qualifying period will be posted on the USHJA website in the official class specifications. The USHJA, at its discretion, may choose to conduct an East and/or West Coast National Championship

for the Hunterdon Cup. Once a rider has won the USHJA Hunterdon Cup he/she will not be allowed to compete

again. Class Specifications for the Classic consists of:

a. At least 10 Hunter Type Jumps including a minimum of 2 jumps with no ground lines.

b. Fences are to be set at 3'6".

c. Judging will be on style and smoothness with an emphasis on hunter style of riding.

d. The class will be conducted in a three round format.

1. Round 1- Hunter Round. Score will be announced.

2. Round 2- Handy Hunter Round, handiness will be emphasized. The top 20 riders will return in reverse order

of scores from Round 1. The score from Round 2 will be announced.

3. Round 3- The course will consist of components of Round 1 and/or Round 2 up to a maximum of 8 jumps.

A minimum of the top 4 riders and a maximum of the top ten riders will switch horses and return in reverse order of the combined score from Round 1 and Round 2. The course will be announced with the final competitors in the ring and all fences will be judged. The final score will not be announced.

e. The two judges will sit together and provide one numerical score for all phases of the class.

Specifications cannot be altered without the consent of the USHJA.

#### 12. USHJA 3'3" JUMPING SEAT MEDAL

a. Open to Junior Active Members of the Federation and USHJA who have not reached their 18th birthday (per USEF rules).

b. The USHJA, at its discretion, may choose to conduct Championship(s) for the 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal. See [www.USHJA.org](http://www.USHJA.org) for more information.

c. A minimum of three (3) riders must complete the course for points to count for this class.

d. This class must be held in a jumper ring utilizing jumper style fences and the course should be of the type used in a low Junior or amateur Jumper class. The course must include at least eight fences set at 1.0m (3'3") in height, at least one double or triple combination, and at least three spreads from 1.0m to 1.15m (3'3" to 3'9").

Natural fences, a liverpool, and a small water jump may also be included at the course designer's discretion.

Start and Finish markers must be used. Time allowed will be figured at 350 meters per minute and may be timed either electronically or manually.

e. The class is to be judged on the rider's equitation style, technical merit, judgment and execution of an efficient,

time saving pace and track. One (1) point will be subtracted from the rider's score for each commenced second taken over the time allowed and four (4) points will be deducted for each knockdown on course. Judges

are asked to walk the course when possible and where there are striding options, the judges are asked not to

penalize an option that might be used to achieve the best result appropriate to the track taken and the individual

horse/rider combination. JP136 (the competition round) and JP137 (Timing) will apply. Two refusals will incur

elimination. Three to twelve riders will return for a flat phase.

f. If 50 or more entries compete, the class will be pinned with two firsts, two seconds, two thirds, and so on through

two eighths, with full points going to each placing.

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

h. Riders who accumulate a minimum of fifteen (15) points during a given qualifying period may compete at a USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Final. Full points will be awarded in qualifying classes providing at least eight riders

complete the course. If there are fewer riders, points will be awarded on a reduced scale based on the maximum

number of ribbon winners. BOD 4/29/19 Effective 8/2/19

Point Scale:

8 or more riders: 10, 8, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1

7 riders: 8, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1

6 riders: 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1

5 riders: 5, 4, 3, 2, 1

4 riders: 4, 3, 2, 1

3 riders: 3, 2, 1

The USHJA may elect to give awards to high scoring riders as it determines.

i. Following each class, competition management must send a check made payable to the USHJA in the amount of \$5.00 for each competing entry.

j. For specifications regarding USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Finals, see [www.ushja.org](http://www.ushja.org).

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### Rule Change Intent

The change makes it easier for exhibitors to see at a glance which programs are USHJA and have the agreed upon data in the rulebook, while removing a significant amount of redundancy between specifications and rules. The rest of the program information will be outlined in the program specifications thus keeping the rulebook to a more manageable size.

### Linked Rules

HU 167 (191-19), JP 113 (188-19)

### Comments

**Web:** Specifications

### Committee Actions

#### Competition Management

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#### Council - Intl Discipline

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

#### Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/27/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

#### Jumper

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/08/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

#### National Hunter Committee

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 01/28/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

#### USHJA

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

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Proposed Change

**EQ117 Requirements for Specific Classes [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ-3 SADDLE SEAT EQUITATION SECTION ]**

SUBCHAPTER EQ-3 SADDLE SEAT EQUITATION SECTION

EQ117 Requirements for Specific Classes

12. USEF SADDLE SEAT MEDAL CLASS (17 & Under and Adult/Amateur).

d. USEF SADDLE SEAT MEDAL FINAL (17 & Under). To be eligible, the rider must have placed first ~~or second~~ **through fourth place** in an official USEF Saddle Seat Medal Class. In the preliminary section, entries must be worked on the rail in groups of 15 or less and all contestants are required to perform a posted individual workout. Tests 1-16. The preliminary shall also serve as elimination for the final phase. The number of riders to be selected for the final phase shall be at the judges' discretion and shall be based on 50% preliminary railwork and 50% preliminary workout. The final phase will be conducted in the same manner as the preliminary, except different tests must be used. Each rider in the final phase must execute a posted individual workout. A rider's performance in the preliminary has equal consideration as the performance in the final phase. The judge's opinion rests on a 25-25-25-25 analysis of the preliminary railwork, preliminary workout, final railwork, and final workout. Winners of the USEF Saddle Seat Medal Final will be eliminated from further competition in the USEF Saddle Seat Medal Class (17 & Under).

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Rule Change Intent

The reason for this rule change is to encourage additional participation in the USEF Saddle Seat Medal Finals by increasing the number of riders that would be eligible from each of the qualifying classes. The USEF Saddle Seat Committee would like to stimulate growth and encourage participation in the USEF Saddle Seat Medal Finals. Increasing the eligibility placing's from first and second rider's being eligible for the Medal Finals to allow first through fourth riders eligibility for USEF Saddle Seat Medal Final. This change will allow two additional exhibitors from each qualifying class to be eligible for the finals which will encourage additional entries in the qualifying classes seeking eligibility for the USEF Saddle Seat Medal Finals.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> saddle seat medal final

Committee Actions	
Competition Management	
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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
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Proposed Change

**EQ117 Class Routine** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ-3 SADDLE SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]

EQ117 Class Routine

1. Riders enter the ring turning to the right and proceed counter clockwise. All riders shall be worked both ways of the ring at all required gaits as directed by the judge.
2. Incorrect diagonals and leads shall be penalized.
3. The order to reverse can be executed by turning either towards or away from the rail.
4. Entries will line up on command and any or all riders may be required to execute any appropriate tests included in class requirements. (See EQ118 and EQ119).
5. **In all classes the judge(s) must walk the line up. If a judging panel is being used to officiate these classes, all judges must comply with this rule.**
6. ~~Judges are encouraged to call for at least two tests of the top competitors.~~ **In any class where a workout is required, specifications for each class regarding mandatory workout must be followed.**
7. When individual tests are called for, the judge's opinion rests on a 50-50 analysis of the railwork and the individual tests.
8. The fall of horse or rider does not necessarily cause elimination, but is penalized at the judge's discretion.
9. All entries chosen for a collective workout must be worked both ways of the ring in front of each judge at any gait requested.

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Rule Change Intent

The purpose of this rule change is to require the judge(s) to walk the line up in all Saddle Seat Equitation classes. This has been a practice for some time among Saddle Seat Equitation judges but this rule change will make it mandatory. Additionally, this rule change adds numbering to make the rule easier to read and corrects language about mandatory workouts.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> class routine

Committee Actions	
Competition Management	
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Council - Member Services	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 04/21/2020	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 04/27/2020	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
Licensed Officials	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 04/06/2020	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments

**EQ118.15 Tracking #277-19 Draft #1 Approved**

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Proposed Change

**EQ118 Requirements for Specific Classes** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ-3 SADDLE SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]

15. UPHA CHALLENGE CUP

f. UPHA 10 & UNDER WALK/TROT CHALLENGE CUP.

2. Walk/trot riders must canter after the beginning of his/her nine year old competition year if they have shown in as many as three competition years in that division. The recording of a rider's participation in this division will begin in 2001. Competition year is defined by the Federation as December 1 through November 30.

Proponent Details	Contact Information
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Rule Change Intent

The UPHA Equitation committee has requested that the eligibility restrictions for the UPHA 10 & Under Walk Trot Challenge Cup be removed. As currently written, this rule is discouraging participating in a time when this group is trying to encourage more riders to participate.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> UPHA 10 & under walk/trot challenge cup

Committee Actions	
Competition Management	
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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
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## Proposed Change

## EQ119 Tests [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ-3 SADDLE SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]

## EQ119 Tests

Tests from which judges must choose. Tests may be performed either individually or collectively but no other tests may be used. Instructions must be publicly announced. All circles and turns must be performed on correct diagonals and leads. On left diagonal, rider should be out of saddle when horse's left front leg is in the air; on right diagonal, rider should be out of saddle when horse's right front leg is in the air. On left lead, horse's left leg reaches further than the right; on the right lead, horse's right leg reaches further than the left. All changes of lead must be a simple change whereby the horse is brought back into a halt or walk and restarted into the canter on the opposite lead. In Medal and Championship classes individual workout instructions must be written down by the judge and delivered to the announcer at the beginning of the class. Instructions can be posted at the judge's discretion provided it is announced and posted at least one hour prior to the session in which the class is held. **The work out pattern in all championship classes shall not be posted online or on social media prior to being posted in the horse show office.** Competition management is encouraged to post the workout more than one hour prior to the session if possible. At all World and National Championships and Finals, competitors must be allowed ample access to the competition arena in order to walk on foot the posted workout. A minimum of ½ hour is recommended. In Championship classes and any class where a workout is required, judge(s) must work a minimum number of riders per number of ribbons awarded in the class. The judge(s) determine which riders will be required to perform additional testing.

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Saddle Seat Eq

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## Rule Change Intent

The intent of the proposed rule change is to regulate the posting of patterns online and help level the playing field so all exhibitors will have access to the pattern work at the same time.

## Linked Rules

## Comments

Web: posting tests

## Committee Actions

## Competition Management

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## Council - Natl Breed &amp; Discipline

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Proposed Change

**EQ119 Tests** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ-3 SADDLE SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]

16. Exchange horses. This test is to be used only after four or more of the top riders have been tested. Only one pair of riders ~~to~~ **may** exchange **horses** **except in the case of a three-way tie**. Saddles ~~can~~ **may** be exchanged. The attendant for each horse being exchanged must be allowed in the ring **for the sole purpose of facilitating** ~~only to facilitate~~ the change. The purpose of this test is to break a tie.

**a. Exchanging horses may be used to break a three-way tie in an Equitation Championship or Final. In this case, horses will be exchanged according to the placings on the call judge's card. The first place rider will change to the second place rider's horse, the second place rider will change to third place rider's horse, and the third place rider will change to the first place rider's horse.**

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Rule Change Intent

This rule change adds the option to use exchange of horses as a test to break a perfect three-way tie in Equitation Championships or Finals.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> exchanging horse's

Committee Actions

Competition Management	
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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
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## Proposed Change

**EQ129 Requirements for Specific Classes** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ-4 WESTERN SEAT EQUITATION, REINING SEAT EQUITATION AND WESTERN HORSEMANSHIP SECTION]

**7. USEF WESTERN EQUITATION JUNIOR MEDAL CLASS and USEF WESTERN EQUITATION ADULT AMATEUR MEDAL CLASS**

**a. Eligibility for USEF Western Equitation Junior Medal Class: Open to Junior Active members of the Federation who have not yet reached their 18th birthday.**

**b. Eligibility for USEF Western Equitation Adult Amateur Medal Class: Open to Senior Active Amateur Members of the Federation.**

**c. Class Specifications:**

**1. Class will include both rail and pattern work. The judge will determine whether the rail work or pattern work occurs first. Exhibitors are to enter the ring at a walk or jog. Rider will perform work on the rail at a walk, jog, and three beat lope both ways of the ring. Exhibitors may be asked to back during the rail work. Set patterns will be used for these classes. Patterns will be posted on the USEF website.**

**2. See EQ122 – 124 for judging specifications.**

**3. The same horse must be used in both phases of the class, unless the animal is sick or lame, in which case a veterinarian's certificate is required.**

**4. The rail portion will count 50% of the total score, and the pattern will count 50% of the total score.**

**5. Off Pattern does not disqualify entries.**

**6. Any breed of horse may participate, however stallions are prohibited.**

**d. Points:**

**1. There is no minimum number of entries for the class to count. Entries must have proper appointments and complete both the rail and pattern phases in order to place.**

**2. Points will be awarded as follows: first place, 6 points; second place, 5 points; third place, 4 points; fourth place, 3 points; fifth place, 2 points; sixth place, 1 point.**

GR1113 Credit

2. No credit will be given in classes if less than three entries have shown and placed. Exceptions:

[...]

**r. USEF Western Equitation Junior Medal Class and USEF Western Equitation Adult Amateur Medal Class (EQ129.7)**

GR1210 General

Apply annually to the Federation for dates for the competition.

1. Medal Classes.

[...]

**f. Following the holding of USEF Western Equitation Junior Medal and Adult Amateur Medal Classes, Competition Management shall forward to the Federation a fee per rider in each class.**

## Proponent Details

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## Rule Change Intent

The USEF Western Committee has recognized the need for additional USEF programs to gain more participation in the Western divisions at USEF licensed competitions. In response to this need, the committee has worked to develop the USEF Western Equitation Medals. The vision of this committee is to start this program as a year-end award to minimize start-up costs and ultimately develop a year-end Final once participation numbers are strong enough. As an open Western Equitation class, these USEF Western Equitation Medal classes will be able to be offered at any of the USEF national breed and discipline competitions with the goal of adding participation from other breeds. These classes will also require a medal fee, similar to the other USEF Medal programs, which will help fund the administration of this program. In alignment with the movement to take fees out of the USEF rule book, the actual Medal Fee will be part of the USEF Fee Schedule.

Linked Rules	Comments
<b>Web:</b> western equitation	
Committee Actions	
Competition Management	
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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
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Proposed Change

**Appendix 3- Participation in Horse Trials** [CHAPTER Appendix 3]

A competitor and/or a horse may be entered in a Horse Trial without having fulfilled the qualifications noted below, provided the qualifications have been fulfilled at least 10 days before the Cross-Country Test of the competition for which it is needed if the MER (MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS) has been achieved at a Horse Trial or CCI-S or at least 24 days if the MER has been achieved at a CCI-L. For Preliminary, **Modified, and** Training Classic Three-Day Events, qualifying competitions must be completed within a 24-month period of the start of the competition. At the CCI\* level and above, at least one MER must be obtained in the twelve month period prior to the competition. e.g. a horse and/or rider who have achieved a MER at a CCI4\* level of competition and who have not competed for over twelve months must first achieve a MER at the next lowest height level.

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

To add a Modified level to the Classic Three-Day Events that already have Training and Preliminary.

Linked Rules

Comments

**Web:** Modified Classic Three-Day Events

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Council - Intl Discipline

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Eventing

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Proposed Change

**Specifications for Three-Day Events** [CHAPTER Appendix 8]

	Training	<b>Modified</b>	Preliminary
Dressage	Training 3D - Standard	<b>Modified 3D test to be written and approved once classic three-day level approved</b>	Preliminary 3D - Standard
USEF Eventing Tests			FEI Two-Star - Standard
Phase A			
Distance	2200 – 3520m	<b>2640 - 3960m</b>	3520 – 4400m
Speed	220 mpm	<b>220 mpm</b>	220 mpm
Time	10-16 minutes	<b>12-18 minutes</b>	16-20 minutes
Phase B			
Distance	1250 – 1560m	<b>1650 - 1925m</b>	1710 – 2240m
Speed	500 – 520 mpm	<b>550 mpm</b>	570 – 640 mpm
Speed Fault	600 mpm	<b>n/a</b>	n/a
Time	2.5 or 3 minutes	<b>3 or 3.5 minutes</b>	3 or 3.5 minutes
	4 – 6	<b>5 - 7</b>	5 – 7
Jumping Efforts	3'11" maximum brush height	<b>4'1" maximum brush height</b>	4'3" maximum brush height

Phase C

Distance	2400 – 5500m	<b>2880-6160m</b>	3200 – 6600m
Speed	160 or 220 mpm	<b>160 or 220 mpm</b>	160 or 220 mpm
Time	15-25 minutes	<b>18-28 minutes</b>	20-30 minutes
Phase D	XC heights & spreads - same as H.T. level. Refer to Appendix 2	<b>XC heights &amp; spreads - same as H.T. level. Refer to Appendix 2</b>	XC heights & spreads - same as H.T. level. Refer to Appendix 2
Distance	2250 – 3150m at 450mpm 2350 – 3290m at	<b>2695-3675 m</b>	3120 – 4160m
Speed	470mpm	<b>490 mpm</b>	520 mpm
Speed Fault	520 mpm	<b>N/A</b>	N/A
Time	5-7 minutes	<b>5.5-7.5 minutes</b>	6-8 minutes
Jumping Efforts	20 – 28 No more than one effort per commenced 120m @ 470. No more than one effort per commenced 110m @ 450.	<b>24 - 30</b> <b>No more than one effort per commenced 130 meters.</b>	24 – 32 No more than one effort per commenced 130 meters.
Show Jumping			
Distance	600m	<b>600m</b>	600m
Speed	325 mpm	<b>325 mpm</b>	350 mpm
Jumping Efforts	10 – 12	<b>10 -13</b>	11 – 13
Height	1.0m (3'3")	<b>1.05 (3'5")</b>	1.10m (3'7")
Overall Spread of Oxers	1.20m (3'11")	<b>1.25m (4'1")</b>	1.30m (4'3")
Overall Spread of Triple Bars	1.40m (4'7")	<b>1.45m (4'9")</b>	1.50m (4'11")

Rule Change Intent

To add a Modified Classic Three-Day

Linked Rules

Comments

**Legal:**

**Web:** Modified Classic Three-Day Events

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Eventing

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Proposed Change

Appendix 3

3. LEVELS OF HORSE TRIALS AND CLASSIC EVENTS

**3.7 MODIFIED THREE-DAY EVENT-** Open to competitors of any age, on horses five years of age or older. Both the competitor and the horse as a combination must have obtained MER's at three Horse Trials at the Training Level or higher, plus an additional MER at Modified Level or higher with no jumping penalties at obstacles on the Cross-Country test. A competitor established at the Preliminary Level may compete on a horse which has obtained two MERs at the Training Level or higher. Qualifying competitions must be completed within a 24 month period of the start of the Classic Competition.

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Rule Change Intent

to add a Modified level to the Classic Three-Day events that already carry Training and Preliminary

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Legal:</b> <b>Web:</b> Modified Classic Three-Day Events

Committee Actions	
Competition Management	
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Council - Intl Discipline	
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**Proposed Change**

**EV113.3 Medical Cards/Medical Bracelets** [CHAPTER EV-1 - General Rules for all Eventing Competitions]

**EV113 Medical Requirements**

~~3. MEDICAL CARDS/MEDICAL BRACELETS. An approved and completed medical card or medical bracelet is required any time while jumping. Medical cards must be enclosed in a transparent, waterproof carrier. Medical cards must be securely attached to the competitor's upper arm on the outside of the competitor's clothing. Medical bracelets must be visible on the competitor's wrist. Medical cards must include any relevant medical history, injury (particularly to the head), drug allergies and current medication. If wearing a medical bracelet, any relevant medical history, injury (particularly to the head) drug allergies and current medication must be included in the online medical form of the bracelet's vendor website or integrally in the bracelet. Athletes are responsible to record all injuries on the card or in the case of a medical bracelet, update their medical information online. Failure to wear one's own medical card or bracelet shall be penalized by a fine of \$400. (Payable to the Organizing Committee)~~

**3. MEDICAL CARDS/MEDICAL BRACELETS. To ensure that vital information is available to medical personnel in the case of emergency, competitors must comply with the following:**

**a. It is mandatory that Competitors include the telephone number of an emergency contact on the entry form.**

**b. Declaration of medical condition. Competitors with medical conditions that may be relevant in case of a medical emergency are responsible for wearing either a medical data carrier (Medical data carrier: a small emblem or tag worn on a bracelet, neck chain, or on the clothing, intended to alert medical personnel/physicians that the wearer has an important medical condition) or a medical armband at every event while riding. Alternatively (and at minimum) a medical armband can be used. Conditions that are relevant include recent head injury, serious past injuries/surgery, chronic health problems such as diabetes, long-term medications and allergies. If in doubt, the Competitor should discuss this with his/her own treating physician.**

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**Rule Change Intent**

To reduce burden on competitors by requiring only competitors with medical conditions to wear a medical data carrier or a medical armband and to mirror closely, the current FEI rule regarding Medical Information under Athletes Welfare (Article 523.1).

**Potential Impact**

None

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> medical cards/bracelets

**Committee Actions**

**Competition Management**

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**Council - Intl Discipline**

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Council - Member Services

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Licensed Officials

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Safety

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Steward-Technical Delegate Committee

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## Proposed Change

## EV114 Dress [CHAPTER EV-1 General Rules For All Eventing Competitions]

## 5. DRESSAGE TEST.

a. Horse Trials (Beginner Novice through Modified ~~Preliminary~~)—~~protective headgear—predominantly black, brown, or dark blue~~ **any color helmet will be allowed; tasteful and discreet accents, such as a different color or modest piping or crystal decorations, are acceptable, including National flags;** Coat— ~~dark color or tweed~~, any single color jacket will be allowed, including tweeds and pinstripes; tasteful and **discreet accents, such as a collar, cuff, lapel, piping, of any color, or crystal decorations, are acceptable.** Tail coats are not permitted; Shirt— of conservative color, any color and design; tasteful and discreet accents, such as a collar, cuff, piping, are acceptable with stock and pin, or choker, or tie; Gloves (if worn)—dark color, tan, beige or white; Jodhpurs, Breeches—light color or white; Boots— black, brown, **or other dark hue, modest piping of a different color is permitted**, field, jodhpur or a black or brown full grain smooth leather leg piece and matching leather boots. Chaps and/or half-chaps are not allowed. **Members of armed and police forces, service dress, regulation headgear and spurs in accordance with EV114.** Competitors **at Beginner Novice through Modified** may compete without a jacket. In such cases, shirt - long or short sleeved with collar and without neckwear, of a conservative color, **any color and design; tasteful and discreet accents, such as a collar, cuff, piping, is acceptable**, neatly tucked into riding breeches.

b. Horse Trials (Preliminary Intermediate and Advanced) **As above, with the exception gloves and coats required.** Tail Coats permitted. ~~Three Day Events. As above, except no tweed coat. Shirt—stock with pin; Gloves (required)—white or dark color; Britches—as above; Boots—preferably black dress or a black full grain leather leg piece and matching leather boot. Chaps and half-chaps are not allowed. Members of armed and police forces, service dress with gloves, regulation headgear and spurs in accordance with EV114.~~

—~~protective headgear—predominantly black or dark blue; Coat—dark color or tweed, tail coats are not permitted; Shirt—of conservative color, with stock and pin, or choker, or tie; Gloves (if worn)—dark color, tan, beige or white; Jodhpurs, Britches—light color or white; Boots—black, brown, field, jodhpur or a black or brown full grain smooth leather leg piece and matching leather boots. Chaps and/or half-chaps are not allowed.~~

c. ~~Horse Trials (Intermediate and Advanced) & Three Day Events. As above except no tweed coat. Tail Coats permitted. Shirt—stock with pin; Gloves (required)—white or dark color; Britches—as above; Boots—preferably black dress or a black full grain leather leg piece and matching leather boot. Chaps and half-chaps are not allowed. Members of armed and police forces, service dress with gloves, regulation headgear and spurs in accordance with EV114.~~

6. CROSS-COUNTRY TEST. Light-weight clothing is appropriate for this Test, a shirt (any color) with sleeves must be worn. Protective Headgear in accordance with paragraph 1 above. This headgear may be any color. ~~Britches~~ **Breeches** or jodhpurs may be any color; Gloves (if worn) may be any color; Boots—black, brown, **or any dark hue, modest piping of a different color is permitted**, field, jodhpur or a black or brown full grain smooth leather leg piece and matching leather boots. Chaps or half-chaps are not allowed.

