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Driving no longer has Driving Affiliate. Show Pass fees are waived for lower levels (Training through Intermediate) to alleviate the requirements of affiliate members.

Proposed Change
GR 2; GR 3; GR 9; GR 10; GR 11; GR 12; GR 13 [CHAPTER GR 2; GR 3; GR 9; GR 10; GR 11; GR 12; GR 13]

GR202 Membership Requirements
1. To be eligible to participate as a rider, driver, handler, vaulter, longeuer, owner, lessee, agent, coach or trainer at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions at the Preliminary Level or above, Dressage Competitions, Combined Driving Competitions at the Advanced Level, Endurance Rides, Reining Competitions, ParaEquestrian Competitions, and Vaulting Competitions, persons must be Members of the Federation as provided in Bylaw 201. No organization, other than the USEF and its Recognized Breed and Discipline Affiliates, may require mandatory membership or a non-member fee as a condition of participation in a USEF Licensed Competition. (See GR1210.13 for further information regarding the collection of mandatory participation fees at USEF licensed competitions).

GR205 Participation
A non-member, who wishes to participate as a rider, driver, handler, vaulter, longeuer, owner, lessee, agent, coach or trainer at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions at the Preliminary Level or above, Dressage Competitions, Endurance Rides, Reining Competitions, Vaulting Competitions, and Combined Driving Competitions at the Advanced Level, must pay a Show Pass fee for each competition in which competing. Lessees are considered owners in connection with this membership requirement. In the event of an entry under multiple ownership, only one owner need be a Member or pay a Show Pass fee. The competition is responsible for listing either the active member or the owner that paid the Show Pass fee in the results. The competitions will be responsible for forwarding copies of all Show Pass forms completed at the competition to the Federation with the post competition report. Payment of Show Pass fees for purposes of competing does not entitle the individual to any other privileges of USEF membership.

GR301 Agreement
1. All applications for a Federation license are accepted with the explicit agreement of competition Licensee that all classes (rated or unrated) to be held on a Federation licensed date must be recognized by the Federation and are governed by all applicable Federation rules, and that no unrecognized classes will be held on any date for which Federation recognition is requested, except that:
   a. Horse Trials at Eventing Competitions below the Preliminary Level
   b. Eventing Tests at all levels
   c. Combined Driving below the Advanced Level

[adjust following letters]

GR901 Requirements
See GR1212 for procedures regarding submitting prize lists to the Federation office. The prize list of every Licensed Competition must contain the following:
1. Federation Page. This must be printed in its entirety and placed in a conspicuous position in the prize list of each Licensed Competition in typewriter large enough to be easily legible. If a Licensed Competition prints a catalogue, the Federation page must be included and the competition is urged to instruct its announcer to invite the attention of spectators to this page at each session.
2. Classification of competition and level or ratings of divisions or sections on the Federation Page.
3. Entry blank, which must contain the rule to be signed by each exhibitor, rider, driver, handler, coach and trainer(s), or his/her agent(s). (See GR908).
4. Names of the officiating judges with the division(s) in which they will adjudicate and the names of the Federation stewards or technical delegates, provided they have accepted to serve. (See GR706.1j) Both division and sections to be adjudicated must be listed for breed division judges, provided they have accepted to serve. (See GR 706.1j)
5. List of competition officials. (See GR113).
6. The name of the Licensee (see GR133 and GR302.1h) and the name of the Chief Executive Officer or the person with the largest ownership interest.
7. The name of the Hunter and Jumper and/or Trail course designer or responsible person. Exception: Arabian, American Saddlebred, Morgan and Andalusian/Lusitano divisions.
8. The name of the veterinarian and, if on call, the phone number where he can be reached during the competition. If not known, the prize list must state where the information will be posted during the competition. If not included in the prize list, competition management must submit to the Federation the designated competition veterinarian’s contact information no less than seven (7) days prior to the start of competition.
9. The following statement must be published in BOLD TYPE for all Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions at the Preliminary Level or above, Combined Driving Competitions: (See GR828.4 of the Federation rules).

Life, senior active and junior active members shall be eligible to participate in all classes at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions at the Preliminary Level or above and Combined Driving Competitions at the Advanced Level. Dressage, Reining and Vaulting Competitions and Endurance Rides. A non-member may participate as a handler, rider, driver, owner, lessee, agent, coach or trainer at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions, Dressage Competitions, Reining Competitions and Combined Driving Competitions upon payment of a $45 Show Pass fee. Participants in the following classes are exempted from the Requirements of this rule: 1) leadline; 2) exhibitions; 3) games and races; 4) classes for 4-H members; 5) walk trot (exception: Friesian performance FR218) and academy classes (academy classes are classes limited to horses used regularly in a lesson program); 6) USDF introductory level tests, pas de deux and quadrille classes; 7) NRHA Endorsed Reining Competitions. 8) Opportunity classes, 9) citizens of other nations who have proof, in
GR902 Class Specifications
1. All classes offered at Licensed Competitions for which specifications appear in the Rule Book must be governed by current specifications, to the end that uniformity will prevail in the competition and in the adjudication. To cover any omission it is recommended that the prize list contain the following statement in a prominent position: “EVERY CLASS OFFERED HEREIN WHICH IS COVERED BY THE RULES AND SPECIFICATIONS OF THE CURRENT FEDERATION RULE BOOK WILL BE CONDUCTED AND JUDGED IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH.”
2. A Licensed Competition is not limited to classes listed in the Rule Book. If a special class is offered which is not included in the Rule Book, the prize list or competition web site must furnish detailed specifications.
3. All classes (rated or unrated) to be held on a Federation licensed date are governed by all applicable Federation rules. No unrecognized classes can be held on any Federation licensed date, except
   a. Horse Trials at Eventing Competitions below the Preliminary Level,
   b. Eventing Tests at all levels
   c. Combined Driving below the Advanced Level

GR1011 Guest Cards

14. Driving
   a. Carriage Pleasure Driving:

   1. Judges must be a Federation licensed judge with experience in judging carriage driving. 2. The following may officiate as Guest Judges: a. American Driving Society (ADS) Pleasure Driving Judges, see CP201
   a. Federation licensed judges in any breed division that includes Carriage Pleasure Driving classes are eligible to officiate in the Carriage Pleasure Driving division as a Guest Judge.
   b. Judges approved by foreign national driving societies; Guest Card limitations do not apply. c. Technical Delegates: must be chosen from American Driving Society (ADS) Combined Driving or Pleasure Driving Technical Delegates.
2. b. Coaching: See CP301

1. Federation licensed Carriage Pleasure Judges may officiate in Coaching classes at Federation licensed competitions.
2. Foreign dignitaries approved by their National Driving Society may officiate in Coaching classes at Federation licensed competitions as Guest Judges.

   4. c. Driven Dressage: See CP524 and CP525

   d. Combined Driving

1. Judges: Combined Driving Judges from another country or American Driving Society (ADS) may be approved for a officiate as Guest Judges. card...

2. Technical Delegate: must be chosen from a list of Registered American Driving Society (ADS) Federation Combined Driving technical delegates.

GR1213 Entries
1. The name of any exhibitor whose fees are not negotiable must be reported in writing to the Federation within 90 days of the close of the competition. (See GR913).
2. If there is a closing date, the competition must acknowledge all entries made by that date.
3. Ensure that no entry will compete until or unless the exhibitor and the rider, driver, or handler and trainer, or agent(s) of such person(s), have signed an entry blank, including all post entries. 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.
4. Have available applications for amateur status. If a rider or driver in amateur classes does not possess current amateur certification, the secretary must require the individual to complete the necessary application (see GR1307).
5. Collect and remit promptly to the Federation and its applicable Recognized Affiliate Associations as defined under Bylaw 222, Section 1 (1) and 1 (2), the Show Pass fee, if applicable, as provided in GR205 and GR206 for each rider, driver, handler, owner, lessee, agent and trainer who is a non-member and participates in any Regular Competition, Eventing Competition at the Preliminary Level or above, Dressage Competitions, Combined Driving Competitions at the Advanced Level, Endurance and Vaulting Competitions who has not produced a valid Federation membership card or copy thereof. Lessees are considered owners in connection with this membership requirement. In the event of an entry under multiple ownership, where no owner is a Member, only one owner need pay a Show Pass fee.
6. When classes or divisions are recognized by The Federation under the same competition number, duplicate Federation fees (drug, Show Pass, etc.) may not be charged to exhibitors, regardless of whether different competition secretaries officiate in these classes or divisions. See GR407.
7. Ensure that riders, driver, handlers, vaulters, longeurs, owners, lessees, agents and trainers who are not members as required by the provisions of Bylaw 203, are not allowed to participate in Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions at the Preliminary Level or above, Dressage Competitions at the Advanced Level, Dressage Competitions, Endurance and Vaulting Competitions unless all provisions of 1-6 (above) are met.

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 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). Exception: Applications for Federation Individual Membership and Horse Recordings submitted at Licensed Competitions:
   a. For Dressage Competitions, reference Bylaw 223, Section 1:...
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### Rule Change Intent

After the ADS-affiliate split, USEF competitions must license all offered divisions (training, preliminary, intermediate, advanced) and ADS-classes must be considered unsanctioned. In an attempt to reduce the hardship on Combined Driving Organizers licensing with USEF, the membership requirements and show pass fees for lower levels (below advanced) are removed for 2020. This will be reconsidered as Driving competitions grow to have more established number of entries. All other ADS references were removed from the General Regulations.

Please note: Eff. date 12/1/2019. Driving Sport Committee approved on 8/21/19.

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GR 202 Membership Req. / GR 205 Participation / GR 901 Requirements / GR 1213 Entries / GR 1308 Membership... [CHAPTER 2-C Non-Members / 12-D Duties... / 9-A Prize Lists / 13-A Responsibilities / 13- C Membership]

**GR 202 Membership Requirements**

1. To be eligible to participate as a rider, driver, handler, vaulter, longeur, owner, lessee, agent, coach or trainer at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions at the Preliminary Level or above, Dressage Competitions, Combined Driving Competitions at the Advanced Level, Endurance Rides, Reining Competitions, ParaEquestrian Competitions, and Vaulting Competitions, persons must be Members of the Federation as provided in Bylaw 201. No organization, other than the USEF and its Recognized Breed and Discipline Affiliates, may require mandatory membership or a non-member fee as a condition of participation in a USEF Licensed Competition. (See GR1210.13 for further information regarding the collection of mandatory participation fees at USEF licensed competitions).

2. GR205 Participation

   A non-member, who wishes to participate as a rider, driver, handler, vaulter, longeur, owner, lessee, agent, coach or trainer at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions at the Preliminary Level or above, Dressage Competitions, Endurance Rides, Reining Competitions, Vaulting Competitions and Combined Driving Competitions at the Advanced Level, must pay a Show Pass fee for each competition in which competing. Lessees are considered owners in connection with this membership requirement. In the event of an entry under multiple ownership, only one owner need be a Member or pay a Show Pass fee. The competition is responsible for listing either the active member or the owner that paid the Show Pass fee in the results. The competitions will be responsible for forwarding copies of all Show Pass forms completed at the competition to the Federation with the post competition report. Payment of Show Pass fees for purposes of competing does not entitle the individual to any other privileges of USEF membership.

3. **GR 901 Requirements**

   9. The following statement must be published in BOLD TYPE for all Regular Competitions; Eventing Competitions at the Preliminary Level or above, Combined Driving Competitions at the Advanced Level, Dressage Competitions, Endurance Rides and Vaulting Competitions: (See GR828.4 of the Federation rules).

   Life, senior active and junior active members shall be eligible to participate in all classes at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions at the Preliminary Level or above and Combined Driving Competitions at the Advanced Level, Dressage, Reining and Vaulting Competitions and Endurance Rides. A non-member may participate as a handler, rider, driver, owner, lessee, agent, coach or trainer at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions, Dressage Competitions, Reining Competitions and Combined Driving Competitions upon payment of a $45 Show Pass fee. Participants in the following classes are exempted from the Requirements of this rule: 1) leadline; 2) exhibitions; 3) games and races; 4) classes for 4-H members; 5) walk trot (exception: Friesian performance FR218) and academy classes (academy classes are classes limited to horses used regularly in a lesson program); 6) USDF introductory level tests, pas de deux and quadrille classes; 7) NRHA Endorsed Reining Competitions; 8) Opportunity classes, 9) citizens of other nations who have proof, in English, of current membership in good standing of their own National Federation, 10) USEA beginner novice division; and 11) assistant handlers in Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes. Effective 12/1/17.

4. **GR 1213 Entries**

   1. The name of any exhibitor whose fees are not negotiable must be reported in writing to the Federation within 90 days of the close of the competition. (See GR913).

   2. If there is a closing date, the competition must acknowledge all entries made by that date.

   3. Ensure that no entry will compete until or unless the exhibitor and the rider, driver, or handler and trainer, or agent(s) of such person(s), have signed an entry blank, including all post entries. 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.

   4. Have available applications for amateur status. If a rider or driver in amateur classes does not possess current amateur certification, the secretary must require the individual to complete the necessary application (see GR1307).

   5. Collect and remit promptly to the Federation and its applicable Recognized Affiliate Associations as defined under Bylaw 222, Section 1 (1) and 1 (2), the Show Pass fee, if applicable, as provided in GR205 and GR206 for each rider, driver, handler, owner, lessee, agent and trainer who is a non-member and participates in any Regular Competition, Eventing Competition at the Preliminary Level or above, Dressage Competitions, Combined Driving Competitions at the Advanced Level or above, Endurance and Vaulting Competitions who has not produced a valid Federation membership card or copy thereof. Lessees are considered owners in connection with this membership requirement. In the event of an entry under multiple ownership, where no owner is a Member, only one owner need pay a Show Pass fee.

5. **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 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.
### Rule Change Intent

After providing lower level Driving competitors a one-year grace period, this rule change proposal will mandate that all competitors pay the show pass fee or be Federation members in order to compete at Driving competitions. This will allow GR show-pass fees to apply to all combined driving divisions.

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**Web:** Advanced Level Combined Driving Competitions
Proposed Change

GR302 License Application Policies and Procedures [CHAPTER 3-A COMPETITION LICENSE APPLICATIONS]

[REQUESTED EFFECTIVE DATE: 12/01/2019]

GR302 License Application Policies and Procedures


a. License Duration. The duration of the License agreements will be one (1) year. All Licensed Competitions are subject to a Competition Evaluation.

[i.] Competitions that are not conducted in accordance with the terms of the license agreement will have breached the terms of the license agreement. Such breach may result in cancellation or nonrenewal of the license agreement, the Licensee may be ineligible for a license in the future, or other penalties under the provisions of GR707.

[j.] A licensee may advertise a new or renewing competition prior to receiving a license provided that the advertising clearly and prominently states that the competition is pending Federation approval.

 [...]

3. Renewing Competitions

[...]

C. A licensee may advertise a new or renewing competition prior to receiving a license provided that the advertising clearly and prominently states that the competition is pending Federation approval. BOD 1/12/19 Effective 2/1/19.

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Rule Change Intent

This rule change is being proposed to clarify that competition licensees may advertise a new or renewing competition provided the advertisement clearly and prominently indicates the license is pending Federation approval. Due to its location in the rule book, a portion of the approved rule change (Tracking 322-18) effective February 1, 2019, limited this advertising permission to renewing competitions only. Moving the language to GR302 1.j. under General Provisions will, as initially intended, make the language applicable to both new and renewing competitions.

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: advertising

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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## Proposed Change

**GR312 Determining Ratings** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 3-B COMPETITION CLASSIFICATION]

GR307 Classification  
2. Divisions and sections of Regular Competitions are classified as follows for the purpose of reckoning points toward the Federation Annual Horse of the Year Awards, (Exception: Jumper Division, see GR1114):  
   a. A, B, or C; or  
   b. To include any of the following, individually or combined:  
      1. Andalusian/Lusitano;  
      2. Arabian;  
      3. Friesian;  
      4. Hackney;  
      5. National Show Horse;  
      6. Morgan;  
      7. Roadster;  
      8. American Saddlebred;  
      9. Shetland;  
   10. English Pleasure

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## Rule Change Intent

There is currently confusion at Hunter Competitions due to the ratings in the English pleasure section not matching that of the Hunter classes. This is keeping shows from holding the classes in some cases. Eliminating the rating levels will alleviate confusion and may encourage shows to add these classes back or as new on their schedule. By removing the restrictions currently in place regarding competition rating, it is anticipated that more competitions will hold English Pleasure for Hunter classes for the benefit of competitors seeking year end award points. Additionally, this rule change will benefit breed restricted competition which want to hold these classes.
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GR312.6 DETERMINING RATINGS [CHAPTER 3-B COMPETITION CLASSIFICATION]

6. The following are rated "C" regardless of the number of classes or amount of prize money offered: Small Hunter, Hunter Breeding, Ladies Side Saddle Hunter, Adult Amateur Hunter, Children's Hunter, USHJA Hunter 20", 23", 26", 29", 30" and Thoroughbred Hunter.

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Rule Change Intent

The chart in GR312.6 does not include enough information to clearly understand the requirements. The header for "A" should also include "AA" and it should be understood that the Required Classes listed are the minimum or maximum allowed.

Linked Rules

Committee Actions

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Web: determining ratings
GR315.4 Mileage Exemption [CHAPTER 3-D MILEAGE EXEMPTION AND COMPETITION LICENSE DISPUTES]

[REQUESTED EFFECTIVE DATE: 12/01/2019]

GR315 Mileage Exemption

[...]

4. Mileage Exemption Procedure

[...]

b. Beginning with competitions conducted in the 2017 competition year, the Applicant shall submit the Mileage Exemption Request Form, fully completed, to the Federation no earlier than 360 calendar days and no later than 240 calendar days before the start date of the proposed competition. The fully completed Mileage Exemption Request Form must be accompanied with the non-refundable application fee of $500.00. A mileage exemption request will not be accepted unless the Mileage Exemption Request Form is fully completed and the application fee is paid in full. Within 21 days of acceptance of a properly submitted request and application fee, the Federation will notify the Applicant that their request is being processed.

c. Within 21 days of acceptance of a properly submitted request and application fee, the Federation will notify the Priority Date Holder(s) and provide the submitted Mileage Exemption Request Form. An Applicant is not permitted to advertise or promote the proposed competition until the competition has received final approval. Non-compliance with this requirement will may disqualify the applicant and will may result in disapproval of the application.

[...]

j. The Federation, through the Federation Internal Review and Federation Mileage Exemption Panels, shall have final decision-making authority on all exemption requests and will not delegate this responsibility. The Panel’s decision will be provided to the Applicant, Priority Date Holder(s), and the Recognized Affiliate within seven calendar days of the decision, excluding national holidays. The Panel’s decision is provisional until such time that any dispute process under these rules has been exhausted. An Applicant shall not advertise or promote the proposed competition unless and until the competition has received final approval. Non-compliance with this requirement may result in withdrawal of the application.

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Rule Change Intent

This proposed rule clarification is being submitted to remove the existing conflict contained in GR315.4 concerning advertising an applicant mileage exemption competition. Currently, GR315.4.c states that advertising an applicant mileage exemption competition prior to Federation approval “will disqualify the applicant and will result in disapproval,” while GR315.4.j states that the same action “may result in withdrawal of the application.” By replacing the word “will” with the word “may” in both instances within GR315.4.c, the contradiction is resolved.

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Comments

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# Rule Change Intent

In an effort to clean up the General Rules, the following Chapter 5 re-write has been proposed. There are no substantive changes to the rules contained in this chapter. However, duplication language has been removed, consistent terminology has been added, and several sentences have been re-written for clarity purposes.

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GR821 Opportunity Classes. [CHAPTER CHAPTER 8 CONDUCT OF LICENSED COMPETITIONS]

2. Opportunity Classes:

a. do not count towards Horse of the Year Awards and the results from Opportunity Classes may not be used by any entity for a national awards program. Only with permission of the respective recognized affiliate organization may results from Opportunity Classes be used for regional awards.

b. cannot be used as a qualifying class for any championship class held at the competition except an Opportunity Class championship at the competition.

c. cannot be considered in reckoning Competition Championships awarded on points except an Opportunity Class championship at the competition.

d. do not count towards the minimum number of classes nor amount of prize money offered when determining the rating of the competition.

e. Dressage classes can may be offered as Opportunity classes at Dressage Competitions or Regular/Local Competitions with “Open” Dressage classes as described below:

1. Classes are limited to the following competition levels and dressage tests:

   a. Level 1 competitions may offer two tests and only two classes per level per day at Introductory – Second Level one of which can be the Riders Test at Training - Second levels.

   b. Level 2 competitions may offer two tests and only two classes per level per day at Introductory - First Level one of which can be the Riders Test at Training and First levels.

   c. Level 3 competitions may offer two tests and only two classes per level per day at Introductory – Training Level one of which can be the Training Level Riders Test.

   d. Level 4 and Level 5 competitions may not offer Opportunity classes.

   e. Level 1, 2, and 3 competitions may also offer two dressage seat equitation classes per day in addition to the tests, classes, and levels list above in Section 1.a – 1.c.

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Dressage

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Rule Change Intent

New exhibitors, particularly youth riders, who currently enter Opportunity classes often express their desire to enter equitation classes, but they do not possess the current memberships required to enter these classes. More new, young riders would be encouraged to enter dressage competitions if they could participate in equitation classes without the substantial additional fees.

Linked Rules

Web: opportunity classes

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/20/2018

Draft 1: No Comments

USDF

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
GR1002 Applications [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 10-A APPLICATION PROCESS]

GR1002 Applications

1. The Federation will carefully review all applications and take an action on the application, including but not limited to an approval, denial, or administrative hold. Solicit evaluations from the appropriate Breed/Discipline Committee members and others as it may elect as provided in the Federation’s Licensed Officials Policies and Procedures and consider returned questionnaires, competition reports, any letters received regarding the applicant and other relevant information submitted to the Federation. For all applicants, the Federation will request and give due consideration in recommendations received from Recognized National and FEI Affiliates before granting a new license or promotion. All such submissions shall be subject to examination by the applicant, upon request, and shall be made available to staff. In reviewing the application, the Federation will consider concerns regarding division knowledge, professionalism and decorum, skill development, experience, requisite skills or lack of support.

2. If the Federation administers the education program for a license on behalf of an Affiliate, the Federation may solicit recommendations from the applicable Breed/Discipline Committees, Recognized National and FEI Affiliates and others as it deems appropriate. If the Federation does not administer the education program for a license on behalf of an Affiliate, the Federation will not solicit recommendations from the applicable Breed/Discipline Committees, Recognized National and FEI Affiliates, or others. The Federation may consider any recommendations received, along with competition reports, Licensed Officials Evaluations, and any other relevant information submitted to the Federation, whether solicited by the Federation or submitted by the Recognized Affiliate or others deemed appropriate.

3. In the Federation’s sole discretion, unless warranted, applications will not be denied outside of an applicant’s failure to meet the minimum licensing requirements, as outlined in the Federation’s Licensed Officials Policies and Procedures.

4. The Federation may in its discretion revoke a current license, place a license on probationary status, reduce a license by one level, temporarily suspend, or refuse to renew an official’s license at its expiration following a hearing or with at least ten days written notice to the official in question who shall have the right to appear, to be represented, and to bring witnesses. The Federation shall issue its written ruling specifying the substance of the Federation’s reasons for said decision. The Federation may consult with the applicable Recognized National or FEI Affiliate before taking a final action.

5. The Federation, at its discretion, may reinstate an official who has allowed his/her license to lapse for one year or may require him/her to reapply.

6. All applications whether for initial enrollment, renewal, promotion, or for change of status or recommendation to the FEI shall contain a statement to be signed by the applicant, indicating that the applicant has read and understands the rules governing the application process, and agrees to be bound thereby.

Proponent Details

Licensed Officials

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Rule Change Intent

After receiving Affiliate feedback regarding the licensed official application process, the Licensed Officials Department realized having Affiliate and USEF Committee review of applicants is redundant and excessive. If Affiliates facilitate the education of licensed officials, then they are already involved in evaluating applicants throughout the education process. In addition, USEF Committee members often do not have direct experience with an applicant's ability to be a licensed official.

Linked Rules

Web: applications

Comments

Committee Actions

Competition Management

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 06/18/2019
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

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Draft 1: The Council would approve if clarification language is added to the end of GR1002.3 to indicate that application and minimum licensing requirements for each type of Federation license are provided within the Federation’s policies and procedures document. The full sentence would read as follows: “3. In the Federations’ sole discretion, unless warranted, applications will not be denied outside of an applicant’s failure to meet the minimum licensing requirements as outlined in the Federation’s Licensed Officials Policies and Procedures.”

Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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GR1004 General [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 10-B GENERAL RULES AND FEES]

GR1004 General

[...]

4. A judge licensed in a division restricted to one breed may judge all classes restricted to entries of that breed even though he may not be licensed in the divisions for all types of classes offered. Exceptions:
   a. A licensed Dressage judge must judge Dressage classes.
   b. Sport Horse classes in the Arabian, Half-Arabian and Anglo/Arabian Division must be judged by Federation licensed Dressage Sport Horse Breeding (DSHB) or Hunter Breeding judges, or a Federation or Senior Equestrian Canada judges licensed in Dressage Sport Horse Breeding (DSHB), Hunter Breeding, Dressage, Hunter, or Jumper divisions. A guest card is not required for Federation licensed DSBH, Hunter Breeding, Dressage, Hunter, or Jumper judges. A guest card is required for Senior Equestrian Canada Dressage, Hunter, or Jumper judges.
   c. For Carriage Pleasure Driving divisions, see CP201.
   d. Refer to GR1004.17 for Western Dressage.

GR1011 Guest Cards

[...]

8. Guest Cards are not required in the following circumstances:
   a. FEI officials providing they are officiating in the discipline for which they are licensed by the FEI. (For Dressage see GR1010.8.b and GR1010.12).
   b. Dressage - An FEI licensed Dressage Judge judging at any level at a Federation licensed competition. Foreign FEI 2* Dressage Judges are not required to have a Guest Card however, they are only eligible to judge through the Prix St. Georges level.
   c. Connemara - A Guest Card is not required for Connemara Dressage Sport Horse Breeding or Hunter Breeding Divisions if judged by a Federation licensed judge, see GR1004.11.
   d. Hunter Senior Hunter Course Designers licensed by Equestrian Canada in the Hunter divisions at Federation competitions.
   e. Jumper – See GR1010.22.
   f. Saddle Seat Equitation – See GR1010.29.c.
   g. Vaulting – See GR1010.31.

9. Andalusian/Lusitano: Guest Judges are permitted at Andalusian/Lusitano competitions. See GR1010.6

10. Arabian
   a. Breeding/gelding in-hand - Guest cards will only be granted to foreign breeding experts and/or those holding a Speciality Card with the Arabian Horse Association. A list of foreign experts will be maintained by the Federation Licensed Officials Department.
   b. Pleasure Driving - An ADS Pleasure Driving judge may officiate alone in Arabian Carriage Pleasure Driving classes at an Arabian competition. A Guest Card is required.
   c. Reining – Judges licensed by the National Reining Horse Association (NRHA) and/or the National Reined Cow Horse Association (NRCHA) and/or those holding a Speciality Card with the Arabian Horse Association may officiate in Reining.
   d. Trail - Experienced National Reining Horse Association (NRHA), National Reined Cow Horse Association (NRCHA) judges licensed in another breed (i.e. AQHA, APHA, APHC, etc.) and/or those holding a Speciality Card with the Arabian Horse Association are allowed a Guest Card. Guest Cards are not required for Trail Course Designers (see AR219).
   e. Working/Reined Cow Horse Classes - Experienced National Reining Horse Association (NRHA), National Reined Cow Horse Association (NRCHA) judges licensed in another breed (i.e. AQHA, APHA, APHC, etc.) and/or those holding a Speciality Card with the Arabian Horse Association are allowed a Guest Card.
   f. Ranch Riding - Experienced National Reining Horse Association (NRHA), National Reined Cow Horse Association (NRCHA), judges licensed by another breed organization (i.e. AQHA, APHA, APHC, etc.), and those holding a Speciality Card with the Arabian Horse Association may officiate in Ranch Riding classes.
   g. Sport Horse - Senior Equestrian Canada judges licensed in Dressage, Hunter or Jumper divisions may officiate with a guest card. See GR1004.4.

[...]

29. Saddle Seat Equitation:
   a. A Guest Judge may not officiate at any national or regional Equitation Finals. However, one Guest Judge is permitted on a multi judge panel.
   b. A Guest Judge may not officiate alone in any Federation Medal Class. Federation Arabian or Morgan licensed officials may officiate alone in the qualifying classes for the USEF Saddle Seat Medal and USEF Saddle Seat Adult Amateur Medal without a guest card.
   c. Any individual currently licensed by Equestrian Canada or the Riding Horse Judges Association of South Africa, as a Senior Saddle Seat Equitation judge shall automatically be eligible to officiate in the Saddle Seat division for the US Saddle Seat World Cup Trials, US Saddle Seat hosted Invitational, and the Saddle Seat World Cup Competition hosted in US, without either an application or the fee required for a Guest Saddle Seat
**GR1022 Jumper Course Designers**

1. A minimum of an ‘R’license is required to officiate alone in any competition with a Jumper Rating 2 or higher.
2. An ‘R’license is required to officiate alone for all classes offering $25,000 or more in prize money.
3. Any individual currently licensed by the FEI as a Level 2 or higher Course Designer for Show Jumping or by Equestrian Canada as a Senior Course Designer for Show Jumping shall automatically be eligible to officiate in the jumper division at Federation competitions without either an application or the fee required for a Special Jumper Course Designer Card. There is no limit on the number of times that such an individual may officiate.

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### Rule Change Intent

These changes are required in order to align Chapter 10 with recently executed agreement with Equestrian Canada.

### Linked Rules

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### Competition Management

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### Council - Intl Discipline

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| Draft 4: Recommends Approval 09/03/2019 | Draft 4: No Comments |
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### Council - Member Services

| Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 06/25/2019 | Draft 1: The Council recommends GR1004.4.b be reworded. As currently presented, the sentence is too long and is unclear. Language needs to more clearly indicate whether or not a Guest Card is required and if so, by whom. |
| Draft 2: No Action | Draft 2: No Comments |
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### Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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### National Hunter Committee

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GR1021 General [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 10-F CLASSIFICATIONS - COURSE DESIGNERS]

Course designers shall be licensed as Registered, Recorded or Special in the Hunter/Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation and Jumper Divisions; Senior, Registered, or Recorded or Certified in the Eventing Division; Registered or Recorded and in the Carriage Pleasure Driving Divisions; Registered, Apprentice or Guest in the Combined Driving Division.

GR1026 Eventing Course Designers

1. A Certified Eventing Cross Country Course Designer is required for Beginner Novice, Novice, and Training Horse Trials.
2. A minimum of a Recorded (‘r’) license is required to officiate at Preliminary Horse Trials, Modified Horse Trials, and National Three-Day Events.
3. A minimum of a Registered (‘R’) license is required to officiate at Intermediate Horse Trials.
4. A minimum of a Senior (‘S’) license is required to officiate at Advanced Horse Trials.
5. An individual recognized by the FEI or by another National Federation may serve as the Course Designer for a specific competition with the approval of the Federation Eventing Sport Committee.

See Chapter EV - Eventing EV175.1 for officiating eligibility for ‘S’, ‘R’ and ‘r’ Eventing Course Designers.

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

After evaluation of the license definitions within Chapter 10, staff realized the Eventing Certified, ‘r’, ‘R’ and ‘S’ course designer license types and restrictions are not listed. Addition of these definitions would provide clarity and uniformity amongst the other course designer licenses within Subchapter 10-F Classifications – Course Designers, and match the definitions listed within EV175.

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: course designers

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/20/2018 Draft 1: No Comments
Eventing
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/13/2018 Draft 1: No Comments
USEA
Draft 1: No Action Draft 1: No Comments
**Proposed Change**

**GR1034 Stewards and Technical Delegates** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 10-H REGULATIONS GOVERNING OFFICIALS]

GR1034 Stewards and Technical Delegates

1. The following are required responsibilities and duties of Stewards and Technical Delegates:

   a. Safeguard the welfare of the horse *against violations of the Federation’s Drugs and Medications rules, any of the Federation’s prohibited practices, and instances of abuse as defined in GR839.*

   b. Protect the interests of: competitors, judges and Competition Management.

1. **Competitors by ensuring a safe and fair competition environment by consistently applying the Rules of the Federation; and**

2. **Competition Management and judges by being available for rule interpretations and serving as a liaison between Licensed Officials, Competition Management, and the Federation.**

   c. When *they, a Steward or Technical Delegate* becomes aware of a potential violation of USEF Federation rules, without waiting for a protest, *he shall* investigate and notify the appropriate individual or official, and, if not rectified, issue a yellow warning card (GR1035), and/or file a charge (GR804). At the conclusion of the investigation, if a Steward or Technical Delegates determines a charge may not be appropriate, all information surrounding the potential violation must be included in the Report.

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**Rule Change Intent**

Stewards and Technical Delegates in the field have requested further clarification and direction as to the meaning of GR1034. This rule change is intended to provide guidance as to the meaning of safeguarding the welfare of the horse by including examples that may indicate abuse. Additionally, this rule change provides some information of how stewards and TDs are expected to ensure that the interests of competitors, other licensed officials, and competition management are protected. Finally, this rule change reminds stewards and TDs that all potential rule violations must be reported to the Federation, even if the event does not immediately warrant a charge, in the opinion of the Licensed Official.

**Linked Rules**  
| Web: steward and technical delegate responsibilities |

**Committee Actions**

**American Saddlebred**

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Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/08/2018
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: The committee agreed with the intent of the rule but feel that some of the points would be hard to determine; for example water consumption depends on each horse. Concern was also raised that this would be hard for the Stewards to enforce, that they cannot properly monitor these specific areas on top of their other responsibilities.
Draft 2: The committee's concerns from draft one are still relevant. The committee agreed with the intent of the rule but feel that some of the points would be hard to determine; for example water consumption depends on each horse. Concern was also raised that this would be hard for the Stewards to enforce, that they cannot properly monitor these specific areas on top of their other responsibilities. The committee also stated that this rule is now placing more responsibility on the Steward/TD to determine if a charge needs to be filed rather than reporting the issue and allowing USEF to make that decision which in that case would only make the Steward/TD a witness rather than the person filing the charge.
Draft 3: No Action

Breed/Disciplines

Carriage Pleasure Driving

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/12/2018
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Approves the concept but suggests changing "enjoyable" to "fair" in point 1 and committee would approve.

