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Rule Change Intent

This proposal changes the level of difficulty for classes offering $25,000 or more in prize money. The conforming to level of difficulty rule in JP 123.5 is separated into two sections to allow flexibility for the Course Designer at 1.50m or higher. The change moves from the four defined Standards to a specific fence height of 1.40m or higher. This alleviates confusion among competitors as it specifically states what to expect in the class. This is more in line with the FEI as well. This appears to be a long rule change but it just includes all rules associated with the specific change to JP 123.4 and is presented in numerical order.

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Comments

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Member Comments

Bridget Imparato - Moncada — Draft #1

Again alignment with FEI just makes sense

Annette Longenecker — Draft #1

CSI 4* is listed with 2 different restrictions: 118b - says they can only do a 1.40 jr/am at the same show and 118d says they cannot do any classes below 1.20 jr/am. So which is it?

Additionally I would suggest reordering these from lowest CSI level to highest.

Intent:

JP123 Fence Dimensions

1. At Licensed Competitions the Level of Difficulty for each class must be indicated in the prize list and on the course plan. This may be shown as either

    a. specific height in feet/inches or metric measure or a height range of not more than 5cm or 3" (i.e. 1.30m to 1.35m or 4'3" to 4'6"). If a range is indicated, fence heights may not be lower than the low height specified (except the first fence or the first element of a combination, and High Jump, Puissance, Gambler's Choice, and Accumulator classes). If a range is shown, the higher height will determine how the class is counted toward HOTY awards, etc. ***Exception, see JP 123.1.b below for classes offering $25,000 or more in prize money.***

    b. ~~as one of the "Standards" defined below for~~ ***C***lasses of $25,000 or more ***must be offered at one specific height at 1.40m or above***. Spreads must be set as noted below.

    c. Management may choose to run a class over two different heights (not more than 10 cm of difference), permitting competitors to elect at which height to compete. The conditions for such classes must be stated in the prize list unless the two-height class results from the combining of classes due to insufficient entries (defined as less than six entries in either grouping) See JP108.7. The steward's report must indicate any two-height class held, and the official results submitted to the Federation must accurately state at which height each entrant competed. ***Exception, see JP 123.1.b above for classes offering $25,000 or more in prize money.***

3. Width:

    a. All courses require a minimum of three obstacles in which the spread exceeds the height by 5 cm (2") up to 15 cm (6"). (See JP125.7)

4. Standards: Any class offering $25,000 or more in prize money must be offered at one ***specific height of 1.40m or above.*** ~~of the following standards delineated below: Regional, American, National, or High Performance. Heights alone do not apply to these classes and the standard must be clearly stated in the prize list.~~ Competitions must apply to the Jumping Sport Committee for permission to offer $25,000 or more in prize money in any class ***held below 1.40m.*** ~~if it does not meet one of the following:~~

~~a. Regional Standard: 1.35m - 1.40m with spreads to 1.55m, excluding Triple Bar, Water Jump and the first fence on course. At least 6 Verticals and 4 Oxers must be set at 1.40m. The maximum spread for the Triple Bar is 1.85m, and the maximum spread for the Water Jump is~~

~~3.60m.~~

~~b. American Standard: 1.40m - 1.45m with spreads to 1.60m, excluding Triple Bar, Water Jump and the first fence on course. At least 4 Verticals and 2 Oxers must be set at 1.45m. The maximum spread for the Triple Bar is 1.90m, and the max imum spread for the Water Jump is 3.80m.~~

~~c. National Standard: 1.45m - 1.50m with spreads to 1.70m, excluding Triple Bar, Water Jump and the first fence on course. At least 4 Verticals and 2 Oxers must be set at 1.50m*. The maximum spread for the Triple Bar is 2.00m, and the maximum spread for the Water Jump is 4.00m. *If conditions warrant (deterioration of footing, inclement weather, insufficient lighting, fewer than 10 entries at the time declarations are due), the Course Designer after consultation with Management and Judges, may use a 5cm variance up or down for these 6 required efforts.~~

~~d. High Performance Standard: 1.45m - 1.60m with spreads to 1.80m, excluding Triple Bar, Water Jump and the first fence on course. At least 2 Verticals must be set at 1.60m, and at least 4 Oxers must be set at 1.50m+*, excluding Triple Bar and Water Jump. The maximum spread for the Triple Bar is 2.20m, and the maximum spread for the Water Jump is 4.00m. *If conditions warrant (deterioration of footing, inclement weather, insufficient lighting, fewer than 10 entries at the time declarations are due), the Course Designer after consultation with Management and Judges, may use a 5cm variance up or down for these 6 required efforts.~~

5. Conforming to Level of Difficulty. ~~(Does not apply to the Standards listed above in JP123.4 except as noted above by *).~~ ***Water jumps, first fence on course, and the first fence of a combination are excluded from the required percentages below. Exception to Level of Difficulty rule: Gambler's Choice and Derbies.***

a. ***In all classes offered below 1.50m,*** 60% of the fences in the first round of a class must be set at the required height indicated, and the remaining 40% within a ~~two inch (~~5 cm~~)~~ variance~~;~~ ~~water jump, first fence on course, and first fence of a triple combination excluded and are not part of the 60%.~~

b. ***In classes offered at 1.50m or above, 50% of the fences in the first round must be set at the required height indicated, and the remaining 50% within a 5cm variance.*** ~~(Exception: Gambler's Choice/Top Score, Derbys, and classes 1.50 m and above).~~

6. Changing the Level of Difficulty from that published in prize list. The height at which a given competition is held may be altered from that listed in the prize list with the joint approval of the Course Designer, Judges and competition management; only in the case of inclement weather, or unsafe conditions. Changes in the height for any other reason may be done ONLY with the prior written consent of the majority of competitors in the class. See GR832.6 for class postponement due to weather conditions. All changes MUST be specifically noted in the Steward's report for the competition. For ***classes offering $25,000 or more in prize money,***

~~Standards~~, see JP151.

