

Rule	Tracking	Draft	Proposal Type	Effective Date	Proponent	Status
GR 1011.7	229-19	1	Extraordinary	4/1/2020	Paso Fino	Approved (3/9/2020)
Description: guest cards - paso fino						
GR 1144.0	214-19	1	Rule Clarification	4/1/2020	Western Dressage	Approved (3/9/2020)
Description: awards						
AR 110.4	213-19	1	Extraordinary	4/1/2020	AHA	Approved (3/9/2020)
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AR 232.1	230-19	1	Rule Clarification	4/1/2020	Arabian	Approved (3/9/2020)
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Description: saddlery and equipment						
DR 124.5	211-19	1	FEI Rule Change	4/1/2020	Dressage	Approved (3/9/2020)
Description: elimination						
EQ 111.11	226-19	1	Rule Clarification	4/1/2020	USHJA	Approved (3/9/2020)
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Description: minimum eligibility requirements						
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Description: Park Pleasure Driving						
HK 133.0	221-19	1	Rule Clarification	4/1/2020	Hackney	Approved (3/9/2020)
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VA 113.0	233-19	1	FEI Rule Change	4/1/2020	Vaulting	Approved (3/9/2020)
Description: officials						
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## Extraordinary Change Reason

This is a current requirement for PFHA Sanctioned shows and is causing a hardship for those PFHA sanctioned shows which want to continue their USEF license in 2020

## Proposed Change

**GR1011 Guest Cards** [CHAPTER Subchapter 10-C]

7. Except in the circumstances below, Guest Cards will not be granted to any person more than twice in a lifetime in a particular division without the approval of the Board of Directors.

b. The following divisions have limits other than a maximum of twice in a lifetime:

3. Hunter Breeding: See GR1011.20.b and c.

4. Friesian - Four Guest Cards may be granted in a lifetime (Exception: foreign experts).

5. Roadster - Three Guest Cards may be granted in a lifetime.

**6. Paso Fino- No more than two (2) guest cards may be granted within the past five (5) competition years.**

## Proponent Details

Paso Fino

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## Rule Change Intent

There is a number of international Paso Fino competitions which in turn hire international judges. This requires those judges to obtain guest cards more frequently than the USEF rule allows. It is the intent to add to GR1011.7b.6 in order to align with the PFHA rule regarding the two guest card lifetime maximum. PFHA allows two guest cards every five years, to allow them to continue using the foreign judges.

## Linked Rules

## Comments

**Web:** guest cards - paso fino

## Committee Actions

## Competition Management

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 02/06/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

## Council - Member Services

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 02/11/2020

**Draft 1:** The Council agrees with this PRC, but feels the intent, as currently written, does not support the proposal. The Council would approve of the proposed rule change if the intent was reworded to more clearly communicate that its purpose is to align the Federation rules with the PFHA rules which will mitigate the hardship placed on competition management under the current GR rule that limits guest cards to a maximum of two in a lifetime for each division.

## Council - Natl Breed &amp; Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 02/24/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

## Licensed Officials

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

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## Proposed Change

**GR1144 WESTERN DRESSAGE** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 11-F AWARD SECTIONS ]

GR1144 Western Dressage {11-F Awards}

(Under the existing point tabulation chart)

*For pattern classes, the chart above will be used to tabulate points. For rail classes, the chart below will be used to tabulate points.*

<b>Started</b>	<b>10+</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>1st</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>2nd</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>3rd</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>		
<b>4th</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>			
<b>5th</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>				
<b>6th</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>					
<b>7th</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>						
<b>8th</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>							
<b>9th</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>								
<b>10th</b>	<b>1</b>									

## Proponent Details

Western Dressage

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## Rule Change Intent

On 12/1/19 new Western Dressage award categories became effective, these new categories include rail classes which tabulate points differently than pattern classes. In order for clarity for show management and exhibitors, the addition of a second point tabulation chart is being requested to be added to the Western Dressage section of Chapter 11.

## Linked Rules

## Comments

**Web:** awards

## Committee Actions

## Competition Management

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 02/06/2020**Draft 1:** No Comments

## Council - Natl Breed &amp; Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 02/24/2020**Draft 1:** No Comments

## AR110.4 Tracking #213-19 Draft #1 Approved

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Extraordinary	4/1/2020	1/27/2020	Approved 3/9/2020 1

## Extraordinary Change Reason

Due to issues in 2017 and 2018 at AHA Sport Horse Nationals (2018 issue resulted in a protest) it is in our best interest to align with the USEF HU rules.

## Proposed Change

**AR110 Abbreviations of Class Specifications/Junior Exhibitor/Amateur Requirements/Ages** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER AR-1 GENERAL SECTION]

AR110 Abbreviations of Class Specifications/Junior Exhibitor/Amateur Requirements/Ages {AR-1 General Section}

AR110.4.b

4. Amateur Owner Classes

b. Every competitor must be an amateur and the owner, or an amateur member of the owner's family (**exception substitute rider in AAOTR/AOTR/JOTR Working Hunter classes, refer to AR165.3**).

AR165 Sections and Championships {Subchapter AR-14 Working Hunter Section}

AR165.3

3. At ~~Regional and Nationals~~ **all** Competitions, where horses are shown in 3 classes in the same section, riders may not be different from class to class. Exception, if a rider has more than one horse entered in the class, they may appoint another rider to ride their other entries in the under saddle class, **provided at least one horse is ridden by the Amateur Owner or an amateur member of the owner's family, the additional horse or horses entered may be ridden by another unrelated amateur**, or if a rider becomes ill and is unable to continue another rider with the approval of the show steward may compete in the remaining classes. The alternate/substitute rider must be eligible to compete in the class, where riders are restricted for eligibility.

## Proponent Details

AHA

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## Rule Change Intent

It is the desire to ensure that the rules for Hunter over Fence classes in the Arabian Division are consistent with comparable rules in the Hunter Division and to allow owners to enter multiple horses in the Working Hunter classes.

