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**Extraordinary Change Reason**

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**Rule Change Intent**

The USEF mileage exemption process is one component of calendar management. Mileage exemption is a mechanism that permits new competitions to enter the environment of existing competitions when conditions warrant, based upon the criteria in the applicable rule.

USEF members have provided comments and feedback regarding the mileage exemption process and the proposed amendment to the rule addresses much of this feedback.

Over the past few years, the number and complexity of mileage exemption requests has increased significantly requiring a more comprehensive understanding of the USEF licensing rules. Additionally, new forces are resulting in calendar management challenges such as venue availability, aggregation of dates and new organizers entering the marketplace. All of these factors require that the process is efficient, consistent, transparent and accountable, which are the same attributes our members have requested.

To make certain that USEF is continuing to effectively manage the competition calendar and meet the needs of our members, it is imperative that we amend the existing mileage exemption process to address the factors referenced above, and the attached proposal does so in the following manner.

- Efficiency – Altering the review and decision making process to focus on obtaining information from the applicant, priority date holder(s) and applicable affiliate to assist the CEO in making a decision on the request, will significantly shorten and simplify the process. Additionally, this amendment will provide the USEF with the ability to meet with the parties regarding possible resolutions to the conflicts and to consult with applicable USEF staff from departments such as Sport, Competitions and Compliance.
- Consistency – Utilizing the same decision maker will ensure that criteria is consistently applied to every request. This also addresses the concern raised about the need to train volunteers who would have served on a panel about the complexities of calendar management on a continuing basis.
- Transparency – Providing a written decision to the applicant and priority date holder(s) will provide greater insight to these parties regarding the basis for the decision.
- Accountability – The license dispute process provides a check and balance over the decisions of the CEO.

**Committee Actions**

**American Saddlebred**

**Draft 1: No Action 02/25/2021**

**Draft Management**

**Draft 1: Recommends Approval 02/22/2021**

Draft 1: Committee would like to request that policies and procedures are put in place should the CEO have a Conflict of Interest with any of the parties related to a request for mileage exemption.

**Competitions Task Force**

**Draft 1: Recommends Approval 02/22/2021**

Draft 1: The task force agrees with the recommended changes to the rule in order to ensure consistency, transparency and accountability within the process. Additionally, the task force strongly approves of the process amendments which opens communication channels among all parties and allows USEF to engage the parties in a resolution process, both of which are currently restricted under the existing rule.

**Council - Intl Discipline**

**Draft 1: Recommends Approval 02/23/2021**

Draft 1: The Council recommends approval but concerns raised by Council Members during the discussion were: the decision for mileage exemptions should not rest with a single individual; the time frame required for affiliates to respond if a quick turn around is needed; and the speed at which this EO has been proposed.
**Council - Member Services**

**Draft 1: Recommends Approval 02/23/2021**

Draft 1: The Council agrees with the recommended changes to the rule in order to ensure consistency, transparency and accountability within the process while increasing its efficiency and streamlining its timeline. Additionally, the Council strongly supports the process amendments that open communication channels among all parties and allow USEF to engage the parties in a resolution process, both of which are currently restricted under the existing rule.

**Council - Natl Breed & Discipline**

**Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 02/22/2021**

Draft 1: The Council believes more than one person should be responsible for this process rather than just the CEO as the proposed rule is currently written.

**Dressage**

**Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 02/23/2021**

Draft 1: Dressage does not support this extraordinary rule change proposal. The issues around mileage are complex. More input and discussion should be taken into account prior to making these changes. Additionally, the newly appointed Competitions Task Force should review these issues and rules prior to making changes. Dressage feels that the decision for mileage exemptions should not rest with a single individual and the mileage rules are an important function of the Federation and should remain transparent. With a single individual responsible for the decisions, what happens if he/she has a conflict of interest and should recuse himself/herself? We also support and agree with the comments made by USDF: • This should not go forward as an Extraordinary Rule Change Proposal. It is too fast for a topic of this magnitude. • Concerned about singular decision-making process, with the complete process needing to be more clearly defined. • As written, this will reduce the influence of the Affiliate in the decision-making process.

