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Proposed Change

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

Intro

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	1st	1st					
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							Int A & B Int A&B
							Int II
						&Prelim GP	Int II & Prelim GP
						&GP	
							GP

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Rule Change Intent

Intermediate A & B tests must not be ridden at the same competition as GP per current FEI rules. Also, there is no "Preliminary Grand Prix" test so that reference should be deleted.

Web: Tests

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Council - Intl Discipline

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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:

2. Horses may compete in no more than one Licensed Competition on the same day and are prohibited from competing in any non-licensed competition(s) held on the same day(s) as they compete in a Licensed Dressage Competition. Horses are limited to a maximum of three Dressage rides per day at Fourth Level and below or two Dressage rides per day above Fourth Level. Horses competing at both Fourth Level and Prix St. Georges, or their equivalents, are limited to two Dressage rides per day. Horses competing in FEI Para-Equestrian tests are limited to a maximum of two Dressage rides per day including equivalent non-Para-Equestrian FEI, USEF, or USDF tests. FEI Para-Equestrian tests may be ridden at non-consecutive levels to USDF, USEF, and other FEI tests. Horses may enter no more than two consecutive levels, Freestyle levels included, at any one competition (refer to the following chart). ***FEI Medium Tour Freestyles are permitted only for horses competing at Intermediate A, Intermediate B, or Intermediate II levels.*** Dressage Seat Equitation, Quadrille, Pas de Deux and Materiale classes 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.

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Rule Change Intent

To be in compliance with current FEI Dressage Rules and Regulations.

Linked Rules	Comments
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Web: FEI medium tour freestyles

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Council - Intl Discipline

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Proposed Change

DR121 Saddlery and Equipment. Figure 1 B [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]

DR121 Saddlery and Equipment. Change to read:

Figure 1 B.

* 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. Bridoons where the center link(s) of the bits can lock, and have the effect of a mullen-mouth snaffle, are not permitted. ... Curb chain hooks **are required and** can be fixed or not fixed. The curb chain may never be so tightly fixed as to harm the horse.

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Rule Change Intent
A clarification to our Dressage Rules that curb chain hooks are required and can be fixed or not fixed.

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: curb chain hooks

Committee Actions	
Competition Management	
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Council - Intl Discipline	
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Proposed Change

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). ~~Bridles are not permitted in which the noseband is connected to the bit or cheekpiece below the level of the browband.~~ **A throatlatch is required except when the combined noseband or Micklem bridle are used.** 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. Nosebands with one or two lower (chin) straps must also have a throat latch, as described above.

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Rule Change Intent

12.1.18 for initial RCP

This rule change was effective on 12.1.18, however, there was a mistake in the proposal. The sentence in bold italics was NOT to be deleted from the rule. It's deletion was a mistake and it should be reinstated in the rule immediately. Note that this sentence is still included in the FEI rules and should still be in the USEF rules, as it was prior to 12.1.18.

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: throatlatch

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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Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Rule Clarification	9/10/2019	5/21/2019	Approved 7/8/2019 1

Proposed Change

DR135 Pony Measurement. [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]

DR135 Pony Measurement. Change to read:

5. At all competitions (including Levels 1-5) where pony tests, classes or awards are offered and the official veterinarian is on call or on the grounds, the prize list must include the time period when the official competition veterinarian will be available to conduct measurements. Alternatively, when the competition veterinarian is on call and an alternative measurement time is necessary, management must receive a written request for measurement from the owner or agent at least five days prior to the start of competition. When the veterinarian is required to be on the grounds, the measurement request must be received prior to the start of competition. Management must schedule the competition veterinarian to conduct the measurement and may charge a fee for the measurement session which must be stated in the prize list. Management **or the official competition veterinarian** is permitted to charge a maximum fee of \$100 when measurements are conducted during a time when the competition veterinarian is on call and a maximum fee of \$25 when the competition veterinarian is on the grounds. ***The fee may be paid to management or directly to the official competition veterinarian by the owner or agent. If paid to the veterinarian, neither management nor the veterinarian may charge an additional fee and the veterinarian shall agree not to charge more than the maximum fees stated above.***

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Rule Change Intent

Effective: 12.1.19

Some competitors are being overcharged for Pony Measurements. A clarification of the rule is needed to curtail this abuse. This has been requested of the Horse Services and Regulation Departments.