## Linked Rules

## Comments

**Web:** AO classes

## Committee Actions

## Arabian

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/13/2019

**Draft 1:** No Comments

## Competition Management

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 02/06/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

## Council - Natl Breed &amp; Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 02/24/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

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## Proposed Change

**AR232 Class Specifications** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER AR-28 WESTERN OR ENGLISH TRAIL HORSE SECTION ]

AR232 Class Specifications {AR-28 Western Or English Trail Horse Section

## 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 **under saddle** trail class at AHA/USEF/EC competition.

## Proponent Details

Arabian

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## Rule Change Intent

The committee wishes to update the Green Under Saddle Trail class specifications to clarify that only under saddle classes will affect Green status. The current language of "any trail class" can be mis-interpreted to mean that In-Hand Trail classes also affect Green Status for Under Saddle Trail classes.

## Linked Rules

## Comments

**Web:** western or English trail

## Committee Actions

## Competition Management

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 02/06/2020**Draft 1:** No Comments

## Council - Natl Breed &amp; Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 02/24/2020**Draft 1:** No Comments

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## Proposed Change

**AR253 Conduct** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER AR-31 WALK-TROT/WALK-JOG SECTION]

## AR253 Conduct {AR-31 Walk-Trot/Walk-Jog Section}

1. Competitors to enter the ring in a counter-clockwise direction at a walk.
2. To be shown both directions of the ring at the walk and trot or jog only. Exception: Hunter Seat Walk/Trot Equitation on the flat, a sitting trot may be called for.
3. The order to reverse may be executed by turning either toward or away from the rail.
4. Entries will line up on command.
5. Riders in equitation classes may not be requested to perform any tests.
6. One header per horse must be allowed during the line-up to insure safety of exhibitors. Headers must be properly attired. A plain, unmarked smock, business attire or show attire is required.
7. Exceptions **to points 1-5**: Walk-Jog Trail, Walk-Trot Cross Rails 10 and under and Short Stirrup Reining. (AR250)

## Proponent Details

Arabian

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## Rule Change Intent

This rule clarification is to specify that the exception listed currently as point 7 is an exception to all other rules listed in the conduct section with the exception of the rule permitting headers in the line-up.

## Linked Rules

## Comments

**Web:** conduct

## Committee Actions

## Competition Management

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 02/06/2020  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

## Council - Natl Breed &amp; Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 02/24/2020  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** While the Council supports the intent of this rule clarification, it believes the way it is currently presented does not support its intention. They would like to see point 6 stay as is and have point 7 refer to "points 1-5" instead of "above conduct rules."  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
FEI Rule Change	4/1/2020	3/11/2020	Approved 3/9/2020 1
Extraordinary Change Reason			
Adopt 2020 FEI Driving rule changes			
Proposed Change			

Throughout DC chapter: see below [CHAPTER Throughout DC chapter: see below]

#### DC905 Official Results

Results are "official" as soon as they have been confirmed and signed by the President of the Ground Jury **and published on the official board at the Show Office.**

#### DC 906 Principles

##### 2. Yellow Warning Card

Where there is abuse of Horses in any form or incorrect behavior towards **the** Event, Officials, or any other party connected with the Event, **violation of any driving rule, non-compliance with** the President of the Ground Jury **or the** Technical Delegate, ~~and if appointed the President of the Appeal Committee and the Chief Steward,~~ as an alternative to instituting the procedures foreseen in the legal system, may deliver to the Person Responsible a Yellow Warning Card.

#### Subchapter DC-5 ATHLETES **AND GROOMS**

##### DC 913 Dress, safety and whips

###### 1. Dress in Dressage and Cones on a Dressage Carriage

1.1 The dress of Athletes and Grooms must conform to the style of the Carriage and harness used.

1.2 Jackets or national dress, driving aprons, hats and gloves are obligatory for Athletes. **Para Driving Athletes from nominated profiles may compete with no gloves or adapted gloves but must have this noted on the FEI Masterlist or their USEF dispensation following classification evaluation.**

1.3 Grooms must wear jackets or national dress, hats and gloves.

**1.4 In Cones, Grooms must remain seated in their proper position(s) between the start line and the finish line.**

~~4.4-~~ **1.5** The President of the Ground Jury may decide that: Jackets may be removed in excessively hot and humid weather; Jackets are not required in special circumstances; Wet weather clothing may be worn and aprons not required in wet weather.

##### 4. Whip for Dressage and Cones

4.1 The Athlete must carry a **driving** whip. ~~of traditional style. The lash, which may be tied to the stick, must be capable of release, and must be long enough to reach all the Horses.~~

4.2 An Athlete must enter the arena with a whip in hand or incur 5 penalty points.

4.3 If an Athlete drops or puts down his whip, when in the arena, or if it is not held in the hand, he will incur 5 penalty points.

4.4 The whip, if dropped, need not be replaced and the Athlete may finish without a whip. However the Groom may hand the Athlete a spare whip and without any further penalty.

**4.5 Para Driving Athletes from nominated profiles may compete with the whip held or used by a groom, but must have this noted on the FEI Masterlist or their USEF dispensation following classification evaluation.**

##### 5. Whip for Marathon and Combined Marathon

The whip can only be used by the Athlete. Failure to comply will incur 20 penalties.

**5.1. Para Driving Athlete from nominated profiles may compete with the whip held or used by groom but must have this noted on the FEI Masterlist or their USEF dispensation following classification evaluation.**

#### DC916 Number of Horses

1. The correct number of Horses stipulated for each class must be driven throughout each Competition. Athletes may not remove one or more Horses during a Competition and continue with less than the number stipulated for their Class.

2. A Horse may only take part once in each Competition.

3. Failure to comply any part of this DC **rule** will result in **Elimination** Disqualification.

#### DC 920 Examinations and Inspections of Horses

##### 3. In-Harness Horse Inspection

3.1 This must take place at all Events during, and at the site of, the 10-minute Compulsory Rest prior to the start of Section B of Marathon. One Veterinarian is responsible for this Inspection. It must be performed carefully but rapidly so that the Athlete has time to care for his horses before the start of Section B.

