

Rule	Tracking	Draft	Proposal Type	Effective Date	Proponent	Status
GR 151.2	129-18	1	Rule Clarification	12/1/2018	Licensed Officials	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: FEI sanctioned competitions						
GR 809.1	342-18	1	Rule Clarification	12/1/2018	Arabian	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: performance championships						
GR 821.0	332-18	1	Rule Clarification	12/1/2018	Dressage	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: rider tests						
GR 1004.20	230-18	3	Extraordinary	1/1/2019	Licensed Officials	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: safe sport						
GR 1010.10	345-18	1	Extraordinary	4/1/2019	AHA	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: ranch riding						
GR 1124.6	341-18	1	Rule Clarification	12/1/2018	Arabian	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: working western horse						
GR 1131.4	327-18	1	Rule Clarification	12/1/2018	National Hunter Committee	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: hunter and equitation divisions						
AR 105.0	225-18	1	Rule Clarification	12/1/2018	Arabian	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: vision						
AR 113.4	310-18	1	Extraordinary	12/1/2018	AHA	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: judges						
AR 123.1	139-18	1	Extraordinary	12/1/2018	AHA	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: vision						
AR 140.1	223-18	1	Rule Clarification	12/1/2018	Arabian	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: snaffle						
AR 236.3	131-18	1	Rule Clarification	12/1/2018	Arabian	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: hunter seat equitation						
CP 0.0	249-18	1	Rule Clarification	12/1/2018	Carriage Pleasure Driving	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: organizer						
CP 239.3	306-18	1	Rule Clarification	12/1/2018	Carriage Pleasure Driving	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: cones						
DC 944.0	105-18	1	Extraordinary	12/1/2018	Driving	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: marathon - distances						

Rule	Tracking	Draft	Proposal Type	Effective Date	Proponent	Status
DR 118.0	207-18	1	Extraordinary	12/1/2018	Dressage	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: rider tests						
DR 119.0	108-18	1	Extraordinary	12/1/2018	Dressage	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: number of rides						
DR 121.2	206-18	1	FEI Rule Change	12/1/2018	Dressage	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: saddlery and equipment						
DR 122.0	107-18	1	Extraordinary	12/1/2018	Dressage	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: error						
EQ 103.0	228-18	1	Rule Clarification	12/1/2018	USHJA	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: eligibility to compete						
EV App. 1	243-18	1	Extraordinary	12/1/2018	Eventing	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: levels of horse trials						
EV App. 3	240-18	1	Extraordinary	4/1/2019	Eventing	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: participation in horse trials						
EV 115.0	088-18	1	FEI Rule Change	12/1/2018	Eventing	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: ear hoods						
EV 121.0	241-18	1	Extraordinary	12/1/2018	Eventing	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: eventing officials						
EV 157.0	242-18	1	Extraordinary	12/1/2018	Eventing	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: arena eventing						
FR 231.0	211-18	1	Rule Clarification	12/1/2018	Friesian	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: walk-trot						
HK 117.0	238-18	1	Rule Clarification	12/1/2018	Hackney	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: appointments - ponies						
HK 120.0	219-18	1	Rule Clarification	12/1/2018	Hackney	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: appointments - harness ponies						
HK 133.1	236-18	1	Rule Clarification	4/1/2019	Hackney	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: class specification						
HU 104.4	227-18	1	Rule Clarification	12/1/2018	USHJA	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: horse identification document						

Rule	Tracking	Draft	Proposal Type	Effective Date	Proponent	Status
JP 103.2	210-18	2	Rule Clarification	12/1/2018	Jumper	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: schooling						
JP 111.8	209-18	1	Rule Clarification	12/1/2018	Jumper	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: tack and attire						
JP 116.1	226-18	1	Rule Clarification	12/1/2018	USHJA	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: horse identification document						
JP 116.8	200-18	1	Rule Clarification	12/1/2018	Jumper	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: classes restricted by age of horse						
JP 117.0	354-18	2	Rule Clarification	12/1/2018	USHJA	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: dividing classes						
JP 117.6	208-18	1	Rule Clarification	12/1/2018	Jumper	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: amateurs						
JP 119.2	205-18	1	Rule Clarification	12/1/2018	Jumper	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: U25						
JP 135.6	204-18	1	Rule Clarification	12/1/2018	Jumper	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: broken equipment						
JP 142.6	203-18	1	Rule Clarification	12/1/2018	Jumper	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: breaking ties						
JP 145.3	163-18	1	Rule Clarification	12/1/2018	Jumper	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: classes scored on faults and time						
JP 148.2	164-18	1	Rule Clarification	12/1/2018	Jumper	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: first jump-off						
JP 152.2	201-18	1	Rule Clarification	12/1/2018	Jumper	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: championship qualification						
RD 107.3	155-18	2	Rule Clarification	4/1/2019	Roadster	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: appointments						
RD 114.0	151-18	1	Rule Clarification	4/1/2019	Roadster	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: roadster ponies						
RD 114.0	154-18	1	Rule Clarification	4/1/2019	Roadster	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: roadster ponies						

Rule	Tracking	Draft	Proposal Type	Effective Date	Proponent	Status
SB 103.0	156-18	1	Rule Clarification	4/1/2019	American Saddlebred	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: General, Soundness, and Welfare						
SB 103.7	232-18	1	Rule Clarification	4/1/2019	American Saddlebred	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: General, Soundness, and Welfare						
SB 162.0	158-18	1	Rule Clarification	4/1/2019	ASHA	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: hunter country pleasure						
SB 164.0	159-18	2	Rule Clarification	4/1/2019	ASHA	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: hunter country pleasure - gait requirements						
SB 165.0	160-18	1	Rule Clarification	4/1/2019	ASHA	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: hunter country pleasure - judging						
VA 107.1	199-18	1	Rule Clarification	12/1/2018	Vaulting	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: back pad						
VA 108.3	217-18	2	Rule Clarification	12/1/2018	Vaulting	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: substitution						
VA 116.2	224-18	1	FEI Rule Change	1/1/2019	Vaulting	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: compulsories						
VA 118.0	198-18	1	Rule Clarification	12/1/2018	Vaulting	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: eligibility						
VA 119.0	169-18	4	Extraordinary	1/1/2019	Vaulting	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: individual event						
VA 120.3	197-18	1	FEI Rule Change	1/1/2019	Vaulting	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: compulsories						
VA 125.0	189-18	1	FEI Rule Change	1/1/2019	Vaulting	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: judging code						
VA 126.0	168-18	1	Rule Clarification	12/1/2018	Vaulting	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: points and values						
VA 127.0	142-18	2	Extraordinary	1/1/2019	Vaulting	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: penalties and deductions						
VA 127.1	167-18	1	FEI Rule Change	1/1/2019	Vaulting	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: penalties and deductions						

Rule	Tracking	Draft	Proposal Type	Effective Date	Proponent	Status
VA 127.9	161-18	2	Extraordinary	1/1/2019	Vaulting	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: penalties and deductions						
WS 141.1	317-18	1	Rule Clarification	4/1/2019	Western Committee	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: ranch riding section						
WS 142.0	316-18	1	Rule Clarification	4/1/2019	Western Committee	Approved (11/12/2018)
Description: ranch riding penalties						

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Rule Clarification	12/1/2018	8/30/2018	Approved 11/12/2018

Proposed Change

GR151 Rules [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 1-B ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT OF FEDERATION RULES]

GR151 Rules

2. The rules of the Federation take precedence over the rules of any other Association. (Exception: See GR915.2.) All divisions and sections for which rules are provided herein must be conducted accordingly and cannot be held under rules that are not in agreement.

a. FEI rules take precedence as to international classes and events over Federation rules at all FEI Sanctioned Competitions.

b. Federation rules take precedence as to national classes and events which are not FEI Sanctioned at FEI Sanctioned Competitions.

c. In connection with Endurance Riding Events, The Federation shall nationally enforce the prohibition of the gastric ulcer medications ranitidine and omeprazole, in accordance with GR409.1

d. At FEI Sanctioned Competitions which include no national classes, a licensee is not required to have a Federation steward or technical delegate. (Exception: FEI Sanctioned Jumper competitions licensed by the Federation must have a Federation steward.)

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Rule Change Intent

USEF rules are superseded by FEI rules in FEI sanctioned classes and events. Therefore, GR151's reference to the requirement that a USEF national Steward be present during FEI Jumping competition should be removed from the rulebook. A national Steward is not required to be present during FEI sanctioned events.

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: FEI sanctioned competitions

Committee Actions	
Competition Management	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/08/2018	Draft 1: No Comments
Council - Admin & Finance	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/23/2018	Draft 1: No Comments
Council - Intl Discipline	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/30/2018	Draft 1: No Comments
Jumper	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/22/2018	Draft 1: No Comments

GR809.1 Tracking #342-18 Draft #1 Approved

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Rule Clarification	12/1/2018	9/6/2018	Approved 11/12/2018

Proposed Change

GR809 Performance Championships [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 8-B COMPETITION AWARDS, HONORS, AND PRIZES]

GR809 Performance Championships

1. A Show Committee or Competition Management must designate all qualifying classes and can require any or all winners in a qualifying class at that competition to compete in a Performance Championship class provided this is stated in the prize list and the gaits required are the same as in the qualifying class. Any exhibitor failing to comply must forfeit all prize money in the qualifying class. If an exhibitor or trainer qualifies more than one horse for a Championship class he can elect to show only one. (~~This does not apply to~~ **Exception:** ~~Regional and National/World/Grand Breed Affiliate approved~~ Competitions.)

2. To be eligible to show in a Performance Championship class a horse must have been properly entered, shown and judged in one qualifying class at that competition in the same division or section. (~~This does not apply to~~ **Exception:** ~~Regional and National/World/Grand Breed Affiliate approved~~ Competitions.)

Proponent Details	Contact Information
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Arabian

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Rule Change Intent

Breeds affiliates call their national championships by different names. The addition of "World" and "Grand" is needed in this rule in order to clarify that the performance championship rule does not apply to the breed affiliate championship that go by those names. As currently written, the rule has led to confusion as to whether certain championship are exempted from the performance championship rule.

Linked Rules	Comments
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Web: performance championships

Committee Actions

AHA	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/31/2018	Draft 1: No Comments

Hackney	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/31/2018	Draft 1: Recommends Approval

GR821 Tracking #332-18 Draft #1 Approved

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Rule Clarification	12/1/2018	9/5/2018	Approved 11/12/2018

Extraordinary Change Reason

Rider Tests have been withdrawn by the Dressage Sport Committee effective 12.1.18. It will cause confusion to management & competitors if these tests are still offered in the Rule Book.

Proposed Change

GR821 Opportunity Classes [CHAPTER CHAPTER 8 CONDUCT OF LICENSED COMPETITIONS]

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 two tests and only two classes per level per day at Introductory - Second Level ~~one of which can be the Riders Test at Training - Second levels.~~

b. Level 2 competitions may offer two tests and only two classes per level per day at Introductory - First Level ~~one of which can be the Riders Test at Training and First levels.~~

c. Level 3 competitions may offer two tests and only two classes per level per day at Introductory - Training Level ~~one of which can be the Training Level Riders Test.~~

Proponent Details	Contact Information
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Dressage

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Rule Change Intent

Rider Tests have been withdrawn by the Dressage Sport Committee effective 12.1.18. Reference to rider tests needs to be struck from the GR language.

Potential Impact

none

Linked Rules	Comments
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DR 118 (207-18)

Web: rider tests

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/30/2018

Draft 1: No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Extraordinary	1/1/2019	11/13/2018	Approved 11/12/2018

Extraordinary Change Reason

Safe Sport Compliance Required

Proposed Change

GR1004 General [CHAPTER 10-B General Rules and Fees]

GR1004 General

- 20. The following individuals shall comply with the criminal background check and training requirements of the Federation's Safe Sport Policy:**
- a. All Federation Licensed Officials, including Guest Judges, Certified Eventing Cross Country Course Designers, and Certified Schooling Supervisors;**
 - b. All individuals seeking FEI licensure through the Federation;**
 - c. Current Federation FEI officials; and**

Proponent Details Contact Information

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Rule Change Intent

To ensure the safety of US Equestrian members and competition managers, and to be compliant with the Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017, all officials who officiate in national classes at Federation licensed and endorsed competitions must successfully complete Safe Sport Training and a background check with the Federation.

Linked Rules Comments

Web: safe sport

Committee Actions

American Saddlebred

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/25/2018
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Recommends Approval
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Andalusian/Lusitano

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/29/2018
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Concern was raised whether this rule change proposal would require judges officiating opportunity classes to complete the Safe Sport training requirements and criminal background check. The committee would approve if judges officiating opportunity classes do not fall under this jurisdiction.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Arabian

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/30/2018
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Concern was raised for foreign judges hired as Guest Judges that background checks are a lengthy process, expensive, and in the past there have been issues of inconsistent information on the process itself.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Breeds/Disciplines

Draft 1: No Action
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 10/26/2018
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Recommends approval
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Competition Management

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/08/2018
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

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

Connemara

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/24/2018
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

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

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/23/2018
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

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

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/30/2018
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: The Council recommends disapproval in line with the Governance Committee due to jurisdictional issues as well as affordability issues for competitions. The Council strongly recommends that the USEF continue to encourage the FEI to adopt their own Safe Sport training.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/31/2018
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

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

Dressage

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

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

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

Endurance

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

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

English Pleasure

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

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

Eventing

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/13/2018
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

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

Friesian

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/25/2018
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Concern was raised about the hiring of a foreign judge as a Guest Judge and the cost and time barrier for the international background check to be done in accordance with this rule.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Hackney

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

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

Jumper

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/22/2018
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

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

Morgan

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/25/2018
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Concern was raised because Guest Judges are hired every year for reining and other classes at Morgan Grand National, people who are not licensed in other breeds/disciplines. Morgan Grand National also hires foreign judges and the background check would not only be cost concerning but is also a lengthy process that there may not be enough time to complete. Another concern was if a judge falls ill at or right before a show and a guest judge would need to be hired quickly, there would be no time for the background check.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/22/2018
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

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

National Show Horse

Draft 1: No Action 10/30/2018
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 10/30/2018
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

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

Reining

Draft 1: No Action
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 10/26/2018
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Recommends Approval
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Saddle Seat Eq

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/26/2018
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: The committee agrees with Safe Sport training they are concerned with the broad scope this proposal would have. Requiring background checks on foreign judges, who in all likelihood will never deal directly with youth athletes, is both expensive and difficult. They are concerned this proposal will have an adverse effect on the judging pool, particularly for FEI events. There is way too much grey area that the committee does not believe USEF is ready to broach the legal issues that should be law enforcement, not USEF.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Shetland

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/23/2018
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

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

US Saddle Seat World Cup

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

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

USA Reining

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

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

USHJA

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

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

Vaulting

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

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

Welsh

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

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

Western Committee

Draft 1: No Action 10/26/2018
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: The committee voted for "No Action"
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Western Dressage

Draft 1: No Action 10/30/2018
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

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

GR1010.10 Tracking #345-18 Draft #1 Approved

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Extraordinary	4/1/2019	9/6/2018	Approved 11/12/2018

Extraordinary Change Reason

It is the desire of Arabian Exhibitors to be judged by the most qualified judges. There exists a well-qualified pool of judges from outside our breed that specialize in adjudicating Ranch Riding. It would be to the benefit of AHA to ensure the non-USEF/AHA licensed judges meet the criteria set by the Judges and Stewards Commissioner and the Education/Evaluation Commission.

