Rule	Tracking	Draft	Proposal Type	Effective Date	Proponent	Status
GR 1005.3	055-25	1	Extraordinary	4/1/2026	Driving	Approved (1/18/2026)

GR1005.3 Tracking #055-25 Draft #1 Approved

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Extraordinary	4/1/2026	10/30/2025	Approved 1/18/2026

Extraordinary Change Reason

Financial Hardship to Organizers

Rule Change Intent

The adopted rule to require foreign FEI officials to complete safe sport and background checks has reduced the number of quality foreign officials able or willing to officiate in the U.S. This has created a financial hardship for organizers as they cannot use the foreign officials in attendance for the FEI competition to officiate the national classes which then requires an additional official. Depending on the shift of the calendar weeks, the current language stops foreign officials from officiating at the same competition from the year before. For example, if they officiated at a competition on 11/1/2025 they cannot officiate at the same competition the follow year if it lands on 10/31/2026. The propsoed language will correct this by utilizing the USEF calendar year to solve this date problem. The proposed language also increases the allowed competitions from one to two to allow more opportunity for foreign officials to officiate during the year which assists the small pool of officials within the U.S. that can officiate FEI and national classes at the same competition for the non-Olympic disciplines.

Proponent Details

Driving

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Linked Rules

Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 01/06/2026

Council - Member Services

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/08/2025

Draft 1: The Council is strongly opposed to this rule change proposal and feels it is imperative that all officials officiating at licensed competitions be compliant with the Safe Sport and background check requirements. In addition to recommending disapproval of this rule change proposal, the Council recommends revisiting the current rule and completely removing the ability for foreign FEI officials to officiate at any national events without being compliant with the background check and Safe Sport training requirements.

Driving

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 09/09/2025

Endurance

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/18/2025

Eventing

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/18/2025

Jumper

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/16/2025

Licensed Officials

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/17/2025

Draft 1: The Committee felt this rule change proposal sends the incorrect message to all USEF participants that are currently required to complete SafeSport Training. In addition, the current one-time competition allowance per every 12 months seems to be more than reasonable.

USDF

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/01/2025

Draft 1: Should this RCP pass and should there be any impact, it would be positive.

USEA

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/17/2025

Vaulting

Draft 1: No Action 11/11/2025

Draft 1: Vaulting does not allow FEI officials to officiate national classes.

Member Comments

3. The following individuals shall comply with the background check and training requirements of USEF 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

d. All foreign FEI officials officiating in national classes in more than ***two*** ~~one~~ Federation licensed and/or endorsed competitions within ***the same USEF Competition Year*** ~~any 12-month period of time~~.