**When the Section A is a controlled Warm-Up, the compulsory rest may be shortened to 5 minutes before the Start of Section B.**

##### 5. In-Harness Inspection before Cones

5.1 The In-Harness Inspection must be carried out before **the turnout** any horse starts **the** Cones **test**, only when Cones follows Marathon. It must be performed by an Inspecting Committee consisting of one member of the Ground Jury together with the Veterinary Delegate, or the Veterinary Commission.

The Inspection is obligatory at all Events when Cones follow Marathon. The Horse(s) must be presented by the Athlete himself; Competing without presenting will result in an Elimination.

#### DC 923 Equipment

1. ~~For Advanced level only, Dressage~~ Carriages **may** must be fitted with forward facing lamps and rear lamps or reflectors in Dressage (penalties: see DC944). Lamps or reflectors are not compulsory in Cones.

#### DC 925 Participation

2.5 The Athlete is the only person allowed to handle the reins, use whip and brake throughout each Competition. Each contravention of this rule, even if to prevent an accident, will result in 20 penalties. However, a Groom may handle the Reins and Brake without penalty in all Competitions provided the Vehicle remains stationary.

**2.5.1 Para Driving Athletes from nominated profiles may compete with the whip held or used by groom, the brake operated by the groom, and the groom holding the finger loop but must have this noted on the FEI Masterlist or their USEF dispensation following classification evaluation.**

2.6 No person may be tied to the Carriage in any way during the Competitions. An Athlete may be secured by rope, webbing or belt provided one end is held by a Groom and not wrapped or fastened to the Carriage in any way. Failure to comply will result in Elimination.

**2.6.1 Para Driving: A Para Driver may be attached on the carriage for support with a lap belt or a 4 point belt, but there must be a quick release system.** For Para-Equestrian drivers, in addition refer to Annex 10.

~~2.6.2 An Athlete with disabilities may be attached for support, but must have a method for quick release.~~

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DC 930 Outside assistance

2. Prohibited outside assistance

2.1 Dressage and Cones:

2.1.1 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.

**2.1.5 Para Driving Athletes from nominated profiles may compete with the whip held or used by groom, and/or the groom holding the finger loop but must have this noted on the FEI Masterlist or their USEF dispensation following classification evaluation.**

**2.1.6 Grooms of Para Driving Athletes must sit so that he/she can help in case of need. The Technical Delegate has the right to disapprove the position of the groom on the vehicle.**

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DC 931 Substitutions

2. Substitutions during an Event

~~2.1 Substitution of Horses or Athletes during a Competition is not permitted. The penalty will be Disqualification. Substitution is allowed in case of a Horse that is not fit to compete, as decided during the In-Harness Horse Inspection before Cones (DC 920.5.3).~~

2.2 Athletes in Four-in-Hand classes may start each Competition with any four (4) of their five (5) declared entries.

~~2.2.2.3~~ Athletes in Pair classes may start each Competition with any two (2) of their three (3) declared entries.

~~2.3~~ Athletes in Single classes must start each Competition with their single declared entry.

~~2.4~~ A horse may be used by another Athlete in the same class after the first Horse Inspection if that Athlete has not presented a spare horse and providing the borrowed horse has not already been used in a Competition at the Event. This horse must then stay with that new Athlete for the whole Event. In CAIOs and Championships, such Horse must be entered by the same NF as the competing Athlete.

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DC 932 Starting Order

The method of determining the order of starting for Driven Dressage will be at a time determined by the Organizer and published in the Prize List/Omnibus:

a) Random computer generation used in the electronic scoring program.

b) A draw wherein Athletes will pull a number from a receptacle containing time for the starting positions. This may be done at either the time of Registration or at the First Horse Inspection.

1.1.2 Starting Order for the Marathon and Cones competition:

The Athletes will go in reverse order of the results in the previous competition(s) or half split as has been done previously.

The starting order will be:

a) **The Athletes competing twice with their turnout in the highest placing, followed by**

b) Retired Athletes, followed by

c) ~~b)~~ Eliminated Athletes, followed by

~~c) The Athletes competing twice with their turnout in the highest placing, followed by~~

d) The remaining Athletes, commencing with the highest number of penalties, so that Athletes with the least number of penalties achieved without Retirement or Elimination will start last.

In the Event of Athletes having equal scores, the procedure set out in the above paragraph will apply.

All Cone-Driving outside a combined competition starts with a draw.

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DC 934 The Arena

1. The Driven Dressage arena must be 100m x 40m or 80m x 40m, depending on the Test, and laid out in accordance with Annex 1, 2, or 3.

2. A smaller arena, measuring 80m x 40m and laid out in accordance with the Annexes, may be used for all classes of Singles, and Pairs, **and Pony Four-in-hand**, in which case the loops of the serpentine must be reduced from five to three.

3. Organisers must ensure that arrangements are in place so that spectators cannot approach closer than 5 meters from the edge of the arena.

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DC 939 General Impression

1. ~~For FEI-Driven Dressage tests:~~

1.4 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-~~ 2. Athlete

**2.1** 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~~ **2.2** Para-Driving Athletes in able-bodied 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.

**2.3 Para Driving Athletes are allowed to do one handed movements with two hands, when mentioned in the FEI Classification Master List of active Para Driving Athletes or their USEF dispensation following the classification of the Athlete. The maximum points attributed to the Athlete shall be 4, if the movement is correctly executed.**

**1.4 3.** 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.

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Subchapter DC-12 MARATHON

DC 943 General

DC943 General The objective of Marathon is to test the fitness, stamina and training of the Horses, and the driving skill, ~~judgment of pace~~ and general horsemanship of the Athlete.

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DC 944 The Course

3. Compulsory rests A safety check of the turnout must be made before the start of Marathon and during the 10 minute hold at the end of the Transfer Section (Option 1) or Section A (Option 2). Compulsory rests.

