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Standard	12/1/2026	2/22/2026	Approved 6/16/2026

Rule Change Intent

To establish a more practical and efficient number of Stewards required at a licensed competition, based on the previous year's horse entries and the number of competition rings used simultaneously in the current year. Additionally, this rule change aims to clarify the number of Stewards required throughout the day, based on the specific needs of the competition on a given day.

Due to the unique nature of this rule change for the Hunter/Jumper disciplines, it has now been moved to the HJ Chapter of the USEF Rule Book for better alignment and clarity.

Proponent Details

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Linked Rules

Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

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Council - Member Services

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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 05/27/2026

Driving

Jumper

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/16/2025

Licensed Officials

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Draft 2: Recommends Approval 04/13/2026

National Hunter Committee

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Draft 2: Recommends Approval 03/16/2026

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Vaulting

Welsh

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Member Comments

Janet Fall — Draft #1

I think the committee needs to take another look at the chart as with the increase in arenas and horses I think they have underestimated the number of Stewards need to properly cover all areas. The changes I would like to see in the chart are as follows.

2-4 rings with 601 - 1000 horses = 3 Stewards
2-4 rings with 1001 - 1600 horses = 3 Stewards
2-4 rings with 1601 - 2000 horses = 4 Stewards
5-7 rings with 1001 - 1600 horses = 4 Stewards
8-10 rings with 601- 1000 horses = 4 Stewards
8-10 rings with 1601 - 2000 horses = 5 Stewards
I think it is important to remember that with the increase in arenas and horses increases the number of lounging areas, warm-up areas and auxiliary practice areas. With the emphasis on horse welfare and a fair playing field I think these numbers are more in line with that.

GR 1211 Appointment of Officials and Employees

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e. Competitions are required to obtain the necessary Stewards or Technical Delegates in accordance with the restrictions below:

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v. Exception: for Hunter/Jumper competitions, see HJ103.5.

HJ103 Definitions

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5. Stewards

a. Appoint and identify in the prize list and catalogue one or more licensed Federation Stewards licensed to officiate in the divisions and sections for which the competition is approved who shall be present at each session of the competition.

b. If a competition finds it necessary to substitute a Steward for one who is officially designated in the prize list and/or catalogue and who is unable to serve due to circumstances beyond their control, the restrictions of GR1304.12 will not apply.

c. Competitions are urged to engage a Steward for each ring when classes are held simultaneously and to select individuals who are well versed in the divisions being offered.

d. Competitions are required to obtain the necessary Stewards in accordance with the restrictions below:

# of rings		*Number of Previous Year's Unique USEF Horse Entries*					
# of USEF/USHJA Outreach competition rings in use at the same time		*0-300*	*301-500*	*501-1,000*	*1,001-1,600*	*1,601-2,000*	*2,001 or more*
	1	*1*	*1*	*2*	*2*	*3*	*3*
	2-4	*1*	*2*	*3*	*3*	*4*	*4*
	5-7	*1*	*2*	*3*	*4*	*4*	*5*
	8-10	*2*	*3*	*3*	*4*	*4*	*5*
	11 or more	*3*	*3*	*4*	*4*	*5*	*5*

i. Competition Management may increase or decrease the number of Stewards on duty based on the time schedule and number of rings actively in use at the same time.
ii. Competition Management is permitted to obtain more than the minimum number of Stewards or Technical Delegates required above.
iii. Competition rings dedicated to USHJA Outreach classes are included in the number of USEF competition rings in use.
iv. Competition rings dedicated to FEI classes are not included in the number of USEF competition rings in use.

e. Unless otherwise approved by the Federation, a competition in its first year of operation must have at least one Steward for every two competition rings being used simultaneously regardless of the number of horses entered.

f. At all competitions using more than one competition ring, management must provide a hand-held communication device (i.e. walkie-talkie or cell phone) to each Steward.

g. The Federation is required to provide competition Stewards with some form of discernable identification (such as a badge with lanyard) which must be worn at the competition by the official.