**Friesian**

**Draft 1: No Action 02/11/2021**

Draft 1: The committee is uncomfortable making a recommendation regarding mileage rules that have a much greater affect on other breeds/disciplines.

**Jumper**

**Draft 1: Recommends Approval 02/22/2021**

**National Hunter Committee**

**Draft 1: No Action 02/16/2021**

Draft 1: The committee would like to give the new USEF Competitions Task Force the time to review and make recommendations regarding the mileage rule before taking an action on the proposed changes to the existing rules.

**USHJA**

**Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 02/08/2021**

Draft 1: Setting the decision to grant mileage exemption to rest with one person is contrary to USHJA’s strong belief that a group of decision makers will achieve the best result. Language such as “any other circumstances the federation may deem…” is vague and far reaching, resulting in a concern that aspects not intended to fall under this umbrella may be swept under at a later date.

**WDAA**

**Western Dressage**

**Draft 1: No Action 02/19/2021**

Draft 1: The committee feels that any efforts to simplify and expedite the mileage exemption process are beneficial for the sport however we do not feel mileage affects the discipline enough to make an educated recommendation regarding these rule changes.
SUBCHAPTER 3-D MILEAGE EXEMPTION AND COMPETITION LICENSE DISPUTES

GR315 Mileage Exemption

1. General.

1. This section shall apply to Mileage Exemption Panels and Internal Review Panels.

2. All communications pertaining to mileage exemption requests must go through the Federation Competition Department staff who shall serve as the liaison between all parties to a mileage exemption request. At no time may any ex parte communications occur between panelists and any party to a mileage exemption request, including affected parties and representatives.

3. All Panel members shall sign a Confidentiality and No Contact Agreement prior to serving on a Panel.

4. Once a decision is issued by a Panel, the Panel is not permitted to reconvene and reconsider that decision unless it is under the specifications of a modification to the request per GR 315.5.

2. 1. Mileage Exemption. When a competition license application is denied by the Federation due to a mileage conflict, the Applicant may seek a mileage exemption to allow the applying competition to occur. The Federation will send a Mileage Exemption Request Form along with the notification of denial to the Applicant. The decision to grant a mileage exemption is discretionary and made by the Federation Chief Executive Officer, or his designee, based on the criteria enumerated below.

3-2. The Federation may consider different circumstances criteria in determining whether a mileage exemption is warranted. The relative weight accorded to each such criteria is in the sole discretion of the Federation Chief Executive Officer, or his designee. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. a. Competition Standards: Priority Date Holder's adherence to competition standards.
   1. i. Whether the Applicant competition may alleviate concerns about the safety and welfare of horses, competitors, and/or spectators for a given rating and/or level at a Priority Date Holder's competition;
   2. ii. Whether the Applicant competition may enable a Priority Date Holder to better achieve the competition standards for a given rating and/or level;
   3. iii. Whether the Applicant competition may alleviate overcrowding of horses and/or competitors in a given geographic area at a given venue.

2. b. Competition and Calendar Factors:
   1. i. Whether the Applicant competition provides access to competitors that may need a choice based on a Priority Date Holder’s costs to competitors or offered ratings and/or levels;
   2. ii. Whether the Applicant competition serves a need that the Priority Date Holder does not serve as to the schedule of classes, sections, and divisions, which may be too limited;
   3. iii. Whether the Applicant competition should be given an opportunity to enter the marketplace where a Priority Date Holder seemingly dominates the calendar in a given geographical area, which may create unilateral competition effects;
   4. iv. Whether the Applicant competition alleviates the negative impact on competitors that may occur when the number of consecutive competitions of the same rating and/or level in a given geographic area at a given venue creates unilateral competition effects.

5. v. For Eventing competitions; USEF Licensed Eventing Competitions occurring a minimum of two weeks prior to, and two weeks following the applicant competition, will be taken into consideration when determining the Applicant competition’s impact on the competition calendar, regardless of mileage boundary.

3. c. Sport Growth and Visibility:
   Whether the Applicant competition may create growth and visibility of the sport in one of the following ways, which is not exclusive:

   2. i. The Applicant competition is warranted due to community support and/or involvement;
   3. ii. The Applicant competition may broaden access to competitors at all levels of the sport;
   4. iii. The Applicant competition is unique and provides exceptional promotional benefits to the sport.