Proposed Change

GR1010 Guest Cards [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 10-C CLASSIFICATIONS - JUDGES]

GR1010

10. Arabian

f. ~~Guest Judges may serve on a multiple judge working western panel.~~ **Ranch Riding - Experienced National Reining Horse Association (NRHA), National Reined Cow Horse Association (NRCHA), judges licensed by another breed organization (i.e. AQHA, APHA, ApHC, etc.), and those holding a Specialty Card with the Arabian Horse Association may officiate in Ranch Riding classes.**

Proponent Details	Contact Information
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AHA

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Rule Change Intent

To allow the Arabian Breed to utilize a well-qualified pool of judges from outside of our breed that specialize in adjudicating Ranch Riding. It is the desire of Arabian Exhibitors to be judged by the most qualified judges. There exists a well-qualified pool of judges from outside our breed that specialize in adjudicating Ranch Riding. It would be to the benefit of AHA to ensure the non-USEF/AHA licensed judges meet the criteria set by the Judges and Stewards Commissioner and the Education/Evaluation Commission.

Linked Rules	Comments
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Web: ranch riding

Committee Actions

Arabian

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/30/2018

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/31/2018

Draft 1: No Comments

Licensed Officials

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/29/2018

Draft 1: The LOC recommends disapproval due to the inclusion of "experienced" within the description. It would be difficult for Licensed Official Department staff to determine when an individual is experienced. The LOC recommends removal of the word "experienced" from GR1010.10.d, GR1010.10.e, and GR1010.10.f in order for a draft to be approved. Also, the LOC recommends correcting a spelling mistake in point GR1010.10.d and GR1010.10.e (specialty).

Western Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/06/2018

Draft 1: Committee would approve this rule if the word "experienced" is removed.

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Rule Clarification	12/1/2018	9/6/2018	Approved 11/12/2018

Proposed Change

GR1124 Arabian and Half/Anglo Arabian Divisions [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 11-F AWARD SECTIONS]

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 ~~Pleasure 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;

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 are combined.

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

Arabian Ranch Horse Pleasure changed to Ranch Horse Riding, effective 12/1/2016. This clarification will make Chapter 11 align with the language used in the Arabian Chapter.

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: working western horse

Committee Actions

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/31/2018

Draft 1: No Comments

Western Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/06/2018

Draft 1: Recommends approval

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Rule Clarification	12/1/2018	9/5/2018	Approved 11/12/2018

Proposed Change

GR1131 Hunter and Equitation Divisions [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 11-F AWARD SECTIONS]

4. All Hunter competitions are required to offer the minimum number of classes and amounts of prize money listed in GR312 for each approved Hunter section. If sections are canceled or entries are insufficient to award all prize money offered then only money offered to the number of places awarded must be distributed. All Hunter competitions must state their Increment rating clearly on the cover of the prize list. **See Subchapter HJ-3 for Hunter competition rating requirements.** A maximum of \$5,000 in Hunter Classic, USHJA International Hunter Derby and/or USHJA National Hunter Derby prize money can count as part of the required \$24,000 in prize money, including add back money if any, that must be paid in order to maintain a "Premier" rating. If an add-back is offered, the minimum required prize money for that section must be guaranteed, and the add-backs must be clearly indicated in the prize list. Premier competitions offering add back must offer a minimum of \$18,001 and must pay a minimum of \$24,000. Exception: if sections are cancelled or entries are insufficient to award all prize money, then additional money not awarded must be pooled and redistributed 60% to the champions, and 40% to the reserve champions of the remaining "A" rated hunter sections.

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Rule Change Intent

The language being struck currently exists in both GR11 and HJ. The removal of the language from GR11 and reference to HJ prevents one section from being changed without the other and thus conflicting language.

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: hunter and equitation divisions

Committee Actions

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
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USHJA	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Rule Clarification	12/1/2018	8/31/2018	Approved 11/12/2018

Proposed Change

AR105 Conduct, Specifications, Soundness and Welfare of the Horse [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER AR-1 GENERAL SECTION]

AR105 Conduct, Specifications, Soundness and Welfare of the Horse

- 1. All horses, except horses entered in Sub-Chapter 29 Equitation and Sub-Chapter 30 Showmanship classes, must be serviceably sound.
- a. All horses must be in good condition. ~~All Horses with loss of sight~~ **must have vision in at least one eye in order to** may compete in any class except Breeding/Gelding In-Hand classes and Sport Horse In-Hand Classes, **where horses must have vision in both eyes.**
 - 1. The official veterinarian's decision, if requested by the judge as to the serviceable soundness of a horse (i.e., whether the horse shows evidence of lameness, broken wind, or complete loss of sight in either eye), will be final for the purpose of awarding ribbons in the class for which he has been called.

Subchapter AR-2 PUREBRED ARABIAN BREEDING/GELDING IN-HAND SECTION

AR117 Specifications

Horses must be serviceably sound **and have vision in both eyes** (i.e., horse must not show evidence of lameness or broken wind) ~~or complete loss of sight in either eye~~

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Rule Change Intent

There has been confusion among competitors regarding the definition of "loss of sight". This is to further clarify and define what is considered "loss of sight" for the Arabian division

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: vision

Committee Actions

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
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Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Extraordinary	12/1/2018	9/4/2018	Approved 11/12/2018

Extraordinary Change Reason

To outline the responsibility of an In-Hand ring Compliance Judge, as well as who can serve in this capacity and when an In-Hand Ring Compliance Judge could be used. The need for an In-Hand ring Compliance Judge is in direct response to and Arabian Horse Associations best solution to keep in compliance with the directive from the USEF Hearing Committee. A USEF licensed Arabian judge will serve as the In-Hand ring Compliance Judge during Breeding/Gelding In-Hand classes (Purebred and Half-Arabian). This judge shall monitor the conduct of exhibitors to mitigate shanking of horses or other possibly abusive actions during the class. While monitoring the conduct of the class, the Compliance judge has no responsibility in the actual judging of the entries but will have the authority to warn, eliminate or hand out yellow cards to exhibitors like judges officiating the class.

Proposed Change

AR113 Conduct [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER AR-2 PUREBRED ARABIAN BREEDING/GELDING IN-HAND SECTION]

- 4. Competition management has the authority to appoint/employ a Federation/EC licensed Arabian division judge to serve as the In-Hand Ring Compliance Judge during Breeding/Gelding In-hand classes.**
- a. An individual fulfilling the position of the In-Hand Ring Compliance Judge must be an Arabian Division judge in good standing with both USEF/EC and AHA.**
- b. The In-Hand Compliance Judge has no input or authority in the actual judging of entries in the class beyond the authority described here-in.**
- c. The In-Hand Ring Compliance Judge is governed by the same conflict of interest rules as any other judge at the competition.**
- d. The In-Hand Ring Compliance Judge's authority starts when the first horse enters the ring at the start of the class and ends when the official judges' cards are signed and turned in to the announcer or scorer, in accordance with GR109.6.**
- e. The In-Hand Ring Compliance Judge cannot serve as a scheduled judge during the same competition but could be utilized as an emergency substitute judge in any performance section for which they are qualified to adjudicate.**
- f. The In-Hand Ring Compliance Judge has the authority to warn or eliminate an entry at anytime during a class for violation of AR115.1 and/or AR115.3c except during the time the exhibitor is actively being evaluated by the officiating judge(s).**
- g. The AHA Education and Evaluation Commission and AHA Judges & Stewards Commissioner will provide the official form for use by the In-Hand Ring Compliance Judge and will provide instruction in the use of the form.**
- h. The decision of the In-Hand Ring Compliance Judge cannot be protested.**

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

To outline the responsibility of an In-Hand ring Compliance Judge, as well as who can serve in this capacity and when an In-Hand Ring Compliance Judge could be used. The need for an In-Hand ring Compliance Judge is in direct response to and Arabian Horse Associations best solution to keep in compliance with the directive from the USEF Hearing Committee. A USEF licensed Arabian judge will serve as the In-Hand ring Compliance Judge during Breeding/Gelding In-Hand classes (Purebred and Half-Arabian). This judge shall monitor the conduct of exhibitors to mitigate shanking of horses or other possibly abusive actions during the class. While monitoring the conduct of the class, the Compliance judge has no responsibility in the actual judging of the entries but will have the authority to warn, eliminate or hand out yellow cards to exhibitors like judges officiating the class.

Web: judges

Committee Actions

Arabian

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/30/2018**Draft 1:** No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/23/2018**Draft 1:** No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/31/2018**Draft 1:** No Comments

Licensed Officials

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/29/2018

Draft 1: The LOC recommends disapproval, but would approve if corrections to the "Federation/EC" and "USEF/EC" references are edited. A jointly licensed USEF and Equestrian Canada Arabian judge does not exist, therefore an official would either be a Federation judge, EC judge, or a Federation and EC judge. Suggested edits: 4. Competition management has the authority to appoint/employ a Federation or Equestrian Canada licensed Arabian division judge to serve as the In-Hand Ring Compliance Judge during Breeding/Gelding In-hand classes. a. An individual fulfilling the position of the In-Hand Ring Compliance Judge must be an Arabian Division judge in good standing with AHA and the Federation or Equestrian Canada.

AR123.1 Tracking #139-18 Draft #1 Approved

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Extraordinary	12/1/2018	8/30/2018	Approved 11/12/2018

Extraordinary Change Reason

Horses with loss of sight in one eye are considered serviceably sound to compete in all performance classes, it is logical that those same horses would be considered serviceably sound for performance halter

Proposed Change

AR123 General [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER AR-4 PERFORMANCE HALTER SECTION]

1. Performance Halter classes (See also AR-1, AR-2 and AR-3). **Horses with loss of sight in one eye may compete in Performance Halter classes.**

Proponent Details	Contact Information
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Rule Change Intent

Allows for horses with the loss of sight in one eye to compete in Performance Halter classes. Horses with loss of sight in one eye are considered serviceably sound to compete in all performance classes, it is logical that those same horses would be considered serviceably sound for performance halter.

Linked Rules	Comments
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Web: vision

Committee Actions

Arabian

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/30/2018

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/31/2018

Draft 1: No Comments

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Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Rule Clarification	12/1/2018	8/31/2018	Approved 11/12/2018

Proposed Change

AR140 Appointments [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER AR-9 HUNTER PLEASURE SECTION]

1. Tack:

a. Bridle shall be light, show type; either snaffle (**full or half cheek**), pelham, full bridle or kimberwicke bit acceptable. Browband/cavessons must be of hunter type.

b. Junior Horse classes require a snaffle bit. Snaffle bit is defined as snaffle bit of at least 3/8" diameter as measured 1/2" from the ring. The snaffle bit may be jointed, double jointed or unjointed. For all junior horse performance classes, all snaffle bits must have a round, egg butt or "D" shaped ring with no attachments to the headstall or reins through a hook (except for keepers for a full cheek snaffle when section rules allow a full cheek). Full cheek (with or without keepers), French and Dr. Bristol snaffle bits are permitted. The following are not permitted: **half cheek snaffles**, ornamented bridles, browbands or cavessons, saddle seat style colored browbands/cavessons, figure eight, drop, or flash nosebands.

b. Breastplate or breast collar is optional.

c. No martingales or tie-downs.

d. Type of English saddle is optional, but forward seat type saddle recommended. Saddle Seat type saddles are not allowed.

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Rule Change Intent

There has been confusion among competitors and stewards as to whether half cheek snaffles are permitted in the Hunter Pleasure section of the Arabian division. The added language will clarify that full and half cheek snaffles are permitted in all Hunter Pleasure classes, except Junior horse classes where half cheek snaffles are not permitted.

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: snaffle

Committee Actions

AHA	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
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Proposed Change

AR236 Hunter Seat Equitation [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER AR-29 EQUITATION SECTION]

Number 1-2

3. Hunter Seat Equitation – Not to Jump.

Horses to be shown at the Walk, Posting Trot, Sitting Trot and Canter. A lengthening or shortening of stride may be called for at any gait. Horses may be asked to back on the rail or in line up. Additional tests, EQ112, may be called for but if the class entry is age restricted, the tests must be consistent with AHA Medal class requirements as outlined below.

a. For AHA Hunter Seat Equitation – Not to Jump Medal (13 & Under), Regional (13 & Under) and National (13 & Under). Not to Jump classes, all contestants are required to perform both the rail work and two or more individual tests from Equitation rule EQ 112, Tests 1-5, 8.

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 tests 1-5, 8-9, 11-19. Exception: Test 16 may be called for only at the AHA National Competition.

c. All Medal, Regional and National Championship classes are a two phase class and all riders must return for additional testing to be considered for an award. For tests from which judges must choose, see EQ112.

d. 1. Judging is based on 50% rail work and 50% pattern work.

e. 2. Patterns must be posted one hour before the class, 24 hours for Regional and National Championships.

f. 3. A rider going off pattern is not eliminated from consideration for an award but must be severely penalized.

g- 4. A Fall of horse or rider in any phase of the class is cause for elimination.

Proponent Details	Contact Information
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Rule Change Intent

Hunter Seat Equitation –Not to Jump at the local qualifying level does not require a pattern, however, in its current form it does. By changing the lettering to numbering it clarifies that the items currently listed in points d. through g. pertain only to the Medal, Regional and National level Hunter Seat Equitation – Not to Jump classes.

