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SUBCHAPTER 13-A RESPONSIBILITIES

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 HU137.)
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 procedural review of these issues before the Co-Chairs of the Hearing Committee or their designees 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 the fee, 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 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 and may be subject to penalty under Chapter 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/legal guardian 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 penalties against those responsible for the child committing the offense. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.
8. The unsafe use of personal electronic transport devices, as determined by the competition officials and management in their sole discretion, that do not require a driver's license to operate, including but not limited to segways, hover boards, and single wheeled scooters is prohibited on competition grounds. Operating such devices in areas where people gather may be deemed "unsafe use" if there is a risk of harm to others. If the operator of the device is a minor, the parent/legal guardian or individual who signs the entry blank as a parent or guardian of a minor operating the device in violation of this rule is accountable and may be subject to penalties. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.

9. 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 HJ135).
 - 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 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 Victims 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.

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 GR1039, GR1040, GR1041, and GR107. 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 GR1040 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 GR1040.1. 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. Exception:
 - a. 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 the competition. Exception:
 - a. For the Arabian division, the aforementioned may compete in sections, which the judge is not officiating.
4. No horses trained by a member of the judge’s family may compete in any division or Dressage class unless the client/ trainer relationship is terminated 30 days prior to the competition. Stud fees, retiree board and broodmare board excluded. Exception:
 - a. American Saddlebred and Hackney classes where requirements that nominations or qualifying be accomplished in advance of the competition (i.e. Futurities, Sweepstakes, Classics, etc.), 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.
 - b. For the Arabian division, the aforementioned may compete in a section, which the judge is not officiating. *BOD 6/28/21 Effective 12/1/21*

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 report the alleged rule violation to the Federation. If a judge has any doubt as to the eligibility of any entry, he/she should judge the entry and report the alleged rule violation to the Federation.
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 GR1040.1)
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. The Veterinary Panel 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 Panel;
 - c. Extended or nuclear family or household cohabitants or significant others or horses owned by 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 Panel or Steward perform his/her duties at rides and should be construed in all cases to provide that flexibility.
 - e. Endurance Stewards are subject to GR1304.25, GR1039, and GR1041.
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) 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 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 not, exclusively to compete, including any warm-up schooling for that immediate competition, a horse(s) owned by another with whom they have no current business relationship. A catch rider has no influence regarding the ongoing competition schedule, management, schooling, exercising, 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 report the alleged rule violation to the Federation.
 - 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.
 - c. 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 present for the meeting.
 - d. No competitor has the right to inspect a judge's card without the judge's permission.
 - e. 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.
 - f. 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.
 - g. 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.

SUBCHAPTER 13-B AMATEURS AND PROFESSIONALS

For purposes of this Subchapter the following definitions apply:

Social Media Brand Ambassadors are social media users who spread the word about a company/brand or its products by posting about them on social media and promoting them to their unique social audience.

Social Media Influencers are individuals who have built a reputation for their knowledge, content creation, and expertise on a specific topic. They make regular posts about that topic on their preferred social media channels and generate large followings of enthusiastic, engaged people who pay close attention to their content.

Sponsored Rider is an individual who is paid by companies, sponsors, and/or owner/s to compete and perform, leveraging their exposure and performance in competition. *BOD 11/22/21 Effective 12/1/21*

