

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2020	3/5/2019	

Proposed Change

GR411 Conditions For Therapeutic Administrations of Prohibited Substances [CHAPTER none]

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4. Detomidine is a conditionally permitted therapeutic substance for the specific purposes of: (i) shipping a horse/pony of any age or (ii) clipping a horse/pony three years of age or under, provided the following requirements have been met and the facts are furnished in writing on a timely-submitted official Equine Drugs and Medications Report Form:

- a. The horse and/or pony must be withdrawn from competition for a period of not less than 48 hours after the medication is administered.**
- b. The medication must be administered by a licensed veterinarian, or, if a veterinarian is unavailable, only by the trainer pursuant to the advice and direction of a veterinarian.**
- c. Equine Drugs and Medications Report Form filed with the Steward/Technical Delegate or Designated Competition Office Representative within one hour after administration or one hour after the Steward/Technical Delegate or Designated Competition Office Representative returns to duty if administration is at a time other than during competition hours.**

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Rule Change Intent

In an effort to prevent injury to horse or human we are proposing to allow the use of detomidine to be administered to a horse/pony for the specific purposes of (i) shipping a horse of any age or (ii) clipping a horse/pony three years of age or under. Recognizing that sedation may be seen to give a competitive advantage in certain circumstances, the proposal requires withdrawal from competition for a period of at least 48 hours after being administered the medication. This is twice as long as the time required if this same medication was administered to treat an injury, and is clearly in the best interest of equine welfare.

Note: the proponents of this proposal need to be listed as the following. The online system will not allow me to list them in this manner.

- American Hackney Horse Society
- American Morgan Horse Association
- American Road Horse and Pony Association
- American Saddlebred Horse Association
- United Professional Horsemen's Association

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: therapeutic administration of prohibited substances

Committee Actions

American Saddlebred	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/01/2019	Draft 1: The committee would be in favor of this rule change with the added reference to the generic name (Dormosedan).
Carriage Pleasure Driving	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/30/2019	Draft 1: No Comments
Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Hackney	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/30/2019	Draft 1: The committee would support this rule change if the age restriction for use of this drug while clipping is removed and a reference to the generic name of the drug (Dormosedan) is added.
Jumper	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Roadster

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/30/2019

Draft 1: The committee would support this rule change if the age restriction for the use of this drug while clipping is removed.

Saddle Seat Eq

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/06/2019

Draft 1: The committee would support this rule change if the age restriction for use of this drug while clipping is removed and a reference to the generic name of the drug (Dormosedan) is added.

USHJA

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Western Committee

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

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Proposed Change

GR702 Violations [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 7-A Individuals]

1. A violation is any act prejudicial to the best interests of the Federation, including but not limited to the following:

o. Retaliation against a person for making an allegation of any rule violation, for supporting a reporting party or witness, or for providing information relevant to a potential violation. Retaliation may be considered any adverse action taken by an individual against a person participating in a USEF proceeding.

Proponent Details	Contact Information
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Rule Change Intent

To remove a barrier to reporting abuse and providing an opportunity to sanction those who engage in retaliatory conduct.

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: violations

Committee Actions	
American Saddlebred	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/01/2019	Draft 1: No Comments
Carriage Pleasure Driving	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/30/2019	Draft 1: No Comments
Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Hackney	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/30/2019	Draft 1: The committee believes this rule should be written with better definition and had specific concerns about how it will be enforced when anonymous accusations are accepted.
Jumper	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/18/2019	Draft 1: No Comments
National Hunter Committee	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Roadster	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/30/2019	Draft 1: The committee was concerned about the enforceability of this rule when anonymous complaints are accepted.
Saddle Seat Eq	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval	Draft 1: No Comments
USHJA	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments

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Standard	12/1/2020	8/7/2019	

Proposed Change

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

DR121.7: 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...After completion of the test, the rider or his representative is responsible for removing the fly hood to present to the designated ring steward for inspection to ensure that nothing prohibited has been added (for example, ~~earplugs~~ **replace with alternative**).

DR121.8: Fly hoods (ear covers) that do not cover the horse's eyes are permitted in warm-up and other training areas ~~and cannot be used for masking noise cancelling earplugs~~.

DR308.8: Fly hoods (ear covers) are permitted for all Events in compliance with DR121.7. ~~Ear plugs are not permitted except during awards ceremonies~~. Ear hoods may not be attached to the noseband.

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

Rule: Allow dressage horses to where ear plugs in licensed competitions.

Rationale: The goal of our competition rules is to ensure an even playing field for everyone. Some horses are more reactive than others to a variety of stimuli; nevertheless, sound is a significant contributor to many horses' ability to relax and concentrate on work. Currently, noise-dampening ear bonnets ARE allowed. However, these have proven to be an unsatisfactory option, mainly because they are unsafe. There are countless stories of horses mildly shaking their head, and not only the ear bonnet getting displaced, but the entire bridle coming off. This is extremely dangerous, putting both the rider and horse in serious jeopardy. This seems to be more of a problem with anatomical bridles, which are being used at an increasing rate, so this will only become a bigger problem moving forward. The worst that happens when a horse with ear plugs in shakes its head is that the ear plugs come out.

The hunter-jumper and American Quarter Horse circuits allow horses to wear ear plugs in competition, and ear muffs/plugs are allowed in Dressage award ceremonies (DR121.8), so there is recognition that there is utility in these tools and there is precedent to allow this rule change.

This is primarily a safety issue and will not significantly affect fairness of competition.

Linked Rules

Web: earmuffs

Comments

Committee Actions

Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 08/24/2019

Draft 1: US Equestrian Dressage follows FEI Dressage Rules, and the FEI Dressage does not allow this in competition.