7. JUMPING TEST. ~~Hunting dress or uniform. Protective headgear, with chin harness, designed expressly for equestrian use in accordance with paragraph 1 above. any color helmet will be allowed; tasteful and discreet accents, such as a different color or modest piping or crystal decorations, are acceptable, including National flags. Hat covers other than those that are predominantly brown, black or dark blue are not allowed. Gloves (if worn)—dark color, tan, beige or white; Jodhpurs, Breeches—light color or white; Boots—black, brown, or other dark hue, modest piping of a different color is permitted~~, field, jodhpur or a black or brown full grain smooth leather leg piece and matching leather boots. Chaps or half-chaps are not allowed. Member of armed and police forces, as in EV114.5.b. ~~Beginner Novice through Preliminary levels: Coat (if worn) — dark color or tweed. any single colored jacket will be allowed, including tweeds and pinstripes; tasteful and discreet accents, such as a collar, cuff, lapel, piping of any color or crystal decorations, are acceptable. Shirt— of any color and design; tasteful and discreet accents, such as a collar, cuff, piping, is acceptable~~, stock with pin, choker or tie. Eventing Tests, **Beginner Novice through Modified** at any horse trial format: Competitors may compete without a jacket. In such cases, shirt – long or short sleeved with collar and without neckwear, of a conservative color, **any color and design; tasteful and discreet accents, such as a collar, cuff, piping, is acceptable**, neatly tucked into riding breeches.

8. At the Preliminary, Intermediate, and Advanced levels when all three phases of a Horse Trials are contested over one day, **competitors may compete without a jacket.** Protective headgear, and protective vests, **and clothing as above.** Clothing as appropriate for the test in progress (see above), or at the competitor's option—boots, breeches, spurs and gloves—as applicable for the test being performed. Long or short sleeved shirt with collar and without neckwear, of a conservative color, neatly tucked into riding breeches.

10. EXTREME WEATHER. At temperatures above 85°F, a heat index above 85°, or at the discretion of the Ground Jury or the Organizer, competitors in preliminary, intermediate, and advanced levels will be permitted to compete without jackets, in the dressage and/or jumping tests. In such cases, competitors must wear either a long or short sleeved shirt of conservative color **any color and design; tasteful and discreet accents, such as a collar, cuff, piping is acceptable** without neckwear; members of the armed forces and police units may ride in their summer uniforms. In inclement weather competitors may wear a windbreaker jacket or raincoat over their clothing; their number must be visible.

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## Rule Change Intent

The purpose of this rule change is to broaden the range of colors and decorations on clothing that are permitted while competing in eventing competitions. The definition of "dark" has become more subjective in the new century, as well as conservative. With introduction of new apparel/products on a continuous basis, the next progressive step in dress is to allow for more flexibility, and by turn, more inclusivity for the members.

The broader options will allow judges to focus more on judging, and not whether or not the attire meets the definition of conservative and/or dark.

## Potential Impact

None

### Linked Rules

### Comments

**Web:** dress

## Committee Actions

### Competition Management

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**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments

**Draft 2:** No Comments

### Council - Intl Discipline

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

**Draft 2:** No Comments

### Eventing

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**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** The ESC did not approve Draft I but voted unanimously to support a second draft which achieves the following: Under 114.5.a: Clarify which levels may compete without a jacket, and the one level that may not. Under 114.5.b: Amend to require these levels to compete with a jacket and gloves. Under 114.7: Amend to add further clarity regarding dress rules for the jumping phase as they pertain to permitted jackets. The USEA has completed a second draft which accomplishes the above, however, it is not possible to submit a second draft at this time. This is to confirm that the Eventing Sport Committee would approve the language draft 2 as proposed.

**Draft 2:** No Comments

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Proposed Change

**EV114 Dress** [CHAPTER EV-1 General Rules For All Eventing Competitions ]

10. EXTREME WEATHER. At temperatures above 85°F, a heat index above 85°, or at the discretion of the Ground Jury or the Organizer, competitors in preliminary, intermediate, and advanced levels will be permitted to compete without jackets, in the dressage and/or jumping tests. In such cases, competitors must wear either a long or short sleeved shirt of conservative color **any color and design; tasteful and discreet accents, such as a collar, cuff, piping is acceptable** without neckwear; members of the armed forces and police units may ride in their summer uniforms. In inclement weather competitors may wear a windbreaker jacket or raincoat over their clothing; their number must be visible.

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Rule Change Intent

The purpose of this rule change is to broaden the range of colors and decorations on clothing that are permitted while competing in eventing competitions in line with the proposed changes to EV114.5,6,7, and 8.

Potential Impact

None

Linked Rules	Comments
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**Web:** dress

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Council - Intl Discipline

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Eventing

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Proposed Change

**EV140.6 - Cross-Country Obstacles - Jumping Efforts** [CHAPTER EV-3 Rules for Horse Trials]

**EV140 Cross-Country Obstacles**

6. NUMBER OF JUMPING EFFORTS:

- a. Within the limits shown in Appendix 2, the total number of jumping efforts shall be related to the length of the course.
- b. To arrive at the number of jumping efforts, the efforts on the route expected to be taken by the average horse shall be totaled.
- c. (NEW) ***At the BN and Novice levels, water crossings will be flagged and numbered and subject to penalties but will not be counted in the number of jumping efforts.***

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

In order to effectively administer recent changes to the rules regarding Cross Country course design at the Beginner Novice and Novice levels, water crossings without obstacles have been flagged with more frequency to ensure passage of Athlete/Horse combination following or prior to a jump some distance from the water. To date, Officials have counted flagged water crossings without obstacles as an effort, thus reducing the number of jumping efforts Course Designers may include on the course per Appendix 2 of the USEF Eventing Rules.

If approved, this change will ensure passage of Athlete/Horse combinations though water crossings without obstacles, without impacting the number of jumping efforts Course Designers may include on Beginner Novice and Novice Cross Country Courses.

Potential Impact

None

Linked Rules

Comments

**Web:** water crossings

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Council - Intl Discipline

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Proposed Change

**EV141 Cross-Country Scoring** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EV-3 RULES FOR HORSE TRIALS]

1. FAULTS AT OBSTACLES:

a. Disobediences -

1. First refusal, run-out or circle 20 penalties
2. Second refusal, run-out or circle at the same obstacle 40 penalties
3. Third refusal, run-out or circle at the same obstacle Elimination
4. Third penalized disobedience on the entire course at Preliminary, Intermediate or Advanced Elimination
5. Fourth penalized disobedience on the entire course at Beginner Novice, Novice, Training or Modified Elimination.
- 6. Activating a frangible fence 11 penalties**

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Rule Change Intent

First, in most cases when a frangible fence is activated by impact of the equine upon an obstacle it may very well prevent a catastrophic fall that would have resulted in elimination of the horse/rider. In order to better promote safe riding, instituting a penalty may incentivize lower risk riding and clearance of fences without the triggering of frangible devices.

Second, the intention of the rule change is to bring national horse trial rules in line with current FEI rules for eventing (FEI Eventing Rules, Chapter 9 Cross-Country Rules 548.1). In FEI competitions activation of frangible fences are penalized 11 points per occurrence.

Third, false frangible activations are becoming increasingly rare, however in those cases that this occurs under the authority of EV118 (2. Protests) the competitor, a parent or guardian of a competitor under 18 years old, the owner of the horse, or the owner's agent authorized in writing, are entitled to lodge a protest. Those protests concerning irregularities or incidents during the competition, or scoring shall be submitted as soon as possible, and not later than 30 minutes after the publishing of the results of the cross-country test. At the discretion of the ground jury a false activation penalty may then be overturned if appropriate.

Linked Rules	Comments
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**Web:** faults at obstacles

Committee Actions

Competition Management

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 03/31/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/28/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Eventing

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/07/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2020	2/28/2020	Approved 6/22/2020

Proposed Change

**EV155 Three-Day Events - Introduction** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EV-3 RULES FOR HORSE TRIALS]

EV155 Three-Day Events – Introduction

3. LEVELS. The levels of Three-Day Events are indicated by stars.

The four levels of Three-Day Events are:

1. Training Three-Day Event - An educational introduction to the Three-Day Event at the Training Level
2. **Modified Three-Day Event – An educational introduction to the Three-Day Event at the Modified Level**
3. **Preliminary Three-Day Event – An educational introduction to the Three-Day Event at the Preliminary Level**
4. One Star (\*)
5. Two Star (\*\*)—An introduction to the Three-Day Event for competitors and horses.
6. Three Star (\*\*\*)—For competitors with some experience in Three-Day Events on horses just beginning International competition.
7. Four Star (\*\*\*\*)—For competitors and horses with some International experience.
8. Five Star (\*\*\*\*\*)— For experienced and successful combinations of International competitors and horses.

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

To add a modified three-day event at the Classic Series

Linked Rules

Comments

**Web:** three-day events

Committee Actions

Competition Management

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 03/31/2020

**Draft 1: No Comments**

Council - Intl Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/28/2020

**Draft 1: No Comments**

Eventing

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/07/2020

**Draft 1: No Comments**

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Proposed Change

2. National Three-Day Events [CHAPTER 156 Three-Day Events - Rules]

EV 156 Three-Day Events – Rules

- NATIONAL THREE-DAY EVENTS. These competitions are conducted in accordance with the USEF Rules for Eventing and the additions and exceptions noted below. Guidance and clarifications of procedure may be found in the USEA Classic Series Handbook. **Guidelines.**

**Preliminary Three-Day Events**, Training Three-Day Events and **Modified Three-Day Events** are conducted under the same rules as National Three-Day Events and include a central emphasis on education of horse and rider, including permission for supervised **permitting organizer designated supervised** schooling over parts of the **steeplechase** course prior to the start of the test.

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Rule Change Intent

To add a modified Classic Three-Day level

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> National Three-Day Events

Committee Actions	
Competition Management	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 03/31/2020	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
Council - Intl Discipline	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 04/28/2020	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
Eventing	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 04/07/2020	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>

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Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
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Proposed Change

**FR101 Eligibility to compete** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER FR-1 GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS]

FR101 Eligibility Qualifications {FR-1 General Qualifications}

13. Horses must be shown without artificial appliances (see GR802.2). Anything that alters the intended use of equipment as provided for in the description of appointments for a given class is considered to be an artificial appliance. This includes but is not limited to tongue ties and/or mouth ties (see GR802.2). Gag, **burr, twisted wire, bicycle chain, mule, and spiked** bits of any type are prohibited in any discipline/section. Action produced by artificial methods shall be penalized. The use of any devices or aides that alter the natural movement of the horse (such as chains, shackles, rubber bands) are strictly prohibited at any competition. Any animal with prohibited equipment must be disqualified from further competition and forfeit all entry fees and winnings. Nasal strips are prohibited.

a. Half cup blinkers are permitted during warm up and are not considered an artificial appliance.

Proponent Details	Contact Information
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Friesian

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Rule Change Intent

The Friesian Committee would like to add to the list of illegal bits within the Friesian Division.

Linked Rules	Comments
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**Web:** bits

Committee Actions

Competition Management

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 03/31/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/27/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

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Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2020	2/14/2020	Approved 6/22/2020

Proposed Change

**FR101 Eligibility to Compete** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER FR1 GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS]

FR101 Eligibility to Compete {FR1 General Qualifications}

27. Championship classes - To be eligible, horses must have been entered, shown, and judged in a designated class at the qualifying competition.

a. For National Championship classes- To be eligible, horses must have been entered, shown, and judged at a qualifying competition, unless an exemption has been granted by the IFSHA Board of Directors.

**Exception: Horses two years and younger will not be required to qualify to participate in National Championship classes.**

Proponent Details

IFSHA

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Rule Change Intent

This exception will align the rules with an exception passed by the IFSHA Board on Directors in May 2019 that allows for horses two years and younger to not need to qualify for National Championship classes. Currently the rule is inclusive of all aged horses, this exception will clarify the new exception.

Linked Rules

Comments

**Web:** championship classes

Committee Actions

Competition Management

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 03/31/2020

**Draft 1: No Comments**

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/27/2020

**Draft 1: No Comments**

Friesian

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 05/28/2019

**Draft 1: No Comments**

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2020	4/28/2020	Approved 6/22/2020

## Proposed Change

**FR103 Shoeing and Hoof Specifications** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER FR1 GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS]

## FR103 Shoeing and Hoof Specification {FR1 General Qualifications}

## 1. General

- a. Horses 2 and over may be shown shod or barefoot.
- b. Horses less than 2 years of age must be shown barefoot.
- c. ~~If a shoe is cast during a class, the shoe and hoof are to be inspected for compliance with the rules as defined in 2.a and 3.b. If the hoof length or shoe dimensions exceed the specifications defined in 2.a and 3.b, the horse will be disqualified for the entire competition and the owner shall forfeit all prize money, sweepstakes, trophies, entry fees, ribbons and points won at said competition by said horse.~~  
**d. If a shoe is cast during a class, the shoe, pad, and hoof must be inspected by the Federation Competition Steward.**

## 2. Hoof Specifications

- a. The maximum length of toe for barefoot horses is 5 inches and shod horses with or without pad is 5 1/2 inches. The measurement must be conducted as defined in GR510.
- b. Artificial lengthening of the hoof wall or altering the hoof wall is prohibited. A hoof which needs repair may be filled with artificial material as long as it follows the natural line of the hoof.

## 3. Shoes:

- a. Any machine-made (keg) or handmade shoe made of magnetic steel, mild steel, or aluminum is permitted; it must be of uniform width and thickness from toe to heel. Shoes made of Tungston Carbide are prohibited.
- b. The shoe must not exceed the dimensions of 1 1/4 inches wide by 1/2 inch thick.
- c. ~~A pad, if used, may be made of the following materials: leather, rubber, or plastic. Thickness is not to exceed 3/8 of an inch and overall length of toe is set at 5 1/4 inches.~~
- c. d. The shoe is not to extend more than 1/4 inch beyond the hoof in front, and shall not exceed beyond 1/4 inch of the bulb of the heel when a perpendicular line is drawn from the bulb of the horse's heel to the ground.
- d. e. Use of any kind of material other than hoof packing material (e.g. oakum, pine tar, silicone, foam rubber) and/or hoof repair material, in or around the hoof is prohibited.
- e. f. A bar welded to the bottom of the shoe that extends below the shoe's surface is prohibited.
- f. g. Clips: it is most desirable for clips to be drawn from the source material of the shoe. Welded clips are permitted as purchased on keg shoes if the overall height of the clip is 1 inch or less; a maximum of three clips per shoe permitted. Side clips must be set at or ahead of the widest part of the hoof.
- g. h. Caulks are not permitted.
- h. i. Borium is permitted on the toe and heel areas of the shoe for traction. Application of borium should not exceed 1/4 inch in height and 1 1/2 inches of area at the toe and heels. If used, this additional thickness will be taken into consideration for the overall thickness of the shoe. If the shoe gauge is used and these borium pieces are attached, the overall dimension of the shoe will either exceed the limit or be ultra thin.

## 4. Pads and Wedges

- a. ~~Corrective shoeing with a wedge and artificial hoof material shall be permitted in the show ring when applied to one hoof only, for the purpose of mending a broken hoof or hoof wall. The mended hoof must match the original natural hoof.~~  
**Corrective shoeing with a full pad or rim pad made of leather, rubber, or plastic is permitted. One pad or pad and wedge combination per foot is permitted.**
- b. ~~A single full pad or a single rim pad may be used. The pad may be made of the following materials: leather, rubber, or plastic. Thickness is not to exceed 3/8 of an inch and overall length of toe may not exceed 5 1/2 inches.~~
- c. **Bands for attachment or security of shoe and or pad are prohibited.**
- d. **Any additional weights added to a shoe or under a pad are prohibited. (See FR103.3b for definition of a shoe)**

## Proponent Details

Friesian

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## Rule Change Intent

The committee wishes to alter the rule to better conform with horse welfare and common practices in the industry by permitting corrective shoeing on more than one hoof as well as prohibiting the use of bands and additional weights. The modifications will also better aide the officials in being able to enforce the shoeing rules which currently restrict inspections of the hoof/shoe to only be done if a shoe is cast during a class.

## Linked Rules

**Web:** shoeing

## Comments

## Committee Actions

Competition Management

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 03/31/2020  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

Council - Member Services

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 04/21/2020  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** The Council would approve this rule change proposal if FR103.1.d were changed to read: "If a shoe is cast during a class, the shoe, pad, and hoof must be inspected." Furthermore, the Council feels that the rule should clarify the entity responsible for the inspection.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/27/2020  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 04/27/2020

**Draft 1:** New Draft amendments approved  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

Licensed Officials

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 04/06/2020  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** The LOC agrees with the rule, but would like clarification on whose responsibility it is to inspect the shoe and hoof.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2020	4/28/2020	Approved 6/22/2020

Proposed Change

**HJ105 Safety and Welfare** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HJ-3 REQUIREMENTS TO OBTAIN RATING]

HJ105 Safety and Welfare

1. Definitions

[...]

**k. Privacy screen: Portable screen(s) or curtain(s) that can be assembled during an emergency with the purpose of creating privacy for an injured horse or rider. A privacy screen must be opaque to afford total privacy from spectators and should be sized to adequately cover an area large enough for a prostrate horse, the treating veterinarian or medical doctor, and any other required emergency personnel. Privacy screens must be readily accessible and located in close proximity to the competition arenas. Use of privacy screens is at the discretion of Competition Management, veterinary, and/or medical staff.**

[...]

2. Minimum Requirements

Minimum Requirements to Obtain Rating	Local / Jumper 1	Regional II	Regional I/ Jumper 2	National/ Jumper 3/4	Premier/ Jumper 5/6
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AED	n/a	Required	Required	Required	Required
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<b>Privacy Screens</b>	<b>Required</b>	<b>Required</b>	<b>Required</b>	<b>Required</b>	<b>Required</b>
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[...]

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Rule Change Intent

To shield the public from any potential gruesome or catastrophic scene, allowing veterinary practitioners and medical personnel the privacy to tend to an injured horse or rider.

Linked Rules Comments

Web: Privacy Screens

Committee Actions

### Competition Management

**Draft 1:** No Action

**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 03/31/2020

**Draft 3:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments

**Draft 2:** Would approve if the recommendation of the safety committee is put in place.

**Draft 3:** No Comments

### Council - Intl Discipline

**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 3:** Recommends Approval 04/28/2020

**Draft 2:** No Comments

**Draft 3:** No Comments

### Council - Member Services

**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 04/21/2020

**Draft 3:** No Action

**Draft 2:** No Comments

**Draft 3:** No Comments

### Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 04/27/2020

**Draft 3:** Recommends Approval 04/27/2020

**Draft 2:** New Draft

**Draft 3:** No Comments

### Jumper

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/18/2019

**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 02/04/2020

**Draft 3:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments

**Draft 2:** No Comments

**Draft 3:** No Comments

### National Hunter Committee

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/25/2019

**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 01/20/2020

**Draft 3:** No Action

**Draft 1:** The committee feels this rule as currently written is too vague and a specific minimum size needs to be included.

**Draft 2:** No Comments

**Draft 3:** No Comments

### Safety

**Draft 1:** No Action

**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 03/16/2020

**Draft 3:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments

**Draft 2:** The committee would approve if screens were required for all ratings/levels (Local-Premier Rated Hunter and Level 1-6 Jumper), and if language was added to the rule change that states screens must be readily accessible, and located in close proximity to the competition arenas.

**Draft 3:** No Comments

### USHJA

**Draft 1:** No Action

**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 12/12/2019

**Draft 3:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments

**Draft 2:** No Comments

**Draft 3:** No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2020	10/15/2019	Approved 6/22/2020

Proposed Change

**HJ119 Young Hunter Sections** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HJ-5 Scheduling Requirements for Specific Sections]

HJ119 Young Hunter Sections

~~1. Premier competitions offering Young Hunter must offer all three sections separately:~~

~~a. Young Hunter 3'0"~~

~~b. Young Hunter 3'3"~~

~~c. Young Hunter 3'6"~~

~~2. National, Regional I and Regional II competitions offering Young Hunter must offer all three sections. These sections may be offered either separately or combined as follows:~~

~~a. Young Hunter 3'0"~~

~~b. Young Hunter 3'3"~~

~~c. Young Hunter 3'6"~~

~~d. Young Hunter 3'0"/3'3" and Young Hunter 3'6"~~

~~e. Young Hunter 3'0" and Young Hunter 3'3"/3'6"~~

**1. Management may offer any or all of the Young Hunter sections either separately or combined.**

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Rule Change Intent

The Young Hunter Ad Hoc was formed to evaluate young hunters. The goal is to increase interest in the Young Hunter section, support Hunter Breeders and create a larger and more inclusive pool of owners, riders and trainers for the Hunter division. This rule change provides managers with flexibility for offering and running the Young Hunters which will better meet the needs of their exhibitors while also allowing managers to provide more opportunities to feature the Young Hunters.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> Young Hunter

Committee Actions	
Competition Management	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 03/31/2020	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
Council - Member Services	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 04/21/2020	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 04/27/2020	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
National Hunter Committee	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/25/2019	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
USHJA	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 12/12/2019	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>

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Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2020	10/15/2019	Approved 6/22/2020

### Proposed Change

#### HJ119 Young Hunter Sections [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HJ-5 Scheduling Requirements for Specific Sections]

HJ119 Young Hunter Sections

[...]

**3. Management may choose to offer any Young Hunter section concurrently with the Green Hunter section. See HU162.3 for conditions.**

\*\* Link to HU162

#### Proponent Details

USHJA

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### Rule Change Intent

The Young Hunter task force was formed to evaluate the Young Hunter section with the goal of increasing interest and growing the Young Hunter section as well as supporting Hunter Breeders, up and coming Professionals, and owners of varied financial means. This rule change allows for horses that are eligible to compete in both Green and Young Hunters to show in one class but receive awards from two sections. This affords exhibitors the ability to jump less rounds while providing an opportunity to receive important additional accolades. Additionally, allowing management optional methods to run the Young Hunter sections will enable managers to use a format to feature the Young Hunters in a way that works best for their exhibitors and their show schedule.