Competition Management

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/08/2018
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/14/2018
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Connemara

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Agree with the concept, but they are not able to guarantee an "enjoyable" experience. Would be inclined to approve if the "enjoyable" was changed to "fair".

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
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Council - Intl Discipline

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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Dressage

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/29/2018
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Good effort but needs more work and measurable content.
Draft 3: No Comments

Driving

Draft 1: No Action
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Endurance

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English Pleasure

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Eventing

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**Friesian**

**Hackney**

**Draft 1: No Action 10/31/2018**

**Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/06/2018**

**Draft 3: No Action**

Draft 1: Committee voted to abstain concerning action for this rule.
Draft 2: The committee is concerned that the officials (Stewards and Technical Delegates) would not receive sufficient support from Competition Management or USEF should violations come to a hearing.
Draft 3: No Comments

**Jumper**

**Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/13/2018**

**Draft 2: No Action**

**Draft 3: Recommends Approval 12/17/2018**

Draft 1: JSC would approve if the word "enjoyable" was replaced with "fair".
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

**Morgan**

**Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/25/2018**

**Draft 2: No Action**

**Draft 3: No Action**

Draft 1: Concern was raised that the verbiage "enjoyable", cannot be measured.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

**National Hunter Committee**

**National Show Horse**

**Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/02/2018**

**Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/10/2018**

**Draft 3: No Action**

Draft 1: Concern was raised verbiage such as “obviously lame” is subjective; the committee was in agreement with the intent of the rule change but recommend verbiage that is less opinion based.
Draft 2: Concern was raised that this draft still contains verbiage that is subjective; the committee was in agreement with the intent of the rule change but recommend verbiage that is less opinion based. Concern was also raised for the legal protection of the Steward/Technical Delegate if the accused were to take legal actions against them after a charge has been filed. It was also stated the subjective language would be hard to defend in court.
Draft 3: No Comments

**Paso Fino**

**Reining**

**Draft 1: No Action**

**Draft 2: No Action**

**Draft 3: No Action**

Draft 1: No Comments
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Draft 3: No Comments

**Roadster**

**Saddle Seat Eq**

**Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/13/2018**

**Draft 2: No Action**

**Draft 3: No Action**

Draft 1: Committee approves the intent of this proposed rule change but does not believe that officials would have significant support from USEF and competition management. The committee suggests replacing “enjoyable” with “fair” in point b.1.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

**Shetland**

**US Saddle Seat World Cup**

**Draft 1: No Action**

**Draft 2: No Action**

**Draft 3: No Action**

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

**USA Reining**

**USHJA**

**Draft 1: No Action**

**Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/13/2018**

**Draft 3: No Action**

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: o USHJA is in favor of protecting horse welfare and agrees with concept. In GR1034.1.a. would approve if GR839 was referenced instead of listing specific actions
Draft 3: No Comments
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Draft 1: The concept is good, but many of these features are not enforceable or measurable.

Draft 1: While approving this rule the committee is concerned that the Officials need support from Competition Management and the USEF for enforcement of this rule and that support may not be forthcoming.

Draft 1: Concern was raised with the term "enjoyable", this is subjective wording. All other aspects were agreed with.
**GR1039 Conflicts of Interest and Restrictions - Stewards and Technical Delegates** [CHAPTER 10-H Regulations Governing Officials]

1. The following persons at a given competition are ineligible to serve as stewards and technical delegates: the president, chairman, other Show Committee officers, competition secretary, manager or other competition officials or employees, judges or exhibitors at that competition.

6. Stewards and technical delegates are not to be used as a ringmaster, announcer, timer or Competition Staff, a Competition Official (Directors, Officers, Chairman of the Show Committee, Manager, Secretary, Judge, Veterinarian, and Course Designer), Judge or FEI Official, or in any other unpaid position not related to their proper duties at Licensed Competitions where they are officiating with the following exceptions:

   a. At a competition where more than one steward or technical delegate is officiating, and after a Steward or Technical Delegate has entirely completed his/her duties for the day at that Licensed Competition, he/she may serve officiate in another capacity as a Certified Schooling Supervisor if the Steward or Technical Delegate is licensed as a Certified Schooling Supervisor; including as a Judge in the Jumper Division. At no time may a competition have less than the requisite number of Stewards and Technical Delegates as required under GR1211 and other applicable rules.

   b. C2 Stewards who are also licensed as Dressage Technical Delegates may serve in both roles at Licensed Breed Competitions offering ‘breed restricted’ Dressage classes at Prix St. Georges or higher.

   c. Eventing and Driving Technical Delegates holding Federation and FEI Technical Delegate licensure may serve in both roles at dually licensed FEI/Federation Eventing and Driving Competitions.

   d. Federation Vaulting Technical Delegates and FEI Vaulting Stewards holding both licenses may serve in both roles at dually licensed FEI/Federation Vaulting Competitions.

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**Rule Change Intent**

As written, there is confusion over the language contained in GR1039.6.a as it related to the conclusion of a Steward/Technical Delegate's duties. Some officials believe that the completion of duties occurs daily at the tail end of a competition day, while other are under the impression that completion of duties can only occur at the end of a competition. This rule change is intended to clarify that the completion of duties occurs daily, at which point a Steward or Technical Delegate may assume a new role.

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**Potential Impact**

N/A

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**Linked Rules**

Web: conflicts of interest

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### Council - Admin & Finance

| Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/23/2018 | Draft 1: The Council was advised that Draft 2, to be considered by the Licensed Officials Committee on October 29th, will further change the language in 6.a. from "may serve in another capacity" to "may serve as a certified schooling supervisor." The Council recommended disapproval of Draft 1, but approval of the amended language to be put forward in Draft 2. |
| Draft 2: No Action | Draft 2: No Comments |
| Draft 3: No Action | Draft 3: No Comments |
| Draft 4: Recommends Approval 12/18/2018 | Draft 4: No Comments |
| Draft 5: No Action | Draft 5: No Comments |

### Council - Intl Discipline

| Draft 1: No Action | Draft 1: No Comments |
| Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 10/30/2018 | Draft 2: The Council considers this proposal to be a rule change and not a rule clarification. The Council also recommends that Technical Delegate be removed from this proposal as it does not apply. |
| Draft 3: No Action | Draft 3: No Comments |
| Draft 4: Recommends Approval 12/20/2018 | Draft 4: No Comments |
| Draft 5: Recommends Approval 01/29/2019 | Draft 5: No Comments |

### Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

| Draft 4: Recommends Disapproval 12/18/2018 | Draft 4: Concern was discussed that #6 would be detrimental to smaller shows which may use officials in different roles after they have completed their duties. |
| Draft 5: Recommends Approval 01/28/2019 | Draft 5: No Comments |

### Dressage

| Draft 3: Recommends Disapproval 11/29/2018 | Draft 3: The update under section 'A' is of concern for dressage. 'Dressage TD' needs to be removed under this section as we do not have CJSSs. |
| Draft 4: No Action | Draft 4: No Comments |
| Draft 5: No Action | Draft 5: No Comments |

### Jumper

| Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/22/2018 | Draft 1: Disapproving because this is not a clarification but an actual rule change that needs to go through the regular rule change process. |
| Draft 2: No Action | Draft 2: No Comments |
| Draft 3: No Action | Draft 3: No Comments |
| Draft 4: Recommends Approval 12/17/2018 | Draft 4: No Comments |
| Draft 5: No Action | Draft 5: No Comments |

### National Hunter Committee

| Draft 1: No Action | Draft 1: No Comments |
| Draft 2: No Action | Draft 2: No Comments |
| Draft 3: Recommends Approval 11/19/2018 | Draft 3: No Comments |
| Draft 4: Recommends Disapproval 12/17/2018 | Draft 4: We feel that the restrictions added in point 6 will be detrimental to smaller shows which often use stewards in other roles than Certified Schooling Supervisors such as office staff. We are in support of point a, however, as it will help some currently existing shows. |
| Draft 5: No Action | Draft 5: No Comments |
**GR1132 Tracking #349-17 Draft #5 Approved**

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**Proposed Change**

**GR1113.2.b. Credit** [CHAPTER 11-D HORSE OF THE YEAR AWARDS]

GR1113 Credit

1. No credit will be given for classes where judging specifications are not in accordance with the Federation rules. Points will not count towards Horse of the Year Award competitions and classes will not be counted for division or section ratings.

2. No credit will be given in classes if less than three entries have shown and placed. Exceptions:
   b. Hunter Classes, a minimum of three entries must have completed per (HU133) to receive full points and money won. **If a minimum of 3 entries compete (per HU133), but only two entries complete (per HU134), half points will be awarded for Zone and National Horse of the Year Awards. If a minimum of 3 entries compete (per HU133), but only two entries complete (per HU134), money won will count half for sections where classes may be entered individually. (Exception GR1113.2c)**
   c. At a National or Premier rated hunter/jumper competition where it is required that the division be held over two days, if there are less than three exhibitors the second day, Zone and National Horse of the Year points will still apply.
   d. Andalusian/Lusitano
   e. Friesians
   f. Carriage Pleasure Driving (GR1125)
   g. Hackney
   h. Jumper Classes, a minimum of three entries must have competed per JP135.13.
   i. Morgans
   j. American Saddlebreds
   k. Shetlands
   l. Arabians (Exception: Championship classes based only on scores or high point awards are not awarded points.)
   m. National Show Horse
   n. Roadsters
   o. Ladies Side Saddle Over Fences Class in the Hunter Division, see HU145.
   p. Driving Combined (GR1127).
   q. Western Dressage.
   r. Welsh.

3. Credit will be given for the first six (6) placings only, regardless of the number of ribbons offered. Exception: in the Connemara divisions where the first ten (10) place ribbons will receive points, Morgan and Hunter Breeding divisions where only the first four (4) place ribbons will receive points, and Hunter Divisions, where only the first eight (8) place ribbons will receive points in accordance with GR1131 when entries are 16 or higher. Ribbons must be awarded to 8th place in all hunter classes. Exception: in Bonus Point classes, Classics in the Hunter and Jumper divisions, National Show Horse Finals, Federation Zone Finals and jumper sections, Hunter Breeding Best Young Horse Class, Morgan In-hand Championship Classes. All model classes will receive 1/2 points. (Exception: Andalusian/Lusitano see GR1123; Arabian, see GR1124; Carriage Pleasure Driving see GR1125; Friesian see GR1129; National Show Horse see GR1135 and Western Dressage see GR1144.) BOD 1/16/16 Effective 12/1/16
Rule Change Intent

If the proposed rule change to HU133 is approved regarding the definition of compete, this rule change is proposed to reward competitors with half points if they experience the misfortune of divisions that don't fill due to other exhibitors failing to complete the course.

Draft 5: effective date changed to 12/1/19 to allow developers adequate time to make appropriate modifications to their competition management software in order to comply with the new rule.

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Draft 3: No new drafts of this proposed rule change have been received. The Council therefore recommends that the Board refer this to the Mid-Year Board Meeting.

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GR1123 Andalusian/Lusitano Division [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 11-F AWARD SECTIONS]

GR1123 Andalusian/Lusitano Division

1. Eligibility. See GR1110.

2. Point Tabulation. See Rules GR1113-GR1119.
   a. Full points will be awarded to Andalusian/Lusitano classes conducted at Federation Licensed competitions.
   b. Half points will be given in the following classes: Maiden horse, Novice horse, Limit horse, and Green horse.
   c. At Federation Licensed Regional level competitions, class entries will receive double points.
   d. At Federation Licensed National level competitions, class entries will receive triple points.
   e. Classes that are restricted to Maiden, Novice, Limit or Green riders/drivers are not counted.
   f. Combined Pure Andalusian and Half-Andalusian classes do not receive points, with the following exceptions: Junior Equitation, Showmanship, Western Trail, Western Riding, Doma Vaquera, Reining, Dressage, and Working Equitation Fantasy Costume.

Proponent Details

Andalusian/Lusitano

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Rule Change Intent

Under GR1123.2.f it does not list Fantasy Costume as an exception to combined Pure Andalusian and Half-Andalusian classes to receive points. In the Andalusian/Lusitano section of the rulebook under AL101.2, Pure and Half-Andalians may compete together in Fantasy Costume. The committee would like to add Fantasy Costume to the Andalusian/Lusitano Awards Sections (GR1123) to be consistent with the breed rules and allow points. The committee would also like to remove Working Equitation from GR1123 as it was missed when removing the Working Equitation section from the Andalusian/Lusitano rules in 2017.

Potential Impact

None

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: fantasy costume

Committee Actions

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Draft 1: No Comments
**Proposed Change**

**GR1123 Andalusian/Lusitano Division [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 11-F AWARD SECTIONS]**

GR1123 Andalusian/Lusitano Division

6. Award Categories. National and Regional awards will be awarded in the following categories:

a. Andalusian/Lusitano Halter: Classes to count include stallions, mares, geldings, and Dressage Sport Horse In-Hand.

b. Half Andalusian/Lusitano Halter: Classes to count include stallions, mares, geldings, and Dressage Sport Horse In-Hand.

c. Andalusian/Lusitano English Pleasure (Open, Amateur, Junior Horse): Classes to count include Formal Saddle, Saddle Seat, Country, Hunt Seat, Pro-Am for Open award, and Vintage Rider-for Amateur award)

d. Half Andalusian/Lusitano English Pleasure (Open, Amateur, Junior Horse): Classes to count include Formal Saddle, Saddle Seat, Country, Hunt Seat, Pro-Am for Open award, and Vintage Rider-for Amateur award)

e. Andalusian/Lusitano Western Pleasure (Open, Amateur, Junior Horse): Classes to count include Western Pleasure, Pro-Am for Open award, and Vintage Rider-for Amateur award)

f. Half Andalusian/Lusitano Western Pleasure (Open, Amateur, Junior Horse): Classes to count include Western Pleasure, Pro-Am for Open award, and Vintage Rider for Amateur award)

g. Andalusian/Lusitano or Half/Andalusian/Lusitano Working Western (One Award Category): Classes to include Trail, Reining, and Western Riding.

h. Andalusian/Lusitano Driving: Classes to count include Country Pleasure Driving, Show Pleasure Driving, Pleasure Driving, Formal Driving, and Traditional Type Carriage Driving.

i. Half Andalusian/Lusitano Driving: Classes to count include Country Pleasure Driving, Show Pleasure Driving, Pleasure Driving, Formal Driving, and Traditional Type Carriage Driving.

j. Andalusian/Lusitano Specialty (One Award Category): Classes to count include English Show Hack, Versatility English to Western, Versatility Driving to English, Native Tack & Attire, Heritage Tack & Attire, Fantasy Costume, Doma Vaquera, Best Movement, Dressage, Dressage Suitability, and Dressage Hack.

k. Half Andalusian/Lusitano Specialty (One Award Category): Classes to count include English Show Hack, Versatility English to Western, Versatility Driving to English, Native Tack & Attire, Heritage Tack & Attire Costume, Fantasy Costume, Doma Vaquera, Best Movement, Dressage, Dressage Suitability, and Dressage Hack.

### Proponent Details

**Andalusian/Lusitano**

### Contact Information

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### Rule Change Intent

Under the Andalusian/Lusitano rules, Native Tack & Attire and Heritage Tack & Attire sections are not offered for Half-Andalusian; however, it is listed under the Half Andalusian/Lusitano Specialty award category to receive points. This was a mistake when the specialty awards categories were initially entered into the rulebook. Costume should replace Native Tack & Heritage Tack & Attire considering Half-Andalusian Costume is the correct section for the Half-Andalusian Specialty award and it references the appointments for either Native or Heritage attire.

### Potential Impact

None

### Linked Rules

Web: andalusian/lusitano - costume

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GR1124 ARABIAN AND HALF/ANGOLO ARABIAN DIVISIONS [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 11-F AWARD SECTIONS ]

GR1124 Arabian and Half/Anglo Arabian Divisions (GR11-F Award Sections)

6. Award Categories. National and Regional awards will be awarded in the following categories:

- English Pleasure/Pleasure Driving—Open, Adult Amateur, Junior Exhibitor;
- Country English Pleasure/Country Pleasure Driving—Open, Adult Amateur, Junior Exhibitor;
- Hunter Pleasure—Open, Adult Amateur, Junior Exhibitor;
- Western Pleasure—Open, Adult Amateur, Junior Exhibitor;
- Working Western Horse—including Trail, In-Hand Trail, Reining, Working Cowhorse, Cutting and Western Riding, Ranch Horse Riding, one award category;
- Hunter—Regular Working (includes Regular Working Hunter Open/Handy/Stake/Under Saddle and Modified Working Under Saddle/Over Fences);
- Green Working (includes all Green classes); Hunter Specialty (includes Hunter Specialty is one award category based on total number of points from all ATR/UTR, AOTR/JOTR, AATR/AAOTR classes including Horses 14.2 Hands & Under & Working Hunter 2’ section classes, Horses 14.2 Hands & Under Open, and Working Hunter 2’ Open);
- Specialty Horse—including Park, English Show Hack, Ladies Side Saddle, Native Costume, Hunter Hack, Formal Combination, Informal Combination, Formal Driving, Roadster, English Trail, Versatility, Gymkhana, Carriage Pleasure Driving, Western Dressage, and Jumper, one award category;
- Breeding/In-Hand—includes Stallions, Mares, Geldings for Arabians and Mares and Geldings for Half/Anglo Arabians, one award category;
- Dressage—Open: Training Level; First Level; Second Level, Third Level, Fourth Level and FEI combined Level Amateur: Training Level; First Level; Second Level; Third Level, Fourth Level, and FEI combined Level

Sport Horse - Sport Horse In-Hand, Sport Horse Under Saddle and Sport Horse Show Hack are combined.

Rule Change Intent

Due to confusion for which award category specific classes should be categorized as, it has been proposed that Regular Working, Green Working, and Hunter Specialty award categories be more thoroughly explained in Chapter 11. The expansion of what these three award categories contain will clarify the confusion of where certain classes will be counted; in the past, classes like Modified Working Hunter Over Fences Open and 14.2 & Under Hunter Green have been counted in different sections from one year to the next. This clarification will solidify where these classes count in future years.

Linked Rules

Web: award categories

Comments

Committee Actions

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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Draft 1: The council would approve this change if the language recommended by AHA and approved by the Arabian Committee is added at the end of the hunter section in the currently proposed language "Exception: Cross Rail classes do not count for award points;"
GR1126 Connemara [CHAPTER Subchapter 11-F]

5. Special Awards

a. McKenna Trophy: awarded to the highest ranking purebred or halfbred Connemara in Preliminary Modified through Advanced levels at Federation Eventing Competitions.

Rule Change Intent

The intent of this rule clarification is to include the newly implemented, and currently running "Modified" eventing division into the USEF Connemara Awards. A clarification is needed because the Modified Level falls between Training level and Prelim. It was created for the Training Level horse with the intent of progressing to the FEI CCI1* and Preliminary level. Therefore this division would not qualify for the McKenna Trophy, but the committee would still like those horses recognized in the eventing awards. The intent of this rule does not change with this clarification, it simply allows credit for the new section recently developed and implemented by USEA.
GR1128 English Pleasure [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 11-F AWARD SECTIONS]

GR1128 English Pleasure

3. Points for all eligible classes will be awarded according to the following chart as follows:

a. Points for all eligible classes at Local competitions will be awarded 1/2 value.

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Contact Information
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Rule Change Intent

The purpose of this rule change is to simplify the requirements for the English Pleasure division and make it more attractive to both exhibitors and competitions. By removing this chart it will not put a restriction on how many classes a competition may offer and simplify the tabulation for the year end awards. This rule is linked to 237-18.

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1. Eligibility: See GR 1110.

2. Point Tabulation: See GR 1113-1119.

   a. Full points will be awarded to all Western Dressage classes conducted at USEF licensed competitions, as well as Breed restricted competitions and competitions holding open Western Dressage classes. Points in all classes will be awarded as follows. They are awarded on the scores of rides versus placings. Scores are achieved through a horse and rider combination, (unit).

   b. Points in all classes will be awarded as follows: They are awarded on the scores of rides versus placings. Scores are achieved through a horse and rider combination, (unit).

3. Award Categories:

   1. Open:
      
      * Intro Tests (1-4)
      * Basic Tests (1-4)
      * Level 1 Tests (1-4)
      * Level 2 Tests (1-4)
      * Level 3 Tests (1-4)
      * Level 4 Tests (1-4)

      * Western Dressage Suitability
      * Western Dressage Hack
      * Western Dressage Seat Horsemanship
      * Western Dressage Seat on the rail

   2. Amateur:
      
      * Intro Tests (1-4)
      * Basic Tests (1-4)
      * Level 1 Tests (1-4)
      * Level 2 Tests (1-4)
      * Level 3 Tests (1-4)
      * Level 4 Tests (1-4)

      * Western Dressage Suitability
      * Western Dressage Hack
      * Western Dressage Seat Horsemanship
      * Western Dressage Seat on the rail
3. **Junior:**

- Intro Tests (1-4)
- Basic Tests (1-4)
- Level 1 Tests (1-4)
- Level 2 Tests (1-4)
- Level 3 Tests (1-4)
- Level 4 Tests (1-4)

  - **Western Dressage Suitability**
  - **Western Dressage Hack**
  - **Western Dressage Seat Horsemanship**
  - **Western Dressage Seat on the rail**

4. **Western Dressage Rail Classes:** To include points earned in all Western Dressage Suitability, Hack and Equitation classes including open, amateur and junior exhibitor.

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**Rule Change Intent**

The WDAA feels that having separate HOTY award categories for open, amateur and juniors will be an incentive for individuals to attend USEF shows and record their horses with USEF. WDAA is communicating with their members about the USEF HOTY award program with the hopes it results in more USEF memberships and more participation at USEF competitions.

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**Proposed Change**

**GR1214 Results [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 12-D DUTIES CONCERNING COMPETITION RECORDS]**

GR1214 Results

1. All competition results and other data as specified by USEF in the license agreement **must** be electronically transmitted to USEF within 10 days following a Licensed competition including all corrections, changes, and additions to the prize list. All results must meet the criteria and format of the Federation result template **with all required fields** as published by USEF and must be submitted as outlined in the license agreement. A fee **will** may be assessed for any required data not received electronically. Full results include but are not limited to the names and Federation numbers of all horses, riders, and owners in all classes, the number of entries, all placings, and money paid out. In the event of an entry under multiple ownership, only one owner need be a Member or pay a Show Pass fee. The competition is responsible for listing either the active member or the person that paid the Show Pass fee in the results. (Exception GR901.9).

   1. **Hunter, Jumper and Equitation**
      1. **Exe Results for all non-breed competitions restricted to Hunter, Jumper, and Equitation** Classes over fences offering $500 or more in prize money (including add back) the competition must submit the following in addition to the above: the number of horses competing in the class, the level under which the class was conducted, also include the fence height for each exhibitor, the identification/recording number for each horse in the class, and the placings with the money paid out to each placed entry.
      2. For Young Jumper classes the first round fault scores for each entry must also be included.
      3. **For classes with $25,000 or more in prize money a copy of the starting order (showing the rider) and judges card(s) are required**.
      4. At Jumper Rating 4 or higher competitions, results must include faults of each round in jumper classes held at 1.40m or above.
      5. Results must include faults from each round of Pony Jumper classes.
      6. Results in Hunter Competitions in over fences classes must record the following information, if applicable: (i) Did Not Compete and (ii) Did Not Place. See HU132.9.

   2. **Dressage**
      1. Results for Dressage Competitions and Regular or Local competitions holding open Dressage or Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes must include the Federation and USDF membership and identification/recording numbers for all owners, riders, handlers and horses for whom this information is required for the competition. This material is needed in order to include the winnings of exhibitors in the Federation’s permanent records.

2. The secretary of each Federation Licensed Competition must, within 10 calendar days of the competition, send to the Federation, either electronically or by mail with proof of delivery, a list of judges, stewards, technical delegates and competition officials, as well as **full results with all required fields**, the names and addresses of all ribbon winners, the amount of money won if applicable, and number of entries in the Federation Medal classes and USEF/USDF dressage qualifying and championship classes, the first place winners of all other Equitation classes.

3. Competitions offering Medal classes must make a complete report to the Federation in order that Federation memberships can be checked and credit given winners. Names and addresses of all ribbon winners and the numbers of entries in a class must be included.

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USEF Officers

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As currently written, GR1214 is causing confusion among the USEF Membership. This rule change is submitted in an effort to reorganize the layout of the rule so as to minimize the redundancy of the paragraph. Additionally, this rule change will add the requirement of reporting fence heights for each exhibitor for all non-breed restricted Hunter, Jumper, and Equitation classes.

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GR1214 Results [CHAPTER 12-D DUTIES CONCERNING COMPETITION RECORDS]

1. All competition results and other data as specified by USEF in the license agreement may be electronically transmitted to USEF within 10 days following a Licensed competition including all corrections, changes and additions to the prize list. All results must meet the criteria and format of the Federation result template as published by USEF and must be submitted as outlined in the license agreement. A fee may be assessed for any required data not received electronically. Full results are defined as the names and Federation numbers of all horses, riders and owners in all classes. In the event of an entry under multiple ownership, only one owner need be a Member or pay a Show Pass fee. The competition is responsible for listing either the active member or the person that paid the Show Pass fee in the results. (Exception GR901.9). For all Jumper Classes offering $500 or more in prize money (including add back) the competition must submit the following in addition to the above: the number of horses competing in the class, the Level under which the class was conducted, the identification/recording number for each horse in the class, and the placings with the money paid out to each placed entry. For Young Jumper classes the first round fault scores for each entry must also be included. For classes with $25,000 or more in prize money a copy of the starting order (showing the rider) and judges card(s) are required. At Jumper Rating 4 or higher competitions, Results must include faults of each round in jumper classes held at 1.30m 1.40s or above and in all Junior Jumper classes. Results must include faults from each round of Pony Jumper classes. Results for Dressage Competitions and Regular or Local competitions holding open Dressage or Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes must include the Federation and USDF membership and identification/recording numbers for all owners, riders, handlers and horses for whom this information is required for the competition. This material is needed in order to include the winnings of exhibitors in the Federation’s permanent records.

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Web: results - jumper faults
Proposed Change

AL103 Shoeing [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER AL-1 GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS]

AL103 Shoeing

2. Maximum length of toe is 4 3/4 5". The hoof should be in proportion to the horse.

3. In under saddle or driving performance classes, the use of a single therapeutic pad per hoof with a maximum thickness of 1/8" is allowed as long as the overall length of the toe measurement (see GR510) does not exceed the maximum toe length of 4 3/4 5". Acceptable pads of 1/8" thickness include full pads and rim pads. Wedge pads may be no greater than 1/4" thick at its maximum thickness. Full pads must be made of clear plastic or leather, and if the frog and sole of the hoof is covered, the pad must be made of clear plastic. Leather pads are not permitted. The introduction of a foreign material within the pad, between the pad and shoe, or between the pad and hoof designed to add additional weight or enhance action is strictly prohibited. Material with anti-concussive qualities such as rubber, oakum, pine tar, silicone, foam rubber, latex, etc. may be used between the pad and hoof for additional support. Pads are not permitted in halter classes or best movement classes.

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Rule Change Intent

The Andalusian/Lusitano breed is seeing an increase in height of the horses competing, some of which reaching 17 hands. Therefore, the committee would like to increase the maximum toe length to accommodate these horses while emphasizing the toe length remain proportionate to the horse. The current shoeing rules require pads be made of plastic; however, many horses are more comfortable in leather pads as it is a good anti-concussive material. Leather pads have also been requested by farriers and exhibitors to allow in the Andalusian/Lusitano division.

Potential Impact

None

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: shoeing

Committee Actions

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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AL240 Patterns [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER AL-43 DOMA VAQUERA-OPEN TO PUREBRED AND HALF-ANDALUSIAN HORSES]

AL240 Patterns

B. LEVEL II - INTERMEDIO - DESCRIPTION OF PATTERN
Figure 5: Working canter from R to F, A and X. After X, canter half pass right to arena rail, between R and M make a flying lead change and continue canter around rail to H. After H, canter half pass left to centerline of arena and continue canter to X.
Figure 6: At X, canter a 9m circle to the left. At X, make a flying lead change change lead and canter a 9m circle to the right. At X, make a flying lead change and canter towards A.
Figure 7: After X, on arena center line, rollback left 180°. Between X and G make a flying lead change. Canter to G, and rollback right 180°. Continue canter to X and then to F.

C. LEVEL III - ALTA - DESCRIPTION OF PATTERN
Figure 6: At B, begin working canter to F, A, and X. At X, start canter half pass right to arena rail, between R and M make a flying lead change, and continue canter around arena to H. After H, canter half pass to X.
Figure 7: At X, make a flying lead change. Canter on arena centerline between X and A, rollback right 180°. At X, make a flying lead change. Between I and G, rollback left 180°. Continue canter to X, rollback right and center to I. At I, rollback left and center to X. At X, make a 9m circle to the left. At X, make a flying lead change Change leads and make a 9m circle to the right.

*Insert corrected Level III - Figure 7*
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AR106 Shoeing Regulations, Artificial Markings, and Appliances [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER AR-1 GENERAL SECTION]

AR106 Shoeing Regulations, Artificial Markings and Appliances (AR-1 General Section)

10. Any change of color or markings other than mane, tail or hoof is prohibited. Competitors may not change the color or markings of the horse's hide and leg/body hair. Only clear grooming materials are allowed on the hide and leg/body hair. Materials may be used to remove stains.

   a. The use of glitter on or in the mane, tail, hair or hooves is prohibited.
   b. Breeding/In-Hand competitors may not change the natural color of the mane, tail or hoof. Only clear or transparent products may be used on the hooves of horses while being shown in Breeding/In-Hand classes. No product shall be applied to a horse's hoof to hide or conceal a conformation defect.
   c. Mane, Tail and Hoof color may be changed with color products for any class except Breeding/In-Hand classes.
   d. Entries in Showmanship and Performance Halter classes may use hoof "polish" that is not clear.

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### Rule Change Intent

There has been confusion that in point "c", Breeding/In-Hand classes is speaking about Breeding classes as well as all in-hand classes including Performance Halter, this is incorrect. Performance Halter does not fall under this rule. This addition of language to point "d" will help to clarify that Performance Halter classes are permitted to use hoof polish that is not clear.

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Proposed Change

AR118 Breeding/Geldings In-Hand Championships [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER AR-2 PUREBRED ARABIAN BREEDING/GELDING IN-HAND SECTION]

1. Show Champions and Reserve Champions shall be at least one year of age or older and are selected as follows.

   In a Breeding/In-Hand section of the Arabian Division, the Junior, Senior or Show (Grand) Championship will be awarded to one of the horses which has placed first in a qualifying class. Qualifying classes for championships must be designated in the prize list. After the Championship has been awarded, the horse which has placed second in the qualifying class to the horse awarded the Championship shall compete with the remaining first place winners for the Reserve Championship. If a Show (Grand) Championship class is held, the Senior Champion and the Reserve Senior Champion as well as the Junior Champion and the Reserve Junior

   1. Halter/Breeding Championship and Reserve Championship horse shall be at least one year of age or older.

   2. Qualifying classes leading to a Halter/Breeding Championship class must be designated in the prize list.

   3. Eligible first and second place horses may compete in the designated Halter/Breeding Championship class.

   4. The Championship title shall be awarded to an eligible first place horse.

   5. The second place horse to the named champion may compete with the balance of first place horses for the Reserve Championship title.

2. 6. Walking horses quietly on the rail is optional at the judge’s discretion.

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

A large number of questions are received each year regarding the Arabian Breeding/Gelding In-Hand section rules. These rules are complex and are difficult to interpret by members, exhibitors, trainers and stewards. The desire is to make the rules straightforward in order for them to be interpreted by the entire Arabian community.

Linked Rules

Web: breeding/geldings in-hand

Comments

Committee Actions

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AR125 General Performance Classes

Number 1-3

4. In the line up, horses must stand quietly and may be asked to back, individually or as a group, returning to the line up at a walk with no additional testing. In driving classes requiring a reinback in the line up, the overcheck may be adjusted by the header but must remain fastened until the reinback has been completed.

SUBCHAPTER AR-10 WESTERN PLEASURE SECTION

AR145 Qualifying Gaits

The good Western pleasure horse has a comfortable free flowing stride of reasonable length in keeping with the individual’s conformation. It should cover a reasonable amount of ground with little effort. Ideally, the horse should have a balanced, sweeping motion that requires no more than light contact by the rider. The head and neck serve as a balance arm and are carried in a relaxed, natural position appropriate for each individual’s own conformation. Maximum credit should be given to the responsive, confident, willingly guided horse that performs all the required gaits correctly with strength and finesse. The horse should be balanced in all aspects; conformation, gait and disposition. Such a horse is an athlete that goes softly and gives the appearance of being fit and capable of the tasks. Ultimately, the horse is very eye appealing and gives the impression of being a pleasure to ride. Light contact should be measured by a horse’s response to the rider’s hands, seat and legs and not merely by the tension in the reins. However, an excessively draped rein is just as undesirable as extremely tight rein. Subtle cues are desirable, while an absence of cues is not. The individual that willingly and quietly responds to subtle cues by the rider is performing with light contact.

For performance criteria, see Western Pleasure Chart.

1. Walk, a four-beat gait: True, flat footed and ground covering.
2. Jog-Trot, a two-beat gait: Free, square, slow and easy.
3. Lope, a true three-beat gait: Smooth, slow, easy and straight on both leads.
4. Hand Gallop: A real hand gallop, not merely an extended lope, extreme speed to be penalized. There should be a distinct difference between the lope and the hand gallop.
5. Back: In the lineup, horses may be asked to back in a straight line with no additional testing, returning to the lineup at a walk. Horses may be asked to back on the rail.

AR146 Western Pleasure Class Specifications

1. OPEN. To be shown at a walk, jog-trot, lope and hand gallop. Extreme speed to be penalized. To be judged on manners, performance, substance, quality, conformation and attitude. In the lineup, horses may be asked to back in a straight line with no additional testing, returning to the lineup at a walk. Horses shall not be asked to back on the rail.
2. AMATEUR. To be shown at a walk, jog-trot and lope. To be judged on manners, performance, suitability of horse to rider, substance, quality, conformation and attitude. In the lineup, horses may be asked to back in a straight line with no additional testing, returning to the lineup at a walk. Horses shall not be asked to back on the rail.
3. LADIES, GENTLEMEN. To be shown at a walk, jog-trot and lope. To be judged on manners, performance, suitability of horse to rider, substance, quality, conformation and attitude. In the lineup, horses may be asked to back in a straight line with no additional testing, returning to the lineup at a walk. Horses shall not be asked to back on the rail.
4. JUNIOR HORSE. To be shown at a walk, jog-trot and lope. To be judged on substance, quality, performance, manners and attitude. In the lineup, horses may be asked to back in a straight line with no additional testing, returning to the lineup at a walk. Horses shall not be asked to back on the rail.
Rule Change Intent

To define "backing" in Western Pleasure and make clear that no additional testing can be called. Language regarding "backing" does not currently exist in the Western Pleasure rules or class specifications.