   In addition, the Federation will consider the following factors in determining whether a mileage exemption should be granted:

   1. d. Geographic location and time of year with regard to concentration and migration of competitors;
   2. e. Experience and expertise of competition management;
   3. f. Competitions outside of boundary mileage of Priority Date Holder and Applicant Competition, which may affect density and competitive level of competitors;
   4. g. Density and competitive level of competitors in a given geographic area at a given time of year.

   h. Any other circumstances that the Federation may deem to support, further, promote, or advance the best interests of the sport.

4. 3. Mileage Exemption Procedure
a. An Applicant must may first contact the Priority Date Holder(s) and seek cooperation in running the proposed event.

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

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

d. In the case of first time mileage exemption requests or renewal requests This paragraph pertains to competitions requesting a mileage exemption for the first time, or competitions where an agreement could not be reached with the affected competition(s) or the affected competition(s) failed to timely respond, the following applies: Within 15 10 calendar days of receipt of a completed Mileage Exemption Response Form from Priority Date Holder(s) objecting to the request, or the expiration of the 24 10 day response period if no completed Mileage Exemption Response Form is submitted, the Federation will notify the applicable Recognized Breed/Discipline Affiliate and provide all documentation received in the process from any party. Within the time prescribed by the Federation, the applicable Recognized Breed/Discipline Affiliate is invited to submit written feedback for consideration by the Federation in reaching a decision whether to approve or disapprove the request, including specific feedback on the criteria listed in paragraph 2 above. has 30 calendar days from notification from the Federation to submit to the Federation Competitions Department, a recommendation to approve or disapprove the exemption request accompanied by a detailed explanation based on the considerations enumerated in paragraph 3 above. If the Federation learns that an individual with a conflict of interest was present when an Affiliate considers its recommendation under this Chapter, then such recommendation will be not be considered by the Federation panel. BOD 6/22/20 Effective 12/4/20

e. For Eventing competitions, the USEA shall have 60 calendar days from the notification from the Federation to submit to the Federation Competitions Department, a recommendation to approve or disapprove the exemption request accompanied by a detailed explanation based on the circumstances enumerated in GR315.3, provide written feedback for consideration by the Federation in reaching a decision whether to approve or disapprove the request, including any specific feedback on the criteria listed in paragraph 2 above. Upon receipt of USEA’s recommendation, within 30 days, the Federation’s Eventing Sport Committee may provide written feedback for consideration by the Federation in reaching a decision whether to approve or disapprove the request, including any specific feedback on the criteria listed in paragraph 2 above. shall make a recommendation regarding licensure to the USEF Internal Review Panel. Within 15 calendar days of receipt of written comments from the Recognized Affiliate, USEA and Eventing Sport Committee when required for Eventing Competitions, a Federation Internal Review Panel shall convene to re-view the recommendation of the Affiliate in light of all materials submitted and the considerations enumerated in GR315.3. If this
Panel agrees with the Recognized Affiliate’s recommendation, or the recommendations of USEA and Eventing Sport Committee when required for Eventing competitions then a decision letter will be issued to the affected parties accordingly. If this Panel disagrees with the Recognized Affiliate recommendation, disagrees with the recommendations of the USEA and Eventing Sport Committee when required for Eventing competitions, if the USEA and Eventing Sport Committee disagree, or if this panel identifies further consideration that should be given, the Federation President has 30 days to appoint a Mileage Exemption Panel to review the request. If for any reason the President is unable to appoint this Panel, the Vice-President, if available, or the Secretary/Treasurer, if the Vice-President if unable, shall appoint the Panel.

10. The Federation Mileage Exemption Panel consists of the Federation Chief Executive Officer or his designee, a Senior Active Member with competition management experience; and a Senior Active Member who participated in the determination of the Affiliate. Together this Panel shall consider all materials received from all parties related to the request, the recommendation of the Recognized Affiliate, the recommendation of the Eventing Sport Committee when required for eventing competitions, the comments of the Internal Review Panel, and the considerations in GR315.3. Upon completion of its review, the Federation Mileage Exemption Panel shall determine whether it is in the best interest of the sport to either deny or grant the approval and under what terms and conditions such approval shall be given.

