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SUBCHAPTER 13-A RESPONSIBILITIES

Exhibitors' attention is directed to Chapter 8 which includes rules pertaining to conduct at Licensed Competitions.

GR1301 General

1. Knowledge of and compliance with the rules of the Federation.
2. Obtain Federation membership or pay a per-competition Show Pass fee if competing at Federation member competitions. (See GR202 and GR205-GR206.)
3. Obtain Federation Amateur Certification and measurement cards where required. (See GR1307, GR501, and HU171.).
4. Any member or non-member who fails to pay sums owing to the Federation or who makes payment for fees to the Federation which is not negotiable will be notified by the Federation of his or her indebtedness and warned that unless settlement is made within two weeks he or she will automatically be fined the sum of \$250 to be paid to the Federation; and further, that he or she and any horses owned by him or her and any horses and/or persons for which payment has not been made or for which the non-negotiable sums have been paid will automatically be barred from taking any part whatsoever in Licensed Competitions until payment or settlement is made of the total indebtedness to the Federation. Publication of the suspension will be published on the Federation's web site.
 - a. If any individual affected by GR1301.4 disputes that the amounts in question are owed or unpaid, he or she may request a review of these issues by the Hearing Committee provided his or her written statement specifying the grounds for the review is received at the Federation's office within said two week period accompanied by a fee of \$100, which will be refunded if the dispute is settled in favor of said person.
 - b. In the event a person makes non-negotiable payment for fees to the Federation on three or more occasions, he or she is, after a hearing, subject to further disciplinary action. In addition, any future payments made to the Federation, must be submitted in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, money order, or valid credit card.
5. Every person participating in any competition licensed by the Federation is subject to the Federation Bylaws and Rules including the provisions of Chapters 6 and 7 and is responsible under the rules for their own acts and failures to act and for the acts and failures to act of their agent or agents whether or not they or their agent or agents have signed an entry blank.
6. Dogs are not permitted to be loose on competition grounds and must be held on a leash or otherwise restrained. Individuals must not lead dogs on a leash while mounted. Dog owners are solely responsible for any damages, claims, losses or actions resulting from their dogs' behaviors. Dog owners failing to comply with this rule will be issued a Yellow warning card may be subject to penalty under Chapters 6 and 7.
7. Minors who do not have a valid driver's license which allows them to operate a motorized vehicle in the state in which they reside will not be permitted to operate a motorized vehicle of any kind, including, but not limited to, golf carts, motorcycles, scooters, or farm utility vehicles, on the competition grounds of licensed competitions. Minors who have a valid temporary license may operate the above described motorized vehicles as long as they are accompanied by an adult with a valid driver's license. The parent(s), legal guardian(s), or individual who signs the entry blank as a parent or guardian of a minor operating a motorized vehicle in violation of this rule are solely responsible for any damages, claims, losses or actions resulting from that operation. Violations of this rule will be cause for sanctions against the parent(s), guardian(s) and/or trainer(s) who are responsible for the child committing the offense. Penalties may include exclusion of the child, parent(s), guardian(s), and/or trainer(s) from the competition grounds for the remainder of the competition and charges being filed against any of the above individuals in accordance with Chapter 6. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are

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exempt from this rule.

8. In the event of an acute and serious injury to or illness of a horse on competition grounds when the owner or trainer of the horse or agent of the owner is not present, after reasonable effort to contact that individual has been made, competition management, in consultation with a licensed equine veterinarian, may authorize the provision of emergency veterinary treatment of the horse. If competition management so authorizes treatment under the provisions of this rule, competition management and veterinarian are not liable for any resulting costs, damages, losses, claims or actions arising directly or indirectly from the treatment of the horse.

GR1302 Duties

1. Every exhibitor, rider, driver, handler and trainer or his/her agent(s) must sign an entry blank (see GR404 and GR908.2). In the case of a rider, driver or handler under 18, his/her parent or guardian, or if not available, the trainer, must sign an entry blank on the minor's behalf.
2. Every exhibitor, rider, driver, handler, and trainer or his agents must provide on the competition entry blank, all information required under Federation rules. Exhibitors are responsible for their own errors and those of their agents in the preparation of entry blanks.
 - a. The following credentials must be made available to Competition Management. Competitions may, at their discretion, confirm any of the below electronically with the Federation Office:
 1. Original or copies of Federation membership cards, Exemption: Applications completed at the competition. The member will retain the pink copy of the membership application form which, when properly signed by Competition Secretary, is valid for 45 days from the date signed or until the membership card is received from the Federation.
 2. Copies of Federation Measurement cards;
 3. Federation Amateur Certification;
 4. Federation horse recordings for USEF/USDF qualifying classes for dressage championships and USEF/USDF Dressage Championships (see DR127.2).
 5. Registration papers showing proof of ownership or a copy of the registration papers with a Certificate of Eligibility to Show issued by the American Saddlebred Registry for horses entered in classes restricted to American Saddlebreds must be submitted either with entry form at the time of making entry or submitted to the show office before show numbers will be released. If a copy is sent with the entry form, the copy of registration papers will be returned when exhibitors pick up their numbers, if requested by the exhibitor. Original or copies of United States Hunter Jumper Association, Inc., membership card, if applicable.
 - b. Exhibitors are urged to submit photostatic copy of all required credentials with their entry blanks. (Exception: measurement cards, see Rules GR502.1 and HU171.1).
 - c. If an exhibitor does not submit the proper membership documentation to the competition and the competition cannot verify such information, (with the exception of Federation measurement cards) the exhibitor will be responsible to pay a \$45 Show Pass fee which is non-refundable.

GR1303 Safe Sport Requirements

Consistent with the mission statement of the Federation, the welfare of equestrian participants, especially minors, is of paramount concern. When any member -- athlete, participant, trainer, coach, organizer, official, volunteer, or staff member -- is subjected to or engages in abuse or misconduct, it undermines the mission of the Federation and is inconsistent with the best interests of equestrian sport and of the athletes the Federation serves. The Safe Sport Policy and U.S. Center for Safe Sport's Code have been created to protect all athletes from misconduct they may experience within sport. The education and training of all participants in equestrian sport is crucial to the protection of athletes, reporting of misconduct, and eradication of abuse in our sport.

The U.S. Center for SafeSport (Center) is the first and only national organization of its kind focused on ending all

forms of abuse in sport. As an independent non-profit headquartered in Denver, CO, the Center provides consultation to sport entities on prevention techniques and policies, while developing best practices and educational programs focused on promoting athlete wellbeing and putting an end to abuse in sports. The Center also provides a safe, professional, and confidential place for individuals to report sexual abuse.