3.1 There must be a compulsory rest of not less than 10 minutes in the designated rest area prior to the start of Section B. **When Section A is a "controlled Warm-Up", the compulsory rest may be reduced to 5 minutes.** ~~The rest is not compulsory in the "controlled warm-up" option, but horse/bit/harness inspection is still required.~~

3.2 The area of the compulsory rest should, if possible, provide some shade and must be large enough to accommodate three turnouts at once and have room for additional motor vehicles.

3.3 Water must be provided at the rest area for the Horses.

3.4 For at least the Advanced level, a Farrier must be available at the rest area. If the Athlete has to wait for the Farrier for any reason beyond his control, then the Athlete will be credited with that time.

**3.5 Para Driving: quick release systems to secure a wheelchair and lap belts or 4 points belts with a quick release system must be checked by the Technical Delegate before the start of the marathon.**

3.5 3.6 In exceptional circumstances, the minimum time required for the Compulsory Rest may be increased by the President of the Jury in consultation with the Technical Delegate

3.6 3.7 If a Horse is not accepted by the Veterinarian at the rest area after 10 minutes, or 5 minutes if used for a "Controlled Warm-up", the Horse and Athlete will be Eliminated.

3.7 3.8 Turnouts may only stand, or walk, or trot within the rest area.

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## 6. Paces

6.1 The finish of Section B must not be more than 300 m from the exit of the last Obstacle unless the Technical Delegate grants an exception. If the last obstacle is situated within 300m of the finish, the Athletes may stop within 30m of the out gate of the obstacle to repair a broken or detached harness without penalty. A 30m marker will be placed on the track to indicate this point if the last obstacle is within 300m of the finish.

6.2 Between the 30 meter sign of the last obstacle (or 300m) and finish, pace must be trot or walk only. The Athlete will accumulate one penalty point for each 5 seconds the turnout is not at the walk or trot.

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## DC 948 Penalties on the Marathon Course

### 1. Whips

Whips, if carried, can only be used by the Athlete. Failure to comply will incur 20 penalties.

**1.1 Para Driving Athletes from nominated profiles may compete with the whip held or used by groom but must have this noted on the FEI Masterlist or their USEF dispensation following classification evaluation.**

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## DC 949 Obstacle Penalties

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2.6 An Athlete is not considered to have passed through a Compulsory gate in an obstacle until the whole complete turnout has passed between the flags denoting the Compulsory gate.

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## DC 950 Judges

### 1. Positions

1.1 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. See DC922 & 925.~~

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## DC 956 The Course

### 1. Building and Measuring the Course

1.1 The Course Designer is responsible, under the supervision of the Technical Delegate, for laying out, marking and measuring the course and building the obstacles. **The Course Designer may indicate with a dotted line on the course plan how the length of the Course was measured.** The President of the Ground Jury must ensure that the length of the Course was measured accurately.

1.2 The arena should be not less than ~~70m x 120m~~ **5000 m2 with a minimum width of 40 m** or an equivalent area. Should this not be possible the number of obstacles must be reduced accordingly unless an exception is granted by the Technical Delegate. A size-adjusted arena for VSE's may be offered.

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1.8 The President of the Ground Jury must walk the course to inspect it before the start of the Competition. The course is the track, which the driving Athlete must follow when competing from passing the start in the correct direction up to the finish. The length must be measured accurately to the nearest metre taking account, particularly on the turns, the normal line to be followed by the Horse(s). This normal line must pass through the middle of the obstacles. **If there is an alternative obstacle, the official distance has to be measured by the longest route.**

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## DC 957 Obstacles

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### 5. Markers

5.1 Each obstacle is defined by a pair of markers: a red marker on the right hand side and a white marker on the left hand side as Athletes approach the obstacle. They are placed not more than 15 cm outside the elements, which form the single and multiple obstacles.

5.2 The ~~whole entire~~ turnout must pass between these markers. Failure is considered as Disobedience. (See DC959.7.3 and 959.7.6.)

5.3 ~~Turning posts &~~ Decorations and obstructions must be placed on the course before the official course walk. No penalty is incurred if they are touched, displaced or knocked over.

5.4 All obstacles in the course must be numbered in the sequence in which they are to be driven. The number of each obstacle must be indicated on a board placed at the entrance to each single and Multiple Obstacle.

5.5 Each distinct section of a closed Multiple Obstacle (Ls, Us and Boxes) must be clearly marked in different colours. (See Annexes) The ~~whole entire~~ turnout must pass between these markers in the correct alphabetical order.

5.6 The red and white markers and the numbered and lettered boards may be combined, so that the numbers and letters appear on the same posts as the red and white markers, or they may be on separate boards or discs. If possible the numbers of the obstacles should be placed so that Athletes can see them as they leave the previous obstacle.

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## DC 959 Judging Cones Competition

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### 6. Athletes and Grooms Dismounting

6.1 Each time an Athlete dismounts he will incur 20 penalties.

6.2 Athletes will incur penalties each time one or both Grooms dismount: 5 penalties on the first occasion, 10 penalties on the second occasion. On the third occasion the Athlete is eliminated.

6.3 The Grooms must be on the carriage when going through each Obstacle. For a Groom(s) dismounting to assist through an obstacle by leading the horse by the bridle ends of the reins while the horse is still attached to the carriage see penalties for leading and dismounting in DC965. The Groom(s) must **be on** join the carriage before the next Obstacle.

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## DC 966 Expenses

1. The OC is responsible for the travel, meals and accommodations expenses of the Ground Jury, ~~Appeal Committee~~, the Veterinary Commission or FEI Veterinary Delegate, the Technical Delegate, ~~the FEI Chief Driving Steward~~ and the Course Designer.

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## DC 967 Transportation during the Event

If the situation necessitates, the OC must provide transportation for the President and Members of the Ground Jury, ~~Appeal Committee~~, Veterinary Commission, Technical Delegate, and Course Designer.

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## DC974 Appeal Committee

1. ~~An Appeal Committee consisting of a President and two or three members may be appointed, at the discretion of the Organizer, to hear appeals or~~

objections. When necessary, the Veterinary Official must be in attendance in an advisory capacity.