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: Pony Measurement

Committee Actions

Competition Management

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 06/18/2019

Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 06/18/2019

Draft 2: No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2019	8/28/2018	Approved 1/12/2019

Proposed Change

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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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	Comments
	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**

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Rule Clarification	12/1/2019	7/12/2019	Approved 9/16/2019

Proposed Change

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

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 09/03/2019

Draft 1: No Comments

Dressage

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

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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

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: eventing tests

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 09/03/2019

Draft 1: No Comments

Dressage

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Eventing

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 08/22/2019

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

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Proposed Change

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

Intro

Tr. Tr.

1st 1st

2nd 2nd

3rd 3rd

4th 4th

PSG & Devel
PSG

Int I Int 1

Int A & B Int A&B

Int II & Prelim
Devel GP

GP

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Rule Change Intent

To clarify where the Developing Horse Prix St Georges and Developing Horse Grand Prix fall on our levels chart

[Web: levels chart](#)

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 09/03/2019**Draft 1: No Comments**

Dressage

Draft 1: No Action**Draft 1: No Comments**

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Proposed Change

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

DR121 Saddlery and Equipment. Change to read:

Figure 1

B. PERMITTED BRIDOOON, CURB AND SNAFFLE BITS* (Bits pictured and described below (under #1 and 2 below) are required for FEI Tests. Bits pictured and described under #1 below are optional in Third and Fourth Level Tests) (Refer also to Annex A posted on the USEF website for additional information on permitted and prohibited bits)

1. Double bridle (Bridoon and Curb) bits

Bridoons:

1. Loose ring bridoon bit.

(photo already in Rules)

2. a.b.c.) Bridoon bit with jointed mouthpiece where the middle piece should be rounded. (Note: A Dr. Bristol bit is not permitted.) Eggbutt sides are also allowed.

d) Bridoon bit with rotating middle piece.

e) Bridoon Rotary bit with rotating middle piece

f) Bridoon Rotary bit with rotating middle piece and looped rings

3. Egg-butt bridoon bit.

4. ~~Bridoon bit with hanging cheeks.~~

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Rule Change Intent

The FEI no longer permits a Baucher (hanging cheek) snaffle to be used as a Bridoon, so this must be updated in our Rules.

Linked Rules	Comments
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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

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)

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Rule Change Intent

To clarify that jowl straps are permitted in dressage competition.

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: jowl straps

Committee Actions	
Competition Management	
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Council - Intl Discipline	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 09/03/2019	Draft 1: No Comments
Dressage	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments

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Rule Clarification	12/1/2019	7/12/2019	Approved 11/11/2019

Proposed Change

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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Rule Change Intent

To clarify that cooling caps are hoods not permitted in competition

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: cooling caps

Committee Actions	
Competition Management	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 08/26/2019	Draft 1: No Comments
Council - Intl Discipline	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 09/03/2019	Draft 1: No Comments
Dressage	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments

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Rule Clarification	12/1/2019	9/6/2019	Approved 11/11/2019

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	Comments
	Web: errors

Committee Actions	
Competition Management	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/23/2019	Draft 1: No Comments
Council - Intl Discipline	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/29/2019	Draft 1: No Comments
Dressage	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments

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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. Change to read:

7. Judging a test.

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.

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Rule Change Intent

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

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: judging

Committee Actions	
Competition Management	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 08/26/2019	Draft 1: No Comments
Council - Intl Discipline	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 09/03/2019	Draft 1: No Comments
Dressage	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments

DR123.3 Tracking #061-19 Draft #1 Approved

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
FEI Rule Change	1/1/2020	7/12/2019	Approved 9/16/2019

Proposed Change

DR123 Scoring, Classification and Prize-Giving [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS]

DR123 Scoring, Classification and Prize-Giving. Change to read:

3. Individual Classification. In all competitions the winner is the competitor having the highest percentage, the second placed competitor is the one with the next highest percentage, and so on. In case of equality of points the competitor with the highest marks received under General Impressions shall be declared the winner. When the scores for General Impressions are equal after coefficients have been applied, the horses must remain tied. **Exception: For Young Horse classes, the marks for "Submission" and "Perspective"/ "General Impression" must be combined and divided by two in order to break the tie. If still equal, the "Submission" mark would decide.**

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Rule Change Intent

This is a new FEI rule. Adding to match the FEI language for breaking ties in young horse classes.