The Federation Safe Sport Policy defines a “Federation Participant” as any Federation member, or non-member, who participates in or attends a Federation Licensed Competition or sanctioned event. The Federation’s Safe Sport Policy can be found at www.usef.org and the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code can be found at www.safesport.org

- a. Every Federation member and Federation Participant shall abide by the Federation’s Safe Sport Policy and the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code, which can be found at www.usef.org and www.safesport.org respectively.
- b. In order to comply with S. 534, the Protecting Young Victim’s from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017, the Federation Safe Sport Policy, and the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code, every Federation adult member and Federation adult Participant, with the exception of the victim, shall report suspected sexual misconduct, including sexual abuse, and suspected child abuse, within 24 hours to the appropriate authorities and to the U.S. Center for SafeSport.
- c. Beginning January 1, 2019, every Federation adult member (18 years of age and over) with a “Competing Membership” shall complete Federation-approved Safe Sport Training in accordance with the U.S. Center for SafeSport’s Education & Training Policies. *BOD 8/27/18 Effective 9/1/18*

GR1304 Regulations Governing Showing Under Judges, Stewards and Technical Delegates (See also GR107 for definition of Client)

Refer solely to GR1304.16 for rules pertaining to showing under judges in the Reining Division. Refer solely to GR1304.21-26 for regulations governing showing under Hunter/Jumper/Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation Judges and Category 1 Stewards. GR1304.1-20 shall not apply. See also GR1037, GR107, and GR307. Refer to GR1304.19 for rules pertaining to competing under Organizing Committees, Officials: Stewards, Ground Jurors, Veterinary Judges and Technical Delegates in the Endurance Division. See also GR1036 for restrictions on Judges.

1. An exhibitor, coach or trainer may not serve as a judge, steward or technical delegate at any competition in which he/she exhibits, whether or not the classes are conducted under Federation rules. See also GR1037.1. A licensed judge may officiate at the special competition, provided he/she is not or does not have a client participating in the special competition.
2. No member of a judge’s family, nor any cohabitant, companion, domestic partner, housemate, or member of a judge’s household nor any of the judge’s clients, employers or employees or employers of a member of the judge’s family may compete as trainer, coach, exhibitor, rider, driver, handler, owner, lessor or lessee in any division, or Dressage class unless the relationship is terminated 30 days prior to the competition. For purposes of this rule included as employers are any individuals, corporations, partnerships, foundations, trusts or non-profit organizations and shareholders owning five or more percent of the stock of any corporation which employs the judge or a member of the judge’s family, and any officers, directors and partners of any corporation or partnership and officers, directors or trustees of any trust or foundation or non-profit organization which employs the judge or a member of the judge’s family. The hiring of a judge to officiate at Licensed Competitions shall not constitute employment for purposes of this rule. **Exceptions:**
 - a. *Morgan and Western Dressage divisions in any competition.*
 - b. *For the Arabian division, the aforementioned may compete in sections, which the judge is not officiating.*
3. No judge’s trainer nor any of the judge’s trainer’s clients may compete as trainer, coach, exhibitor, rider, driver, handler, owner, lessor or lessee in any Division or Dressage class unless the relationship is terminated 30 days prior to

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the competition. **Exceptions:**

- a. **Morgan and Western Dressage divisions in any competition.**
 - b. **For the Arabian division, the aforementioned may compete in sections, which the judge is not officiating. *BOD 1/20/18 Effective 4/1/18***
4. No horses trained by a member of the judge's family may compete in any division or Dressage unless the client/trainer relationship is terminated 30 days prior to the competition. Stud fees, retiree board and broodmare board excluded. Exception: American Saddlebred and Hackney classes where requirements that nominations or qualifying be accomplished in advance of the competition (i.e. Futurities, Sweepstakes, Classics, etc.) and the Roadster USTA Classic class, a judge may be substituted in that class for the officially appointed judge who has a conflict. Such substitution shall not affect the restrictions referred to in GR1304.2-4 on the substituted judge.
 5. No horse that has been sold (American Saddlebred division or leased) by a judge or by his/her employer within a period of 90 days (Morgan and Paso Fino 30 days) prior to the competition may be shown before that judge.
 6. No horse that has been trained by a judge within the period of 30 days (American Saddlebred, Hackney and Roadster Divisions, 90 days) prior to the competition may be shown before that judge.
 7. No one may show before a judge who has received or has contracted to receive any remuneration for the sale, purchase or lease of any horse to or from, or for the account of the exhibitor within a period of 30 days (Welsh Division 90 days) prior to the competition unless the sale or purchase has been made and fully consummated at public auction.
 8. No one may show before a judge who boards, shows or trains any horse under the exhibitor's ownership or lease, within a period of 30 days prior to the competition. Stud fees, retiree board and broodmare board excluded.
 9. No one may show before a judge who has remunerated the exhibitor for the board or training of any horse for competition purposes within a period of 30 days prior to the competition. Stud fees, retiree board and broodmare board excluded.
 10. No one may show before a judge from whom he has leased a horse unless the lease terminated 90 days (Morgan, Paso Fino 30 days) prior to the competition.
 11. No rider may compete in an Equitation class before a judge with whom his or her parent, guardian or instructor has had any financial transaction in connection with the sale, lease, board or training of a horse within 30 days of the competition unless the sale or purchase has been made at public auction.
 12. No rider may compete in an Equitation, Dressage or Western Dressage class before a judge by whom he has been instructed, coached or tutored with or without pay within 30 days of the first day of the competition. The conducting of clinics or assistance in group activities such as Pony Clubs, Saddle Seat Young Rider Team and/or Saddle Seat World Cup Team, unless private instruction is given, will not be considered as instruction, coaching or tutoring. Exception: Carriage Pleasure Driving - A judge may officiate over entries (competitors and/or animals) who attended group clinics at the competition if the clinic is open to all competitors and animals entered, the clinic is advertised and available to all possible entrants, and during the clinic the judge does not drive any animal that is entered in the competition.
 13. No one shall approach a judge with regard to a decision unless he first obtains permission from the Show Committee, Competition Management, steward, or technical delegate who shall arrange an appointment with the judge at a proper time and place. No exhibitor has the right to inspect the judge's cards without the judge's permission.
 14. No member of a steward or technical delegate's family, nor any cohabitant, companion, domestic partner, housemate, or member of a steward or technical delegate's household, nor any of the steward or technical delegate's clients may take part as a trainer, coach, lessor, lessee, exhibitor, rider, driver, handler or vaulter at a competition where the steward or technical delegate is officiating. In addition, the trainer or coach of a Steward or Technical Delegate, or an individual from whom the Steward or Technical Delegate has purchased or leased a horse within 30 days, may not participate (as rider, driver, owner, trainer or coach) at a competition where the Steward or

Technical Delegate is officiating. Technical Delegates and Stewards may not officiate unless the client, trainer or coach relationship is terminated at least 30 days prior to the competition.