Linked Rules	Comments
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Web: hunter seat equitation

Committee Actions

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
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Proposed Change

CHAPTER CP CARRIAGE PLEASURE DRIVING DIVISION [CHAPTER CHAPTER CP CARRIAGE PLEASURE DRIVING DIVISION]

Please replace the word "Management" with the word "Organizer" in the following rules

CP103.1

CP110.2

CP111.4

CP113.5

CP114.6

CP120.3

CP120.5

CP210

CP216.2

CP223.5

CP223.7

CP224.1d

CP226.1

CP230.2

CP230.3

SUB-CHAPTER CP-15

CP236.1

CP238.4

CP252.4

CP259.5

CP259.5

CP259.7

CP260.3

CP260.4

Proponent Details

Carriage Pleasure Driving

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Rule Change Intent

The purpose of these changes in the rules according to ADS is to better define the person responsible for organizing the running the competition. ADS wants to replace the word "Management" with the word "Organizer" in all instances in the CP chapter. These rule changes will bring the USEF rules to a comparable level with the ADS rulebook.

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: organizer

Committee Actions

ADS

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

CP239.3 Tracking #306-18 Draft #1 Approved

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Rule Clarification	12/1/2018	9/4/2018	Approved 11/12/2018

Proposed Change

CP239 Measurement of Obstacles [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER CP-15 CLASS SPECIFICATIONS: PLEASURE OBSTACLE DRIVING]

CP239 Measurement of Obstacles

2. On ~~markers~~ **cones** with perpendicular sides, adjustment for the widest part of the vehicle at the highest part of the ~~marker~~ **cones** may be made.

~~3. Care should be taken when numbers are placed to ensure that the numbers do not protrude inside the markers where they might be disturbed without hitting the obstacle itself.~~

4. **3.** It is the responsibility of the Technical Delegate to ensure that each set of ~~markers~~ **cones** is properly adjusted.

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Rule Change Intent

The purpose of this rule change is to delete verbiage that is unnecessary in the rulebook. This is a course designer instruction, should not be listed as a rule and the changes make the USEF rules consistent with the ADS rulebook.

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: cones

Committee Actions

ADS	
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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
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Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Extraordinary	12/1/2018	8/8/2018	Approved 11/12/2018

Extraordinary Change Reason

The rule requires intermediate courses to be the same length as the advanced section and for the horses to travel at higher speed. The change will reduce the course length and required speed for intermediate horses. This is an extraordinary rule change as this impacts the safety and welfare of horses.

Proposed Change

DC944 The Course [CHAPTER DC-12 MARATHON]

2. Marathon: Combined Driving Event

Option 1 – Three Section Marathon:

Advanced *

Section	Maximum distance	Minimum distance	Pace	Speed km/hr		
				Horse	Pony	Small-Pony
A	8000m	5000m	free	15	14	12
Transfer	1500m	800m	free			
B	7500m	5000m	free	14	13	12

Intermediate –VSE speeds

Section	Maximum distance	Minimum distance	Pace	Speed km/hr			
				Horse	Pony	Small pony	VSE
A	7000m	5000m	free	15	14	13	10
Transfer	1500m	800m	free				
B	7500m 7000m	5000m	free	15 14	14 13	13 12	10

Preliminary –VSE distance and pace

Section	Maximum distance	Minimum distance	Pace	Speed km/hr			
				Horse	Pony	Small pony	VSE
A	6000m	5000m	free	14	13	12	10
Transfer	1500m	800m	free				
B	7000m	5000m	free	14	13	12	9.5

Option 2 - Two Section Marathon:

Advanced: at least 1 km per Obstacle.

Section	Maximum distance	Minimum distance	Pace	Speed km/hr	
				Horse	Pony
A	9000m	5800m	free	Max. 13 Min. 11	Max. 12 Min. 10
B	7500m	5000m	free	14	13

Intermediate

Section	Maximum distance	Minimum distance	Pace	Speed km/hr			
				Horse	Pony	Small Pony	VSE
A	9000m 8000m	6500m	free	13	12	11	8
B	7500m 7000m	5000m	free	15 14	14 13	13 12	10

Preliminary

Section	Maximum distance	Minimum distance	Pace	Speed km/hr			
				Horse	Pony	Small Pony	VSE
A	8500m 7000m	6500m	free	12	11	10	8
B	7000m	5000m	free	14	13	12	9.5

2-6- 2.1 Para-Equestrian Driving –CPEAI

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Proponent Details

Driving

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Rule Change Intent

Match the speeds used by the Affiliate, American Driving Society, for Preliminary and Intermediate divisions. The Committee also voted to remove the small pony class option from the Advanced division to align with the FEI at the Advanced level.

(Note: re-formatting and charts moved to go in correct order from Advanced to Intermediate then Preliminary)

Linked Rules

Comments

Legal:

Web: marathon - distances

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

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Draft 1: No Comments

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Extraordinary	12/1/2018	8/31/2018	Approved 11/12/2018

Extraordinary Change Reason

Rider Tests have been withdrawn by the Dressage Sport Committee effective 12.1.18. If not approved, the Rider tests language will still remain in the Rule book causing confusion with membership (comp management and exhibitors)

Proposed Change

DR118 Tests for Dressage Competitions [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]**RCPs for removal of Rider Tests:****DR118 Tests for Dressage Competitions. Change to read and renumber remaining:****4. Purpose of Federation Dressage Rider Tests:**

~~TRAINING LEVEL RIDER TEST: To confirm that the rider sits in the correct posture and alignment and shows correct mechanics in walk, rising trot and canter. The seat is sufficiently independent for the rider to maintain a steady, 510~~

~~elastic rein contact and encourage the horse to stretch into that contact. The horse is ridden actively forward showing impulsion and balance required for the level, bends equally to the left and right sides on turns and circles, and makes smooth, willing transitions.~~

~~FIRST LEVEL RIDER TEST: To confirm that the rider, in addition to the requirements of training level, shows correct alignment, posture and mechanics in sitting trot, including maintaining a steady, elastic rein contact. In turns on forehand and leg yields the rider remains centered and the horse responds willingly to the aids. The transitions are ridden in a better balance and with more throughness than at training level. In response to the correct application of the rider's aids, the horse moves actively forward showing a consistent tempo and correct rhythm in each gait, shows appropriate bending, lengthens and shortens the stride in trot and responds willingly to both longitudinal and lateral aids.~~

~~SECOND LEVEL RIDER TEST: To confirm that the rider, having achieved the requirements of first level, is able to ride the horse reliably on the bit with an uphill tendency. The rider lengthens and shortens the horse's stride in trot and canter while maintaining correct alignment, posture and mechanics. In lateral movements the rider stays centered and demonstrates an appropriate angle and bending of the horse. As a result of the correct application of the rider's aids, the horse shows a greater degree of straightness, bending, suppleness, throughness, balance and self-carriage than at first level.~~

~~6. 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. Rider tests may be ridden only in classes, including Test of Choice classes, that are limited to Rider tests. Quadrille and Pas de Deux 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.~~

DR119 Participation in Dressage Competitions. Change to read:

~~2. Horses may compete in no more than one Licensed Competition on the same day and are limited to a maximum of three Dressage rides per day at Fourth Level and below (including Rider Tests) or two Dressage rides per day above Fourth Level...~~

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~~Rider Tests are equivalent to Dressage tests of the same level.~~

DR122 Execution and Judging of Tests. Change to read and renumber remaining:

~~5. Errors.~~

~~e. For Rider Tests, the deduction for an error shall be:~~

~~1. First error: Total Score reduced by 0.5 points~~

~~2. Second error: Total Score reduced by 1.0 points~~

~~3. Third error: Elimination~~

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

Rider Tests:

- a. Riders position
- b. Riders correct and effective use of aids
- c. Horse's response and performance
- d. Accuracy of the exercises
- e. Harmony between Rider and Horse

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14. When multiple judges officiate in Rider Tests, the judges must sit together at "C". Individual movements are not judged. The judges must fill out one Marking Sheet with general comments and marks at the end of the test. Tests may be called.

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

3. Individual Classification. In all competitions the winner is the competitor having the highest percentage, the second placed competitor is the one with the next highest percentage, 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 after coefficients have been applied, the horses must remain tied. Errors on a test may not be used to break ties. ~~When the final score in Rider Tests are equal, the competitors must remain~~

- 1. Final results for each class must be posted as soon as possible after the class is completed...

DR126 Requirements for Dressage Competition Management. Change to read:

1.g. Location of Judges.

1. If there is only one judge he is preferably placed a maximum of five meters and minimum of three meters from the end of the arena and must be opposite the letter C. Except in Young Horse ~~and Rider Tests~~, when two judges are used one is placed at C and the other at B or E, preferably a maximum of five meters and minimum of three meters opposite the letter. ...

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3. Except in Young Horse ~~tests and Rider Tests~~, a separate enclosure (booth, tent, trailer) or platform for indoor classes must be provided for each judge.

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7. The jury for the FEI Dressage Tests for 4, 5, and 6-year-old horses and USEF Dressage Test for 4-year old horses, ~~and Rider Tests~~, must be seated together at "C" and may comprise a maximum of three judges. (Exception: See Selection Procedures for the USEF National Championships for Young Horses for the number and placement of judges in the Young Horse championship competition.)

Proponent Details

Dressage

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Rule Change Intent

Rider Tests have been withdrawn by the Dressage Sport Committee effective 12.1.18.

Potential Impact

none

Linked Rules

GR 821 (332-18)

Comments

Web: rider tests

Committee Actions

DR119 Tracking #108-18 Draft #1 Approved

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Extraordinary	12/1/2018	8/8/2018	Approved 11/12/2018

Extraordinary Change Reason

Horse welfare.

Proposed Change

DR.119 DR119 Participation in Dressage Competitions. [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]

2. Horses may compete in no more than one Licensed Competition on the same day **and are prohibited from competing in any non-licensed competition(s) held on the same day(s) as they compete in a Licensed Dressage Competition.** Horses are limited to a maximum of three Dressage rides per day at Fourth Level and below (including Rider Tests) or two Dressage rides per day above Fourth Level.

Effective: 12.1.18

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Dressage

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Rule Change Intent

Horse Welfare. To limit the number of rides per day for each horse.

Linked Rules	Comments
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Web: number of rides

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

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Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

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Draft 1: No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
FEI Rule Change	12/1/2018	8/31/2018	Approved 11/12/2018

Proposed Change

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

DR121 Saddlery and Equipment. Change to read:

2. For Training, First and Second Level tests, FEI Tests for Children, and FEI Pony tests, a plain snaffle bridle is required with a regular cavesson, a dropped noseband, a flash noseband (a combination of a cavesson noseband and a dropped noseband attachment) or a crossed noseband. Except for the buckles and a small disk of sheepskin, which may be used in the intersection of the two leather straps of a crossed noseband, the headstall and cavesson/noseband of the bridle must be made entirely of leather or leather-like material. However, wear tabs on cheek pieces and reins may be made of non-leather or other material. A padded cavesson/noseband and crownpiece are allowed. Nylon or other non-metal material may be used to reinforce leather in the headstall but must not come in direct contact with the horse. Elastic inserts are permitted in the crownpiece and cheekpieces only. A browband is required, and except for the parts that attach to the crownpiece or headstall, is not required to be made of leather or leather-like material. The crownpiece of the bridle must lie immediately behind the poll and may extend forward onto the poll, but it may not be fitted to lie behind the skull (see diagram). ~~Bridles are not permitted in which the noseband is connected to the bit or cheekpiece below the level of the browband. A throatlatch is required except when the combined noseband or Micklem bridle are used.~~ **A jowl strap is considered a throat latch and can be used to replace, or be used in addition to, a traditional throat latch. In order to meet the requirements of this rule the jowl strap must be fitted around or immediately below the horse's jowl. Nosebands with one or two lower (chin) straps must also have a throat latch, as described above.**

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Rule Change Intent

New bridles have continued to change the boundaries of saddlery that can be used in dressage competitions. The FEI has frequently approved new bridles that do not fall within the USEF rules for approved saddlery. This rule change is meant to clarify when a jowl strap can replace a traditional throatlatch. This proposal allows for USEF approval of saddlery recently published by the FEI in July 2018 in its "Summary of Approved and Not Permitted Equipment for FEI Dressage Events".

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: saddlery and equipment

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

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Draft 1: No Action **Draft 1:** No Comments

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Extraordinary	12/1/2018	8/8/2018	Approved 11/12/2018

Extraordinary Change Reason

For consistency with FEI rules.

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.

f. For FEI Level **and USDF** Freestyle tests, two points will be deducted for each error, however they are not cumulative and will not result in elimination.

Effective: 12.1.18

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Rule Change Intent

USDF has requested that errors in USDF Freestyle tests be counted the same as in FEI Level Freestyles and that this change be in effect for next test cycle beginning 12.1.2018.

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: error

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline
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Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Rule Clarification	12/1/2018	8/31/2018	Approved 11/12/2018

Proposed Change

EQ103.3.3 Eligibility to Compete [CHAPTER EQ-2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION]

EQ103 Eligibility to Compete

[...]

3.3 For classes that require age verification, age can be verified only through the following identification documents:

a. registration papers, **Certificate of Pedigree** or passport issued by a ~~World Breed Federation Sport Horse (WBFSH) recognized registry~~ **breed or sport horse registry approved by the Federation.**

b. ~~registration papers or Certificate of Pedigree from a breed or sport horse registry.~~ **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.**

[...]

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Rule Change Intent

This rule clarification is proposed to ensure that all horses competing in age-restricted classes are properly age verified by requiring them to be registered with a breed or sport horse organization authorized and recognized by the Federation.

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: eligibility to compete

Committee Actions

Council - Admin & Finance	
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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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USHJA	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments

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Extraordinary	12/1/2018	9/4/2018	Approved 11/12/2018

Extraordinary Change Reason

This proposed change was prompted by an protest filed by and Eventing competitor directly with the USEF Hearing Committee. The competitor felt that the Cross-Country Course Designer had not followed the rules per the current Eventing Appendix 1. The matter was forwarded to a Cross-Country Course Advisor for review resulting in a recommendation to the Eventing Sport Committee that certain aspects of the the current Appendix were unenforceable as rules due to the use of the terms "should" and "may. The Eventing Rules Working Group and Eventing Sport Committee worked together to clarify the language of the rule and reformat for ease of review. The USEF Course Designer/Builders Committee also provided input and recommended additional changes. The Eventing Sport Committee approved the following proposed change and feel it will alleviate any confusion while clarifying which matters which items re: design MUST be followed.

Proposed Change

EV Appendix 1 - Levels of Horse Trials [CHAPTER EV Appendix 1 - levels of Horse Trials]

APPENDIX 1 – LEVELS OF HORSE TRIALS

While the following is meant as a basic framework, please refer to Cross-Country Guideline for more detailed and comprehensive details for the cross-country and jumping phases.