7. Certifying the Standard for USEF Show Jumping Ranking List Classes. Classes to be included in the USEF Show Jumping Ranking List must be certified by the following: A course plan showing the actual heights and spreads of all the fences, signed by the Course Designer and given to the Senior Judge. After the Senior Judge inspects the course, they must sign and give the course plan to the Course Designer. The Course Designer must submit the signed course plan to the Ryegate Show Services within 48 hours of the completion of the competition/event. The Senior Steward must submit the USEF Show Jumping Ranking List Steward's Report to Ryegate Show Services within 48 hours of the completion of the competition/event. If the class is held at a different ***height*** ~~standard~~ than that listed in the prize list, the Steward must certify in both the USEF Steward's Report and the USEF Show Jumping Ranking List Steward's Report that the requisite rules and procedures of JP151.1 were correctly followed.

JP118 Sections/Classes Restricted to Junior, Amateur or Young Riders

6. Restrictions

b. Any athlete that competes in a CSI4*, a CSI-W or CSIO is ineligible to compete in a Junior and/or Amateur Jumper class held below 1.40m at that same competition.

c. Any athlete that competes in a CSI5* is ineligible to compete in a Junior and/or Amateur Jumper class at that same competition.

d. Any athlete competing in ~~open jumper classes held at the USEF High Performance Standard or~~ ***a*** CSI3*~~,~~ ***or*** CSI4*~~, or CSI5*~~ FEI Grand Prix ~~classes offering $25,000 or more in prize money~~ is ineligible to compete in any Junior and/or Amateur Jumper class held below 1.20m at the same competition.

e. At competitions offering multiple height sections of Junior and/or Amateur Jumper classes at 1.20m and above, athletes are ineligible to compete in the class offering the most prize money in the lowest height section at the same competition in which they compete in ~~the USEF High Performance Standard or~~ ***a*** CSI3*~~,~~ ***or*** CSI4*~~, or CSI5*~~ FEI Grand Prix ~~classes offering $25,000~~.

JP120 U25 (25 and Under) Jumper Sections/Classes

2. Specifications:

a. U25 courses must be set at 1.40m or above.

~~b. U25 classes offering $25,000 or more in prize money must be held at a Regional, American National, or High Performance Standard (per JP123.4).~~

c. If a competition offers only one U25 class, it must be scored as a jump-off class.

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 ***1.40m or above*** ~~the Regional, American, National or High Performance Standard~~ (see JP123.4).

JP121 Open Jumper Sections/Classes

2. Difficulty. The specific height ~~(classes up to $24,999) or standard (classes of $25,000 or more)~~ at which the class or section is being offered must be stated in the prize list.

JP125 Jumper Courses

2. Height ~~or Standard~~. All courses must be accurately set according to the Height ~~or Standard~~ published in the prize list.

JP134 Judge(s) Inspection of Courses

1. The judge should assure that the course has been properly set according to specifications indicated in the prize list, and that it has been measured and the Time Allowed calculated properly, and call attention to any errors that would result in unfair or inappropriate courses. The judge should also ensure that any or all obstacles have been appropriately reset after disruption of any kind during the competition. For all classes of $25,000 or more, the Senior Judge must physically inspect the course to ensure that the obstacles are set at the correct ***height*** ~~dimensions (Standard)~~ as stated in the prize list.

JP151 Classes Offering $25,000 or more in prize money

1. Specifications. Once the specifications for a class have been printed in the prize list, the class conditions may not be changed. The ~~Standard~~ ***height*** may only be changed in the case of inclement weather or unsafe conditions. In exceptional circumstances, permission for a change in specifications may be granted upon the approval of the Jumping Sport Committee Chairman, or their designee, and two additional Jumping Sport Committee members. Any changes must be noted in the Steward's Report.

2. Officials.

b. Judges. For classes offering $25,000 or more in prize money a total of two Federation licensed 'R' judges are required, one of whom will act as official timer. The third judge is necessary if an open water jump is used; this can be a 'r' judge. In addition, two back up timers with digital stop watches are required. (Note: A timer technician may also be utilized as per JP106.2; however one of the two 'R' judges must be responsible for the official time recorded for each entry.) For all classes of $25,000 or more, the Senior Judge must physically inspect the course to ensure that the obstacles are set at the correct ***height*** ~~dimensions (Standard)~~ as stated in the prize list.

10. Open Classes of $25,000 or more.

a. The prize list and the official results must clearly indicate the ***height*** ~~Standard~~ for any such class. Should a prize list fail to indicate at what ***height*** ~~Standard~~ the class is to be conducted, the correct information must be posted prominently at the competition office prior to the closing of declarations, and both the Steward's Report and the Official Results must clearly indicate ***the height*** ~~Regional, American, National or High Performance Standard~~. Should this requirement not have been met, the competition results shall be recorded as though the class had been conducted at ***1.40m*** ~~the Regional Standard~~.

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