15. If a horse or person is presented to a judge that the judge knows is ineligible to compete under these rules, the judge may advise the ring steward that he/she believes the entry to be ineligible and request that the entry be excused, or the judge may proceed to judge the entry and file a charge under Chapter 6, alleging a violation of this Rule. If a judge has any doubt as to the eligibility of any entry, he/she should judge the entry and file a charge alleging the violation.
16. In the Reining Horse division, a horse may not be shown under a judge if that judge has been owner, trainer or agent of that horse within the previous 90 days, or if said horse is ridden by a member of his/her family or by an employee of said judge. If such a horse is entered in a competition, its entry fee shall be refunded and it is not to be exhibited. A judge may not show to another judge whom he/she has judged or judged with within five days nor may he/she judge another judge under whom he/she has shown or judged with within five days. Volunteer USA Reining approved judges utilized for equipment inspection are excluded from the five day requirement.
17. Competition Restrictions on Judges:
 - a. A judge may not be an owner of any interest in a horse (including but not limited to syndicate and partnership shares).
 - b. A judge may not be a trainer, coach, exhibitor, rider, driver, halter handler, steward, technical delegate, lessor, lessee or manager at any Federation Licensed Competition at which he/she is officiating, including unrated classes. Exception:
 1. in the Eventing division and in the Dressage division, except for Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes, horses may be shown Hors de Concours in classes where the owner is not officiating. (See GR1037.1)
18. A steward or technical delegate cannot own or operate any business (i.e. tack shop, braiding business, etc.) at the same competition where he/she is officiating.
19. In the Endurance Division, the other subdivisions in this Rule are applicable unless they conflict or create an ambiguity when read in conjunction with this subdivision. In that case and at all times involving competing within the Endurance Division, the following rule applies:
 - a. A Veterinary Judge may not examine horses in competition in which he/she has an ownership interest, are owned by his/her nuclear family members or his/her spouse or children, are owned by his/her cohabitants or significant others or other persons within his/her household, or are owned by a client from whom he/she received 10% or more of his/her gross income or income benefit in the current or prior year or for whom he/she performed work on this horse in the past 30 days;
 - b. A Technical Delegate, Ground Juror or Steward may not involve him/herself in objections, complaints or other formal disputes involving horses in which he/she has an ownership interest or which are owned under any of the other examples listed above for Veterinary Judges;
 - c. Extended or nuclear family or household cohabitants or significant others or horses owned by him/her or members of the event Organizing Committee will be allowed to compete in said event, but such relationships should be disclosed in posted announcements at the event or orally at the pre-ride briefing; and,
 - d. These exceptions do not inhibit or prevent a competitor or other authorized person from asserting such conflict of interest or other issues relating to bias for scrutiny and consideration at the event. However, any such complaint or objection must be raised pursuant to applicable rules or regulations for the event and in a timely manner or they are deemed waived. This Rule is intended to set parameters to allow a Veterinary Judge, Steward, Ground Juror and Technical Delegate to perform his/her duties at rides and should be construed in all cases to provide that flexibility.
20. The provisions of sections .2-.19 of this rule notwithstanding, an Eventing Judge or Combined Driving Judge may officiate on the Ground Jury of an Eventing or Combined Driving competition when a competitor(s) or horse(s)

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listed in those sections is/are entered, under the following restrictions

- a. The Judge must notify the Technical Delegate and the Organizer of the conflict prior to the start of competition. If the conflict is discovered after the start of competition the competitor(s) or horse(s) must either withdraw from competition or participate Hors de Concours (H.C.).
 - b. The Judge may not judge any of the tests for the Section in which of the affected competitor(s) or horse(s) are competing. For decisions regarding disqualification, elimination or penalties, the Technical Delegate will assume the role of the Ground Jury.
 - c. If an Inquiry or Protest is lodged from the Section in which the affected competitor(s) or horse(s) is/are competing, the Judge must excuse himself from the process and the Technical Delegate will assume the role of the Ground Jury.
 - d. There are no restrictions on a Judge if a competitor(s) or horse(s) listed in GR1304.2-.22 participates in the Competition H.C.
21. When you are officiating as a Judge in the Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation divisions:
- a. You may not be a competitor, coach, trainer, rider, handler, lessor, lessee, or manager at the same competition. However, you may compete as a rider in jumper classes that you are not judging.
 - b. You may not have any ownership interest in a horse (including but not limited to syndicate and partnership shares) competing in a class in which you are officiating in the Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation Divisions including unrated classes. However, such horse may compete in Jumper classes at the same competition.
 - c. A member of your family may compete in Jumper classes at the same competition.
22. When you are officiating as a Judge in the Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation divisions, none of the following may compete as a trainer, coach, competitor, rider, owner, handler, lessor or lessee in either the Hunter or the Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation divisions in a class in which you are officiating at that competition, unless the relationship is terminated, or the transaction is completed, at least 30 days prior to the competition:
- a. A member of your family.
 - b. A member of your household or housemate.
 - c. A cohabitant, companion, or domestic partner.
 - d. An employee. Catch Riders and Independent Service Providers (defined below) are not employees for purposes of this rule.
 1. Catch Rider: An individual who is engaged, for remuneration or as a volunteer, to compete on a horse(s) owned by another with whom they have no current business relationship regarding the ongoing training, care, custody or control of the horse.
 2. Independent Service Provider: An individual who performs a service(s) for another and the payer has the right to control or direct only the result of the work and what will be done and how it will be done. The Independent service provider controls the details as to how the service is performed.
 - e. A client.
 - f. Your trainer.
 - g. A client of your trainer.
 - h. An entity that employs you or a member of your family, which includes individuals, corporations, partnerships, foundations, trusts, non-profit organizations, and any shareholder owning five or more percent of the stock, if any.
 - i. A horse trained or shown by you or by a member of your family.
 - j. A horse sold by you or by your employer.
23. When you are officiating as a Judge in the Jumper division at a competition:
- a. No member of your family may compete in a Jumper class you are judging. However, said family member may compete in jumper classes you are not judging, as well as in the Hunter and Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation

Divisions.

- b. No horse in which you have any ownership interest may compete in a Jumper class you are judging. However, said horse may compete in jumper classes you are not judging, as well as in the Hunter and Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation Divisions.
 - c. You may compete as a rider in jumper classes of \$25,000 or more that you are not judging.
24. When you are officiating as a Hunter or Hunter Seat Equitation Judge at a “special” competition as described in GR313, that is also held in conjunction with a licensed competition:
- a. You may not compete as a competitor, coach, or trainer in the “special” competition. However, you may compete as a competitor, coach, or trainer in the non-special part of the competition.
 - b. You may not have a client compete in the “special” competition. However, you may have a client compete in the non-special part of the competition.
25. When you are officiating as a Category 1 (C1) Steward at a competition:
- a. You may not be a competitor, coach, rider, handler, lessor, lessee, trainer, or manager at the same competition.
 - b. You cannot own or operate any business (i.e. tack shop, braiding business, etc.) at the same competition.
 - c. None of the following may compete as a trainer, coach, competitor, rider, owner, handler, lessor or lessee at that competition, unless the relationship is terminated at least 30 days prior to the competition:
 1. A member of your family.
 2. A member of your household or housemate.
 3. A cohabitant, companion, or domestic partner.
 4. An employee.
 5. A client.
 6. Your trainer.
 7. A client of your trainer.
 8. An entity that employs you or a member of your family, which includes individuals, corporations, partnerships, foundations, trusts, non-profit organizations, and any shareholder owning five or more percent of the stock, if any.
 9. A horse trained by you or by a member of your family.
 10. A horse sold by you or by your employer.
 11. A person for whom you have or are scheduled to receive any remuneration involving a horse sale, purchase, (unless at public auction), lease, or board (stud fees, retiree or broodmare board excluded).
26. Other Hunter/Jumper Regulations and Restrictions:
- a. If a judge believes (but is not certain) that a horse or person presented to him is ineligible to compete under these rules, the entry should be judged, an investigation should occur and, if substantiated, the judge should file a charge alleging the violation.
 - b. Sixty days prior to the first day of a competition through 30 days after the last competition day, no horse or rider that has been trained by a judge or a judge’s employee or agent may show before a judge officiating at any of the following competitions:
 1. National Junior Hunter Finals.
 2. National Pony Hunter Finals.
 3. All USEF Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation Medal Finals (USEF Jr. Medal, ASPCA, USEF Pony)
 4. USEF Show Jumping Talent Search Finals.
 5. Washington International Horse Show Equitation.
 6. No one shall approach a judge with regard to a decision unless he first obtains permission from the Steward, who shall arrange an appointment to meet with the judge at a proper time and place. The Steward shall be