2. Appointment Members of an Appeal Committee may be chosen from among the list of USEF Driving officials, or other knowledgeable, technically qualified horsemen, at the discretion of the Organizing Committee.

3. Meetings 3.1 Appeals must be heard by all the Members sitting together. The President will decide the time and place of the Meeting. 3.2 The Committee must hear both sides of the case in appeals against decisions by individual Judges and Officials, and in cases referred to it by the Ground Jury in accordance with FEI GRs, Articles 160 and 165.

4. Decisions The decisions of the Appeal Committee are final, except in cases where monetary penalties have been awarded. 4.1 At USEF-licensed National Events (CAN), there is no appeal against technical decisions under these Rules or for Driven Dressage test marks given by the Ground Jury during a competition.

5. Conflict of Interest See DC968 of these Driving Rules. 6. Procedures for Objections and Appeals: A deposit of \$50 must accompany an appeal before it can be dealt with by the Ground Jury or Appeal Committee. The deposit is refunded if the appeal is upheld. If the appeal is not allowed, the deposit is forfeited to the Organizing Committee.

DC 975 **974** Veterinary Delegate and Veterinary Commission  
The OC must appoint a Veterinary Delegate selected from the List of Event Veterinarians in accordance with the VRs.

#### DC 976 Para-Equestrian Driving Classifiers

1. Championships At least two international FEI Status Classifiers from different nations shall be appointed by FEI.
2. CPEAs For International competitions the OC, in consultation with FEI, shall appoint at least two classifiers of different nationalities, with one of these classifiers being of international FEI status.

#### DC 977 **975** Rotation of Officials

Rotation of Officials: a Judge/Technical Delegate/Course Designer may not have been the Judge/Technical Delegate/ Course Designer at the same event for more than 3 consecutive years without taking at least one year break.

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Annex 6 Cones Obstacles: The Bridge **and the water obstacle** (DC 973.4 **957.4**)

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Rule Change Intent
The Driving Sport Committee recommends to adopt these changes into the national rules for Combined Driving (DC chapter) to align with the changes for the FEI Driving rules beginning in 2020. The implications for all divisions levels were considered.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> FEI rule changes

Committee Actions	
Competition Management	
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Council - Intl Discipline	
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Driving	
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## Proposed Change

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

**DR 121 Saddlery and Equipment. Add new:**

Figure 1. B2. \* Bits pictured under B1 or B2 are required in FEI Tests. Bits must be smooth with a solid surface. A bridoon is defined as a snaffle bit used together with a curb bit to form a double bridle..... The snaffle or bridoon mouthpiece must be minimum 10 mm diameter at the rings or cheeks of the mouthpiece. The diameter of the curb mouthpiece must be minimum 12 mm at the cheeks of the mouthpiece. Snaffles used in Young Horse and Children classes must have a minimum diameter of ~~14~~ **12** mm. A double jointed snaffle, a snaffle with rotating mouthpiece, and a curb mouthpiece may be shaped to allow tongue relief. The maximum height of the deviation is 30 mm from the lower part of tongue side to the highest part of the deviation....

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## Rule Change Intent

FEI rule change effective 1.1.20. The minimum width for snaffles used in all classes is now 12 mm.

## Linked Rules

## Comments

**Web:** saddlery and equipment

## Committee Actions

## Competition Management

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## Council - Intl Discipline

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**Draft 1:** No Comments  
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## Dressage

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**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

# DR124.5 Tracking #211-19 Draft #1 Approved

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
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## Proposed Change

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

**DR124. Elimination. Change to read.**

5. For USEF High Performance Championships, USEF High Performance qualifying and selection trials only: If the Judge at C suspects fresh blood anywhere on the horse during the test, he will stop the horse to check for blood. If the horse shows fresh blood, it will be eliminated. The elimination is final. If the Judge through examination clarifies that the horse has no fresh blood, the horse may resume and finish its test. If the **Equipment Check Steward, working at the direction of the** Technical Delegate, discovers fresh blood in the horse's mouth or in the area of the spurs during the equipment check at the end of the test, he informs the Judge at C, who will eliminate the competitor. If there is blood elsewhere on the horse, **the Technical Delegate will inform the Judge at C.** The majority of the veterinary panel is to be called to recommend if the horse is fit to continue in subsequent classes for which it is eligible. **The Judge at C will make a decision on the Horse's fitness to continue, based on the veterinary panel's advice. If the Judge at C decides the Horse is not fit to continue, the horse will not be permitted to take part in any further competition(s) or tests at the Event, but the result(s) obtained by the athlete/horse combination in any competition(s) or tests already completed shall stand.** Refer to Selection Procedures for the current championship year requirements.

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## Rule Change Intent

FEI rule change effect 1.1.20. DR124.5 only affects USEF HP classes in national competitions and should parallel FEI rules.

Effective date: ASAP

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> elimination

## Committee Actions

### Competition Management

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### Council - Intl Discipline

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### Dressage

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## Proposed Change

**EQ111 Requirements for Specific Classes** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ-2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION]

11. USHJA ~~Hunterdon~~ **Gladstone** Equitation Cup Classic. Open to any rider that is an Active USHJA member and has won a USEF Hunter Seat Medal, ASPCA Maclay, USEF Show Jumping Talent Search, or Overall WIHS Equitation Classic during the qualifying period. The show in which they qualify must have started on or before the final day of the qualifying period. The qualifying period will be posted on the USHJA website in the official class specifications. The USHJA, at its discretion, may choose to conduct an East and/or West Coast National Championship for the ~~Hunterdon~~ **Gladstone** Cup. Once a rider has won the USHJA ~~Hunterdon~~ **Gladstone** Cup he/she will not be allowed to compete again. Class Specifications for the Classic consists of:

[...]