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AR171 Jumper Class Specifications [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER AR-15 JUMPER SECTION]

All classes must be set as per JP122.1.a. For a conversion chart to the equivalent in English Units, refer to JP122.2. Changing the level of difficulty from that published in the premium/prize list/omnibus must be done in accordance with JP122.6

1. OPEN. Classes may be offered at the following heights: 0.8M, 0.9M, 1.0M, and 1.1M. Spreads as per JP122.3.

2. AMATEUR, AMATEUR OWNER. Classes may be offered at 0.8M, 0.9M, 1.0M, and 1.1M. Spreads as per JP122.3

3. NOVICE, SELECT (See AR110. Fence height does not affect Novice and Select status). Classes may be offered at 0.7M, 0.8M, and 0.9M. Spreads not to exceed the width of the height of the fences. The competition premium/prize list/omnibus must indicate the fence height.

Rule Change Intent

There has been ambiguity as to what defines a Novice Jumper in Subchapter AR-15 Jumper Section. This change clarifies the Novice Jumper class specifications as they do not specifically reference the USEF definition of Novice outlined in AR110, as to have not won more than three blue ribbons in the jumper section. This also clearly states that fence height is not a factor in determining Novice status.

Linked Rules

Web: jumper class specifications

Committee Actions

Arabian
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Since USEF and Equestrian (EC) signed into a new agreement in April, there is confusion amongst licensed officials and competition managers regarding the guest card rules for EC officials. The language within the rulebook is contradictory to the agreement as EC officials must now apply for Guest Cards.

AR174 PURPOSE [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER AR-17 SPORT HORSE SECTION]

AR174 Purpose [AR-17 Sport Horse Section]

The Sport Horse section was developed to evaluate and encourage the breeding of Purebred Arabian and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian horses suitable for Dressage, Working Hunter, Eventing, Jumper, Carriage Pleasure Driving, Combined Driving, Racing, Competitive Trail and Endurance, and to provide an opportunity to demonstrate the effectiveness of breeding programs. Form to function will be emphasized. Sport Horse classes in the Arabian, Half-Arabian and Anglo-Arabian Division are to be judged by Federation/Equine Canada judges licensed in Dressage, Sport Horse Breeding, Hunter Breeding, Dressage, Hunter or Jumper divisions; no guest card will be required. Please see GR1004.4 for Sport Horse judging and guest card requirements.

DR126.1.d.(exception Arabian Sport Horse Classes). In the event that a Competition Management intends to schedule a Dressage Judge outside of the limitations of DR126.1.d.1-2, it must be specifically noted in the contract. Management must also specify in the contract which classes the Dressage judge is contracted to judge, i.e. Dressage and/or Sport Horse. Management and the Dressage judge must agree upon the contract provisions, to eligible overtime and compensation; both Management and the Dressage judge must sign and date the contract.

MO165.2 AMHA Medal Class Rules (MO-12 Morgan Equitation)
2. AMHA Silver Medal Classes must be officiated by a judge who is licensed recognized (large "R" or small "r") by The Federation or a Senior Equestrian Equestrian Canada official in either the Morgan Division or in the equitation seat being performed. Senior Equestrian Canada Officials must apply for a guest card.

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Rule Change Intent
This proposal is linked to tracking #044-19 which updates the language of GR1004.4, necessary to reflect USEF’s agreement with Equestrian Canada. The change for the Morgan chapter is also necessary to align the guest card requirements for the AMHA Medal Class with USEF’s agreement with Equestrian Canada.

Linked Rules
GR 1004 (044-19)

Comments
Web: sport horse section

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AR184 Sport Horse Showmanship  [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER AR-17 SPORT HORSE SECTION]

AR184 Sport Horse Showmanship

1. Purpose

To be judged on presentation of horse, neatness and appearance of handler, overall condition of the horse, handling techniques, appropriate tack and equipment, and ability to show the horse to the best advantage.

2. General

a. Classes may be divided by age of handler.

b. Unsoundness of the horse being shown shall not penalize a handler unless it is sufficiently severe as to impair the required performance, in which case penalty is at the judge’s discretion.

c. Offering prize money in Youth Sport Horse Showmanship is prohibited.

d. A minimum of six ribbons should be awarded, but no more than ten places are recommended.

e. Hair must be neat and securely fastened so as not to cover the handler’s number.

f. The handler’s number must be worn on the back and must be clearly visible. Number may be attached by string around waist or attached to shirt, jacket, or vest with magnets or safety pins.

g. Excessive coaching or unauthorized assistance in any manner is subject to penalty or disqualification at the judge’s discretion.

h. If stallions are prohibited, it must be stated in the premium/prize list/omnibus.

3. Appointments - Exhibitors tack and attire must match their specified discipline and are not to be mixed. Refer to USEF/EC, DR, and HU rules.

a. Tack (see AR179)

b. Attire: Refer to AR179.3, DR, and HU rules.

1. The handler may carry only one whip, maximum length of six feet (6’), including lash and without attachments (i.e. plastic bags, ribbons, etc.)

4. Class Conduct

a. The AHA Individual Sport Horse Showmanship Score Sheet shall be used. Each judge will be assigned a scribe who will record scores and comments as dictated by the judge. Horses will be shown individually on the triangle. The AHA score sheets will be provided to competition management by AHA. Competition Management may make as many individual copies as necessary for their competition.

b. Following a posted or announced order, or on request from the judge, entries in each class will approach the judging area one at a time, and walk to the apex of the triangle. The presentation judging while the horse is stationary may take place before or after performance on the triangle; the handler must wait for the judge’s instructions before proceeding on the triangle. The handler will lead the horse on the perimeter of the triangle at the walk and trot, returning to the apex and wait for further instructions. At the completion of the judging, the handler will lead the horse away from the judging area. The triangle may be adjusted to fit local conditions.

c. The horse is to be shown in an “open position.” The traditional way of showing open position would be with the right front leg slightly back and the right hind leg slightly forward; but as long as also acceptable all four legs of the horse are visible to the judge when standing on either side of the horse, the stance would be acceptable. The horse’s head and neck should be allowed to show in a natural and comfortable carriage, and the handler should stand away from the horse with a loose lead line. Handlers may use treats to keep horse’s attention and focus.

d. Judge must excuse from the ring any unruly horse or one whose actions threaten to endanger other exhibitors or their entries.

e. A whip may be used to guide the horse.

f. Decimals may be used in scoring.

g. Tied scores for Sport Horse Showmanship shall be broken first by referring to presentation and handling score, then movement scores (walk and trot...
presentation). If still tied, the tie will be broken at the judge’s discretion.

\[4. \text{For appointments, see AR179}\]

5. **Showmanship Faults/Eliminations**

a. Not following the judge’s instructions.

b. Handlers not showing the horse, but just showing themselves.

c. Not lining up in front of the judge when walking and trotting.

d. Standing in a position to obstruct the judge’s view of the horse. **Handler should not stand directly in front of the horse.**

e. Excessive use of the whip, or actions that may disturb others entries.

f. Not holding the shank lead/reins safely; correctly or jerking the shank excessively, excessive shanking.

g. Improper attire or attire not clean and neat.

h. Horse in poor condition, not clean or improperly groomed.

i. Improperly fitting tack or tack that is not clean

6. **Showmanship eliminations**

j. a. Number not worn or improperly displayed.

k. b. Any handler not having his horse under sufficient control must be dismissed from the ring by the judge and be eliminated.

c. **Intentional contact with whip to horse.**

d. **Illegal equipment (i.e. Kimberwicks) prohibited**

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**Rule Change Intent**

This rule change will define the various styles of attire which are permitted when competing in Sport Horse Showmanship. These changes address what constitutes the attire for Sport Horse, Dressage, and Hunter styles. In addition, rules have been added which address areas which were lacking, such as how exhibitor numbers are to be worn. Areas of safety have also been addressed for both the handler and the judge.
AR222 Trail Horse - General [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER AR-27 WESTERN OR ENGLISH TRAIL HORSE SECTION]

SUBCHAPTER AR-28 WESTERN OR ENGLISH TRAIL HORSE SECTION

AR222 Trail Horse In-Hand - General

1. Trail classes may be offered for Western or English, but the two styles are not to be combined into one class at any time as there are distinct differences.

2. A trail horse is one that can maneuver through a course of obstacles with physical skill, expression and a good mental attitude. It should travel through and between obstacles with an inquisitive desire to go forward without compromising its calm, relaxed attitude and way of going. It should approach each obstacle squarely with authority and correct form, with its own style, yet maintaining its willingness to be dictated to completely by the rider/handler with no apparent resistance. Maximum credit should be given to the trail horse that negotiates its way through an entire course efficiently, in a timely manner, without excessive hesitation, with curiosity, expression, smoothness and style; in a manner that raises the degree of difficulty without sacrificing carefulness, control, and/or attitude. Ultimately, the trail horse is skillful, eye appealing, confident, and leaves one with the impression of being sure, safe and a pleasure to ride over a course of obstacles.

3. All entered exhibitors will be allowed to walk and inspect the course with the judge and with the course designer, if present, prior to the start of the class. In amateur and junior exhibitor classes, exhibitors may be accompanied by their trainer.

4. 3. No time outs will be allowed.

5. 4. The order of go to be drawn. See AR207.

6. There is no rail work. The course must be designed to require each horse to show all three (3) gaits (walk, jog/trot at least thirty (30) feet, lope/canter right and left lead) somewhere between and/or over obstacles as part of its work, and quality of movement and cadence should be considered as part of the obstacle score. Unnecessary delays while approaching or negotiating an obstacle shall be penalized.

7. If at any time the trail obstacle is found to be unsafe, it must be repaired or removed from the course. If it can not be repaired and horses have completed the course, the score for that obstacle shall be deducted. No horse shall be asked to repeat the course, except in the case of a tie.

8. The course must be posted at least twelve (12) hours before the scheduled starting time for the class. Exception: one (1) hour at AHA One Day Shows and twenty-four (24) hours at Regional and National Championship Shows.

9. There shall be a minimum of six (6) obstacles and a maximum of ten (10) obstacles on any course. (Exception: National Championship classes have no maximum number of obstacles).

10. The judge may alter the course prior to the course walk.

11. ASTM Helmets are required for all English Trail classes.

9. Trail Horse - Under Saddle

a. Trail classes may be offered for Western or English, but the two styles are not to be combined into one class at any time as there are distinct differences.

b. There is no rail work. The course must be designed to require each horse to show all three (3) gaits, (walk, jog/trot at least thirty (30) feet, lope/canter right and left lead) somewhere between and/or over obstacles as part of its work, and quality of movement and cadence should be considered as part of the obstacle score. Unnecessary delays while approaching or negotiating an obstacle shall be penalized.

c. ASTM Helmets are required for all English Trail classes.

10. Trail Horse - In-hand

a. In-hand trail classes may be offered for Western and English styles which may be combined.

b. Judges should consider the overall appearance of the horse, conditioning, grooming and the equipment in the overall score. Also to be considered is the correctness of the horse while being led. For safety reasons, those handlers continuously holding the chain on the lead, tightly coiling the lead shank around the hand, or dragging the lead shank must be penalized.

c. There is no rail work. To include a walk and jog/trot of suitable duration to determine the way of going. Management is encouraged to design courses that can be negotiated in ninety (90) seconds.

AR223 Trail Course Designers

AR224 Trail Obstacle Mandatory Dimensions

AR225 Trail Definitions

AR226 Trail Scoring General
1. **Trail - Under Saddle**

   1. **a.** Horses entered in a Western Junior Horse Trail classes must be shown in a snaffle bit or hackamore (See AR144).
   
   2. **c.** A Trail Junior Horse that has been shown in a Western event in a bridle may compete in a Western Junior Horse Trail class wearing a hackamore (Western only) or snaffle (Western or English).
   
   
   4. **e.** Horses entered in English Junior Horse Trail classes must be shown in a snaffle bit as appropriate to style of attire. Hackamores are not permitted in English Trail.

2. **Trail - In-Hand**

   a. **Tack:**

      1. Suitable halter (leather preferred with or without silver trim), leather lead with or without a chain to be used. If a chain is used with the lead it must not be run through the horse's mouth or over the horse's nose.

   b. **Attire**

      1. **Western style:**

         a. Western hat, long sleeve shirt or tunic, long pants, western boots. Optional: Western jacket, vest, belt, tie and gloves

      2. **English Styles:**

         a. Hunter – hunt coat, breeches, hunt boots, hunt style shirt with collar. Optional: Hunt cap or helmet with harness, gloves

         b. Saddle Seat – long sleeve shirt, long pants, vest, tie, paddock or jodhpur boots. Optional: Derby or soft hat, saddle suit, gloves

         c. Dressage or Show Hack: Dressage coat or shadbelly dark conservative color, shirt with collar or stock tie, light or white breeches, boots. Optional: helmet or top hat, gloves

         d. Sport Horse/Halter – long sleeve shirt, long pants, shoes or boots. Optional: hat, gloves, vest sweater or jacket, tie

   3. Crop, whip, chaps, chinks or spurs are not allowed.

AR231 In-hand Trail Appointments

AR232 230 Western or English Trail Horse Class Specifications

1. **Under Saddle**

   a. OPEN, AMATEUR, LADIES, GENTLEMEN

   b. JUNIOR HORSE (See AR132.1.a, AR136.1.a, AR144.2.b and DR121)

   c. GREEN: A Green Trail Horse is a horse of any age in its first or second competition year showing in any trail class at AHA/USEF/EC competition.

2. **In-Hand**

   a. OPEN, AMATEUR, JUNIOR EXHIBITOR

   b. Weanlings, Yearlings, Two year olds, Two & under, Three & over

   c. Colts, Stallions, Fillies, Mares and Geldings

AR233 Western or English Trail In-hand Trail Class Specifications

AR234 231 Walk-Jog Trail Class Requirements
Rule Change Intent

"In-hand" was added into the section title of AR222 on 12/1/2015, making all rules under this section applicable to both under saddle and in-hand trail classes. Due to the growing popularity of the trail section, it was recently noted that all rules under AR222 are not applicable to under saddle and in-hand trail classes. To resolve this issue, the section title has been changed to "General", noting what rules apply to each type of class. To further align with the rule change, the order of other sections of this subchapter have been re-organized. Lastly, this change clearly defines what tack and attire is appropriate for English and Western Trail and In-hand trail classes.

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AR226 TRAIL OBSTACLE MANDATORY DIMENSIONS [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER AR-28 WESTERN OR ENGLISH TRAIL HORSE SECTION]

AR26 Trail Obstacle Mandatory Dimensions (AR-26 Western or English Trail Horse Section)

15. WALK/TROT-JOG OBSTACLES
Obstacles are to consist of no more than three non-elevated walk-over poles and no more than three jog-over poles. Serpentine(s), pass through a gate, straight back through and a bridge. Prohibited obstacles include water, tarps, drags, pick-up objects, ground tie and closed gates.

See AR236 for class requirements.

AR236 Walk/Trot-Jog Trail Class Requirements (AR-26 Western or English Trail Horse Section)

WALK-JOG TRAIL - Riders may not be more than ten years of age as of December 1 of the current competition year. Horse and rider must follow the appointments as set forth in the Arabian Western Pleasure Sub-Chapter. The rider must never have been judged in a class at a Licensed Competition that required a canter or lope. Exception: Short Stirrup Reining Riders and Cross Rails 10 \& Under.

Acceptable Obstacles:
1. Walk-overs - No more than 5 consecutive poles, of which no more than 2 may be elevated with a maximum height of 8”.
2. Jog-overs - No more than 5 consecutive non-elevated poles.
3. Serpentine – Walk Around - No more than 5 consecutive pylons a minimum of 6 feet apart (base to base). Guardrails, if used, should be 3 to 4 feet to either side of pylons. (English Trail Walk Trot - minimum 8 feet apart with guardrails, if used, 4 to 5 feet either side of pylons).
   a. Western Trail Walk/Jog-minimum 6 feet apart (base to base). Guardrails, if used, should be 3 to 4 feet to either side of the pylons.
   b. English Trail Walk/Trot-minimum 8 feet apart (base to base). Guardrails, if used, should be 4 to 5 feet to either side of the pylons.
3. Serpentine – Jog Around - No more than 5 consecutive pylons a minimum of 10 feet apart (base to base). Guardrails, if used, should be 8 to 10 feet on either side of pylons. (English Trail Walk Trot - Trot Serpentine minimum 12 feet apart with guardrails, if used, 10 to 12 feet on either side of pylons).
   a. Western Trail Walk/Jog-minimum of 10 feet apart (base to base). Guardrails, if used, should be 8 to 10 feet on either side of pylons.
   b. English Trail Walk/Trot-minimum of 12 feet apart (base to base). Guardrails, if used, should be 10 to 12 feet on either side of pylons.
5. Open Gates – The actual opening and closing of a gate may not be negotiated, however, simulation of doing so by touching gate standards is encouraged. A single non-elevated walk over pole may be placed in the “open” gate.
6. Bridge – A safe unobstructed bridge (no poles or obstacles on the bridge) Bridges should be of sturdy design with a non-slip surface.
   a. Minimum 40” wide
   b. Minimum 6 feet long
   c. Maximum 8” in height
7. Straight Back Through – of reasonable width 40” or greater.
8. Turns of 90 or 180 degrees within a box or confined area no smaller than 8’ x 8’; 270 or 360 degrees within a box or confined area of no less than 10’ x 10’.

Prohibited Obstacles:
1. Water
2. Water boxes (empty)
3. Drags
4. Pick-up object
5. Closed gates
6. Side pass

AR226 is currently not aligned with the changes made to AR236 that became effective on 12/1/18, this clarification will unify the two rules. With the updated requirements for Walk/Trot-Jog obstacles being a larger amount of information than before, it was decided to simplify have AR226 refer to AR236 rather than have both rules contain the entirety of the requirements.

Because AR236 also addresses English Walk-Trot requirements, the title should be changed to reflect that inclusion. In order to more easily see the difference between the dimensions between Western and English Trail Walk/Trot-Jog, the items contained in points 3 and 4 should be further defined by points “a. & b.”.

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### Proposed Change

**AR236 Hunter Seat Equitation** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER AR-29 EQUITATION SECTION]

1. For rules governing Hunter Seat Equitation classes, refer to Chapter EQ, Subchapter EQ-2 HUNTER SEAT EQUITATION except:
   
   a. EQ103 Eligibility to Compete
   
   b. EQ105.7e Appointments, specifically: Regulation snaffles, pelhams and full bridles, all with cavesson nose bands, are required. Two ring bits, kimberwicks, three ring bits and gags are not considered conventional equipment for hunter seat equitation classes. A judge may penalize a horse with unconventional types of bits or nose bands. Except Jumper Seat equitation AR236.4.e
   
   c. EQ 108 Course Requirements (See EQ108.7)
   
   d. EQ 109 Course Designers. For Course Designers requirements, see AR159.
   
   e. EQ110 Requirements for Specific Classes
   
   f. EQ111 USHJA Zone and Regional Championships.

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### Rule Change Intent

In its current form, point b. refers to EQ105 but then contains conflicting verbiage after that reference. It is the intent to refer solely to EQ105, as the additional conflicting verbiage has caused confusion with both Stewards and exhibitors. In addition, by correcting point b. to a single EQ105 reference point we will be in sync with what is required at Open USEF Recognized Competitions.

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**Proposed Change**

**AR238 Hunter Seat Equitation** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER AR-29 EQUITATION SECTION ]

AR238 Hunter Seat Equitation (AR-29 Equitation Section)

3. Hunter Seat Equitation – Not to Jump. Horses to be shown at the Walk, Posting Trot, Sitting Trot and Canter. A lengthening or shortening of stride may be called for at any gait. Horses may be asked to back on the rail or in line up. Additional tests, EQ112, may be called for but if the class entry is age restricted, the tests must be consistent with AHA Medal class requirements as outlined below.

a. For AHA Hunter Seat Equitation – Not to Jump Medal (13 & Under), Regional (13 & Under) and National (13 & Under). Not to Jump classes, all contestants are required to perform both the rail work and two or more individual tests from Equitation rule EQ 112, Tests 1-5, 8-7.

b. For AHA Hunter Seat Equitation – Not to Jump Medal (14--18, 18 & Under and Adult), Regional (14--18, 18 & Under and Adult) and National (14 -18, 18 & Under, and Adult) Not to Jump classes, all contestants are required to perform both the rail work and two or more individual tests from Equitation rule EQ112 tests 1-5, 7-8, 9-11, 19, 7-17. Exception: Test 16, 14 may be called for only at the AHA National Competition.

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**Rule Change Intent**

This clarification is being requested in order to align the Arabian Hunter Seat Equitation section with the Equitation chapter, specifically EQ112, which was changed as of 12/1/18. The current listings of tests from which can be chosen in an Arabian Hunter Seat Equitation class is inaccurate and needs to be updated.

**Linked Rules**

**Comments**

Web: hunter seat equitation

**Committee Actions**

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AR240 Class Conduct [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER AR-29 EQUITATION SECTION]

AR240 Class Conduct

1. Riders enter the ring at a jog and are judged at a flat-footed four beat walk, two beat jog and a three beat lope both ways of the ring. Extended jog and lope may be called on the rail and/or in the pattern. The order to reverse may be executed by turning toward or away from the rail.

2. All exhibitors must be required to perform a pattern composed of a minimum of four tests from AR244. 13 & Under: Tests 1-7 and 10; 14-18, 18 & Under and 19 & Over: Tests 1-10. Off pattern does not eliminate the exhibitor.

Continue numbering to 5.

AR244 Tests From Which Judges Must Choose

Number 1 -10


AR247 AHA Medal Class Requirements

Number 1-21d

e. AHA Western Horsemanship Medal class

1. In addition to the rail work, all contestants are required to perform a minimum of four tests from AR244 Western Horsemanship. 13 & Under: Tests 1-7 and 10; 14-18, 18 & Under and 19 & Over: Tests 1-10.

f. AHA Dressage Seat Medal class (Requires Dressage Judge)

1. In addition to rail work, all contestants are required to perform three or more individual tests from DR133.

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

This change provides an additional test option in a 13 & Under Equitation class. It is felt that a 13 & Under exhibitor is able to perform the “extended jog and/or lope” and that this test option should be provided for a judge to utilize.

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: class conduct

Committee Actions

Arabian

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### Proposed Change

**AR249 Class Conduct [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER AR-30 SHOWMANSHIP SECTION]**

3. Each handler shall correctly lead their horse to and from the judge or designated person and show his/her horse according to instructions from the judges.

### AR250 Judging Guidelines

number 1a.1-5

b. Showing

1. The exhibitor should perform the work accurately, precisely, smoothly, and with a reasonable amount of speed. Increasing speed of the work increases the degree of difficulty; however, accuracy and precision should not be sacrificed for speed. The horse should lead, stop, back, turn and set up willingly, briskly and readily with minimal visible or audible cueing. A severe disobedience will not result in a disqualification but should be penalized severely, and the exhibitor should not place above an exhibitor that completes the pattern correctly. Excessive schooling or training, willful abuse, loss of control of the horse by the exhibitor shall be cause for disqualification.

2. The presentation/set up: The horse may be set up with a split stance or square. Either option is allowed and acceptable. Exhibitors will not be penalized for either set up style. Exhibitor should stand toward the front, off the horse’s shoulder, facing the horse. If at any time the horse is out of position, the exhibitor should work to position the horse correctly.

3. After the horse is set up for inspection: As the judge or designated person moves around the horse, handlers should position themselves so as to avoid obstructing the judge’s or designated person’s view of the horse. The handler is to show using the Quarter System, where the exhibitor is always in the quadrant next to the judge or designated person. The horse should be shown quietly and effectively at all times. Handlers must not just show themselves. The exhibitor should maintain a position that is safe for themselves and the judge or designated person. The position of the exhibitor should not obstruct the judge’s or designated person’s view of the horse and should allow the exhibitor to maintain awareness of the judge’s or designated person’s position at all times. The exhibitor should not crowd other exhibitors when setting up side-by-side or head-to-tail. When moving around the horse, the exhibitor should change sides in front of the horse with minimal steps (3-4) and should assume the same position on the right side of the horse that they had on the left side.

Continue numbering 4-10

c. Poise/Alertness/Attitude

1. Exhibitors should be poised, confident, courteous and genuinely sportsmanlike at all times, quickly recognizing and correcting faults in the positioning of the horse. The exhibitor should continue showing the horse until the class has been placed or they have been excused, unless otherwise instructed by the judge or designated person. The exhibitor should appear business-like, stand and move in a straight, natural and upright manner, and avoid excessive, unnatural or animated body positions.

2. Handler should show the horse to its best advantage for its style of presentation throughout the class.

3. Handlers should be focused on the class and not be distracted by people/other things inside or outside the arena.

### Proponent Details

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### Rule Change Intent

Allows judges to have the option of showmanship exhibitor’s show to the judge or a designated person, thereby giving all judges the same view.

### Linked Rules

**Web:** judging

### Committee Actions

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## Proposed Change

**CP102 Definitions of Term** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER CP-1 INTRODUCTION AND DEFINITIONS]

CP102 Definitions of Term

11. “Entry” is a turnout participating in an event or show, *usually defined by the Organizer as the combination of the horse, vehicle, and driver.*

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### Rule Change Intent

The purpose of this rule change is to define “Entry” in relation to a competition. This also is to standardize the ADS rules and USEF so they are compatible and will offer the same definition in both rule books.

### Linked Rules

Web: entry

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CP105 Responsibilities of Drivers and Officials [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER CP- 3 SAFETY]

11. At all times while in a carriage, all Juniors in all competitions must wear properly fastened protective headgear which meets or exceeds current ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carry the SEI tag. A Headgear must be properly fitted with harness secured. Failure to comply will result in elimination while competing may result in elimination. Failure to comply after being notified to do so by an Official may result in a Warning Card and/or Disqualification.

Proposed Change

CP105 Responsibilities of Drivers and Officials

11. At all times while in a carriage, all Juniors in all competitions must wear properly fastened protective headgear which meets or exceeds current ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carry the SEI tag. A Headgear must be properly fitted with harness secured. Failure to comply will result in elimination while competing may result in elimination. Failure to comply after being notified to do so by an Official may result in a Warning Card and/or Disqualification.

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Rule Change Intent

This rule change is to clarify the requirements of safety and headgear for Junior Drivers and to establish a penalty for non-compliance with this rule. This also makes the USEF rules compatible with the ADS rulebook.

Linked Rules

Web: headgear

Comments

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CP105 Responsibilities of Drivers and Officials [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER CP- 3 SAFETY]

2. All officials and management should constantly be on the lookout for unsafe actions by any participant or equine or unsafe equipment. Such unsafe actions or failure to correct unsafe equipment may result in elimination or disqualification. The judge must eliminate from a class or competition, or disqualify from an event, any entry with an unsafe vehicle, unruly horse(s) or driver clearly out of without sufficient control.

3. In the case of an accident, a safety inspection by the TD, the judge or event safety inspector management may require a safety inspection of the vehicle and/or harness and horse(s) involved before allowing further use at the event is required.

Linked Rules

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### Proposed Change

**CP202 Name of Class** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER CP-9 PLEASURE DRIVING COMPETITIONS]

CP202 Name of Class

If show management wishes to offer a Class described in the Federation Rulebook, the class must be conducted as stated. If management the Organizer wishes to alter a class to fit "local house rules", the name of the class must be different than change the name in the rulebook to avoid confusion with the ADS of the class to avoid confusing it with Rulebook class specifications. Such classes should be clearly explained in the Omnibus or Prize List (GR902-GR904) and must include the "local house rules" and judging criteria. In any case these altered These conditions should conform to the spirit and intent of the Federation general rules for safety, conduct and abuse of cruelty. (SUBCHAPTER CP-3)

1. Pleasure driving, dressage and combined driving competitions may be offered at the same event.

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### Rule Change Intent

The purpose of this rule change is to provide organizers greater flexibility in tailoring their events to help grow the driving sport. This will also make the USEF rules consistent with the rules used by ADS

### Linked Rules

| Web: name of class |

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CP203 Entry [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER CP-9 PLEASURE DRIVING COMPETITIONS]

1. Unless otherwise specified in the Prize List/Omnibus an entry is defined as a combination of horse(s), vehicle and driver and must be assigned a specific entry number. If a championship based on Federation rules is offered, a change of any part of the combination constitutes a different entry and must be assigned a separate number. In the event that a vehicle is disabled or judged unsafe to start or continue, the substitution of another vehicle must be approved by an official. A new entry number must be issued if requested by the judge. Management may authorize the substitution of another vehicle without issuing a new number.

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Rule Change Intent

The purpose of this rule change is to define what happens in the event a substitute vehicle is needed.

Linked Rules

Web: entry

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CP204 Division of Large Classes (See also CP113) [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER CP-9 PLEASURE DRIVING COMPETITIONS]

3. *The Organizer Management* has the option to have final placings determined by working off the leaders of each section of *split classes* or by awarding duplicate ribbons and/or trophies for each section as if they were separate classes.

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**Rule Change Intent**

The purpose of this rule change is to use the term Organizer rather than Management which more closely defines who is responsible for the competition. This rule change further defines the division of large classes and makes the USEF rules comparable to the ADS rulebook.

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CP205 Driver’s Responsibility [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER CP-9 PLEASURE DRIVING COMPETITIONS]

3. The driver must be prepared to enter the ring or obstacle course area when his/her class is called. After a reasonable wait, management the Organizer may announce that a one minute time limit will be invoked. When the appropriate time has elapsed, the gate or course will be closed and any entry not in the ring or at the course start will be excluded from the class. Management The Organizer may delay the start of any class for any reason. give permission for the class to be held for an entry which requires an equipment change.

10. Drivers receiving outside assistance after the judging has begun will be penalized at the judge’s discretion or as specified by class rules unless that assistance has been specifically allowed (example: assistance of groom/passenger heading a horse in a line-up or groom/navigator on a Pleasure Drive marathon).

a. 11. While competing, outside assistance which incurs elimination includes but is not limited to the following:
   1. the use of auxiliary mechanical or electronic devices other than clocks or watches (e.g., GPS devices, speedometers, heart rate monitors, etc.) on the vehicle;
   2. directing the driver in any way except as permitted by the rules;
   3. anyone other than the driver handling the reins, whip, or brake.

b. Outside assistance indicating a judge’s signal has been given is allowed.

Proponent Details
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Rule Change Intent
The purpose of this rule change is to give the Organizer additional flexibility by changing the wording from management to organizer. Also, addresses outside assistance and when it is permitted. There are no marathons in Pleasure Driving so this is a correction of terms.

Linked Rules

Web: driver’s responsibility

Committee Actions

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Draft 1: No Comments

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CP206 Vehicles [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER CP-9 PLEASURE DRIVING COMPETITIONS]

CP206 Vehicles

1. Management may restrict Combined Driving marathon vehicles from participation in Pleasure Driving competitions. (CP120) Combined Driving marathon type vehicles are allowed at the discretion of the Organizer as published in the Omnibus.

Proponent Details
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Rule Change Intent

The purpose of this rule change is to define the use of Combined Driving marathon vehicles are acceptable at the discretion of the competition management/organizer. This rule change makes the USEF rules comparable to the ADS rulebook.

Linked Rules
Web: vehicles

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Proposed Change

CP207 Turnout [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER CP-9 PLEASURE DRIVING COMPETITIONS]

CP207 Turnout

2. A whip must be carried in hand at all times while driving. A driver not in compliance may be eliminated or disqualified. The thong of the whip should be long enough to reach the shoulder of the farthest horse. A driver not in compliance with the above may be penalized. A whip with its thong tied in a manner which renders it incapable of reaching the farthest horse is not allowed. Failure to comply must be severely penalized.

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

The purpose of this rule change is to clarify that a whip must be carried in hand as a safety precaution. This rule change also brings the USEF rules consistent with the ADS rulebook.

Linked Rules

Web: whip

Committee Actions

ADS

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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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**Proposed Change**

**CP207 Turnout** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER CP-9 PLEASURE DRIVING COMPETITIONS]

CP207 Turnout

3. Harness

a. The harness should be in good condition, clean, fit properly and be appropriate for the style of vehicle.

b. Bridles should fit snugly to prevent catching on the vehicle or other pieces of harness.

c. A throatlatch and a full noseband are mandatory. A full noseband is defined as a noseband fully encircling the nose. Flash nosebands are strongly discouraged in pleasure driving classes. The use of gullet straps is acceptable.

d. Black harness is considered appropriate with: painted vehicles; natural wood vehicle with iron parts painted any color except brown; dash, fender, shaft and pole trimmings should match the harness.

e. Russet harness is considered appropriate with: natural wood vehicle with brown or black iron; painted vehicle with natural wood panels with any color iron; or vehicle that is painted brown with brown iron; dash, fenders, shaft and pole trimmings should match the harness.

f. The collars of four-hand leaders are not to be tied together.

g. Boots – Bell boots, shin boots and wraps are allowed in Pleasure Drive classes and may be allowed at the discretion of the judge in other classes due to local conditions. Except Driven Dressage. Boots protecting the sole of the foot are allowed in any pleasure class.

**Proponent Details**

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**Rule Change Intent**

The purpose of this rule change is because a Dressage competition is not under control of the Pleasure Driving Committee. This also brings the USEF rules consistent with the ADS rulebook.

**Linked Rules**

Web: harness

**Committee Actions**

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CP222 Reinsmanship

5. Either the one or two-handed method of driving Any style of rein handling is acceptable. Common to both any methods, the elbows and arms should be close to the body with an allowing but steady hand enabling a consistent “feel” with the horse’s mouth. Drivers should not be penalized or rewarded for using one general style over another.

7. A list of tests from which the judges may choose for individual workouts, including asking for any maneuver to be driven one handed.

Proponent Details
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Rule Change Intent
The purpose of this proposed rule change is to simplify that the judge can call for either one or two handed driving as part of a test. There was confusion that the judge was unfairly asking exhibitors to drive a test with one hand when they were not prepared to do so. The change allows the judge to assess the exhibitors and adjust the test according to their level of driving.