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Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: scoring

Committee Actions	
Competition Management	
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Council - Intl Discipline	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 09/03/2019	Draft 1: No Comments
Dressage	
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Proposed Change

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.

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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	Comments
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Web: elimination

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

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Draft 1: No Comments

Dressage

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

DR129.9 Tracking #042-19 Draft #1 Approved

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Extraordinary	12/1/2019	4/17/2019	Approved 7/8/2019 1

Extraordinary Change Reason

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.

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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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Council - Intl Discipline	
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Proposed Change

SUBCHAPTER DR-I DRESSAGE GOVERNING REGULATIONS [CHAPTER DR135.17]

~~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.~~

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Rule Change Intent

Per the Request of the USEF Licensed Officials department, this rule should be removed from the DRs and placed instead into the LO Dept Policy and Procedures document.

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: licensed officials

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

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Draft 1: No Comments

Dressage

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Licensed Officials

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Draft 1: No Comments

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Rule Clarification	12/1/2019	7/31/2019	Approved 9/16/2019

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

1. General Provisions

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
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Web: advertising

Committee Actions

Competition Management

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 08/26/2019

Draft 1: No Comments

Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 09/03/2019

Draft 2: No Comments

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 08/26/2019

Draft 2: No Comments

Legislative

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Draft 2: No Action

Draft 2: No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Extraordinary	1/1/2020	11/13/2019	Approved 11/11/2019

Extraordinary Change Reason

Fair and Accurate Horse/Pony Measurements

Proposed Change

GR501 Other Measurement Rules [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 5-A CONDITIONS]

GR501 Other Measurement Rules

The rules in Chapter 5 do not apply to measurement of entries in Hunter, Jumper and Welsh Pony Divisions: refer to rules HU135-137 ~~HJ136-148~~. For all other measurements, see GR502-517. For Combined Driving, see Appendix DC930 *DC-A Measurement of Combined Driving Ponies*. For Dressage, see DR135. **For all other measurements, see GR502-518.**

GR502 General

1. Measurements must be completed by a Federation licensed official that is certified to measure.

42. Management shall not permit an animal to be shown in a performance class at a Federation Member competition in any division or section that requires a measurement card unless; a) the owner is in possession of a measurement card issued by the Federation or Equestrian Canada bearing the date of 1982 or later; or b) he possesses a copy of a valid measurement form; or c) or management confirms measurement electronically with the Federation Office; or d) For Shetlands the owner is in possession of a measurement card issued by ASPC. At Regular Competitions, management may not give out an exhibitor's number for an animal showing in a division or section that requires a measurement card before the above requirements have been complied with. (See GR1302.2b)

23. A Show Committee or Competition Management may require the measurement of all animals in any division in which height is a qualifying factor.

34. Animals in competition in any division or section that requires a measurement card are subject to measurement by a licensed veterinarian, and Registered steward **who is certified to measure or technical delegate who is certified to measure, and who is** appointed by Federation. The Federation CEO or his designee may require the measurement of any animal competing at a Federation Licensed Competition in any division in which height is a qualifying factor.

45. Measurements must take place at a Licensed Competition in which the animal is entered to compete. The Federation Approved Measuring Stick must be used. The animal must be measured (**height**) by an officiating steward **or technical delegate certified to measure** and any one of the following **competition officials officiating in the competition**: a veterinarian, a judge or another steward **or technical delegate**. Heel and toe measurements, where applicable, must be done by an officiating steward.

GR512 Height

1. An owner or trainer may protest the height of only one animal competing in a class in which he is also competing. (See GR603) For Dressage protests, see DR135.9. If a protest is filed the animal's heel must be measured by ~~the an~~ officiating steward **or technical delegate** immediately upon exiting the arena so that no change can be made by re-shoeing or the animal must be accompanied by an official until the measurement procedure is completed. The heel measurement will be taken ~~from the skin line to the ground (in accordance with GR510)~~, recorded by ~~the a~~ competition Steward **or technical delegate**, and signed by the exhibitor. The animal must be measured for height within one hour of the conclusion of the session **and**, at an officially designated measurement location for that competition. If it is determined that the animal's shoeing has been changed between the time of the measurement of the heel and the official measurement of the animal, the protest will be upheld and the owner will forfeit entry fees and winnings for the entire competition and the animal is barred from competing for the balance of the competition year. All points accumulated for Horse of the Year Awards are nullified. (Exception: Heel measurements are not required for Arabians. The animal will be measured for height per Chapter 5, Subchapter 5-B and 5-C)

GR514 Results of Questioning or Protesting

1. The measurement card or valid measurement form of any animal that is required to transfer into another division or section must be surrendered to the competition steward **or technical delegate** who must forward it to the Federation office with his report.