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present for the meeting.

- c. No competitor has the right to inspect a judge's card without the judge's permission.
- d. No rider may compete in an equitation class before a judge by whom he has been instructed, coached, or tutored (with or without pay) within 30 days of the competition. Conducting clinics or assistance in group activities such as Pony Clubs, unless private instruction is given, will not be considered as instruction, coaching, or tutoring.
- e. No rider may compete in an Equitation class before a judge with whom his parent, guardian, or instructor has had any financial transaction in connection with the sale, lease, board, or training of a horse within 30 days of the competition unless the sale or purchase was made at public auction.
- f. The hiring of a judge to officiate does not constitute employment under this rule.

GR1305 Elimination & Withdrawal from Classes & Competition

(See also GR118)

1. No exhibitor may withdraw horses from a Licensed Competition after it has commenced, or remove them from the competition grounds, without the permission of the competition secretary.
2. If an exhibitor voluntarily removes a horse from the ring without the permission of the judge, the Show Committee or Competition Management will disqualify the exhibitor and all his entries from all future classes at that competition and all prizes and entry fees for the entire competition will be forfeited.
3. Any horse leaving the ring without the exhibitor's volition is deprived of an award in that class. See also division rules for other causes of elimination.
4. All horses competing in USEF/USDF Regional Dressage Championships classes must remain on the competition grounds from the time of entry to the grounds and for the duration of their USEF/USDF Regional Dressage Championship classes. (See DR127.8) If required to remain overnight, horses must be stabled on the competition grounds.

SUBCHAPTER 13-B AMATEURS AND PROFESSIONALS

GR1306 Professional/Amateur Status

1. Amateur. Regardless of one's equestrian skills and/or accomplishments, a person is an amateur if after his 18th birthday, as defined in GR101, he has not engaged in any of the activities identified in paragraph 4 below.
 - a. In the Dressage Division, individuals are only eligible to compete as amateurs from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach age 22, see DR119.3.
 - b. For Amateurs in Jumper Sections, see JP118.
 - c. For Amateurs in Hunter Sections, see HU107-HU108.
 - d. For Amateurs in Eventing, see EV Appendix 3-Participation in Horse Trials.
2. Remuneration. Remuneration is defined as compensation or payment in any form such as cash, goods, sponsorships, discounts or services; reimbursement of any expenses; trade or in-kind exchange of goods or services such as board or training.
3. Permitted activities by Amateur. An Amateur is permitted to do the following:
 - a. Accept reimbursement for actual expenses associated with conducting classroom seminars for a not-for-profit organization, therapeutic riding programs, or programs for charitable organizations approved in advance by the Federation.
 - b. Act as a camp counselor when not hired in the exclusive capacity as a riding instructor; assist in setting schooling fences without remuneration; give instruction or training to handicapped riders for therapeutic purposes.
 - c. Appear in advertisements and/or articles related to acknowledgement of one's own personal or business

sponsorship of a competition and/or awards earned by one's owned horses.

- d. Accept prize money as the owner of a horse in any class other than equitation or showmanship classes.
 - e. Accept prize money in Dressage.
 - f. Accept a non-monetary token gift of appreciation valued less than \$300 annually.
 - g. Serve as an intern for college credit or course requirements at an accredited institution provided one has never held professional status with the Federation or any other equestrian National Federation. In addition, one may accept reimbursement for expenses without profit, as prescribed by the educational institution's program, for the internship. At the request of the Federation, an Amateur shall provide certification from the accredited educational institution under whose auspices a student is pursuing an internship that he is undertaking the internship to meet course or degree requirements.
 1. In the Hackney, Roadster, American Saddlebred, Saddle Seat Equitation, Morgan, Andalusian/Lusitano, Friesian, Arabian, and National Show Horse Divisions, college students may also accept a stipend (maximum value of the Federal minimum wage rate) and reimbursement of expenses during the internship served under the above paragraph.
 2. In the Hackney, Roadster, American Saddlebred, Saddle Seat Equitation divisions: If a college student serving as an intern exhibits a horse trained by the stable at which they are pursuing the internship, the intern shall only exhibit those horses solely owned by: the intern, the intern's family as defined by GR123, the college at which they are a student, or the stable where they are pursuing their internship. The intern shall not exhibit horses owned/leased nor co-owned by the stables' client(s). *BOD 1/20/18 Effective 2/1/18*
 - h. Write books or articles related to horses.
 - i. Accept remuneration for providing service in one's capacity as a: **clinic manager or organizer (so long as they are not performing the activities of instructor or trainer)**, presenter or panelist at a Federation licensed officials' clinic, competition manager, competition secretary, judge, steward, technical delegate, course designer, announcer, TV commentator, veterinarian, groom, farrier, tack shop operator, breeder, or boarder, or horse transporter. *BOD 1/14/17 Effective 12/1/17*
 - j. Accept reimbursement for any bona fide expenses directly related to the horse (i.e. farrier/vet bills, entries). Travel, hotel, equipment, and room and board are not considered bona fide expenses.
 - k. Entries for non-under saddle classes in amateur sections at hunter, jumper or hunter/jumper competitions, must be paid either (i) directly to the competition by the Amateur or by the Amateur's family or (ii) by someone whom the Amateur or the Amateur's family reimburses within 90 days of the last day of the competition for which entries were paid.
 - l. Accept educational competition or training grant(s).
4. Professional based on one's own activities. Unless expressly permitted above, a person is a professional if after his 18th birthday he does any of the following:
- a. Accepts remuneration AND rides, exercises, drives, shows, trains, assists in training, schools or conducts clinics or seminars.
 - b. Accepts remuneration AND gives riding or driving lessons, showmanship lessons, equitation lessons, trains horses, or provides consultation services in riding, driving, showmanship, equitation, or training of horses.
 - c. Accepts remuneration AND acts as an employee in a position such as a groom, farrier, bookkeeper, veterinarian or barn manager AND instructs, rides, drives, shows, trains or schools horses that are owned, boarded or trained by his employer, any member of his employer's family, or a business in which his employer has an ownership interest.
 - d. Accepts remuneration AND uses his name, photograph or other form of personal association as a horseperson in connection with any advertisement or product/service for sale, including but not limited to apparel, equipment

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or property.