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## Rule Change Intent

Due to the SafeSport decision against George Morris and his permanent ineligibility, the USHJA Board of Directors has voted to change the name of the USHJA Hunterdon Cup to the USHJA Gladstone Cup, in order to remove the association with Mr. Morris.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> Equitation Cup Classic

## Committee Actions

## Competition Management

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## Council - Natl Breed &amp; Discipline

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## Proposed Change

EV Appendix 3 [CHAPTER Appendix 3]

**APPENDIX 3 - PARTICIPATION IN HORSE TRIALS**

Uncategorized

	FEI Requirements	USEF Requirements
CCI3*-S	1 CCI2*-S	2 Preliminary or higher (MER)+  1 Preliminary or higher (MER) with no more than 20 Jumping Penalties at obstacles on the CrossCountry test +  1 Intermediate or higher (MER)

Uncategorized and C-D FEI Riders

	FEI Requirements	USEF Requirements
CCI4*-S	2 CCI3*-S	2 Intermediate or higher (MER)

A-B FEI Riders

	FEI Requirements	USEF Requirements
CCI4*-S	2 CCI3*-S	2 Intermediate or higher (MER)

Uncategorized C-D Riders

	Rider Category	FEI Requirements	USEF Requirements
CCI5*-L	C-D	2 CCI4*-L+ 2 CCI4*-S	The competitor and horse must have met the minimum eligibility requirements (MER) of the FEI

	Rider Category	FEI Requirements	USEF Requirements

CCI5*-L	B	1 CCI4*-L+ 3 CCI4*-S	The competitor and horse must have met the minimum eligibility requirements (MER) of the FEI
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## Rule Change Intent

At this time, the FEI rules for certain divisions reference MER as simply the level and the star number. In those cases, the FEI requires achievements of an MER at either a short format (-S) or a long format (-L). By adding the -S it will clarify that the achievement of an MER at the - S format is acceptable.

## Linked Rules

## Comments

**Web:** minimum eligibility requirements

## Committee Actions

### Competition Management

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

### Council - Intl Discipline

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

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## Proposed Change

EV Appendix 3 [CHAPTER Appendix 3]

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4.1.7.1 **UNCATEGORIZED RIDERS**

CCI4\*-L Having met the minimum eligibility requirements (MER) of the FEI, both the competitor and the horse, though not necessarily as a combination, must have achieved one MER at the Advanced level or higher.

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## Rule Change Intent

After changes made to the Rule book in 2016, the heading for uncategorized riders was inadvertently removed from the rule book under CCI4\*-L qualifying requirements.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> minimum eligibility requirements

## Committee Actions

## Competition Management

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Draft 1: No Comments

## Council - Intl Discipline

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Draft 1: No Comments

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Extraordinary	4/1/2020	2/21/2020	Approved 3/9/2020 1

**Extraordinary Change Reason**

Following the first year of the implementation of a rule requiring Licensed SJ Course Designers (EVJCD or USEF Jumper CD) some confusion remained as to which officials may design Show Jumping courses for Intermediate and Advanced Horse Trials and who was ultimately responsible for the layout, design and construction of the Show Jumping test for these levels.

**Proposed Change**

**EV175 - Course Designer** [CHAPTER EV-6 Rules For Officials]

**EV175 Course Designer**

2. DUTIES.

a. The Cross Country Course Designer is responsible for the layout measurement, preparation, and marking of the route for the Cross-Country Test of Horse Trials and Events, including Phases A, B, and C of the latter. The Cross Country Course Designer is responsible for the design and construction of all obstacles used in the Test.

b. In order to fulfill the responsibilities noted above, the Cross Country Course Designer must visit the site and review changes to the courses or obstacles at least once within 12 months of a competition. The Cross Country Course Designer should be present during the competition.

c. **At the Intermediate level and below**, ~~He/she~~ is ultimately responsible for the layout, design and construction, of the Jumping Test. This duty may be delegated to a jumping course designer, but the Event Cross Country Course Designer must ensure that the course is suitable. At the Intermediate and Advanced levels, responsibility for the lay

**EV176 Eventing Jumping Course Designer**

An ~~Federation~~ Eventing Jumping Course Designer license, or Show ~~Federation~~ Jumper Course Designer **or FEI Jumping Course Designer** is required for any Individual designing Show Jumping at the ~~Intermediate and~~ Advanced levels at Federation Licensed Eventing Competitions. Please refer to the Federation Licensed Officials Policies and Procedures on the USEF website for maintenance requirements for all licenses and certification.

EV169 National Horse Trials (CHAPTER EV-6 – Rules for Officials)

Horse Trials	BN-T	M-P	Intermediate	Advanced
Show Jumping Course Designer	N/A	N/A	USEF License (Jumper or Eventing) – <del>N/A</del>	USEF License (Jumper or Eventing) – Eventing <b>Federation Eventing Jumping Course Designer, Federation Jumper Course Designer or FEI Jumping Course Designer</b>

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**Rule Change Intent**

The proposed change will clarify which licensed officials may design the Show Jumping Courses for Eventing Horse Trials and also, with whom the ultimate responsibility for the layout, design and construction of the Jumping test for these levels lies.

Following the first year of the implementation of a rule requiring Licensed SJ Course Designers (EVJCD or USEF Jumper CD) some confusion remained as to which officials may design ShowJumping courses for Intermediate and Advanced Horse Trials and who was ultimately responsible for the layout, design and construction of the Show Jumping test for these levels.