#### Linked Rules

HU 162 (178-19)

#### Comments

**Web:** Young Hunter

### Committee Actions

#### Competition Management

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 03/31/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

#### Council - Member Services

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/21/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

#### Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/27/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

#### National Hunter Committee

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/25/2019

**Draft 1:** No Comments

#### USHJA

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/12/2019

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2020	6/22/2020	Approved 6/22/2020

Proposed Change

**HJ127 Required Measurements** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HJ-7 MEASUREMENT]

HJ127 Required Measurements

1. A horse or pony must be measured each competition year until it reaches the age of ~~eight~~ **six**. Horses and ponies that are ~~seven~~ **five** years and under will be issued a Temporary Measurement card designating the year measured. Horses and ponies that are ~~eight~~ **six** years of age and over will be issued a Standard Measurement card which does not need to be renewed. The Federation will invalidate a Standard Measurement card that does not comply with this rule. Exception: Horses that measure 16.2 hands or over will receive a standard measurement card regardless of age.

a. Those horses and ponies that are measured (and for which a valid measurement form is received by the Federation office) in the month of December immediately preceding the calendar year in which they turn ~~eight~~ **six** years of age will be issued a Standard Measurement card that does not have to be renewed.

b. For ponies, with the exception of ponies under ~~eight~~ **six** years old, once a pony is issued a Standard Measurement card, a new card will not be issued unless the height of the pony is protested and upheld, or unless an appeal is made and the remeasurement results in the pony moving to a section other than that indicated on its current measurement card.

c. For horses, with the exception of horses under ~~eight~~ **six** years old, once a horse is issued a Standard Measurement card, a new card will not be issued unless the height of the horse is protested and upheld, or unless an appeal is made and the remeasurement results in the horse moving to a section other than that indicated on its current measurement card.

HJ137.5

Appeals of protest measurements.

[...]

If the appeal is upheld, a Temporary Measurement card is issued to animals ~~seven~~ **five** years of age and under and a Standard Measurement card is issued to animals ~~eight~~ **six** years of age or over. The Temporary and Standard Measurement cards cannot be protest for the remainder of the competition year.

[...]

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Rule Change Intent

Several years ago, the age at which a horse or pony could receive a Standard Measurement card was changed from six to eight years old thereby creating a hardship for pony breeders. This rule change proposal requests a return to the age of six for a Standard Measurement card. It adds the provision that the last two height measurements recorded be in the same height section. Further, it adds the following language that was deleted on the past rule change cycle: "Horses and ponies may not be measured by the same steward for their Standard Measurement Card and the card preceding the Standard Measurement card". This rule change proposal strives to find a balance between what is ethical for the sport and what is practical for the industry.

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

Committee Actions

Breeders

<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 3:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 3:</b> No Comments

Competition Management

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 03/31/2020  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 2: This committee agrees with the LOC and approves of the age change from eight to six year. However, the committee strongly disagrees with the three new sentences added to this rule within point 1. It is a hardship for competitors to remember which Steward completed measurements a year or more ago. Also, Stewards may change from what is stated in the prizelist. Additionally, the current process for measurement appeals and protests is offered to members if a height is questionable and needs to be reevaluated. Less than 0.5% of measurements in 2017, 2018, and 2019 resulted in a measurement appeal. Therefore the measurements Stewards are completing appear to be fair and true. Also, please take into consideration GR152.1.c.6, because the requirement for two different Stewards to measure for a permanent card was removed on 12/1/19. New rules need time to take effect and see the implications.  
Draft 3: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 04/28/2020  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 2: The IDC supports the comments made by Licensed Officials and additionally would like to note that this change presents challenges for Dressage as they accept the H/J Pony Measurement Cards (DR135.2).  
Draft 3: No Comments

Council - Member Services

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 04/21/2020  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 2: The Council agrees with the opinions of both the Competition Management and the Licensed Officials Committees and approves of the age change from eight to six years, but it strongly disagrees with the three new sentences added to this rule within point 1. It is a hardship for competitors to remember which Steward completed measurements a year or more ago. Also, Stewards may change from what is stated in the prizelist. Additionally, the current process for measurement appeals and protests is offered to members if a height is questionable and needs to be reevaluated. Fewer than 0.5% of measurements in 2017, 2018, and 2019 resulted in a measurement appeal. Therefore the measurements Stewards are completing appear to be fair and true. Also, please take into consideration GR152.1.c.6, because the requirement for two different Stewards to measure for a permanent card was removed on 12/1/19. New rules need time to take effect in order to accurately determine the implications.  
Draft 3: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 04/27/2020  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments

Licensed Officials

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 01/07/2020  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: The LOC approves of the age change from eight to six years. However, the committee strongly disagrees with the three new sentences added to this rule within point 1. It is a hardship for competitors to remember which Steward completed measurements a year or more ago. Also, Stewards may change from what is stated in the prizelist. Additionally, the current process for measurement appeals and protests is offered to members if a height is questionable and needs to be reevaluated. Less than 0.5% of measurements in 2017, 2018, and 2019 resulted in a measurement appeal. Therefore the measurements Stewards are completing appear to be fair and true. Also, please take into consideration GR152.1.c.6, because the requirement for two different Stewards to measure for a permanent card was removed on 12/1/19. New rules need time to take effect and see the implications.  
Draft 3: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/25/2019  
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 01/20/2020  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: The committee does not feel comfortable with the rule change adding "Horses and ponies may not be measured by the same steward for their Standard Measurement Card and the card preceding the Standard Measurement card" as that language was removed by a rule change effective 12/1/2019. Rules should not change if they have been in effect for less than a year.  
Draft 2: The committee is strongly in favor of changing the Standard measurement age from 8 to 6. However, the committee would like to remove the requirement for two different stewards to measure a pony for the temporary card and the permanent card. This rule change just went into effect 12/1/2019 and needs time to take effect and see the implications.  
Draft 3: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: No Action 12/12/2019  
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/13/2020  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2020	9/9/2019	Approved 6/22/2020

Proposed Change

**HK113 Appointments** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HK-2. CONDUCT]

SUBCHAPTER HK-2. CONDUCT

**HK113 Appointments**

1. All vehicles and equipment must be in serviceable condition. Any exhibitor using vehicles or equipment deemed to be disruptive to other exhibitors must be excused from the ring.
2. Entries must be shown without artificial appliances (e.g., wired ears, chains, shackles, draw reins, kicking strap). Inconspicuously applied hair in mane or tail, a tail brace and mouth controls are permitted.
3. *The use of leather straps without appendages of any kind are permitted as action devices in warm up areas on the competition grounds during or before a competition. Rubber or elastic exercising devices attached with a fixed ring on a plain leather strap are permitted. A wool or fleece protective covering is permitted. The use of elastic straps/devices attached to any part of the harness/bridle is prohibited. See also GR839.4h.* The use of chains or rollers as action devices on the competition grounds during or before a competition is prohibited.

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Rule Change Intent

This rule change is to restrict dangerous and questionable behavior in regards to the use elastic exercise devices and leather straps in the warm up area. This rule change will prohibit the use of elastic exercising straps or any device being fastened to any part of the harness/bridle that makes this a training device or training hobbles.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> appointments

Committee Actions

Competition Management	
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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
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Proposed Change

**HK131 Additional Class Specifications.** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HK-9 ADDITIONAL CLASSES]

HK131 Additional Class Specifications.

1. HACKNEY PONY GIG CLASS. ~~To be shown to a gig and driven by an amateur.~~ **The gigs most commonly used are the "Park Gate" gig or "Stanhope" gig. Should be shown with a short unbraided mane.** Must be shown with a standing martingale. To be shown at a **an animated** walk, park trot and smart trot. ~~Ponies must be asked to back.~~ To be judged on **performance**, presence, ~~manners, performance,~~ quality, and conformation, **and manners**.

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Rule Change Intent

The purpose of this rule change is to update the specifications to provide improved guidelines for officials when judging the gig class and to encourage competitions to include this class in their schedule.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> hackney pony gig

Committee Actions

Competition Management	
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Proposed Change

**HK134 General** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HK-11 HACKNEY ROADSTER PONIES]

SUBCHAPTER HK-11 HACKNEY ROADSTER PONIES

HK134 General

4. All Hackney Roadster Ponies must have a measurement card prior to competing in licensed competitions. In all Hackney Roadster pony championship/stake classes (except Junior Pony sections) at the Kentucky State Fair and three (3) randomly selected USEF competitions which will be notified in writing by USEF, the first place and fourth place ponies must allow a heel measurement to be taken immediately following the class to verify the heel measurement is at or below what is indicated on the current measurement card; a copy of which must be on file in the show office prior to the pony competing. The heel measurement will be taken by the competition steward at a location determined by the measuring official and competition management. The heel measurement must be taken from the left bulb of the left front heel, from the skin line on the lower side of the coronary band with the ruler perpendicular to the flat surface. It is the trainer's or driver's decision and responsibility to determine if the pony will be hitched or unhitched for this measurement. If the heel measurement is higher than the measurement on the pony's USEF measurement card, an overall height measurement must be performed by two measuring officials (See GR502.4) no later than one hour following the end of the session at the designated location. Any entry that exceeds the legal height limit will forfeit winnings in that class. In the event there are fewer than four ponies in a class, the pony occupying the final placing will be measured. In the event of an emergency and the steward is unavailable to take the heel measurement immediately, competition management must appoint a representative to remain with the pony until the heel measurement can occur.

5. 4. Roadster Ponies must appear to have a long mane and tail.

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Rule Change Intent

This is a safety issue with concerns that it is a danger for Stewards to measure heels on ponies coming out of the ring, the rule has run its course and the rule was no longer needed.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> measurement

Committee Actions	
Competition Management	
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Council - Member Services	
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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
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Hackney	
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## Proposed Change

**HK135 Appointments.** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HK-11 HACKNEY ROADSTER PONIES ]

1. Driver shall wear **Roadster Silks** ~~stable colors~~, cap (or protective headgear, see HK135.2) and jacket to match. The exhibitor's number must be worn on the back of the driver.
2. Protective headgear is required for all Junior Exhibitor and AHHS Youth Medallion roadster pony classes (both to-bike and under-saddle). Refer to GR801.4, GR801.7, GR801.8.
3. Ponies shall be shown to a roadster cart (bike). A low crupper, overcheck, square blinkers and straight or broken snaffle bit shall be used. Martingales are required. Protective boots are permitted.
4. In Roadster Pony Under Saddle classes, ponies are to be shown under English saddle, full martingale, open bridle with snaffle bit, single or double rein and protective boots. Rider to wear **Roadster Silks** ~~stable colors~~, jacket and protective headgear to match.

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## Rule Change Intent

From time to time proposed rule changes are suggested from the judge's clinics and these rules are in need of updating. The terminology "stable colors" should be replaced with "Roadster Silks" because using stable colors is no longer a practice in the Hackney Roadster Pony division and most stables wear the appropriate Roadster Silks or Colors but not necessary stable colors.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> Hackney Roadster Ponies

## Committee Actions

Competition Management	
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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
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Proposed Change

**HU 106 Equipment** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-3 ATTIRE, TACK AND EQUIPMENT COURSES]

HU106 Equipment

1.Light pads and bar shoes are permissible, however, bar shoes indicate a weakness and in Conformation classes a judge may penalize accordingly. All artificial appliances, including but not limited to nasal strips, **nose nets, belly bands**, boots, wraps and bandages are prohibited. In the case of inclement weather competition management may permit the use of bell boots.

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Rule Change Intent

The purpose of this rule change is to add nose nets and belly bands to the list of prohibited equipment.This clarification reflect the recently issued interpretation from USEF. Clarifying the rule will greatly assist judges and stewards. Nose nets are permitted in equitation so it would seem to merit a clear statement about the use in hunter classes.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> equipment

Committee Actions	
Competition Management	
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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
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National Hunter Committee	
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USHJA	
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Proposed Change

**HU111 Height of Obstacles** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-4 COURSES]

HU111 Height of Obstacles

- [...]  
 2.Young Hunter Sections:  
 a.Young Hunter ~~3'0"~~ **5 and under – 2'9"**  
 b.Young Hunter ~~3'3"~~ **6 and under – 3'0"**  
 c.Young Hunter ~~3'6"~~ **7 and under – 3'3"**  
 [...]

HU133 Young Hunter Eligibility and Status for Horses

- 1.Young Hunter age restrictions are defined as:  
 a.Young Hunter **5 and under** ~~3'0" – horses five years of age and under~~  
 b.Young Hunter **6 and under** ~~3'3" – horses six years of age and under~~  
 c.Young Hunter **7 and under** ~~3'6" – horses seven years of age and under~~  
 [...]

HU134 Young Hunter Sections

- [...]  
 3.A handy hunter class may be offered in the Young Hunter ~~3'0", 3'3", and 3'9"~~ sections but is not required.

\*\*Link to GR1131 and GR311

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Rule Change Intent

The Young Hunter Ad Hoc was formed to evaluate young hunters. The goal is to increase interest in the Young Hunter section, support Hunter Breeders, and create a larger and more inclusive pool of owners, riders and trainers for the Hunter division. This rule change adjusts the names of the Young Hunter sections to more accurately describe the sections. Additionally, this rule change adjusts the fence heights for each Young Hunter section. Lowering the fence heights will allow horses to begin competing in a Young Hunter section without it affecting the horse's Green Hunter status. Based on analysis of young horses competing in the Green Hunter sections in 2018 the majority of 7 year old horses competed in the 3'3" or 3'0" section. An overwhelming majority of 6 year old horses competed in the 3'0" section. Additionally, in the USHJA Hunter 2'9" section, over 65% of horses were 5 or under.

Linked Rules	Comments
GR 1131 (119-19)	<b>Web:</b> Young Hunter

Committee Actions	
Competition Management	
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Council - Member Services	
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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
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National Hunter Committee	
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USHJA	
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## Proposed Change

### HU129 Under Saddle and Hack Classes [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-8 HUNTER SECTIONS]

#### HU129 Under Saddle and Hack Classes

1. In Under Saddle and Hunter Hack classes, horses are shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. They should not be eliminated for slight errors. Judges may ask horses to hand gallop collectively, one way of the ring. (Exception: green classes.) No more than eight will be asked to hand gallop at one time. (Exception: Hunter National Championships see Championship Specifications). All horses being considered for an award must be serviceably sound. **Judges must work competitors in groups of (20) or less or they must work a larger group in one direction, line up their selected competitors before working those remaining on the rail in the second direction, excusing the unselected competitors, and judging the selected competitors in the second direction.**
2. [...]

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## Rule Change Intent

This change mirrors a rule already in effect in EQ108.2.A. The first option is a safety issue that will prevent skirmishes from overcrowded rings with too many horses showing at speed and the second option gives all competitors a fair chance to be seen by the judges. While this rule would be particularly helpful in classes for young horses and/or riders, it is a good rule of thumb for all under saddle classes.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> Under Saddle & Hack Classes

Committee Actions	
Competition Management	
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Council - Member Services	
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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 04/27/2020	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
National Hunter Committee	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/25/2019	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
USHJA	
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Proposed Change

**HU131 Hunter Eligibility and Green Eligibility Status for Horses [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-8 HUNTER SECTIONS]**

**HU131 Hunter Eligibility and Green Eligibility Status for Horses**

1. ~~In all cases, the hunter eligibility and green status of the horse is the responsibility of the owner.~~
2. ~~Hunter eligibility for a horse begins when a horse of any age, competes for the first time in any over fences class with jumps at three feet (3'0") in height or higher in any Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America.~~

a. ~~For the purposes of eligibility, equivalent heights are:~~

~~3'0" — .90 meters~~

~~3'3" — 1.0 meters~~

~~3'6" — 1.10 meters~~

~~3'9" — 1.20 meters~~

1. ~~When a horse begins its hunter eligibility competing in hunter or equitation classes or sections with fence heights of 3'0"– 3'5", it remains eligible for Green Hunter 3'0" and 3'3" for two competition years (not necessarily consecutive).~~
1. ~~A horse that competes in any Hunter, or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation, class at a recognized competition in the United States or Canada with fence heights of 3'6" or higher, is no longer eligible to compete in the Green Hunter 3'0" section.~~

~~A horse that competes in any Hunter, or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation, class at a recognized competition in the United States or Canada with fence heights of 3'6" or higher is no longer eligible to compete in the Green Hunter 3'0" section but remains eligible to compete in the Green Hunter 3'3" section.~~

1. ~~A horse that competes in any Hunter, or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation, class at a recognized competition in the United States or Canada with fence heights of 3'6" or higher is no longer eligible to compete in the Green Hunter 3'0" section but remains eligible to compete in the Green Hunter 3'3" section. A horse may compete in any other hunter, or equitation, class with fence heights of a maximum of 3'6" if otherwise eligible, a maximum of four (4) times in one competition year prior to August 1 and remain eligible to compete in the Green Hunter 3'3". For jumper restrictions, see HU131.11.~~
2. ~~Once a horse competes in a hunter, or equitation, class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights of 3'6" or higher a fifth time in one competition year, it is no longer eligible for the Green Hunter 3'3" section and it is only eligible to compete in the Green Hunter 3'6" section for the remainder of the competition year. That competition year will be considered the horse's Green Hunter 3'6" year. If a horse competes in a hunter, or equitation, class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights of 3'6" or higher after August 1, it is no longer eligible for the Green Hunter 3'3" section and it is only eligible to compete in the Green Hunter 3'6" section for the remainder of the competition year. That competition year will be considered the horse's Green Hunter 3'6" year. For jumper restrictions see HU131.11.~~
3. ~~Once a horse competes in a Federation or USHJA National Championship/Event with fence heights of 3'6" or higher he is no longer eligible for the Green Hunter 3'0" or 3'3" sections.~~

~~1. Following a horse's Green Hunter 3'6" year, it is eligible to compete in the Green Hunter 3'9" section for one year. That one year will commence the next competition year that the horse competes in any hunter, or equitation, class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights of 3'6" or higher. For jumper restrictions see HU131.11.~~

~~4. A horse that has completed his Green Hunter 3'9" year is no longer eligible for any Green Hunter section.~~

~~5. Once a horse begins its hunter eligibility, the following jumper restrictions apply:~~

~~b. To remain eligible for Green Hunter 3'0" and 3'3", a horse may not compete in a jumper class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights higher than 3'3" (or 1.0m– 1.10m when class specifications list fence height in metric).~~

~~c. To remain eligible for Green Hunter 3'6", a horse may not compete in a jumper class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights 3'6" (or 1.10m when class specifications list fence height in metric).~~

~~d. To remain eligible for Green Hunter 3'9", a horse may not compete in a jumper class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights 3'9" (or 1.20m when class specifications list fence height in metric).~~

~~6. In all cases, fence heights will be determined by the specifications of each section regardless of whether or not the fences are actually set at the regulation height.~~

~~7. If a competition starts prior to or on November 30th Green status at the start of the competition is maintained throughout the competition.~~

1. In all cases, the hunter eligibility and green status of the horse is the responsibility of the owner.
2. Hunter eligibility for a horse begins when a horse of any age, competes for the first time in any over fences class with jumps at three feet (3'0") in height or higher in any Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a Federation or Equine Canada licensed competition. Any previous jumper experience attained prior to the horse competing in its first Hunter or Hunter/Jumper Seat Equitation class at 3'0" or above shall not impact the horse's green status. Once a horse begins competing in any of the classes mentioned above, however, competing in comparable jumper classes will impact a horse's green eligibility in the same manner as Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes.
3. Once a horse begins its Hunter eligibility by competing in Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections at 3'0" or higher held at a Federation or Equine Canada licensed competition the following statements apply:
  - a. Green Hunter 3'/3'3": A horse in its first competition year of showing in classes with fence heights of 3'0" - 3'5" is eligible for Green Hunter 3'0" and 3'3" for a total of two competition years (not necessarily consecutive). During a horse's Green Hunter 3'0" and 3'3" years:
    1. Horses competing in classes at 3'6": Once a horse competes in any Hunter, Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation, or Jumper class at a Federation or Equine Canada licensed recognized competition with fence heights of 3'6" (or 1.10m), it will be deemed is no longer eligible to compete in the Green Hunter 3'0" section but remains eligible to compete in the Green Hunter 3'3" section.
    2. Horses competing in classes higher than 3'6": Once a horse competes in any Hunter, Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation, or Jumper classes at Federation or Equine Canada licensed competitions with fences higher than 3'6" (or 1.10m), it shall no longer be eligible for the Green Hunter 3' or 3'3" sections.
  3. A horse that competes in any Hunter, Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation, or Jumper classes at a Federation or Equine Canada licensed competition with fence heights of 3'6" (or 1.10m) during more than four (4) competitions shall no longer be eligible to compete in the Green Hunter 3'3" section.
  4. Once a horse competes in a Federation or USHJA National Championship/Event with fence heights of 3'6" (or 1.10m) or higher he is no longer eligible for the Green Hunter 3'0" or 3'3" sections.
    - b. Green Hunter 3'6": A horse in its first competition year showing in classes with fence heights 3'6" (or 1.10m) or higher is eligible for the Green Hunter 3'6" section for one competition year. Exception: see points 1 and 2 below.
      1. A horse shall remain eligible for the Green Hunter 3'6" section in a future year if it meets the following criteria:
        - a. Has not competed at more than four (4) competitions in one competition year prior to August 1 at Federation or Equine Canada licensed competitions in any Hunter, Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation, or Jumper classes with fence heights of 3'6" (or 1.10m).
        - b. Has not competed at any Federation or Equine Canada licensed competitions in any Hunter, Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation, or Jumper classes with fence heights of higher than 3'6" (or 1.10m).
        - c. Has not competed at any Federation or Equine Canada licensed competitions in any Hunter, Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation, or Jumper classes with fence heights of 3'6" (or 1.10m) or higher on or after August 1.
        - d. Has not competed in a Federation or USHJA National Championship/Event with fence heights of 3'6" or higher.
      2. Should a horse meet all of the above criteria, its Green Hunter 3'6" year may be postponed for a future competition year. The next competition year during which a horse competes in any Hunter, Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation, or Jumper classes of 3'6" or higher at a Federation or Equine Canada licensed competitions shall be considered the horse's Green Hunter 3'6" year.
  - c. Green Hunter 3'9": A horse in its second competition year (not necessarily consecutive) of showing in classes with fences 3'6" or higher is eligible for the Green Hunter 3'9" section for one competition year.
    1. Following a horse's Green Hunter 3'6" year, it is eligible to compete in the Green Hunter 3'9" section for one year. That one year will commence the next competition year that the horse competes in any hunter, or equitation, or jumper class at a Federation or Equine Canada licensed competition with fence heights of 3'6" (or 1.10m) or higher.
    2. A horse that has completed his Green Hunter 3'9" year is no longer eligible for any Green Hunter section.
4. In all cases, fence heights will be determined by the specifications of each section regardless of whether or not the fences are actually set at the regulation height.
5. If a competition starts prior to or on November 30th Green status at the start of the competition is maintained throughout the competition.

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#### Rule Change Intent

This change is eliminate confusion among exhibitors about the jumper restrictions for green hunters and to make the hunter and jumper height restrictions more equal.

Linked Rules	Comments
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<b>Committee Actions</b>	
<b>Competition Management</b>	
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<b>Council - Member Services</b>	
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<b>Council - Natl Breed &amp; Discipline</b>	
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<b>National Hunter Committee</b>	
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<b>USHJA</b>	
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Proposed Change

**HU131.9 Hunter Eligibility and Green Eligibility Status for Horses** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-7 CONDUCT OF CLASSES]

HU130 Hunter Eligibility and Green Eligibility Status for Horses

1. [...]

9. Following a horse's Green Hunter 3'6" year, it is eligible to compete in the Green Hunter 3'9" section for one year. That one year will commence the next competition year that the horse competes in any hunter or equitation class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights of 3'6" or higher. ***A horse may compete in any hunter or Hunter/Jumper Seat equitation class with fence heights of 3'6" or higher for which it is eligible at four (4) competitions prior to August 1 in their Green Hunter 3'9" year and remain eligible to defer their Green Hunter 3'9" year to another year one time only. Once a horse competes in a hunter or Hunter/Jumper Seat equitation class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights of 3'6" or higher a fifth time in one competition year that year will be designated that horse's Green Hunter 3'9" year. If a horse competes in any hunter or Hunter/Jumper Seat equitation class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights of 3'6" or higher after August 1 of any year following it's Green Hunter 3'6 year it will be considered that horses Green Hunter 3'9" year.*** For jumper restrictions see HU130.11.