11. The identity of the Federation Mileage Exemption Panel members must be provided to the Applicant and Priority Date Holder(s). These parties have 5 days to submit a written objection to any Panel member. Objections must specifically articulate the basis of the objection and how the appointee cannot render a fair and unbiased decision. Objections will be evaluated and a determination will be made whether a replacement is warranted. Failure to timely object is deemed acceptance of the appointed panelists.

12. The Federation, through the Federation Internal Review and Federation Mileage Exemption Panels, shall have final decision-making authority on all exemption requests and will not delegate this responsibility. The Panel’s decision will be provided to the Applicant, Priority Date Holder(s), and the Recognized Affiliate within seven calendar days of the decision, excluding national holidays. The Panel’s decision is provisional until such time that any dispute process under these rules has been exhausted.

5. 4. Modifications or amendments to an approved exemption are not permitted unless approved by the Federation in writing. A modification to an approved Request for Mileage Exemption must be approved in writing by the Federation after review by the original Mileage Exemption Panel. If the original Mileage Exemption Panel is unable to convene, modification requests shall be reviewed by the Federation Internal Review Panel along with a representative appointed by the relevant breed/discipline affiliate. Modifications to an approved Request for Mileage Exemption must be received by the Federation at least 60 days prior to the start of competition. Competitions that would be impacted by the requested modification shall have the opportunity to submit written comments to the Federation prior to a determination. Comments must be received from the competitions impacted within 10 calendar days of receiving notification of the requested modification. The Federation decision will be rendered within 30 days from the date the modification request is received in the Federation office.

6. 5. Mileage Exemptions are granted for one year only. Approval in one year does not guarantee future approval of a mileage exemption renewal request.

7-6. All Licensed Competitions operating under an approved mileage exemption shall have the applicable mileage protection against new competitions pursuant to these rules. Additionally, these competitions will have the applicable mileage protection for the following years comparable dates, provided that the license application and applicable fees are received within 60 calendar days of the last day of the current year’s competition. This does not preclude the Federation from granting additional mileage exemption requests for new competitions to be held within any mileage boundary.

8. Competitions with an approved mileage exemption which have been held for two or more consecutive years, based on approval of renewal application(s), may apply for designation as a perpetual mileage exemption. If approved, the competition shall apply annually for renewal under GR 302.3. To be eligible for this designation, the competition must indicate this request on the application and pay the requisite mileage exemption fee. Any conditions associated with the approved mileage exemption shall remain in place. Upon receiving this designation, any changes to location, rating and/or level will result in loss of this designation and the competition will be required to apply for a mileage exemption. Designated perpetual mileage exemption competitions shall have the applicable mileage protection against new competitions unless the license can not be granted. This does not preclude the Federation from granting additional mileage exemption requests for new competitions to be held within any mileage boundary. The Federation may revoke this designation at any time.

8. The Federation will provide a written decision to the Applicant and Priority Date Holder(s) within 30 days of receipt of the Recognized Affiliate’s recommendation. If the 30-day time period cannot be met, the parties will be notified in writing when they can expect to receive a decision.

9. Computing Time. For purposes of computing time under GR315, the following rules apply:
   a. exclude the day of the event that triggers the period;
   b. count every day, including intermediate Saturdays, Sundays, excluding legal holidays and week days that
the Federation offices are closed; c. include the last day of the period, but if the last day is a Saturday, Sunday, or day that the Federation offices are closed, the period continues to run until the end of the next day that the office is open.

GR 316 License Application Disputes and Resolution

1. Any competition license applicant may dispute the denial of a license application or renewal. In addition, a Mileage Exemption Request applicant and/or Priority Date Holder(s) may dispute a mileage exemption request decision. The initiation of a license dispute must can be made by submitting a fully completed Federation Mileage Exemption Dispute Form to disputes@usef.org and to the Federation General Counsel writing and received by the Federation within 10 calendar days of the date on the Federation notice of the approval or denial, along with the filing and must be accompanied by a fee. The submission must include the basis for the appeal. If the appealing party prevails, half of the fee shall be refunded. (moving to 2 below)

