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Standard	12/1/2026	6/17/2025	Approved 6/16/2026

Rule Change Intent

This proposed rule change modernize and standardize language with regards to accident preparedness and emergency response. The updated language aligns more closely with industry standards and requirements align with typical sport EAP requirements.

Proponent Details

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Linked Rules

Comments

American Saddlebred

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/15/2025

Andalusian/Lusitano

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/30/2025

Arabian

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/27/2025

Draft 1: The committee feels that adding more details and stipulations to the requirements regarding emergencies is un-necessary. They do not agree to the portion of listing "emergency vehicle access points" as competition management is likely not the best source for this information and could instruct emergency services improperly.

Carriage Pleasure Driving

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/18/2025

Competition Management

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 04/20/2026

Connemara

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Council - Intl Discipline

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Council - Member Services

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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Dressage

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Driving

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Endurance

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/21/2025

Eventing

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 02/10/2026

Friesian

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/29/2025

Hackney	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/08/2025	
Jumper	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/16/2025	
Morgan	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/30/2025	
National Hunter Committee	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/18/2025	
National Show Horse	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/29/2025	
ParaEquestrian	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/18/2025	
Paso Fino	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/22/2025	
Roadster	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/07/2025	
Saddle Seat Eq	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/14/2025	
Shetland	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/29/2025	
USDF	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/11/2025	**Draft 1: No additional comment**
USEA	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/21/2025	
USHJA	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 01/26/2026	
Vaulting	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/11/2025	
Welsh	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/18/2025	
Western Committee	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/13/2025	**Draft 1: The committee does not like the addition of having to provide the name and contact information for the QMP in the EAP, because many competitions use a company, and will not know the name of the individual who will be on site prior to the competition.**
Western Dressage	
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Member Comments

GR845 ~~Accident Preparedness~~ *Emergency Action* Plan

1. All competitions must have in place, prior to the start of the competition, a~~n accident preparedness plan.~~ ***written emergency action plan (EAP).***
2. Competition Management is responsible for ensuring that all appropriate competition officials and competition staff are advised of the ~~accident preparedness plan~~ ***EAP***, and that they are distributed accordingly.
3. The ~~accident preparedness plan~~ ***EAP*** must be given to the Steward or Technical Delegate prior to the start of the competition.
4. The Steward or Technical Delegate shall submit a copy of the ~~accident preparedness plan~~ ***EAP*** to the Federation along with their Steward or Technical Delegate report.
5. At a minimum, the ~~accident preparedness plan~~ ***EAP*** must include:
    a. Emergency call/radio priority protocol;
    b. List of emergency telephone numbers and directions to the competition ***including emergency vehicle access points*** that can be relayed to offsite first responders; and
    c. Name and contact information of the Safety Coordinator ***and Qualified Medical Personnel (QMP) if on site***
    d. Closest hospital with emergency services and closest Level 1 Trauma center (address, distance by road, and phone number).

GR846 Safety Coordinator

1. All Licensed Competitions must appoint a Safety Coordinator, who shall oversee the establishment and coordination of medical and veterinary services. This person must be a Senior Active member or a Subscriber member of the Federation and comply with the SafeSport Training requirements. This person may have other roles or duties in relation to the competition except:
    a. The Safety Coordinator may not serve as a Licensed Official at the competition (exception: Course Designers); and
    b. The Safety Coordinator may not compete as a rider, driver, vaulter, longeur, or handler at the competition.
    c. For eventing competitions, the Safety Coordinators must not have any other duties during the Cross Country and Show Jumping phases.
2. The Safety Coordinator shall:
    a. Oversee provisions for the safety and welfare of exhibitors, horses, and spectators;
    b. Oversee the implementation of the ~~Accident Preparedness~~ ***Emergency Action Plan (EAP)***;
    c. Communicate with Competition Management and Medical Personnel prior to the start of competition to ensure that parties are aware of the requirements of the ~~Accident Preparedness Plan~~ ***EAP***;
    d. Provide Medical Personnel with a map of the competition grounds, which includes plans for emergency vehicle access to competition/warm-up areas and stabling.
    e. Have their name and contact information posted along with the required emergency information at the competition.
    f. Inform the senior Steward or Technical Delegate of any accident or injury to a human or horse within one hour of the accident or injury for proper follow-up and reporting as required by the Federation, in the event a Steward or Technical Delegate is unable to be present at an injury or accident to a human or a horse.

GR1033 Stewards and Technical Delegates

4. Forms – Forms submitted to the Federation must be on the correct competition year's form as provided by the Federation. Incomplete forms, prior year's forms, or illegible forms will not be accepted. The following forms must be submitted in a timely manner to:
    a. The Federation (within 14 days after the last licensed day of the competition)
        i. Steward Report or Technical Delegate Report:
            1. The Report must include any offenses or rule violations ensuring the inclusion of relevant information, including, if applicable, entry number,

entry blanks, USEF member ID number, and USEF horse ID number, etc.