Linked Rules
Web: rein handling

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CP227 Drive and Ride [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER CP-13 CLASS SPECIFICATIONS: COMBINATION CLASSES]

CP227 Drive and Ride

Single horse to be shown in two concurrent sections. In Harness: To be shown to a suitable pleasure driving vehicle, both ways of the arena at a walk, slow trot, working trot, and strong trot. To stand quietly and to rein back.

2. 1. Under Saddle: To be shown both ways of the arena at a walk, trot (or jog), and canter (or lope). To stand quietly and to rein back.

3. 2. To be judged:

50% on performance, manners, way of going and suitability in harness.

50% on performance, manners, and way of going under saddle

Carriage Pleasure Driving

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The purpose of this rule change is to allow organizers another option when conducting concurrent sections at the competition. This will make the USEF rules for Carriage Pleasure driving consistent with the ADS rulebook.

Web: drive and ride

Committee Actions

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**Proposed Change**

**CP235 Course Walk** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER CP-15 CLASS SPECIFICATIONS: PLEASURE OBSTACLE DRIVING]

2. While walking the course, drivers shall not alter, adjust, or in any way move an obstacle, or any part thereof. Should a competitor have any question regarding a specific obstacle, he should call it to the attention of the technical delegate for clarification and/or adjustment.  

*Only officials and the Organizer may alter or work on any part of the course. If any athlete or person associated with him alters the course in any way, the athlete shall be disqualified.*

**Proponent Details**

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**Rule Change Intent**

The purpose of this rule change is to clarify that only officials and the organizer are allowed to alter the course after it has been determined. The rule change specifically states that athletes and associates will disqualify the athlete if in violation of this rule. This rule change also makes the USEF rules consistent with the ADS rulebook.

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**Proposed Change**

**CP236 Schooling** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER CP-15 CLASS SPECIFICATIONS: PLEASURE OBSTACLE DRIVING]

CP236 Schooling

2. Unless expressly permitted by the Organizer, driving, leading, or riding horses on any course used for competition at any time prior to or after the competition is prohibited. Failure to comply incurs elimination *from any classes using that course*.

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**Proponent Details**
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**Rule Change Intent**
The purpose of this rule change is to clarify the effects of the penalty and define the penalty for not complying with an elimination. This also makes the USEF rules consistent with the ADS rulebook.

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**Linked Rules**

Web: schooling

**Comments**

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**Committee Actions**

**ADS:**

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**Council - Natl Breed & Discipline**

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CP237 The Course [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER CP-15 CLASS SPECIFICATIONS: PLEASURE OBSTACLE DRIVING]

CP237 The Course

2. Unless otherwise specified in class rules, each obstacle on a prescribed course must be numbered consecutively and marked red on the right, white on the left.

- a) The following exceptions are not numbered: Scurry Obstacles, Pick Your Route Obstacles and Gambler's Choice Obstacles classes).

b) In Reverse Psychology Obstacles, Double Jeopardy Obstacles classes, a different-colored set of numbers may be placed to indicate the required "reverse" course.

c) Any obstacle that cannot be clearly marked, (for example, a figure of eight or an obstacle that requires a reinback), must have a clearly drawn pattern posted explaining the correct entrance, exit and required path on the course diagram. Within courses that consist of numbered obstacles, it is suggested that the number of an

d) Obstacle numbers should be visible from the obstacle before it; i.e., #3 from #2.

e) Only in Gamblers Choice Obstacles classes are point values displayed.
CP240 Time Allowed [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER CP-15 CLASS SPECIFICATIONS: PLEASURE OBSTACLE DRIVING]

1. Obstacle courses should be accurately measured with a measuring wheel, if possible, or tape line.

2. The Time Allowed is calculated by dividing the course measurement by the set speed for each class. A driveable line from obstacle to obstacle should be followed when determining the course length.

3. Suggested Speeds

(chart)

4. Time Limits are twice the Time Allowed.

5. Any obstacle class in which placings are decided using a total time does not require calculating a "time allowed." A time limit may be set at management’s discretion, allowing a reasonably easy speed required to complete the course, keeping in mind the tightness of turns and limitations of the arena.

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

The purpose of this rule change is to delete verbiage that is unnecessary in the rulebook. This is a course designer instruction, should not be listed as a rule and the changes make the USEF rules consistent with the ADS rulebook.

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: time allowed

Committee Actions

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### Proposed Change

**CP241 Timing** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER CP-15 CLASS SPECIFICATIONS: PLEASURE OBSTACLE DRIVING]

4. Signals from the judge to the driver should be audible signals such as a whistle, horn or bell.

4. Course time must be recorded manually or electronically to the hundredths of a second.

### Proponent Details

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### Rule Change Intent

The purpose of deleting this rule is because this issue is addressed in another rule making this point redundant and unnecessary. This also brings the USEF rules to a comparable level with the ADS rulebook.

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CP246 Penalties [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER CP-15 CLASS SPECIFICATIONS: PLEASURE OBSTACLE DRIVING]

CP246 Penalties

Please change this in the table (see CP246 from the 2019 rulebook)

Failure to carry a whip in hand at all times while driving.

PropONENT DETAILS

Carriage Pleasure Driving

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RULE CHANGE INTENT

The purpose of this rule change is to standardize the penalties on the Pleasure Obstacle Driving tables. This rule change also makes the USEF rules consistent with the ADS rulebook.

LINKED RULES

Web: whip

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline
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## Proposed Change

**DC901 Categories and Levels** [CHAPTER DC-2 STRUCTURE OF COMPETITIONS]

2. Levels of difficulty:
The levels of difficulty are defined by a progressive rating system ranging from the lowest level Preliminary, to the highest level Advanced.

2.1 To ensure uniformity, Organizing Committees must send to the USEF or submit to the American Driving Society Omnibus a draft prize list for their Event, setting out the general conditions of each Competition and any particular conditions not provided for in these rules, which they wish to present. Prize lists must be approved by the Technical Delegate prior to publication and/or an event permit being issued by the USEF.

### 3. Competition Format

3.1 Combined Tests can be run over 1 or 2 days.
The following Competitions formats can be organized:
   - [charts are here]

3.2 Combined Driving Events can be run over 2 or 3 days.
The following Competitions formats can be organized:
   - [charts are here]

## Committee Actions

### ADS

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### Competition Management

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### Council - Intl Discipline

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**Proposed Change**

Noted by subchapter [CHAPTER Entire DC chapter - Combined Driving division]

DC 901
1. Classes:
   All, or any, of the following classes may be held at the same Event, but each must be classified separately: Horse: Single (H1), Pair (H2), Tandem (HT2), Unicorn (HU3), and Four-in-hand (H4) Pony: Single (P1), Pair (P2), Tandem (PT2), Unicorn (PU3), and Four-in-hand (P4)

In Preliminary and Intermediate only:
   Very Small Equine: Single (VSE1), Pair (VSE2), Tandem (VSET2), Unicorn (VSEU3), and Four-in-hand (VSE4)

2. Levels of difficulty: The levels of difficulty are defined by a progressive rating system ranging from the lowest level Preliminary, to Intermediate, then to the highest level Advanced.

2.1 To ensure uniformity, Organizing Committees must send to the USEF or submit to the American Driving Society Omnibus a draft prize list for their Event, setting out the general conditions of each Competition and any particular conditions not provided for in these rules, which they wish to present. Prize lists must be approved by the Technical Delegate prior to publication and/or an event permit being issued by the USEF.

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DC911 Entries
1. The number of Horses that may be entered for an Event must be in accordance with the Prize List or the American Driving Society Omnibus.
2. Entry forms for Horses must include the name/names, breed, sex, age, color, passport number and/or USEF number, and where appropriate, qualifications.
3. Refunds need not be given for no-shows or withdrawals after the closing date of entries, however, this information must be posted in the prize list and/or ADS Omnibus.

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DC912 Schedule of the event
When applicable, the FEI Approved Schedule applies to FEI divisions which are also USEF Advanced. All other USEF divisions will follow the official Prize List or the American Driving Society Omnibus, which must be in accordance with USEF rules.

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DC930 Outside assistance
1. Definition Any physical intervention by a third party, not riding on the carriage, whether solicited or not, with the object of facilitating the task of the Athlete or helping his Horses, is considered to be outside assistance.
2. Prohibited outside assistance
2.1 Dressage and Cones:
2.1.1 Any intervention by a third party, not riding on the carriage, whether solicited or not, with the object of facilitating the task of the Athlete or helping his horses, is considered to be outside assistance. Any Athlete who has received physical outside assistance may be eliminated by the Ground Jury.
2.1.2 In Dressage and Cones, Grooms must remain seated in their proper positions between entering and leaving the Arena They are not permitted to handle the reins or the whip (will incur 20 penalties). For Dressage, Grooms are not allowed to speak or indicate the course to the Athlete (will incur 10 penalties). However the Groom may handle the reins, whip and brake without penalty provided the carriage remains stationary.
2.1.3 Exception: If the bell has been rung by the President of the Jury and the Athlete has failed to hear the bell; the Groom may advise the Athlete that the bell has been rung.
2.1.4 Athletes and Grooms may not use any form of electronic communication equipment during Dressage and Cones, subject to elimination.
2.2 Marathon:
2.2.1 Obstacle observers, ground observers, time keepers or any other Officials may not give directions, advice or information to the Athlete, while he is on the course in Marathon, in order to assist him. Exceptions: see DC930.3.
2.2.2 Any Athlete who has received physical outside assistance by a third party not riding on the carriage will be eliminated by the Ground Jury. ADS exemptions for turnouts without a groom: “Any capable person” may assist, act as penalty for grom down.

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DC935 Driven Dressage Tests
Approved Tests
Advanced will use the FEI Driven Dressage Tests published on the FEI website. Intermediate can use either the FEI 1* tests or ADS Intermediate tests. Preliminary will use Preliminary ADS tests. The Prize Lists/Omnibus for all events must state clearly which of these Tests is to be used.

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DC939 General Impression
1. For FEI Driven Dressage tests:
1.1 Principle There are two boxes at the end of the Judges Score Sheets for marks on: Athlete and General Impression & Presentation observed by the judges throughout the whole test.
1.2 Athlete Use of aids, handling of reins and whip, position on the box, accuracy of figures. The mark must reflect the consistent level of accuracy and quality of transitions.
1.3 Para-Driving Athletes in able-bodies competitions Athletes may salute with a nod of their head only. Hats must not be removed at the salute, and contact must be maintained on the reins during the halt and salute.
1.4 General impression & Presentation Appearance of driver Athlete and grooms, correctness, cleanliness harmonizing with of harness and carriage. Fitness,
matching and condition of Horse(s), balanced picture of the complete turnout. Clearance and fit of harness. Harmony between Horse(s) and Athlete.

For ADS Driven Dressage tests:
1. Principle: There are five boxes at the end of the Judges’ Score Sheets for marks on General Impression observed by the judges throughout the whole test.
2. Pace: Regularity and freedom (if Four-in-Hand, or Pair, maintenance of pace by all horses). The quality of paces in each movement is marked under the appropriate movement. The mark for the general impression must reflect paces and transitions during the whole test.
3. Impulsion: Moving forward, engagement of the hind quarters (if Four-in-Hand or Pair, all Horses working). The level of impulsion may vary between movements and pace, but the mark for impulsion must reflect the performance of the Horses throughout the Test, at all trot and canter paces.
5. Athlete: Use of aids; handling of reins and whip, position on the box, accuracy of figures. The mark must reflect the consistent level of accuracy and quality of transitions.

6.1 Para-Equestrian Athletes in able-bodied competitions may salute with a nod of their head only. Hats are not required to be removed at the salute and contact may be maintained on the reins during the halt and salute.
6. Presentation.
6.1 Dress of Athlete and Groom, cleanliness, fitness, matching and condition of Horses, carriage and fitting and correctness of harness.
6.2 If the OC chooses to have Presentation at the Hall, a Judge may be appointed and work under the direction of the President of the Ground Jury.

DC957 Obstacles
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1.6.1 A maximum of five oxers are allowed in a Cones course. [within the cones measurement chart...]
Note: For USEF Advanced division cones settings in ADS-recognized Driving Trials and Arena Trials, see Article 973.1.6

DC970 Composition of the Ground Jury
1. Ground Jury - Minimum requirements
Category: Judges
Advanced: 3 min
Intermediate and Preliminary: 2 min
The judges must include a President and at least two other members. The President of the Ground Jury must be chosen from:
1.2 the USEF list of Combined Driving Judges;
1.3 the FEI list of Level 2, 3 or 4 driving judges;
1.4 the list of Combined Driving Judges from another country with an approved USEF Guest Card;
1.5 the list of Registered (R) ADS Combined Driving Judges with an approved USEF Guest Card.
Other members of the Ground Jury must be chosen from:
1.6 paragraphs 1.2 through 1.4 above or;
1.7 the list of ADS Recorded (R) or ADS Registered (R) Combined Driving Judges.

DC971 Technical Delegate
1. Selection: The Technical Delegate must be chosen from:
1.1 The USEF list of Combined Driving Technical Delegates;
1.2 The list of FEI Level 2, 3 or 4 Technical Delegates;
1.3 The list of approved Combined Driving Technical Delegates of another country with an approved USEF Guest Card;
1.4 The list of ADS Registered Combined Driving Technical Delegates, with an approved USEF Guest Card.
1.5 For additional restrictions, refer to GR1304.

GLOSSARY
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3. The USEF makes no representation or warranty, expressed or implied, about any protective vest. The USEF does not imply that protective vests may protect against all foreseeable injury.

Omnibus refers to an official ADS publication providing competitor information for driving events. Also, see Prize List and Schedule below.

Prize List: an official publication produced by the Organizing Committee of a driving event as approved by the Technical Delegate.

Turnout: the assemblage including the Athlete (Driver), required groom(s), horse(s) with harness and carriage appropriate to the competition. Description includes configuration – single, pair, tandem, unicorn or four-in-hand. Examples: Horse single; pony pair; VSE unicorn; Small pony tandem.

CAI: Concours d’Attelage International
FEI-licensed International combined driving event;
CAN: Concours d’Attelage National: a National combined driving event recognized by FEI, licensed by the National Federation.
USEF licensed CAN are divided into:
CAN-2* (formerly called “Advanced”), eligibility - an Athlete must have completed at least two CAN-O or four Preliminary or Intermediate division CDEs (under Article 913.3).
CAN-1* (equivalent of a combined test, no prerequisite eligibility);
CAN-O (introductory national combined driving event, no prerequisite eligibility).

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Rule Change Intent

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### Proposed Change

**DC905 Official Results** [CHAPTER DC-3 Classification]

DC905 Official Results

Results are "official" as soon as they have been confirmed and signed, and posted by the President of the Ground Jury.

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### Rule Change Intent

Technicality: Removing "posting" as a condition of making the results official, to match the FEI rule.

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Proposed Change

DC907 Eligibility [CHAPTER DC-4 ELIGIBILITY]

DC907 Minimum Age – Athletes and Grooms

1. **Senior All Classes:**
   - Class Athlete Minimum Age
   - Horses Four-in-Hand or **Unicorn** 18 years
   - Horse Pairs or **Tandem** 16 years
   - Horse Single 14 years
   - All Pony classes 14 years

**1.2 In Preliminary single pony classes, the Athlete minimum age is 12 years.**

2. **Age:**
   - Age is determined from the beginning of the calendar year in which the Athlete and groom reach the designated age. Age is determined from the beginning of the calendar year in which the Athlete or groom reaches the designated age. See GR103. Failure to comply with any part of this DC entails Disqualification of the Athlete.

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3. **Grooms:**
   - 3.1 All Classes:
     - 3.1.1-2 Athletes under the age of 18 years must be accompanied by a Groom(s) of 18 years or older.
     - 3.1.3-3 Athletes of 18 years and above must be accompanied by a Groom(s) of 14 years or older.
   - 3.3.4 Para-Equestrian Athletes:
     - The groom must be over 18 years old. The NF must ensure that the groom has knowledge in Driving.
   - 4. General: Failure to comply with any part of this DC will result in the Disqualification of the Athlete.

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

907.1 Clarify that ages apply to all classes ("Senior" is an FEI term) and add exception for Preliminary single pony classes / 907.2 Deleting repetitive language (only difference is "and" rather than "or" in following sentence) and delete "AGE OF DRIVER CHART" as it is repetitive now. / 907.3 clarify reference numbers

Linked Rules

**Web:** eligibility

Committee Actions

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Proposed Change

DC908 Minimum Eligibility Requirements / Qualification Criteria [CHAPTER DC 4 ELIGIBILITY]

DC908 Minimum Eligibility Requirements / Qualification criteria

1. **Advanced division** - Open to any athlete who has completed at least two Preliminary or Intermediate division CDEs with Dressage penalty points of 70 or less. Open to any athlete who has completed at least two CAN-0 or four Preliminary or Intermediate division CDEs with Dressage penalty points of 70 or less.

1.1 Intermediate division - no minimum requirements. Open to athletes who have completed at least two Preliminary division CDEs with Dressage penalty points of 70 or less.

1.2 Preliminary division - no minimum requirements

*Note:* "Completed" means the entry is classified in each event including marathons without being eliminated, retired or withdrawing from any of the competitions.

Linked Rules

**Web:** minimum eligibility requirements

Committee Actions

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**Council - Intl Discipline**

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### Proposed Change

**DC 914 Age of Horses** [CHAPTER DC-6 HORSES]

DC914 Age of Horses  
1. Horses/Ponies must be a minimum of four years of age to enter any Competition.  
1.1 Horses/Ponies must be a minimum of five years of age to enter in the Intermediate division.  
1.2 Horses/Ponies must be a minimum of six years of age to enter in the Advanced division.

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### Rule Change Intent

Proposed horse ages: 4 for prelim, 5 for intermediate & 6 for adv. (ages 5 & 6 will align with FEI)

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2.1 This must take place at all Events for at least the Advanced Level Horses before the start of the first competition. It must be performed under the direction of the President of the Ground Jury, together with at least one other member of the Ground Jury, the Veterinary Delegate and/or the President of the Veterinary Commission. See Veterinary Regulations and Guidelines for Organizers and Officials for details.

2.2 For safety reasons, horses must be presented in bridles and shown on a loose rein or lead. Each horse must display its identity number (DC 944.2).

2.3 Horses are not permitted to wear bandages or blankets/rugs.

2.4 No horse may be presented with its identity concealed in any manner by application of paint or dye for example.

2.5 One Driving Steward with a whip, or for Preliminary and Intermediate levels, a qualified individual appointed by the President of the Ground Jury, Technical Delegate must be present with a whip. He is the only person who may assist if a horse refuses to trot. Handlers may not carry a whip while showing the horse. The use of a short whip for restraint of stallions and difficult horses may be allowed by the Inspection Panel upon request. (See FEI Veterinary Regulations Article 1033).

2.9 A re-inspection on the following day is only possible if the no decision (accepted or not accepted) is made on the day of the Horse Inspection. The horse must be presented by the same person as before. In all cases of further inspection or re-inspection, the opinion of the FD must be made clear to the panel. Each Member of the Ground Jury and the Veterinary Delegate will be issued with a Voting Slip on which they must check either a Yes or No box to indicate whether they consider the horse fit to compete. After consideration of the veterinary opinion from both FD/Commission and holding box veterinarian these forms will be handed to the President of Jury who will announce the majority decision as to whether the horse may compete. When there are two lanes of Horses of a same class being inspected the whole Ground Jury will come together along with chief Veterinary officer from each lane. If there is an even number of Ground Jury members and Veterinary Delegates, then the Veterinary Delegates’ vote will be counted twice. President of the Ground Jury, the Foreign Judge and either the Veterinary Delegate of the President of the Veterinary Commission will be the sole voters. There is no appeal against this decision.

2.10 Any horse which is due for re-inspection on the following day and is accepted, can be sampled for Prohibited Substances.

2.11. Only a member of the Ground Jury has the authority to disqualify any horse which is considered to be unfit for the Event (marked lameness, serious injury or poor general condition). A veterinarian has no authority to disqualify a horse except where there is a welfare issue. In all cases of further inspection or re-inspection each Member of the Ground Jury and the Veterinary Delegate will be issued with a Voting Slip on which they must check either a Yes or No box to indicate whether they consider the horse fit to compete. These forms will be handed to the President of the Jury who will announce the majority decision as to whether the horse may compete. If there is an even number of jury members and Veterinary Delegates, then the President of the Ground Jury, the Foreign Judge and either the Veterinary Delegate or the President of the Veterinary Commission will be the sole voters. There is no appeal against this decision.
### Proposed Change

**DC921 Permitted Carriages** [CHAPTER DC-7 CARRIAGES AND HARNESS]

DC 921 Permitted Carriages

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1. For all divisions in Dressage and Cones, either Dressage or Marathon carriages of appropriate widths are permitted (see DC 922).

1.1 Only Marathon carriages are permitted for Marathon phase. For Advanced, marathon carriages must be the appropriate weight (see DC 922).

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**Driving**

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### Rule Change Intent

Update and reformat to simplify. This chart is NOT current with the FEI rule. Rather than update it, the chart can be simplified into two written rules to also include Preliminary & Intermediate divisions.

### Linked Rules

**Web:** permitted carriages

### Committee Actions

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DC925 Harness, Carriage and Horses [CHAPTER DC-7 CARRIAGES AND HARNESS]

2. Bandages and Brushing Boots
2.1 Bandages and Brushing Boots are not permitted in Dressage. Failure to comply will result in 10 penalty points.
2.2 If a penalty is applied under 925 940.2.1 above, the Bandages or Brushing Boots must be removed immediately after leaving the Arena and the Horse(s) inspected by a Veterinarian or an FEI Steward who will report his findings to the President of the Ground Jury.

Linked Rules
Web: FEI Steward

Rule Change Intent
Remove reference to FEI Steward, as they are not required at USEF competitions. Also change article reference.

Committee Actions
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DC930 Outside assistance [CHAPTER DC-8 CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION]

DC930 Outside assistance

1. Definition Any physical intervention by a third party, not riding on the carriage, whether solicited or not, with the object of facilitating the task of the Athlete or helping his Horses, is considered to be outside assistance.

2. Prohibited outside assistance

2.1 Dressage and Cones:

2.1.1 Any intervention by a third party, not riding on the carriage, whether solicited or not, with the object of facilitating the task of the Athlete or helping his horses, is considered to be outside assistance. Any Athlete who has received physical outside assistance may be eliminated by the Ground Jury.

This rule change was overlooked when FEI & USEF rule change allowed verbal assistance in Cones phase (eff. 2018). First sentence is contradictory to DC 930.2.1.2 and needs to be deleted.
Proposed Change

DC935 Driven Dressage Tests [CHAPTER DC-11 DRIVEN DRESSAGE]

DC935 Driven Dressage Tests
Approved Tests
Advanced will use the FEI Driven Dressage Tests published on the FEI website. Intermediate can use either FEI 1* tests or ADS Intermediate tests. Preliminary will use ADS tests.

Details of approved FEI Driven Dressage Tests are shown on the FEI website. The schedules Prize Lists/Omnibus for all events must state clearly which of these Tests is to be used. FEI for Advanced, 1* for Intermediate, ADS for Prelim.

Rule Change Intent

To clarify the wording for approved Dressage Tests in Advanced, Intermediate and Preliminary divisions.
The Committee would also like to add the option of using the American Driving Society (ADS) Intermediate driven dressage tests for USEF Intermediate divisions.

Linked Rules

Web: driven dressage tests

Comments

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DC945 Obstacles in Section B [CHAPTER DC-12 MARATHON]

4. Compulsory gates

4.1 Obstacles will include compulsory gates marked with red and white letters, which should be marked A up to F, indicating the sequence in which they must be driven. *Advanced will drive gates A to F; Intermediate will drive gates A to E; Preliminary will drive gates A to D.*

4.2 As an alternative option, a maximum of two letters can be used twice in the same obstacle.

4.3 The height of all elements within a compulsory gate must not be less than 1.30 metres. Minimum height for gates and elements for VSEs is 1.0 meter unless an exception is granted by the Technical Delegate.

4.4 The minimum width of a compulsory gate is 2.50 metres. The minimum width of a compulsory gate for VSEs is 2.0 meters.

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

Define compulsory gates (letters) in Marathon obstacles for each division.

Linked Rules

Web: obstacles

Committee Actions

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## Proposed Change

**DC946 Inspection of the Course** [CHAPTER DC-12 MARATHON]

3.6 On allocated Championships venues, Athletes must not ride a Horse or drive any Horse drawn vehicle through the Obstacles in the 30 days prior to the Event in which they are competing.

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### Rule Change Intent

Delete the rule entirely. In the FEI rules, this only applies to World Championships. The Driving Committee voted to remove the rule completely, as it is unenforceable. Without an enforcer named or a penalty listed, there is not guidance on what is to be done in these cases.

### Linked Rules

Web: inspection of the course

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### Proposed Change

**DC 950 Judges** [CHAPTER DC-12 MARATHON]

DC950 Judges
1. Positions
1.1 One member of the Ground Jury must be at the Compulsory Rest before Section B. The Judge should act on the advice of the Veterinary Delegate to decide whether the horses are in a fit condition to continue the competition. The judge must also supervise the measuring of the carriages and correctness of the Harnessing.

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### Rule Change Intent

Rule needs to comply with DC920.3 which changed eff. 2018 & only requires a Veterinarian present at the compulsory rest before Section B. (the judge would be called if required to make an official determination)

### Linked Rules

Web: judges

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**Proposed Change**

**DC 951 Officials** [CHAPTER DC-12 MARATHON]

DC 951

3. Obstacle observers

3.1 There must be one Obstacle Observer at each obstacle. Each Obstacle Observer must have at least two assistants. The Obstacle Observer must be given a whistle and two stopwatches and instructed in their use by the Technical Delegate or his assistant. They must record the exact time to 1/100th second taken by each Athlete through the obstacle. For Preliminary and Intermediate levels, these numbers will be at the discretion of the Technical Delegate.

3.2 Obstacle Observers must be given a starting order listing all Athletes together with sufficient copies of Obstacle Reports and diagrams to record each Athlete's time and the sequence of the gates through the obstacle as driven.

3.3 In case of incorrect sequence, a drawing of the route must be recorded.

3.4 Obstacle Observers must record and report all incidents to a member of the Ground Jury, as soon as possible after the incident occurred.

3.5 After the competition, Obstacle Observers must remain in the vicinity of the Secretary’s Office until dismissed by the President of the Ground Jury.

**Rule Change Intent**

Leave flexibility for number of obstacle observers and delete Preliminary / Intermediate sentence, as it's no longer needed.

**Linked Rules**

| Web: officials |

**Committee Actions**

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| Council - Intl Discipline |

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DR117 The Position and Aids of the Rider. [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]

DR117 The Position and Aids of the Rider. Change to read:

4. Riding with both hands is obligatory at all national and International Dressage Events. However, riding with one hand is permitted in the Freestyle Tests and when leaving the arena. Individuals holding a Federation Dispensation Certificate may use bridged or special adaptive reins for use with one or no hand(s), if their physical limitations require such and the equipment is listed on the Dispensation Certificate. Apart from the halt and salute, where the athlete must take the reins in one hand, riding with the reins in both hands is obligatory in Dressage classes at FEI Dressage Events, but a discreet ‘pat on the neck’ for a well performed exercise, or for reassurance, is perfectly acceptable (as is the situation of an athlete needing to wipe a fly from their eye, or other situations such as adjusting clothing, saddle pads etc). However, if the rider intentionally takes the reins into one hand in order to use either the reins or the other hand to produce more impulsion from the horse, or to promote applause from the spectators during the test, it will be considered a fault and will be reflected in the mark for both the movement and the collective mark for ‘Rider’.

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Rule Change Intent
To update language that should say dressage classes and not FEI Dressage events

Linked Rules
Comments
Web: position and aids of the rider

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**Proposed Change**

**DR119 Participation in Dressage Competitions.** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]

DR119 Participation in Dressage Competitions. Change to read:

Eventing Beginner Novice and Novice tests are equivalent to Training Level.

Eventing Training **Level, Modified Level and Preliminary Level** tests are equivalent to First Level.

Eventing Preliminary tests are equivalent to Second Level.

Eventing Intermediate **Level** tests are equivalent to **Second, Third** Level.

Eventing Advanced **Level** tests are equivalent to Third Level.

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**Rule Change Intent**

Clarification of test equivalents based on newly effective Eventing Tests

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**Eventing**

Draft 1: The Eventing Sport Committee would approve if amended to match the verbiage provided in a Standard Rule Change proposal submitted by the US Eventing Association on June 20, 2019 (copied below). There is a distinct progression of the movements required from the between the Training and Modified levels and again, between the Modified and Preliminary levels. The Eventing Sport Committee feels the proposal submitted by the US Eventing Association more accurately reflects the progression of movements between the three levels. Eventing Beginner Novice and Novice levels are equivalent to Training level Dressage Eventing Training level is equivalent to First Level Test 1 Eventing Modified level is equivalent to First Level Test 2 Eventing Preliminary level is equivalent to First Level Test 3 Eventing Intermediate level is equivalent to Second level Dressage Eventing Advanced level is equivalent to Third level Dressage
Proposed Change

DR119 Participation in Dressage Competitions. [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]

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3rd  3rd

4th  4th

PSG & Devel
PSG

PSG & Devel
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Int I  Int I

Int A & B  Int A&B

Int II & Prelim
Devel
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Int II & Prelim
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Proponent Details

Dressage

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Rule Change Intent

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DR121 Saddlery and Equipment. [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]

DR121 Saddlery and Equipment. Change to read:

2. For Training, First and Second Level tests, FEI Tests for Children, and FEI Pony tests, a plain snaffle bridle is required with a regular cavesson, a dropped noseband, a flash noseband (a combination of a cavesson noseband and a dropped noseband attachment) or a crossed noseband. Except for the buckles and a small disk of sheepskin, which may be used in the intersection of the two leather straps of a crossed noseband, the headstall and cavesson/noseband of the bridle must be made entirely of leather or leather-like material. However, wear tabs on cheek pieces and reins may be made of non-leather or other material. A padded cavesson/noseband and crownpiece are allowed. Nylon or other non-metal material may be used to reinforce leather in the headstall but must not come in direct contact with the horse. Elastic inserts are permitted in the crownpiece and cheekpieces only. A browband is required, and except for the parts that attach to the crownpiece or headstall, is not required to be made of leather or leather-like material. The crownpiece of the bridle must lie immediately behind the poll and may extend forward onto the poll, but it may not be fitted to lie behind the skull (see diagram). A jowl strap is considered a throat latch and can be used to replace, or be used in addition to, a traditional throat latch. In order to meet the requirements of this rule the jowl strap must be fitted around or immediately below the horse’s jowl, as illustrated below: Nosebands with one or two lower (chin) straps must also have a throat latch, as described above. The back strap (or chin strap) of a noseband cannot also be considered a jowl strap. BOD 11/12/18 Effective 12/1/18

(Insert illustration of permitted jowl strap location)

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

To clarify that jowl straps are permitted in dressage competition.

Linked Rules

Web: jowl straps

Comments

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Council - Intl Discipline

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Dressage

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DR121 Saddlery and Equipment. [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]

DR121 Saddlery and Equipment. Change to read:

7. Martingales, bit guards, any kind of gadgets (such as bearing, side, running, balancing reins, neck straps, nasal strips, tongue tied down, etc.), any kind of boots (including "easy-boots") or bandages (including tail bandages) and any form of earmuffs or plugs, nose covers, seat covers, hoods are, under penalty of elimination, strictly forbidden. One small identification tag, ….. Blinkers and fly masks that cover the horse’s eyes are permitted in warmup but are forbidden in the competition arena. **Cooling caps (hoods) are forbidden in competition and warmup areas** …. 

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## Proposed Change

DR122 Execution and Judging of Tests [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]

DR122 Execution and Judging of Tests. Add new and renumber remaining.

5. Errors.

*k. Judges may not mark or deduct points for an error for any reason other than as described in DR122.5; i.e. dress code violations (DR120) cannot be penalized by an error.*

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## Rule Change Intent

Some judges are penalizing dress code violations with an error. This practice is not allowed by the USEF rules.

## Linked Rules

Web: errors

## Committee Actions

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DR122 Execution and Judging of Tests. [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]

DR122 Execution and Judging of Tests. Change to read:


g. If the horse leaves the arena with or without the rider (all four feet outside the fence or line marking the arena perimeter) between the beginning and end of the test, the competitor is eliminated. **Leaving the arena at the end of a test at any place other than “A” shall be penalized by elimination, except in cases where the arena conditions don’t allow for exit at “A” or where the rider loses control while on a loose rein.**

h. A test begins with the entry at A and ends after the final salute, as soon as the horse moves forward; except in Freestyle, where the test begins in the first stride after the salute and ends at the final salute. Except for leaving the arena as described above in 7.g. and for non-permitted movements shown in a freestyle test, anything before the beginning or after the end of the test has no effect on the marks. The competitor **must should** leave the arena in the way prescribed in the test; however, in Federation Training through Fourth Level tests, the competitor **must should** leave the arena at “A” at a walk, on long or loose rein.

**Rule Change Intent**

to further clarify where a horse/rider combination is able to leave the arena at the end of a test

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**Linked Rules**

Web: judging

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DR124 Elimination. [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]

DR124 Elimination. Add new and renumber:

4. Horses may enter no more than two consecutive levels, Freestyle levels included (see DR119.2-3). If, due to management or other error, a horse competes in more than two consecutive levels at a competition, the level(s) competed in first that are in compliance with DR119 will be counted for scores and awards. Levels competed in subsequently that are outside the two consecutive level requirement will entail elimination and awards for those classes must be returned.

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

To clarify how scores should or should not be counted if a horse competes in more than two consecutive levels at a competition.

Linked Rules

Web: elimination

Comments

Committee Actions

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Council - Intl Discipline

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Dressage

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Membership has expressed their discontent with the current USEF Dressage Rule wording and are looking to revert the Rule back to the 60% verbiage in the original Rule prior to December 1, 2018 to continue competing in Dressage Freestyle classes. We recognize the years of dedication and effort to those preparing to ride a freestyle, all while keeping in mind the trend of upward scores nationally and internationally. In recognition of those preparing to ride Freestyles at the FEI levels, the rule must be amended to allow members time to continue to raise their scores to a 63%.

