Rule	Tracking	Draft	Proposal Type	Effective Date	Proponent	Status
EQ 119.1	155-25	1	Standard	12/1/2026	Saddle Seat Eq	Approved (6/16/2026)

EQ119.1 Tracking #155-25 Draft #1 Approved

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2026	2/9/2026	Approved 6/16/2026

Rule Change Intent

The committee would like to remove the requirement for a class to be filled with 2 competitors in proper appointments in order for the class to count towards qualifiying. By removing this requirement, if a class only has one entry, they will still be eligble to earn their qualification for the Final. Due to declining class participation, the current rule unfairly penalizes exhibitors when entries scratch or when a class ultimately has no additional competitors.

Proponent Details

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Linked Rules

Comments

American Saddlebred

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 03/23/2026

Arabian

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 04/13/2026

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 05/26/2026

Draft 1: The Council recommends that the Saddle Seat Eq committee consider giving the opportunity for individuals that show in a 1 horse class, be given the chance to show back in another qualifier throughout the qualifying period.

Morgan

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 04/16/2026

Draft 1: The committee would approve the rule change if it was added that the winning rider of the single horse class, was qualified for the Saddle Seat Medal, but was given the opportunity to compete in another qualifier class of multiple entries in order to gain experience with other riders (similar to the rules and methods used for the AMHA Medal Finals).

Member Comments

EQ119 Requirements for Specific Classes

1. [...]

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

a. ~~Conditions Governing Competitors in USEF Saddle Seat Medal Classes~~

~~1. USEF Medal Classes are open to Individual Junior Members in good standing who have not reached their 18th birthday in accordance with GR128. Exception: Saddle Seat Adult Amateur classes are open to amateur riders 18 years of age or older. Affiliated Members are not eligible. No credit will be given for winnings before a competitor becomes a member.~~

~~2. Application for membership can be made directly to the Federation.~~

~~3. In Saddle Seat only the first place winner is eliminated from further qualifying classes during that year. In Saddle Seat Adult Amateur Medal classes a win does not eliminate a rider from further competition for the remainder of the year.~~

~~4. The winner of a Medal Class Final is no longer eligible to compete in Medal classes in the division in which the Final was won. (Exception: Winners of the Saddle Seat Adult Amateur Medal Final will be eliminated from further competition in Saddle Seat Adult Amateur Medal classes after two (2) consecutive or non-consecutive wins of the Final).~~

b. ~~For full qualifying and Final specifications for the USEF Saddle Seat Medal Final and USEF Saddle Seat Adult Amateur Medal Final see the USEF website.~~

~~c.~~ USEF SADDLE SEAT MEDAL CLASS (17 & Under). Open to Junior Active Members of the Federation who have not yet reached their 18th birthday. One win eliminates the rider from further competition in this class for the remainder of the qualifying season. Individual workouts of the top four competitors are required and must include two or more individual tests. Tests 1-16. Judging is based 50% on rail work and 50% on individual workout. ~~To fill a class, two competitors must show with proper appointments.~~ If there are more than 15 entries at the beginning of this class, it must be split and run as two separate classes. The same workout is required for both classes.

~~d.~~ USEF SADDLE SEAT ADULT AMATEUR MEDAL CLASS. Open to Senior Active Amateur Members of the Federation. A win does not eliminate the rider from further competition in this class for the remainder of the qualifying season. Two or more individual tests of the top four competitors are required. Tests 1-13 and 15-16. Judging is based 50% on rail work and 50% on individual workout. If there are more than 15 entries at the beginning of this class, it must be split and run as two separate classes. The same workout is required for both classes.

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CLEAN VERSION OF WHAT 12 WOULD LOOK LIKE:

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b. USEF SADDLE SEAT ADULT AMATEUR MEDAL CLASS. Open to Senior Active Amateur Members of the Federation. A win does not eliminate the rider from further competition in this class for the remainder of the qualifying season. ~~Two or more individual tests of the top four competitors are required.~~ ***The top four competitors are required to complete two or more individual tests listed in EQ120.*** ~~Tests 1-13 and 15-16.~~ ***14 must not be called for.*** Judging is based 50% on rail work and 50% on individual workout. If there are more than 15 entries at the beginning of this class, it must be split and run as two separate classes. The same workout is required for both classes.

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