2. Upon notification by the Federation of a properly filed dispute, the affected parties will have 10 calendar days to file a substantive response. License disputes will be decided by the Federation Hearing Committee in accordance with the Federation rules and procedures. The Hearing Committee Panel may review the decision based upon the parties' written submissions and the record below. In which case the The parties may be represented by counsel, and may file briefs for the Hearing Committee's review. Or, in its discretion, the Hearing Committee Panel may hold a new hearing, at which the parties shall have the right to make additional written submissions, to be represented by counsel, to appear in person, and to present or cross-examine witnesses. Hearings will be conducted via videoconference or teleconference as directed by the Hearing Committee Panel. In either case, the Hearing Committee Panel shall only determine whether if the challenged decision was made in accordance with the Federation rules. denial of a new or renewal license application or the mileage exemption process was conducted in accordance with the rules. The Hearing Committee shall issue a written decision as soon as practicable, within 30 calendar days following receipt of the initiation of dispute and response(s) from affected parties. In the event the Hearing Committee decides to remand the issue, the exemption request would be considered through the normal process.

3. The Hearing Committee's decision is final and not appealable within the Federation.
This rule change be expedited in order for Dressage Competitions to offer the number of Opportunity Classes allowed by the recent rule change. We want to encourage participation in competitions. When Dressage updated this rule, it was with the intention of encouraging participants to compete in licensed competitions and thus grow the sport. Due to the impacts of COVID-19, the update to this rule is even more important as many competitions are struggling. If not granted, it could hurt participation in Dressage Competitions at a crucial time.

The rule change that became effective on December 1, 2020 has very little effect on most Level 2 and Level 3 Competitions since, currently, GR821.1(b) does not allow more than 20 Opportunity classes in the entire competition. This means most shows could have no more than 10 per day, and a three day show could have no more than seven on most days. There is also substantial evidence that GR821.1(b) has never previously been enforced for Dressage Competitions. A review of a number of show managers and shows over the past ten years show that more than 10% of the classes offered have been Opportunity classes and the shows have never been informed that they were in violation of GR821.1(b). We want to encourage participation in competitions. When Dressage updated this rule, it was with the intention of encouraging participants to compete in licensed competitions and thus grow the sport. Due to the impacts of COVID-19, the update to this rule is even more crucial as many competitions are struggling. The number of Opportunity Classes now permitted at USEF Dressage Competitions and Regular/Local Competitions with "Open" Dressage classes will likely come into direct conflict with GR 821.1(b). A significant number of entry level riders have been leaving USEF/USDF licensed competitions over the last several years due to the costs and travel distance to licensed competitions. With the current pandemic situation more people are hesitant to travel, stay in hotels and eat in restaurants. If there are more Opportunity Classes nearer to home, they are more likely to compete in Licensed Competitions and those competitions are more likely not to fail for financial reasons.

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GR821 Opportunity Classes. Change to read and renumber:
1. Opportunity Classes:
a. may be held at breed restricted or Hunter and/or Hunter Jumper competitions with no FEI recognized classes, Western Dressage competitions, Western Regular or Local Competitions. Classes must be open to all breeds unless it is a breed restricted competition. In a breed restricted competition it must be stated in the prize list if the classes will be restricted or open. Exception: At any USEF licensed competition, opportunity classes may not be restricted to Friesians.
b. are limited to 10% of the total number of the competition’s classes, with a maximum of 20 Opportunity Classes per competition, whichever is less (Exception: Dressage).
c. Dressage Competitions and Regular/Local Competitions with “Open” Dressage classes are limited to 20 Dressage Opportunity Classes per day. The 10% requirement does not apply to Dressage.
Rule Change Type
Extraordinary

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Extraordinary Change Reason

Financial Impact

Rule Change Intent

The Youth National Show has many divisions and many of the youth ride in multiple divisions. The Youth National Show holds three rings simultaneously and this causes numerous conflicts. Many of the horses are also shown in halter, halter can use the out of the ring procedure. Being able to change the order of go in a halter class would allow some of the conflicts to be solved.

Being able to resolve conflicts allows the Youth to participate in multiple classes throughout the show and helps to keep from having to give up a finals due to a conflict in another ring. With the Youth having age groupings, we do not want to limit their chances at a National Championship before they age out.