- e. Accepts prize money unless permitted in paragraph 3d or 3e above.
 - f. Rides, drives or shows any horse that a cohabitant or family member or a cohabitant or family member's business receives remuneration for boarding, training, riding, driving or showing. A cohabitant or family member of a trainer may not absolve themselves of this rule by entering into a lease or any other agreement for a horse owned by a client of the trainer.
 - g. Gives instruction to any person or rides, drives, or shows any horse, for which activity his cohabitant or another person in his family or business in which his cohabitant or a family member controls will receive remuneration for the activity. A cohabitant or family member of a trainer may not absolve themselves of this rule by entering into a lease or any other agreement for a horse owned by a client of the trainer.
 - h. Accepts remuneration AND acts as an agent in the sale of a horse or pony or accepts a horse or pony on consignment for the purpose of sale or training that is not owned by him, his cohabitant, or a member of his family, a farm/ranch/syndicate/partnership/corporation/business in which he, his cohabitant or a member of his family controls.
 - i. Advertises one's equestrian services such as training or instruction.
 - j. Accepts remuneration AND acts as an intern, apprentice, or working student whose responsibilities include, but are not limited to, riding, driving, showmanship, handling, showing, training or assisting in training, giving lessons/coaching and/or schooling horses other than horses actually owned by him.
 - k. Accepts remuneration in excess of rental fee for use of a facility, ring or school horses.
 - l. Accepts remuneration for such use AND uses commercial logoed items while on competition grounds unless expressly permitted by applicable division rules.
5. Professional based on one's own activity along with another's. A person is also deemed a professional after his 18th birthday, if he accepts remuneration for his spouse, family member, or cohabitant engaging in any activity enumerated in 4 a-l above. For the purposes of this rule, the term cohabitant is defined as any individuals living together in a relationship, as would a married couple, but not legally married.
6. Violations of Amateur status. After an investigation as to proper status has been initiated, and upon request by the Federation and to the satisfaction of the Federation, an Amateur shall submit verifiable proof of Amateur status, including but not limited to a bill of sale for any horse(s) the Amateur is competing in classes restricted to Amateur Owners. If the Federation deems such proof insufficient, then the Federation may initiate proceedings under Chapter 6.
- a. Any individual found to have knowingly assisted in the violation of the Amateur rule may also be subject to proceedings in accordance with Chapter 6. See GR1307.
7. Questions about whether you are an Amateur or Professional. For specific inquiries, email amateurinquiry@usef.org.

GR1307 Amateur Status

1. Only active Federation members may obtain amateur status. Every person who has reached his/her 18th birthday and competes in classes for amateurs under Federation rules must possess current amateur status issued by the Federation. (Exception: This is not required for Opportunity classes except for the Dressage Division. If Opportunity classes are offered at Dressage Competitions or Regular/Local Competitions with "Open" Dressage classes and are restricted to amateurs, riders are required to have amateur status with the Federation). This status must be available for inspection or the competitor must have lodged with the competition secretary, at least one hour prior to such class, an application for such status provided by the Federation. Amateur status will be issued only on receipt of the application properly signed and is revocable at any time for cause. Foreign riders requesting Federation Amateur status, must be a Junior, Senior or Life Competing Member of the Federation (Exception: Equestrian Canada members in possession of current EC membership may sign for USEF Amateur status on a show by show basis at no cost). Any person who

has not reached his/her 18th birthday is an amateur and does not require amateur status.

2. An amateur continues to be such until he/she has received a change in status from the Federation. Any amateur who wishes to be re-classified on the grounds that he/she has engaged or is planning on engaging in activities which would prevent him/her from continuing to remain an amateur must notify the Federation in writing.
3. There is no fee for amateur status for Senior Active or Life Members. **A member will be deemed to continue his amateur status unless the member notifies the Federation in writing of a change. BOD 1/14/17 Effective 12/1/17**
4. If a person violates or does not comply with the above, he/she will not be eligible to compete in amateur classes and will not be entitled to an award in such classes and will be deemed guilty of a violation within the meaning of Chapter 7 in the event he/she does compete.
5. In the event a person is found to be a professional as a result of a protest or charge made in connection with a competition, all awards won by such person in amateur classes at such competition and subsequent competitions shall be forfeited and returned to the competition and the person shall be subject to further disciplinary action. The holding of an amateur card does not preclude the question of amateur standing being raised by a protest or charge.
6. The trainer may be subject to disciplinary action if an exhibitor who shows as an amateur is protested, and that protest is sustained by the Hearing Committee, and it is determined that the trainer had knowledge of their professional activities.
 - a. Any changes of status from professional to amateur, or vice versa, will be published on the Federation's web site.
7. An exhibitor who engages a person to ride, drive or show in halter in any amateur class and then remunerates such person beyond the extent to which such amateur is entitled as provided above in GR1306 will be subject to disciplinary action under Chapter 7.
8. Any person who under these rules is a professional and knowingly and falsely represents himself/herself to be an amateur by declaring or maintaining current amateur status issued by the Federation, and any person who violates any of the provisions of this rule will be subject to disciplinary action under Chapter 7.
9. A professional continues to be such until he/she has received amateur status by a vote of the Hearing Committee. Any professional who wishes to be reclassified as an amateur on the grounds that he/she has not engaged in the activities which made him/her a professional within the last twelve months must notify the Federation in writing.
 - a. Such person shall submit to the Hearing Committee an amateur reclassification request which is supported by:
 1. A notarized letter signed by him/her outlining the horse related activities (using specific dates) which made said person a professional and outlining the activities performed within the twelve month period (or longer) since professional activities have ceased,
 2. Two or more notarized letters from any Senior Active Federation members stating the relationship with the applicant and outlining the applicants activities for the one year period preceding such written notification advising and testifying that the applicant has not engaged in any activities which would make him/her a professional as outlined in GR1306 during that period,
 3. A processing fee of \$50,
 4. Sign and declare amateur status on a current USEF membership application. The burden of proof of proving amateur status is on the applicant. The Hearing Committee may call for and/or consider any and all further evidence and facts which it deems pertinent. The decision of the Hearing Committee on the reclassification request shall be final.
 - b. Any changes of status from professional to amateur, or vice versa, will be published on the Federation's website.
10. Please contact the Federation office for information regarding international/professional licenses.