~~1. Beginner Novice—The Beginner Novice level is designed to introduce green horses and riders to Horse Trials, combining dressage, cross-country and Beginner jumping tests. It is for competitors and horses that have already had experience in schooling competitions in all three disciplines. The entire experience should be safe, inviting and educational to build confidence and a desire to progress. Competitors should be prepared to do a walk, trot and canter dressage test with 20-meter figures and a halt. The cross-country shall include simple, straightforward obstacles, solid in appearance, with true ground lines. The course should start with the simplest of jumps, such as a log with brush ground line, and gradually progress to bigger logs, coops and small tables with a sloping face, and other natural and inviting obstacles. Water crossings, if included, should be simple and inviting in nature with consideration for an alternate jump next to it (a simple log), when possible, which could provide an option to those not ready to cross water. There must be no jumps before or after a water crossing within six strides before and four strides after. A small step up but not down may be included. Ditches, if included, must be natural in appearance with a generous take off log along with consideration for an optional jump alongside the ditch for those not ready to jump a ditch. The track of the course must be devoid of sharp turns, be inviting in nature, and encourage horses and riders to learn to gallop across country in rhythm with confidence. The course may include one combination of 2 or 3 strides in a straight line. The jumping course should be inviting and straightforward, preferably with lines of six strides or more and may include only one double of two strides which may include only one oxer.~~

~~2. Novice—The Novice Level is a continuing introduction to Horse Trials. It is designed for competitors and horses with some experience at lower levels or for experienced riders and horses new to the sport. The dressage will not differ greatly from Beginner Novice. The cross-country should invite bold, forward movement involving galloping in balance and jumping out of stride. Combinations may include: obstacles on a two stride line, and an obstacle after a ditch at no less than two strides. Steps in combination may include: a step up followed by a step down at two strides, two steps up at two strides, or an obstacle after a step up at two strides. Waters may incorporate a simple jump out of water. The obstacles will be more substantial and may include a drop, a double, and a simple obstacle out of water. At such obstacles, the exit shall not be revetted. Individual obstacles may include: a simple log/trakeher, or a double brush. The jumping course should be inviting and straightforward, preferably with lines of six strides or more and shall include only one or two doubles of two strides. Each combination may include only one oxer.~~

~~3. Training—The Training Level is an elementary examination of competitors and horses with~~

some experience and training. The dressage test may ask for further development of the basic gaits, including lengthening at the trot and canter, as well as 10-meter trot and 15-meter canter figures. The cross-country should include questions that are becoming more sophisticated in nature, while remaining positive and inviting. Combinations may include: obstacles on a one-stride line, a simple corner, and an obstacle before or after a ditch at two strides. Steps in combination may include: a step down followed by a step up at two strides, two steps down at one stride, two steps up at a one-stride distance, or obstacle after a step up at one stride. Water may include a jump into water or a jump out of water. Individual obstacles may include: a simple obstacle jumped from water to water (provided this water jump does not include jumps into or out of water), a ditch/brush, a ditch/wall and a picture frame over a vertical. The jumping course must include either (i) two doubles; or (ii) simple triple combination in the second part of the course with only one oxer. If the oxer is at the "b" or "c" parts of any combination it should be set on two strides. The course should introduce simple technical questions with some related jumps on five strides or more. If a liverpool is used it must be built as a vertical over the center of the liverpool tray and a straight forward alternative jump must be offered.

4. MODIFIED—The Modified Level is for the training-level horse with the intent on progressing to the FEI Introductory level and Preliminary level. The dressage may include medium paces at trot and canter, as well as the introduction of leg yielding, and changes of lead through trot. The cross-country course should introduce tests of accuracy, agility and boldness, control, judgment and jumping ability. Combinations should be more complex than training but still be obvious and inviting to the horse. Obstacles should now involve angled lines, corners, varied terrain and combinations with water or narrow fences. The show jumping course shall include two doubles, or a double and a triple combination. If a triple combination is used, it should be in the second part of the course and with only one oxer. It should be more technical than the training level with any related jumps on five strides or more. *BOD 1/20/18 Effective 2/1/18*

5. Preliminary—The Preliminary Level is a moderate examination of competitors and horses in a regular training program preparing for One Star Events. The dressage test may include medium paces at the trot and canter, as well as the introduction of leg yielding, shoulder in, rein back, and changes of lead through the trot. The cross-country should include tests of accuracy, agility, boldness, control, judgment and jumping ability. Obstacles may now include angled lines, corners, simple bounces, slopes, and combinations involving water or narrow fences. The jumping course must include either (i) two or three doubles; or (ii) a double and a triple combination. The jumping course should be more technical than the Training Level and may require lengthening or shortening of stride.

6. Intermediate—The Intermediate Level is an examination of increasing technical difficulty, preparing competitors and horses for Two Star Events. The dressage test may include canter to halt and walk to canter transitions, as well as turns on the haunches, simple changes, and counter canter. The cross-country should now combine in more elaborate settings the tests introduced at the Preliminary Level, such as combinations with more than one question to be solved. Obstacles to be expected include banks, ditches, or water with narrow elements, a bounce combined with other elements, or corners in a combination. The jumping course must include either (i) a double and a triple combination; or (ii) three doubles, with more related distances, and technical questions than the preliminary.

7. Advanced—The Advanced Level is the highest national level of Horse Trials. It offers tests of significant difficulty designed to prepare competitors and horses for either Three or Four Star Events. The dressage test may include extensions in all three paces, half pass at the trot and canter, and single flying changes. The cross-country should be clearly a test of boldness and

scope as it now combines size with technical difficulty. Combinations with multiple questions are to be expected, such as bounces into water, coffins with short distances or significant slopes, and bending lines or related distances between narrow questions. The jumping course must include either (i) a double and a triple combination; or (ii) three doubles. The jumping course must be the most technical Division of the national competition.

As Horse Trials at the Preliminary, Intermediate and Advanced Levels are designed to prepare competitors and horses for Events, it is reasonable to assume that dressage tests, courses and obstacles, earlier in a season will be more straightforward than those used later in a season, closer to the goal Event. As Horse Trials at the Novice and Training Levels are not tied to such goals, it is reasonable to assume that they will offer variety without increasing in difficulty as a season progresses.

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For an additional description of the types of obstacles that may be presented at a given level, please refer to the USEA Cross-country Obstacle Design Guidelines, which are not specifically incorporated by reference.

1. Beginner Novice—*The Beginner Novice level is designed to introduce green horses and riders to Horse Trials, combining dressage, cross-country and Beginner jumping tests. It is for competitors and horses that have already had experience in schooling competitions in all three disciplines. The goal for the experience should be educational to build confidence and a desire to progress.*

- *Dressage: Competitors should be prepared to do a walk, trot and canter dressage test with 20-meter figures and a halt.*
- *Cross-Country: Obstacles, solid in appearance, with ground lines where appropriate to enhance the fence profile.*
- *There must be no jumps before or after a water crossing within 78 feet (25 meters) before and 54 feet (16 meters) after.*
- *A step up and down, but not in combination, may be included. Ditches must be riveted and include a visible ground line that has rounded edges and is at least 6 inches (15 cm) above grade.*
- *The track of the course must avoid turns of less than a 20-meter radius.*
- *The course may not include more than one combination composed of two elements, where the fences must be a minimum of 33 feet apart or 54 feet after a ditch or step up.*
- *Show Jumping: The jumping course should be inviting and straightforward, preferably with lines of 82 feet or more and may include only one double set on two strides, a minimum of 34 feet, which may include only one oxer at the a) part of the combination.*

2. Novice—*The Novice Level is a continuing introduction to Horse Trials. It is designed for competitors and horses with some experience at lower levels or for experienced riders and horses new to the sport.*

- *Dressage: The dressage will not differ greatly from Beginner Novice.*
- *Cross-Country: Obstacles, solid in appearance, with ground lines where appropriate to enhance the fence profile*
- *obstacles in combinations should be a minimum of 33 feet apart, and an obstacle after a ditch or step up at no less than 42 feet (apart).*
- *Steps in combination may include: a step up followed by a step down at a minimum of 30 feet, two steps up at a minimum of 33 feet, or an obstacle after a step up of a minimum 30 feet.*
- *Water obstacles may include a step or single fence out of water or a single fence 45 feet before the water and a single fence 30 feet after water.*
- *Show Jumping: The jumping course should be inviting and straightforward, preferably with lines of 82 feet or more and shall include only one or two doubles, set on two strides of a minimum of 34 feet. Each combination may include only one oxer at the a) part of the combination.*

3. Training—*The Training Level is an elementary examination of competitors and horses with some experience and training.*

- *Dressage: The dressage test may ask for further development of the basic gaits, including lengthening at the trot and canter, as well as 10-meter trot and 15-meter canter figures.*

- **Cross-Country:**The cross-country may include:
- **Combinations with upright obstacles** a minimum of 24 feet from one another, and an obstacle before and/or after a ditch at a minimum of 30 feet.
- **Steps in combination may include:** a step down followed by a step up at a minimum of 30 feet, two steps down a minimum of 18 feet, two steps up at a minimum of 18 feet, or obstacle after a step up a minimum of 18 feet.
- **Water may include** a jump into water or a jump out of water or an obstacle jumped from water to water.
- **Show Jumping:** The jumping course must include either (i) two doubles; or (ii) simple triple combination in the second part of the course with only one oxer.
- **If the oxer is at the "b" or "c" parts of any combination** it should be set on two strides at a minimum of 35 feet.
- **The course should introduce simple technical questions with some related jumps set at a minimum of 70 feet.**
- **If a liverpool is used** it must be built as a vertical over the center of the liverpool tray and a straight forward alternative jump must be offered.

4. MODIFIED:The Modified Level is for the training level horse with the intent on progressing to the Preliminary level.

- **Dressage:** The dressage may include medium paces at trot and canter, as well as the introduction of leg yielding, and changes of lead through trot.
- **Cross-Country:** The cross-country course should introduce tests of accuracy, agility and boldness, control, judgment and jumping ability.
- **Show Jumping:**The show jumping course shall include two doubles, or a double and a triple combination.
- If a triple combination is used, it should be in the second part of the course and with only one oxer.
 - It should be more technical than the training level with any related jumps, set at a minimum of 70 feet.

5. Preliminary: The Preliminary Level is a moderate examination of competitors and horses in a regular training program preparing for One Star Events.

- **Dressage:** The dressage test may include medium paces at the trot and canter, as well as the introduction of leg yielding, shoulder in, rein back, and changes of lead through the trot.
- **Cross-Country:** The cross-country should include tests of accuracy, agility, boldness, control, judgment and jumping ability. Obstacles may be on a bounce distance.
- **Show Jumping:** The jumping course must include either (i) two or three doubles; or (ii) a double and a triple combination.
- **The jumping course should be more technical than the Training Level and may require lengthening or shortening of stride.**

6. Intermediate: The Intermediate Level is an examination of increasing technical difficulty, preparing competitors and horses for Two Star Events.

- **Dressage:** The dressage test may include canter to halt and walk to canter transitions, as well as turns on the haunches, simple changes, counter canter and half pass.
- **Cross-Country:** The cross-country should now combine in more elaborate settings the tests introduced at the Preliminary Level, such as combinations with more than one question to be solved.
- **Show Jumping:** The jumping course must include either (i) a double and a triple combination; or (ii) three doubles, with more related distances, and technical questions than the preliminary.

7. Advanced: The Advanced Level is the highest national level of Horse Trials. It offers tests of significant difficulty designed to prepare competitors and horses for either Three or Four Star Events.

- **Dressage:** The dressage test may include extensions in all three paces, half pass at the trot and/or canter, and single flying changes.

- **Cross-Country:** *The cross-country should be clearly a test of boldness and scope as it now combines size with technical difficulty.*
- **Show Jumping:** *The jumping course must include either (i) a double and a triple combination; or (ii) three doubles. The jumping course must be the most technical Division of the national competition.*

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Rule Change Intent

The Eventing Rules Working Group and Eventing Sport Committee worked together to clarify the language of the rule and reformat for ease of review. The USEF Course Designer/Builders Committee also provided input and recommended additional changes. The Eventing Sport Committee approved the following proposed change and feel it will alleviate any confusion while clarifying which matters which items regarding design MUST be followed and hopefully, avoid further protests regarding course design recommendations.

Potential Impact

None

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: levels of horse trials

Committee Actions

Council - Admin & Finance

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Council - Intl Discipline

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Licensed Officials

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Draft 1: No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Extraordinary	4/1/2019	9/4/2018	Approved 11/12/2018

Extraordinary Change Reason

Under the current rule, "A" Categorized Riders are required to achieve a MER at a CCI3* as a combination in the 12 month period leading up to the competition in question. The FEI requirement for "A" Riders competing at the 4* level is one CCI3*; therefore, the application of the "12 month requirement", in this instance, inadvertently creates a hardship for "A" Athletes.

Proposed Change

4.2.8 CCI4* for "A" FEI Riders [CHAPTER EV Appenix 3 - Participation in Horse Trials]

APPENDIX 3 – PARTICIPATION IN HORSE TRIALS

4. LEVELS OF INTERNATIONAL HORSE TRIALS

4.2 CATEGORIZED RIDERS

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At the Introductory level and above, at least one Qualifying Result must be obtained in the twelve-month period prior to the competition. e.g. a horse and/or rider who have achieved a QR at a CI3*/CNC3* level of competition and who have not competed for over twelve months must first achieve a QR at the next lowest height level.

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4.2.8 CCI4*

	RIDER CATEGORY	FEI REQUIREMENTS	USEF REQUIREMENTS
CCI 4*	A FEI riders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 CCI 3* (as a combination)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 <i>Advanced HT or higher</i>

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Rule Change Intent

To alleviate the unintended hardship caused to "A" Categorized Athletes by offering an alternative for Athletes with horses who have been away from competition at the highest level for a 12 month period.