**Proposed Change**

DR129 Musical Freestyle Ride. [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]

**DR129 Musical Freestyle Ride,** Change to read:

9. Except for USEF/USDF Championship classes and for FEI Pony Riders, FEI Junior, FEI Young Rider and FEI Para-Equestrian Freestyles, in order to enter a freestyle class at any level, a horse/rider combination must have received a minimum score of 63% for Training through Fourth levels and 60% for FEI levels in the highest test of the declared freestyle level or any test of a higher level at a USEF/USDF licensed Dressage Competition, Federation Licensed or FEI recognized Dressage Competition, or “open” Dressage class (i.e. open to all breeds) at a Federation Licensed Competition held prior to the competition where the horse/rider combination is entered to ride a freestyle class. A photocopy of the test verifying eligibility, or copy of the USDF score verification, must be submitted with the entry for a freestyle class.

**Proponent Details**

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**Rule Change Intent**

The US Equestrian Dressage Sport Committee voted to put forward this new rule change proposal as an Extraordinary rule change in order to address the concerns of the members who expressed discontent with the current rule wording of DR129.9 as well as the process of the rule change submission. The percentage from Training through Fourth levels does not affect the majority of the membership; however, does provide a benchmark for achievement for the betterment of the Dressage Sport in the United States at these national levels. Freestyles are one of the most public facets of our Sport, and competency of technical skills must be demonstrated by those who compete in freestyles. If this is not done, it would have negative consequences for the development of Dressage within the United States.

**Linked Rules**

**Comments**

Web: musical freestyle

**Committee Actions**

**Competition Management**

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DR135.17 In order to be granted a license and/or maintain his/her license all Dressage Technical Delegate must have attended a Federation Dressage/USDF/DSHB Pony Measurement Certification clinic where certification testing to measure ponies for dressage or DSHB is conducted and passed the certification examination. Effective January 1, 2015, all Dressage Technical Delegates must attend a Federation Dressage/USDF/DSHB Pony Measurement Certification clinic at least once every four years in order to maintain his/her license.
Proposed Change

EQ104 Horse Welfare [CHAPTER EQ-2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]

EQ103 Eligibility to Compete

[...]

[new section]

EQ 104 Horse Welfare (see also GR839)

1. The following acts are prohibited:

a. Riding an exhausted horse.
b. Excessive pressuring of a tired horse.
c. Riding or lunging an obviously lame horse.
d. Excessive use of a whip on any horse in a stall, aisle, schooling area, competition ring or elsewhere on the competition grounds. The use of a whip must be for a good reason, done at the appropriate time, in the proper place and with appropriate restraint. Excessive whipping will not be tolerated.
e. Any striking of the horse’s head (on the poll or forward of the poll) shall be deemed excessive.
f. Improper use of the reins resulting in bleeding, broken skin or broken mucous membrane.
g. Excessive use of the spurs or spurring resulting in broken and bleeding skin.
h. Rapping the legs of a horse with the butt end of a riding crop or other implement.
i. Use of any substance to induce temporary heat causing hyper-sensitization.
j. Poling. See GR844
  i. Use of a wire or chain in conjunction with any schooling jumps.
m. Use of electronic shock devices in schooling or showing.
n. Use of shackles, hook hobbles and similar devices, with the exception of kicking chains while the horse is in the stall or in transport. This does not prohibit the use of rubber or plastic exercising devices.
o. Showing a horse with hypersensitive, raw or bleeding sores around the cornets, pasterns, legs or body.
p. Use of laser beam devices anywhere on the competition grounds, except in an exhibition or if required in class specifications. (Exception: Lasers used in a therapeutic manner).
q. Withholding of feed or water for prolonged periods.
r. Letting blood from a horse for other than diagnostic purposes.
s. Inhumane treatment of a horse in a stall, aisle, schooling area, competition ring or elsewhere on the competition grounds, by any person.

2. Regular and local competitions. Competitors found to be in violation of these rules by the Competition Steward or other Federation Official shall be eliminated/disqualified from competing within the upcoming 24-hour period and shall forfeit all entry fees for such competition. In addition, after consultation between Competition Management, the Steward, or other official involved, and a Senior Judge in the division, additional penalties including disqualification from the balance of the competition may be imposed. All such violations must be recorded in the Steward’s Report and, if cruelty or abusive behavior is evident, it will be reviewed by the Federation for such action as may be deemed appropriate to the particular circumstances.

EQ104 EQ105 Position

[...]

[renumber remaining sections accordingly]

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

This rule change is proposed to provide focus on the commitment to the protection and welfare of our equine athletes, and specifically those horses.
competing in the Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation sections.

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Proposed Change

**EQ105 Appointments** [CHAPTER EQ-2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]

EQ105 Appointments

[Linked to HU126.2 & JP111]

[...]

5. Tack. Judges may penalize but not eliminate a horse or pony that competes in unconventional tack. Judges must eliminate a horse or pony that competes in illegal tack.

a. Hunter Seat Equitation:

[...]

b. Jumping Seat Equitation (USEF Talent Search, WIHS Jumper Phase, USHJA Jumping Seat Medal, and any class specifically designated as a Jumping Seat Equitation class):

[...]

c. **Cable or metal tie downs are prohibited for use on horses and ponies.**

d. **Curb.** When using a curb with any leverage bit, it must be constructed of loose links, joints, and/or lie smooth against the jaw of the horse and be free of twists, sharp objects or anything inhumane. A curb may be wrapped or inserted into a cover for the comfort of the horse. A curb may not be used in conjunction with wire, metal, rawhide, metal "keepers", or any other substance except for attachment of curb to the bit.

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

For the welfare of the horse, this proposal protects the horse from equipment that could inflict pain or discomfort.

Linked Rules

HU 126 (283-18), JP 111 (282-18)

Committee Actions

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EQ105 Appointments [CHAPTER EQ-2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]


a. No mounted exhibitor may wear or carry an electronic communication device (i.e., cellular telephone, pager, walkie talkie, etc.) while in the competition ring. The penalty for wearing or carrying a forbidden device if observed by the judge may be elimination from the class during which the device was worn or carried.

b. Electronic communication devices used for purposes of coaching, etc., between competitors and individuals outside the ring shall be prohibited in all classes.

c. Exhibitors who have a chronic condition may apply for a Presidential Modification exempting them from the provisions of this rule in accordance with GR152. Riders may not use these devices in over fences classes.

d. An exhibitor who has a chronic condition and has previously been granted at least one annual presidential modification related to the condition, may submit an application for approval of a special three-year presidential modification related to the same condition. The application must be accompanied by sufficient supporting documentation that the condition is unlikely to improve during the three-year period.

e. The unsafe use of electronic devices, as determined by the competition steward in their sole discretion, including cell phones, with or without earphones/buds while mounted is prohibited in all areas designated for schooling and exercise, and while lunging horses on competition grounds.

PropONENT DETAILS

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Rule Change Intent

Distracted riding in schooling areas is dangerous for horses and riders as well as people on the ground. This rule change is proposed to increase safety for both riders and horses.

Linked Rules

JP 103 (285-18)

Comments

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EQ117 Requirements for Specific Classes [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ-3 SADDLE SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]

15. UPHA CHALLENGE CUP

b. Specifications and Procedures for all UPHA Challenge Cup National Finals and Chapter Championships:

11. In all UPHA Challenge Cup National Finals, a champion and reserve champion will be chosen, with the next eight (8) riders placed in numerical order. Two unannounced reserves should be tied. The “Top Ten” will be announced first, followed by the reserve champion and the champion. It is recommended that all riders must be retired to a holding area outside of the ring and then brought back in individually and numerically for the “Top Ten” awards and the presentation of the reserve champion and champion.

Rule Change Intent
Formerly a recommendation, the proposal would require competitions to dismiss the riders from the ring prior to announcing top ten, reserve and champion. In large classes it is a safety concern for the horses to have to stand in the lineup for a long period of time during the tabulation and presentation of all of the awards. In addition, this would allow those riders not receiving awards to exit to the stabling area without undue attention.

Linked Rules
Web: UPHA Challenge Cup

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Proposed Change

15. UPHA CHALLENGE CUP

e. UPHA MORGAN, ARABIAN BREEDS, AND NATIONAL SHOW HORSE CHALLENGE CUPS.

4. Riders in UPHA Morgan, Arabian Breeds, or National Show Horse Challenge Cup qualifying classes, may qualify for their respective UPHA breed Challenge Cup National Finals by placing first through fourth in the respective breed qualifying classes or first through fourth in an open UPHA Challenge Cup qualifying class. In addition, riders competing in the National Show Horse Finals may qualify by placing first through fourth in the Arabian Breeds qualifying classes mounted on a National Show Horse.

Rule Change Intent

This proposal allows a rider mounted on a National Show Horse to use the Arabian breeds class to qualify for the National Show Horse Finals. Currently, there is only one competition offering a National Show Horse qualifying classes. Therefore, a rider wanting to compete in the National Show Horse Finals only has the opportunity to qualify by competing in an open class. This restricts the entries in the Finals as their opportunity for qualifying is limited.

Linked Rules

Committee Actions

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Web: UPHA Morgan, Arabian, and National Show Horse Challenge Cups
EV108 Excercising and Warm Up [CHAPTER EV-1 General Rules For All Eventing Competitions]

2. RESTRICTIONS ON SCHOOLING HORSES.
   a. It is forbidden, under penalty of disqualification, for anyone other than the competitor who will ride the horse in the competition to school the horse during the competition. This period of restriction begins at 3:00 pm of the day prior to the start of the entire horse’s competition.

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Rule Change Intent

To allow horses that arrive two to three days before their scheduled time to be properly exercised prior to competing. It’s not uncommon for some horse trials to run over several days, with horses arriving as a group. The rider may not arrive until the day before the start time due to work or school commitments.

Potential Impact

None

Linked Rules

Web: restrictions on schooling horses

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

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Eventing

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Proposed Change

EV115.2c & EV115.2.d - Saddlery - Dressage Test [CHAPTER EV1 - General Rules for all Eventing Competitions]

c. A rounded snaffle bit made of metal, leather, rubber or plastic material is permitted for all tests.

d. A rounded snaffle bit made of metal, leather, rubber, or plastic material is permitted for all tests and may be covered with rubber/latex. Snaffles are permitted and must have a minimum diameter of fourteen millimeters (14 mm). For ponies minimum diameter shall be ten millimeters (10 mm). The diameter of the mouthpiece is measured adjacent to the rings or the cheeks of the mouthpiece. The reins must be attached to the bit.

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Rule Change Intent
To strike verbiage added to EV115 regarding minimum diameter of bits as part of an FEI Rule change in early 2019. Upon finding that the rule implemented by the FEI and adopted for the USEF Rules for Eventing was difficult to enforce with consistency and to maintain biosecurity while checking bit diameters, the Eventing Sport Committee requested and was granted a Presidential Modification to delay enforcement of the rule to December 1, 2019. Lacking clear guidelines for the measurement of bits and due to ongoing concerns regarding the biosecurity risks of measuring bits, the Eventing Sport Committee voted to strike reference to minimum bit diameters adopted in early 2019.

A separate clarification was approved to reinstate language regarding wrapping of bits which was inadvertently deleted from the rules. That change is integrated here to avoid multiple changes regarding the same rules.

Potential Impact
None

Linked Rules
Web: snaffle bit

Comments

Committee Actions

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| Council - Intl Discipline | Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/29/2019 | Draft 1: No Comments |
| Licensed Officials | Draft 1: No Action | Draft 1: No Comments |
EV115.2. DRESSAGE TEST

a. The following are compulsory: an English type saddle and a permitted bridle.
b. A double bridle with cavesson noseband, i.e. bridoon and curb bits with curb chain (made of metal or leather or a combination), is permitted for some tests. Cover for curb chain can be made of leather, rubber or sheep skin.
   1. Cavesson noseband may never be so tightly fastened as to harm the horse
   2. Lipstrap and rubber or leather covers for the curb chain are optional
   3. Bridoon and curb must be made of metal or rigid plastic and may be covered with rubber/latex (flexible rubber bridoons and/or curbs are not allowed).
   4. The lever arm of the curb bit is limited to 10 cm (length below the mouth piece)
   5. If the curb has a sliding mouthpiece, the lever arm of the curb bit below the mouthpiece must not measure more than 10 cm when the mouthpiece is in the uppermost position
   6. The diameter of the ring of the bridoon must be such as to not hurt the horse

    c. A rounded snaffle bit made of metal, leather, rubber or plastic material and may be covered with rubber/latex is permitted for all tests

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Rule Change Intent

To match existing language of the FEI for wrapping of bits in Dressage which has been in place for some time. As this change is not the result of a recent change made by the FEI, the Standard Rule Change process is being utilized with an effective date of 12/01/19.

Linked Rules

Web: dressage test - bits

Comments

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

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## Proposed Change

**EV115 Saddlery** [CHAPTER EV1 General Rules for All Eventing Competitions]  

**EV115.2.** DRESSAGE TEST.  

f. Martingales, bit guards, any kind of gadgets (such as bearing, side, running or balancing reins, etc.), reins with any loops or hand attachments, any kind of boots or leg bandages and any form of blinkers, including earmuffs, earplugs, hoods, and seat covers are, under penalty of elimination, strictly forbidden. Ear hoods are permitted for all Tests and may also provide noise reduction. However, ear hoods must not cover the horse’s eyes and ear plugs are not permitted. The ear hoods should be discreet in color and design.  

g. Nose nets are permitted under the following conditions:  
1. The entry must be accompanied by a letter signed by the horse’s veterinarian on letterhead, stating that the horse has been diagnosed with head shaking syndrome and that the horse’s condition is improved with the use of a nose net.  
2. The Nose net must be made of a transparent material and cover only the top half of the muzzle, not the bit or the horse’s mouth.  

**h.** A neck strap or pommel strap may be used. The strap must be made primarily of leather.  

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## Rule Change Intent

Under the current USEF Rules for Eventing, the use of neck straps or pommel straps is not permitted for use during the Dressage phase of competition; however they are permitted for both jumping phases. In the interest of added safety the Committee has agreed to allow use of both during the Dressage phase.

## Linked Rules

**Comments**  
Web: neck strap  

## Committee Actions

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Creating hardship for the organizers by offering tests that have been endorsed by the eventing community, but have not been included within the rulebook.

**Proposed Change**

**EV122 Introduction** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EV-2 RULES FOR TESTS]

EV122 Introduction

1. DEFINITION. Tests consist of one or more dressage, cross-country or jumping competitions. They are designed to introduce the discipline, and to prepare competitors and horses for Horse Trials. They provide experience for participants within an enjoyable day of competition. These competitions may include:

   a. Cross-Country Tests
   b. Combined Tests
   c. Starter Event Rider Tests
   d. Eventing Equitation Tests
   e. Young Event Horse Tests

2. ORGANIZATION. Tests may be offered as separate competitions, or may be organized in conjunction with a Horse Trial or an Event. They usually take place on one day.

EV123 Rules for Tests

1. PARTICIPATION. A horse may be ridden by more than one competitor. A competitor may ride more than one horse. The number of horses that a competitor may ride may be limited by the Organizer. The number of times that a horse may compete may be limited by the Organizer.

2. LICENSED OFFICIALS. For competitions that do not require Licensed Judges (such as Cross-Country Tests), a Federation Licensed Eventing Technical Delegate is required. In such instances, the Technical Delegate assumes the responsibility of the Ground Jury as noted in Part Six. For competitions which include dressage and jumping phases (such as Combined Tests, Starter Event Rider Tests, Eventing Equitation Tests or Young Event Horse Tests), a Federation Licensed Eventing Judge is required. This Judge shall act as the Ground Jury and shall perform the course evaluation functions of a technical delegate. Other judges may be Federation Licensed Judges, participants or graduates of the USEA Training Program, or knowledgeable horsemen.

3. OTHER OFFICIALS. A veterinarian shall be present on the grounds during any cross-country or jumping competition. Qualified medical personnel (EV113.1) must be present during all competitions.

4. TESTS. Flexibility is provided for the running of Tests. Tests may be judged in the normal manner, as minimum percentage classes, as clear round classes, on the honor system, purely on time or points, etc. Classification may be individual, pairs or teams. Organizing Committees are encouraged to create attractive competitions, whether they use the Tests described below or create additional Tests. Tests will be conducted under guidelines published by the USEA.

**EV124 Cross-Country Tests**

Cross-Country Tests consist of distinct competitions involving various cross-country skills. The tests may include pace, taking your own line, following unknown course, top score competitions with obstacles of different values, clear round cross-country, etc. The conditions under which the Cross-Country Tests will be conducted will be printed in the prize list.

**EV125 Combined Tests**

Combined Tests consist of two distinct tests during which a competitor rides the same horse throughout. The tests may include two of the following—dressage, cross-country, jumping; or may include one discipline (such as cross-country) repeated twice under different conditions. Combined Tests will be conducted under guidelines published by the USEA.

**EV126 Starter Event Rider Tests**
Open to riders of any age who have never competed in a horse trial, on any horse. The test shall involve a short dressage test (30%), jumping 6 or 7 fences in an arena (30%), and galloping in the open over 3 or 4 fences (40%). The fences will not exceed 2'6". Each competitor will be judged on position, seat, and effective use of aids. The competitor must ride the same horse throughout.

**EV127 Eventing Equitation Tests**

Open to riders 14 to 18 years of age, on any horse. The test shall involve a short dressage test (40%), and jumping approximately 10 cross-country-type obstacles not to exceed 3'7" (60%). The jumping may be in an arena or on a short cross-country course. Each competitor will be judged on position, seat, and effective use of aids. The competitor must ride the same horse throughout.

**EV128 Young Event Horse Tests**

Open to four and five year old horses with any rider. The test shall involve a short dressage test, a jumping test that may involve cross-country obstacles of 8-12 fences up to 3'3" (4 yo) or 3'7" (5 yo) in height, and a final judging of horses shown in hand for conformation, suitability and presence. The same competitor must ride or show the horse throughout.

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**Rule Change Intent**

Having specific Eventing Tests in the rulebook has created a hardship for organizers. As the rule stands, only those Tests listed in EV122 may be included with a recognized/endorsed competition. Anything outside of these open a competition up for receiving fines from the competitions department. The sport has evolved to included unique opportunities for competitors outside of these Tests, however, organizers are penalized for offering them around a recognized/endorsed competition.

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EV175 Course Designer

1. QUALIFICATIONS.

The Course Designer must be selected from the current roster of Eventing Course Designers of the Federation, or must have received training as a course designer. An individual recognized by the FEI or by another National Federation may serve as the course designer for a specific competition with the approval of the Federation Eventing Sport Committee. Individuals residing in the United States and designing Courses for National Horse Trials must be a USEF Certified Eventing Cross Country Course Designer. A Senior (S) course designer is required for an Advanced Horse Trial. A Registered (R) or higher course designer is required for an Intermediate Horse Trial. A recorded (r) or higher course designer is required for Preliminary and Modified Horse Trials and National Three-Day Events. A Certified Eventing Cross Country Course Designer is required for Beginner Novice, Novice and Training Horse Trials. See SUBCHAPTER 10 - LICENSE APPLICATIONS, ENROLLMENT, PROMOTION, AND MAINTENANCE USEF Licensed Officials Policies and Procedures for maintenance requirements for all licenses and certification.
### Proposed Change

**FR107 General** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER FR-2 IN HAND]

j. Handlers & Whip Runners

a. Two people are allowed per horse. One must be a handler, the other as whip runner.
b. Each person may carry a whip (and/or the whip runner may carry one standard lunge whip).
c. The whip runner is allowed to use the whip to get the attention of the horse and can verbally assist the handler.
d. The whip runner is not permitted to handle/touch/aid in the presentation of the horse unless an emergency occurs.
   2. At no time may whips have any additional equipment attached to them, i.e. plastic bags, etc. Use of bags and cans inside the area is prohibited and shall result in immediate dismissal from the arena. Treats are permissible in the arena.
   
   In amateur classes, the handler must be an amateur.

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### Rule Change Intent

Often times whip runners are acting outside their intended duty and are further assisting handlers in the presentation of the horse. Such activity gives handlers an advantage making for an uneven playing field.

### Linked Rules

- Web: whip runners

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### Proposed Change

**FR167 Tack** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER FR-13 SHOW PLEASURE DRIVING]

1. Horses must be shown to a two wheeled vehicle suitable to the horse such as traditional **Meadowbrooks American show carts** or roadcarts. **Traditional Meadowbrooks, antiques or reproduction carriages are not allowed.** The Horse must be shown in a correctly sized and fitted harness and vehicle suitable to the size of the horse, which is of the utmost importance for the safety of horses and exhibitors alike.

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### Rule Change Intent

Further outlining the types of vehicles permissible for Show Pleasure Driving will allow for consistency within the classes and be safer for both horse and exhibitor. At present, all two wheeled vehicles are permitted, which allows horses to be presented at different rates of speeds. Not only does this allow for inconsistency within the classes but it presents a safety concern as higher speeds lead to noisier vehicles which cause a distraction to other horses and exhibitors in the class.

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FR188 Carriage Pleasure Driving [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER FR-18 CARRIAGE DRIVING]

1. Carriage Pleasure Driving classes held in the Friesian Division are to be conducted in accordance with Carriage Pleasure Driving Division Chapter CP, except as stated herein:

Exceptions:

1. Marathon & CDE Vehicles may be used in all Carriage Pleasure Driving Classes with exception of Carriage Pleasure Driving Turnout and Concours D’ Elegance.
2. In Drive and Ride classes, an entry may be driven and ridden by different exhibitors in all sections unless an exception is printed in the prize list.
3. Method of Driving: either the one or two handed method of driving is acceptable in all Carriage Pleasure Driving classes, including Reinsmanship. If another method is called for, exhibitors may continue to use their preferred method of driving with penalty.
CHAPTER HJ HUNTER/JUMPER COMPETITIONS

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HJ114 HJ108 Horse entry numbers exceed five hundred (500) and/or Duration of Competition or Series of Competitions Exceeds Twenty-One (21) days without a break of five (5) consecutive calendar days

HJ115 HJS Requirements for Federation Special Competitions (GR301 Classifications) and/or Jumper Level 6 Events

HJ116 HJS Options Menu Selections Required to Obtain Federation Rating for Premier, National, Regional I and Regional II and/or Jumper Levels 5, 4, 3 or 2 (See Specific Rating and Competition Standards Requirements)

HJ117 HJS Option Selection List
SUBCHAPTER HJ-3 4 COMPETITION SCHEDULING AND PRIZE MONEY

HJ102 Definitions - Competition Rings, Schooling Areas, Exercise Areas & Lunge Areas, Maintenance and Judge's Site

Depending on competition rating or level approved, additional requirements may apply.

1. A Competition Ring is defined as a designated area on the competition grounds where classes are held for competition of hunters and/or jumpers. All competitions must provide a minimum of one (1) dedicated competition ring. When a competition ring is not being utilized for its primary purpose, it may be utilized to meet other required HJS such as exercise, lunge or schooling areas. This area must still meet the HJS for the other required use.

2. Beginning 12/01/2011 and ending 11/30/2016, competitions may apply in writing to the Federation for a “Temporary Waiver” of the HJS size requirement of a competition ring, schooling area, exercise area or lunge area as set forth in the Federation HJS. A Temporary Waiver may not exceed a five percent (5%) reduction from the HJS. The Temporary Waiver must be based on facts and circumstances that are beyond the control of the competition. Any Temporary Waiver request may only be approved for the period beginning 12/01/2011 and ending 11/30/2016. Full compliance with Federation HJS for competition rings, schooling areas, exercise areas and lunge areas will be required beginning 12/01/2016.

3. A Schooling Area is defined as a designated area on the competition grounds in close proximity to the competition ring in which horses are being prepared to compete.

4. An Exercise Area is defined as a designated area on the competition grounds in which horses at the competition may be exercised both on the flat and over fences.

5. A Lunge Area is defined as a designated area on the competition grounds that is used primarily to lunge horses.

6. Horses cannot be required to be exhibited in the competition ring or schooled in the designated schooling areas before sunrise or after sunset unless lighting in accordance with HJ102 F and GR834.2 is provided that assures full and complete visibility.

7. Lighting which provides full and complete visibility for a safe working environment for horses and personnel must be provided if any of these areas (competition ring, schooling area, exercise area and lunge area) are open for use between sunset and sunrise.

8. A Judge’s site with climate appropriate protection from adverse weather conditions and seating must be provided at each competition ring or other judging location.

9. Water trucks, sprinklers, snow removal or another climate appropriate system(s) must be used to address climate related conditions including, but not limited to, dust reduction for all required and provided rings, schooling, exercise and lunge areas.

HJ103 Footing for Competition Rings, Schooling Areas, Exercise Areas & Lunge Areas

(See HJ114 for additional requirements when the Horse Entry Numbers exceed five hundred (500) and/or licensed series of competitions are scheduled for a period of twenty-one (21) days or more without a break of at least five (5) consecutive calendar days).

Depending on competition rating or level approved, additional requirements may apply.

1. The footing in all rings, schooling rings, exercise areas and lunge areas must be safe, consistent and appropriate for the intended use and type of competition. These areas must be properly maintained at least daily, and more often depending upon use and weather conditions.

2. Competition management is required to make an effort to maintain the best possible footing in competition, schooling, and exercise and lunge areas. Provisions must be made (by having on hand functioning proper equipment and scheduling sufficient breaks in the schedule) to maintain the footing in those areas throughout the competition by dragging, watering, and raking, if necessary.

HJ104 HJS Support and/or Stabling Facilities

Depending on competition rating or level approved, additional requirements may apply.

1. When provided, stalls must be of sturdy construction, in good condition and safe for horses and ponies. Prize list must specify type of stabling and type of stabling flooring. Stall doors must be provided. The recommended minimum dimensions for box stalls for horses are 9’6” wide by 9’6” deep or comparable square footage with a minimum ceiling height of 7’2”. It is essential that the covering over the stalls is weatherproof.

2. If stabling is provided, each fifty (50) occupied stalls must be provided with one sharps container for the disposal of needles and other disposable sharp instruments. These containers must be placed in convenient locations in barns housing competition horses. If stabling is not provided, competition management must place a minimum of one sharps container for every seventy-five (75) horses entered the previous year in visible and convenient locations.

3. It is competition management’s responsibility to replace sharps containers when full and dispose of them properly. Competition management may fine any individuals including trainers, owners, exhibitors, or their agents up to $100 for improper disposal of needles or other sharps disposable instruments.

4. If local law has more stringent requirements than above relating to sharps containers or disposal, local law will prevail. Conventions failing to comply with placing the required number of containers on the competition grounds will be considered in violation of the rules and may be subject to penalty as determined by the CEO or his designee and/or the Hearing Committee.

5. The lighting in the barn and stabling areas must be adequate to provide a safe working environment for horses and personnel.

6. A minimum of one (1) horse wash area with an operational water outlet and proper drainage for each fifty (50) horses entered in the prior year.

7. When stabling is provided, trash and manure must be removed to the designated dumping area(s) daily or placed in adequate sanitary containment facility. When no stabling is provided there must be a designated trash and manure dumping area(s).

HJ105 HJ102 Other Competition Standards Requirements

Depending on competition rating or level approved, additional requirements may apply.
1. Convenient and ample water facilities for horses, and potable water for human consumption must be provided and available at all times.
2. A minimum of one (1) clean and sanitary rest room (water closet) either portable or permanent must be provided for every fifty (50) horses entered in the previous year and must be cleaned and supplied daily.
3. At least one (1) food and beverage service must be available on the competition grounds beginning thirty (30) minutes prior to start of first scheduled class and ending one (1) hour prior to the conclusion of the competition for each day of the competition. The food and beverage service must be adequate to meet the needs of those that attended in the prior year. Vending machines do not qualify.
4. Adequate parking areas for vans, trailers, competitors and officials must be provided.
5. A level surface area for measurement (if there are divisions that require measurement) in accordance with ORS 507.
6. A competition office with adequate staff to process workload in a timely manner.
7. Communication between secretary, stewards, announcer, in-gate, all competition rings and stables (if applicable) must be provided.
8. Subject to local law and/or management’s specifications as published in both prize list and on entry form, any owner or trainer on the grounds of a competition must be permitted to haul in hay, grain and bedding for their own horses.
9. An owner or trainer may utilize a farrier or veterinarian of their choice. It is the responsibility of the owner or trainer or competitor to advise the competition if they intend to bring their own vet or farrier onto the grounds.
10. Management must provide emergency telephone numbers plus directions to the competition which may be quickly relayed to the official responder. If no call phone service is available a land line with twenty-four (24) hour access must be provided. This information must be posted outside the horse show office and printed in the prize list.
11. Information regarding the use of motorized vehicles (golf carts, motorbikes, scooters, etc.) must be included in the prize list.
12. Adequate and knowledgeable jump crew, in gate, and other personnel to assist in the operation of the competition.

**SUBCHAPTER HJ-2 RATING & HORSE ENTRY NUMBER STANDARDS**

**HJ106 HJ107 HJ Competition Standards (HJS) are Specific Only to Regular Competition Classification and Ratings as Defined Below**

**HJ106 does not apply to Local competitions.** All Local competitions must meet the Basic Standards set forth in HJ100 through HJ105. HJ107. Regardless of rating, additional requirements apply (HJ114 HJ108) when Horse Entry Numbers exceed five hundred (500) and/or licensed series of competitions are scheduled for a period of twenty-one (21) days or more without a break of at least five (5) consecutive calendar days.

A competition must apply for an exception to any competition standard outlined in HJ105-HJ108 if management is unable to remedy facility limitations or space constraints due to extenuating circumstances at the facility, beyond reasonable control of competition management. The application for exception must be submitted at the same time as the competition’s license application or license renewal on a form provided by the Federation.

**HJ107 HJ103 Definitions**

1. Definitions,
   a. Rated Hunter competitions are classified as Premier, National, Regional I, or Regional II. Unrated competitions are classified as Local.
   b. Jumper competitions are designated as Levels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 based upon prize money. See JP104.
   c. Rated competitions offering hunter only, or both hunter and jumper will be subject to HJS set forth under the Premier, National, Regional I and Regional II hunter rating.
   d. HJS for a jumper only competition will be:
      1. Standards set forth under Premier required for Jumper Levels 5 and 6
      2. Standards set forth under National required for Jumper Levels 3 and 4
      3. Standards set forth under Regional I required for Jumper Level 2
      4. Standards set forth under Local required for Jumper Level 1
   e. Federation Special competitions or Jumper Level 6 competitions may be subject to a Federation approved waiver (GR309) or other modification of a portion of the Standards (including HJS), in connection with the Special competition approval.

2. Whenever two (2) Standards are applicable to a competition, the entire competition is to achieve the highest Standard applicable to any portion of the competition.
3. For multi-breed competitions (see HJ101) which contain hunter and/or jumper sections, and for local competitions when operating within an existing rated hunter and/or jumper competition, the highest applicable HJS for any portion of the hunter and/or jumper competition is to be applied to the entire hunter and/or jumper discipline sections only.
4. All competitions must state their competition rating and/or level clearly on the cover of the prize list.

**HJ108 HJ104 HJS Competition Standards Horse Entry & Renewal**

1. Number of Horse Entries Required for HJ Competition Rating.
2. No minimum horse entry number is required to achieve the rating for jumper competitions. Prize money is the alternative criteria required for a jumper rating. See JP104.
3. Competitions restricted to only conducting Breeding classes are exempt from the Horse Entry standard requirement.
4. Two day National Junior/Amateur restricted competitions will have a Horse Entry Number requirement of fifty (50). Competitions which utilize only one (1) competition ring or which offer only hunter and equitation classes (no jumper classes) will have a Horse Entry Number requirement as follows: Premier – seventy-five (75), National – fifty (50), Regional I – thirty-five (35) and Regional II – twenty (20).
5. Rating and Horse Entry Numbers.
   (See HJ114 HJ108 for additional HJS requirements)
   Required number of Horse Entries for Regular or Local competition Classification rated hunter or hunter/jumper are:
   a. Number of horse entries required for a Premier rated hunter or HJ competition is a minimum of two hundred (200).
   b. Number of horse entries required for a National rated hunter or HJ competition is a minimum of seventy-five (75).
   c. Number of horse entries required for a Regional I rated hunter or HJ competition is a minimum of fifty (50).
   d. Number of horse entries required for a Regional II rated hunter or HJ competition is a minimum of twenty-five (25).
   e. There is no minimum number of horse entries required for a Local competition.
   f. For the required number of hunter classes per rating for hunter sections see GR312.6.
6. Horse Entry Number Determination and License Renewal Requirements.
The HJS Horse Entry Number (HJ108 HJ104) is based on the number of horses entered as determined by drug fees paid for the prior year. Horses used in equitation classes are included in the number of horses entered.

7. New Competition or New Rating Horse Entry Requirement.
   During the first three (3) years of a competition, the minimum number of horse entries is determined based upon the minimum number of horse entries required for the rating applied for by the Licensee and approved by the Federation. During one (1) of the first three (3) years for a competition that is new, or for a competition that is held at a new rating, the minimum Horse Entry Number (HJ108 HJ104) for the competition must be achieved.

8. Renewal Competition Horse Entry Number Rating Requirements.
   a. For competitions with three (3) or more years of operation, a competition Licensee may be renewed if they have achieved the HJS Horse Entry Number in at least two (2) of the last three (3) years. The Licensee renewal may be delayed until the completion of the last competition of the existing License, if it is in the best interest of the competition to achieve the HJS Horse Entry Number required for renewal. The other HJS that are applied to a competition must be achieved every year in order to maintain the Rating-Level.
   b. If the required minimum HJS Horse Entry Number is not achieved during the period set forth, then the competition will be provided with a License at a lower rating consistent with the Horse Entry Numbers achieved. The Licensee may continue to conduct a competition at the same location and one the same dates at the new Rating and/or Level in accordance with (HJ108 HJ104) and subject to achieving other HJS required for the Rating or Level.

9. Renewal License Request at a Higher HJS Horse Entry Number Requirement. Any higher rating for a competition may only occur upon application by the Licensee and approval of the Federation in accordance with established license procedures. When a competition is approved to receive a license for a higher rating they must conduct at least three (3) competitions at the new rating before they may again apply for a higher rating.

10. Renewal License Request at a Lower HJS Horse Entry Number or Other HJS Requirement. If the competition Licensee is not able to, or does not wish to, meet the applicable HJS to continue their current rating, the Licensee may request and receive a License at a lower rating, subject to meeting the applicable HJS for the new rating and Federation approval.

11. Renewal License Process Review.

The Federation, in its sole discretion, may determine that a competition has been adversely affected in the competitions ability to achieve the HJS as a result of an unforeseen or unavoidable occurrence. If this unusual occurrence adversely impacts the number of horses entered in the competition, the Federation will not consider the affected competition year in determining renewal rating eligibility. In order for the Federation to make their determination, facts must be reported in writing by competition management to the Federation Competitions Department prior to the earlier of the third day or end of writing by competition management to the Federation Competitions Department prior to the earlier of the third day or end of the licensed competition. Unforeseen or unavoidable occurrences may include Acts of God. The Federation, in its sole discretion, may audit competitions to determine that they are faithfully compliant with the HJS Horse Entry Number Requirement. If a competition is found to be non-compliant due to inclusion of inaccurate information in the competition report or other reports to the Federation, Licensee is subject to immediate revocation of all licenses.