SUBCHAPTER 13-C MEMBERSHIP AND DOCUMENT REQUIREMENTS

GR1308 Membership and Document Requirements

1. To be eligible to participate as a rider, driver, owner, handler, vaulter, longeur, lessee, agent, coach or trainer at Regular

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Competitions, Eventing Competitions at the Preliminary Level or above, Combined Driving Competitions at the Advanced Level, Dressage, Endurance and Vaulting Competitions, persons must be Members of the Federation as provided in GR202 or if not a member, must pay a Show Pass fee as provided in GR206 (for exceptions see GR901.9). Exception: Applications for Federation Individual Membership and Horse Recordings submitted at Licensed Competitions:

- a. For Dressage Competitions, reference Bylaw 223, Section 1:
 1. Applications are considered effective on the date the application and dues are received by the Competition Secretary provided the application is signed and dated by the Competition Secretary on that same day.
 2. Applications completed online at the competition are effective the date the application is submitted.\
 - b. For all Competitions other than Dressage Competitions, reference Bylaw 221, Section 1:
 1. Applications are considered effective, for points and eligibility to compete only, on the start date of said Competition provided the application and dues are received by the Competition Secretary and the application is signed and dated by the Competition Secretary during the period of the Competition.
 2. Applications completed online at the competition are effective, for points and eligibility to compete only, on the start date of the Competition.
 - c. Lessees are considered owners in connection with this membership requirement. When an entry is under multiple ownership, only one owner need be a Member or pay a Show Pass fee. When an entry is under a minor's ownership and training, the parent who must sign will be exempt from the Federation Show Pass fee. Only a parent will be exempt from the Federation Show Pass fee if signing as coach for his/her minor child.
2. Memberships completed at the competition must be forwarded to the Federation office within ten (10) days of the close of the competition as part of the full competition results, which are defined in GR1214. The member's copy of the application is valid for 45 days or until the membership card is received from The Federation.
- a. The following credentials must be available to Competition Management and the Federation steward/technical delegate. Competitions may, at their discretion, confirm any of the below electronically with the Federation office:
 1. Amateur Status.
 2. Copies of Junior Hunter and pony measurement cards.
 3. Federation membership cards or a copy thereof, Exception: Applications completed at the competition. The member will retain the pink copy of the membership application form which, when properly signed by the Competition Secretary, is valid for 45 days from the date signed.
 4. Federation horse recordings for USEF/USDF qualifying classes for dressage championships (see DR127.2), and USEF/USDF Dressage Championships (see DR127.2).
 5. A copy of the registration papers showing recorded ownership or a copy of the registration papers with a Certificate of Eligibility to Show issued by the American Saddlebred Registry for horses entered in classes restricted to American Saddlebreds unless the competition, at their discretion, confirms registration electronically with the American Saddlebred Registry or the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation.
 6. A copy of the registration papers showing proof of ownership or copy of the registration papers issued by the American Hackney Horse Society and/or the Canadian Hackney Society for ponies and horses entered in classes restricted to Hackney Horses and Hackney Ponies.
 7. Non-U.S. citizens (as defined by GR901.9) and Foreign Competitors (as defined by GR828.4) must provide proof, in English, of current membership in good standing in their respective National Federation, or hold current membership in good standing with USEF.
 8. For all horses competing in Young Jumper classes a copy of the registration papers issued by a Breed Registry (or other means of identification issued by the Federation providing proof of age and identity) must be checked by the horse show office.
 9. Originals or copies of United States Hunter Jumper Association, Inc., membership card, if applicable.
 - b. If an exhibitor does not submit the proper membership documentation to the competition and the competition

cannot verify such information, (with the exception of Federation measurement cards) the exhibitor will be responsible to pay a \$45 Show Pass fee which is non-refundable.

3. Participation of non-US citizens in non-breed-restricted national competitions in the US.
 - a. Non-US citizens who are not current members of USEF as provided in GR202 must either provide proof, in English, of current membership in good standing in their own National Federation, or must pay a registration fee as provided for in GR206 (for exceptions see GR901.9.)
 - b. In any discipline, owners and trainers who are non-US citizens and who have a current letter of permission/good standing from their own federation, are exempt from Federation membership requirements per Art. III, Sect. 3. Under this rule, non-US citizens must provide proof to competition management of current permission/good standing from their own federation in order to be exempted from Federation membership requirements.
 - c. Foreign Competitors (non U.S. citizens) who participate in Federation amateur classes, in any discipline, must be in possession of a Federation Amateur Card and must be a Junior, Senior, or Life Competing Member of the Federation. (Exception: Equestrian Canada members in possession of current EC membership may sign for USEF Amateur status on a show by show basis at no cost). However, non U.S. citizens who are not competing in Federation amateur classes are not required to become Federation Members if they provide proof, in English, of membership in good standing in their own National Federation.
4. U.S. Competitors competing in their own country in an FEI-sanctioned event, not requiring an FEI Passport, must present a valid USA National Passport or a valid FEI Passport. Exception: Endurance Minor Events must follow FEI General Rules regarding identification.

GR1309 PRESIDENTIAL MODIFICATIONS FOR THE DRESSAGE DIVISION

In the Dressage Division, competitors will not be allowed to compete with modifications unless a copy of their Federation Presidential Modification letter is provided to the competition secretary by the beginning of the competition.

SUBCHAPTER 13-D COMPETITION DISPENSATIONS

GR1310 Dispensations/Classification Certificate

1. Dispensation/Classification Certificate. Any individual with a diagnosed permanent physical disability wishing to compete in a Federation licensed competition with a compensatory aid and/or adaptive equipment must obtain a Dispensation/Classification Certificate from the Adaptive Sports Committee, including those individuals with a current Federation or FEI Classification. Upon the Committee's approval, a Dispensation/Classification Certificate will be issued by the Federation. The Dispensation/Classification Certificate will list all compensatory aids and adaptive equipment allowed the individual while competing. Other compensatory aids or special equipment not specifically listed on the Dispensation/Classification Certificate are not allowed. A copy of the Dispensation/Classification Certificate must be included with the individual's entry. The competition manager or secretary shall include a copy attached to all applicable scoring sheets for the judge's reference. For instructions on how to apply for the Dispensation/Classification Certificate, please refer to GR1312. Also see GR1315 for definitions of terms used in this section. (Exception: Dispensation/Classification certificates are not required for Breed or Multi-breed restricted or Hunter competitions or classes; Equitation Division classes, Carriage Pleasure Driving Division, or the Open Western Division).
2. In circumstances that fall outside of the dispensation program, a Presidential Modification may be considered. Please refer to GR153 and Bylaw 332.1.f.

GR1311 Para-Equestrian Eligibility/Dispensation/Classification

In order for an individual to compete in USEF licensed Para-Equestrian Competitions in Para-Equestrian classes, he/she must have a diagnosed, permanent physical disability. The individual will need to possess a USEF or FEI Classification and a USEF Dispensation/Classification Certificate. See GR143 for the definition of Para-Equestrian and

GR1312 Applying for a Dispensation/**Classification** Certificate

1. Applications for a Dispensation/**Classification** Certificate can be obtained from the Federation (via the USEF website or the USEF office) and are reviewed on a continuing basis throughout the year by the Adaptive Sports Committee. Only applications submitted along with supporting medical documentation will be considered. The Adaptive Sports Committee may request additional supporting evidence from the individual regarding his/her medical status or regarding the aid/equipment which he/she requests dispensation for. The Adaptive Sports Committee will render an opinion (approval of all or some of the aids requested or denial of the dispensation) and the individual will be notified by the USEF in a timely manner.
 - a. The Dispensation/**Classification** Certificate will be issued annually upon **completing a Dispensation/Classification renewal form**, and remains in effect until the end of the competition year or until he/she receives a change in status from the Federation, whichever is earlier. Any individual who wishes to make changes to his/her Dispensation/**Classification** Certificate must notify the Federation in writing and obtain written approval. Certification is revocable at any time for cause.
 - b. Applications should be submitted in order to allow 30 days for the Adaptive Sports Committee to render a decision regarding the dispensation status.
 - c. There is no fee for a Dispensation/**Classification** Certificate.
 - d. The individual must be a member in good standing with the USEF.