10. [...]

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

To allow horses that either sustain an injury during the beginning of their Green Hunter 3'9" year, or that need further schooling to be comfortable at the 3'9" height the ability to defer until they are ready to have a full and comfortable year in the Green Hunter 3'9" section.

Linked Rules

Comments

**Web:** Green Eligibility

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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National Hunter Committee

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USHJA

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Proposed Change

**HU133 Young Hunter Eligibility and Status of Horses** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-8 HUNTER SECTIONS]

HU133 Young Hunter Eligibility and Status for Horses

[...]

2. Horses eligible for the Young Hunters may begin competing in any Young Hunter height section for which they are eligible. Further eligibility in the Young Hunter section is determined by the height section in which they enter the hunter eligibility system. (see HU133.5-9)

**3. The Young Hunter section is open to any age-verified horse eligible by age regardless of competition experience.**

4. A horse is eligible to compete in an age-restricted hunter class from December 1 of the competition year in which they reach the applicable age at any time during that same competition year.

5. Age of horse must be verified in accordance with Federation policies and procedures prior to competing for awards in the Young Hunter sections. Age can be verified using only the following documents:

- a. Registration papers, Certificate of Pedigree, or passport issued from a breed or sport horse registry approved by the Federation.
- b. Horse Identification Document issued by a breed or sport horse registry approved by the Federation that states the registered name of the horse, the registration number of the horse and age of the horse.

6. When a horse begins its hunter eligibility competing in any Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation class or section with fence heights of 3'0"–3'5", it remains eligible for Young Hunter 3'0" and 3'3" for two competition years provided it is eligible by age.

a. For the purposes of eligibility, equivalent heights are:

- 3'0" 90 meter
- 3'3" 1.0 meter
- 3'6" 1.10 meter
- 3'9" 1.20 meter

7. A horse that competes in any hunter or equitation class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights of 3'6" or higher is no longer eligible to compete in the Young Hunter 3'0" section but remains eligible to compete in the Young Hunter 3'3" section if otherwise eligible. A horse may compete in any other hunter or equitation class with fence heights of a maximum of 3'6" a maximum of four (4) times in one competition year prior to August 1 and remain eligible to compete in the Young Hunter 3'3". For jumper restrictions see HU133.10.

8. Once a horse competes in a hunter or equitation class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights of 3'6" or higher a fifth time in one competition year, it is no longer eligible for the Young Hunter 3'3" section and it is only eligible to compete in the Young Hunter 3'6" section for the remainder of the competition year. That competition year will be considered the horse's Young Hunter 3'6" year. If a horse competes in a hunter or equitation class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights of 3'6" or higher after August 1, it is no longer eligible for the Young Hunter 3'3" section and it is only eligible to compete in the Young Hunter 3'6" section for the remainder of the competition year. That competition year will be considered the horse's Young Hunter 3'6" year. For jumper restrictions see HU133.10.

9. Once a horse competes in a Federation or USHJA National Championship/Event with fence heights of 3'6" or higher, it is no longer eligible for the Young Hunter 3'3" section.

10. A horse that has completed his Young Hunter 3'6" year is no longer eligible for any Young Hunter section.

11. Once a horse begins its hunter eligibility, the following jumper restrictions apply:

- a. To remain eligible for Young Hunter 3'0 and 3'3", a horse may not compete in a jumper class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights higher than 3'3" (or 1.0m when class specifications list fence height in metric).
- b. To remain eligible for Young Hunter 3'6", a horse may not compete in a jumper class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights higher than 3'6" (or 1.10m when class specifications list fence height in metric).

12. In all cases, fence heights will be determined by the specifications of each section regardless of whether or not the fences are actually set at the regulation height.

13. If a competition starts prior to or on November 30th, Young Hunter status at the start of the competition is maintained throughout the competition.

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Rule Change Intent

The Young Hunter Ad Hoc was formed to evaluate young hunters. The goal is to increase interest in the Young Hunter section, support Hunter Breeders and create a larger and more inclusive pool of owners, riders and trainers for the Hunter division. This rule change simplifies the eligibility requirements to create a Hunter section based only on age. This change will allow additional entries in the Young Hunter sections by including horses who previously were not otherwise eligible due to green eligibility restrictions.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> Young Hunter

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Competition Secretaries

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Council - Member Services

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National Hunter Committee

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USHJA

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Proposed Change

**HU142 Junior Hunter 3'3" and 3'6" [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-8 HUNTER SECTIONS]**

7. Junior Hunter 3'3" restrictions:

a. Riders may not cross-enter into any class at 3'6" or higher in the Hunter division, higher than 3'9" in the Equitation division or higher than ~~4.20m~~ **1.25m** in the Jumper division at the same competition.

b. Horses entered in the Junior Hunter 3'3" section may not cross-enter into the Junior Hunter 3'6" section at the same competition.

8. If the Junior Hunter section is split by height of animal, the horse may be shown over fences by different riders as long as they are from the same age group.

~~9. If an under saddle class is divided by age and a rider has two or more horses entered, all riders must be juniors but need not be eligible by age.~~

**9. Any junior rider may show a junior hunter under saddle.**

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Rule Change Intent

The restrictions on the Junior Hunter 3'3" are a little too excessive. The 1.20m restriction means those juniors may not be able to participate in the classic even when they do the rest of the 1.20m junior jumper section. Some areas have trouble finding enough riders for the under saddle classes. For the health of the sections these changes should be implemented.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> Junior Hunter (Under Saddle classes)

Committee Actions	
Competition Management	
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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
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National Hunter Committee	
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USHJA	
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## Proposed Change

### HU145 Hunter Breeding [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-9 HUNTER & PONY BREEDING]

1. Pony Hunter Breeding classes are open to ponies.
2. Unless the USHJA submits their Zone specifications to the Federation by August 1st of the previous year, the following specifications will apply for the Pony Hunter Breeding Division:
  - a. Ponies in the Pony Hunter Breeding Division are not required to have a measurement card. However, a pony ~~may~~ **shall** be subject to measurement by the competition steward to verify a height that does not exceed 14.2 hands.
  - b. Division of Classes. Foals (colts, geldings and/or fillies); Yearlings (colts, geldings and/or fillies); Two year-olds (colts, geldings and/or fillies); Three year-olds (colts, geldings and/or fillies); Broodmares (with foal at foot and/ or bred with a breeding certificate); Stallions (three year olds and over); Produce of Dam (two ponies produced by the same mare); Get of Sire (two ponies sired by the same stallion). Animals shown in the Produce or Get classes must be three years of age or younger.
  3. Class Specifications.
    - a. Breeding classes are judged on conformation, **athleticism**, way of moving, quality, substance, soundness and suitability to become Pony Hunters. Transmissible unsoundness is only to be considered in the case of sires and dam or prospective sires and dams. Ponies are to be judged for conformation before being walked and/or ~~jogged~~ **trotted**. Broodmares and weanlings are to walk. Yearlings, Two year-olds and Three year-olds are to walk and ~~jog~~ **trot**. Ponies that are not sound are ineligible for an award. Entries should be lined up in order of preference before the ribbons are pinned.
    - b. All entries may either be shown in a bridle or a leather halter.
    - c. Four classes must be offered consisting of Yearlings, Two year-olds, Three year olds and Best Young Pony. Classes may not be combined. Classes may be divided by sex. Management is encouraged to divide classes where entries warrant. Only these classes will count for Federation Zone Horse of the Year Awards.
    - d. A Best Young Pony class must be offered and judged as a separate class. **Yearlings, Two year-olds and Three year-olds are to walk and trot**. Winners in all qualifying classes may show in the best Young Pony Class. Second place winners may return. Federation Zone Horse of the Year Points will be awarded in the Best Young Pony class regardless of the number of entries.

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### Rule Change Intent

- 2.a. This rule change helps to clarify the height measurement process. It was unclear if a formal protest was required for the steward to measure entries for the purposes of ensuring the entries are truly ponies. By changing the wording, it clarifies that it is under the purview of the steward.
- 3.a. Adding "athleticism" and changing "jog" to "trot" keeps the language and class standards consistent throughout the Hunter Breeding and Pony Breeding sections. The primary goal of both divisions is to assess the future success in performance classes where athleticism is required.
- 3.d. Adding the language to this section clarifies that Best Young Pony as a separate class and as such the class must be conducted with the same standards and criteria as the qualifying classes.

### Linked Rules

### Comments

**Web:** Pony Hunter Breeding

### Committee Actions

#### Breeders

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#### Competition Management

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#### Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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#### National Hunter Committee

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#### USHJA

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Proposed Change

**HU162 Combining and Dividing Specific Sections** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-12 COMBINING AND DIVIDING OF SECTIONS OR CLASSES]

HU162 Combining and Dividing Specific Sections

[...]

3.Young Hunter

a.Combining:

1.Young Hunter section(s) may not be combined with any other hunter section.

**2.At Competition Management's discretion, and with at least three (3) Young Hunters entered in any section, the Young Hunter Section(s) may run concurrently with the corresponding Green Hunter height section or Combined Green Hunter Section. Horses that are entered in both the Young Hunter and Green Hunter section(s) will be eligible for awards in both sections. Horses that are not entered in both sections will only be eligible for awards in the section in which they are entered. If there are fewer than three (3) entries in any of the Young Hunter section(s) they must be combined for awards per HU162.3. A separate entry fee for the Young Hunter Section will apply. The Green Hunter section requirements by rating listed in HU162.2 will still apply.**

\*\* Link to HJ119

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Rule Change Intent

The Young Hunter Ad Hoc was formed to evaluate young hunters. The goal is to increase interest in the Young Hunter section, support Hunter Breeders and create a larger and more inclusive pool of owners, riders and trainers for the Hunter division. This rule change allows for horses that are eligible to compete in both Green and Young Hunters to show in one class but receive awards from two sections. This affords young horses the ability to jump fewer rounds. Additionally, allowing management optional methods to run the Young Hunter sections will enable managers to use a format to feature the Young Hunters in a way that works best for their exhibitors and their show schedule.

Linked Rules	Comments
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HJ 119 (173-19)

**Web:** Young Hunter

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Competition Secretaries

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Council - Member Services

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National Hunter Committee

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Proposed Change

**HU167-173** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-14 USHJA Championships and Special Classes]

SUBCHAPTER HU-14 USHJA CHAMPIONSHIPS, **PROGRAMS**, AND SPECIAL CLASSES

*For full specifications see [www.ushja.org](http://www.ushja.org).*

HU167 International Hunter Derby ~~Membership Requirements~~

*Exhibitors must be Federation and USHJA active members and horses must be Federation recorded and USHJA registered in order to participate in the following programs. See [www.ushja.org](http://www.ushja.org) for complete specifications.*

1. *USHJA Children's & Adult Amateur Hunter Championships (exhibitors must be active Junior or Amateur members);*
2. *USHJA Green Hunter Challenge;*
3. *USHJA Green Hunter Incentive Stake Class (horses must be enrolled);*
4. *USHJA Green Hunter Incentive Regional Championship (horses must be enrolled);*
5. *USHJA Green Hunter Incentive National Championship (horses must be enrolled);*
6. *USHJA Hunter Sections (2'-3');*
7. *USHJA International Hunter Derby;*
8. *USHJA International Hunter Derby Championship (horses must be enrolled);*
9. *USHJA International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake;*
10. *USHJA Pony Hunter Derby (exhibitors must be active Junior members);*
11. *USHJA Pony Hunter Derby Championship (exhibitors must be active Junior members);*
12. *USHJA World Championship Hunter Rider Program*
13. *USHJA WCHR Spectaculars;*
14. *USHJA WCHR Challenge classes;*
15. *USHJA Young Hunter Pony Championships (exhibitors must be active Junior members);*
16. *USHJA National Championship (exception: Affiliate classes);*
17. *USHJA National Hunter Derby;*
18. *USHJA Zone Horse of the Year Championship;*
19. *USHJA Zone Handy Hunter Challenge (exhibitors must be active members in home zone);*
20. *USHJA Zone Horsemanship Class/Championship and*
21. *USHJA Zone Stirrup Cup Championships.*

*Horses competing in these programs shall accrue Federation and/or Zone Horse of the Year points and/or money won in accordance with the point values and prize money won referenced in the class specifications available at [www.ushja.org](http://www.ushja.org) and outlined in GR1131 and HU167.*

**HU168 Competition Requirements**

*The following classes may be held at the eligible competitions listed below:*

1. *Children's & Adult Amateur Hunter Championships – National or Premier;*
2. *Green Hunter Challenge – National, Premier, Regional I or II;*
3. *Green Hunter Incentive Stake Class– National, Premier, Regional I or II;*
4. *Green Hunter Incentive Regional Championship– National or Premier;*
5. *Green Hunter Incentive National Championship– National or Premier;*
6. *USHJA Hunter Sections (2'-3'); – National, Premier, Regional I or II;*
7. *International Hunter Derby; – National or Premier;*
8. *International Hunter Derby Championship; – National or Premier;*
9. *International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake; Licensed stand-alone IHD*
10. *Pony Hunter Derby – National, Premier, Regional I or II;*
11. *Pony Hunter Derby Championship – National, Premier, Regional I or II;*
12. *World Championship Hunter Rider Program – National or Premier;*
13. *WCHR Spectaculars – National or Premier;*
14. *WCHR Challenge classes – National or Premier;*
15. *Young Hunter Pony Championships – any USEF licensed competition;*
16. *USHJA National Championship – any USEF licensed competition;*
17. *National Hunter Derby– National, Premier, Regional I or II;*
18. *Zone Horse of the Year Championship – National or Premier;*

- 19. **Zone Handy Hunter Challenge – any USEF licensed competition;**
- 20. **Zone Horsemanship Class/Championship – National or Premier; and**
- 21. **Zone Stirrup Cup Championships – Regional I or II**

**HU169 National Horse of the Year Point Values**

**USHJA Green Hunter Challenge**                      **Points to be credited to the respective Green Hunter section**

**a. For a USHJA Green Hunter Challenge in which the first round is the last class of the Green Hunter 3'0"/3'3" Section, HOTY points will be awarded as follows:**

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>40</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>32</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>28</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>24</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>20</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>4</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>16</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2</b>

**b. For a USHJA Green Hunter Challenge which is held as separate two round class, HOTY points will be awarded for a as follows:**

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>80</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>24</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>64</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>20</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>56</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>16</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>48</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>40</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>32</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>4</b>

**USHJA Green Hunter Incentive**                      **Points to be credited to the respective Green Hunter section**

<i>Stake Class</i>	<i>Premier and National Competitions</i>		<i>Regional I and Regional II Competitions</i>		
<i>Place</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Place</i>	Points		
<b>1st</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>1st</b>	40		
<b>2nd</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>2nd</b>	30		
<b>3rd</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>3rd</b>	25		
<b>4th</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>4th</b>	20		
<b>5th</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>5th</b>	15		
<b>6th</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>6th</b>	13		
<b>7th</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7th</b>	10		
<b>8th</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8th</b>	7		
<b>9th</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9th</b>	4		
<b>10th</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10th</b>	3		
<b>11th</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11th</b>	2		
<b>12th</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12th</b>	1		
<b>Regional Championship</b>	<b>Round 1</b>	<b>Round 2</b>	Overall		
<i>Place</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Place</i>	Points	<i>Place</i>	<i>Points</i>
<b>1st</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>1st</b>	50	1st	200
<b>2nd</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>2nd</b>	40	2nd	160
<b>3rd</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>3rd</b>	35	3rd	140
<b>4th</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>4th</b>	30	4th	120

<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>25</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	25	5th	100
<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>20</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	20	6th	80
<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	15	7th	60
<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	10	8th	40
<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	7	9th	28
<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	5	10th	20
<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	3	11th	12
<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	2	12th	8

<b>National Championship</b>	<b>Round 1</b>	<b>Round 2</b>	Final Championship Round		
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<b>Place</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Place</b>	Points	Place	Points
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>150</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	200	1st	400
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>140</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	185	2nd	370
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>130</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	170	3rd	340
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>120</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	155	4th	310
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>110</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	140	5th	280
<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>100</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	125	6th	250
<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>90</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	110	7th	220
<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>80</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	100	8th	200
<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>70</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	90	9th	180
<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>60</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	80	10th	160

<b>11th</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>11th</b>	70	11th	140
<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>50</b>	<b>12th</b>	60	12th	120
<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>45</b>	<b>13th</b>	50	13th	100
<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>40</b>	<b>14th</b>	45	14th	90
<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>35</b>	<b>15th</b>	40	15th	80
<b>16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>30</b>	<b>16th</b>	35	16th	70
<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>25</b>	<b>17th</b>	30	17th	60
<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>20</b>	<b>18th</b>	25	18th	50
<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>15</b>	<b>19th</b>	20	19th	40
<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10</b>	<b>20th</b>	15	20th	30

*Points to be credited to each horse's respective section as declared at the time of entry. Only Juniors and Amateurs may declare for the applicable Junior or Amateur Owner section. Points may not be credited toward the HOTY awards for the Green Conformation Hunter 3'6" or the High Performance Conformation Hunter. The money won and points won in the USHJA International Hunter Derby and International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake will only be awarded towards a declared Hunter section for HOTY points if a horse competes in the declared section a minimum of five (5) times during the competition year.*

<b>Class</b>	<b>Round #1</b>		<b>Round #2</b>		<b>Overall/ Top 12</b>
<b>1st</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>1st</b>	50	1st	200
<b>2nd</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>2nd</b>	40	2nd	160
<b>3rd</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>3rd</b>	35	3rd	140
<b>4th</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>4th</b>	30	4th	120
<b>5th</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>5th</b>	25	5th	100
<b>6th</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>6th</b>	20	6th	80
<b>7th</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7th</b>	15	7th	60

<b>8th</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8th</b>	10	8th	40
<b>9th</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9th</b>	7	9th	28
<b>10th</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10th</b>	5	10th	20
<b>11th</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11th</b>	3	11th	12
<b>12th</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12th</b>	2	12th	8

**Welcome Stake**

<b>1st</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>2nd</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>3rd</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>4th</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>5th</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>6th</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>7th</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>8th</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>9th</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>10th</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>11th</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>12th</b>	<b>2</b>

<b>Championship</b>	<b>Round #1</b>	Round #2	Overall		
<b>1st</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>1st</b>	200	1st	400

<b>2nd</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>2nd</b>	185	2nd	370
<b>3rd</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>3rd</b>	170	3rd	340
<b>4th</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>4th</b>	155	4th	310
<b>5th</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>5th</b>	140	5th	280
<b>6th</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>6th</b>	125	6th	250
<b>7th</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>7th</b>	110	7th	220
<b>8th</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>8th</b>	100	8th	200
<b>9th</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>9th</b>	90	9th	180
<b>10th</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>10th</b>	80	10th	160
<b>11th</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>11th</b>	70	11th	140
<b>12th</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>12th</b>	60	12th	120
<b>13th</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>13th</b>	50	13th	100
<b>14th</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>14th</b>	45	14th	90
<b>15th</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>15th</b>	40	15th	80
<b>16th</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>16th</b>	35	16th	70
<b>17th</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>17th</b>	30	17th	60
<b>18th</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>18th</b>	25	18th	50
<b>19th</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>19th</b>	20	19th	40
<b>20th</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>20th</b>	15	20th	30

**National Hunter Derby (Zone points)**

**Premier and National Competitions**

**Regional I and Regional II  
Competitions**

<b>Place</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Points</b>
1st	75	1st	50
2nd	60	2nd	40
3rd	54	3rd	35
4th	45	4th	30
5th	38	5th	25
6th	30	6th	20
7th	23	7th	15
8th	15	8th	10
9th	10	9th	7
10th	7	10th	5
11th	5	11th	3
12th	3	12th	2

**Pony Hunter Derby** *Riders must declare the Pony Hunter or Green Pony Hunter section in which to earn HOTY points prior to competing. Only ponies eligible for the Green Pony Hunter Section may declare to earn points in the Green Pony Hunter section.*

**Base Points** *One additional point per pony entered will be added to the base National HOTY points earned*

<b>Class</b>	1st	75	7th	23
2nd	60	8th	15	
3rd	54	9th	10	
4th	45	10th	7	

5th 38 11th 5

6th 30 12th 3

Base Points One additional point per pony entered will be added to the base National HOTY points earned

Championship 1st 75 7th 23

2nd 60 8th 15

3rd 54 9th 10

4th 45 10th 7

5th 38 11th 5

6th 30 12th 3

- 1. For full specifications see www.ushja.org.
2. The USHJA International Hunter Derby may only be offered at Federation licensed Premier competitions...
3. National bonus points will be awarded to each horse's respective section as declared at the time of entry...

Table with 4 columns: Rank, Round #1, Round #2, Overall/Top 12. Rows for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

4th	30	30	120
5th	25	25	100
6th	20	20	80
7th	15	15	60
8th	10	10	40
9th	7	7	28
10th	5	5	20
11th	3	3	12
12th	2	2	8

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4. Riders, owners, and trainers must be current Active members of USEF and USHJA before the start of the class. Horses must be recorded with the Federation and registered with USHJA. Exception: Foreign residents and horses in good standing with their National Federation are eligible to compete in this class. However the points and/or money won will not count for any USEF or USHJA standings or awards unless they are also members of USEF and USHJA, and the horse is recorded with USEF and registered with USHJA. (See GR901.9).
5. The prize money offered in this class does not count to determine the overall rating of the competition. Exception: Premier rated competitions see HJ119
6. Points—USHJA International Hunter Derby Championship

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	Round #1	Round #2	Overall
1st	150	200	400
2nd	140	185	370
3rd	130	170	340
4th	120	155	310
5th	110	140	280
6th	100	125	250
7th	90	110	220

8th	80	100	200
9th	70	90	180
10th	60	80	160
11th	55	70	140
12th	50	60	120
13th	45	50	100
14th	40	45	90
15th	35	40	80
16th	30	35	70
17th	25	30	60
18th	20	25	50
19th	15	20	40
20th	10	15	30

# ~~HU168 USHJA National Hunter Derby~~

~~For full class specifications see [www.ushja.org](http://www.ushja.org). USHJA National Hunter Derby may be offered at USEF Licensed Premier, National, Regional I or Regional II, and stand-alone International Hunter Derby Competitions.~~

- ~~1. Management may choose to offer a second USHJA National Hunter Derby restricted to Juniors and Amateurs. In this case, horses may compete in either class but may not cross enter between the two.~~
- ~~2. The same pony may not compete in the USHJA Pony Hunter Derby and the USHJA National Hunter Derby at the same competition.~~
- ~~3. At Premier or National rated competitions, or competitions approved for Special Competition status, zone HOTY points will be awarded as follows:~~

1st	75
2nd	60
3rd	54
4th	45
5th	38
6th	30

7th ——— 23

8th ——— 15

9th ——— 10

10th ——— 7

11th ——— 5

12th ——— 3

4. At Regional I or Regional II rated competitions, zone HOTY points will be awarded as follows:

1st ——— 50

2nd ——— 40

3rd ——— 35

4th ——— 30

5th ——— 25

6th ——— 20

7th ——— 15

8th ——— 10

9th ——— 7

10th ——— 5

11th ——— 3

12th ——— 2

5. The money won and points won in the USHJA National Hunter Derby will only be awarded towards a declared Hunter section for Zone HOTY points if a horse competes in the declared section a minimum of 1 time during the competition year. National HOTY points will not be awarded. Money won will be awarded for a USHJA National Hunter Derby as determined by USHJA.
6. Prize Money must be distributed in accordance with the official USHJA [Class Specifications at www.ushja.org](http://www.ushja.org).
7. Riders, owners and trainers must be current active members of the Federation and USHJA to participate in this class. (See GR202). Horses and ponies must be registered with the USHJA to participate in this class. Exception: Foreign residents and horses and ponies in good standing with their National Federation are eligible to compete in this class. Money won in a USHJA National Hunter Derby will only count for any USHJA National Hunter Derby program standings or awards if the rider, owner and trainer are current Active member of the Federation and USHJA and the horse is registered with USHJA. USHJA Zone Horse of the Year bonus points will only be awarded for placing in a USHJA National Hunter Derby if the owner is a current Active member of the Federation and USHJA and the horse is recorded with the Federation and registered with USHJA. For additional information and Zone residency requirements see GR1110 and GR1111.
9. The same horse may not compete in the USHJA National Hunter Derby and International Hunter Derby at the same competition.