Potential Impact	
None	
Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> Eventing Jumping Course Designer
Committee Actions	
Competition Management	
<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Approval 02/06/2020	<b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
Council - Intl Discipline	
<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Approval 02/25/2020	<b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
Council - Member Services	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Disapproval 02/11/2020	<b>Draft 1:</b> The Council is in favor of the PRC intent and would approve is the following amendments were made: • Correct the nomenclature to read: “A Federation Eventing Jumping Course Designer license, Federation Jumper Course Designer, Federation Eventing Course Designer, or FEI Jumping Course Designer License is required....”; and, • Update the chart in EV169 to reflect the above statement (chart is currently missing the FEI Jumping CD eligibility under the Advanced column)
<b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	
	<b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
Licensed Officials	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Disapproval 02/18/2020	<b>Draft 1:</b> The LOC recommends disapproval, but would approve if the following changes are made: 1) If the license nomenclature is updated to “A Federation Eventing Jumping Course Designer license, or Federation Jumper Course Designer, Federation Eventing Course Designer, or FEI Jumping Course Designer License is required....” 2) If the chart in EV169 is updated to reflect the above statement (currently missing the FEI Jumping CD eligibility under the Advanced column and USEF license language should be amended).
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	<b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments

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## Proposed Change

### HK124 Park Pleasure Driving-Class Specifications [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HK-6 PARK PLEASURE DRIVING]

#### HK124 Park Pleasure Driving-Class Specifications

1. SINGLE HACKNEY OR HARNESS PONY PARK PLEASURE DRIVING (OPEN, MARES, GELDINGS, MAIDEN, NOVICE, LIMIT, AMATEUR, JUNIOR EXHIBITOR, LADIES, GENTLEMAN AND OWNERS). To be shown at a flat walk, pleasure trot and road trot (showing a distinct difference in gait). To be judged on ~~suitability~~, manners, **presence**, performance, **suitability**, quality, and conformation. Ponies must stand quietly and are required to back.
2. SINGLE HACKNEY OR HARNESS PONY PARK PLEASURE DRIVING (OPEN, MARES, GELDINGS, MAIDEN, NOVICE, LIMIT, AMATEUR, JUNIOR EXHIBITOR, LADIES, GENTLEMAN AND OWNERS) 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 flat walk, pleasure trot and road trot (showing a distinct difference in gait). To be judged on ~~suitability~~, manners, **presence**, performance, **suitability**, quality and conformation. Ponies must stand quietly and are required to back.
3. SINGLE HACKNEY OR HARNESS PONY PARK 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). To be judged on ~~suitability~~, manners, **presence**, performance, **suitability**, quality, and conformation. Ponies must stand quietly and are required to back.
4. SINGLE HACKNEY OR HARNESS PONY PARK 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). To be judged on ~~suitability~~, manners, **presence**, performance, **suitability**, quality and conformation. Ponies must stand quietly and are required to back.

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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

## Comments

**Web:** Park Pleasure Driving

## Committee Actions

### Competition Management

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

### Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

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Proposed Change

**HK133 Class Specifications** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HK-10 AHHS YOUTH MEDALLION CLASSES]

1. AHHS YOUTH MEDALLION ROADSTER PONY, ~~SHOW PLEASURE DRIVING, COUNTRY PLEASURE DRIVING, HACKNEY/HARNESS, AND ROADSTER PONY UNDER SADDLE.~~ To be judged on **suitability**, manners, presence, performance, speed, quality, and conformation.

**2. AHHS YOUTH MEDALLION SHOW PLEASURE DRIVING, COUNTRY PLEASURE DRIVING AND HACKNEY/HARNESS. To be judged on suitability, manners, presence, performance, quality and confirmation. 2-**

3. AHHS YOUTH MEDALLION PLEASURE UNDER SADDLE. To be shown under English saddle, open bridle with snaffle bit single or double reins, (martingale optional), full bridle (curb bit and snaffle) or Pelham (without martingale) acceptable. Braids or artificial devices are not allowed. Rider attire to be dark jodhpurs, shirt, tie, fitted or sweater vests (optional), riding boots, gloves and hair neatly held back so the number is easily read. Riding suits and hats (other than protective headgear) are prohibited. To be shown at a flat walk, pleasure trot, and a road trot. Entries must stand quietly and are required to back in the lineup. To be judged on **suitability**, manners, presence, performance, quality, and conformation.

3. **4. AHHS YOUTH MEDALLION PLEASURE DRIVING-REINSMANSHIP.** To be shown to an appropriate two-wheel vehicle, both ways of the ring, at a walk, slow trot, working trot and strong trot. A workout will be required and performed at any of the above gaits requested by the judge. Entry will be asked to perform a figure of eight and/ or any other appropriate test. Ability and skill of driver is to be considered. Judging will be based 70% (50% of rail work, 50% workout) on **suitability**, manners, ~~performance~~, presence, **performance**, quality, and conformation; 20% on condition and fit of the harness and vehicle and 10% on neatness of attire. **4-**
4. **5. Tests which may be used:**

a. Figure of eight.

b. Serpentine with cone markers.

c. Drive between two parallel cavaletti.

d. Right or left turn through cone makers.

e. Execute a back between two (2) cones or cavaletti.

5. **6.AHHS YOUTH MEDALLION SHOWMANSHIP IN-HAND.** To be judged on **suitability**, manners, presence, performance, quality, and conformation.

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Rule Change Intent

From time to time proposed rule changes are suggested from the judge's clinics and these rules are in need of updating. The class specifications were updated in 2018 for the American Hackney Horse Society Youth Medallion classes and the changes for HK133 were inadvertently omitted. Because only Roadster Ponies show at speed Show Pleasure Driving, Country Pleasure Driving and Hackney/Harness need to have separate judging specifications deleting speed as a specification for those classes.

Linked Rules

Comments

**Web:** AHHS Youth Medallion Classes

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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## Proposed Change

**MO108 CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER MO-1 GENERAL]

MO108 Championship Classes {MO-1 General}

2. To be eligible to show in a Performance Championship class a horse must have been properly entered, shown and judged in one qualifying class in the same section. An entry which while performing in a qualifying class fails to qualify by reasons of equipment repair, shoeing time, illness (certified by the official veterinarian) or failure of a class to fill shall be permitted to pay double fee and make a post entry in another qualifying class in the section or if no subsequent qualifying class is available for such post entry, the horse shall be considered qualified for the Performance Championship class, provided the horse has previously been entered in the Championship or Stake. (See also GR117.3)

***a. If stated in the Prize List, an amateur who participates in the Ladies or Gentlemans class of a given section is eligible for the Amateur Championship of said section if a Ladies Championship or Gentlemans Championship is not held.***

## Proponent Details

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## Rule Change Intent

This practice has been in place at Morgan Competitions for many years but has recently caused some confusion among Stewards. This addition will make it clear that although in some Morgan sections the Ladies/Gentlemans and Amateur classes have different class specifications, an amateur riding in a Ladies or Gentlemans class is then eligible for the Amateur Championship within the same section if a Ladies Championship or Gentlemans Championship is not held.