GR1313 Applying for Para-Equestrian (PE) Classification

1. The individual will request classification from the USEF. Application paperwork (Consent for Classification and Certificate of Diagnosis) may be found on the USEF website or from the USEF Director of Para-Equestrian. Once the USEF Director of Para-Equestrian receives the completed paperwork, the office will contact the USEF Classification Coordinator.
2. The USEF classification coordinator will assist in scheduling a classification with one of the USEF/FEI Classifiers. There is a non-refundable administrative fee for the classification payable to the USEF. If the individual requests a classification to be scheduled at their convenience, all expenses for the classifier will be paid for by the individual. The individual must be a member in good standing with the USEF.
3. If the individual is deemed eligible for Para-Equestrian, the classification will result in a Profile and a Grade based on the FEI Profile system. The Profile will remain with the individual for as long as their physical disability remains constant with no need for re-classification. This is considered a Confirmed Status. If the individual has a fluctuating medical condition or if his/her function changes, the profile may change with future re-classifications. This is considered a Review Status. The Grade will be based on the specific discipline.
4. Upon classification, the USEF will issue a USEF Dispensation/**Classification** Certificate. This Certificate will outline the individual's profile, grade, status, Classification expiration, and indicate any compensating aids/adaptive equipment that may be used in USEF licensed competition in accordance with USEF rules.
5. For USEF licensed competitions, the individual will send in a copy of their Dispensation/**Classification** Certificate with their competition entry. The individual will also be responsible for making the Certificate available as requested by the competition officials (See also GR1310).
6. When change in status occurs (i.e. change of compensating aids/adaptive equipment), written request for a change will be submitted to the USEF office.
7. The USEF/FEI Classifier will determine the Grade, status and review period for classification. For those with disabilities with no expected change in functional status, the classification will have a status of Confirmed and have no expiration. For those with fluctuating conditions or conditions expected to change, either by deterioration or

improvement there will be a status of Review indicated on the Certificate with an expiration and expected date for re-classification. It is the individual's responsibility to apply for re-classification through the USEF with time allowed prior to any upcoming competitions. It is also the individual's responsibility to apply for re-classification if a major change in function, either improvement or deterioration occurs. The individual will be required to submit objective medical information with the request for re-classification.

8. Upon receipt of an FEI Classification, necessary for Qualifying and FEI licensed competition. The individual's information will be posted on the FEI website at www.fei.org, on the FEI Classification Master List for Dressage or Driving. The list will indicate the individual's profile, grade, status and compensatory aids. The FEI Classification Master List may be found at <http://inside.fei.org/fei/disc/para-dressage/classification>. The individual may request a USEF Dispensation/**Classification** Certificate with the FEI Classification status and any approved compensating aids listed. The Dispensation/**Classification** Certificate may be used at any USEF licensed competition.
9. Classification status can be challenged by a USEF competition official with a written request to USEF. Medals will be suspended until such time that the Classification status is resolved.

GR1314 Hearings/Protests

1. Any individual whose application for a Dispensation/**Classification** Certificate or a Para-Equestrian Classification has been denied may request a hearing by the Hearing Committee or by such individual or committee as it may designate to review said decision. The request must be in writing and mailed to the Hearing Committee within ten (10) days from receipt of the decision sought to be reviewed.
 - a. The hearing shall be after ten (10) days notice to all parties concerned. The notice shall contain a brief statement of the facts reporting the position of the Federation and shall specify the time and place at which the hearing is to be held. The person requesting said hearing may attend and bring witnesses, sworn statements or other evidence on his or her behalf. Upon the written request of a representative of the Federation or of the person requesting the hearing, there shall be furnished before said hearing any evidence to be introduced, the names of witnesses and the substance of their testimony.
 - b. The decision of the Hearing Committee or the person or committee designated to preside at said hearing shall be final.
 - c. Protests or charges brought in connection with an individual's Dispensation/**Classification** Certificate status or Para Equestrian Classification status shall be handled in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 6.

GR1315 Definition of Terms

1. Diagnosed permanent physical disability - An individual with a medical condition resulting in functional limitations affecting their ability to participate in equestrian sport and diagnosed by a medical doctor. The condition is not reasonably expected to improve and may, in fact, be one that worsens over time. The condition should be easily objectively measurable in scope, either by physical examination by a medical professional or with medical testing. An example may include a limb amputation, paralysis, weakness due to a neuromuscular condition loss of vision.
2. Compensating aid and/or adaptive equipment - Allowance for an alteration in performance, an alteration of dress or alternate piece of equipment which allows the individual with functional limitation(s) to perform the requirements of the competition. The aid or equipment assists in equalizing the functional ability of the individual and should not give the individual an undue advantage. The aid/equipment must be deemed safe for the competitor and the horse and is subject to review by the TD and/or judge at each event. Examples:
 - a. Saluting with the nod of the head only when taking a hand off of the reins would be unsafe.
 - b. Use of paddock boots and smooth leather half chaps rather than tall boots if wearing tall boots is unsafe for a

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rider with leg dysfunction.

- c. Allowance to not wear gloves for the individual with impaired sensation in the hands.
- d. Use of 1 or 2 whips to cue the horse for an individual with impaired use of his/her legs.
- e. Use of a golf cart to survey a course prior to driving for the individual who is unable to walk.
- f. Use of quick release equipment for carriage driving.

For additional examples, please see FEI Compensating Aids booklet at www.fei.org.

3. Dispensation

- a. Dispensation Program - The Federation encourages competition amongst all individuals, including those with a diagnosed permanent physical disability. For those individuals wishing to compete in a Federation licensed competition and who require compensating aids and/or adaptive equipment to do so, a Dispensation/**Classification** Certificate may be granted. The purpose of the dispensation is to aid those with limited function by allowing the use of aids/equipment which will result in more equal function. These aids/equipment should not give the individual with a disability an advantage over his/her competitors.
- b. Adaptive Sports Committee: An interdisciplinary group representing the equestrian disciplines, the medical field, competitors, and the USEF who is charged with the review and/or approval of dispensation applications.