**SUBCHAPTER HJ-3 REQUIREMENTS TO OBTAIN RATING**

**US Equestrian Minimum Requirements for Hunter Jumper Competitions**

**HJ105 Safety and Welfare**

1. Definitions
   a) Potable Water: Convenient and ample water for horses and potable water for human consumption must be free and available at all times. If the facility cannot provide adequate potable water or runs out of potable water, management must provide an alternate water source as soon as possible. If the competition has been without ample water for horses for four consecutive hours, the competition must be halted until water is available.
   b) Restrooms: A minimum of one operable, sanitary restroom must be provided for every fifty (50) horses entered the prior year. A restroom is a fully-enclosed space with a lockable door containing a functioning toilet and stocked toilet paper dispensers. Men’s restrooms may contain urinals. If the restroom is permanent, toilets must flush, hand soap must be provided, and operable sinks that dispense potable water must be provided. All restrooms must be stocked daily, or more often depending on use, and must be cleaned and thoroughly sanitized daily, or more often to prevent the accumulation of debris in undesignated areas.
   c) Accident Preparedness: An operable landline or cell phone must be reserved and accessible at all times for the purposes of contacting emergency personnel.

   1. The following information must be posted outside the show office, and readily available to anyone on the competition grounds:
      a. All 24-hour telephone numbers for horse and human emergencies;
      b. Map of competition grounds;
      c. Directions from competition to nearest hospital and equine veterinary center;
      d. Facility address; and
      e. GPS coordinates of facility address.

   2. In addition to the requirements of GR901, Federation licensed competitions with Hunter, Hunter Breeding, Jumper and/or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes not restricted by breed must publish the following safety information in the prize list:
      a. Mileage to nearest hospital with emergency care; and
      b. Mileage to nearest Level 1 Trauma Center.

   3. In addition to the requirements of GR846, Federation licensed competitions with Hunter, Hunter Breeding, Jumper and/or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes not restricted by breed must do the following:
      a. Competition management is responsible for ensuring that all appropriate competition officials and competition staff including but not limited to Safety Coordinator, Medical Personnel, In-gate Starters, Licensed Officials, Announcers, Technical Coordinator, Stable Manager, Veterinarian, are provided a written copy of the accident preparedness plan and protocol for horses, prior to the commencement of duties.
      b. In addition to the requirements of GR1034 the Steward shall submit a copy of the accident preparedness plan and protocol signed by the Competition Manager, Safety Coordinator, and Medical Personnel, to the Federation along with his/her Steward’s report.
d) Safe Sport Information Signage: Signage provided by USEF detailing information regarding Safe Sport practices and reporting procedures must be posted in the show office.

e) Veterinarian:

i. The official competition veterinarian must be on grounds or on call with a contractual written agreement stating that the veterinarian will be on the grounds or on call during the competition. The contractual agreement must be signed by competition management and the veterinarian who will be on duty. A veterinarian is required on grounds if the competition meets the following criteria and/or rating:

1. All Premier rated and/or Jumper Level 5/6 competitions;
2. A competition in which the previous year’s horse entry number exceeds 200 (HU114 and JP105.5); or
3. A first-year multi-day competition with “A” rated sections.

ii. If required on site based on rating, the official competition veterinarian must be provided with a clean area that is protected from the elements and secured from public view to serve as a first aid station or emergency treatment area of ill and injured horses. The first aid area must be lighted, supplied with electricity and running water, and large enough to provide a suitable and safe working environment. See GR1211.4 for additional requirements.

iii. An owner or trainer may utilize a veterinarian of their choice without being subjected to an additional fee from the competition for doing so.

f) Farrier: If required on-site based on rating, the official competition farrier must be provided with a clean area protected from the elements with a level surface. The farrier area must be lighted, supplied with electricity and access to water, and large enough to provide a suitable and safe working environment.

i. An owner or trainer may utilize a farrier of their choice without being subjected to an additional fee from the competition for doing so.

g) Human Ambulance: A medical vehicle used to respond to medical emergencies and to transport medical patients to the hospital for treatment. Emergency medical service calls must be placed in accordance with applicable local Health Department statutes and regulations.

h) Qualified Medical Personnel: See GR848.

i) Emergency Horse Transport: An operational vehicle with a designated driver dedicated to the transportation of equines on and/or from the property in the instance of an equine injury or emergency. If the horse ambulance consists of a trailer, the trailer must be sized for horses, equipped with a ramp, and properly attached to an operational towing vehicle with a designated driver throughout the competition.

j) Automated External Defibrillator (AED): An automated external defibrillator (AED) must be operable and placed in a designated, safe location. All qualified medical personnel must be informed of the AED’s location prior to the start of competition.

2. Minimum Requirements

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HJ106 Riding and Lunging Areas.

1. Each riding and lunging area must be clearly labeled with signs indicating whether the area is open or closed, in accordance with the competition schedule. Riding or lunging may not occur in a riding or lunging area that has been closed for use. Lunging is not permitted in the same area in which horses are being ridden; riding is not permitted in the same area in which horses are being lunged. The prize list must specify the dimensions of each riding and lunging area at the facility.

2. Definitions.

a. Competition Ring: An area designated with signage and a barrier, with a gate or space for entry and exit, on competition grounds where classes are held for competition of hunters and/or jumpers. All competitions must provide a minimum of one dedicated competition ring. Competition rings may be utilized as an exercise, lunge, or schooling area when not being used for its primary purpose if the ring meets the sizing requirements for each area.

b. Main Competition Ring: The main competition ring is defined as a competition ring for hunters and/or jumpers which takes priority scheduling over all other competition rings, or holds the class with the largest amount of prize money, and has designated seating for spectators and riders. If one competition ring (defined above) is provided, it will serve as the main competition ring.

c. Schooling Area or Warm-up Area: A designated area on the competition grounds in which horses are being prepared to compete. A schooling area is required to be designated with signage and on the facility map for each competition ring, and located in close proximity to the competition ring it serves. Premier competitions must offer a separate schooling area for hunters, jumpers and ponies if running concurrently. Schooling areas must be available one hour prior to the start of the first scheduled class until the end of the last scheduled class in the competition ring for which the schooling area is designated. When utilizing an indoor ring as a competition ring, the competition may use schooling breaks between sections within the competition schedule for each day to comply with this Standards requirement.

d. Exercise Area: A designated area on the competition grounds in which horses at the competition may be exercised, or lessons may be held, both on the flat and over fences.

e. Lunging Area: An area designated on the competition grounds that is used to safely lunge horses on the flat only.

f. Lighting: Lighting must provide full and complete visibility for a safe working environment for horses and personnel if competition rings, schooling areas, exercise areas, and lunging areas are open for use between sunset and sunrise. Horses cannot be required to be exhibited in the competition ring or schooled in the designated schooling areas before sunrise or after sunset unless lighting in accordance with GR 834.2 is provided that assures full and complete visibility.

  g. A Judge’s Site or Judge’s Booth: A judge’s site must offer climate appropriate protection from adverse weather conditions, seating, and visibility of the area being judged. Judges’ sites must be provided at each competition ring and all other judging locations.

  h. Footing: The footing in all competition rings, schooling rings, exercise areas and lunge areas must be safe, consistent and appropriate for the intended use and type of competition. These areas must be properly maintained at least daily, and more often depending upon use and weather conditions. Plans and knowledgeable maintenance staff must be in place to monitor the safety of the footing in all riding and lunging areas. Competition licensees or manager must develop a tentative footing maintenance plan for all competition rings, schooling/warm-up areas, exercise areas, and lunging areas prior to and during competition. The maintenance plan should include the type of footing, planned maintenance for each area, weather contingencies, personnel and equipment, and any breaks in the schedule for maintenance.

  i. Competition management is required to make appropriate efforts to maintain the best possible footing in competition, schooling, and exercise and lunge areas. Provisions must be made (by having on hand functioning proper equipment and scheduling sufficient breaks in the schedule) to maintain the footing in those areas throughout the competition by dragging, watering, and raking, if necessary.

  ii. Water trucks, sprinklers, snow removal, or other climate appropriate system(s) must be used to address climate related conditions, including dust reduction for all riding and lunging areas.

  iii. Horses are not permitted in riding and lunging areas while the areas are being serviced by motorized equipment.

  i. Competitor and Spectator Seating: Bleachers, benches, or chairs available adjacent to the main competition ring. Seating must be well-constructed, in good condition, and safe for use.

  j. Shelter for Horses & Riders: At least one permanent or temporary structure with the capacity to comfortably and safely cover horses and riders and provide protection from sunlight and extreme temperatures. The shelters must be located adjacent to a schooling area or competition ring. Shelters must be well-constructed, in good condition, safe for use, and anchored securely to the ground in order to withstand wind.
k. Ring Staff: Jump crew must be assigned to each competition ring in which jumps are used, to replace fences that were knocked down, help with course setting, rake or tamp footing, and aid in the event of an accident or emergency. In-gate personnel must be assigned to each competition ring to ensure the competition runs on schedule and must be equipped with a legible schedule and entry list for each class.

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HJ107 Facilities.

1. Definitions

a. Parking Areas: Parking areas for vans, trailers, competitors, spectators, and officials must be provided. Parking for spectators and competitors must be designated with signage. Vehicles must be parked in designated areas that do not impede foot, horse, or vehicle routes.

b. Level Measurement Area: A level surface area for measurement (if there are divisions that require measurement) in accordance with HJ140.

c. Lighting in Stabling: The lighting in the barns and stabling areas provided by the competition must provide a safe environment for horses and clear visibility for people.

d. Waste Containment and Removal: Competitions must remove and dispose of animal, human, and trash waste as necessary to maintain a sanitary environment. Manure and trash containment areas or receptacles must be placed in convenient areas throughout the facility. Manure or trash containment areas or receptacles must not obstruct foot or vehicle traffic routes or be placed in areas where fluids accumulate.

e. Sharps Containers: A sharps container is made of puncture-resistant plastic with leak-resistant sides and bottom. They have a tight fitting, puncture-resistant lid which does not allow sharps to come out of the container. Sharps containers must be properly labeled to warn of hazardous waste inside the container.

i. If stabling is provided, each fifty (50) occupied stalls must be provided with one sharps container for the disposal of needles and other disposable sharp instruments. These containers must be placed in visible, accessible, and convenient locations in barns housing competition horses. If stabling is not provided, competition management must place a minimum of one sharps container for every seventy-five (75) horses entered the previous year in visible, accessible, and convenient locations.

ii. It is competition management’s responsibility to dispose of contents of sharps containers when the container is three-quarters (3/4) full, in accordance with community guidelines for proper disposal methods. Competition management may fine any individuals including trainers, owners, exhibitors, or their agents up to $100 for improper disposal of needles or other sharp disposable instruments.

iii. If local law has more stringent requirements than above relating to sharps containers or disposal, local law will prevail. Competitions that fail to place the required number of containers on the competition grounds or dispose of the contents properly will be considered in violation of the rules and may be subject to penalty as determined by the CEO or his designee and/or the Hearing Committee.

f. Stabling: When provided, stalls must be of sturdy construction, in good condition, well-ventilated, dry, and safe for horses and ponies. Prize lists must specify the type of stabling and type of stabling floor. Trash, debris, and hazardous materials must be removed from every stall prior to occupation. If a safety issue is identified and brought to management’s attention, management must address the issue as soon as possible. Functional and durable stall doors must be properly attached to every stall. Doors of occupied stalls cannot be obstructed. Aisles must be sized so that the stall doors across from each other can open concurrently to the widest point without touching. The minimum dimensions for box stalls containing horses and ponies are 9’6” wide by 9’6” deep with a minimum head height of 7’6”. The covering over the stalls must be weatherproof, properly secured, and in good repair.

i. Subject to local law, any owner or trainer on the grounds of a competition must be permitted to haul in hay, grain and bedding for their own horses, in accordance with the times and any specifications published in the prize list and on the entry form. Hay, grain, and bedding cannot be resold for commercial purposes by competition participants.

ii. Overnight stabling, on the competition grounds, must be provided for any accepted and confirmed entry in a section held on multiple days that has requested and paid for the stall(s) by the closing date of entries. Subject to competition management approval, additional entries may be accepted without stalls with exhibitor prior consent.

g. Public Address (PA) System: An electronic system comprising microphones and amplifiers used for the purpose of making announcements on competition grounds. The PA system must be audible and clear in all areas of the facility.

i. Competition management must test all communication systems prior to the start of competition to ensure that each component is operable, charged, and offers clear and consistent communication in all areas of the facility. Faulty components must be repaired or replaced prior to the start of competition.

h. Portable Communication Devices: The following people must be equipped with an operable communication device, such as handheld transceivers or personal cell phones, during each licensed competition day

i. All licensed officials;

ii. Main secretary(ies);

iii. Safety coordinator;

iv. At least one qualified medical employee;
v. Competition manager and/or facility manager;
v. The official on-site veterinarian, if applicable;
vi. The official on-site farrier, if applicable; and
vii. Anyone serving a role critical to the efficient operation of the competition.

If communication devices are provided by competition management, competition management must ensure that all communication systems are operable, charged, and offer clear and consistent communication in all areas of the facility. Faulty components must be repaired or replaced prior to the start of competition.

i. Night Watch: Security and monitoring service offered to exhibitors, which must be available to contract at an additional cost, for horses stabled on the grounds.

j. 24-Hour Facility Security: Security personnel in place to protect the facility against unauthorized entry and respond to emergencies.

k. Horse Wash Areas: A minimum of one horse wash area for each fifty (50) horses entered in the prior year must be available. Each horse wash area must have an operational water spigot, hose, and properly maintained drainage, so that water drains away from the wash area and stabling into a routed area or storm drain.

l. Competition Office & Staff: Office must be operated with enough staff to process workload in a timely manner. Office must keep current and accurate records of event participants, staff and officials, and contact information. The competition office must clearly state its hours of operation outside the office on each licensed day.

m. Results Posted: Results must be available at the show office or on the internet within four hours of the conclusion of the section.

n. Competition Website: The competition website must provide current information and resources applicable to the facility and competition, including prize list, entry form or access to online entry system, updated schedules, class entry numbers, competitor services, facility map, and any other relevant information useful to competitors and trainers.

o. Online Entry System: The online entry system must meet all requirements for USEF competition entries.

p. Electrical Outlets in Stabling: If provided, electrical outlets or receptacles must comply with applicable sections of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), National Electrical Code, National Electrical Safety Code, and state-adopted electrical codes.

q. Separate Motor Vehicle and Horse Traffic: In high traffic areas, well-maintained paths must be in place throughout the facility that separate motor vehicles from horses and pedestrians and designated with legible signage.

r. Drainage System: Drains must be in place at each stabling area and wash area so that water drains away from stabling into a routed area or storm drain. Each must be operable, safe, well-maintained, and cleared periodically, to prevent the accumulation of rain and ground water.

s. Food and Beverage Service: At least one staffed food and beverage service area must be available on the competition grounds. Hours of operation must be posted and announcements notifying exhibitors of closing times must be made at least one hour prior to closing.

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**HJ109 HJS Requirements to Obtain Federation Local and/or Jumper-Level 1 Rating**

1. All Local and/or Jumper Level 1 competitions must meet the Basic Standards set forth in HJ100 through HJ105.
2. All Local hunter only, or hunter/jumper competitions do not have a minimum HJS Horse Entry Number requirement.
3. All jumper only Level 1 and Local competitions have no HJS Horse Entry Number requirement to achieve their rating. Prize money is the alternative criteria required for a jumper rating. See JP104.
4. A minimum of one (1) competition ring of at least 20,000 square feet when using an outdoor ring and/or a minimum of one (1) competition ring of at least 14,000 square feet when using an indoor ring.
5. A minimum of one (1) dedicated schooling area that is not being used at the time as an exercise area or lunge area for the period beginning one (1) hour prior to the start of the first scheduled class in the competition ring and ending at the end of the last class in the competition ring. When utilizing an indoor ring as a competition ring, the competition may use schooling breaks between sections within the competition schedule for each day to comply with this Standards requirement.
6. An exercise area must be available for at least one (1) hour during each calendar day between the hours of sunrise and sunset unless lighted as specified in HJ102-6.
7. A minimum of one (1) lunge area not being used at the time as competition rings, schooling areas and/or exercise areas must be available for at least one (1) hour during each calendar day between the hours of sunrise and sunset unless lighted as specified in HJ102-6.

**HJ110 HJS Requirements to Obtain Federation Regional II Rating**
1. All Regional II rated competitions must meet the Basic Standards set forth in HJ100 through HJ110.
2. All Regional II rated hunter only or hunter/jumper competitions must have the minimum required number of twenty-five (25) horse entries, in accordance with HJ108.
3. A minimum of one (1) competition ring of at least 20,000 square feet when using an outdoor ring, and/or a minimum of one (1) competition ring of at least 14,000 square feet when using an indoor ring.
4. A minimum of one (1) dedicated schooling area that is not being used at the time as an exercise area or stable area for the period beginning one (1) hour prior to the start of the first scheduled class in the competition ring and ending at the end of the last class in the competition ring. When utilizing an indoor ring as a competition ring, the competition may use schooling breaks between sections within the competition schedule for each day to comply with this Standards requirement.
5. An exercise area must be available for at least two (2) contiguous hours within each calendar day between the hours of sunrise and sunset unless lighted as specified in HJ102.6.
6. A minimum of one (1) lounge area not being used as a competition ring, schooling areas and/or exercise areas must be available for at least one (1) hour during each calendar day between the hours of sunrise and sunset unless lighted as specified in HJ102.6.
7. Results must be available at the show office, on the internet or other convenient location within four (4) hours.
8. Licenses providing a Regional competition must select and describe, with their license application a minimum of ten (10) additional items (not on the required list) from HJ117, four (4) of which must be selected from Group I.
9. Communication or public address system which provides clear announcements from the competition rings to the stabling and trailer day parking areas.

HJ111 HJ.S. Requirements to Obtain Federation Regional I Rating and/or Jumper Level 2

1. All Regional I rated and/or Jumper Level 2 competitions must meet the Basic Standards for all competitions set forth in HJ100 through HJ105.
2. All Regional I rated hunter only, or hunter/jumper competitions must have the minimum required number of fifty (50) horse entries, in accordance with HJ102.
3. All jumper only Level 2 and Local competitions have no minimum horse entry requirements to achieve their rating. Prize money is the alternative criteria required for a jumper rating. See JPI04.
4. A minimum of one (1) competition ring of at least 24,000 square feet when using an outdoor ring and/or a minimum of one (1) competition ring of at least 18,000 square feet when using an indoor ring.
5. A minimum of one (1) dedicated schooling area that is not being used at the time as an exercise area or lounge area for the period beginning one (1) hour prior to the start of the first scheduled class in the competition ring and ending at the end of the last class in the competition ring. When utilizing an indoor ring as a competition ring, the competition may use schooling breaks between sections within the competition schedule for each day to comply with this requirement.
6. An exercise area of at least 16,000 square feet must be available for at least three (3) contiguous hours during each calendar day during the hours of sunrise and sunset unless lighted as specified in HJ102.6.
7. A minimum of one lounge area of at least 10,000 square feet not being used at the time as competition ring, schooling areas and exercise areas must be available for at least one (1) hour during each calendar day between the hours of sunrise and sunset unless lighted as specified in HJ102.6.
8. Results must be available at the show office, on the internet or other convenient location within four (4) hours.
9. Minimum bleacher type seating capacity for at least twenty-five (25) must be provided at one (1) of the designated competition ring(s).
10. Licenses providing a Regional I rated and/or Jumper Level 2 competition must select and describe, with their license application a minimum of ten (10) additional items (not on the required list) from HJ117, four (4) of which must be selected from Group I.
11. Communication or public address system which provides clear announcements from the competition rings to the stabling and trailer day parking areas.

HJ112 HJ.S. Requirements to Obtain Federation National Rating and/or Jumper Levels 3 and 4

1. All National rated and/or Jumper Levels 3 and 4 competitions must meet the Basic Standards for all competitions set forth in HJ100 through HJ105.
2. All National rated hunter only, or hunter/jumper competitions must have the required minimum number of one hundred (100) entries, in accordance with HJ108.
3. All jumper only Levels 3 and 4 and Local competitions have no minimum horse entry requirements to achieve their rating. Prize money is the alternative criteria required for a jumper rating. See JPI04.
4. Overnight stabling on the competition grounds must be provided for any accepted and confirmed entry in a section held on multiple days that has requested and paid for the stall(s) by the closing date of entries. Subject to competition management approval, additional entries may be accepted without stalls with exhibitor prior consent.
5. Adequate hot and cold food and beverage service must be available beginning one (1) hour prior to the start of the first scheduled class and continuing until the end of the last class of each competition day. (Excludes schooling days).
6. A minimum of one (1) competition ring of at least 28,000 square feet when using an outdoor ring and/or minimum of one (1) competition ring of at least 18,000 square feet when using an indoor ring.
7. A minimum of one (1) schooling area that is not being used at the time as an exercise area or lounge area for the period beginning one (1) hour prior to the start of the first scheduled class in the competition ring and ending at the end of the last class in the competition ring.
8. An exercise area of at least 20,000 square feet if outdoors and 18,000 square feet if indoors must be available for at least three (3) contiguous hours within each calendar day between the hours of sunrise and sunset unless lighted as specified in HJ102.6.
9. A minimum of one (1) lounge area of at least 10,000 square feet not being used at the time as competition ring, schooling areas and/or exercise areas must be available for at least two (2) contiguous hours within each calendar day between the hours of sunrise and sunset unless lighted as specified in HJ102.6.
10. Results must be available at the show office, on the internet or other convenient located within four (4) hours.
11. Minimum bleacher type seating capacity for at least fifty (50) must be provided at one (1) of the designated competition ring(s).
12. Water trucks, sprinklers or a system which must be used for dust reduction for all required and provided rings, schooling, exercise and lunging areas as well as all access and egress paths.
13. Sun/tin weather appropriate and properly sized to provide shelter for horses and riders conveniently located to the competitions must be provided.
14. The official competition veterinarian must be provided with a clean stall or other suitable area, protected from the elements, secured from public view, adequately lighted, with adequate electrical supply and running water, to serve as a first aid station for the emergency treatment of ill and injured horses.
15. Licenses proving a National Rated and/or Jumper Levels 3 or 4 competition, must select and describe, with their license application a minimum of sixteen (16) additional items (not on the required list for the Federation National Rating) from HJ117, eight (8) of which must be selected from Group I.
16. Communication or public address system which provides clear announcements from the competition rings to the stabling and trailer day parking areas.

HJ113 HJS Requirements to Obtain Federation Premier Rating and/or Jumper Level 5
1. All Premier rated and/or Jumper Level 5 competitions must meet the Basic Standards for all competitions set forth in HJ100 through HJ105.
2. All Premier rated hunter only, or hunter/jumper competitions must have the required minimum number of two hundred (200) horse entries, in accordance with HJ108. (See HJ114 additional requirements when horse entry numbers exceed five hundred (500) and/or licensed series of competitions are scheduled for a period of twenty-one (21) days or more without a break of at least five (5) consecutive calendar days.
3. All jumper only Level 5 and Local competitions have no minimum horse entry requirements to achieve their rating. Prize money is the alternative criteria required for a jumper rating. See JP104.
4. Oversight stabling, on the competition grounds, must be provided for any accepted and confirmed entry in a section held on multiple days that has requested and paid for the stall(s) by the closing date of entries. Subject to competition management approval, additional entries may be accepted without stalls with exhibitor prior consent.
5. Adequate hot and cold food and beverage service must be available beginning one (1) hour prior to the start of the first scheduled class and continuing until the end of the last class for each competition day. (Excludes schooling days). Vending machines do not count.
6. A minimum of one (1) competition ring of at least 28,000 square feet when using an outdoor ring and/or a minimum of one (1) competition ring of at least 20,000 square feet when using an indoor ring. Competition ring, whether outdoor or indoor, must have designated rider stand/seating.
7. A minimum of one (1) schooling area for each jumper competition ring and a minimum of one (1) schooling area for every two (2) hunter rings that is not being used at the time of an exercise area or lunge area for the period beginning one (1) hour prior to the start of the first scheduled class in the competition ring and ending at the end of the last class in the competition ring. A separate schooling area for hunters, jumpers and ponies must be provided if running concurrently. Any combination of exercise and schooling area must be a minimum of 30,000 square feet.
8. An exercise area of at least 24,000 square feet if outdoors and 18,000 square feet if indoors must be available during competition hours within each calendar day between the hours of sunset and sunrise, unless lighted as specified in HJ102.6. Any combination of exercise and schooling area must be a minimum of 30,000 square feet.
9. A minimum of one (1) lunge area of at least 15,000 square feet not being used at the time as competition rings, schooling areas and/or exercise areas must be available during competition hours within each calendar day between the hours of sunrise and sunset unless lighted as specified in HJ102.6.
10. Minimum bleacher type seating capacity for at least one hundred (100) must be provided at one (1) of the main competition rings.
11. Oversight security for the purpose of deterring the removal of horses and/or equipment from the grounds must be provided. Exhibitors should recognize that it is not intended for the competitions to take responsibility for items owned by others.
12. Competition results must be available at the show office, on the internet or other convenient identified location within four (4) hours.
13. Water trucks, sprinklers, snow removal or other climate appropriate system must be used for dust reduction or other weather related conditions for all required and provided rings, schooling, exercise and lunging areas as well as all access and egress roads/paths.
14. Sunrain weather appropriate and properly sized shelter for horses and riders conveniently located to the competition rings must be provided.
15. The official competition veterinarian to be on grounds during periods of competition. The official competition veterinarian must be provided with a clean stall or other suitable area, protected from the elements, secured from public view, adequately lighted, with adequate electrical supply and running water, to serve as a first aid station for the emergency treatment of ill and injured horses.
16. Premier competitions must conduct award ceremonies and designate within the prize list both a time(s) during the program and location(s) for award ceremonies.
17. Licenses providing a Premier Rated and/or Jumper Level 5 competition must select and describe with their license application a minimum of twenty (20) additional items (not on the required list for the Premier Rating) from HJ117, ten (10) of which must be selected from each group.
18. Communication or public address system which provides clear announcements from the competition rings to the stabling and trailer day parking areas.

HJ114 HJ108 Horse Entry Numbers Exceed Five Hundred the Previous Year Based on Drug Fees Paid or Duration of Competition or Series of Competitions Exceeds Twenty-One Days without a Break of Five (5) consecutive calendar days

When Horse Entry Numbers exceed five hundred (500) the previous year based on drug fees paid or licensed series of competitions under the same license licensee are scheduled for a period of twenty-one (21) days or more without a break of at least five (5) consecutive calendar days, additional HJS must be met for exercise and lunge lunging area requirements. These HJS apply to all rated or combinations of rated competitions without regard to the fact that the rating may be different. When the number of horse entries and days of competition are as described herein, the following HJS requirements are in lieu of existing exercise and lunge requirements set forth as HJS for rating: Premier, National, Regional I or Regional II.

1. Outdoor competitions. When the above conditions set forth in HJ114 HJ108 exist, the following minimum requirements must be met for exercise and lunge areas on both competition and non-competition days: Required Exercise/Lunge area 45,000 square feet. Additional 10,000 square feet for each increment of 100 horses. Up to a maximum total area requirement of 135,000 square feet.
   a. A minimum of one (1) lunge area of at least 20,000 square feet not being used at the time as competition rings, schooling areas and/or exercise areas must be available during competition hours between the hours of sunrise and sunset. This area is considered part of the total area required for the exercise/lunge area.
   b. The exercise area must be available for at least five (5) contiguous hours within each calendar day between the hours of sunset and sunrise. The exercise area schedule (if area is not always available) must be posted in the horse show office prior to the first day of competition. This area is required to be available on both competition days and during non-competition days when there are less than five (5) consecutive calendar days of break without scheduled competitions.

2. Indoor competitions. When the above conditions set forth in HJ114 HJ108 exist, the following minimum requirements must be met for exercise and lunge areas on both competition and non-competition days. Required Exercise/Lunge area 30,000 square feet. Additional 10,000 square feet for each increment of 100 horses.
   a. The exercise area and lunge area must be available for at least two (2) periods of two (2) contiguous hours between 5:00 am and 12:00 midnight, and lighted as specified in HJ101.6. This exercise area period is required to be available on days when competitions are scheduled and during non-competition days at least eight (8) contiguous hours between 5:00 am and 12:00 midnight when there are less than five (5) consecutive calendar days without scheduled competitions. Exercise areas must be lighted as specified in HJ102.6 HJ106.2.1 and GR 834.2.

HJ115 HJ109 HJS Requirements for Federation Special Competitions and/or Jumper Level 6 Events

1. The purpose of this rating/level category is to allow the production of a special competition entertainment Event. This Event may be held in connection with a highly promoted and attended, and/or broadcast hunter and/or jumper competition. The venue and promotion of the Event would be in the sport of Equestrian in a manner that would reflect favorably on the discipline of hunters and/or jumpers.
2. HJS applicable to the Event would be those set forth for a Premier competition. The special competition Event may not be required to meet all of the standards (including HJ1 competition standards) for a Premier hunter or Jumper Level 6 competition, and a waiver may be authorized by the
3. The purpose of this Special competition rating is not to allow a scheduled licensed competition to operate other than in accordance with the minimum standards set forth above.

4. Special competition Event(s) may count for awards if they qualify and are approved by the Federation, following consultation with the applicable Recognized Affiliate, for the award participation.

5. An application to conduct a Special hunter and/or jumper competition, that requires a waiver or modification of the HJS or other standards applicable to a hunter-and/jumper competition, as either part of an existing competition or a separate competition, must receive approval by the Federation following consultation with the applicable Recognized Affiliate in accordance with GR200.

6. Mileage protection would not apply to a Special competition, unless the Special competition occurs within an existing licensed competition that has been licensed by the Federation, and already has mileage protection. Any mileage protection must be specifically requested and approved by the Federation, following consultation with the applicable Recognized Affiliate in accordance with GR200.

HJ116 HJS Options Menu Sections Required to Obtain Federation Rating for Premier, National, Regional I, or Regional II Rated and/or Jumper Levels 5, 4, 3, or 2

(See Specific Rating and Competition Standards Requirements)

1. Licensees providing a Premier Rated and/or Jumper Level 5 competition must select and describe with their license application, a minimum of twenty (20) additional items (not on the required list for a Premier rated and/or Jumper Level 5 competition) from HJ117, ten (10) of which must be selected from Group I.

2. Licensees providing a National Rated and/or Jumper Level 3 and 4 competition must select and describe with their license application a minimum of sixteen (16) additional items (not on the required list for a National rated and/or Jumper Level 3 and 4 competition) from HJ117, eight (8) of which must be selected from Group I.

3. Licensees providing a Regional I Rated and/or Jumper Level 2 competition must select and describe with their license application a minimum of ten (10) additional items (not on the required list for a Regional I rated and/or Jumper Level 2 competition) from HJ117, four (4) of which must be selected from Group I.

4. Licensees providing a Regional II Rated competition must select and describe with their license application a minimum of ten (10) additional items (not on the required list for a Regional II rated competition) from HJ117, four (4) of which must be selected from Group I.

5. Licensees providing a Local competition are not required to provide any additional items from the options selection list.

HJ117 HJS Option Selection List

Rated hunter, hunter/jumper and/or jumper Levels 5, 4, 3, or 2 competitions must select and describe with their license application the required minimum number of items to be provided from optional items list below. Licensee(s) must select the number of items required for the Rating and cannot select option items already required for the competition rating.

1. Group I — In selecting the required number of options for the rating, note that options specifically required for a particular rating do not count toward the required number of options.
   - Sun/rain shelter for spectators
   - VIP hospitality and sponsor lounge
   - Designated main competition ring for hunters and/or jumpers which takes priority scheduling over all other competition rings with designated rider stand/seating
   - Competition website
   - Night watch for horses stabled on the grounds to be available to exhibitors to contract separately, at exhibitor cost
   - Provide a Jumbotron, defined as a functioning electronic board that provides both scoring information and video capability in at least one of the Main competition ring(s)
   - Provide a functioning visible scoreboard (minimum of forty (40) square feet) adjacent to the Main Ring(s) where either/or both hunter and/or jumper competition are held
   - Competition to designate access and egress for horses, pedestrians and vehicles which separates motor vehicles from horses and pedestrians
   - Camper hook ups with connections for water, electric and tank pump out
   - Permanent restroom facilities
   - Shower facilities
   - Ambulance or additional medical personnel exceeding the minimum required under Federation rules
   - Automatic External Defibrillator reserve (AED)
   - Horse ambulance
   - Permanent stabling
   - Official competition photographer
   - Water trucks, sprinklers or another suitable system which must be used for dust reduction in all other areas in addition to rings, schooling, exercise and lunging areas
   - Conduct award ceremonies and designate within the prize list both a time(s) during the program (i.e. following completion of class 10) and location(s) for presentation award ceremonies
   - Provide a visible scoreboard (minimum of 60 square feet) adjacent to the Main competition ring(s) where either/or both hunter and/or jumper competitions are held

2. Group II — In selecting the required number of options for the rating, note that options specifically required for a particular rating do not count toward the required number of options.

*Denotes options which may be required depending on rating.

- Wireless internet access
- Exhibitor appreciation party
- Exhibitor lounge
- Climate appropriate exhibitor lounge area (heated or cooled)
- Online/internet competition entry system available at no charge
- Acceptance of credit cards for payments by exhibitors
- Equestrian equipment vendors with repair service
- Veterinarian on grounds during entire competition
- Provide two (2) or more food and beverage areas not including VIP or other restricted entry facilities
- Provide golf carts which are available for rent on a reservation basis up to the close of entries
- Implementation of a plan that includes measurable community awareness and involvement at the competition
HJ118 Federation Hunter/Jumper or Hunter/Jumper - Local Competitions

All "Local" and Jumper Level 1 competitions must meet the Standards forth in HJ100 through HJ105. No additional option selections are required.

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See also GR901.21b, GR901.24 and Chapter GR3.

All competitions must state their competition rating clearly on the cover of the prize list.