2. If the Federation does not receive the completed report and/or attachments postmarked and/or electronically submitted in accordance with Federation guidelines within 14 days of the closing of the competition, the Steward/Technical Delegate will be fined a fee of $100. For the second offense and any offense thereafter in the same competition year, said official will be fined $250. A third offense and any offense thereafter will result in an automatic suspension from office as Steward or Technical Delegate for 90 days, in addition to the fines.
3. Failure to pay any fine within 30 days will result in a violation of rules and the Steward/Technical Delegate will be subject to an additional late fee.
4. If the Steward/Technical Delegate disputes that the report was not timely filed, they may appeal in writing to the Federation within 30 days of receipt of the Federation's notice of the fine. The appeal must be accompanied by a check payable to the Federation, which will be refunded if the appeal is upheld. The CEO or their designee and three members of the Licensed Officials Committee will consider the appeal and may waive a part or all of the fine upon finding of good cause of why the report was not timely filed and/or a finding that extreme hardship results from the automatic penalty. Note: only the fine may be waived. The rule violation will remain on record for the official.

ii. Accident/Injury Report Forms on the official form provided by the Federation in accordance with GR848.

iii. Each competition's ~~Accident Preparedness Plan~~ ***Emergency Action Plan (EAP)*** as provided for in GR845.

HJ105 Safety and Welfare

1. Definitions

a. Potable Water: Convenient and ample water for horses and potable water for human consumption must be free and available at all times. If the facility cannot provide adequate potable water or runs out of potable water, management must provide an alternate water source as soon as possible. If the competition has been without ample water for horses for four consecutive hours, the competition must be halted until water is available.

b. Restrooms: A minimum of one operable, sanitary restroom must be provided for every fifty (50) horses entered the prior year. A restroom is a fully-enclosed space with a lockable door containing a functioning toilet and stocked toilet paper dispensers. Men's restrooms may contain urinals. If the restroom is permanent, toilets must flush, hand soap must be provided, and operable sinks that dispense potable water must be provided. All restrooms must be stocked daily, or more often depending on use, and must be cleaned and thoroughly sanitized daily, or more often to prevent the accumulation of debris in undesignated areas.

c. ~~Accident~~ ***Emergency*** Preparedness: An operable landline or cell phone must be reserved and accessible at all times for the purposes of contacting emergency personnel.

1. The following information must be posted outside the show office, and readily available to anyone on the competition grounds:

a. All 24-hour telephone numbers for horse and human emergencies;

b. Map of competition grounds;

c. Directions from competition to nearest hospital and equine veterinary center;

d. Facility address; and

e. GPS coordinates of facility address.

2. In addition to the requirements of GR901, Federation licensed competitions with Hunter, Hunter Breeding, Jumper and/or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes not restricted by breed must publish the following safety information in the prize list:

a. Mileage to nearest hospital with emergency care; and

b. Mileage to nearest Level 1 Trauma Center.

3. In addition to the requirements of GR845, Federation licensed competitions with Hunter, Hunter Breeding, Jumper and/or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes not restricted by breed must do the following:

a. Competition management is responsible for ensuring that all appropriate competition officials and competition staff including but not limited to Safety Coordinator, Medical Personnel, In-gate Starters, Licensed Officials, Announcers, Technical Coordinator, Stable Manager, Veterinarian, are provided a written copy of the ~~accident preparedness plan~~ ***Emergency Action Plan (EAP)*** and isolation protocol for horses, prior to the commencement of duties.

b. In addition to the requirements of GR1034 the Steward shall submit a copy of the ~~accident preparedness plan~~ ***EAP*** and protocol signed by the Competition Manager, Safety Coordinator, and Medical Personnel, to the Federation along with their Steward's report.

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2. Minimum Requirements

Minimum Requirements to Obtain Rating	**Jumper I**	**One-Day Regional ("B")**	**Multi-Day Regional ("B") Jumper 2**	**National ("A") Jumper 3/4**	**Premier ("AA") Jumper 5/6**
Potable Water	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Restrooms	1 per 50 horses entered	1 per 50 horses entered	1 per 50 horses entered	1 per 50 horses entered	1 per 50 horses entered
~~**Accident**~~ ***Emergency*** **Preparedness** ***and Action Plan***	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Safe Sport Information Signage	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Veterinarian (GR1211.5, HU114 and JP105.5)	On call with written agreement unless: 1) previous year's horse entry number exceeds 200	On call with written agreement; for exception see HJ105.1e	On call with written agreement; for exception see HJ105.1e	On call with written agreement; for exception see HJ105.1e	Onsite with written agreement
Farrier (GR1211.6)	On call with written agreement	On call with written agreement	On call with written agreement	Onsite for entire competition	Onsite for entire competition
Human Ambulance (GR847)	On call	On call	On call	On call	On call
Qualified Medical Personnel	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required - at least one must be a

(GR847)					paramedic
Emergency Horse Transport	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Onsite for entire competition
AED	n/a	Required	Required	Required	Required
Privacy Screens	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required

EN112 Modification to the Course and Rescheduling/Delay or Cancellation of Competitions

1. Course Modification: After the course has been officially established, no alteration shall be made without the approval of the Competition Management and the Steward.
2. Rescheduling/Delay of Competition or Category of Competition: In exceptional circumstances, a competition or category may be rescheduled or delayed in start or held until the competition may be safely resumed by the Competition Management in consultation with the Steward.
3. Cancellation of Competitions: When catastrophic occurrences or circumstances arise beyond the reasonable control of Competition Management at or during a competition, which affect rider safety or horse welfare, or prevents the competition from continuing, a competition may be cancelled by the Competition Management in consultation with the Steward.
4. Notifications: In any case noted above, the riders should be officially notified as soon as reasonably possible of the decision, certainly before the start or before the Loop concerned or when they complete the preceding Loop.
5. ~~Accident Preparedness Plan~~ ***Emergency Action Plan (EAP)***: Please refer to GR845.