## Linked Rules

## Comments

**Web:** championship classes

## Committee Actions

## Competition Management

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## Council - Natl Breed &amp; Discipline

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Proposed Change

VA113 Officials [CHAPTER VA-1 GENERAL]

Number of Judges	Compulsories (All Events)	Freestyle (All Levels/Events)	Technical (3* Individual)
1 judge	Scores all aspects	Scores all aspects	Scores all aspects
2 judges	Both judges do horse and compulsories	Judge 1: DOD (15%) + Performance (40%) (or "Technique") Technique (50%) Judge 2: Composition (25%) (or "Artistic") + Horse (20%) Artistic and Horse (50%)	Judge 1: Exercises (50%) Judge 2: Composition (25%) (or "Artistic") + Horse (15%) Artistic and Horse (50%)
3 judges (refer to 6 judge distribution in FEI guidelines – use Judge 1, 2, 3 only)	Judge 1: Horse Judge 2: Exercises Judge 3: Exercises	Judge 1: Horse (20%) - Judge 2: DOD (15%) + Performance (40%) (or "Technique") - Judge 3: Composition (25%) (or Artistic) -	Judge 1: Horse (15%) - Judge 2: Exercises (50%) + Performance (10%) - Judge 3: Composition (25%) (or Artistic)
4 judges (refer to 4 judge distribution in FEI Guidelines)	Judge 1: Horse Judge 2: Exercises Judge 3: Exercises Judge 4: Exercises	Judge 1: Horse (20%) - Judge 2: (DOD (15%) + Performance (40%))/2 (or "Technique") - Judge 3: Composition (25%) (or Artistic) - Judge 4: (DOD (15%) + Performance (40%))/2	Judge 1: Horse (15%) - Judge 2: (Exercises (50%) + Performance (10%))/2 - Judge 3: Composition (25%) (or Artistic) -

		(or "Technique")	Judge 4: (Exercises (50%) + Performance (10%))/2
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Number of Judges	Compulsories (All Events)	Freestyle (All Levels/Events)	Technical (3* Individual)
1 judge	Scores all aspects	Scores all aspects	Scores all aspects
2 judges	Both judges do horse and compulsories	<b>Judge 1:</b> DOD (15%) + Performance (40%) (or "Technique")  <b>Judge 2:</b> Composition (25%) (or "Artistic") + Horse (20%)	<b>Judge 1:</b> Exercises (50%) + Performance (10%)  <b>Judge 2:</b> Composition (25%) (or "Artistic") + Horse (15%)
3 judges (refer to 6 judge distribution in FEI guidelines - use Judge 1, 2, 3 only)	<b>Judge 1:</b> Horse <b>Judge 2:</b> Exercises <b>Judge 3:</b> Exercises	<b>Judge 1:</b> Horse (20%)  <b>Judge 2:</b> DOD (15%) + Performance (40%) (or "Technique")  <b>Judge 3:</b> Composition (25%) (or Artistic)  <u>Except 1* C Team:</u> <b>Judge 1:</b> Content (x25%) <b>Judge 2:</b> Performance (x55%) <b>Judge 3:</b> Horse (x20%)	<b>Judge 1:</b> Horse (15%)  <b>Judge 2:</b> Exercises (50%) + Performance (10%)  <b>Judge 3:</b> Composition (25%) (or Artistic)
		<b>Judge 1:</b> Horse (20%)  <b>Judge 2:</b> (DOD (15%) + Performance (40%))/2 (or "Technique")  <b>Judge 3:</b> Composition (25%) (or Artistic)	<b>Judge 1:</b> Horse (15%)  <b>Judge 2:</b> (Exercises (50%) +

4 judges (refer to 4 judge distribution in FEI Guidelines)	<b>Judge 1:</b> Horse <b>Judge 2:</b> Exercises <b>Judge 3:</b> Exercises <b>Judge 4:</b> Exercises	<b>Judge 4:</b> (DOD (15%) + Performance (40%))/2  (or "Technique")  Except 1* C Team: <b>Judge 1:</b> Content (x25%)  <b>Judge 2:</b> Performance (x55%)/2  <b>Judge 3:</b> Horse (x20%)  <b>Judge 4:</b> Performance (x55%)/2	Performance (10%))/2  <b>Judge 3:</b> Composition (25%) (or Artistic)  <b>Judge 4:</b> (Exercises (50%) + Performance (10%))/2
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Vaulting

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#### Rule Change Intent

Align USEF rules with 2020 FEI rule changes regarding the number of officials and what events and scores each judge is responsible for. The American Vaulting Association (AVA) Board has adopted the FEI rule change.

#### Linked Rules

#### Comments

**Web:** officials

#### Committee Actions

##### Competition Management

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 02/06/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

##### Council - Intl Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 02/25/2020

**Draft 1:** No Comments

##### Vaulting

**Draft 1:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments

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## Proposed Change

**WD121 Tack** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER WD-5 APPOINTMENTS]

WD121 Tack {WD-5 Appointments}

8. Fly hoods (ear covers) should be discreet in color and design and should not cover the horse's eyes. ~~After completion of the test, the exhibitor or his representative is responsible for removing the fly hood to present to the designated equipment steward for inspection to ensure that nothing prohibited has been added. See WD121.3.~~

## Proponent Details

Western Dressage

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## Rule Change Intent

As of 12.1.19 earmuffs and plugs are permitted, so there is no longer a need for a designated equipment steward to inspect under fly hoods.

## Linked Rules

## Comments

**Web:** tack

## Committee Actions

## Competition Management

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 02/06/2020**Draft 1:** No Comments

## Council - Natl Breed &amp; Discipline

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