Potential Impact

None

Linked Rules	Comments
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Web: participation in horse trials

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

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Eventing

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FEI Rule Change	12/1/2018	8/8/2018	Approved 11/12/2018

Proposed Change

Ear Hoods [CHAPTER EV115 Saddlery]

EV115.2.f

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. Ear hoods are permitted for all Tests and may also provide noise reduction. However, ear hoods must not cover the horse's eyes and ear plugs are not permitted. The ear hoods should be discreet in color and design. ***It must not reach inside the auricle or ear canal, and must not impair the movement of the ears.***

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Rule Change Intent

To align with updates to the FEI FAQs for Eventing Equipment

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: ear hoods

Committee Actions
Council - Intl Discipline
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Extraordinary Change Reason

The Criteria for Approval of Officials should be a clarification. The Eventing Sport Committee believes that the Criteria by which they recommend approval of Officials should be memorialized to ensure Organizers understand what is expected and also to ensure fair and unsubjective review of Officials. .5 - Eventing Showcases and Arena Eventing has been added to go along with the proposed change to add EV157 and Annex 3 - Specifications for Eventing Showcases and Arena Eventing

Proposed Change

EV121 - Calendar Approval Process and Federation Guidance [CHAPTER EV-1 General Rules (Eventing)]

EV121 Calendar Approval Process and Federation Guidance

1. FEDERATION EVENTING SPORT COMMITTEE.

a. This Committee is responsible for the guidance of the sport, including rules, championships, grading horses, scheduling, etc.

b. In addition to the membership requirements of EV102.3, Organizing Committees of selected competitions must apply for and receive approval of their competition date and venue per the provisions of the USEF Eventing Calendar Approval Process. The Eventing Sport Committee shall recommend approval of the date and site of the competition, the Ground Jury, the Technical Delegate, the Chief Steward, the Course Designer, the Veterinary Commission where appropriate, and the prize monies where appropriate. ***The criteria for approving Eventing Officials can be found in Eventing Annex 4 on the USEF website. All FEI Eventing Competitions must gain further approval of the USEF International Disciplines Council and the USEF Board of Directors.***

These selected competitions are:

1. USEF Eventing National Championships
 1. 2. National Three-Day Events
 2. 3. All FEI Eventing Competitions
 3. 4. Advanced Horse Trials
 4. **5. Eventing Showcases and Arena Eventing Competition**

ANNEX 4

EVENTING OFFICIALS APPROVAL CRITERIA

Under the provisions of EV121.1 b.1-4 of the USEF Rules for Eventing the Eventing Sport Committee is charged with the review and recommendation of officials for USEF Eventing National Championships, National Three-Day Events, FEI Eventing Competitions (in the United States) and Advanced Horse Trials. Upon the formation of the Eventing Licensed Officials Working Group, the Eventing Sport Committee further charged the Eventing Licensed Officials Working Group with reviewing the same officials and making preliminary recommendations to the ESC.

Following are the criteria considered by the Eventing Licensed Officials Working Group and ultimately, the Eventing Sport Committee, in reviewing the officials for these competitions and making recommendations for approval/disapproval:

- While there should be no limit to the number of competitions a properly licensed official may officiate, care must be taken to ensure opportunities for advancement of newer officials at the level are available.

~~Competition Official panels must show some variation from year to year.~~

- All Officials must be a current members in good standing with and currently licensed by US Equestrian and/ or the FEI, at the appropriate level and agree to fulfill the duties and responsibilities as expected by US Equestrian and the organizer of the competition.
- Foreign or FEI Judges and Course Designers officiating at National competitions, must be licensed through their National Federation at the appropriate level for the competition and must agree to adhere to the rules of the US Equestrian Federation.

In addition:

GROUND JURY PRESIDENT

- Must have officiated at the level previously as a member of the GJ.
- Must be licensed at the highest level offered at the competition.

GROUND JURY MEMBER

- Must be licensed at the appropriate level for the competition divisions they will officiate

NATIONAL TECHNICAL DELEGATE

- Must be licensed at the highest level Offered at the competition.

FEI TECHNICAL DELEGATE

- May not officiate in National Competitions unless also licensed by US Equestrian.

COURSE DESIGNER

- Must be licensed at the appropriate level for the competition divisions they will officiate.

CHIEF STEWARD

- Must hold the appropriate level license for the competition.
- Must have acted as a Steward at a minimum of 5 International Events (of which 3 must have been at Eventing Competitions).

FEI VETERINARY DELEGATE

- Must be currently licensed and be in good standing with the FEI
- Must have served as an Associate Veterinarian at prior competitions.

Proponent Details

Eventing

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Rule Change Intent

1) Re: The criteria for approval of Officials - to memorialize the factors considered by the Eventing Sport Committee when recommending approval of officials. To make this information available to all Organizers of affected competitions.

2) Eventing Showcases and Arena Eventing Competitions - this change is linked to the proposed changes to add EV157 Eventing Showcases and Arena Eventing to the Rules for Eventing along with Eventing Annex 3 the specifications for these Events. The Intent is to ensure these competitions are safely and consistently run under the USEF Rules.

Potential Impact

none

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: eventing officials

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Licensed Officials

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Draft 1: No Action

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Extraordinary Change Reason

To bring these these competitions, which are currently run as Special Competitions into the rule book and to provide specifications for course design, qualifying requirements and officials requirements with a mind to ensuring safety.

Proposed Change

EV157 Eventing Showcases and Arena Eventing & Annex 3 - Specifications for Eventing Showcases and Arena Eventing Competitions [CHAPTER EV-4 Rules for Events & Annex 3 (new)]

EV157 Eventing Showcases and Arena Eventing (NEW)

- To promote the sport of Eventing and to present it to a new and diverse audience.*
- These competitions are conducted in accordance with the USEF Rules for Eventing. For guidance regarding specifications, qualifications and Officials see Eventing Annex 3 on the USEF website.*

ANNEX 3 (NOTE - charts as designed are available)

EVENTING SHOWCASES AND ARENA EVENTING

Purpose: To promote the sport of Eventing in a different environment and take it to a new and diverse audience.

SPECIFICATIONS FOR EVENTING SHOWCASES AND ARENA EVENTING

DIMENSIONS

Cross-Country Fences: as per USEF Rules for Eventing at each level

Show Jumping Fences: as per USEF Rules for Eventing at each level

MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Both horse and rider, though not necessarily as a combination, must be qualified to compete in a CCI of the same height level e.g. 3 Preliminary or higher (MER) plus 1 Preliminary or higher (MER) with not more than 20 Jumping Penalties at obstacles on the Cross-Country Course. In all cases one MER must be obtained in the twelve-month period prior to the competition.

EVENTING SHOWCASES (OUTDOORS ONLY)

Showcase Events may consist of:

- 3 phases **or**
- 2 phases including Dressage and Cross-Country **or** Show Jumping & Cross Country

	Preliminary	Intermediate	Advanced
Dressage			Advanced A or B
USEF Eventing Dressage Tests	Preliminary A or B	Intermediate A or B	or Freestyle which must include required movements from Advanced tests

Cross-Country

Fixed Height	1.10m	1.15m	1.20m
Distances	750-1000m	1000-1500m	1500-2000m
Efforts	30-50 mpe	50-80 mpe	80-100 mpe
Speeds	420-470 mpm	450-500 mpm	500-535 mpm

ARENA EVENTING

Arena Eventing competitions must include two rounds. The first round will have an optimum time and the second, for the top 12 finishers from the first around, against the clock.

	Preliminary	Intermediate	Advanced (Outdoors Only or Indoors/Outdoors)
Cross-Country			
Fixed Height	1.10m	1.15m	1.20m
Distances	500-750m	750-1000m	1000-1500m
Efforts (Minimum)	30 mpe	40 mpe	60 mpe
Speeds	375-400 mpm	400-450 mpm	450-475 mpm
Minimum Arena Size	2500-3500 m ²	3500 m ²	10,000 m ²

Officials for permitted for Eventing Showcases and Arena Eventing

Showcases/Arena Eventing	Preliminary	Intermediate	Advanced
Ground Jury	President minimum USEF "R" Eventing or equivalent foreign license with a Guest Card	President USEF "S" Eventing or equivalent foreign license with a Guest Card	President USEF "S" Eventing or equivalent foreign license with a Guest Card
Additional Judges (Optional)	Dressage: Judge must be either "R" Eventing or "r" Dressage Judge Jumping: Must be selected from the current roster of Eventing, Jumping or Eventing Technical Delegates	Dressage: Judge must be either "S" Eventing or "R" Dressage Judge Jumping: Must be selected from the current roster of Eventing, Jumping or Eventing Technical Delegates	Dressage: Judge must be either "S" Eventing or "R" Dressage Judge Jumping: Must be selected from the current roster of Eventing, Jumping or Eventing Technical Delegates
Technical Delegate	Minimum USEF "R"	USEF "S"	USEF "S"
Course Designer	Minimum USEF "R" Eventing CD or equivalent foreign license	USEF "S" Eventing CD or equivalent foreign license	USEF "S" Eventing CD or equivalent foreign license
SJ Course Designer	N/A	EVJCD or SJCD (to match recent EV Rule Change)	EVJCD or S(to match recent EV Rule Change)JCD
Additional Requirements	Either President or TD must be USEF "S" Eventing or "S" Technical Delegate		

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Rule Change Intent

To ensure these competitions run under a set of rules designed to ensure the safety of our competitors and to bring these competitions into the calendar approval process.

Potential Impact

none

Linked Rules	Comments
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Web: arena eventing

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/30/2018 **Draft 1:** No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
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Proposed Change

FR231 Walk—Trot [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER FR-26 MISCELLANEOUS]

1. General: Horses must adhere to rules in Subchapter FR1—General Qualifications.

a. It is recommended that classes be divided by seat, age, and/or by classification (amateur, amateur owner, master).

2. ~~Appointments (Tack and Attire):~~ Horses may be shown in the following styles of tack - Dressage, Hunt Seat, Saddle Seat, or Western. Please refer to rules in the applicable Friesian Subchapters for proper Tack and Attire. ~~(Subchapters FR3, FR-4, FR5, FR-6, FR-7 and FR-19.)~~ Equipment, attire, and presentation should match the discipline being ridden. Protective headgear will not be penalized. (See GR801.4)

3. ~~Qualifying Gaits~~ **Conduct:** Exhibitors shall enter at a trot or jog-trot in a counter clockwise direction. All horses shall be worked at a walk and a trot or jog-trot in both directions. Horses must stand quietly in the lineup. ~~Horses not to be asked to back.~~ **Horses may be asked to back with the exception of all seat classes.**

4. Specifications: **All walk-trot or walk-jog classes are to be judged according to the criteria of the specific section.**

~~a. b.~~ WALK-TROT, PLEASURE. No horse and rider combination may have shown in a class requiring a canter or lope at that same competition. ~~To be judged on manners, performance, type, quality and conformation.~~

~~b. a.~~ WALK-TROT GREEN HORSE PLEASURE is open to any horse that is in its first **or second** year of showing. Horses may not show in any class that requires a canter or lope at the same **competition** show. ~~To be judged on performance, type, quality, manners and conformation.~~

~~c.~~ WALK-TROT JUNIOR HORSE ~~(three to five years of age)~~ is open to any junior horses **three to five years of age**. Horses may not show in any class that requires a canter or lope at the same competition. ~~To be judged on quality, type, performance, conformation, and manners.~~

~~5. Competitions are encouraged to divide the walk-trot classes by seat (Hunt seat, Saddle Seat, and Western) and/ or by age of rider (JUNIOR EXHIBITOR, ADULT EXHIBITOR), and/or by classification (OPEN, AMATEUR, AMATEUR-OWNER, MASTERS) but this is not required.~~

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Rule Change Intent

The Walk/Trot/Jog section rules are difficult for members to navigate as the layout and language differs from other section rules within the chapter. This clarification will clean up repetitive language, will be easier for members to read and will align with the rest of the Friesian chapter.

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: walk-trot

Committee Actions	
Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
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IFSHA	
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Proposed Change

HK117 Appointments [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HK-4. HACKNEY PONIES]

HK117 Appointments

1. To be shown to a viceroy or ~~other suitable vehicle~~.

Proponent Details

Hackney

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Rule Change Intent

The purpose of this rule change is to clarify that an entry must be shown to the traditional vehicle which is a viceroy.

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: appointments - ponies

Committee Actions

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Draft 1: No Comments

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Proposed Change

HK120 Appointments [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HK-5 HARNESS PONIES]

HK120 Appointments

1. To be shown to a viceroy ~~or other suitable vehicle.~~

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Rule Change Intent

This rule change is to clarify that entries must be shown to the traditional vehicle which is a viceroy.

Potential Impact

Aids staff with rule interpretation

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: appointments - harness ponies

Committee Actions

AHHS	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
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Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
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Proposed Change

HK133 Class Specifications [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HK-10 AHHS YOUTH MEDALLION CLASSES]

HK133 Class Specifications

1. AHHS YOUTH MEDALLION ROADSTER PONY, SHOW PLEASURE DRIVING, COUNTRY PLEASURE DRIVING, HACKNEY/HARNESS, AND ROADSTER PONY UNDER SADDLE. Class specifications are to be the same as the Federation Hackney division's Junior Exhibitor class specifications with the exception that suitability is to be judged first. **To be judged on manners, presence, performance, speed, quality, and conformation.**
2. AHHS YOUTH MEDALLION PLEASURE UNDER SADDLE. To be shown under English saddle, open bridle with snaffle bit single or double reins, (martingale optional), full bridle (curb bit and snaffle) or Pelham (without martingale) acceptable. Braids or artificial devices are not allowed. Rider attire to be dark jodhpurs, shirt, tie, fitted or sweater vests (optional), riding boots, gloves and hair neatly held back so the number is easily read. Riding suits and hats (other than protective headgear) are prohibited. To be shown at a flat walk, pleasure trot, and a road trot. Entries must stand quietly and are required to back in the lineup. To be judged on ~~suitability~~, manners, **presence**, performance, and quality, **and conformation.**
3. AHHS YOUTH MEDALLION PLEASURE DRIVING-REINSMANSHIP. To be shown to an appropriate two-wheel vehicle, both ways of the ring, at a walk, slow trot, working trot and strong trot. A workout will be required and performed at any of the above gaits requested by the judge. Entry will be asked to perform a figure of eight and/or any other appropriate test. Ability and skill of driver is to be considered. Judging will be based 70% (50% of rail work, 50% workout) on **manners**, performance, ~~manner~~ **presence, quality, and conformation** and way of going of the pony/horse, 20% on condition and fit of the harness and vehicle and 10% on neatness of attire.
5. AHHS YOUTH MEDALLION SHOWMANSHIP IN-HAND. ~~Attire for handler will be dark jodhpurs, shirt, tie, vests (optional), riding boots, gloves and hair neatly held back so the number is easily read. Riding suit and hats (other than protective headgear) are prohibited.~~ **To be judged on manners, presence, performance, quality, and conformation.** Judging will be based 50% on presentation of the pony/horse and showmanship skills, 40% on condition, grooming and fitting of the pony/horse and 10% on appearance and grooming of exhibitor. Appointments, See SB179. Judging procedures, See SB180. Workout, See SB181.

