Rule	Tracking	Draft	Proposal Type	Effective Date	Proponent	Status
GR 844.1	025-25	2	Standard	12/1/2026	Veterinary	Approved (9/21/2026)

Tracking #025-25 Draft #2 Approved

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2026	8/13/2026	Approved 9/21/2026

Rule Change Intent

It is currently required for horses to be vaccinated for Equine Influenza and Equine Herpesvirus on USEF competition grounds. This modification would permit competition management to address other vaccinations in respone to a local threat without having to request guidance from the Veterinary Commitee. Any additional vaccination requirements set forth by Competition Management would need to comply with the AAEP Vaccination Guidelines. Additionally, it would be necessary for all horses to have valid vaccinations for the duration of the event.

Proponent Details

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Linked Rules

Comments

BOD: Board Approved in September Meeting.

American Saddlebred

Draft 1: No Action 10/15/2025

Andalusian/Lusitano

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/30/2025

Arabian

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/27/2025

Athletes Advisory

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 05/04/2026

Draft 1: The AAC supports the intent behind this proposal but recommends adhering to the guidelines set forth by the FEI regarding vaccine requirements. Furthermore, the Committee wishes to ensure that the USEF Veterinary Committee continues to oversee any additional vaccine requirements established by competitions.

Carriage Pleasure Driving

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/18/2025

Competition Management

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/30/2025

Connemara

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/14/2025

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 05/26/2026

Draft 1: The Council supports the intent of the rule; however, it is essential to incorporate communication requirements for competitions where show management, state regulations, and/or the AAEP may mandate additional vaccinations, along with the timeline for administering these vaccines.

Council - Member Services

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 06/02/2026

Draft 1: The Council supports the intent and agrees with the proposed language in point 1 that would mandate vaccinations must be valid for the duration of the time the horse is on competition grounds. However, the Council is not comfortable with the proposed language in point 5 and would prefer to ensure that the USEF Veterinary Committee continues to oversee any additional vaccinations requirements established or proposed by competitions.

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 05/26/2026	**Draft 1: The Council believes in the intent of the rule but requests that organizers be required to give no less than 30 days' notice to exhibitors. In addition, they would like to see stricter guidelines added to point 1 "vaccinations within six months prior and no later than seven days prior to entering the stables"**
Dressage	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/03/2025	**Draft 1: Agree with new language in point 1, but in point 5, the idea of show management deciding what vaccines they want required (based on AAEP Vaccination Guidelines) seems to be stepping out of bounds of their expertise and could create difficult situations where local horses are unable to compete due to stringent vaccine requirements. We recommend staying within parameters of FEI rules for vaccine requirements.**
Driving	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/11/2025	
Endurance	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/21/2025	
Eventing	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 02/10/2026	
Friesian	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/29/2025	**Draft 1: The committee feels that this should not be left solely at competition management's discretion specifically in regards to a timeline in which they may implement new vaccine requirements; there needs to be time constraints for how close to the competition that management can implement new vaccine requirements.**
Hackney	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/08/2025	**Draft 1: The committee would approve if additional language was added to state that there would be no less than 14 days' notice and all exhibitors/trainers would be notified.**
Jumper	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 05/26/2026	
Morgan	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/30/2025	
National Hunter Committee	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/18/2025	**Draft 1: The committee noted they would like to see communication requirements included in this rule for competitions where show management may require additional vaccinations.**
National Show Horse	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/29/2025	
ParaEquestrian	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/18/2025	**Draft 1: Agree with the Fresian comment. May reduce participation without providing protection for the horses.**
Paso Fino	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/22/2025	
Roadster	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/07/2025	
Saddle Seat Eq	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/14/2025	
Shetland	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/29/2025	
USDF	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/11/2025	**Draft 1: We believe the current rule for addressing local outbreaks (getting the approval of the Veterinary Committee) is adequate. This proposal provided no safeguards to prevent show managers from going overboard. However, we concur with that part of the proposal that requires all horses to have valid vaccinations for the duration of the competition.**
USEA	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/17/2025	**Draft 1: The Board agrees with the intent of this proposal, however they would like to ensure the USEF Veterinary Committee remains as oversight for additional vaccine requirements determined by competitions.**
USHJA	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/11/2025	
Vaulting	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/11/2025	

Veterinary

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 02/15/2026

Welsh

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/18/2025

Western Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/13/2025

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/22/2025

Member Comments

Annette Longenecker — Draft #1

Why does this not address the vaccination having to be 7 days before the start of the show? Too many are getting them done when they get to the show, which does not provide a safe environment for others.

Jennifer Grant — Draft #1

Current rules on vaccines are sufficient

GR844 Equine Vaccination Rule

1. At Federation licensed competitions horses, more than 7 months of age, entering the grounds must be accompanied by documentation of Equine Influenza Virus and Equine Herpes Virus (Rhinopneumonitis) vaccinations within six months prior to entering the stables. Horses not in compliance with this rule may be required to leave the competition grounds upon request by Competition Management. Documentation should consist of one of the following methods mentioned below. The frequency of vaccine administration should be per the vaccine manufacturers' or veterinarian's recommendations. It is recommended that vaccines are administered by or under the direction of a veterinarian. ***Vaccinations must be valid for the duration of the time the horse is on competition grounds.***
2. In the case of vaccines administered by a veterinarian, the exhibitor, upon request by Competition Management, must provide documentation from the veterinarian on documenting that the horse in question received the vaccinations; name of the vaccines and date of vaccine administration.
3. In the case of vaccines administered by a person other than a veterinarian, the exhibitor, upon request by Competition Management, must provide a receipt of the vaccine purchase which is signed by the owner, or agent with care, custody, and control of the horse; name, serial number and expiration date of the vaccine; and date of vaccine administration.
4. In the case of a horse that is unable to receive either of the vaccinations due to a history of adverse reactions, the exhibitor, upon request by Competition Management, must provide a letter from the veterinarian on official letterhead stating that the horse in question cannot be vaccinated due to medical concerns and a log of temperatures taken twice daily for the seven days prior to entering the competition grounds. These horses must also have their temperature taken and logged twice daily while on the competition grounds. The log of temperatures should be provided to the Competition Management, steward, or technical delegate when requested.
5. ~~Competition Management may not amend or enhance ***Equine Influenza or Equine Herpesvirus*** vaccination requirements without prior approval of the Veterinary Committee. ***All other competition vaccination requirements must comply with the American Association of Equine Practitioners Vaccination Guidelines for performance horses, except with the prior approval of the Veterinary Committee***.~~