## ~~HU169 USHJA Green Hunter Challenge~~

For full class specifications see [www.ushja.org](http://www.ushja.org). USHJA Green Hunter Challenge may be offered at Federation Licensed Premier, National, Regional I or Regional II Competitions and at Competitions approved for a Special Competition Status.

- USHJA Green Hunter Challenge is open to horses of any age eligible under Federation rules to compete in the Green Hunter 3' or 3'3".
- National and Zone HOTY points for a USHJA Green Hunter Challenge will count toward the Green hunter 3'0" or 3'3" section and will be awarded as follows:
  - For a USHJA Green Hunter Challenge in which the first round is the last class of the Green Hunter 3'0"/3'3" Section, National and Zone HOTY points will be awarded as follows: 1st-40, 2nd-32, 3rd-28, 4th-24, 5th-20, 6th-16, 7th-12, 8th-10, 9th-8, 10th-6, 11th-4 and 12th-2.
  - For a USHJA Green Hunter Challenge which is held as separate two round class, National and Zone HOTY points will be awarded for a as follows: 1st-80, 2nd-64, 3rd-56, 4th-48, 5th-40, 6th-32, 7th-24, 8th-20, 9th-16, 10th-12, 11th-8 and 12th-4.
- Money won will be awarded for a USHJA Green Hunter Challenge as determined by USHJA.
- Riders, owners and trainers must be current Active members of Federation and USHJA to participate in this class. (See GR202). Horses must be registered with the USHJA to participate in this class. Exception: Foreign residents and horses in good standing with their National Federation are eligible to compete in this class.
  - National and Zone Horse of the Year points will only be awarded for placing in a USHJA Green Hunter Challenge if the owner is a current Active member of the Federation and USHJA, the horse is recorded with the Federation and registered with USHJA. For additional information and Zone residency requirements see GR1110 and GR1111.

# ~~HU170 USHJA Green Hunter Incentive~~

1. For full class specifications see [www.ushja.org](http://www.ushja.org).
2. The USHJA Green Hunter Incentive Stake class may be held at any USEF Premier, National, Regional I or Regional II rated hunter competition, or competitions that have been approved for a Special Competition status.
3. Open to horses of any age that are eligible to compete as a Green Hunter under Federation rules. Horses must be enrolled in the USHJA Green Hunter Incentive Program prior to competing in a Green Hunter Incentive Stake class. Additionally, horses must be registered with USHJA and recorded with USEF to participate.
4. The USHJA Green Hunter Incentive classes will count toward National and Zone HOTY points or money won awards.
5. Money won will be awarded for a USHJA Green Hunter Incentive class as determined by USHJA.

# ~~HU171 USHJA Pony Hunter Derby~~

1. For full specifications see [www.ushja.org](http://www.ushja.org).
2. A USHJA Pony Hunter Derby may be offered at Federation licensed Premier, National, Regional I and Regional II rated competitions and stand-alone International Hunter Derby Competitions.
3. Riders, owners, and trainers must be current Active members of the Federation and USHJA to participate in this class. Ponies must be registered with USHJA to participate in this class. Exception: Foreign residents and ponies in good standing with their National Federation are eligible to compete in this class.
  1. Points earned in a USHJA Pony Hunter Derby will only count for any USHJA Pony Hunter Derby program standings or awards if the rider, owner and trainer are current Active members of the Federation and USHJA, and the horse is registered with USHJA.
  2. National and Zone HOTY bonus points will only be awarded for placing in a USHJA Pony Hunter Derby if the owner is a current Active member of the Federation and USHJA and the horse is recorded with the Federation and registered with USHJA.
4. Riders must declare the Pony Hunter or Green Pony Hunter section in which to earn HOTY points prior to competing. Only ponies eligible for the Green Pony Hunter Section may declare to earn points in the Green Pony Hunter section. National HOTY points will be awarded for the overall placings as follows:

1st	75
2nd	60
3rd	54
4th	45
5th	38
6th	30
7th	23
8th	15
9th	10
10th	7
11th	5
12th	3

Zone HOTY points will be awarded for the overall placings as follows:0

1st	5
2nd	40
3rd	35
4th	30
5th	25
6th	20
7th	15
8th	10

9th	7
10th	5
11th	3
12th	2

# ~~HU172 International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake~~

1. For full class specifications see [www.ushja.org](http://www.ushja.org)

1. A USHJA International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake may only be offered at Federation licensed stand-alone International Hunter Derby Competitions.
2. USHJA International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake must be offered and run in accordance with official class specifications located at [www.ushja.org](http://www.ushja.org), including but not limited to:
  1. Remitting the per horse entrant fee
  2. Distribution of prize money
3. Riders, owners, and trainers must be current Active members of the Federation and USHJA to participate in this class. Horses must be recorded with the Federation and registered with USHJA to participate in this class. Exception: Foreign residents and horses in good standing with their National Federation are eligible to compete in this class.
  1. Money won in a USHJA IHD Welcome Stake will only count for any USHJA International Hunter Derby program standings or awards if the rider, owner and trainer are current Active members of the Federation and USHJA, and the horse is recorded with the Federation and registered with USHJA.
  2. National HOTOY points and money won will only be awarded for placing in a USHJA IHD Welcome Stake if the owner is a current Active member of the Federation and USHJA and the horse is recorded with the Federation and registered with USHJA.
4. National bonus points will be awarded to each horse's respective section as declared at the time of entry. Only Juniors and Amateurs may declare for the applicable Junior or Amateur Owner section. Horses declared in Open Sections will also be awarded the value of their money won for the declared hunter section (exception: Green Conformation Hunter 3'6" or the High Performance Conformation Hunter. National bonus points may not be credited toward the HOTOY awards for the Green Conformation Hunter 3'6" or the High Performance Conformation Hunter. The point structure will be as follows:

1st	50
2nd	40
3rd	35
4th	30
5th	25
6th	20
7th	15
8th	10
9th	7
10th	5
11th	3
12th	2

# ~~HU173 USHJA Pony Breeding Championship~~

1. USHJA at its discretion may choose to conduct an East and/or West Coast Pony Hunter Breeding Championship(s).
  1. The USHJA Pony Hunter Breeding Championship(s) must be run in accordance with official championship specifications located at [www.ushja.org](http://www.ushja.org).
  2. Handlers, riders, owners, and trainers must be current Active members of the Federation and USHJA on or before the first day of the competition.
  3. Ponies must be recorded with the Federation and registered with USHJA on or before the first day of the competition.
  4. Zone HOTOY bonus points will be awarded for the USHJA Pony Hunter Breeding Championship(s) as determined by USHJA.

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

The change makes it easier for exhibitors to see at a glance which programs are USHJA and have the agreed upon data in the rulebook, while removing a significant amount of redundancy between specifications and rules. The rest of the program information will be outlined in the program specifications thus keeping the rulebook to a more manageable size.

Linked Rules

EQ 111 (189-19), JP 113 (188-19)

Comments

Web: Specifications

Committee Actions

Competition Management

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 03/31/2020

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 04/27/2020

Draft 1: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 01/28/2020

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/12/2019

Draft 1: No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2020	3/3/2020	Approved 6/22/2020

**Proposed Change**

**HU169 USHJA Green Hunter Incentive Program** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-14 USHJA CHAMPIONSHIPS AND SPECIAL CLASSES]

- For full class specifications, **regional championship specifications, and national championship specifications** see [www.ushja.org](http://www.ushja.org).
- The USHJA Green Hunter Incentive Stake class may be held at any USEF Premier, National, Regional I or Regional II rated hunter competition, or competitions that have been approved for a Special Competition status.
- Open to horses of any age that are eligible to compete as a Green Hunter under Federation rules. Horses must be enrolled in the USHJA Green Hunter Incentive Program prior to competing in a Green Hunter Incentive Stake class. Additionally, horses must be registered with the USHJA and recorded with USEF to participate.
- ~~The USHJA Green Hunter Incentive classes will count toward National and Zone HOTA points or money won awards.~~ **The USHJA Green Hunter Incentive will count towards National and Zone Horse of the Year points/money for each horse's respective Green Hunter height section . See GR1131.3 for restrictions. See chart below for how points are calculated.**

**A. Points for Stake Class**

**Premier and National Competitions**

**Regional I and Regional II Competitions**

<i>Place</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Points</i>
1	50	1	40
2	40	2	30
3	35	3	25
4	30	4	20
5	25	5	15
6	20	6	13
7	15	7	10
8	10	8	7
9	7	9	4
10	5	10	3

11                    3                    11                    2

12                    2                    12                    1

**B. Points for Regional Championships**

***Regional Championships***

<b><i>Round 1</i></b>		<b><i>Round 2</i></b>		<b><i>Overall</i></b>	
<b><i>Place</i></b>	<b><i>Points</i></b>	<b><i>Place</i></b>	<b><i>Points</i></b>	<b><i>Place</i></b>	<b><i>Points</i></b>
1	50	1	50	1	200
2	40	2	40	2	160
3	35	3	35	3	140
4	30	4	30	4	120
5	25	5	25	5	100
6	20	6	20	6	80
7	15	7	15	7	60
8	10	8	10	8	40
9	7	9	7	9	28
10	5	10	5	10	20
11	3	11	3	11	12
12	2	12	2	12	8

**C. Points for National Championship**

<b><i>Round 1</i></b>	<b><i>Round 2 (if 3 rounds are applicable)</i></b>	<b><i>Final Championship Round</i></b>
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<i>Place</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Points</i>
1	150	1	200	1	400
2	140	2	185	2	370
3	130	3	170	3	340
4	120	4	155	4	310
5	110	5	140	5	280
6	100	6	125	6	250
7	90	7	110	7	220
8	80	8	100	8	200
9	70	9	90	9	180
10	60	10	80	10	160
11	55	11	70	11	140
12	50	12	60	12	120
13	45	13	50	13	100
14	40	14	45	14	90
15	35	15	40	15	80
16	30	16	35	16	70
17	25	17	30	17	60
18	20	18	25	18	50
19	15	19	20	19	40

5. Money won will be awarded for ~~a~~ USHJA Green Hunter Incentive **Stakes, class, regional championships, and national championships** as determined by USHJA.

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Rule Change Intent

In my opinion, it is a mistake to allow horses to accumulate HOTY points/money in sections without any participation requirement in those sections (per current presidential modification and RCP 015-19). Following the examples set by the USHJA International and National Derby programs, horses could be able to use the points acquired through the USHJA Incentive Stake classes towards HOTY points, Indoors, and Devon once they have competed in their respective section a minimum number of times.

Also, #015-19 includes redundant language in point #4 and unnecessarily includes a reference to the conformation section. Conformation is not part of the Green Hunter section in the first place and therefore does not need to be excluded.

Linked Rules Comments

GR 1131 (142-19)

Web: green hunter incentive program

Committee Actions

Competition Management

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 03/31/2020

Draft 2: This has been addressed by USHJA in the second draft of tracking 015-19.

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 04/27/2020

Draft 2: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 01/28/2020

Draft 1: The committee has discussed this subject at length and feels there should be no restrictions requiring horses to compete in the Green Hunter sections in order for points from the USHJA Green Hunter Incentive to count.

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 04/14/2020

Draft 2: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 01/13/2020

Draft 1: The changes have been incorporated into the new draft of 015-19

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 04/13/2020

Draft 2: Contradicts rule submitted by USHJA

## HU174.2 Tracking #171-19 Draft #1 Approved

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2020	10/15/2019	Approved 6/22/2020

### Proposed Change

#### HU174 Hunter Classics [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-7 CONDUCT OF CLASSES]

##### HU174 Hunter Classics

1. Any Premier, National, Regional I or Regional II rated competition may offer a Hunter Classic.
2. [...]
- a. Six (6) entries are required to conduct a Hunter Classic.
- b. If there are fewer than six (6) entries in any one Hunter Classic, it may combine with any other sections of the same rating, **regardless of the combining or dividing rules of the section**. Exception: The Adult Amateur Hunter Classic, Children's Pony Hunter Classic and Children's Hunter Classic may be held with the number of entries indicated in the Zone specifications. If Hunter Classics are combined and a horse is shown in more than one section qualifying for the Hunter Classic, the exhibitor must declare their point section to the Competition Secretary on a declaration form at the time of entry into the Classic.
- c. [...]

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### Rule Change Intent

The intent of this rule change is to remove ambiguity as to what sections can be combined for hunter classics, outlining any specific requirements outside of the regular hunter section/classes.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> Hunter Classics (Combining/Dividing)

### Committee Actions

Competition Management	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 03/31/2020	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
Council - Member Services	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 04/21/2020	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 04/27/2020	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
National Hunter Committee	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/25/2019	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
USHJA	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 12/12/2019	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2020	12/18/2019	Approved 6/22/2020

Proposed Change

**JP103 Schooling** [CHAPTER JP-1 General]

JP103.2 Schooling Supervision Requirements

[...]

c.A C1 Steward or Certified Schooling Supervisor ~~must~~ **is recommended to** be present during schooling for Five, Six, or Seven Year Old classes.

d. A minimum of one competition Steward must always remain available to attend to other stewarding duties

[...]

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Rule Change Intent

This change will alleviate competition managers from small horse shows from being required to hire an additional official to host Young Jumper classes. Currently, horse show managers are not hosting Young Jumper classes due to this requirement. This will encourage more competitions to offer classes for the Young Jumpers and help promote young horse development in the US.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> schooling supervision

Committee Actions

Competition Management

<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 3:</b> Recommends Approval 03/31/2020	<b>Draft 3:</b> No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

<b>Draft 3:</b> Recommends Approval 04/28/2020	<b>Draft 3:</b> No Comments
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Council - Member Services

<b>Draft 3:</b> Recommends Approval 04/21/2020	<b>Draft 3:</b> No Comments
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Jumper

<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Disapproval 11/18/2019	<b>Draft 2:</b> An Official Competition Steward needs to be available for all the other steward duties including attending to accidents or emergencies. This should be unrelated to the amount of horses that entered the show a year ago. If this relatively new requirement is keeping shows from offering these classes, then perhaps make this a recommendation rather than a rule.
<b>Draft 3:</b> Recommends Approval 02/04/2020	<b>Draft 3:</b> No Comments

Licensed Officials

<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 3:</b> Recommends Disapproval 01/07/2020	<b>Draft 3:</b> The LOC believes recommendations should not be placed in the rulebook. The Committee recommends providing education to competition managers about the importance of safety within schooling areas.

Safety

**Draft 3:** Recommends Disapproval 03/16/2020

**Draft 3:** The committee would like to see the data that supports this request, and an update as to what has changed in the environment with regards to safety and welfare. Please see original intent below: Original Intent as submitted in 2016 as an Extraordinary rule change with a 2/1/2017 effective date: As Young Jumper classes are growing in popularity, the welfare of the young horse is being overlooked. For the safety of both horses and riders, this rule change aims to address potentially dangerous or harmful activities affecting Young Jumpers by restricting fence heights and widths permissible in a schooling area, preventing horses from being walked over elevated rails, and providing safety guidelines for setting jumps 1 m or higher. In the interest of horse welfare, schooling rules must be implemented as soon as possible. The Committee, upon review of the original request, intent and passing of the rule, feels that original intent still stands. Given the affiliate proposed and passed that rule as an Extraordinary Rule change, which subsequent committees reviewed as such and approved as a horse welfare issue requiring immediate implementation just three years ago, coupled with this proposal lacking quantifiable information to support the request, the committee believes this change is being requested specifically for economic reasons, and not reasons of safety or welfare. Additionally, the committee believes that this is not a rule, but rather a recommendation.

Steward-Technical Delegate Committee

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

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

USHJA

**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** Recommends Approval 12/12/2019

**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2020	10/16/2019	Approved 6/22/2020

Proposed Change

**JP111 Tack and Attire** [CHAPTER JP-1 General]

1. Martingales. *The following rules only apply to riders while in the competition ring.*

a. Classes offered at 1.30m or below—No martingale restrictions when used in a conventional manner (see also JP111.3). See JP111.1b for conventional manner.

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

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

Clarifies that the martingale rules outlined in JP 111.1 are for the competition ring and not schooling area.

Linked Rules

Comments

**Web:** Tack and Attire

Committee Actions

Competition Management

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 03/31/2020  
**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 03/31/2020

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

Council - Intl Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/28/2020

**Draft 1: No Comments**

USHJA

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/12/2019

**Draft 1: No Comments**

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Proposed Change

JP113 USHJA Programs & Classes [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER JP-1 General]

JP113 USHJA Programs & Classes

Exhibitors must be Federation and USHJA active members and horses must be USEF recorded and USHJA registered in order to participate in the following programs. See [www.ushja.org](http://www.ushja.org) for complete specifications.

1. USHJA Jumper Classic Series;
2. USHJA Platinum Jumper Championship;
3. USHJA National Championship (exception: Affiliate classes);
4. USHJAZone Jumper Team Championship;
5. USHJA Zone Horse of the Year Championship; and
6. USHJA Zone Stirrup Cup Championships.

Horses competing in these programs shall accrue USEF and/or USHJA Zone Horse of the Year points in accordance with the specifications available at [www.ushja.org](http://www.ushja.org)

Competitions eligible to host the following are:

1. USHJA Jumper Classic Series – Jumper Rating 1-6
2. USHJA Platinum Jumper Championship – Jumper Rating 3 and above
3. USHJA National Championship – Jumper Rating 1 - 6
4. USHJA Zone Jumper Team Championship – Jumper Rating 3 and above
5. USHJA Zone Horse of the Year Championship – Jumper Rating 3-6
6. USHJA Zone Stirrup Cup Championships – Jumper Rating 1 or 2

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Rule Change Intent

The change makes it easier for exhibitors to see at a glance which programs are USHJA and have the agreed upon data in the rulebook, while removing a significant amount of redundancy between specifications and rules. The rest of the program information will be outlined in the program specifications thus keeping the rulebook to a more manageable size.

Linked Rules	Comments
HU 167 (191-19), EQ 111 (189-19)	Web: Specifications

Committee Actions	
Competition Management	
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Council - Intl Discipline	
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Jumper	
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USHJA	
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Proposed Change

**JP117 Sections/Classes Restricted to Junior, Amateur/Owner, Amateur or Young Riders** [CHAPTER JP-3 Section Specifications]

(For all three categories: 1. Amateur Owner Jumper, 2. Amateur Jumper, and 3. Junior Jumper)

c. Level of Difficulty.

1. High Amateur Owner classes will have courses set at ~~either 1.40m (4'7") or to 1.45 m (4'9')~~. The maximum height for the first class of this section, and for any classes in which time is the deciding factor in the initial round, is 1.40 m (4'7"). Note: Only ... classes set at ~~either 1.40m or to 1.45m~~ will be pointed toward HOTY awards in the High ... category.

2. Medium Amateur Owner classes will have courses set at ~~either 1.30m (4'3") or to 1.35m (4'5")~~. All ... classes set at ~~either 1.30m or to 1.35m~~ will be pointed towards HOTY awards in the Medium ... category.

3. Low Amateur Owner classes will have courses set at ~~either 1.20m (3'11") or to 1.25m (4'1")~~. All ... classes at ~~either 1.20m or to 1.25m~~ will be pointed toward the Low ... category for purposes of HOTY awards.

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Rule Change Intent

This change allows a range to be offered for Amateur Owner, Amateur, and Junior Jumper classes rather than one specific height. This change would apply to all three sections.

Linked Rules

Comments

**Web:** Sections/Classes Restricted to JR, A/O, Amateur or YR

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

USHJA

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

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Proposed Change

**JP122 Fence Dimensions** [CHAPTER JP-4 Levels of Difficulty]

1. At Licensed Competitions the Level of Difficulty for each class must be indicated in the prize list and on the course plan. This may be shown as either

a. specific height in feet/inches or metric measure or a height range of not more than 5cm or 3" (i.e. 1.30m to 1.35m or 4'3" to 4'6"). If a range is indicated, fence heights may not be lower than the low height specified (except the first fence or the first element of a combination, and High Jump, Puissance, and Accumulator classes). If a range is shown, the ~~lower~~ **higher** height will determine how the class is counted toward HOTY awards, etc.

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Rule Change Intent

If the height of a class is offered as a range, this change now has the higher fence height defining the class since the competitor did jump the higher height of that range.

Linked Rules	Comments
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**Web:** Fence Dimensions

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

USHJA

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Proposed Change

**JP122 Fence Dimensions** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER JP-4 LEVELS OF DIFFICULTY ]

7. Certifying the Standard **for USEF Show Jumping Ranking List Classes**. Classes **to be included in the USEF Show Jumping Ranking List** of \$25,000 or more must be certified by the following: A course plan showing the actual heights and spreads of all the fences, signed by the Course Designer and given to the Senior Judge. After the Senior Judge inspects the course, he must sign the course plan and he must give the course plan to the Senior Steward no later than the conclusion of the competition on the same day the class is held ~~to include with his report to the Federation.~~ **The Senior Steward must submit the course plan and the Show Jumping Ranking List Steward's Report to Ryegate Show Services within 48 hours of the completion of the competition/event.** If the class is held at a different standard than that listed in the prize list, the Steward must certify in **both the USEF Steward's Report and the USEF Show Jumping Ranking List Steward's Report** his report that the requisite rules and procedures of JP122.6 **JP150.1** were correctly followed.

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Rule Change Intent

This proposal came out of discussions from the joint meeting of the USEF JSC and the USHJA JWG at the USHJA Annual Meeting. Stewards will now only collect USEF Ranking List course diagrams and not all classes of \$25,000 or more. Ryegate calculates the USEF Ranking List and receives the USEF Ranking List Steward's Report. This will allow them to refer to the course diagram should any question arise about the Standard (JP 122.4) in which the Ranking List class was held.