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Rule Change Intent

The purpose of this rule change is to clarify specifications for the AHHS classes so judging specifications are standardized and make the specifications more consistent for the judges.

Linked Rules Comments

Web: class specification

Committee Actions

AHHS

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Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Draft 1: No Comments

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Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Rule Clarification	12/1/2018	8/31/2018	Approved 11/12/2018

Proposed Change

HU104 Young Hunter Eligibility and Status for Horses [CHAPTER HU-1 DEFINITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY]

HU104 Young Hunter Eligibility and Status for Horses

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3. 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.
4. 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, or Certificate of Pedigree **or passport issued** from a breed or sport horse registry **approved by the Federation**.
 - b. ~~Passport issued by a World Breed Federation Sport Horse (WBFSH) recognized registry.~~ **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.**

[...]

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

This rule clarification is proposed to ensure that all horses competing in age-restricted classes are properly age verified by requiring them to be registered with a breed or sport horse organization authorized and recognized by the Federation.

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: horse identification document

Committee Actions

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Draft 1: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/22/2018

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Rule Clarification	12/1/2018	10/29/2018	Approved 11/12/2018

Proposed Change

JP103 Schooling [CHAPTER JP-1 GENERAL]

2. Schooling Supervision Requirements

- a. A C1 Steward or Certified Schooling Supervisor must be present in the schooling area during any Jumper class offering \$10,000 to \$24,999 in prize money.
- b. A Registered C1 Steward or Certified Schooling Supervisor must be appointed to supervise schooling before and during the ~~competition~~ for classes offering \$25,000 or more in prize money.
- c. A **C1** Steward or Certified Schooling Supervisor must 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.
- e. Management is responsible for providing Certified Schooling Supervisors to supervise schooling for the Jumper warm up area of the ring offering the most prize money during that particular session during scheduled classes and warmups at Jumper Rating 5 or higher competitions. ~~This~~ **The** Certified Jumper Schooling Supervisor **for Jumper Rating 5 or higher competitions** cannot be one of the Competition Stewards.
- f. For all other Jumper warm-up areas and during scheduled classes and warm-ups, Management is responsible for providing designated individuals to supervise schooling. These individuals must have a clear view of their assigned warm up area.

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Rule Change Intent

This clarification will clean up language and provide clarity to the following points:

- b. The words "competition for" are unnecessary and inconsistent with the rest of the rule.
- c. rule needs to specify what type of steward
- e. The entire point "e" is meant to be taken together. However, some people are interpreting that the last sentence could apply to other parts of the rule so this makes it abundantly clear

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: schooling

Committee Actions

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/23/2018	Draft 1: The Council approved this proposed rule clarification with the understanding that there is a typo in 2.e., second sentence: "Certified Jumper Schooling Supervisor" should read "Certified Schooling Supervisor."
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 10/30/2018	Draft 2: No Comments

Licensed Officials

Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 10/29/2018	Draft 2: No Comments

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

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Proposed Change

JP111 Tack and Attire [CHAPTER JP-1 GENERAL]

8. No mounted exhibitor may wear or carry an electronic communication device (i.e., cellular telephone, pager, walkie talkie, etc.) while in competition ring. The penalty for wearing or carrying a forbidden device if observed by the judge may be elimination from the class during which the device was worn or carried. Exception: A ~~disabled~~ ~~handicapped~~ participant may use electronic devices if, prior to the class, he/she presents to the USEF **Federation** Steward written justification from treating personnel setting forth the necessity for the equipment.

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Rule Change Intent

The intent is to use a more updated and correct term

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: tack and attire

Committee Actions	
Council - Intl Discipline	
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USHJA	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
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Proposed Change

JP116.1 Sections/Classes Restricted by Age of Horse [CHAPTER JP-1 GENERAL]

JP116 Sections/Classes Restricted by Age of Horse

1. Eligibility. Age restricted classes are open only to horses recorded with the Federation and age verified in accordance with Federation Policies and Procedures. Age can be verified only through the following identification documents:

a. registration papers, **Certificate of Pedigree** or passport issued by a ~~World Breed Federation Sport Horse (WBFSH) recognized registry~~ **breed or sport horse registry approved by the Federation.**

b. ~~registration papers or Certificate of Pedigree from a breed or sport horse registry.~~ **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.**

[...]

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Rule Change Intent

This rule clarification is proposed to ensure that all horses competing in age-restricted classes are properly age verified by requiring them to be registered with a breed or sport horse organization authorized and recognized by the Federation.

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: horse identification document

Committee Actions	
Breeders	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Council - Admin & Finance	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/23/2018	Draft 1: No Comments
Council - Intl Discipline	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/30/2018	Draft 1: No Comments
Jumper	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/22/2018	Draft 1: No Comments
USHJA	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
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Proposed Change

JP116 Sections/Classes Restricted by Age of Horse [CHAPTER JP-3 SECTION SPECIFICATIONS]

8. Horses may compete in classes restricted to Five, Six, and Seven Year Olds in the month of December but they will not be eligible for HOTY points (GR 1133.2)

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Rule Change Intent

A horse's age is determined by the calendar year, not the competition year which starts one month earlier. Horses have always been able to compete in classes for which they are eligible. This clarifies the practice that has always been done with these classes in December.

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: classes restricted by age of horse

Committee Actions	
Council - Intl Discipline	
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USHJA	
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Proposed Change

JP117.2 Sections/Classes Restricted to Junior, Amateur/Owner, Amateur or Young Riders [CHAPTER JP-3 Section Specifications]

JP117 Sections/Classes Restricted to Junior, Amateur/Owner, Amateur or Young Rider

1. Amateur Owner Jumper: A horse that is ridden by an Amateur Owner or an amateur member of the owner's family. In either case, classes are restricted to riders who are no longer eligible to compete as junior exhibitors. Leased horses are not eligible, and multiple ownership is not permitted unless all owners are members of the same family.

a. An amateur who competes for a person outside of his/her family may not compete in a class restricted to Amateur Owners at the same competition.

Exceptions:

1. Equitation classes,

2. Under Saddle per HU107.2.

3. and a maximum of one (1) horse not owned by the rider or his/her family in jumper sections and a maximum of one (1) horse not owned by the rider or his/her family in hunter sections, in classes not restricted to amateur owners. (For Amateur rules please see GR1306)

b. **Dividing Classes.** Any class within a section with eighty (80) or more entries at the beginning of the first class must be divided. If there are eighty (80) or more entries remaining in a class after it has been divided, the class must be redivided by every other number or a California Split. *BOD 1/20/2018 Effective 12/1/2018*

[...]

2. Amateur Jumper: A horse that is ridden by an Amateur. Classes are restricted to riders who are no longer eligible to compete as junior exhibitors.

a. (For Amateur rules please see GR1306)

b. **Dividing Classes.** ~~Sections may be offered divided by either specific height or age of rider.~~ **Any class within a section with eighty (80) or more entries at the beginning of the first class must be divided. If there are eighty (80) or more entries remaining in a class after it has been divided, the class must be redivided by every other number or a California Split.**

c. Level of Difficulty:

[...]

3. Junior Jumper: A horse that is ridden by an individual who has not reached his/her 18th birthday. (See GR103).

a. Cross Entries. Cross entry into other divisions is considered to be allowed, unless otherwise stated in the prize list.

b. **Dividing Classes.** ~~Sections may be offered divided by either specific height or age of rider.~~ **Any class within a section with eighty (80) or more entries at the beginning of the first class must be divided. If there are eighty (80) or more entries remaining in a class after it has been divided, the class must be redivided by every other number or a California Split.**

c. Level of Difficulty.

[...]

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

This proposed clarification is submitted to correct an unintended omission to USEF-approved rule change 167-17 when it was initially drafted. The rule change proposal was supposed to address mandatory class splits to Children's, Adult Amateur, Pony, Junior, Amateur and Amateur Owner Jumper sections, but the original approved rule change addressed all but the Amateur Jumper and Junior Jumper sections. This clarification will correct that inadvertent omission.

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: dividing classes

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 10/30/2018

Draft 1: No Comments

Draft 2: No Comments

Jumper

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 10/22/2018

Draft 1: No Comments

Draft 2: No Comments

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Proposed Change

JP117 Sections/Classes Restricted to Junior, Amateur/Owner, Amateur or Young [CHAPTER JP-3 SECTION SPECIFICATIONS]

6. Combined Sections. A section or sections combining Amateur Owner, **Amateur**, Juniors, and/or Young Riders may be offered.
- a. Dividing of Combined Sections/Classes...
 - b. Combining of Sections. If Junior, Amateur Owner and/or Amateur sections are offered separately in the prize list, the sections may be combined if there are eight or less entries in either section.

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Rule Change Intent

The new Amateur section was implemented for the 2018 competition year and .6 of this rule refers dividing and combining. Amateur was left off the heading of .6

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: amateurs

Committee Actions	
Council - Intl Discipline	
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USHJA	
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Proposed Change

JP119 U25 (25 and Under) Jumper Sections/Classes [CHAPTER JP-3 SECTION SPECIFICATIONS]

2. Specifications:

...

b. U25 classes offering \$25,000 or more in prize money must be held at an ~~Open~~ Regional, **American** ~~Open~~ National, or ~~Open~~ High Performance Standard (per JP122.4).

...

3. U25 Overlay Class.

a. A U25 Overlay Class is defined as additional money specifically for U25 riders entered in an Open Jumper Class offering \$25,000 or more held at the ~~Open~~ Regional, **American**, ~~Open~~ National or ~~Open~~ High Performance Standard (see JP122.4).

...

4. In principle, no U25 class offering more than \$10,000 in prize money may be held within the fourteen (14) days prior to, any days during, or seven (7) days after the USEF U25 National Show Jumping Championship or the North American ~~Youth Junior and Young Rider~~ Championships (NAJYRC).

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Rule Change Intent

The term "Open" was removed from the rule book and there is a new Standard called American Standard. The name of the North American Junior and Young Rider Championships has changed to North American Youth Championships. This clarification is just updating the outdated language.

Linked Rules	Comments
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Web: U25

Committee Actions

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

JP135 General [CHAPTER JP-6 SCORING]

6. Broken Equipment. In cases of broken equipment or loss of shoe **while on course**, the rider must continue if he wishes to avoid penalty, or may retire.

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Rule Change Intent
This makes it abundantly clear that the rider must continue while on course to avoid penalty.

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: broken equipment

Committee Actions	
Arabian	
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Council - Intl Discipline	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/30/2018	Draft 1: No Comments
USHJA	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments

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Proposed Change

JP142 Breaking Ties [CHAPTER JP-6 SCORING]

6. ~~Competitors who are tied for first place after the initial round(s) will jump off.~~ Any competitors that compete in the jump off and are still tied for any placing (i.e. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.) shall remain tied unless otherwise stated in the prize list. Prize money and Championship points shall be combined and divided equally among the tied competitors.

Proponent Details	Contact Information
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Rule Change Intent

This is unnecessary and a conflict since each Table defines what to do with ties

Linked Rules	Comments
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Web: breaking ties

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

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Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

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Proposed Change

JP145 TABLE II—Classes scored on Faults and Time [CHAPTER JP-7 JUMPING FAULTS AND SCORING TABLES]

3. Time first jump-off

...
 b. Table II, Sec. 2 (b)—The first round and first jump-off, if any, are decided by adding together the faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the Time Allowed. If a competitor has gone clear in the first round, the competitor will, without leaving the ring, upon an audible signal, commence the designated jumpoff course. A competitor with a clear round may dismount, and with assistance if necessary, adjust tack and/or equipment; however, upon the audible signal to begin his/her round, the competitor is responsible to adhering to the 45 seconds rule as per JP136.3. A competitor who leaves the arena after a clear round (before or after the tone) will be considered to have withdrawn from the jump-off (**exception JP 137.1**). If there are no clear rounds and a tie exists for first place, the results will be determined by the scores and time from that round. It is recommended that no more than twelve numbered obstacles be included in the first round when the class is scored under this table.

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Rule Change Intent

Per JP 137.1, judge's can interrupt the 45 second countdown and temporarily excuse a competitor if the welfare of the horse is involved in any jumper class. Including this reference makes it abundantly clear that judge's can still do this in Table II Sec 2(b) classes.

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: classes scored on faults and time

Committee Actions	
Council - Intl Discipline	
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USHJA	
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Proposed Change

JP148 TABLE IV—Optimum Time Classes [CHAPTER JP-7 JUMPING FAULTS AND SCORING TABLES]

2. Optimum Time in First Jump-Off

...
 b. Table IV Sec. 2 (b)—The first round and first jump-off are decided by adding together the faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the Time Allowed. If a competitor has gone clear in the first round, the competitor will, without leaving the ring, upon an audible signal, commence the designated jump-off course. **A competitor with a clear round may dismount, and with assistance if necessary, adjust tack and/or equipment; however, upon the audible signal to begin his/her round, the competitor is responsible to adhering to the 45 seconds rule as per JP136.3. A competitor who leaves the arena after a clear round (before or after the tone) will be considered to have withdrawn from the jump-off (exception JP137.1).** In the case of equality of faults in the jump-off, ties will be broken on the following basis: an "Optimum Time" (defined as 4 seconds less than the Time Allowed for the course) will be posted on the course plan; the horse with the time on course closest to this Optimum Time (over or under) will prevail in the tie, next closest next, etc. If there are no clear rounds, a jump-off, scored as described above, will take place among those tied for first place.

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Rule Change Intent

Table IV (Optimum Time) Section 2 (b) is like Table II Section 2 (b) in that clear competitors go on to do the jump off after they complete their first round. This additional language needs to be included in Table IV Sec 2(b) for consistency in these classes with immediate jump offs. Here is the Table II Sec 2(b) rule to show the similarity:

b. Table II, Sec. 2 (b)—The first round and first jump-off, if any, are decided by adding together the faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the Time Allowed. If a competitor has gone clear in the first round, the competitor will, without leaving the ring, upon an audible signal, commence the designated jump off course. A competitor with a clear round may dismount, and with assistance if necessary, adjust tack and/or equipment; however, upon the audible signal to begin his/her round, the competitor is responsible to adhering to the 45 seconds rule as per JP136.3. A competitor who leaves the arena after a clear round (before or after the tone) will be considered to have withdrawn from the jump-off. If there are no clear rounds and a tie exists for first place, the results will be determined by the scores and time from that round. It is recommended that no more than twelve numbered obstacles be included in the first round when the class is scored under this table.