HJ119 HJ/109 Premier Rated Competitions

1. Must be held and judged over a minimum of five (5) days on the same competition grounds.
2. Number of horse entries required for a Premier rated hunter or HJ competition is a minimum of two hundred (200).
3. A minimum of fifteen (15) "A" rated Hunter sections listed in GR312.6 must be offered.
4. A minimum of ten "A" and/or "C" rated hunter sections listed in GR312.6 must be held and judged, a maximum of four of which can be "C" rated sections. Ladies Side Saddle does not count towards these requirements.
5. Scheduling
a. A minimum of two performance classes from two different "A" rated Hunter sections must be scheduled and judged on four of the five days.
b. Classes in recognized sections must run on consecutive days. (Exception: Hunter Classics)
6. The High Performance Hunter section must be offered.
7. Prize Money
a. A minimum of $24,000 in prize money, including add-back money if any, must be paid in the rated Hunter sections of a Premier competition. If an add-back is offered, the minimum required prize money for that section must be guaranteed, and the add-backs must be clearly indicated in the prize list. *Money from model classes does not count towards this requirement.
b. A maximum of $5,000 of Hunter Classic, USHJA National Hunter Derby, USHJA Pony Hunter Derby, USHJA Green Hunter Incentive, and/or USHJA Green Hunter Challenge prize money can be used towards calculating the $24,000 of prize money, including add-back money if any, which must be paid for a Premier rated competition.
c. If sections are canceled or entries are insufficient to award all prize money, then additional money not awarded must be pooled and redistributed 60% to the champions, and 40% to the reserve champions of the remaining "A" rated hunter sections. Model classes do not count towards the number of required classes to meet the rating requirement, therefore the prize money offered in Model classes cannot be used to determine the amount of required prize money to calculate the Premier rating.

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Rule Change Intent

This rule change proposal is the first step in a process to align the competition standards rules with the current environment in an effort to better define the requirements associated with the various competition ratings, thereby providing a consistent experience for exhibitors at each level of competition rating.

### Linked Rules

**Web:** requirements to obtain rating

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Proposed Change

HJ113 HJS Requirements to Obtain Federation Premier Rating and/or Jumper Level 5 [CHAPTER HJS 1 COMPETITION FACILITY AND SERVICE STANDARDS]

[...]

19. At Premier rated and/or Jumper Level 5 or higher competitions, at least one of the required qualified medical personnel must be a paramedic. See GR848 for additional medical personnel requirements.

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Rule Change Intent

To improve rider safety in emergency situations, this proposal is the first step in a multi-step plan to ensure that the proper medical equipment and personnel are in place and available to assist in an emergency.

 Linked Rules

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HK118 Class Specifications

HK118 Class Specifications
1. SINGLE HACKNEY PONY (OPEN, MARES, STALLIONS, GELDINGS, MAIDEN, NOVICE, LIMIT, GENTLEMAN AND OWNERS). To be shown at a park trot and show your pony. To be judged on performance, presence, quality, conformation and manners.
2. SINGLE HACKNEY PONY CHAMPIONSHIP. To be eligible ponies must be entered, shown and judged in any other single performance class in this section. To be shown at a park trot and show your pony. To be judged on performance, presence, quality, conformation and manners.
3. SINGLE HACKNEY PONY FOUR YEARS OLD OR UNDER. (STALLIONS, MARES, GELDINGS). To be shown at the park trot and show your pony. To be judged on performance, presence, quality, conformation and manners.
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5. SINGLE HACKNEY PONY (AMATEURS, AMATEUR OWNERS, AMATEUR LADY TO DRIVE, AMATEUR GENTLEMAN TO DRIVE). To show all-around action at a park trot and not faster. To be driven in the half cheek with sidechecks, appear to have perfect mouths, must stand quietly and must back easily. Ponies must be checked, but the checks may be adjusted during the lineup. During a workout those remaining in the center of the ring may be unchecked. Not an appointments class. To be shown at a park trot. To be judged on manners, performance, quality, presence, and conformation.
6. SINGLE HACKNEY PONY (AMATEURS, AMATEUR OWNERS, AMATEUR LADY TO DRIVE, AMATEUR GENTLEMAN TO DRIVE) CHAMPIONSHIP. To be eligible ponies must be entered, shown by an amateur and judged in a qualifying class designated by competition management in the prize list per GR809.1. To be shown at a park trot. Ponies must stand quietly and must back easily. To be judged on manners, performance, quality, presence, and conformation.
7. SINGLE HACKNEY PONY LADIES. To be shown at a park trot. The pony must stand quietly and back readily. To be judged on manners, quality, suitability, presence, performance, and conformation.
8. SINGLE HACKNEY PONY LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP. To be eligible ponies must be entered, shown and judged in qualifying class restricted in a similar manner as the championship. To be shown at a park trot. The pony should stand quietly and back readily. To be judged on manners, quality, suitability, presence, performance, and conformation.
9. SINGLE HACKNEY PONY JUNIOR EXHIBITORS. (Open to mares and geldings only) Manners are paramount in these classes. Ponies should display a willingness to perform, suitability and balanced action. To show all around action at a park trot and not faster. The pony must stand quietly and must back easily. To be judged on manners, suitability, presence, quality, performance, and conformation. To be driven in the half cheek with sidechecks, appear to have perfect mouths. Ponies must be checked, but the checks may be adjusted during the lineup. During a workout those remaining in the center of the ring may be unchecked.
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11. UPHA SINGLE HACKNEY PONY CLASSIC AND UPHA HACKNEY PONY CLASSIC CHAMPIONSHIP. Open to ponies four years old and under. To be shown at a park trot and show your pony. To be judged on performance, presence, quality, conformation and manners. For complete information on holding UPHA Classics classes contact United Professional Horsemen’s Association, 4059 Iron Works Parkway, Suite #2, Lexington, KY 40511, (859) 231-5070.
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HK121 Class Specifications [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HK-5 ]

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Rule Change Intent
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HK122 General [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HK-6 PARK PLEASURE DRIVING]

HK122 General

6. The use of artificial appliances or devices such as leather straps, chains, shackles, and rubber bands are prohibited on the grounds before or during a competition. Any animal with prohibited equipment must be disqualified from further competition and forfeit all entry fees and winnings. The use of protective equipment such as nonweighted bell boots, shin boots, etc., are allowed on the grounds and in the warm-up areas prior to entering the competition ring.

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

The purpose of this rule change is to eliminate the reference to chains and shackles from the prohibited list of artificial appliances then add leather straps as prohibited appliances.

Linked Rules

Committee Actions

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Comments

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HK125 General [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HK-7 SHOW PLEASURE DRIVING]

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Rule Change Intent
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Linked Rules
Web: chains, shackles, leather straps

Comments

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### Proposed Change

**HK128 General** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HK-8 COUNTRY PLEASURE DRIVING]

HK128 General

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### Rule Change Intent

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### Linked Rules

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Proposed Change

HK130 Class Specifications [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HK-8 Country Pleasure Driving]

HK130 Class Specifications

1. SINGLE HACKNEY OR HARNESS PONY COUNTRY PLEASURE DRIVING, (AMATEUR, JUNIOR EXHIBITOR). To be shown at a flat walk, pleasure trot, and road trot (showing a distinct difference in gait). Entries must halt on the rail, both directions of the ring. It is imperative that ponies stand quietly and back readily in the lineup. To be judged on suitability, manners, presence, performance, suitability, quality, and conformation.

2. SINGLE HACKNEY OR HARNESS PONY COUNTRY PLEASURE DRIVING, (AMATEUR, JUNIOR EXHIBITOR) CHAMPIONSHIP. To be eligible, ponies must be entered, shown and judged in a qualifying class with the same specifications. To be shown at a flat walk, pleasure trot and road trot (showing a distinct difference in gait). Entries must halt on the rail, both directions of the ring. It is imperative that ponies stand quietly and back readily in the lineup. To be judged on suitability, manners, presence, performance, suitability, quality, and conformation.

3. SINGLE HACKNEY OR HARNESS PONY COUNTRY PLEASURE DRIVING, PONIES FOUR YEARS OLD OR UNDER. To be shown at a flat walk, pleasure trot, and road trot (showing a distinct difference in gait). Entries must halt on the rail, both directions of the ring. It is imperative that ponies stand quietly and back readily in the lineup. To be judged on suitability, manners, presence, performance, suitability, quality, and conformation.

4. SINGLE HACKNEY OR HARNESS PONY COUNTRY PLEASURE DRIVING, PONIES FOUR YEARS OLD OR UNDER CHAMPIONSHIP. To be eligible, ponies must be entered, shown and judged in a qualifying class with the same specifications. To be shown at a flat walk, pleasure trot and road trot (showing a distinct difference in gait). Entries must halt on the rail, both directions of the ring. It is imperative that ponies stand quietly and back readily in the lineup. To be judged on suitability, manners, presence, performance, suitability, quality, and conformation.

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Rule Change Intent

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Linked Rules

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### Proposed Change

**HK131 Additional Class Specifications.** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HK-9 ADDITIONAL CLASSES]

**HK131 Additional Class Specifications.**

1. **HACKNEY PONY GIG CLASS.** To be shown to a gig and driven by an amateur. Must be shown with a standing martingale. To be shown at a walk, park trot and smart trot. Ponies must be asked to back. To be judged on presence, manners, *performance*, quality, and performance, and *conformation*.

2. **HACKNEY OR HARNESS CARRIAGE CLASS.** Open to registered Hackney ponies. Registered Hackneys showing in this class shall not cross enter into any Hackney, Harness or Roadster Pony performance class at the same competition. Tails may be long or have the appearance of being short. Harness must be appropriate for the carriage used. To be shown to an appropriate two or four wheeled carriage at a walk, collected trot, and extended trot, excessive speed to be penalized. Must stand quietly and back readily. At least one figure eight may be performed at the discretion and on the instructions of the judge. Button braids are permitted. Hat, apron, gloves and whip are required. To be judged 75% on performance, quality, and manners, *and conformation*; 25% on turnout.

3. **PAIR OF HACKNEY or HARNESS PONIES OPEN.** To be shown to a suitable four wheeled vehicle with side checks. To be shown at a park trot and show your ponies. To be judged on performance, quality, similarity, and manners, *and conformation*.

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HK138 Class Specifications [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HK-11]

HK138 Class Specifications.
1. SINGLE HACKNEY ROADSTER PONY, OPEN, LIMIT, NOVICE, JUNIOR (4 years old & under) TO BIKE. To be shown first at the jog-trot and road gait then reversed and shown at a jog-trot, road gait and then speed. To be judged on performance, speed, presence, quality, conformation and manners.
2. SINGLE HACKNEY ROADSTER PONY, OPEN, LIMIT, NOVICE, JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP TO BIKE. To be shown first at the jog-trot and road gait then reversed and shown at a jog-trot, road gait and then speed. To be eligible ponies must be entered, shown and judged in another class in harness in this section. To be judged on performance, speed, presence, quality, conformation and manners.
3. SINGLE HACKNEY ROADSTER PONY JUNIOR EXHIBITOR, AMATEUR OR LADIES TO BIKE. To be shown first at the jog-trot and road gait then reversed and shown at a jog-trot, road gait and then speed. To be judged on suitability, manners, performance, presence, quality, performance, speed and quality conformation.
4. SINGLE HACKNEY ROADSTER PONY JUNIOR EXHIBITOR, AMATEUR OR LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP TO BIKE. To be eligible ponies must be entered, shown by a Junior Exhibitor, Amateur or Lady and judged in a qualifying class designated by competition management in the prize list per GR809.1. To be shown first at the jog-trot and road gait then reversed and shown at a jog-trot, road gait and then speed. To be judged on suitability, manners, presence, quality, performance, speed and quality conformation.
5. SINGLE HACKNEY ROADSTER PONY JUNIOR EXHIBITOR, AMATEUR OR LADIES TO BIKE. To be shown first at the jog-trot and road gait then reversed and shown at a jog-trot, road gait and then speed. To be judged on suitability, manners, presence, quality, performance, speed performance, speed and quality conformation.
6. SINGLE HACKNEY ROADSTER PONY JUNIOR EXHIBITOR, AMATEUR OR LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP TO BIKE. To be eligible ponies must be entered, shown by a Junior Exhibitor, Amateur or Lady and judged in a qualifying class designated by competition management in the prize list per GR809.1. To be shown first at the jog-trot and road gait then reversed and shown at a jog-trot, road gait and then speed. To be judged on suitability, manners, presence, quality, performance, speed performance, speed and quality conformation.
7. JUNIOR EXHIBITOR HACKNEY ROADSTER PONY UNDER SADDLE AND CHAMPIONSHIP (54 inches and under). To be shown first at the jog-trot and road gait then reversed and shown at a jog-trot, road gait and then speed. To be judged on manners, performance, speed, presence, quality and suitability of rider to pony conformation. Saddle classes qualify for saddle championships only.
8. UPHA HACKNEY ROADSTER PONY TO BIKE CLASSIC AND UPHA HACKNEY ROADSTER PONY TO BIKE CLASSIC CHAMPIONSHIP. Open to ponies four years old and under. To be shown first at the jog-trot and road gait then reversed and shown at a jog-trot, road gait and then speed. To be judged on performance, speed, presence, quality, manners, and conformation, and manners. For complete information on holding UPHA Classics classes contact United Professional Horsemen's Association, 4059 Iron Works Parkway, Suite #2, Lexington, KY 40511, (859) 231-5070.
9. SINGLE HACKNEY ROADSTER TO WAGON (54 inches and under). To be shown first at the jog-trot and road gait then reversed and shown at a jog-trot, road gait and then speed. To be judged on performance, speed, presence, quality, and manners and conformation. Exhibitors shall wear a business suit with a hat of choice. Breeching is required in all wagon classes. If no championship is offered for this class it shall be considered as a qualifying class for the Hackney Roadster to Bike Championship as long as the pony qualifies under the Hackney Roadster to Bike height restrictions (See HK134.2).
10. HACKNEY ROADSTER PONY COMBINATION. Open to Junior Exhibitors. Ponies first to be shown both directions of the ring as a Roadster pony to bike. Competitors will be called to the line up, ponies unhooked and saddled, then returned to the rail to be shown under saddle at the required gaits. Two attendants per entry are allowed to assist the changing of tack. If bridle is changed, harness bridle must not be removed prior to the pony being completely unhooked from the bike. Ponies must be shown by the same rider and driver. In both segments of the class ponies to be shown first at a jog-trot and road gait, then reversed and shown at a jog-trot, road gait, and then at speed. Roadster Pony to Bike to be judged on suitability, manners, performance, speed and quality. Roadster Pony Under Saddle to be judged on manners performance, speed,
presence, quality and suitability of rider to pony.

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**Rule Change Intent**

The purpose of this rule change is to make the specifications of the classes more consistent and easier for judges to understand. In standardizing these rules it clarifies specifications that should be comparable but are not listed in the same fashion for classes that are alike.

**Linked Rules**

Web: Hackney roadster ponies class specifications

**Committee Actions**

**AHHS**

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HK154 Appointments [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HK-16 YOUTH SHOWMANSHIP IN HAND]

HK154 Appointments

1. Weanling—Leather show halter with matching lead strap. Prohibited: all bits on weanlings.

2. Yearling—Leather show halter or snaffle bridle with matching lead strap. Prohibited: Curb bits on weanlings and yearlings.

3. Two-Year-Olds & Older—Double bridle or curb alone. If a double bridle is used, the snaffle rein may be removed. If the snaffle rein has not been removed, it should be placed over the pony’s/horse’s withers. The pony/horse is led and presented with the curb rein only.

4. Only a riding whip is permitted, but no appendages such as plastic or ribbon may be used. Prohibited: Noise makers, clumps of grass, clickers, quarter boots, blinkers or other appliances.

5. Correct attire: Neat dark slacks (jodphurs are optional), light colored shirt, tie, and gloves; vest are optional. Protective headgear is permitted in Youth Showmanship In-Hand classes. Clothes and person should be neat and clean. (See GR801).

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Rule Change Intent

Establishes appointments for the Hackney Youth In-Hand classes

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: youth showmanship in hand - appointments

Committee Actions

AHHS

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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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HK155 Judging Procedures [CHAPTER HK -16 YOUTH SHOWMANSHIP IN-HAND]

1. Entries should enter the competition ring at the gait requested and lead in the direction indicated by the ringmaster until asked to line up the pony/horse for inspection. A distance of at least ten feet (about two lengths) should be maintained between entries, both in circling the ring and in the line-up.

2. The pony/horse must stand squarely with weight distributed on all four feet, hooves pointed straight ahead and with the front legs perpendicular to the ground. The pony/horse's feet may be moved by pulling/pushing on the lead rein as necessary, along with putting the hand on the shoulder and exerting pressure if required. To be penalized: Using a foot or a whip to move the pony/horse's feet.

3. The handler should be positioned in front of the pony/horse in such a way as to be able to see the animal and present a full view of the pony/horse to the judge, being careful to stay out of the judge's way. The handler should observe both the pony/horse and the judge at all times and not be distracted by persons or objects outside the ring.

4. The lead shank/rein should be held in the right hand about 12 to 24 inches from the halter or bit. The other end should be neatly held in the left hand. It is permitted to change hands if it is more convenient to put the pony/horse in position or while showing to the judge.

5. The handler's body should be well-balanced so as to permit free movement and the proper presentation of the pony/horse. Fluidity of motion and a flexible position to work the pony/horse are essential.

6. When the judge is down the line or is looking at another entry, the handler should stand at the pony/horse's head on the opposite side of the judge as much as possible. Instructions should be followed promptly and sharply. It is permitted to adjust or mildly correct the pony/horse.

HK155 Judging Procedures

The purpose of these rules is to establish guidelines for the Hackney Youth In-Hand classes within the Hackney Chapter of the rule book. In the past the abbreviated rules have referenced the American Saddlebred rules which are not always directly applicable to the Hackney breed.

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: judging procedures

Committee Actions

AHHS

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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Draft 1: No Comments
HK156 Workouts [CHAPTER HK-16 YOUTH SHOWMANSHIP IN-HAND]

HK156 Workouts

1. An acceptable standard pattern for the mandatory individual workout:

2. The handler should stand to the pony’s/horse’s left and move off on a loose rein if possible, leading from the left side. A light touch of the whip is permitted, if necessary. The pony/horse should move out briskly and in a straight line. When moving away from the judge, the pony/horse should be kept in line with the judge so the pony’s/horse’s movement can be observed. The pony/horse should be brought to a complete stop at either end of the line before turning. The pony/horse should be turned to the right, away from the handler, at the end of the line.

3. When the judge is observing other ponies/horses, the pony/horse should stand reasonably well-posed. The handler should appear alert and showman like until the entire class has been placed and the judge has submitted his card.

4. The handler should be natural and avoid overhearing, undue fussing and maneuvering, and respond promptly to requests from the judge or other officials. Courtesy and good sportsmanship should prevail at all times.

5. TO BE PENALIZED: Incorrect or dirty attire; poorly groomed and trimmed ponies/horses; incorrect or dirty equipment (i.e., keepers out, twisted cheek pieces, etc.); overuse of whips or reins; interfering with other exhibitors; overcoaching from outside the ring; exaggerated, stiff or rigid position; not following instructions. NOTE: 4-H regulations may differ from the above. If you are showing in 4-H Showmanship classes, please consult local 4-H rules.
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Rule Change Intent

The purpose of these rules is to establish guidelines for the Hackney Youth In-Hand classes within the Hackney Chapter of the rule book. In the past the abbreviated rules have referenced the American Saddlebred rules which are not always directly applicable to the Hackney breed.

Please note the addition of the in-hand pattern from graphic arts department. This is the same In-Hand pattern used in the Saddlebred Chapter SB181

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: youth showmanship in hand workouts

Committee Actions

AHHS

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Proposed Change

Appendix A. USEF Hunter Schooling Rules [CHAPTER HU-8 CONDUCT]

[Linked to EQ105.7 & JP103.9]

Appendix A. USEF Hunter Schooling Rules

[...]

4. The use of any device with ear bud(s) while mounted is prohibited in all hunter schooling areas. BOD 1/14/17 Effective 12/1/17. The unsafe use of electronic devices, as determined by the competition steward in their sole discretion, including cell phones, with or without earphones/buds while mounted is prohibited in all areas designated for schooling and exercise, and while lunging horses on competition grounds.

[...]

Rule Change Intent

Distracted riding in schooling areas is dangerous for horses and riders as well as people on the ground. This rule change is proposed to increase safety for both riders and horses.

Linked Rules

Council - Admin & Finance

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Licensed Officials

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Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/04/2018
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: The LOC questioned if this rule change was applicable to hunter schooling areas or all types of schooling areas. The committee acknowledges that the rule is located within the Hunter Schooling Rules appendix, but was concerned that members would misinterpret this rule change proposal because the previous rule stated "hunter schooling areas."

Draft 2: The LOC questioned if this rule change was applicable to hunter schooling areas or all types of schooling areas. The committee acknowledges that the rule is located within the Hunter Schooling Rules appendix, but was concerned that members would misinterpret this rule change proposal because the previous rule stated "hunter schooling areas."

Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

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Web: hunter schooling - devices
| Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/19/2018 | Draft 1: The committee recognizes that distraction is a current issue in schooling areas but feels that this rule as written would be logistically hard for professionals trying to get horses to and from the rings. We suggest adding the words "no unsafe use" or implementing this as a juniors-only rule. |
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**Proposed Change**

HU107 Attire [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-3 ATTIRE, TACK AND EQUIPMENT]

2. Attire. Riders are required to wear conservatively colored coats (black, blue, green, grey or brown) which are free from adornment which in the judge’s opinion is overly distracting. Conventional attire following the tradition of fox hunting is encouraged and preferred. It is further recommended that the rider’s attire does not distract from the performance of the horse and rider. Judges shall not eliminate a rider for inappropriate attire except for safety (see GR801). Shirts must have a choker, similar collar or tie. Breeches may be buff, canary, tan, rust or white.

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**Rule Change Intent**

This rule change makes the list of permitted coat colors clear and exclusive for the hunter division.

**Linked Rules**

Web: coats

**Committee Actions**

**Council - Natl Breed & Discipline**

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Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/18/2018

**USHJA**

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/13/2018  
Draft 2: No Action
HU126 Tack [CHAPTER HU-4 ATTIRE, TACK AND EQUIPMENT]

HU126 Tack [Linked to EQ105.5 & JP111]

1. Snaffles, pelhams and full bridles, all with cavesson nose bands, are required.

   a. Judges may penalize, but may not eliminate, a horse or pony that competes in a snaffle, pelham, or full bridle that is unconventional. Unconventional snaffles, pelhams, or full bridles include, but are not limited to, hunter gags, kimberwickes, etc.

   b. Judges must eliminate a horse or pony that competes in illegal bits or nosebands. Illegal bits include, but are not limited to, three rings, gags (other than the hunter gag), etc. Illegal nosebands include, but are not limited to, drop, flash and figure eight nosebands.

2. Curb

   When using a curb with any leverage bit, it must be constructed of loose links, joints, and/or lie smooth against the jaw of the horse and be free of twists, sharp objects or anything inhumane. A curb may be wrapped or inserted into a cover for the comfort of the horse. A curb may not be used in conjunction with wire, metal, rawhide, metal “keepers”, or any other substance except for attachment of curb to the bit.

2. 3. Horses must return to the ring for conformation or soundness wearing a snaffle, pelham or full bridle with a cavesson noseband.

3. 4. Martingales of any type are prohibited in Under Saddle, hack and tie-breaking classes. Standing and running martingales used in the conventional manner are allowed for all over fences classes. All other martingales are considered illegal. A judge must eliminate a horse or pony that competes in a martingale other than a standing or running martingale used in the conventional manner.

   a. Cable or metal tie downs are prohibited for use on horses and ponies.
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<td>Draft 1: The committee would like to see a better definition of what a &quot;cable or metal tie down&quot; is. Additionally, concerns were expressed regarding the enforceability of the restrictions for curb chains: -Who decides what is comfortable vs. excessively tight -It is difficult for a judge to see what is on a curb chain -Welfare rules are currently in place that would address inhumane equipment The committee suggests using the language from the intent of this rule and prohibiting &quot;equipment that could inflict pain or discomfort&quot;.</td>
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Proposed Change

HU133 Definition of Competed [CHAPTER HU-5 JUDGING]

[linked to USHJA RCP to GR1113.2.b.]

HU133 Definition of Competed

A horse has competed in an over fences class when the horse’s entry number and a score for at least the first jump are recorded on the judging card. A horse failing to complete the entire course is not eligible to receive points, awards, or prize money. A horse has competed in an under saddle class when the horse has entered the ring. When three or fewer horses compete in an under saddle class, all horses’ numbers must be listed on the judging card regardless of whether they receive an award.

HU134 Definition of Completed

A horse has completed an over fences class when the horse completes the posted course and a score is recorded on the judge’s card. A horse failing to complete the entire course is not eligible to receive points, awards, or prize money, nor will it be counted in the number of entries necessary to fill a class or section. A horse has completed an under saddle class when the horse has executed all the gaits required and remains in the ring until the class has lined up.

[renumber accordingly]

[...]

HU148 General

1. Championships must be offered in “A” and “B” rated sections.

2. A Championship may not be offered in a section unless a minimum of two over fences classes and one Under Saddle class are held. A Championship will not count for points unless a minimum of three entries compete in complete at least two over fences classes and one under saddle class (Exception: Ladies Side Saddle, see HU145; Performance Hunter, High Performance Hunter, and any other sections where individual classes may be entered, see HU148.3.) If a competition offers more than one Under Saddle class in any one section, only one will count towards the Championship. (Exception: classes divided as to weight, height, age or breeding.) The prize list must specify the class to count.

3. The number of Championship and Reserve Championships that are awarded will be determined by the number of sections created from dividing the first over fences class. In order to award a section Championship in the Performance Hunter, High Performance Hunter, and any other sections where individual classes may be entered at least two (2) over fences classes per section and one (1) under saddle class must be held in which a minimum of three (3) entries compete complete. When multiple Championships are awarded when using the California Split method, under saddle classes with fewer than thirty (30) entries are not required to be split. When multiple Championships are awarded and only one under saddle class is held the points from the one under saddle class will be used to calculate the Championship for both sections. When a random split is used, multiple Championships may only be awarded if a minimum of two (2) over fences and one (1) under saddle class are held per section.

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Rule Change Intent

Competition Standards Committee proposed this rule change to instill competition back into the hunter discipline. This rewrite aims to eliminate the practice of attempting to force a class split by having a horse-and-rider combination enter the ring but not complete a course. Additionally, it provides a clear definition of competing in under saddle classes.

Draft 3: effective date changed to 12/1/19 to allow developers adequate time to make appropriate modifications to their competition management software in order to comply with the new rule.
### Competition Management

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 12/04/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action  

**Draft 1:** This needs further discussion and clarifications, this could have a unrealized negative impact the way it is written.

**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

### Council - Admin & Finance

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 01/08/2018  
**Draft 3:** Recommends Approval 05/29/2018  

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** Requires further discussion and change of language. From IT standpoint, would require an additional field in competition management software to report results in number of entries, number competed, and number completed. Competition software developers would have to add in that capability.

**Draft 3:** No Comments

### Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 01/04/2018  
**Draft 3:** Recommends Approval 05/29/2018  

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### Licensed Officials

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/27/2017  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 12/20/2017  
**Draft 3:** Recommends Disapproval 05/14/2018  

**Draft 1:** This rule could unfairly penalize the other riders in the class due to the number of horses that must be entered in a class to have points counted. Additionally, the Committee recommends that the 'under saddle' language include that horses must execute all gaits in both directions.

**Draft 2:** This needs further clarification. The rule could unfairly penalize the other riders in the class due to the number of horses that must be entered in a class to have points counted.

**Draft 3:** Entries are made with intent to complete the course, but that doesn't always happen. Those that complete the course shouldn't be penalized if a class doesn't meet the minimum number of entries to count because someone didn't complete the course for some reason. Horses should have to complete the course to be eligible for points, awards, or prize money, but they should not have to complete the course to be included in the number of entries necessary to fill a class or section.

### National Hunter Committee

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### Steward-Technical Delegate Committee

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/29/2017  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 12/20/2017  
**Draft 3:** No Action  

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**Draft 2:** This needs further clarification. The rule could unfairly penalize the other riders in the class due to the number of horses that must be entered in a class to have points counted.

**Draft 3:** No Comments

### USHJA

**Draft 1:** No Action  
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**Draft 3:** No Comments
HU137 & 138 Amateur Owner and Adult Amateur [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-8 HUNTER SECTIONS]

HU137 Amateur Owner Hunter
1. To be ridden by Amateur Owners or an amateur member of the owner’s family. In either case classes are restricted to riders who are no longer eligible to compete as junior exhibitors. Leased horses are not eligible and multiple ownership is not permitted unless all owners are members of the same family.
2. An amateur who competes for a person outside of his/her family may not compete in a class restricted to Amateur Owners at the same competition.
   Exceptions:
   a. Equitation classes,
   b. Under Saddle classes,
   c. and a maximum of one (1) horse not owned by the rider, or his/her family, in jumper sections and a maximum of one (1) horse not owned by the rider or his/her family in hunter sections, in classes not restricted to amateur owners. (For Amateur rules please see GR1306)
3. To be judged on performance and soundness. If conformation is to be judged, it may not count more than 25%. All horses being considered for an award must be serviceably sound.
4. If an Under Saddle class is divided by age and a rider has two or more horses entered, provided at least one horse is ridden by the Amateur Owner or an amateur member of the owner’s family, the additional horse(s) entered may be ridden by another amateur regardless of rider’s age.
5. Cross entry
   Riders may cross enter between the Adult Amateur (if Zone Specifications permit), Amateur Owner 3’3” and/or the Amateur Owner 3’6” sections. Horses may not cross enter between the sections.

HU138 Adult Amateur
1. Competitions must offer Adult Amateur Hunter sections in accordance with the specifications of the applicable USHJA zone. Unless the USHJA submits their Zone specifications to the Federation by August 1 of the previous year, the following specifications will apply for the Adult Amateur Hunter section:
   a. To be ridden by exhibitors who have reached their 18th birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year and who hold a current Federation Amateur Status.
   b. Horses and riders entered in the Adult Amateur Hunter sections may not compete in the Amateur Owner Hunter section at the same competition. Riders entered in the Adult Amateur Hunter sections may not compete in any other class in which obstacles are required to exceed 3’9” (1.15m) at the same competition. (Exception: USHJA National Hunter Derby).
   c. Horses may be entered in Junior Hunter sections at the same competition if ridden by a member of the same family.
   d. Cross entry into other sections is allowed unless otherwise stated in the prize list.
2. To be judged on performance and soundness, suitability to count. All horses being considered for an award must be serviceably sound.
3. If an under saddle class is divided by age and a rider has two or more horses entered, all riders must be amateurs but need not be eligible by age.

Proposed Change

The intent for this rule change is to resolve a contradiction between the references in HU 137 & HU 138. The proposed change will serve as the default standard with the knowledge that the USHJA zone specifications address the issue pertaining to Adult Amateurs more specifically as is most appropriate to their particular zone. Removing the exception is recommended because the placement is awkward due to National Hunter Derby not having jumps higher than 3’5”.

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Rule Change Intent

Linked Rules

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Comments
Web: adult amateur
HU144 Hunter Breeding [CHAPTER HU-9 HUNTER & PONY HUNTER BREEDING]

HU144 Hunter Breeding

[...]

3. Class Specifications.

a. Breeding classes are judged on conformation, athleticism, way of moving, quality, substance, soundness and suitability to become or in the case of sires and dams apparent ability to produce or beget hunters. Possible inheritable conformational defects are only to be considered in the case of sires and dams or prospective sires and dams. Horses are to be judged for conformation before being walked and/or trotted. Broodmares and weanlings are to walk. Yearlings, two year-olds and three year-olds are to walk and trot. Horses that are not sound are ineligible for an award. Entries should be lined up in the order of preference before the ribbons are pinned.

[...]

Rule Change Intent

To clarify that Hunter Breeding classes should be judged on the ability to become or produce hunters.

Linked Rules

Web: hunter breeding

Committee Actions

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1. A horse or pony must be measured each competition year until it reaches the age of eight. Horses and ponies that are seven years and under will be issued a Temporary Measurement card designating the year measured. Horses and ponies that are eight years of age and over will be issued a Standard Measurement card which does not need to be renewed. Exception: Horses that measure 16.2 hands or over will receive a standard measurement card regardless of age. Horses and ponies may not be measured by the same steward for their Standard Measurement Card and the card preceding the Standard Measurement card. The Federation will invalidate a Standard Measurement card that does not comply with this rule.

Would let the same Steward remeasure the same pony or horse in its 7th and 8th year. This rule is a hardship on pony exhibitors. Many are not familiar with the rule. Often the Steward published in the prize list is not the one that actually works at the show. The exhibitor has no warning. I recently had to remeasure a Junior Hunter that was 16.1 1/2 because of this rule.
### Proposed Change

**HU 176 Measurement Surface** [CHAPTER HU Hunter Division HU-10 - Measurement]

1. The measurement surface must be level and under no circumstances should animals be measured on dirt or gravel. A level concrete slab or other paved surface is required. *(Exception: the measurement surface for a junior hunter can be a sheet of plywood in good condition.)*

### Proponent Details

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### Rule Change Intent

Measurement surfaces should be the same for horses and ponies

### Potential Impact

None

### Linked Rules

**Web:** measurement surface

### Committee Actions

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    - **Draft 1:** No Comments
**Proposed Change**

JP103 Schooling [CHAPTER JP-1 GENERAL]

2. Schooling Supervision Requirements

a. A C1 Steward or Certified Schooling Supervisor must be present in the schooling area during any Jumper class offering $10,000 to $24,999 in prize money.

b. A Registered C1 Steward or Certified Schooling Supervisor must be appointed to supervise schooling before and during the classes offering $25,000 or more in prize money.

c. A Steward or Certified Schooling Supervisor must be present during schooling for Five, Six or Seven Year Old classes.

d. A minimum of one competition Steward must always remain available to attend to other stewarding duties.

e. Management is responsible for providing Certified Schooling Supervisors to supervise schooling for the Jumper warm up area of the ring offering the most prize money during that particular session during scheduled classes and warmups at Jumper Rating 5 or higher competitions. The Certified Jumper Schooling Supervisor cannot be one of the Competition Stewards.

f. For all other Jumper warm-up areas and during scheduled classes and warm-ups, Management is responsible for providing designated individuals to supervise schooling. These individuals must have a clear view of their assigned warm up area.

3. Schooling supervisors may be individual contractors at the competition or may be competition stewards. However, a minimum of one competition steward must always remain available to attend to other stewarding duties. For JP 103.2a, b, and c, a person may use their C1 Steward’s License to act as a Certified Schooling Supervisor and that person would not be subject to the restrictions in GR 1039 since they are not acting as one of the required official Competition Stewards.