Linked Rules Comments

**Web:** USEF Show Jumping Ranking List

Committee Actions

Competition Management

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 03/31/2020  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

Council - Intl Discipline

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 04/28/2020

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

Council - Member Services

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 04/21/2020  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** The Council agrees with the opinion of the Licensed Officials Committee and approves of the concept of having the Steward submit the USEF Show Jumping Ranking List Steward's Report to Ryegate Show Services as outlined in the proposal. However, the rule strikes out the provision that requires the course plan to be submitted to the Steward "no later than the conclusion of the competition on the same day the class is held..." In order for the Steward to effectively complete their duties, the LOC would recommend keeping this requirement. Suggested language: After the Senior Judge inspects the course, he must sign the course plan and he must give the course plan to the Senior Steward no later than the conclusion of the competition on the same day the class is held. The Senior Steward must submit the course plan and USEF Show Jumping Ranking List Steward's Report to Ryegate Show Services within 48 hours of the completion of the competition/event.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

Licensed Officials

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 04/06/2020

**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** The LOC agrees with the concept of having the Steward submit the USEF Show Jumping Ranking List Steward's Report to Ryegate Show Services as outlined in the proposal. However, the rule strikes out the provision that requires the course plan to be submitted to the Steward "no later than the conclusion of the competition on the same day the class is held..." In order for the Steward to effectively complete their duties, the LOC would recommend keeping this requirement. Suggested language: After the Senior Judge inspects the course, he must sign the course plan and he must give the course plan to the Senior Steward no later than the conclusion of the competition on the same day the class is held. The Senior Steward must submit the course plan and USEF Show Jumping Ranking List Steward's Report to Ryegate Show Services within 48 hours of the completion of the competition/event.

**Draft 2:** No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
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Proposed Change

**JP136 The Competition Round** [CHAPTER JP-6 Scoring]

1. Starting and Finishing. In order to receive a score other than “Withdraw (Did Not Start),” “Retired,” or “Eliminated”:

d. The horse must not resist for 45 consecutive seconds or take more than 45 seconds to jump the first obstacle after the time of the round has begun. **The horse must not** or take more than 45 seconds to jump the next obstacle on course, **including after the tone has sounded following a time out.**

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Rule Change Intent

This addition puts a time limit of 45 seconds on competitors to attempt the jump again after the tone from a time out.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> The Competition Round

Committee Actions	
Competition Management	
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Council - Intl Discipline	
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USHJA	
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Proposed Change

**MO127 Morgan Classic Pleasure Saddle Class** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER MO-6 MORGAN CLASSIC PLEASURE SECTION]

MO127 Morgan Classic Pleasure Saddle Class {MO-6 Morgan Classic Pleasure Section}

1. APPOINTMENTS. A flat, English saddle and a full bridle (curb bit and bridoon) ~~should~~ **must** be used. Exception: Side-saddle English tack is allowed unless it is prohibited in the prize list.

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Rule Change Intent

As the rule currently reads a full bridle can be interpreted as being recommended rather than required, this verbiage change will verify that the full bridle is required.

Linked Rules	Comments
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**Web:** morgan classic pleasure saddle class

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/27/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

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Proposed Change

**MO-186 Appointments Sport Horse Under Saddle Classes** [CHAPTER MO-15 Sport Horse Section]

MO186 APPOINTMENTS SPORT HORSE UNDER SADDLE CLASSES

Bridle shall be a dressage-type snaffle bridle with snaffle bit, or hunter-type snaffle or Pelham bridle is acceptable. **A dressage-type double bridle is permitted when using dressage appointments.** Converters on Pelham bridle are not permitted and two reins are required. Snaffles may be with or without cheeks, keepers allowed. Unconventional bits may be penalized at the discretion of the judge; kimberwicks and double bridles are prohibited, **with the exception of double bridles for use with dressage appointments as stated above.** Cavesson nosebands are preferred, but flash nosebands would be acceptable when using a Dressage snaffle bridle with snaffle bit. Martingales are not permitted. A dressage, forward seat or English all-purpose saddle is to be used. No saddle seat type saddles allowed. Girth may be leather or other suitable material. Horses wearing non-conforming appointments will be eliminated from judging consideration.

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Rule Change Intent

Upper-level dressage horses may be shown in a double bridle, and most are, when competing in dressage classes. Allowing a double bridle when riding in dressage tack will allow those upper- level dressage horses to show to their best potential in the Morgan sport horse under saddle class. They will be able to highlight the collection required at upper- levels of dressage, the sport horse division in which they compete. This will bring more quality to the sport horse division, by attracting horses at high levels of the sport.

Linked Rules

Comments

**Web:** appointments

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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**Draft 2:** No Action

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

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 04/27/2020

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

Morgan

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 01/17/2020  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 04/28/2020

**Draft 1: Committee agrees with the rule but requests that in the first bolded sentence the word "a" be removed and that "saddle" be replaced with "appointments" and then in the second sentence "tack" be replaced with "appointments".**  
**Draft 2: No Comments**

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## Proposed Change

**MO201 General** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER MO-18 MORGAN WORKING WESTERN ]**MO201 General** {MO-18 Morgan Working Western}

1. In the event a rule within the Morgan Working Western section takes a clear exception to a general rule, or clearly departs from a general rule, the Morgan Working Western section rule shall govern.

**2. Judges**

a. Federation Registered ('R') Western, Federation Morgan judges (preferably experienced in judging Working Western Events), National Reining Horse Association (NRHA), National Reined Cow Horse Association (NRCHA), judges licensed in a non-affiliated breed for working western classes (i.e. AQHA, APHA, ApHC, etc.) and/or those holding a Specialty Card with the Arabian Horse Association shall judge the Morgan Working Western section. A guest card is required for any judge other than a Federation licensed Western or Morgan judge.

1. Exception: The Grand National & World Championship Morgan Horse Show shall not use a Federation licensed Morgan judge to officiate Working Western classes.

c. Timed events such as Ranch Sorting, Ranch Team Penning, Ranch Roping, and Gymkhana events shall be judged and timed by a Federation licensed official.

3. Horses must be at least 3 years of age to compete in the Working Western section.  
(Exception: 2 year olds are eligible to compete in Ranch Conformation)

**4. Class/ Horse Restrictions:**

- a. There is no restriction on the number of horses a rider may show in a class.
- b. No horse may be ridden more than once per class in Working Western classes.  
(EXCEPTION GREEN RIDER CLASS)
- c. All horses may be shown in one class (ie. Stallion, mares and geldings).

5. Substitution of Riders: Competition management may only allow substitutions in case of injury.

6. The rider in a championship class does not have to be the same as the rider in the qualifying class.

**7. Order of go:**

- a. Will be drawn in a random manner (computer/electronically, shuffling cards, drawing numbers, etc.).
- b. The order of go will be posted at least one hour before the start of the class.

8. The score is to be announced before the next rider begins a pattern unless the score is held for review by the judge(s). A held score is to be announced at the earliest opportunity between rides after review by the judge(s).

9. Exhibitors with multiple horses will not be back to back, where total number of horses entered will permit.

10. When specified patterns are required, patterns for each class must be posted at least one hour prior to the start of the class.

11. If a tie for first place occurs, the tie may be broken at the judge's decision or a work-off.

12. Horses may be shown one-handed in a bridle or two-handed in a Hackamore or Western Snaffle reins in any Morgan Working Western Class regardless of age.

13. No time outs are permitted within Working Western classes.

**MO202 AGES**

1. **YOUTH:** A Non-Pro who has not reached their 22 birthday as of December 1st of the current competition year. Youth may be further subdivided at the discretion of show management; those splits must be printed in the prize list. (Example: 15 and under and 16 and over).

2. **ADULT:** A Non-Pro who is no longer eligible to compete as a Youth.

**MO203 CLASSES**

1. Youth classes may be offered. Youth are not required to own the horse on which they compete. If a Youth qualifies the horse for a Non-Pro Championship class, the non-ownership clause applies.

2. *Championship classes may be offered.*

3. *Age (horse) restricted classes are allowed.*

#### 4. *Class Definitions*

a. *Open – any horse any rider.*

b. *Youth – A Non-Pro who has not reached their 22 birthday as of December 1st of the current competition year. Youth maybe furthered subdivided at the discretion of show management; those splits must be printed in the prize list. (Example: 15 and under and 16 and over). Youth are not required to own their horse.*

c. *Non Pro - A Non Pro is defined as a person who has not received direct (money) or indirect (goods or services) remuneration for training or showing astride in any equine discipline or giving instruction on showing or training of a performance horse. A horse shown in a Non Pro competition must be solely and completely owned by the Non Pro or a member of the Non Pro's immediate family defined as: spouse, partner, children, parent, step parent, grand parent or step grandparent. Exemption to this rule is a youth competitor.*

d. *First Year Green Horse - This would be the first year that the horse would be shown in this particular class. The horse may be shown one or two handed with any legal bit but may not switch back and forth upon entering the arena.*

e. *Second Year Green Horse- Horse shall have been shown in this class at least once in one and only one prior year. The horse may be shown one or two handed with any legal bit but may not switch back and forth upon entering the arena.*

f. *First/Second Year Green Horse- May qualify under either first or second year green requirements as above. The horse may be shown one or two handed with any legal bit but may not switch back and forth upon entering the arena.*

g. *Green Rider - Open to any professional or Non-Pro Rider who has not trained a working western horse for remuneration, has not won a World, Reserve World, Grand National or Reserve Grand National title in a working western class. The rider does not have to own the horse being ridden. The horse may be shown multiple times with different riders. Rider may show either one or two handed with any legal bit but may not switch back and forth upon entering the arena. Classes may be subdivided into Adult and Youth or Open and Non Pro if desired by Show Management.*

h. *Green Horse - Open to horses who have not won any previous year's National/Reserve National or World/Reserve World titles in the working western division. Horses may be shown one or two-handed with any legal bit but may not switch hands back and forth upon entering the arena. Classes may be subdivided into Adult and Youth or Open and Non-Pro if desired by show management. Youth non-ownership clause would apply in these classes.*

i. *Show management may include classes not defined herein; however, these other classes must be defined with class specifications and printed in the prize list.*

#### MO204 Appointments and Attire

1. *Black hoof polish is discouraged.*

2. *Braiding or banding of mane prohibited (exception: timed events).*

3. *Tail extension prohibited.*

4. *Trimming of bridle path, fetlocks, facial hair and ears is allowed.*

5. *Equipment with silver should not count over a good working outfit. Silver on bridles and saddles is discouraged.*

6. *Protective boots and wraps are permitted.*

7. *Horses may be barefoot or shod. No restrictions on type of shoe.*

8. *Tongue Ties are not permitted.*

#### 9. *Tack*

##### a. *Bits*

1. *All bits must be free of mechanical device.*

2. *A hackamore includes a bosal rounded in shape and constructed of flexible braided rawhide or leather and must have a flexible nonmetallic core attached to a suitable headstall with maximum diameter of 3/4" at the cheek. Attached reins must be of hair, rope, leather or leather-like materials. Other material of any kind must not be used in conjunction with a bosal, i.e., steel, metal or chains (Exception: Smooth plastic electrical tape is acceptable).*

3. *Snaffle bits: conventional O-ring, egg-butt, or D-ring with a ring no larger than 4" and no smaller than 2". The inside circumference of the ring must be free of rein, curb or headstall attachments which would provide leverage. The mouthpiece should be round, oval or egg-shaped, smooth and free of wire. It may be inlaid, but smooth and/or latex wrapped. The bars must be a minimum of 5/16" in diameter, measured 1" in from the cheek with a gradual decrease to center of the snaffle. Optional curb strap is acceptable however curb chains are not acceptable. These requirements remain the same for all classes in which a rider may use a snaffle bit.*

4. *Curb bit: has a solid or broken mouthpiece, has shanks and acts with leverage. It should be considered a standard Western bit. A standard Western bit includes:*

a. *8 1/2" maximum length shank to be measured as indicated in the USA Reining Rules and Regulations. Shanks may be fixed or loose.*

b. *Bars must be round, oval or egg-shaped, smooth and unwrapped metal (or other hard rubber or plastic) of 5/16" to 3/4" in diameter, measured 1" from the cheek. They may be inlaid, but must be smooth or latex wrapped. Nothing may protrude more than 1/8 inch below the mouthpiece (bar).*

c. *The port must be no higher than 3 1/2" maximum, with rollers and covers acceptable. Broken mouthpieces, halfbreeds, and spades are standard.*

d. *When a curb bit is used, a curb strap or curb chain is required and must be at least 1/2" in width, lie flat against the jaw. Wire, rawhide, metal or other substance must not be used in conjunction with or as part of the leather chin strap, or curb chains. Rounded, rolled, twisted, braided or rawhide curb straps are prohibited.*

5. *Slip bits, donuts or flat polo mouthpieces are not acceptable.*

6. *Gag bits are permitted in timed events but are prohibited in all others.*

##### b. *Reins:*

1. *Either split reins or romal reins are acceptable.*

2. *Only one hand may be used on reins and hands must not be changed except to negotiate an obstacle in a Trail Horse Class. See specific classes for exceptions.*

3. When ends of split, reins fall on side of reining hand, one finger between reins is permitted.
4. When using romal or when ends of split reins are held in hand not used for reining, no finger between reins is permitted. Rider may hold romal or end of split reins to keep them from swinging and to adjust the position of the reins provided it is held with at least 16 inches of rein between the hands. Please see class descriptions for exceptions.
- c. Breast collar or rear cinch not required.
- d. Attire:
  1. Shall be appropriate for the class entered. Shall include a long sleeve shirt, western hat or protective headgear and boots. Chaps, shotgun chaps and chinks optional. Exception: short sleeved shirts permitted in timed events.
  2. Headgear: Any exhibitor may wear protective headgear (ASTM/SEI) in lieu of a western hat and/or a protective safety vest, specifically designed for use in equestrian sport in any division or class without penalty from the judge.
  3. Ropers are not required to wear a western hat.
  4. Baseball caps are not permitted.

## MO205 Working Western - Non Cattle Classes

### 1. Ranch Riding

Ranch Riding classes held in the Morgan division are to be conducted in accordance with the Federation Western Division, Chapter WS, except as stated herein or above.

### 2. Ranch Trail

- a. The ranch trail class should test the horse's ability to cope with situations encountered while being ridden through a pattern of obstacles generally found during the course of everyday ranch work. The horse/rider team is judged on the correctness, efficiency and pattern accuracy with which the obstacles are negotiated and the attitude and mannerisms exhibited by the horse. Judging emphasis is on identifying the well broke, responsive and well-mannered horse which can correctly navigate and negotiate the course. The ideal ranch trail horse should have a natural ranch horse appearance from head to tail in each maneuver.
- b. The ranch trail course will include no less than six and no more than nine obstacles. It is mandatory that the horse be asked to walk, trot and lope during the course. Walk can be part of obstacle score or be scored with the approaching obstacle. Trot must be at least 35 feet and score with approaching obstacle. Lope must be lead-specific, at least 50 feet and score with approaching obstacle. Care must be exercised to avoid setting up any obstacles that may be hazardous to the horse or rider.
- c. When setting courses, management will be mindful that the idea is not to trap a horse/rider team or eliminate it by making an obstacle too difficult. All courses and obstacles are to be constructed with safety in mind so as to reduce the risk for accidents. Show committee shall have the option of setting up the trail course to best fit the arena conditions. An outdoor course is recommended if appropriate terrain is available. Each single-performance event can be time consuming, especially with large classes, so it is imperative that time restrictions are placed on this class. The show committee, either through a pilot run or estimation, shall select a course that has a continuous and positive flow that can be negotiated in four minutes or less. At show management option the competition trail course may be made available to exhibitors or posted prior to the day of competition. It must be posted at least one hour prior to competition. Printed handouts for exhibitors are helpful and encouraged. Exhibitors are permitted to walk the course prior to the class.
- d. Judges must walk the course and have the right and duty to alter the course if it is not in keeping with the intent of the class. Judges may remove or change any obstacles they deem unsafe, non-negotiable or unnecessarily difficult. Any time a trail obstacle becomes unsafe during a class, it shall be repaired or removed from the course. If the course cannot be repaired and some horses have completed the course, the score for that obstacle shall be deducted from all previous draws in that class.
- e. The course must be designed using the mandatory obstacles and maneuvers plus optional obstacles. Combining two or more of the obstacles is acceptable.
  1. PROHIBITED OBSTACLES: Tarps, water obstacles with slick bottoms, PVC pipe used as a jump or walk over, tires, rocking or moving bridges, logs elevated in a manner that permits such to roll in a dangerous manner.
  2. MANDATORY OBSTACLES AND/OR MANUEVERS.
    - a. Ride over obstacles on the ground (usually logs). Walk, trot or lope may be used but only one gait is required. - Walk-overs: Walk over no more than five logs no more than 10 inches high and spacing between 26 – 30 inches. The formation may be straight, curved, zigzagged or raised. - Trot-overs: Trot over no more than five logs no more than 10 inches high. The space between logs or poles should be 36-42 inches. The formation can also be straight, curved, zigzagged or raised. - Lope-overs: Lope over no more than five logs no more than 10 inches high. The space between logs should be 6 to 7 feet. The formation can also be straight, curved, zigzagged or raised.
    - b. Opening, passing through and closing a hinged swinging gate or a rope gate: Use gate that will not endanger horse or rider and requires minimum side-passing.
    - c. Ride over wooden bridge: Bridge should be sturdy, safe and negotiated at a walk only. Heavy plywood lying flat on the ground is an acceptable simulation of a bridge. Suggested minimum width shall be 36 inches wide and at least 6 feet long.
    - d. Backing obstacles: Backing obstacles are to be spaced at a minimum of 28 inches. If elevated, 30 inch spacing is required. Back through and around at least three makers. Back through L, V, U or straight or similarly shaped course which may be elevated no more than 24 inches.
    - e. Side-pass obstacle: Any object which is safe and of any length may be used to demonstrate responsiveness of the horse to leg signals. Raised side pass obstacles should not exceed 12 inches.
    - f. Drag an object: For open, cowboy and amateur classes ONLY. The drag is not to be used in youth classes. Drag may be a complete figure eight and may begin in either direction. The exhibitor must have the rope dallyed on the saddle horn (half or full dally) for the duration of the drag.
  3. OPTIONAL OBSTACLES. Optional obstacles may be used provided the obstacles can be found in everyday ranch work. Optional obstacles from which selections can be made include, but are not limited to:
    - a. Water hazard (ditch or small pond). No metal or slick bottom-boxes will be used.
    - b. Serpentine obstacles at walk or jog. Spacing to be minimum of 6' ( 1.8 meters) for jog.
    - c. Carry object from one part of arena to another. (Only objects which reasonably might be carried on a trail ride may be used)
    - d. Ride over wooden bridge. (Suggested minimum width shall be 36" (90 cm) wide and at least six feet long). Bridge should be sturdy, safe and negotiated at a walk only.
    - e. Put on and remove slicker.
    - f. Remove and replace materials from mailbox.
    - g. Side pass (may be elevated to 12" (30 cm) maximum).
    - h. An obstacle consisting of four logs or rails, laid in a square. Minimum width of the square should be 6' (1.8 m). Each contestant will enter the square by riding over log or rail as designated. When all four feet are inside the square, rider should execute a turn, as indicated, and depart.
    - i. Any other safe and negotiable obstacle which could reasonably be expected to be encountered on a trail ride and meets the approval of the judge may be used.
    - j. A combination of two or more of any obstacle is acceptable.
    - k. Unacceptable trail course obstacles include:
      - Tires
      - Animals
      - Hides

PVC pipe  
Dismounting  
Jumps  
Rocking or moving bridges  
Water box with floating or moving parts  
Flames, dry ice, fire extinguisher, etc.  
Logs or poles elevated in a manner that permits such to roll

#### 4. CREDITS AND PENALTIES.

All runs begin upon entering the pen and any infractions are subject to penalty at that time (such as two hands on the reins, using either hand to instill fear or praise, etc.). The rider has the option of eliminating any obstacle, however this will result in being "off pattern" (OP) and the horse/rider team may not place above others who have completed the pattern correctly. A judge may ask a horse to pass on an obstacle after three refusals or at any time for safety concerns.

Credit is given to horse/rider teams who negotiate the obstacles correctly and efficiently. Horses should receive credit for showing attentiveness to obstacles and ability to negotiate through the course when the obstacles warrant it while willingly responding to rider's cues on more difficult obstacles. Quality of movement and cadence should be considered part of the maneuver score for the obstacle.

a. Penalties are assessed as follows:

1. - 1 Point Penalties:

Over-bridled (per maneuver), out of frame (per maneuver), Each hit, bite or stepping on a log, cone plant or any component of the obstacle, incorrect or break of gait at walk or jog for two (2) strides or less; both front or hind feet in a single-stride slot or space at a walk or jog; skipping over or failing to step into required space; split pole in lope-over; incorrect number of strides.

2. - 3 Point Penalties:

Wrong lead or out of lead; draped reins; break of gait at lope; break of gait at walk or jog for more than two (2) strides.

3. - 5 Point Penalties:

Spurring in front of cinch; blatant disobedience; use of either hand to instill fear/praise; use of two hands per maneuver; more than one finger between split reins or any fingers between romal reins per maneuver; knocking over, stepping out of or falling off an obstacle; dropping an object required to be carried; 1st or 2nd cumulative refusal; letting go of gate, four or more steps on mount/dismount or ground tie.

4. - 10 point:

Unnatural ranch horse appearance (Horse's tail is obvious and consistently carried in an unnatural manner in every maneuver)

5. - Off-Pattern (OP):

Breaking pattern; leaving working area before pattern is complete; 3rd refusal; repeated blatant disobedience, and failure to dally and remain dallied. Exhibitors cannot place above others who complete pattern correctly.

6. - Disqualification (DQ):

Lameness, abuse, illegal equipment, disrespect or misconduct, improper western attire; fall of horse/rider.

#### 3. Ranch Reining

Ranch Reining classes held in the Morgan division are to be conducted in accordance with the current NRHA Handbook, except as stated herein or above.

#### 4. Ranch Conformation

The purpose of a ranch conformation is to preserve ideal American Morgan Horse type by selecting well-mannered individuals in the order of their resemblances to the breed ideal that are the most positive combination of balance, structural correctness, and movement appropriate to the Morgan Ranch Horse. The ideal Ranch conformation horse should have a natural ranch horse appearance from head to tail. This is an all sex, all age class. All horses will be shown together as one class. The ranch conformation class must be held after the conclusion of the other ranch events. Class to be conducted according to the discretion of the judge.

a. Two year olds may show in the Ranch Horse Versatility Conformation class.

b. Horses are to be shown in a good working halter: rope, braided, nylon or plain leather. A lead shank with an attached chain may be used under the chin.

c. Exhibitors may enter and show more than one horse in ranch conformation classes. The preference is for another family member to show the additional horse(s).

#### 5. Gymkhana

a. Gymkhana refers to an equestrian event consisting of speed pattern racing and timed games for riders on horses.

b. These events are timed events and do not need a licensed judge. The show committee will provide timing and officiating personnel.

c. Gymkhana classes held in the Morgan division are to be conducted in accordance with the Federation Arabian Division, specifically AR269-AR272, the Gymkhana section except as stated herein.

d. Classes

1. Barrel Racing
2. Cowboy Mounted Shooting
3. Pole Bending
4. Stake Race

#### MO206 Working Western – Cattle Classes

Working Cow Horse Classes held in the Morgan division are to be conducted in accordance with the Federation Western Division, except as stated herein or above

##### 1. Working Cow Horse Classes.

a. Working Cowhorse including reined and fence work (see the NRCHA rulebook for class specifics).

##### 2. Limited Working Cowhorse – as working cowhorse with the following exceptions

a. No reined work

b. Limited ranch cow work exhibitors are allotted one minute and thirty seconds to complete the work. When there is 30 seconds left, the announcer will announce, 30 seconds remaining. At one minute and thirty seconds, the announcer will call for time. Exhibitors are not required to use all of the allotted time, but must ride until the judge whistles the end of the run or time expires, whichever occurs first.

c. There are four parts to the work: boxing the cow; setting up the cow and driving it down the fence to the opposite end of the arena; and boxing it at the opposite end of the arena, and then driving the cow past the middle marker again. There is no expectation that the exhibitor will make a 'fence turn', rather the drive down the fence demonstrates correct position and control around the corner.