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: first jump-off

Committee Actions	
Council - Intl Discipline	
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USHJA	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments

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Proposed Change

JP152 Championship Qualification [CHAPTER JP-8 NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS]

2. FEI North American **Youth** Children, Junior and Young Rider Championships (NAJYRC) ...

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Rule Change Intent

The name has been changed from North American Junior and Young Rider Championships to North American Youth Championships

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: championship qualification

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

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Proposed Change

RD107 Appointments [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER RD-2 SHOWING PROCEDURES]

RD107 Appointments

3. Attire.

a. In Bike or Under Saddle classes, exhibitor shall wear stable colors, cap (or protective headgear, see RD107.4) and jacket to match. **Exhibitor numbers must be on the driver's/rider's back.**

b. In Road Wagon classes exhibitors shall wear a business suit with a hat of choice. The exhibitor's number must be worn on the back of the driver.

c. Electronic communication devices used for purposes of coaching, etc., between competitors and individuals outside the ring shall be prohibited in all classes in the Roadster Division.

1. Exhibitors with a permanent hearing impairment are permitted to use an electronic communication device upon submission of a written certification from a treating medical professional's office certifying the permanent hearing impairment and certifying the requirement of an electronic communication device. The medical certification must be provided to the competition Steward within a reasonable time prior to competing who shall attach a copy to the Steward report.

d. 2. An exhibitor with a disability (other than hearing) will be provided reasonable accommodation upon submission of a written certification from a treating medical professional's office certifying the disability and identifying the accommodation necessary for the exhibitor to compete safely. The medical certification must be provided to the competition Steward within a reasonable time prior to competing who shall attach a copy to the Steward report.

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Rule Change Intent

In Roadster to Bike classes wearing the show number on the driver's back rather than on the back of the cart in driving classes will provide consistency of position and will be easier for the judge to identify the entry.

Linked Rules	Comments
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Web: appointments

Committee Actions

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Extraordinary Change Reason

Clarification

Proposed Change

RD114 Roadster Ponies. [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER RD-3 CLASS SPECIFICATIONS]

RD114 Roadster Ponies.

2. All Roadster Ponies must be re-measured and issued new have a measurement cards prior to competing in licensed competitions for the year 2004 and beyond. In all Roadster pony championship/stake classes (except Junior Pony sections) at the Lexington Junior League, Kentucky State Fair and the American Royal Horse shows and at 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. BOD 1/20/18 Effective 12/1/18

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Rule Change Intent

The purpose of this rule clarification is to make the rule the same as HK134.4. This rule should read ...

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 Hackney committee changed HK134.4 after the Roadster Committee had reviewed RD114 and it was not changed to the same language as it should have for consistency. The Hackney committee would like the rule to be effective 4/1/2019

Linked Rules Comments

Web: roadster ponies

Committee Actions

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Proposed Change

RD114 Roadster Ponies. [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER RD-3 CLASS SPECIFICATIONS]

RD114 Roadster Ponies

11. JUNIOR EXHIBITOR ROADSTER PONY UNDER SADDLE (54 inches and under). To be shown under English saddle, full **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, quality and suitability of rider to pony. Saddle classes do not qualify a pony for harness championships.

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Rule Change Intent

The purpose of this proposal is to further define the type of martingale that may be used in the show ring because the wording previously used allowed exhibitors to use illegal equipment. The wording change for this rule is more specific and eliminates the use of German martingales and other unacceptable martingales from the show ring.

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: roadster ponies

Committee Actions

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline
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Proposed Change

SB103 General, Soundness, and Welfare [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER SB-1 GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS]

SB103 General, Soundness, and Welfare

12. Definition of Maiden/Novice/Limit for riders/drivers. Maiden/Novice/Limit classes are open to riders/drivers who have not won one/three/six first place ribbons respectively, at ~~Regular and Local~~ **USEF Licensed** Competitions **and/or competitions not licensed by** of this Federation in any under saddle/driving class of any Breed and/or Discipline. First place ribbons won by a rider in any under saddle class do not affect the status of a driver in any driving class. First place ribbons won by a driver in any driving class do not affect the status of a rider in any under saddle class. Ribbons won in leadline classes and in classes where entries are not required to canter will not affect Maiden, Novice and Limit Status.

Proponent Details	Contact Information
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Rule Change Intent

The purpose of this change is to further clarify and define the terminology of Maiden, Novice and Limit concerning exhibitors of the American Saddlebred horse. This rule change will help to clarify the status between ridden and driven classes and also specifies that classes won at non-USEF competitions count for the status of these exhibitors.

Linked Rules	Comments
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Web: General, Soundness, and Welfare

Committee Actions

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Proposed Change

SB103 General, Soundness, and Welfare [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER SB-1 GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS]

SB103 General, Soundness, and Welfare

7. All horses must be worked both ways of the ring at all required gaits as directed by the judge(s). Workouts will be judged as a separate class and horses must be tied for placings being considered in that workout. Workouts may be called for by the judge(s) for any or all placings. All horses chosen for a workout must be worked both ways of the ring at any or all gaits listed in the class specifications that are requested by the judge(s). An exhibitor choosing to not complete the workout for any reason (**including concern for the welfare of the horse**) has the option of lining up and receiving the last ribbon awarded in the workout. **If two or more horses retire from a workout, these entries will be placed in reverse order of retirement. In the event of simultaneous withdrawal of a workout, the placings will go to the fall of the cards.** An exhibitor is entitled to request only one five minute time out per class including workout. (See GR833).

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Rule Change Intent

The purpose of this proposal is to address the concern that horses asked to participate in a workout might be tired and not in condition to complete the extra work. A workout is called when there is a three way tie for first place and those three horses are put back on the rail for additional work. The amendment to this rule gives the exhibitor the option of not showing in the workout and then feeling obligated to participate in the extra work. The would pull into the center of the ring until the workout was over and then taking the last place ribbon for the workout.

Linked Rules Comments

Web: General, Soundness, and Welfare

Committee Actions

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Draft 1: No Comments

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Rule Clarification	4/1/2019	8/30/2018	Approved 11/12/2018

Proposed Change

SB162 General [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER SB-11 HUNTER COUNTRY PLEASURE]

SB162 General

3. Horses may show with a **conservative** braided mane and tail. Horses ~~may~~ **shall** not be penalized for showing with a full, unbraided mane and tail. Tails must not be put in any device (i.e., tailset, bustle or brace) which alters their carriage while on the grounds. The fact that a horse's tail has once been set does not exclude participation. Artificial manes are prohibited. Inconspicuously applied hair in the tail is permitted.

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Rule Change Intent

The intent of the proposals is to clarify acceptable appointments for Hunter Country Pleasure classes as there is a growing trend away from the traditional hunter style.

Proposed effective date of April 1, 2019

Linked Rules	Comments
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Web: hunter country pleasure

Committee Actions

American Saddlebred

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/14/2018

Draft 1: Committee suggests substituting "should not" for the word "shall" in the first sentence.

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Draft 1: No Comments

SB164 Tracking #159-18 Draft #2 Approved

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Rule Clarification	4/1/2019	11/1/2018	Approved 11/12/2018

Proposed Change

SB164 Gait Requirements [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER SB-11 HUNTER COUNTRY PLEASURE]

SB164 Gait Requirements

To be shown at a walk, trot (**forward moving stride**), extended trot, canter and hand-gallop **extended canter** both ways of the ring. For safety reasons the judge may limit the number of horses to hand-gallop **be shown at an extended canter** at one time. Entries must be asked both ways of the ring to halt and stand quietly on the rail.

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Rule Change Intent

The intent of the proposal is to further define the gaits required for the judges' specification for American Saddlebred Hunter classes.

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: hunter country pleasure - gait requirements

Committee Actions

American Saddlebred	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 11/14/2018	Draft 2: No Comments
Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
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Proposed Change

SB165 Judging [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER SB-11 HUNTER COUNTRY PLEASURE]

SB165 Judging

Manners and suitability as a pleasure mount are paramount. Transitions from one gait to another should be smooth and effortless. Horses must be obedient with prompt transitions. Special emphasis is placed on a true, flat walk. Entries must be asked both ways of the ring to halt and stand quietly on the rail. Horses must stand quietly (Hunter horses are not to be stretched) and back readily in the line-up. **TO BE PENALIZED:** Pulling, head tossing, laboring action, going sideways, tail-switching and excessive speed at the hand gallop. For Hunter Country Pleasure Horses, competitors enter the ring in a counterclockwise direction at the trot. Light contact with the horse’s mouth must be maintained at all gaits. Judges must consider the performance at each gait equally in adjudicating the class. Horses may show with a **conservative** braided mane and tail. Horses may **shall** not be penalized for showing with a full, unbraided mane and tail

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Rule Change Intent

The intent of the proposals is to clarify acceptable appointments for Hunter Country Pleasure classes as there is a growing trend away from the traditional hunter style.

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: hunter country pleasure - judging

Committee Actions

American Saddlebred	
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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
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Proposed Change

VA107 Equipment [CHAPTER 1. Required]

VA107 Equipment

1. Required:

- a. Bridle with smooth snaffle bit, with no more than 2 joints. Rubber bit guards are permitted. A longeing cavesson is allowed, **with or without a bit**.
- b. Two side reins with or without rubber rings.
- c. Vaulting surcingle (preferably with wither and girth padding). No more than two grips. No more than one cossack strap/loop on each side below the grip. No hand or footholds may be attached to the surcingle wither/girth padding. The surcingle may have one loop between the grips.
- d. One back pad, with or without a cover, maximum 3 cm thick, **including the cover**. No hand or footholds may be attached to the pad. The pad may not extend more than 30 cm in front of the surcingle nor past the point of the croup. One gel pad is allowed, in addition to the back pad.
- e. Longe line. Longe line must be held in the longeur's hand and may not be wrapped, tied or attached to the longeur in any other way.
- f. Longe whip.

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Rule Change Intent

Clarifying, and additional language to match the FEI language.

Potential Impact

None

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: back pad

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline
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Proposed Change

VA108 Substitution [CHAPTER VA-1 General]

VA108 Substitution

3. Longeurs:

- a. Substitution is permitted between sections for A Team, B Team, C Team, Gold, Silver, Bronze, and Open Pas de Deux.
- b. ~~Substitution is not permitted between sections for Senior Team, Junior Team, Senior Individual, Junior Individual, and Junior Pas de Deux.~~ **Substitution is not permitted between sections for Junior and Senior Team, Junior and Senior Pas de Deux and Junior and Senior Individuals.**

4. Horses:

- a. Substitution is permitted between sections for A Team, B Team, C Team, Gold, Silver, Bronze, and Open Pas de Deux.
- b. Substitution is not permitted between sections for Junior and Senior Team, Junior and Senior Pas de Deux and Junior and Senior Individuals.

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Rule Change Intent

Language in 3b should read exactly like language in 4b. to keep it consistent.

Potential Impact

None

Linked Rules	Comments
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Web: substitution

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

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Proposed Change

VA116 Compulsories [CHAPTER VA-2 Team Event]

VA116.2.a.8.

2. Compulsory Test for B Team and Junior Team is performed to the left.
- a. Each vaulter, including the B Team substitute, if there is one, must perform all compulsory exercises as follows:
1. Mount
 2. Basic Seat
 3. Flag
 4. Mill
 5. Scissors Forward
 6. Scissors Backward
 7. Stand
 8. ~~Swing off to the inside from seat astride.~~ **Flank 1st Part, push off to the inside.**

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Rule Change Intent

We are seeking a January 1, 2019 effective date. The FEI changed the exercise in the Compulsory Test for A Team and our rules must adopt this language as soon as possible.

Potential Impact

None

Linked Rules	Comments
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Web: compulsories

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

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Proposed Change

VA118 Eligibility and Division [CHAPTER VA-3 Individual Event]

VA118 Eligibility and Division

In order to compete as a Senior Individual, the vaulter must have qualified by earning a score of 7.0 or above in compulsories at any USEF or AVA Recognized Competition in Individual Silver, Individual Gold or Individual Junior Event and/or at any CVI 2* Senior or CVI 2* Junior Event. This qualifying score must have been earned from two separate USEF "R" judges and/or FEI 3*, 4* Judges. The qualifying score may be earned at the same competition or at separate competitions. **(Exception: A vaulter who is already qualified to compete at CVI3* Individual Event per FEI requirements).**

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Rule Change Intent

Clarifying language added that if FEI requirements are met, vaulter is allowed to compete in our Senior Event.

Potential Impact

None

Linked Rules	Comments
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Web: eligibility

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

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Extraordinary Change Reason

Certified as an EO by the Officers.

Proposed Change

VA119 Gold, Silver, Bronze, Senior, and Junior Individual Event Requirements [CHAPTER VA3 - Individual Event]

VA119 Gold, Silver, Bronze, Senior, and Junior Individual Event Requirements

Gold **Individual Event takes place in one round, consisting of Compulsories, Freestyle I and Freestyle II, performed in separate sections.**

~~and Senior Individual Events takes place in one round, consisting of Compulsories, Technical Test, and Freestyle performed in separate sections.~~

Junior Event takes place in one or two rounds, the first round consisting of Compulsories and Freestyle, and the second round, if offered, consisting of Freestyle only.

~~The Silver and Bronze Individual Events takes place in two one rounds, each round consisting of Compulsories, and Freestyle and Compulsories to the right performed in separate sections. The Bronze Individual Events takes place in two rounds. Round 1 consists of Compulsories, and Freestyle performed in separate sections. Round 2 consists of Compulsories only.~~

1. Competition must be offered at Gold, Silver and Bronze levels. Competition may be offered at Senior and Junior levels.

a. Women's and Men's divisions must be offered at each level.

b. Vaulters who hold AVA Gold Medals may not compete in the Silver or Bronze Division. Vaulters who hold AVA Silver Medals may not compete in the Bronze Division.

2. In Gold, Senior, and Junior Events, the competition is at the center to the left for Compulsory, Technical Test, (**Senior only**), and Freestyle sections.

3. In Silver and Bronze Events, the competition is at the center to the left for the Compulsory and Freestyle section and to the right for the second Compulsories section.

4. In the event there are more than 30 competitors in the Bronze and/or Silver Event, Competition Management, at its discretion, may limit the number of competitors who compete in the Compulsories to the Right section. In this instance, the top 20 15 highest scoring women and the top 20 15 highest scoring men in Bronze event and the top 20 15 highest scoring women and the top 20 15 highest scoring men in the Silver event will advance to compete in the Compulsories to the right section.