**Proponent Details**

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**Rule Change Intent**

This allows someone that has the correct training to supervise schooling to act as a Certified Schooling Supervisor for the competition. When a person is using their Stewards license to act as the CSS, that person is not subject to the restrictions of a Steward since they are the CSS.

**Linked Rules**

Web: schooling

**Committee Actions**

**Competition Management**

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4. The Senior Steward’s (see GR1211.3) responsibility includes overseeing all schooling at the horse show, monitoring schooling conditions (including footing, sound system, and safety), monitoring proper and adequate schooling equipment (jump standards, proper taping, jump cups, safety cups, flags and proper rails, etc.), monitoring proper tack, equipment, and attire, and interfacing with management, judges and other officials as necessary and assuring that the schooling areas have the appropriate supervision for the class.

Proponent Details
Jumper

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Rule Change Intent
This requires the Senior Steward to check that the various schooling areas of the show have the appropriate supervision
JP103 Schooling [CHAPTER JP-1 GENERAL]

9. The use of any device with ear bud(s) while mounted is prohibited in all jumper schooling areas. BOD 1/14/17 Effective 12/1/17

The unsafe use of electronic devices, as determined by the competition steward in their sole discretion, including cell phones, with or without earphones/buds while mounted is prohibited in all areas designated for schooling and exercise, and while lunging horses on competition grounds.

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

Distracted riding in schooling areas is dangerous for horses and riders as well as people on the ground. This rule change is proposed to increase safety for both riders and horses.

Linked Rules

EQ 105 (287-18)

Comments

Web: schooling - devices

Committee Actions

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Jumper

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8/27/2018

**Board Action**
Approved 1/12/2019

### Proposed Change

**JP108 Prize Money** [CHAPTER JP-1 GENERAL]

7. **Per JP 122.1.c, if classes of different heights are combined, the entry fee and prize money will follow the class that has the higher prize money. The start fee must be refunded to declared competitors who choose not to declare for the combined class.**

**JP 122 Fence Dimensions**

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

...  
c. Management may choose to run a class over two different heights (not more than 10 cm of difference), permitting competitors to elect at which height to compete. The conditions for such classes must be stated in the prize list unless the two-height class results from the combining of classes due to insufficient entries (defined as less than six entries in either grouping **See JP 108.7**). The steward’s report must indicate any two-height class held, and the official results submitted to the Federation must accurately state at which height each entrant competed.

### Proponent Details

**Jumper**

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### Rule Change Intent

This outlines the process for what to do with prize money and entry fees if a class is combined due to insufficient entries as outlined in JP 122.1.c.

### Linked Rules

**Web:** prize money

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### Proposed Change

**JP111 Tack and Attire** [CHAPTER JP-1 GENERAL]

**JP111 Tack and Attire** [Linked to EQ105.5 & 126.2]

1. Martingales.
   a. Classes offered at 1.30m or below—No martingale restrictions when used in a conventional manner (see also JP111.34)
   b. Classes offered above 1.30m (and all classes restricted to young horses)—The only martingales permitted are running martingales used in the conventional manner.

2. Whips. Competitors are prohibited from using a whip that is longer than 30” (75cm) while in the process of jumping or schooling over fences. A rider may not carry more than one whip. Whips that are weighted at the end are prohibited at any time.

3. **Curbs**

   *When using a curb with any leverage bit, it must be constructed of loose links, joints, and/or lie smooth against the jaw of the horse and be free of twists, sharp objects or anything inhumane. A curb may be wrapped or inserted into a cover for the comfort of the horse. A curb may not be used in conjunction with wire, metal, rawhide, metal "keepers", or any other substance except for attachment of curb to the bit.*

4. **Draw Reins/German Martingales.** Draw reins and German Martingales may only be used when schooling or in classes with no prize money that are offered at 1.20m or below. Ponies may not be ridden by a Junior in draw reins or German martingales at any time. No other head set devices (chambon, etc.) are permitted in any class.

   a. **Cable or metal tie downs are prohibited for use on horses and ponies.**

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### Rule Change Intent

For the welfare of the horse, this proposal protects the horse from equipment that could inflict pain or discomfort.

### Linked Rules

EQ 105 (284-18), HU 126 (283-18)

### Comments

Web: curb chains

### Committee Actions

**Competition Management**

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**Proposed Change**

**JP111 Tack and Attire** [CHAPTER JP - 1 GENERAL]

3. Draw Reins/German Martingales. Draw reins and German Martingales may only be used when schooling or in classes with no prize money that are offered at 1.20m or below. Ponies may not be ridden by a Junior in draw reins or German martingales at any time. No other head set devices (chambon, etc.) are permitted in any class. **Draw Reins and German Martingales are not permitted in age restricted classes.**

**Proponent Details**

Jumper

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**Rule Change Intent**

The intent of this change is to prohibit the use of draw reins and german martingales in age restricted classes. Five year old classes are less than 1.20m and not all six year old classes offer prize money so draw reins and German martingales could be used those. It is not the intent to have young horses use draw reins or German martingales.

**Linked Rules**

Web: draw reins and german martingales

**Committee Actions**

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JP116 Sections/Classes Restricted by Age of Horse [CHAPTER JP-3 SECTION SPECIFICATIONS]

JP116 Sections/Classes Restricted by Age of Horse

[...]

3 Course Guidelines

a. General for all ages

[...]

d. If used for the Six or Seven Year Old classes, the water jump must be in the second part of the course and jumped in the direction of the in gate.

4. The fill must be consistent in each element of a combination.

[...]

b. Five Year Old Jumpers

1. Obstacles should be inviting and not solid, i.e., no solid walls.
2. Triple combinations may not be included before July 1st.
3. Only one spread obstacle may be included in any combination before July 1st.
4. When using a Liverpool, the rails must be in the center and on Safety Cups, and the Liverpool must be used as an option.
5. A Liverpool may not be used as part of a combination.
6. The first fence and the (a) portion of any combination must be set 5cm lower than the height specified for the class.

1. All courses must be basic and straightforward.
2. Obstacles should be inviting and not solid, i.e., no solid walls.
3. Courses must be in ascending height and the maximum height cannot be used until the second half of the course.
4. The first fence and the (a) portion of any combination must be set 5cm lower than the height specified for the class.
5. All oxers must be ascending, i.e., ramped before May 1.
6. Combinations may not be used before fence number four.
7. Triple combinations may not be included before July 1.
8. Only one spread obstacle may be included in any combination before July 1.
9. A Liverpool may not be used as part of a combination.
10. When using a Liverpool, the rails must be in the center and on Safety Cups, and the Liverpool must be used as an option.

c. Six Year Old Jumpers

1. Courses must be set in ascending height and the maximum fence height cannot be used until the second half of the course before May 1.
2. Triple combinations may only include one spread obstacle before July 1st.
3. Water jumps may not exceed 11’ (3.30m) and must use a rail over the water with a lath on the landing side. Water jumps should be in the second half of the course, and another obstacle must be offered as an option. The rail must be judged and if the lath is to be judged, it must be marked on the course.
4. A Liverpool may not be used as part of a combination.
5. If using Table II, Section 1, courses should always be built as Table II, not Table III.

d. Seven Year Old Jumpers

1. If a Liverpool is used in a combination, it may only be used as the first element, and may not be used before May 1.
2. Water jumps may not exceed 12’ (3.60 m) and must use a rail over the water with a lath on the landing side, and another obstacle must be offered as an option before May 1.
**Rule Change Intent**

These rules will help clarify and guide course designers to construct safe and positive courses for the development of young horses.

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Proposed Change

JP117 Sections/Classes Restricted to Junior, Amateur/Owner, Amateur or Young [CHAPTER JP-3 SECTION SPECIFICATIONS]

1. Amateur Owner Jumper...

c. Level of Difficulty:

1. **1.40/1.45m High** Amateur Owner classes will have courses set at either 1.40m (4'7") or 1.45 m (4'9"). The maximum height for the first class of this section, and for any classes in which time is the deciding factor in the initial round, is 1.40 m (4'7"). Note: Only Amateur Owner classes set at either 1.40m or 1.45m will be pointed toward HOTY awards in the **1.40/1.45m High** Amateur Owner category.

2. **1.30/1.35m Medium** Amateur Owner classes will have courses set at either 1.30m (4'3") or 1.35m (4'5"). All Amateur Owner classes set at either 1.30m or 1.35m will be pointed towards HOTY awards in the **1.30/1.35m Medium** Amateur Owner category.

3. **1.20/1.25m Low** Amateur Owner classes will have courses set at either 1.20m (3'11") or 1.25m (4'1"). All Amateur Owner classes at either 1.20m or 1.25m will be pointed toward the **1.20m/1.25m Low** Amateur Owner category for purposes of HOTY awards.

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2. Amateur Jumper...

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c. Level of Difficulty:

1. **1.40/1.45m High** Amateur classes will have courses set at either 1.40m (4'7") or 1.45 m (4'9"). The maximum height for the first class of this section, and for any classes in which time is the deciding factor in the initial round, is 1.40 m (4'7"). Note: Only Amateur classes set at either 1.40m or 1.45m will be pointed toward HOTY awards in the **1.40/1.45m High** Amateur category.

2. **1.30/1.35m Medium** Amateur classes will have courses set at either 1.30m (4'3") or 1.35m (4'5"). All Amateur classes set at either 1.30m or 1.35m will be pointed towards HOTY awards in the **1.30/1.35m Medium** Amateur category.

3. **1.20/1.25m Low** Amateur classes will have courses set at either 1.20m (3'11") or 1.25m (4'1"). All Amateur classes at either 1.20m or 1.25m will be pointed toward the **1.20m/1.25m Low** Amateur category for purposes of HOTY awards.

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3. Junior Jumper...

...

c. Level of Difficulty.

1. **1.40/1.45m High** Junior classes will have courses set at either 1.40m (4'7") or 1.45 m (4'9"). The maximum height for the first class of this section, and for any classes in which time is the deciding factor in the initial round, is 1.40 m (4'7"). Note: Only Junior classes set at either 1.40m or 1.45m will be pointed toward HOTY awards in the **1.40/1.45m High** Junior category.

2. **1.30/1.35m Medium** Junior classes will have courses set at either 1.30 m (4'3") or 1.35 m (4'5"). All Junior classes set at either 1.30 m or 1.35 m will be pointed towards HOTY awards in the **1.30/1.35m Medium** Junior category.

3. **1.20/1.25m Low** Junior sections will have courses set at either 1.20m (3'11") or 1.25m (4'1"). All Junior Jumper classes at either 1.20m or 1.25m will be pointed toward the **1.20m/1.25m Low** Junior category for purposes of HOTY awards.

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5. Award Categories. National awards will be given in the following categories: Low Junior, Medium Junior, High Junior, Low Amateur Owner, Medium Amateur Owner, High Amateur Owner, Low Amateur, Medium Amateur, High Amateur, Open, Pony, Young Rider YOUNG RIDERS, and U25. Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be given by USHJA in the following categories (see JP118 for Zone specifications): Low Junior, Medium Junior, High Junior, Low Amateur Owner, Medium Amateur Owner, High Amateur Owner, Low Amateur, Medium Amateur, High Amateur, LOW JUNIOR JUNIOR, CHILDREN’S, ADULT, LOW AMATEUR OWNER, AMATEUR OWNER, AMATEUR, PONY, YOUNG RIDERS, U25 and Thoroughbred Jumper.
### Rule Change Intent

Change title of classes to High, Medium, and Low since each individual class must be held at only one of those two fence heights, not both. Adding this nomenclature to the rule book will define what fence heights are "Medium" etc. so when a prize list defines it another way, there is a rule to reference to correct what heights go with the three categories. Linked with change to GR 1133.5 for the name of HOTY categories.

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### Proposed Change

**JP117 Sections/Classes Restricted to Junior, Amateur/Owner, Amateur or Young** [CHAPTER JP-3 SECTION SPECIFICATIONS]

7. Restrictions
   
   c. Riders competing in open jumper classes held at the High Performance Standard or **CSI3* Grand Prix classes** offering $25,000 or more in prize money are not eligible to compete in the highest money class, in the lowest height section of Junior, Amateur Owner, Amateur Jumpers offered at the same competition where more than one height section is offered for Junior, Amateur Owner, or Amateur Jumpers.

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### Rule Change Intent

This is for all the FEI classes offering $25k/+ that do not follow the USEF Standards in JP 122.4

### Linked Rules

**Web:** classes restricted to junior, amateur/owner, amateur or young

### Committee Actions

**Council - Intl Discipline**

- **Draft 1:** No Action
- **Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 12/20/2018

- **Draft 1:** No Comments
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- **Draft 2:** No Comments
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### Proposed Change

**JP122 Fence Dimensions** [CHAPTER JP-4 LEVELS OF DIFFICULTY]

c. National Standard: 1.45m 1.40m 1.50m with spreads to 1.70m, excluding Triple Bar and Water Jump. At least 4 Verticals and 2 Oxers must be set at 1.50m*. The maximum spread for the Triple Bar is 2.00m, and the maximum spread for the Water Jump is 4.00m. *If conditions warrant (deterioration of footing, inclement weather, insufficient lighting, fewer than 10 entries at the time declarations are due), the Course Designer after consultation with Management and Judges, may use a 5cm variance up or down for these 6 required efforts.

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### Rule Change Intent

With the addition of the American Standard there isn’t a need for 1.40m to be included in the National Standard. This change creates a clear progression of fence heights through all the Standards.

### Linked Rules

**Web:** fence dimensions

### Committee Actions

**Council - Intl Discipline**

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JP122 Fence Dimensions [CHAPTER JP- 4 Levels of Difficulty]

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

...[Chevalet]

c. American Standard: 1.40m-1.45m with spreads to 1.60m, excluding Triple Bar and Water Jump. At least 4 Verticals and 2 Oxers must be set at 1.45m. The maximum spread for the Triple Bar is 1.80m, and the maximum spread for the Water Jump is 3.80m.

d. Open National Standard: 1.40m–1.50m with spreads to 1.70m, excluding Triple Bar and Water Jump. At least 4 Verticals and 2 Oxers must be set at 1.50m*. The maximum spread for the Triple Bar is 2.00m, and the maximum spread for the Water Jump is 4.00m. *If conditions warrant (deterioration of footing, inclement weather, insufficient lighting, fewer than 10 entries at the time declarations are due), the Course Designer after consultation with Management and Judges, may use a 5cm variance up or down for these 6 required efforts.

Rule Change Intent

With the addition of the American Standard (1.40m-1.45m) the National Standard does not need to include 1.40m.

Committee Actions

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Proposed Change

MO177 General [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER MO-14 MORGAN REINING SECTION]

MO177 General (MO-14 Morgan Reining Section)

8. Ages
a. YOUTH: A Non-Pro who has not reached his 22nd birthday as of January December 1st of the current competition year. Youth may be further subdivided at the discretion of show management; those splits must be printed in the prize list. (Example: 15 and under and 16 and over).
b. ADULT: A Non-Pro who is no longer eligible to compete as a Youth.

Rule Change Intent

This clarification will unify the definition of a Youth within the Morgan Reining section with the other Morgan sections as to keep the month of which a rider's age changes consistent throughout the MO chapter.

Linked Rules

Committee Actions

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### Proposed Change

**SB166 Classes Offered and Specifications** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER SB-11 HUNTER COUNTRY PLEASURE]

4. **ASR Four-Year-Old Hunter Sweepstakes** - open only to four-year-olds that have been nominated to the ASR Four-Year-Old Hunter Sweepstakes Program. May be shown by a professional or amateur. To be shown at a walk, trot, extended trot, canter and extended canter both ways of the ring. Entries must be asked both ways of the ring to halt and stand quietly on the rail. To be judged on suitability as a Hunter, manners, performance, conformation, and quality. In the line, horses must stand quietly with all four legs perpendicular to the ground. Horse shall be required to back readily in the line. Entries are to be stripped.

### Proponent Details

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### Rule Change Intent

This is an addition of Hunters for American Saddlebred horses to show in the Sweepstakes program. This is a class where the horse has to be nominated to be eligible to show and therefore an added incentive for Exhibitors and Breeders.

### Linked Rules

**Comments**

Web: ASR Four-Year-Old Hunter Sweepstakes

### Committee Actions

**American Saddlebred**

- **Draft 1**: Recommends Approval 11/14/2018  
- **Draft 1**: No Comments

**Council - Natl Breed & Discipline**

- **Draft 1**: Recommends Approval 11/26/2018  
- **Draft 1**: No Comments
Proposed Change

1. Western Dressage classes are open to riders on horses, mules and/or ponies of any origin. Classes may be restricted to one or more breeds at a licensed breed restricted competition.

2. A Horse/Rider combination may enter no more than two consecutive levels, Freestyle levels included, at any one competition. Suitability, Hack and Equitation are excluded from the maximum limit of rides per day and horses in these classes may compete at any level for which they are otherwise eligible during the same competition.

3. Horse/rider combinations may ride the same test twice at the same competition, given they are separate class numbers.

4. No horse may be ridden more than once in any Western Dressage class, (including separate divisions or sections of the same class number).

   a. Horses may be ridden in junior, amateur, and open sections at the same competition.

5. Horses cannot be ridden by more than two riders. Shows may further limit number of rides per horse and level if stated in their prize list. If there is a conflict with breed division rules regarding WD102.2, the breed division rules will govern.

6. If there is a conflict with breed division rules regarding WD102.2-4, the breed division rules will govern.

7. For purposes of competition in Western Dressage classes:

   a. Individuals are eligible as Junior Exhibitors until the end of the competition year in which they reach the age of 18.

   b. From the beginning of the competition year in which they reach 18, individuals must possess a current Amateur Certification to be eligible to compete as Amateurs at a USEF licensed competition. At non-USEF licensed competitions, organizers should consult the appropriate breed rules for eligibility to compete as an Amateur.

   4.4 To be eligible to participared as a rider, owner, lessee. agent, coach, or trainer in any Western Dressage class at or at any Federation licensed competitions persons must be members of WDAA or pay a non-member fee of $25 for each competition. A USEF non-member, who wishes to participate as a rider, handler, owner, lessee, agent, coach or trainer at Regular USEF Competitions, Reining Competitions or Federation Open Western competitions that hold Western Dressage classes, must pay a non-member fee for each competition, in which an individual competes. Lessees are considered owners in connection with this membership requirement. In the event of an entry under multiple ownership, only one owner needs be a Member or pay a non-member fee. The competition is responsible for listing either the active member or the owner that paid the non-member fee in the results. Exceptions: local competitions, competitions restricted to a particular breed, and GR901.9, breed restricted competitions that offer an open Western Dressage section. Additionally, participants in the following classes are exempted from the requirements of this rule: 1) leadline; 2) exhibitions; 3) games and races; 4) classes for 4-H members; 5) walk trot; and academy classes. (Academy classes are classes limited to horses used regularly in a lesson program); 6) and Opportunity classes.

   a. The Competitions will be responsible for forwarding a list of the names of individuals who pay non-member fees at the competition to WDAA with the post competition report. Payment of non-member fees for the purpose of competing, does not entitle the individual to any privileges of the WDAA membership.

5. Membership: In order to compete in any Western Dressage class at a Federation licensed competition, as an exhibitor, rider, trainer, or his/her agent(s), a person must be an Active member of the Western Dressage Association of America or pay a nonmember fee to the Western Dressage Association of America. Exception: Local competitions, competitions restricted to a particular breed and exceptions listed in GR901.9.

Continue with re-numbering.
Currently, horse/rider combinations are eligible to ride the same Western Dressage test twice at the same competition, however the current language in WD102 is confusing to members, competitors and show staff. The desire for allowing competitors to show the same test twice at the same competition, is to provide competitors amble opportunity to compete. This rule change will allow horse/rider combinations to ride the same test twice at the same competition as long as they are separate class numbers. Furthermore, this change will allow for horse/rider combinations to ride the same test in different section, i.e. junior, amateur, and open. As written, this rule incorrectly uses the term “divisions” and does not clearly state that horses may be ridden in different sections (junior, amateur, open) at the same competition.

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: participation

Committee Actions

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Western Dressage

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WD102 Participation in Western Dressage Competition [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER WD-1 WESTERN DRESSAGE HORSE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES]

WD102 Participation in Western Dressage Competitions (WD-1 Western Dressage Horse Goals and Objectives)

4. WDAA Membership:
   a. To be eligible to participate as a rider, owner, lessee, coach, or trainer at Western Dressage Federation competitions persons must be active members of WDAA; or pay a non-member fee equal to the price of an annual membership for each competition. Lessees are considered owners in connection with this membership requirement. In the event of an entry under multiple ownership, only one owner need be a Member or pay a non-member fee. The competition is responsible for listing either the active member or the owner that paid the non-member fee in the results. The competitions will be responsible for forwarding a list of the names of individuals who pay non-member fees at the competition to WDAA with the post competition report. Payment of non-member fees for the purpose of competing does not entitle the individual to any privileges of the WDAA membership.
   b. In order to compete in any Western Dressage class at a Federation licensed competition, as an exhibitor, rider, trainer, or his/her agent(s), a person must be an Active member of the Western Dressage Association of America or pay a non-member fee to the Western Dressage Association of America.

   Exception to both a and b: Local Competitions, Lite Competitions, breed restricted competitions that offer an open Western Dressage section, and exceptions listed in GR901.9.

   c. WDAA membership is a requirement for participation at the WDAA World Championship Show.

5. USEF Membership:
   A USEF non-member, who wishes to participate as a rider, handler, owner, lessee, agent, coach or trainer at Regular USEF Competitions, Reining Competitions or Federation Open Western competitions that hold Western Dressage classes, must pay a show pass non-member fee for each competition in which an individual competes. Lessees are considered owners in connection with this membership requirement. In the event of an entry under multiple ownership, only one owner need be a Member or pay a show pass non-member fee. The competition is responsible for listing either the active member or the owner that paid the show pass non-member fee in the results. The competitions will be responsible for forwarding copies of all Show Pass forms completed a list of the names of individuals who pay non-member fees at the competition to the Federation WDAA with the post competition report. Payment of Show Pass non-member fees for the purpose of competing does not entitle the individual to any privileges of the WDAA USEF membership.

   Exception: Additionally, Participants in the following classes are exempted from the requirements of this rule: 1) leadline; 2) exhibitions; 3) games and races; 4) classes for 4-H members; 5) walk trot and academy classes (academy classes are classes limited to horses used regularly in a lesson program); 6) Opportunity classes.

5. Membership: In order to compete in any Western Dressage class at a Federation licensed competition, as an exhibitor, rider, trainer, or his/her agent(s), a person must be an Active member of the Western Dressage Association of America or pay a non-member fee to the Western Dressage Association of America. Exception: Local competitions, competitions restricted to a particular breed and exceptions listed in GR901.9.

6. WDAA membership is a requirement for participation at the WDAA World Championship Show.

6. An exhibitor is not allowed to request a Time-Out in Western Dressage.

7. If it becomes necessary to interrupt a Western Dressage competition, and/or as to cause suspension of judging, the unfinished portion may be recommenced and rescheduled for the same or following day at the option of the Show Committee with the officials’ consent. All scores recorded before the interruption will stand. When classes are re-commenced after a delay on the same day, competitors must be given at least 30 minutes notice of the starting time. Exhibitors whose ride times are changed to a subsequent day as a result of the interrupted competition or inclement weather condition, must be individually notified at least two hours prior to a rescheduled ride time.

8. Competitions may limit the number of rides and/or the number of levels in which horses may compete if printed in the prize list.

9. Electronic communication devices used for purposes of coaching exhibitors during a competition are prohibited in all classes in the Western Dressage Division. Exhibitors with a permanent hearing impairment are permitted to use an electronic communication device upon submission of a written certification from a treating medical professional’s office certifying the permanent hearing impairment and certifying the requirement of an electronic communication device. The medical certification must be provided to the competition Steward within a reasonable time prior to competing who shall attach a copy to the Steward report.

10. An exhibitor with a disability (other than hearing) will be provided reasonable accommodation upon submission of a written certification from a treating medical professional’s office certifying the disability and identifying the accommodation necessary for the exhibitor to compete safely. The medical certification must be provided to the competition Steward within a reasonable time prior to competing who shall attach a copy to the Steward report.

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Western Dressage

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Rule Change Intent

Currently there is confusion about which part of the rule the exception applies to. This clarification re-organizes the rule to better categorize the WDAA and USEF membership requirements for Western Dressage competitions and classes. There are a few verbiage and informational corrections included, but overall there are no substantive changes.
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**Committee - Competition Management**

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**Council - Natl Breed & Discipline**

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Proposed Change

WD106 Saddle Gait [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER WD-2 GAITS]

WD106 Saddle Gait (WD-2 Gaits)

2. The saddle gait is a four beat gait that *is may be either lateral or diagonal*, timely and consistently performed. The tempo, rhythm and foot falls of the gait the rider chooses to perform must not change throughout the test. The gait the horse performs, should be able to be ridden in a working, lengthened, free and collected manner as the Western Dressage test specifies.

Rule Change Intent

The language being removed is confusing and unnecessary, the Western Dressage Committee would like for it to be removed as to prevent future confusion. The inclusion of the language "four beat gait" sufficiently describes the saddle gait, no further language is needed.

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5. Saddle: A standard **American Western** stock saddle **with swells, a seat, cantle, skirt, fenders and Western stirrups** is customary required. A working saddle, Australian, and Western sidesaddle are also acceptable.

Silver equipment will not count over a good working outfit.

a. A horn is optional but western style fenders are required. **Optional and permitted features may include:**

1. **Horn**
2. **Padding or pads on the seat of saddle**
3. **Bucking rolls**
4. **Tapaderos, except in Western Dressage Equitation**

b. Tapaderos are permitted except in Western Dressage Equitation. **The following features and style of saddles are not permitted.**

1. **Thigh & knee rolls**
2. **Saddles: Australian, Baroque, English, McClellan and Spanish**

c. Padding or pads on the seat of the saddle are permitted. **Silver equipment will not count over a good working outfit.**

d. Thigh or knee rolls are allowed only on Australian Western style saddles.

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### Rule Change Intent

This change is to further outline what saddles are acceptable for Western Dressage and honor the membership's wishes for more traditional Western saddles. WDAA expects the changes to result in less staff time (USEF & WDAA) evaluating saddle photos and further promote a more standard interpretation of the saddle rule for stewards and exhibitors.
WD121 Tack [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER WD-5 APPOINTMENTS]

1. Bridles:
   a. Any Western type headstall must be used.
   b. A Western cavesson (braided or plain), or pencil bosal with space for two fingers placed between the cavesson and the jowl of the horse is allowed. No metal, studs of any kind, or other harsh substances can be used in conjunction with or part of a Western cavesson.
   c. A Hackamore (Bosal) is permitted on a horse of any age at any level. A hackamore includes a bosal rounded in shape and constructed of braided rawhide or leather and must have a flexible non-metallic core, attached to a suitable headstall. No other material of any kind is to be used in conjunction with the bosal, i.e. steel, metal or chains. Bosals may be wrapped with smooth electrical tape to prevent rubbing.
   d. A bitless bridle is permitted on a horse of any age at any level. It must be of Western style made of leather or leather like materials.
   e. The Western Two Rein bridle is permitted. This is a bridle and bit, snaffle or curb ridden over a full or pencil bosal with a romal; hence a bit rein and a mecate rein is held in each hand, or the mecate rein can be tied to the saddle horn.

2. Snaffle Bit:
   Letter a-g

3. Curb Bit:
   Letter a-e

4. Bitless Bridles:
   a. A bitless bridle is permitted on a horse of any age at any level.
   b. All bitless bridles must be of Western style made of flat leather or leather like materials.
   c. Cross under bitless bridle - a simple and subtle two loop system, one over the poll and one over the nose that embraces the whole of the head, see figure a. and b. No other variations are permissible.
   d. Bitless bridles with sidepulls are prohibited.

Continue with re-numbering.

WD122 Illegal Equipment

Number 1-7

8. Bitless bridles with sidepulls

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Rule Change Intent
To clearly define the type of bitless bridle that is allowed in the Western Dressage division. As written, bitless bridles only need to be of Western style and
made of leather or leather like materials. The vague language has allowed for many types/styles of bitless bridles to be used, including ones that present a safety concern for horses and competitors.

Design request has been submitted for picture to be made - picture to be added under (c.)

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Wd21.4 Tack [Chapter Subchapter WD-5 Appointments]

Wd21 Tack (WD-5 Appointments)

4. Reins:

b. When the rider uses a curb, the following reins may be used: Romal reins, Split reins, loop/connected reins, buckled reins or Romal reins without a popper. When using a curb with Romal reins with a popper, only one hand is allowed; when using other rein choices, one or two hands are allowed.

d. At the end of the Free Walk or Free Jog, riders using split reins held in one hand may use the free or offhand to pull the reins back to the desired length. Riders using Romal reins may use the hand holding the popper using the Romal to alter the tension or length of the reins from the bridle to the reining hand.

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Rule Change Intent

The addition to part b of the rule will clarify that one hand is only required with romal reins that have a popper and then the addition to part d is to again clarify that the romal reins being referenced are the ones that have a popper.

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: romal reins

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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### Proposed Change

**WD122 Illegal Equipment** [CHAPTER WD - 5 Appointments]

3. Use of martingales, bit guards, any kind of gadgets (such as bearing, side, running, balancing reins, nasal strips, tongue tied down, etc.), any kind of boots (including "easy-boots" splint boots, hock boots, bell boots, etc.), tail bandages, any form of blinkers, earmuffs or plugs, and nose covers are cause for elimination. Protective "polo" style leg wraps are permitted, with color matching natural color of the horse as much as possible.

### Proponent Details

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### Rule Change Intent

The use of ear plugs for ear protection (flies, wind, rain, debris) is a common piece of equipment utilized in the training environment of horses in all disciplines. To maintain consistency, riders should be able to continue utilizing earplugs for ear protection during competition in the same manner that ear covers are currently allowed. Further, earplugs are allowed by the USEF in other disciplines (i.e. Hunters, Arabians, etc) and are allowed during "prize giving" ceremonies. In order to maintain consistency across USEF, earplugs should no longer be listed in the Rulebook as a prohibited piece of competition equipment in Western Dressage, Dressage, Eventing (or any other USEF regulated discipline). Many horses cross over from hunters to jumpers to dressage to eventing, etc. Consistency in the equipment allowed for the protection of horses ears should be maintained across the sub-disciplines of USEF. This is inconsistent. For this reason, I propose that the USEF strike any reference to earplugs as a prohibited piece of equipment during competition.

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**Proposed Change**

**WD124 Judges and Stewards [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER WD-6 OFFICIALS ]**

1. Western Dressage classes offered at Federation licensed competitions must be judged by a Federation licensed Western Dressage judge in good standing. Any judge officiating Western Dressage classes at a Federation licensed competition must be a current member in good standing with the Western Dressage Association of America.

Exception:

a. for Western Dressage Suitability, Western Dressage Hack and Western Dressage Seat Equitation, judged as a group on the rail with the option of individual work rather than as an individual performance, a judge must be a Federation licensed judge in the appropriate breed(s) or a Federation Licensed Western Dressage judge.

b. **Opportunity Classes may be judged by any judge officiating at the competition. Conflict of interest rules in GR1304 apply.**

**Proponent Details**

Western Dressage

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**Rule Change Intent**

The Western Committee would like to clarify that any judge officiating at a competition may judge an opportunity class.

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WD126 EXECUTION AND JUDGING OF TESTS [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER WD-7 COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS]

WD126 Execution and Judging of Tests (WD-7 Competition Requirements)

6. Errors.
   a. When a competitor makes an "error of the course" (takes the wrong turn, omits a movement, etc.) the Judge warns him by sounding the bell. The Judge shows him if necessary the point at which he must take up the test again and the next movement to be executed then leaves him to continue by himself.
   b. Every "error of the course" whether the bell is sounded or not, must be penalized, as noted above:
      1. The first time by 2 points
      2. The second time by 4 points;
      3. The third time the competitor is eliminated. However, at the discretion of the judge, the rider may continue to finish the test. If the competitor's continued presence in the ring is about to interfere with the start of the next scheduled ride, then the judge must excuse him/her from the ring.
   4. For Freestyle tests, four (4) points will be deducted for forbidden movements and above the level movements. They are not cumulative and will not result in elimination.
   5. If the judge has not noted an error the competitor has the benefit of the doubt.
   6. The penalty points are deducted on each judge's sheet from the total earned by the competitor.

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Rule Change Intent

Western Dressage Freestyle does not have "errors", it has deductions. This information should not be included in the Errors section and therefore should be removed. This information already exists in the Freestyle section of the chapter, WD131.2c.

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: errors - freestyle tests

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**WD129 REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPETITION MANAGEMENT** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER WD-7 COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS]

WD129 Requirements for Competition Management (WD-7 Competition Requirements)

2. When permitted by the rules or special criteria, classes may be divided into separate divisions or sections based on qualifications, age or other eligibility of horses or riders.

3. **Divisions or Sections** of a class are considered to be a separate "class" only if listed as such in the prize list. **Divisions or Sections** of a class may be held in different rings and judged by different judges. When **divisions or sections** are held under different conditions (i.e., different ring or judges), separate awards must be given.

4. When entries warrant, competitions are encouraged to split classes into separate sections divisions, and to provide separate awards for Open riders, Amateurs, Junior, and Young Riders, and Junior/Young Riders. Horses may be ridden only once in any class, including separate divisions or sections of the same class and not by multiple riders.

**Rule Change Intent**

This clarification will unify this rule with the WD102 rule change from 2018 that will go into effect on 12/1/19 that also removed "divisions" from language that is used to describe different sections of a class type. There is also a clarification to make the language more clear that Junior and Young Rider classes are separate from one another.

**Linked Rules**

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**WD130 GENERAL [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER WD-8 TESTS]**

WD130 General (WD-8 Tests)

5. Level 3. To confirm that the horse has achieved the impulsion required in Level 2, now accepts more weight on the hindquarters (collection); moves with a greater degree of an uphill tendency as required in the collected gait especially in the collected lope. The horse must maintain a light contact on the bit showing balance, self-carriage and energy that result from improved engagement and weight-carrying by the hind quarters as performed in the *collected lope halt*. The movements should be performed with greater bending, suppleness, balance and self-carriage than in Level 2.

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**Rule Change Intent**

This clarification is to correct a typo. The sentence should be parallel with the language currently published on the tests to describe the ideal attributes that a horse shows while performing at the collected lope, not at a halt.

**Linked Rules**  
Web: tests

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