1. Part One – Boxing the Cow – The rider shall ride into the arena, face the cattle entry gate, and signal for their cow to be turned into the arena. The cow shall be controlled on the entry end of the arena for a sufficient amount of time to demonstrate the horse's ability to "hold" the cow. If the cow does not immediately challenge the horse, the rider shall aggressively move in on the cow to demonstrate his horse's ability to drive and block the cow.

2. Part Two - Set Up Cow and Drive Down Fence to Opposite End of Arena – After the cow has been controlled on the entry end of the arena, the rider shall set the cow up for driving down the side of the arena. When coming out of corner, the horse shall be close enough to cow to demonstrate control with cow against the fence. This distance and control should be maintained for approximately 1/2 to 3/4 the length of arena. Rider will then stop and release the cow and move horse toward center of arena to set the cow up for boxing.

3. Part Three – Boxing the Cow at Opposite End of Arena – The exhibitor will regain control or "hold" the cow at end of the arena to demonstrate the horse's ability to "hold" the cow.

4. Part Four – Drive the Cow back down the fence past the middle marker and continue until the judge blows the whistle to show completion.

### 3. Working Cow Horse Boxing

#### a. PART 1 Reined Work:

Horses shall work individually. Judging begins the moment the Horse enters the arena. There will be no schooling from the time the horse enters the arena. A reined work must consist of the following: circles, lead changes and runs terminating in well-balanced stops straight to the line of travel, turns and a back-up of a reasonable distance with slight hesitations denoting each maneuver. NRCHA Rein Work Patterns are required. The judge may deviate from traditional order of performance and he/she may also deviate from the exact printed pattern due to arena conditions. The judging ends when the rider indicates he/she is finished by coming to a complete stop. Praising or rewarding of the horse is only allowed after the reining pattern is complete and before the exhibitor calls for a cow. The best reined horse shall be easily guided or controlled with little or no apparent resistance. Bad manners exhibited by the horse will be penalized. All deviations from the exact given pattern must be considered a loss of control and marked down accordingly. Credit shall be given for the smoothness, finesse, attitude, quickness and authority of performing various maneuvers while using controlled speed which raises the difficulty level and makes the horse more exciting and pleasing to watch.

#### b. PART 2 Boxing:

At the start of the work, each contestant, upon receiving a cow in the arena, shall hold that cow on the prescribed end of the arena for a sufficient time to demonstrate the ability of the horse to contain the cow at that end. The horse should exhibit superior cow sense and natural cow working ability without excessive reining or spurring. In the head-to-head working position, the degree of difficulty shall be considered.

## MO207 Versatility Championship

### 1. Ranch Horse Versatility Championship

Ranch Horse Versatility is a combination of classes that represent activities performed on a working cattle ranch. A Ranch Horse Versatility Championship may be offered which combines the placings from all working western classes to award an overall Ranch Horse Versatility Championship ranking.

a. Exhibitors must enter a minimum of 3 classes which must include ranch conformation and one cattle class. If an exhibitor enters more than the minimum 3 classes the additional class placings will be added into his versatility score. The show committee will decide how they wish to award points to class placings though must be consistent from class to class. If there is a tie, the cattle class is used to break the tie. The decision of how to award points must be listed in the prize list.

b. The show committee may designate which classes are included in the Ranch Horse Versatility Championship from the following list:

- Ranch Riding
- Ranch Trail
- Ranch Reining
- Working Cowhorse Boxing
- Working Cowhorse
- Limited Working Cowhorse
- Ranch Conformation

### 2. Working Western Versatility Championship.

Working Western Versatility is similar to Ranch Horse Versatility but without the cattle classes. A Working Western Versatility Championship may be offered which combines the placings from all non-cattle classes offered in the Working Western section to award an overall Working Western Versatility Championship ranking.

a. Exhibitors must show in a minimum of 3 of the Working Western Non Cattle classes to participate. Show committees must list in the prize list which classes (3 or more) will qualify for the championship. If an exhibitor enters more than the minimum 3 classes the additional class placings will be added into his versatility score. The show committee will decide how they wish to award points to class placings though must be consistent from class to class. The show committee will determine how they wish to break a tie, should a tie occur. The decision of how to award points and break a tie must be listed in the prize list.

b. The show committee may designate which classes are included in the Ranch Horse Versatility Championship from the following list:

- Ranch Riding
- Ranch Trail
- Ranch Reining
- Ranch Conformation
- Gymkhana

## GR1011 Guest Cards {10-C Classifications - Judges}

7. Except in the circumstances below, Guest Cards will not be granted to any person more than twice in a lifetime in a particular division without the approval of the Board of Directors.

a. There is no limit to the number of Guest Cards an official may receive in the following divisions:

1. Arabian Speciality carded judges ie. Reining, Working Cow Horse, Trail.
2. Judges for the USEF Show Jumping Talent Search Finals, USEF Hunter Seat Medal Finals, ASPCA Maclay Finals, and/or WIHS Finals.
3. Carriage Pleasure Driving and Coaching Judges approved by Foreign National Driving Societies.
4. Saddle Seat Equitation: See GR1010.29.c.
5. Dressage: Retired foreign FEI Dressage judges at the Dressage level in which he/she had been eligible to officiate. However, retired foreign FEI 2\*



MO105 Appointments {MO-1 General}

10. An inconspicuous tongue tie is permitted in all Morgan sections with the exception of Carriage Driving, Dressage, Working Hunter over Fences, Hunter Seat Equitation Over Fences, Reining Seat Equitation, Western Seat Equitation, **Working Western**, Trail, Reining, Western Dressage, and Western Pleasure.

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Rule Change Intent

The committee is requesting to add a Working Western Section to their rulebook. This is a growing division among breeds and the Morgan breed would now like to offer these classes to their exhibitors. The following rule proposal is to provide continuity of requirements and judging among Morgan shows wishing to provide Working Western classes for their exhibitors as well as providing guidance to the show committees on how to run the events.

The existing MO-18, Additional Classes, will need to be corrected to MO-19 and the rules it contains will need to be corrected to MO208 and MO209.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> morgan working western

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
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Council - Member Services

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**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** The Council agrees the Licensed Officials Committee and would approve this rule change proposal if the following corrections were made to MO201 and GR1011 (outlined below). Clarity is required in order to specify that any other type of official, besides a Federation license official, is required to obtain a Guest Card. MO201 2. Judges a. Federation Registered ('R') Western, Federation Morgan judges (preferably experienced in judging Working Western Events), National Reining Horse Association (NRHA), National Reined Cow Horse Association (NRCHA), judges licensed in a non-affiliated breed for working western classes (i.e. AQHA, APHA, ApHC, etc.) and/or those holding a Specialty Card with the Arabian Horse Association shall judge the Morgan Working Western section. A guest card is required for any judge other than a Federation licensed Western or Morgan judge. 1. Exception: The Grand National & World Championship Morgan Horse Show shall not use a Federation licensed Morgan judge to officiate Working Western classes. b. Timed events such as Ranch Sorting, Ranch Team Penning, Ranch Roping, and Gymkhana events shall be judged and timed by a Federation licensed official. GR1011 23. Morgan c. Working Western - Judges licensed by the National Reining Horse Association (NRHA), National Reined Cow Horse Association (NRCHA), judges licensed in a non-affiliated breed for working western classes (i.e. AQHA, APHA, ApHC, etc.) and/or those holding a Specialty Card with the Arabian Horse Association may judge the Morgan Working Western section. A guest card is required. See SUBCHAPTER MO18 for specifics.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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

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**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** The LOC would approve this rule change if the following corrections were made to MO201 and GR1011 (outlined below). Clarity is required in order to specify that any other type of official, besides a Federation license official, is required to obtain a Guest Card. MO201 2. Judges a. Federation Registered ('R') Western, Federation Morgan judges (preferably experienced in judging Working Western Events), National Reining Horse Association (NRHA), National Reined Cow Horse Association (NRCHA), judges licensed in a non-affiliated breed for working western classes (i.e. AQHA, APHA, ApHC, etc.) and/or those holding a Specialty Card with the Arabian Horse Association shall judge the Morgan Working Western section. A guest card is required for any judge other than a Federation licensed Western or Morgan judge. 1. Exception: The Grand National & World Championship Morgan Horse Show shall not use a Federation licensed Morgan judge to officiate Working Western classes. b. Timed events such as Ranch Sorting, Ranch Team Penning, Ranch Roping, and Gymkhana events shall be judged and timed by a Federation licensed official. GR1011 23. Morgan c. Working Western - Judges licensed by the National Reining Horse Association (NRHA), National Reined Cow Horse Association (NRCHA), judges licensed in a non-affiliated breed for working western classes (i.e. AQHA, APHA, ApHC, etc.) and/or those holding a Specialty Card with the Arabian Horse Association may judge the Morgan Working Western section. A guest card is required. See SUBCHAPTER MO18 for specifics.

**Draft 2:** No Comments

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Proposed Change

**RD107 Appointments** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER RD-2 SHOWING PROCEDURES ]

RD107 Appointments

1. Harness. a. Blinkers of square pattern, snaffle bit and attached overcheck-rein (check bit optional); breast collar with straightflaps, with traces made round with flat ends; (for pairs, collars of the English pattern are used); martingale are required. Breechings must be used in all Wagon classes. ~~Reins to be leather and made round up to the hand pieces.~~ Protective boots on front feet are allowed.

3. Attire. a. In Bike or Under Saddle classes, exhibitor shall wear **Roadster Silks stable colors**, cap (or protective headgear, see RD107.4) and jacket to match. Exhibitor numbers must be on the driver's/rider's back. 4. Except as may otherwise be mandated by local law, protective headgear is strongly recommended for everyone showing in any class in the Roadster Division as outlined in GR801.4, .7 and .8. Except as may otherwise be mandated by local law, while riding or driving anywhere on the competition grounds, all juniors riding or driving in Roadster to Bike or Roadster Under Saddle classes must wear properly fitting protective headgear which passes or surpasses ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/ SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag as specified in GR801. Harness must be secured and properly fitted. A matching cover may be worn over the protective headgear or the protective headgear may be painted in matching **Roadster Silks stable colors**.

RD112 Roadster Horse Under Saddle

2.Rider to wear **Roadster Silks stable colors**, jacket and cap to match. Protective headgear is required for riders 15-21 years of age.

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Rule Change Intent

The intent of this rule change is remove the requirement for reins to be leather and round as these types of reins are no longer used exclusively in the Roadster division. Additionally, this change replaces stable colors with Roadster silks because the practice of using stable colors is no longer happening; most stables wear Roadster silks in different colors.

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: attire

Committee Actions	
Competition Management	
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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
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Proposed Change

**RD107 Appointments** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER RD-2 SHOWING PROCEDURES]

**7. The use of leather straps without appendages of any kind are permitted as action devices in warm up areas on the competition grounds during or before a competition. Rubber or elastic exercising devices attached with a fixed ring on a plain leather strap are permitted. A wool or fleece protective covering is permitted. The use of elastic straps/devices attached to any part of the harness/bridle is prohibited. See also GR839.4h.** The use of chains or rollers as action devices on the competition grounds during or before a competition is prohibited.

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Rule Change Intent

The intent of this rule change is to clearly define permitted and prohibited use of elastic and leather training and exercising devices in competition warm up areas.

Linked Rules	Comments
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**Web:** appointments

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Proposed Change

**RD114 Roadster Ponies.** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER RD-3 CLASS SPECIFICATIONS]

2. All Roadster Ponies must have a measurement card prior to competing in licensed competitions. In all Roadster pony championship/stake classes (except Junior Pony sections) at the Kentucky State Fair and three (3) randomly selected USEF competitions which will be notified in writing by USEF, the first place and fourth place ponies must allow a heel measurement to be taken immediately following the class to verify the heel measurement is at or below what is indicated on the current measurement card. The heel measurement will be taken by the competition steward at a location determined by the measuring official and competition management. The heel measurement must be taken from the left bulb of the left front heel, from the skin line on the lower side of the coronary band with the ruler perpendicular to the flat surface. It is the trainer's or driver's decision and responsibility to determine if the pony will be hitched or unhitched for this measurement. If the heel measurement is higher than the measurement on the pony's USEF measurement card, an overall height measurement must be performed by two measuring officials (See GR502.4) no later than one hour following the end of the session at the designated location. Any entry that exceeds the legal height limit will forfeit winnings in that class. In the event there are fewer than four ponies in a class, the pony occupying the final placing will be measured. In the event of an emergency and the steward is unavailable to take the heel measurement immediately, competition management must appoint a representative to remain with the pony until the heel measurement can occur.

3- 4. During the line up in classes restricted to Junior Exhibitors and Amateurs, one attendant is permitted to head the pony. The attendant must not touch the entry except for safety reasons. During a workout the attendant may uncheck and hold the entry. However, when the workout is over the pony must be rechecked and the attendant must move away from the pony. The attendant must take no action that would affect the performance of any animal.

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Rule Change Intent

The committee has concerns that this practice proposes danger for Stewards to measure heels on ponies coming out of the ring and the rule has run its course and the rule was no longer needed

Linked Rules	Comments
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**Web:** Roadster ponies measurement

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Council - Member Services

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Licensed Officials

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## Proposed Change

**RD114 Roadster Ponies** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER RD-3 CLASS SPECIFICATIONS]

7. SINGLE ROADSTER PONY, OPEN, LIMIT, NOVICE, JUNIOR (4 years old & under) TO BIKE. To be judged on performance, speed, **presence**, quality, **conformation** and manners.

**8. AMATEUR TO BIKE: To be judged on manners, performance, presence, quality and conformation.**

~~8.~~ **9.** SINGLE ROADSTER PONY JUNIOR EXHIBITOR, AMATEUR OR LADIES TO BIKE. To be judged on ~~suitability~~, manners, **presence, quality**, performance, speed and ~~quality~~ **conformation**.

~~9.~~ **10.** SINGLE ROADSTER PONY JUNIOR EXHIBITOR, AMATEUR OR LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP TO BIKE. To be eligible ponies must be entered, shown by a Junior Exhibitor, Amateur or Lady and judged in any qualifying class having the same judging specifications. If an amateur ladies class is not offered, amateur ladies showing in the open ladies class will be qualified for the amateur championship. To be judged on ~~suitability~~, manners, **presence, quality**, performance, speed and ~~quality~~ **conformation**.

~~10.~~ **11.** SINGLE ROADSTER PONY CHAMPIONSHIP TO BIKE. To be eligible ponies must be entered, shown and judged in another class in harness in this division. To be shown to a bike. To be judged on performance, speed, presence, quality, conformation and manners.

~~11.~~ **12.** JUNIOR EXHIBITOR ROADSTER PONY UNDER SADDLE (54 inches and under). To be shown under English saddle, running martingale, open bridle with snaffle bit, single or double rein and protective boots. Rider to wear stable colors, jacket and protective headgear to match. To be judged on manners, performance, speed, **presence**, quality and ~~suitability of rider to pony~~ **conformation**. Saddle classes do not qualify a pony for harness championships.

**12.** SINGLE ROADSTER PONY TO WAGON (54 inches and under). To be judged on performance, speed, **presence**, quality, ~~and~~ manners and **conformation**. Exhibitors shall wear a business suit with a hat of choice. Breeching is required in all wagon classes. If no championship is offered for this class it shall be considered as a qualifying class for the Single Roadster Pony to Bike Championship as long as the pony qualifies under the Roadster to Bike height restrictions (See RD114.1).

**13.** ROADSTER PONY COMBINATION. Open to Junior Exhibitors. Ponies first to be shown both directions of the ring as a Roadster pony to bike. Competitors will be called to the line up, ponies unhooked and saddled, then returned to the rail to be shown under saddle at the required gaits. Two attendants per entry are allowed to assist the changing of tack. If bridle is changed, harness bridle must not be removed prior to the pony being completely unhooked from the bike. Ponies must be shown by the same rider and driver. In both segments of the class, ponies to be shown first at a jog-trot and road gait, then reversed and shown at a jog-trot, road gait, and then at speed. **Roadster Pony to Bike to be judged on suitability, manners, performance, speed and quality. Roadster Pony Under Saddle** † to be judged on manners, performance, speed, **presence**, ~~and~~ quality and **suitability of rider to pony**.

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Roadster

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## Rule Change Intent

This rule change is to standardize the class specifications for certain classes in the Roadster and Hackney divisions. It is important for the class specifications to match as roadster ponies that are also registered Hackney ponies can be shown in both divisions.

## Linked Rules

## Comments

**Web:** amateur to bike

## Committee Actions

## Competition Management

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## Proposed Change

**SB120 Appointments** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER SB-3 PERFORMANCE, FINE HARNESS]**SB120 Appointments (see also SB104)**

Shown to an appropriate vehicle, preferably a small buggy with four wire wheels but without top. Light harness with blinkers, martingale, snaffle bit, and overcheck are required (**overcheck should be attached but may be unchecked in the line up**). **Overcheck bit is optional.**

**SB129 Classes Offered and Specifications**

6. COMBINATION: Shown first to an appropriate four-wheeled vehicle at an animated walk and trot, then shown Under Saddle at an animated walk, trot, slow gait, rack and canter. Judged 50% on suitability for harness; 50% on saddle work with emphasis on trot. ~~Entries to be driven in a~~ Light harness with **blinkers**, martingale, snaffle bit, and ~~separate~~ overcheck **are required**. **Overcheck bit is optional.** Prize list must specify whether driver/rider must be the same in both phases of the class.

**SB135 Appointments (see also SB104)**

2. Driving: Shown to an appropriate vehicle, preferable a small buggy with four wire wheels but without top. Light harness with ~~martingale~~, blinkers, **martingale**, snaffle bit, and overcheck are required. **Overcheck bit is optional.**

**SB148 Appointments (see also SB104)**

2. Driving: Entries to be shown with driver only to a two-wheeled jog cart. Light harness with ~~martingale~~, blinkers, **martingale**, snaffle bit, and ~~separate~~ overcheck bit **are** required. **Overcheck bit is optional.** Driver to dress conservatively (not period attire).

**SB151 Classes Offered and Specifications**

4. DRIVING SHOW PLEASURE. Shown to a two-wheeled jog cart with driver only. Shown at a flat walk, trot and extended trot, speed to be penalized. Light harness with **blinkers**, martingale, snaffle bit, and ~~separate~~ overcheck bit **are** required. **Overcheck bit is optional.** Judged 75% on manners, performance, presence and quality; 25% on total conformation.

**SB153 Appointments**

2. Driving: Entries to be shown to a two-wheeled jog cart with driver only. Light show harness with ~~martingale~~, blinkers, **martingale**, snaffle bit (**straight or jointed**), overcheck with ~~separate~~ overcheck bit or sidecheck (~~separate~~ sidecheck bit is optional) **are required** and snaffle bit (**straight or jointed**). **Overcheck or sidecheck bit is optional.** Driver to dress conservatively (not period attire).

**SB156 Classes Offered and Specifications**

2. DRIVING COUNTRY PLEASURE. Shown to a suitable two-wheeled jog cart with driver only. Light show harness with ~~martingale~~, blinkers, **martingale**, snaffle bit (**straight or jointed**), overcheck with ~~separate~~ overcheck bit or sidecheck **are required** (~~separate~~ sidecheck bit is optional) and snaffle bit (**straight or jointed**). **Overcheck or sidecheck bit is optional.** Driver to dress conservatively (not period attire). Shown at a flat walk, trot and extended trot, speed to be penalized. Judged 75% on manners, performance, presence and quality; 25% on total conformation. During any workout, headers are permitted for those not participating on the rail.

**SB171 Classes Offered and Specifications**

2. PARK PLEASURE DRIVING; OPEN, JUNIOR, THREE-YEAR-OLD, TWO-YEAR-OLD, MAIDEN, NOVICE, LIMIT, AMATEUR, MASTER: Shown to a two-wheeled jog cart with driver only. Shown at a flat walk, trot and extended trot, speed to be penalized. Light harness with ~~martingale~~, ~~snaffle bit~~ with blinkers, **martingale**, snaffle bit and ~~separate~~ overcheck are required. **Overcheck bit is optional.** Horses are required to back. Judged 75% on manners, performance, presence and quality; 25% on total conformation.

**SB205 Class Descriptions**

3. FINE HARNESS PONY. To be shown at an animated park trot, (speed to be penalized) and at an animated walk; to stand quietly. Judged on manners, performance, presence, quality and conformation. To be shown to a suitable four wheeled vehicle with appropriate light harness with martingale, a bridle with square blinkers, snaffle bit and overcheck **are required**. **Overcheck bit is optional.**

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

The purpose of this rule change is to provide clarity and provide uniformity throughout the American Saddlebred Chapter concerning the use of the overcheck bit in driving classes. In addition, this rule change will provide consistency for class specifications to provide judges a standard for all driving classes in this chapter.

Linked Rules

Comments

**Web:** driving appointments

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Proposed Change

**SB128 Gait Requirements** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER SB-4 PERFORMANCE, FIVE-GAITED]

**SUBCHAPTER SB-4 PERFORMANCE, FIVE-GAITED**

**SB128 Gait Requirements**

Qualifying gaits are ~~animated walk~~ **flat walk or animated walk**, trot, slow gait, rack and canter.

**SUBCHAPTER SB-5 PERFORMANCE, THREE-GAITED**

**SB132 Gait Requirements**

To be shown at ~~animated walk~~ **flat walk or animated walk**, park trot and canter

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Rule Change Intent

This rule change proposal came as a suggestion from the judge's clinics because an animated walk can be a two or four beat gait but it is still a highly collected walk. Additionally, the park classes currently allow a flat walk or animated walk.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> five-gaited

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Proposed Change

**SB157 General** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER SB-10 WESTERN]

**SUBCHAPTER SB-10 WESTERN**

**SB157 General**

5. Professionals may compete in the American Saddlebred division in **classes designated as Open** in Western Country Pleasure Prospect, Junior Horse, Maiden/Novice/Limit Horse, and Western Country Pleasure classes ~~designated as open~~, provided two additional Western classes restricted to amateurs are offered at the same competition.

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Rule Change Intent

The purpose of this rule change is to further clarify that professionals are allowed to show only in designated "open" classes in the Western Country Pleasure division with additional offerings of at least two amateur classes at the same competition.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> professionals

Committee Actions	
American Saddlebred	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/01/2019	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
Competition Management	
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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
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Proposed Change

**SB163 Appointments (see also SB104)** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER SB-11 HUNTER COUNTRY PLEASURE]

**SUBCHAPTER SB-11 HUNTER COUNTRY PLEASURE**

**SB163 Appointments (see also SB104)**

**Entries shall be penalized for incomplete appointments, and may be disqualified.** Hunter pleasure horses shall **must** be shown with **traditional** hunter-style equipment, **including browband and cavesson of hunter type.**

1. Bridle: A snaffle bridle, pelham with two reins, kimberwicke bits or a full bridle (curb and snaffle). If a full bridle is used, it must be of hunter style with curb shanks and pelhams not exceeding five inches (5"). Curb shanks and pelhams exceeding five inches (5") will be penalized. Breast plates are permissible, but martingales are prohibited.