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 and GR103, he has not engaged in any of the activities identified in Section 4 below.
 - a. For Amateurs in the Dressage Division, see DR119.3.
 - b. For Amateurs in Jumper Sections, see JP118.
 - c. For Amateurs in Hunter Sections, see HU137-HU138.
 - d. For Amateurs in Eventing, see EV Appendix 3-Participation in Horse Trials.
 - e. For Amateurs in the Arabian Division, see AR110.6 and AR110.7.
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. Amateurs are permitted to accept remuneration for the following activities:
 - a. Accept remuneration for barn duties on or off competition grounds. Barn duties include but are not limited to grooming, tacking and un-tacking, bathing, clipping, lunging, braiding, and stall and tack cleaning.
 - b. In the American Saddlebred, Saddle Seat Equitation, Morgan, Arabian, Andalusian/Lusitano, National Show Horse, Paso Fino, and Western Divisions, an amateur is permitted to accept remuneration for teaching riding lessons under the following conditions:
 - i. The amateur must register with USEF prior to performing any instruction.
 - ii. Total lesson time cannot exceed 20 hours per calendar week.
 - iii. Lessons must be given under the oversight of a USEF Competing Member in good standing who is designated as a Professional.
 - iv. Lessons cannot be conducted at a competition, including Federation Licensed Competitions and non-licensed competitions.
 - v. Student must be a beginner who has not competed and is not competing at any level of competition, and lessons must not exceed the basic beginner level.
 - vi. Teacher must maintain a log of all lessons. Log must include lesson date, lesson time and name of student.
 - vii. A USEF Competing Member designated as a Professional must review the teacher's log and verify its accuracy.
 - viii. The teacher and professional are responsible and accountable for compliance with this rule.
 - ix. USEF may request proof of compliance and refusal to provide such proof constitutes a violation of the rule.
 - c. Accept remuneration for teaching or training disabled riders for therapeutic purposes.
 - d. Accept reimbursement for expenses associated with conducting classroom seminars.
 - e. Accept remuneration for serving as a camp counselor when not hired in the exclusive capacity as an equestrian instructor
 - f. Accept remuneration as a Social Media Influencer or Social Media Brand Ambassador.
 - g. 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.

h. Accept reimbursement for any expenses directly related to the horse (i.e. farrier/vet bills, entries). Travel, hotel, equipment, and room and board are not considered expenses **related to the horse**.

3. Other Permitted activities by Amateurs. An Amateur is permitted to do the following:

a. 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.

b. Accept prize money as the owner of a horse in any class.

c. Accept a non-monetary token gift of appreciation valued less than **\$1,000** annually.

d. 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.

i. 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.

ii. 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).

e. Write books or articles related to horses.

f. Accept educational, competition, or training grant(s).

g. Assist in setting schooling fences without remuneration.

4. Professional based on one's own activities. 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, **except as provided in GR1306.2.g**.

b. Accepts remuneration AND gives **equestrian** lessons, trains horses, or provides consultation services in riding, driving, showmanship, equitation, or training of horses, **except as provided for in GR1306.2.b**.

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. 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.

e. 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.

f. 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, **or** a farm/business in which he, his cohabitant, or a member of his family controls.

g. Advertises one's equestrian services such as training or instruction.

h. 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.

i. Accepts remuneration for **the use of** commercially logoed items while on competition grounds, **as a Sponsored Rider**.

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-i 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. **The holding of an amateur card does not preclude the question of amateur standing being raised.** After an investigation as to proper status has been initiated, and upon request by the Federation, an Amateur **must** submit verifiable proof of Amateur status. **Failure to submit requested documentation to the Federation may be deemed a violation of this rule. Any responsible person(s) found to have violated these rules, may be subject to the penalties as set forth in GR703.**

a. Any individual found to have knowingly assisted in the violation of the Amateur rule may also be subject to proceedings in accordance with the Federation Bylaws. See GR1307.

7. Questions about whether you are an Amateur or Professional. For specific inquiries, email amateurinquiry@usef.org. **BOD 11/22/21 Effective 12/1/21**

GR1307 Amateur Status

1. Only **Senior Active Members of the** Federation 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. Amateur status will be issued only on receipt of the application properly signed, **or on receipt of an online status declaration**, and is revocable at any time for cause. Any person who has not reached his/her 18th birthday is an amateur and does not require amateur status. **Exceptions:**

- a. 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.
- b. Equestrian Canada members in possession of current EC membership may sign for Federation Amateur status on a show by show basis at no cost.

2. Foreign riders requesting Federation Amateur status, must be a **Junior, Senior, or Life Competing Member of the Federation.**

3. **There is no fee for amateur status.** 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 in or is planning on engaging in activities which would prevent him/her from continuing to remain an amateur must notify the Federation in writing.