5. If two rounds are offered in the Junior Event, the twelve (12) highest scoring women will compete in Round 2 of the Women's Event and the twelve (12) highest scoring men will compete in Round 2 of the Men's Event. Competition Management, at its discretion, may add up to three (3) of the next highest-scoring competitors to compete in Round 2, for a total of fifteen (15) women and fifteen (15) men.

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Rule Change Intent

This language was adopted by the affiliate, AVA, at their November, 2017 Board meeting to take effect January, 2019.

Potential Impact

None

Linked Rules	Comments
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Web: individual event

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

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Draft 2: No Action

Draft 3: No Action

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Draft 2: No Comments

Draft 3: No Comments

Draft 4: No Comments

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Proposed Change

VA120 Compulsories [CHAPTER VA3 - Individual Event]

VA120 Compulsories

3. For Individual Silver, Bronze and Junior Event, all exercises are performed without interruption. Vaulters must perform all Compulsory exercises as follows:

1. Mount
2. Basic Seat
3. Flag
4. Mill
5. Scissors Forward
6. Scissors Backward
7. Stand
8. ~~Swing off to the inside from seat astride~~ **Flank 1st Part, push off to the inside.**

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Rule Change Intent

The FEI changed the compulsory exercises for the 2019 season. USEF rules must match the FEI language.

Potential Impact

None

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: compulsories

Committee Actions
Council - Intl Discipline

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Proposed Change

VA125 Judging Code [CHAPTER VA-5 Scoring]

SUBCHAPTER VA-5 SCORING

VA125 Judging Code. (Listed in alphabetical order by term).

- AL Alignment
- AB Arched Back
- A Arms
- B Balance
- C Collapse
- CD Come Down
- DL Down Leg
- E Elevation
- X Extension
- O Fall
- OD Fall After Dismount
- FT Feet
- ~~1H First Half~~
- F Form
- FK Frog Kick
- FH Front High
- FL Flight
- G Ground Jump
- HZ Hands
- HM Harmony
- H Head
- HH Hit Horse
- INT Interruption
- K Kneel
- KZ Knees
- L Legs
- LA Legs Apart
- LD Late Dismount
- LF Legs Forward
- LH Land Heavily
- ~~LT Late Turn~~
- MX Mechanics
- M Mount
- NC Not Clear of Horse
- NH Not Held
- NT No Turn**
- OC Off Center
- OH Off Horse
- PD Pad
- PK Pike
- PL Poor Landing
- P Posture
- PB Push Back
- PT Partial Turn**
- Q Quick
- R Repeat
- SC Scope
- ~~2H Second Half~~
- SK Security
- SH Shoulders
- SL Slow
- SS Side Seat
- ST Stiff
- SX Stretch
- T Timing
- TG Touched Ground
- TI Turned In
- TW Time Wasted
- TZ Toes
- TH Touched Horse
- TR Transition
- UE Uneven Elevation
- UR Uneven Rhythm
- UW Uneven Width
- WD Width
- W Wrap

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

The FEI changed the compulsory exercises for 2019, There is no longer a first half or second half, therefore language deleted. The FEI no longer has the deduction for Late Turn. This deduction is replaced with NT No Turn and PT Partial Turn. The committee wishes to follow the FEI rule.

Potential Impact

None

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: judging code

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

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Proposed Change

VA126 Points and Values [CHAPTER VA-5 Scoring]

VA126 Points and Values

1. Tie breakers:

a. Team and Individual Event.

1. Compulsory: Score for Basic Seat, then Flag, etc. The Mount and Horse Score are not used. In Senior Team and Senior Individual Events, the Basic Seat is not shown, **therefore** the tie breaker begins with Flag.

Proponent Details	Contact Information
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Vaulting

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Rule Change Intent

Adding the word therefore to have the language read better.

Potential Impact

None

Linked Rules	Comments
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Web: points and values

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

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Draft 1: No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Extraordinary	1/1/2019	10/23/2018	Approved 11/12/2018

Extraordinary Change Reason

Rule book does not reflect the correct method of scoring. Must be effective immediately so judge's know how to score these Events properly

Proposed Change

VA127 Penalties and Deductions [CHAPTER VA - 5 Scoring]

11. Silver, Junior, and Bronze Individual Event Scoring:
- a. Compulsory Section (Score 1)
 - 1. The eight (8) Compulsory scores and the Horse/GI Score are added.
 - 2. Total is divided by nine (9).
 - b. Freestyle Section (Score 2)
 - 1. Degree of Difficulty (x 15%)
 - 2. Composition (x 25%)
 - 3. Performance (x 40%)
 - 4. Horse/GI (x20%)
 - 5. The four scores are added together.
 - c. **Compulsory to Right Section (Score 3 - Bronze and Silver Event)**
 - 1. **The eight (8) Compulsory scores and the Horse/GI Score are added.**
 - 2. **Total is divided by nine (9).**
 - d. e. Final score
 - 1. For Silver **and Bronze** Event, in each round, Scores 1, and **Score 2, and Score 3 are added and divided by 3 to produce the final score for the Event.** ~~are added and divided by 2 to produce the score for that round. The scores for each of the two rounds are added and divided by 2 to produce the final score for the event.~~
 - 2. For Bronze Event, Score 1 and Score 2 are added and divided by 2 to produce the score for that round. Score 1 and Score 2 of Round I are added to Score 1 of Round II, and the the total is divided by 3 to produce the final score for the event.
 - 3. 2. For Junior Event, Score 1 and 2 are added and then divided by 2 to produce the final score. If two rounds are offered, Score 1 and Score 2 of Round I are added to Score 1 of Round II. The total is divided by 3 to produce the final score for the event.

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Rule Change Intent

Scoring for Silver, Junior and Bronze Events. This change was submitted last year, but was erroneously deleted while writing a new draft of the rule change.

Potential Impact

None

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: penalties and deductions

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

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Draft 2: No Comments

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FEI Rule Change	1/1/2019	8/31/2018	Approved 11/12/2018

Proposed Change

VA127 Penalties and Deductions [CHAPTER VA-5 Scoring]

VA127 Penalties and Deductions

1. Compulsories—Team and Individual Events:

a. Up to one (1) point deducted for:

1. Each landing other than on both feet only.
- b. One (1) point deducted for:
 1. Each stride less than 4 (Basic Seat, Flag, Stand).
 2. Each passing of the leg out of a 4-count rhythm in the Mill and the Half Mill.
 3. Interfering with longe line or side reins.
 4. Touching neck in Flag without loss of form.
 5. No kneel (both knees) before Flag or Stand.
 6. Legs closed at highest point of swing in Swing Backward
 7. Legs are apart during any part of the flight phase in Swing Forward
 8. Legs not closed throughout flight in dismounts, ~~Swing Off to Inside~~ **2nd Part of Flank** or Swing Off to Outside.

c. Up to two (2) points deducted for:

1. Time wasted: between taking grips and vaulting on, before commencing an exercise, and between parts of an exercise.
2. Landing heavily on horse's back.
3. Buttocks leaving horse during Mill or Half Mill.
- d. Two (2) points deducted for:
 1. Exercise fails, but vaulter stays on and repeats successfully.
 2. Retaking grips in Basic Seat, Flag or Stand.
 3. Touching horse with hand behind surcingle in Mill or Half Mill.
 4. In Senior Events, when Basic Seat is shown. Flag receives the deduction.
 5. In Team Events, a compulsory exercise shown out of order in which the vaulter stays on and repeats the correct exercise before dismounting.
 6. Repeating mount (first attempt unsuccessful; second attempt successful).

e. Score of zero (0) for:

1. Coming off horse during a compulsory exercise.
2. Retaking grips twice.
3. Repeating a compulsory exercise twice.
4. ~~Performing Mill in wrong direction (to outside).~~ **After Swing Backward, performing dismount in wrong direction (to outside).** Swing Backward receives the zero.

2. Freestyle and Technical Test, Performance score—Team, Pas de Deux and Individual Events:

a. Up to one (1) point deducted for:

a. Falls: See FEI Guidelines, Section 4.5.1 and Section 5.4.3 (Technical Test) Deduction for Falls.

1. In Team Events, for each landing other than on both feet.
- b. One (1) point deducted for:
 1. In Individual Gold **Senior** Technical Test, each stride held less than four (4) in the required static exercises
- c. Up to two (2) points deducted for:

1. Falls (**See VA127.2.a. above**)

5. 6. Technical Test, Technical Exercises, Composition score, Performance score

~~Individual Gold and Individual Senior Event.~~

a. See current FEI Rules for Vaulting.

b. See current FEI Guidelines for Judges.

6. 7. Horse / General Impression score— The score for the Horse and General Impression is divided approximately as follows: 90% for Horse; 10% for General Impression.

8. Team Event Scoring: a. Compulsory Section

1. The Scores of the six (6) vaulters for each compulsory exercise are added and divided by 6 (averaged). (In A Team, B Team, and C Team, these are the scores for the six (6) vaulters who perform in the Freestyle. The scores for the seventh vaulter are dropped.)
2. For A Team, the nine (9) averaged scores for the compulsory exercises are added to the Horse/GI Score and divided by ten (10). This is the team's score for the Compulsory section.
3. For B Team, ~~C Team~~, Senior Team and Junior Team, the eight (8) averaged scores for the compulsory exercises are added to the Horse/GI Score and divided by nine (9). This is the team's score for the Compulsory section.

4. For C Team, the seven (7) averaged scores for the Compulsory exercises are added to the Horse/GI Score and divided by eight (8). This is the Team's score for the Compulsory section.

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Rule Change Intent

In reference to:

- b8. the FEI Changed the Compulsory exercises.
- e4. this is clarifying language to make it more clear.
- 2a. The FEI now has standardized and categorized deductions for all Falls. We wish to follow the FEI standards.
- 2b. Gold no longer does the Technical Test.

c1. The FEI now has standardized and categorized deductions for all Falls.
5. Gold no longer performs the Technical Test

Potential Impact

None

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: penalties and deductions

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

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Draft 1: No Comments

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Extraordinary Change Reason

Certified as an EO by the Officers.

Proposed Change

VA127 Penalties and Deductions [CHAPTER VA-5 Scoring]

40. **9.** Gold Individual Event Scoring:

a. Compulsory Section (Score 1)

1. The nine (9) Compulsory scores and the Horse/GI Score are added.
2. Total is divided by ten (10).

b. ~~Technical Test~~ **Freestyle I** Section (Score 2)

1. ~~Degree of Difficulty (x 15%) (5).~~ This number is (x-50%).
2. Composition (x 25%)
3. Performance (x ~~10%~~**40%**)
4. Horse/GI (x ~~15%~~**20%**)
5. The four (4) scores are added together.

c. Freestyle Section (Score 3)

1. Degree of Difficulty (x 15%)
2. Composition (x 25%)
3. Performance (x 40%)
4. Horse/GI (x20%)
5. The four scores are added together.

d. Final Score

1. Score 1, Score 2 and Score 3 are added together. The total is divided by 3 to produce the final score for the event.

9. **10.** Senior Individual Event Scoring a. Compulsory Section (Score 1)

1. The eight (8) Compulsory scores and the Horse/GI score are added.
2. The total is divided by 9

b. Technical Test Section (Score 2)

1. The five (5) performance scores for the designated technical exercises are added together and divided by five. This number is (x50%)
2. Composition (x25%)
3. Performance (x10%)
4. Horse/GI (x15%)
5. The four (4) scores are added together.

c. Freestyle Section (Score 3)

- i. Degree of Difficulty (x15%)
- ii. Composition (x25%)
- iii. Performance (x40%)
- iv. Horse/GI (x20%)

v. The ~~five (5)~~ four (4) scores are added together

d. Final Score

1. Score 1, Score 2, and Score 3 are added together. The total is divided by 3 to produce the final score for the event.

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Rule Change Intent

The AVA has requested that Gold goes before Senior Individual Event Scoring as stated in their rules. We'd like to remain consistent.

Potential Impact

None

Linked Rules	Comments
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Web: penalties and deductions

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

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Draft 2: No Comments

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Proposed Change

WS141 Gaits [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER WS-6 RANCH RIDING SECTION]

WS141 Gaits

1. In all gaits, movement of the ranch riding horse should simulate a horse needing to cover long distances, softly and quietly, like that of a working ranch horse, **with a natural topline with a bright, attentive expression, as a representation of the breed and conformation of the horse.** The following terminology 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 natural topline with a bright, attentive expression.
- b. Trot- The trot is a natural two-beat gait demonstrating more forward motion than the western 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 a natural topline with a bright, attentive expression. BOD 1/20/18 Effective 12/1/18

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Rule Change Intent

The purpose of this rule change is to allow the judge to make a distinction between the different breeds that show in the western division and make allowances for the appearance of each breed. The committee would like each breed showing in Ranch Riding to be natural and a good representation of each breed but also allow the judge to recognize the variance in conformation and quality that make the distinctions with each breed shown in the class.

Linked Rules

Web: ranch riding section

Comments

Committee Actions

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Proposed Change

WS142 Ranch Riding Penalties [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER WS-6 RANCH RIDING SECTION]

WS142 Ranch Riding Penalties

1. A contestant shall be penalized each time the following occur:
 - a. One (1) point penalties:
 1. **Too slow/per gait**
 2. **Over-Bridled**
 3. **Out of Frame**
 4. Break of gait at walk or jog for 2 strides or less
 - b. Three (3) point penalties:
 1. Break of gait at walk or jog for more than 2 strides
 2. Break of gait at lope; wrong lead or out of lead.
 3. Excessive draped reins
 4. Severe disturbance of any obstacle
 - c. Five (5) point penalties:
 1. Blatant disobedience (kick, bite, buck, rear, etc.) for each refusal
 - d. Placed below horses performing all maneuvers:
 1. Eliminates maneuver
 2. Incomplete maneuver
 - e. Zero (0) score:
 1. Illegal equipment including hoof black, braided or banded manes, or tail extensions (WS105)
 2. Willful abuse
 3. Major disobedience or schooling
 - f. No specific penalties will be incurred for nicks/hits on logs but deduction may be made in maneuver score.
 - g. No specific penalties will be incurred for over/ under spins but deduction may be made in maneuver score

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

The purpose of this rule change is to allow the judge some guidance concerning the one point penalties. This change will also standardize some of the breeds and associations rules that have Ranch Riding at their competitions to be consistent with judging criteria. The committee would like each breed showing in Ranch Riding to be natural and a good representation of each breed but also be consistent with the specifications for judging these classes.

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: ranch riding penalties

Committee Actions

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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