2. Saddle: A forward or balance seat saddle. Exception: an appropriate style side saddle is permitted. 3. Attire: Shall be traditional hunter-style jacket, breeches or hunter jodhpurs, dark hunting cap, derby or protective headgear and appropriate boots. Tall dress or tall field boots are preferred as traditional. Paddock or jodhpur boots with matching half chaps are permitted, ~~although not considered as traditional.~~ A stock, choker or four in hand ~~tie~~ with any color shirt is correct. Shadbellies are prohibited. **A coat of traditional color made of materials that are suitable for hunting is permitted. Discrete patterns are permitted. Brocades, raised patterns, glossy/metallic/shiny fabrics or materials are prohibited for hunting and shall be penalized. Ornaments on any items of attire except a stock or lapel pin, tie clip or tack are prohibited and shall be penalized.** Exception: a side saddle rider may wear a skirt, divided skirt, or apron.

3. In all classes, gloves, hunter crop or bat, spurs and appointments are optional. Junior riders shall wear headgear with protective harness attached when mounted. **Protective headgear may be worn without penalty. Members of the Armed Services or the Police may wear the Service Dress Uniform.**

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

Because the Hunter Country Pleasure division is relatively new for the American Saddlebred, the purpose of this rule change is to further define the appointments for the division. This rule change will be of benefit for the exhibitor in this division to help them compete with more appropriate appointments and will also benefit the officials with more guidance on judging these classes.

Linked Rules

Comments

**Legal:**  
**Web:** hunter country pleasure

Committee Actions

American Saddlebred

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**Draft 1: No Comments**

Competition Management

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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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### Proposed Change

#### **WD110 Transitions** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER WD-3 ADDITIONAL MOVEMENTS AND METHODS]

WD110 Transitions {WD-3 Additional Movements and Methods}

1. The changes of gait and pace should be clearly shown when the rider's leg is at the prescribed marker; they should be quickly made yet must be smooth and not abrupt. The cadence of a gait or pace should be maintained up to the moment when the gait or pace is changed or the horse halts. The horse should remain light in hand, calm and maintain a correct position.

~~2. On a diagonal, the transition is made when the rider's leg is at the letter at the end of the diagonal.~~

***In transitions where the horse approaches the letter from a line on the diagonal or perpendicular to the point where the letter is positioned, the transition must be done when the horse's nose reaches the track at the letter so that the horse is straight in the transition. This includes the execution of flying changes.***

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### Rule Change Intent

With how the rule is currently written, a lead change cannot be done on the diagonal due to the amount of room provided when the transition is made when the rider's leg is at the letter. This change will provide a more appropriate amount of space by making the transition when the horse's nose is at the letter.

### Linked Rules

### Comments

**Web:** transitions

### Committee Actions

#### Competition Management

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**Draft 1: No Comments**

#### Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 04/27/2020

**Draft 1: No Comments**

#### Western Dressage

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**Draft 1: No Comments**

**WD114 Tracking #071-19 Draft #2 Approved**

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
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Proposed Change

**WD114 TURN ON THE HAUNCHES; TURN ON THE FOREHAND [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER WD-3 ADDITIONAL MOVEMENTS AND METHODS]**

WD114 Turn on the Haunches; Turn on the Forehand {WD-3 Additional Movements and Methods}

1. Turn on the Haunches

a. The turn on the haunches is executed out of a working walk prepared by half halts to shorten the steps. During the movement the forefeet and the outside hind foot move around the inside hind foot. The turn on the haunches can be performed on a larger diameter than the pivot. This movement is executed at Level 1 and Level 2. Riders may choose to pivot or turn on the haunches. Switching from one method to the other within the same movement will be penalized. Each step backwards is penalized by a .5 deduction. At Level 3 and above, only the pivot may be performed.

b. For younger horses that are still not able to perform a collected walk, the 'turn on the haunches' is an exercise to prepare the horse for collection. The 'turn on the haunches' is executed out of working walk prepared by half-halts to shorten the steps a little and to improve the ability to bend the joints of the hindquarters.

c. The horse must bend a little in his ribcage around the rider's inside leg. The 'turn on the haunches' can be executed on a larger diameter (approximately one meter) than the pivot in walk, but the demands of the training scale concerning rhythm, contact, activity and bend are the same. ~~The horse will not be penalized for pivot, step, pivot, step on the inside rear hind leg.~~

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

This sequence of movements are no longer permitted by WDAA and need to be removed from the Western Dressage Chapter.

Linked Rules

Comments

**Web:** turn on the haunches

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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**Draft 2:** No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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**Draft 2:** No Comments

Western Dressage

**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 2:** No Comments

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Proposed Change

**WD 121 TACK** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER WD-5 APPOINTMENTS]

WD121 Tack {WD-5 Appointments}

5. Reins:

a. When the rider uses a snaffle bit, the following reins may be used: loop/connected reins, split reins, buckled reins, mecate reins, or Romal reins without a popper; two hands must be used with any of these combinations. Horsehair, rope reins and mecate reins are allowed for bosals and snaffles. The mecate **tail** can be tied to the saddle horn, or held by the rider, **or looped in the rider's belt**.

Proponent Details

Western Dressage

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Rule Change Intent

This rule change will update the rule to specify which part of the reins can be tied and add that the reins can now be looped in the belt of the rider.

Linked Rules

Comments

**Web:** reins

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

WD121.6 Tracking #239-19 Draft #1 Approved

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Proposed Change

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

WD121 Tack {WD-5 Appointments}

6. Saddle:

d. A breastplate, **and/or** crupper, **and/or breeching** may be used.

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Rule Change Intent

The purpose of this rule change is to add breeching as an optional piece of tack for the Western Dressage division. It is common for a crupper and a breeching to be used together and, therefore, should be included as an option.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> saddle

Committee Actions	
Competition Management	
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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
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Western Dressage	
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WD123 Tracking #241-19 Draft #1 Approved

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
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Proposed Change

**WD123 Attire** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER WD-5 APPOINTMENTS]

WD123 Attire {WD-5 Appointments}

2. Optional apparel:

- a. Necktie, kerchief, bolo ties or pin;
- b. A vest, jacket, coat and/or sweater
- c. Spurs of Western style, with or without blunt tines, or English dressage style
- d. Chaps, shotgun chaps, **chinks**, **armitas**, or split riding skirt.
- e. Protective headgear is acceptable; not required to be of Western style.

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

To include chinks and armitas among the optional apparel allowed for Western Dressage classes. These two pieces of apparel are commonly used along side chaps and should be included.

Linked Rules

Comments

**Legal:**  
**Web:** attire

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Proposed Change

**WD125 Warm Up Ring and Training Area** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER WD-7 COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS]

WD125 Warm Up Ring and Training Area {WD-7 Competition Requirements}

4. Only one longe line is permitted while longeing *in a group setting, two lines are permitted when the horse is being longed alone.* A longe line must attach only to the halter, cavesson or snaffle bit of a bridle and go directly to the hand of the longeur.

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

This change will allow for two longe lines to be used when a horse is being longed alone.

Linked Rules

Comments

**Web:** [longeing](#)

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Proposed Change

**WD126 Execution and Judging of Tests** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER WD-7 COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS]

WD126 Execution and Judging of Tests {WD-7 Competition Requirements}

6. Errors.

- a. When a competitor makes an "error of the course" (takes the wrong turn, omits a movement, etc.) the Judge warns him by sounding the bell. The Judge shows him if necessary the point at which he must take up the test again and the next movement to be executed then leaves him to continue by himself.
- b. Switching from one hand to two hands or vice versa during a test is considered an "error of the course".**
- c. b- Every "error of the course" whether the bell is sounded or not, must be penalized, as noted above:

WD128 Elimination {WD-7 Competition Requirements}

1. Horse and rider combinations shall be eliminated from the competition for "a, f and i" below; horse and rider combination shall be eliminated from the current or next class depending on which is closest to the time the incident occurred for all others, under the following circumstances:

- ~~o. Switching from one hand to two hands or vice versa during a test (with exception of Freestyle tests where changing is acceptable).~~
- ~~o. p-~~ Any situation where a direct rule violation can be cited. Where a violation cannot be cited, a competitor is not eliminated.

WD131 Western Musical Freestyle {WD-9 Freestyle}

2. Technical correctness:

- a. Judged on the execution of required technical movements in the test i.e. figures, gaits/paces and transitions.
- b. Certain movements (leg yield, half-pass etc.) must be performed in both directions.
- c. Riders are permitted to switch from one hand to two hands or vice versa during their test.**

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

This request is being made to improve safety measures in allowing riders to switch from one hand to two or vice versa if need be. There are many reasons why a rider may need to change the orientation of their hands, so this action fits better as an error rather than an elimination.

Linked Rules

Comments

**Web:** switching hands

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Western Dressage

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**Draft 1: No Comments**

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## Proposed Change

### WD127 Scoring, Classification and Prize-Giving [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER WD-7 COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS]

WD127 Scoring, Classification and Prize-Giving {WD-7 Competition Requirements}

3. Individual Classification. In all competitions the winner is the competitor having the highest total points., ~~the second placed competitor is the one with the next highest total points and so on. In case of equality of points the competitor with the highest marks received under General Impressions shall be declared the winner. When the scores for General Impressions are equal the horses must remain tied.~~ **In the case of a tie, it is at competition management's discretion whether to break ties and it must be stated in the prize list. If ties are to be broken, the following process must be followed.** ~~Errors on a test may not be used to break ties. Exception: AR223.1~~

- a. The competitor with the highest scores for Collective Marks shall be declared the winner of the tie;**
- b. In the event a tie remains, the competitor with the highest Collective Mark scores by the judge sitting at C shall be declared the winner of the tie;**
- c. In the event a tie still remains, the competitor with the highest free walk score shall be declared the winner;**
- d. In the event there is a tie on the free walk, the competitor with the highest sum of scores with coefficients greater than one shall be declared the winner;**
- e. If a tie remains, the judge(s) must break the tie.**

~~6. When the total of the scores for General Impressions in equal, ties in classes, which involves prize money, shall remain tied for the purpose of dividing prize money.~~

WD129 Requirements for Competition Management {WD-7 Competition Requirements}

13. Miscellaneous.

- a. A separate number must be issued for each horse/rider combination. Exception: Arabians see AR112. This number must be worn when the horse is in the designated schooling area and during the competition.
- b. The Prize List must state if ties will be broken or not. See WD127.3 for tie breaking system.**

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## Rule Change Intent

There is no "General Impression" specific scores used in Western Dressage, this term should be removed. With General Impression being taken out, a procedure for breaking ties was needed, the committee feels that the Arabian Western Dressage division developed a favorable tie breaking system and would like to adopt a similar procedure. The committee also feels that it should be up to the show if they want to break ties or not.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> breaking ties

## Committee Actions

Competition Management	
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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
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Proposed Change

**WD129 REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPETITION MANAGEMENT** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER WD-7 COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS]

WD129 Requirements for Competition Management {WD-7 Competition Requirements}

5. Competition Schedule.

***h. Prior to the start of a class section, exhibitors and their horses may be provided access to the competition arena. Show management may designate time(s) for this access.***

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

The purpose of this rule change is allow exhibitors to bring their horses into an arena prior to the start of a class section to familiarize themselves and their horses with the arena.

Linked Rules

Comments

**Web:** schooling

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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## WD131 Tracking #329-19 Draft #1 Approved

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### Proposed Change

#### WD131 Western Musical Freestyle [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER WD-9 FREESTYLE ]

WD131 Western Musical Freestyle {WD-9 Freestyle}

2. Penalties:

- a. The rider must enter the arena or signal the sound engineer within 45 seconds of the entry bell, or a deduction of ~~one ten~~ (10) points ~~will~~ **may** be taken off the total for artistic merit **at the discretion of the judge**. The rider must enter the arena within 20 seconds of the start of the music, or may be eliminated, at the discretion of the judge.
- b. Time Limit Deductions: One (1) point is deducted from the total for artistic merit for exceeding the time limit. There is no minimum time, or specified deduction.
- c. Four (4) points will be deducted for forbidden movements and above the level movements. They are not cumulative and will not result in elimination.

#### Proponent Details

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### Rule Change Intent

The committee feels a 10 point deduction is too strong and would like to reduce down to 1 point. The committee is would also like to make this deduction at the judge's discretion as to align a late start with the deduction for if a rider goes over the permitted time.

#### Linked Rules

#### Comments

**Web:** penalties

### Committee Actions

#### Competition Management

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#### Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

#### Western Dressage

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

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Proposed Change

**WD131 Western Musical Freestyle** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER WD-9 FREESTYLE ]

WD131 Western Musical Freestyle (WD-9 Freestyle)

2. Penalties:

a. **Within 45 seconds of the entry bell** The rider must **either** enter the arena or signal the sound engineer ~~within 45 seconds of the entry bell, or a deduction of ten (10) points will be taken off the total for artistic merit.~~ **or be eliminated.** The rider must enter the arena within 20 seconds of the start of the music, or may be eliminated, at the discretion of the judge.

Proponent Details

Western Dressage

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Rule Change Intent

Currently the Musical Freestyle section states that a deduction in points will be given for a late entry but the committee desires for the class to align with the general elimination rule that the other Western Dressage tests follow; WD126.9.j and have the penalty be elimination.

Linked Rules

Comments

**Web:** musical freestyle

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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# WD141 Tracking #327-19 Draft #1 Approved

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## Proposed Change

### WD141 Class Specifications [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER WD-11 DRESSAGE HACK]

WD141 Class Specifications {WD-11 Dressage Hack}

1. Horses to enter at the working jog, sitting or rising, in a counter clockwise direction. Horses must perform a working walk, working jog, working lope, and a lengthening of strides at the jog and lope both ways of the arena. Free walk on a long rein with the horse stretching forward and down to be performed in at least one direction. A back of four (4) steps may **only** be asked for ~~as a group on the rail or individually~~ in the line up. Transitions into and out of the lope will be asked for through the working jog. Horses will be asked to reverse directions at the **judge's discretion** working jog. Jog work to be ridden sitting or rising.

WD144 Western Dressage Seat on the Rail {WD-12 Western Dressage Seat Equitation}

3. Western Dressage Seat Equitation on the rail is performed on the rail and is shown at the walk, working jog, and working lope, both directions. Horses should back easily and stand quietly **in the lineup**.

- a. This class may not be combined with walk, jog classes.
- b. The jog must be ridden sitting.

Proponent Details	Contact Information
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## Rule Change Intent

The Affiliate is requesting this change in the language which will make it so that backing during a class can only be done while in the line-up. The second change being requested is to permit the judge to decide when the riders reverse during a class; both changes are for the safety of the class.

Linked Rules	Comments
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**Web:** judging

## Committee Actions

### Competition Management

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

### Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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### Western Dressage

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Proposed Change

WD143 Western Dressage Seat Horsemanship {WD-12 Western Dressage Seat Equitation}

- The following class restrictions apply to Western Dressage Seat Horsemanship:
  - ~~Youth Junior~~ Riders who have not reached their **18th 22nd** birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year. A competition may choose to divide the ~~Youth Junior~~ rider category by age.
  - Adult Amateur riders as defined in GR1306 and GR1307.
  - An individual may not compete as a ~~Youth Junior~~ Rider and as an Amateur in Western Dressage Equitation at the same competition.
  - Adult Amateur and ~~Youth Junior~~ Rider cannot be combined at the same competition.
  - A competition may choose to offer ~~Youth Junior~~ Rider, Adult Amateur or both classes

WD144 Western Dressage Seat on the Rail {WD-12 Western Dressage Seat Equitation}

- Western Dressage Seat on the Rail may be offered in the categories listed in this rule:
  - ~~e.~~ Open to all riders ~~Adult Amateur riders as defined in GR1306 and GR1307.~~
  - Adult Amateur riders as defined in GR1306 and GR1307.**
  - ~~f.~~ ~~Youth Junior~~ riders who have not reached their **18th 22nd** birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year. A competition may choose to break the ~~Youth Junior~~ rider category down by age.
  - ~~g.~~ Maiden, novice and limit riders as defined in GR136.

WD145 Western Dressage Seat Medal {WD-12 Western Dressage Seat Equitation}

- The following class restrictions apply to Western Dressage Seat Medal classes:
  - Adult Amateur riders as defined in GR1306 and GR1307.
  - ~~Youth Junior~~ riders are riders who have not reached their **18th 22nd** birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year. A competition may choose to break the ~~Youth Junior~~ rider category down by age.

WD129 Requirements for Competition Management

- When entries warrant, competitions are encouraged to split classes into separate sections, and to provide separate awards for Open riders, Amateurs, **and** Junior, ~~and Young Riders~~. Horses may be ridden only once in any class, including separate sections of the same class and not by multiple riders.

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Rule Change Intent

The committee wishes to dissolve Youth classes from Western Dressage. The Youth rider division was created to mirror Dressage, but Dressage has a Young Rider team competition and Western Dressage is not going to implement a parallel program. Also, the Youth Division creates confusion regarding the correct allocation of Horse of the Year points.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> youth classes

Committee Actions	
Competition Management	
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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
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## Proposed Change

**WL101** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER WL-1 SECTIONS A AND B GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS]

WL101 Eligibility for Section A and B Ponies

2. A registered Welsh Pony recorded with the Federation under a different name, must show in Welsh classes for high score award points under its Welsh name. Welsh points will be awarded if its correct USEF registration number is used and its registered Welsh name is ~~cross-referenced on the USEF certificate on file with the Federation.~~

Proponent Details	Contact Information
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## Rule Change Intent

To update rule to reflect current practice.

Linked Rules	Comments
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**Web:** eligibility

## Committee Actions

### Competition Management

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### Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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### Welsh

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Proposed Change

**WS103 Conduct** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER WS-1 GENERAL]

**WS103 Conduct**

**2. A judge has the authority to excuse any horse from a class, due to lameness, at any time while being judged.**

Renumber remaining rules accordingly

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Rule Change Intent

The purpose of this rule change is to give the authority to officials to excuse horses from the competition ring when lameness is observed and remove those horses from the class.

Linked Rules	Comments
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**Web:** conduct

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Council - Member Services

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Licensed Officials

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Proposed Change

**GR1021 General** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 10-F CLASSIFICATIONS - COURSE DESIGNERS]

GR1021 General

Course designers shall be **certified in the Hunter and Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation Divisions** or licensed as Registered, recorded or Special in the Hunter/Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation and Jumper Divisions; Registered or recorded in the Eventing and Carriage Pleasure Driving Divisions; Registered, Apprentice or Guest in the Combined Driving Division.

[...]

GR1023 Hunter, Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation Course Designers

**1. A certified or licensed hunter course designer is required to officiate at Regional I or II competitions.**

4- 2. A minimum of an "r" license is required to officiate alone at a National or Premier rated competition with a Hunter class offering up to \$4,999 in prize money.

2- 3. An "R" license is required to officiate alone in Hunter classes offering \$5,000 or more in prize money.

[...]

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Rule Change Intent

A new license level for Hunter Course Designers will provide basic education to individuals interested in designing a hunter course and in turn create courses that are safe, held within standard specifications, and follow general course designing principles at Regional II and I horse shows. Note that the effective date of 12/1/2021 is being requested to allow ample time to offer additional clinics, allowing course designers additional opportunities to become certified. Federation Hunter Course Designer Certification requirements and procedures will be outlined in the Federation's Policies and Procedures document. A companion document has been created to accompany this rule change proposal. This rule change is linked to EQ109, HU117, GR1205.

Linked Rules	Comments
EQ 110 (147-19), HU 117 (148-19), GR 1205 (132-19)	<b>Web:</b> course designers

Committee Actions

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Council - Intl Discipline	
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Council - Member Services	
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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
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Jumper	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 04/08/2020	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
Licensed Officials	
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National Hunter Committee	
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USHJA	
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Proposed Change

**GR1205.4 Course Designer** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 12-1 COMPETITION OFFICIALS]

GR1205 Course Designer  
[...]

4. **A certified or licensed hunter course designer is required to officiate at Regional I or II competitions.** A minimum of a "r" Hunter course designer license is required to officiate alone at a National or Premier rated Hunter/Jumper competition with a Hunter class offering up to \$4,999 in prize money. A "R" Hunter course designer license is required to officiate in any class at an National or Premier licensed Hunter/Jumper competition with a Hunter class offering \$5,000 or more in prize money.

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Rule Change Intent

A new license level for Hunter Course Designers will provide basic education to individuals interested in designing a hunter course and in turn create courses that are safe, held within standard specifications, and follow general course designing principles at Regional II and I horse shows. Note that the effective date of 12/1/2021 is being requested to allow ample time to offer additional clinics, allowing course designers additional opportunities to become certified. Federation Hunter Course Designer Certification requirements and procedures will be outlined in the Federation's Policies and Procedures document. A companion document has been created to accompany this rule change proposal. This rule change is linked to EQ109, GR1021, GR1023, HU117.

Linked Rules	Comments
GR 1021 (130-19), EQ 110 (147-19), HU 117 (148-19)	<b>Web:</b> course designer

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Competition Management	
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Council - Member Services	
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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
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Licensed Officials	
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National Hunter Committee	
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USHJA	
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Proposed Change

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

**DR119 Participation in Dressage Competitions. Add new and renumber:**

**8. Minimum entry requirements for athletes of USA FEI sport nationality entering CDIs can be found in Annex B, which is posted on the USEF website. Athletes of foreign FEI sport nationality (other than USA) should refer to the rules of their National Federation for minimum CDI entry requirements.**

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Rule Change Intent

Dressage has adopted qualification requirements for US riders to enter CDIs. The addition of a reference in the DR rules would inform athletes of this eligibility requirement within the text of the USEF Dressage Rules. Requirements to enter CDIs in Canada, Central/South America, Asia, Australia, and Europe have been in place for years in a Memo posted online. There is no requirement for the U25, YR, JR, Pony, Children, Adult amateurs, or young horse CDI classes in the US ring. Please also reference the Annex B chart as a part of this RCP.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> CDI requirements

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Competition Secretaries

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Council - Intl Discipline

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Council - Member Services

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Dressage

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## Proposed Change

**EQ110 Course Designers** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ-2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION]

## EQ110 Course Designers

1. The ~~licensed~~ Hunter Course Designer, or his designated representative, must be present during all Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes for which he has responsibility and must oversee the courses are properly set for the competition. Course Designer, **or his designated representative**, should be available to report to the judge at any time. (Exception: breed restricted competitions and open competitions with 50% or more breed specific classes.)

**2. A certified or licensed hunter course designer is required to officiate at Regional I or II competitions.**

**2. 3.** A minimum of an "r" license is required to officiate alone at a National or Premier licensed competition with a Hunter class offering up to \$4,999 in prize money.

**3. 4.** A "R" license is required to officiate in any class at a National or Premier licensed competition offering \$5,000 or more in prize money.

## Proponent Details

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## Rule Change Intent

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## Linked Rules

GR 1021 (130-19), HU 117 (148-19), GR 1205 (132-19)

## Comments

**Web:** Course Designers

## Committee Actions

## Competition Management

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## Council - Intl Discipline

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## Council - Member Services

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## Council - Natl Breed &amp; Discipline

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## Licensed Officials

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## National Hunter Committee

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## USHJA

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## Proposed Change

### HU117 Course Designers [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-5 OFFICIALS]

#### HU117 Course Designers

1. The ~~licensed~~ Hunter Course Designer, or his designated representative, must be present during all Hunter and Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes for which he has responsibility and over sees the courses are properly set for the competition. Course Designer, **or his designated representative**, should be available to report to the judge at any time. (Exception: breed restricted competitions and open competitions with 50% or more breed restricted classes.)

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### Linked Rules

GR 1021 (130-19), EQ 110 (147-19), GR 1205 (132-19)

### Comments

**Web:** Course Designers

## Committee Actions

### Competition Management

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### Council - Intl Discipline

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### Council - Member Services

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### Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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### Licensed Officials

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### National Hunter Committee

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### USHJA

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