4. 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 **complete the reclassification process outlined below.**

a. Such person shall submit to the Hearing Committee an amateur reclassification request which is supported by:

i. A notarized letter signed by him **briefly** outlining **his previous** horse related **professional** activities **and** outlining **his current** activities performed within the twelve months since professional activities have ceased;

ii. Two or more notarized letters from any Active **Competing** Federation members stating the relationship with the applicant, outlining the applicants activities for the **previous twelve-month** period, and testifying that the applicant has not engaged in any activities which would make him a professional as outlined in GR1306 during that period;

iii. A processing fee; and

iv. Sign and declare amateur status on a current Federation membership application **or through an online status declaration.** 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.

v. **EXCEPTION: Any amateur 25 and under, who has engaged in professional activities (as defined herein) may reapply for their amateur status utilizing a 3-month waiting period. The 3-month option is only available for a one-time use. Any subsequent application for amateur status would require a twelve-month waiting period.**

Please contact the Federation office for information regarding international/professional licenses. **BOD**
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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 Competitions, Eventing Competitions at the Modified 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:
 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 the Federation.

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 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 the Federation 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 Federation 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 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 Federation Licensed Para-Equestrian Competitions in Para-Equestrian classes, he/ she must have a diagnosed, permanent physical disability. The individual will need to possess a Federation or FEI Classification and a Federation Dispensation/Classification Certificate. See GR143 for the definition of Para-Equestrian and GR1315 for additional definitions).

GR1312 Applying for a Dispensation Certificate/Classification

1. Applications for a Dispensation/Classification Certificate can be obtained from the Federation (via the Federation website or the Federation 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 Federation 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 Federation.

GR1313 Applying for Para-Equestrian (PE) Classification

1. The individual will request classification from the Federation. Application paperwork (Consent for Classification and Certificate of Diagnosis) may be found on the Federation website or from the Federation Director of Para-Equestrian. Once the Federation Director of Para-Equestrian receives the completed paperwork, the office will contact the Federation Classification Coordinator.
2. The Federation classification coordinator will assist in scheduling a classification with one of the Federation /FEI Classifiers. There is a non-refundable administrative fee for the classification payable to the Federation. 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 Federation.
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 Federation will issue a Federation 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 Federation Licensed Competition in accordance with Federation rules.
5. For Federation 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 Federation office.
7. The Federation /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 Federation 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 Federation Dispensation/Classification Certificate with the FEI Classification status and any approved compensating aids listed. The Dispensation/Classification Certificate may be used at any Federation Licensed Competition.
9. Classification status can be challenged by a Federation competition official with a written request to Federation. Medals will be suspended until such time that the Classification status is resolved.

GR1314 Hearings

1. Any individual whose application for a Dispensation/Classification Certificate or a Para-Equestrian Classification has been denied may request a review 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 received by 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.

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 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 Federation who is charged with the review and/or approval of dispensation applications.
4. Para-Equestrian (PE)
 - a. Federation Para-Equestrian (PE) Classification - The Federation 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 Federation 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 Federation 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, IV, and V). 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. IV) 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 Federation 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 Federation 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 individuals'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. Federation Classifier - a Physical Therapist or Physician who has been trained and approved by the Federation to classify individuals using the FEI Profile System. A Federation 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. Federation Classification Coordinator - the lead Federation Classifier responsible for assisting individuals through the classification process.
12. Dispensation/Classification Certificate - The Dispensation/Classification Certificate issued by Federation to an individual with a diagnosed permanent physical disability, indicating Compensating Aids/Adaptive equipment approved for use by the individual in Federation licensed competitions. The Certificate will list an individual's Para-Equestrian Federation 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 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	=	3281 ft.	
10 yds.	=	91.44 m				
1000 yds.	=	914.40 m				

Conversion

Yards to Meters, multiply by .9144

Feet to Meters, multiply by .3048

Meters to Yards, divide by .9144

Meters to Feet, divide by .3048