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Dear Mr. Distler:

Thank you for submitting your request for Presidential Modification to the application of EQ111.8.f.1. A Presidential Modification is granted in cases of extraordinary, special circumstances. When measured against that criterion, it has been determined that your request meets the standard for a Presidential Modification and therefore is approved.

As a result, this rule will be modified as outlined below for the 2026 Washington International Horse Show (#469). As a condition of this approval, you must notify all potential 2026 exhibitors of this modification by emailing your mailing list as well as posting on your website and social media outlets.

EQ111 Requirements for Specific Classes

8. WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW EQUITATION

f. WIHS Equitation: See EQ106.5b for tack and saddlery restrictions. Boots and conservative colored bandages are permitted in both phases.

1. Hunter Phase - To be shown over a minimum of 8 jumps at 3'6". ~~It is recommended that the course~~ **must** be a straight forward hunter course consisting of natural jumps. ~~It must include a combination, hunter lines, and a long approach to a single jump~~ **"handy hunter" type course (see HU112.6)**. A numerical score will be given. Refer to EQ111.10c for minimum number of riders required for points to count.

Presidential Modifications are neither granted lightly nor repeatedly for the same rule so please ensure that any applicable rule changes are submitted into the USEF rule change system no later than August 15, 2025 in order to meet the deadline of the standard rule change process. Please note that no additional Presidential modifications to this class for the 2026 or 2027 competition years will be accepted.

Sincerely,

Thomas F. X. O'Mara
President

cc: William J. Moroney, CEO
Jennifer Day, Hunter Program Manager