4. Para-Equestrian (PE)

- a. USEF Para-Equestrian (PE) Classification - The USEF has chosen to adopt the FEI Profile System for classification of individuals with disabilities **for Para-Dressage and Para-Driving**. This system provides a means to assess an individual's functional abilities and impairments to determine which Grade they will compete in amongst individuals with similar levels of function. There is a minimal level of impairment required in order to qualify for the FEI Profile System. In the system, an individual with a permanent measurable physical disability is assessed by a USEF or FEI approved classifier. As a result of the assessment, the classifier will determine eligibility and then assign the individual a Profile. The Profiles are grouped into Grades based on the discipline in which the individual will be competing. For example, an individual who has minor impairment of the Left arm and leg after a stroke would likely be given a Profile 15. If they compete in dressage, they would compete in Grade **IV**. If they choose to compete in Carriage Driving, they would compete as a Grade II.
 - b. FEI Profile System - Amongst individuals with disabilities, there are many different types of impairments. To provide meaningful competition for these individuals it is necessary that those of similar levels of impairment compete together. The FEI "Profile System" fulfils this criterion. It is a System of tests administered by trained and certified Physical Therapists or Physicians. It is based on the classification systems used in other sports for individuals with disabilities and has been tested for reliability and validity in its application in equestrian sport.
5. Profile - an individual is given one of 42 profiles based on their level of function as assessed by a USEF or FEI Classifier. The Profiles are versatile but tight, easy to use and understand. The locomotor Profiles are not disability (diagnosis) specific, but are based on the ability of the functioning part(s) of the body. The Profile is considered permanent except in the case of a diagnosis that has a reasonable expectation of change, such as with progressive Multiple Sclerosis.
6. Grade - the grouping of profiles within a discipline. In Dressage, there are 5 grades (I, II, III, and IV). In Carriage Driving there are 2 Grades (I and II). A Grade is made up of several profiles, grouping Para-Equestrians of similar level of function. The lower number Grades (i.e. Grade I) is made up of Para-Equestrians with a more significant level of impairment, whereas the higher number Grades (i.e. V) identify those Para-Equestrians with a lesser impairment. The Grade determines which tests a rider competes and against whom the Para-Equestrian will be competing. In National and International competition, medals/placement is awarded in each Grade.
7. An individual who has been classified by a USEF or FEI Classifier and who has been given a Profile, Grade, status and the use of compensatory aids/adaptive equipment. These individuals may compete up to the National level of

USEF licensed PE competitions.

8. FEI Para-Equestrian (FEI PE) - a Para-Equestrian with an FEI Classification and listed on the FEI Classification Master List for Dressage or Driving on the FEI website at www.FEI.org. The FEI Master List indicating the individual's Profile, Grade, Status and compensating aids/adaptive equipment. This individual may compete Nationally and in Qualifying trials. To achieve this classification, the individual will need a classification by two FEI Classifiers, at least one from outside of their home country. There is a fee to the FEI for application and renewal for the FEI PE Classification Card. Individuals must request renewals through the National Federation.
9. USEF Classifier - a Physical Therapist or Physician who has been trained and approved by the USEF to classify individuals using the FEI Profile System. A USEF Classifier may classify Para Equestrians up through a National level competition.
10. FEI Classifier - a Physical Therapist or Physician who has been trained and licensed by the FEI to classify Para-Equestrians using the FEI Profile System. An FEI classifier may classify Para-Equestrians through to the International level (i.e. CPEDIs, Paralympics and World Games). FEI Classifiers are designated as Trainee, Level 1 or Level 2.
11. USEF Classification Coordinator - the lead USEF Classifier responsible for assisting individuals through the classification process.
12. Dispensation/**Classification** Certificate - The Dispensation/**Classification** Certificate issued by USEF to an individual with a diagnosed permanent physical disability, indicating Compensating Aids/Adaptive equipment approved for use by the individual in USEF licensed competitions. The Certificate will list an individual's Para-Equestrian USEF or FEI Classification Profile, Grade and Status, if these have been assigned. The FEI will indicate FEI approved compensating aids on the FEI Classification Master List for Dressage or Driving on the FEI website at www.fei.org for those individuals who hold an FEI classification. This information is referenced for all FEI qualifying and FEI Para-Equestrian competitions.

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WHICH DESCRIBE THE CLASSES FOR ALL DIVISIONS, TOGETHER WITH DEFINITIONS AS TO APPOINTMENTS. Entries in various classes are judged on some of the following qualifications:

Appointments (equipment)	Handiness (promptness)	Soundness
Breed Character	Manners	Speed
Brilliance	Performance	Substance (strength)
Color	Presence (style)	Suitability
Conformation (build)	Quality (finesse)	Type

The particular qualifications for each class are hereinafter set forth and in each class the order of precedence indicates how the emphasis is to be placed in adjudication.

Class specifications included in division rules are mandatory.

Any class described herein may be confined to exhibitors within a desired area by prefixing "LOCAL" to the class title and clearly describing the area involved (e.g., "Open to horses owned and stabled within...miles of the competition grounds" or "Owned by residents of the Town of ...").

Entry fees, trophies or cash awards must always be indicated. If classes not included herein are offered, extreme care

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should be exercised in the proper wording of the specifications.

Table of Yards, Feet and Meters

1 inch	=	0.025 m	1.00 m	=	3 ft. 3 ins.
1 foot	=	0.30 m	1.10 m	=	3 ft. 7 ins.
2 ft.	=	0.61 m	1.20 m	=	3 ft. 11 ins.
1 yard	=	0.91 m	1.30 m	=	4 ft. 3 ins.
4 ft.	=	1.22 m	1.40 m	=	4 ft. 7 ins.
4 ft. 3 ins.	=	1.30 m	1.50 m	=	4 ft. 11 ins.
4 ft. 6 ins.	=	1.37 m	1.60 m	=	5 ft. 3 ins.
4 ft. 9 ins.	=	1.45 m	1.70 m	=	5 ft. 7 ins.
5 ft.	=	1.52 m	1.80 m	=	5 ft. 11 ins.
5 ft. 3 ins.	=	1.60 m	1.90 m	=	6 ft. 3 ins.
5 ft. 6 ins.	=	1.68 m	2.00 m	=	6 ft. 7 ins.
6 ft.	=	1.83 m	3.00 m	=	9 ft. 10 ins.
6 ft. 6 ins.	=	1.91 m	4.00 m	=	13 ft. 1 ins.
7 ft.	=	2.13 m	5.00 m	=	16 ft. 5 ins.
8 ft.	=	2.44 m	6.00 m	=	19 ft. 8 ins.
9 ft.	=	2.74 m	7.00 m	=	22 ft. 11 ins.
10 ft.	=	3.05 m	8.00 m	=	26 ft. 3 ins.
15 ft.	=	4.57 m	9.00 m	=	29 ft. 6 ins.
20 ft.	=	6.10 m	10.00 m	=	32 ft. 10 ins.
10 yds.	=	9.14 m	25.00 m	=	82 ft.
25 yds.	=	22.86 m	100.00 m	=	328 ft.
50 yds.	=	45.72 m	1000.00 m	=	3281ft.
10 yds.	=	91.44 m			
1000 yds.	=	914.40 m			

Conversion

Yards to Meters, multiply by .9144

Meters to Yards, divide by .9144

Feet to Meters, multiply by .3048

Meters to Feet, divide by .3048