Proponent Details
AHA

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Linked Rules

Comments

Committee Actions

Arabian

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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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AR113 Conduct and Procedures

2. At all AHA Regional and National level competitions, the order of go shall be determined and posted by the birth date oldest to youngest, including post entries *(exception: The Youth National Championship Show Commission which may modify the order of go to avoid conflicts with other rings)*. The procedure (for selecting the order of go) may be used at other licensed competitions at the discretion of competition management. All In-hand classes will be conducted as Breeding and Gelding In-Hand Classes.
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### Rule Change Intent

The intent of this RCP is to adopt the changes made to the FEI minimum eligibility requirements (MERs) to the USEF Eventing Rules Appendix 3 prior to the first Eventing FEI Competition of 2021. These additional qualification requirements approved by the FEI General Assembly on 23 November 2020 will come into force on 1 July 2021.

### Proponent Details

**Eventing**

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### Linked Rules

### Comments

**Committee Actions**

**Council - Intl Discipline**

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4.1.4 CCI4*-S Having met the minimum eligibility requirements (MER) of the FEI, both the competitor and the horse, though not necessarily as a combination, must have achieved 2 MERs at the Intermediate level or higher.

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4.1.6.1 UNCATEGORIZED RIDERS
Having met the minimum eligibility requirements (MER) of the FEI, both the competitor and the horse, though not necessarily as a combination, must have achieved 2 MERs at the Intermediate level or higher.

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4.1.7.1 UNCATEGORIZED RIDERS
CCI4*-L Having met the minimum eligibility requirements (MER) of the FEI, both the competitor and the horse, though not necessarily as a combination, must have achieved one MER at the Advanced level or higher.

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4.1.8.1 UNCATEGORIZED OR "D" OR "C" RIDERS
Both the competitor and the horse must have met the minimum eligibility requirements (MER) of the FEI.

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### Extraordinary Change Reason

Safety

### Rule Change Intent

After the review by the USEA Cross-Country Safety Subcommittee, Active Athletes, and a Task Force focused on Concussions it was determined that there needs to be more enforcement of mandatory inspection, and a validation of the importance of health before return to play of competitors following apparent injury or concussion.

### Proponent Details

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### Linked Rules

**Competition Management**

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**Council - Intl Discipline**

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**Eventing**

**Draft 1**: Recommends Approval 01/07/2021

**Licensed Officials**

**Safety**
1. ACCIDENTS INVOLVING COMPETITORS

a. In the event of an accident in which a competitor is apparently injured or concussed, they must be examined by designated medical personnel to determine if they may take part in another test, ride another horse or if they are capable of leaving the grounds. Refusal to be examined shall be penalized by a fine of $100 (Payable to the Organizing Committee) at the discretion of the Ground Jury \textit{and a mandatory Yellow Warning Card being issued.}
Cross-country safety and welfare of the horse and rider.

Rule Change Intent

The purpose of this proposal is to align the USEF Eventing Rules with the updated FEI standards for Frangible/Deformable Cross Country Fences (Updated Standard V2). This would require that any new fences constructed after April 1, 2021, for use at a National Competition at or above Training Level, must meet the requirements as outlined in the Updated Standard V2. Any fences for use at a National Competition at or above Training Level, that were constructed prior to April 1, 2021, have through December 31, 2021 to be upgraded or retrofitted to meet these Standards.

Committee Actions

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Eventing

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9. FRANGIBLE FENCES
b. At National Competitions above the Training Level, all rail fences for which frangible technology can be employed must use that technology (e.g. Frangible Pins, MIM Clips or any other load-relieving device). These fences include, but are not limited to: verticals, gates, open corners, and all open oxers in all cases. At a minimum, these devices must meet the requirements of the FEI frangible fence standard of 2020 be able to be activated by forces having both vertical and horizontal components. Obstacles Fences constructed prior to April 1, 2021 may remain as such through December 31, 2021 but must be upgraded or retrofitted to meet this rule as of January 1, 2022. September 1, 2018 shall be retrofitted per the above requirements prior to December 1, 2018. All fences Obstacles constructed after April 1, 2021 must meet this rule. September 1, 2018 must comply with the above requirements.