



MUST VS. MAY

LESSON OVERVIEW

- ▶ This lesson will cover:
 - ▶ Carriage pleasure driving rules that judges have to carefully negotiate

TERMINOLOGY

- ▶ When interpreting rules, it is of the utmost importance that you carefully consider the terminology being used.
 - ▶ For example, in the context of the USEF Rulebook:
 - ▶ Must: mandatory action dictated by the Rulebook
 - ▶ May: at the judge's discretion, not required
 - ▶ Elimination: excused from the class
 - ▶ Disqualification: prohibited from taking any further part in the show/event
- ▶ This lesson will give you multiple cases where careful interpretation of the rules is necessary.

CASE 1

- ▶ An entry is using check reins and a false martingale in an obstacle class.
 - ▶ Solution:
 - A. You may eliminate the entry.
 - B. You must eliminate the entry.

CASE 1 - SOLUTION

- ▶ An entry is using check reins and a false martingale in an obstacle class.

- ▶ Solution:

B. You must eliminate the entry.

- ▶ False martingales are permitted, check reins are not.
- ▶ *CP117.10*

CASE 2A

- ▶ An entry enters your ring with a carriage, and it is apparent that it is not structurally sound. You make the decision that the turnout is unsafe.
 - ▶ Solution:
 - A. You may eliminate the entry.
 - B. You must eliminate the entry.

CASE 2A - SOLUTION

- ▶ An entry enters your ring with a carriage, and it is apparent that it is not structurally sound. You make the decision that the turnout is unsafe.

- ▶ Solution:

B. You must eliminate the entry.

- ▶ You must eliminate any unsafe entry from ANY CLASS.
- ▶ *CP205.7*

CASE 2B

- ▶ An entry enters your ring with a carriage, and it is apparent that it is not structurally sound. You make the decision that the turnout is unsafe. The entry had to be eliminated per CP205.7. Later that day, the same turnout returns to your ring. While minor repair efforts have been made, you determine that ultimately, it is still an unsafe turnout.
 - ▶ Solution:
 - A. You may disqualify the entry.
 - B. You must disqualify the entry.

CASE 2B - SOLUTION

- ▶ An entry enters your ring with a carriage, and it is apparent that it is not structurally sound. You make the decision that the turnout is unsafe. The entry had to be eliminated per CP205.7. Later that day, the same turnout returns to your ring. While minor repair efforts have been made, you determine that ultimately, it is still an unsafe turnout.
 - ▶ Solution:
 - A. You may disqualify the entry.**
 - ▶ Repeated offenses may warrant a disqualification
 - ▶ *CP205.7*

CASE 3

- ▶ You are judging a carriage pleasure driving dressage class. The thong of the driver's whip does not reach the shoulder of the farthest horse in their turnout.
 - ▶ Solution:
 - A. You may penalize the entry.
 - B. You must penalize the entry.

CASE 3 - SOLUTION

- ▶ You are judging a carriage pleasure driving dressage class. The thong of the driver's whip does not reach the shoulder of the farthest horse in their turnout.

- ▶ Solution:

A. You may penalize the entry.

- ▶ Inappropriate whip length may be penalized at the judge's discretion except in obstacles.
- ▶ *CP108.1 & CP207.2*

CASE 4

- ▶ You are judging a carriage pleasure driving obstacle class. The driver hands the whip to a groom/passenger after clearing the last obstacle and heading for the finish.
 - ▶ Solution:
 - A. You may eliminate the entry.
 - B. You must eliminate the entry.

CASE 4 - SOLUTION

- ▶ You are judging a carriage pleasure driving obstacle class. The driver hands the whip to a groom/passenger after clearing the last obstacle and heading for the finish.

- ▶ Solution:

B. You must eliminate the entry.

- ▶ Outside assistance incurs elimination
- ▶ *CP109.1 & CP207.2*

CASE 5

- ▶ You are judging a Gentlemen's Driving class. One driver is whistling loudly to his horse to encourage him to move forward and show his best gait.
 - ▶ Solution:
 - A. You may penalize the entry.
 - B. You must penalize the entry.

CASE 5 - SOLUTION

- ▶ You are judging a Gentlemen's Driving class. One driver is whistling loudly to his horse to encourage him to move forward and encourage his best gait.

- ▶ Solution:

A. You may penalize the entry.

- ▶ Excessive use of the voice, shouting or whistling to the horse may be penalized at the judge's discretion.
- ▶ *CP205.1*

CONCLUSION

- ▶ Recall this lesson next time you need to reference the Rulebook.
- ▶ Pay close attention to the terminology.
- ▶ How does the terminology used effect the intent or interpretation of the rule?