GR516 Procedures

4. The measurement must be performed by at least two persons appointed by the Federation which shall include one veterinarian who is a member of the American Association of Equine Practitioners and one Registered steward or Technical Delegate **certified to measure**, as permitted by division rules. The officials whose measurement is being appealed cannot be part of the team conducting the measurement appeal.

GR518 Procedures

4. The measurement must be performed by at least two persons appointed by the Federation which shall include ~~a one~~ veterinarian who is a member of the American Association of Equine Practitioners and one Registered steward or technical delegate **certified to measure**. The officials whose measurement is being appealed cannot be part of the team conducting the measurement appeal.

HJ136 General

1. Horses or ponies competing in any division, section or class where height is a requirement must be measured. Measurements will be conducted in accordance with HU135 ~~below~~ **Subchapter HJ-6 Measurement**.

[...]

8. Measurements must be performed by a steward **certified to measure** and the official competition veterinarian. The official competition veterinarian must confirm the age of the horse or pony and that it was jogged and is serviceably sound. Upon the official competition veterinarian's verification of soundness, the steward's measurement is final. The steward and the official competition veterinarian shall sign the measurement form. A steward may not measure a horse or pony that is owned by a member of his family or by any of his or his family member's clients. (See GR1039.4)

a. Written reports of every measurement or attempt to measure must be sent to the Federation's ~~Lexington, KY~~ office together with the Steward's Report, or the steward will be subject to charges and penalties per Chapters GR6 and GR7.

b. The steward shall be either a steward officiating at the competition or a steward authorized in writing to conduct the measurement by the Federation CEO or his designee. **The steward must be certified to measure**. If the official competition veterinarian is not present at the competition, or not available when on call (see GR1210.3) the measurement may be conducted by a steward and a judge officiating at the competition, or another steward officiating at the competition; however, the measurement will be for the purposes of that competition only and no measurement card will be issued. Measurement forms will be sent to the Federation, but will not be given to the owner. (Exception: Exhibitors will not be penalized by having points withheld for measurement forms that are incorrectly filled out by USEF stewards and/or competition management and/or competition veterinarians.)

[...]

12. Measurement forms received by the Federation that have inconsistencies or errors may be denied a measurement card at the discretion of the Federation. If the horse or pony is denied a measurement card, ~~the~~ Federation will notify the owner of the horse or pony and they **horse or pony** must be measured before they are eligible to show.

HJ139 Completing the Measurement Form

3. Federation officials ~~are~~ **will not to** perform "courtesy", "trial", or repeat measurements. Once a pony or horse is presented for measurement, the owner/agent must accept the resulting measurement.

HJ145 Protesting Height

9. Pony and Junior Hunter measurement protests.

a. The identity of the protestor will be revealed to the protestee by the competition steward. At the time the competition steward receives the protest, the competition steward will explain the protest measurement process to the parties involved and answer any questions. The competition steward will instruct the protestor and the protestee that any inappropriate behavior and/or communication between parties will result in charges being filed against those parties. This is not limited to those parties directly involved in the protest. Charges may be filed against any individuals at the discretion of the competition steward.

b. When the animal is presented for measurement, only the following individuals may be present: The owner of the animal, two representatives/handlers of the animal being protested, the protestor, the competition veterinarian(s), the competition steward(s), and any representative(s) of ~~the Federation and the Federation Hunter/Jumper Pony Committee~~. **At least one competition steward must be certified to measure and that steward will conduct the measurement.**

c. If an animal is protested and found to be within its height section, the animal's height cannot be protested again for the remainder of the competition year.

HJ147 Measurement Appeal

2. Procedures.

[...]

d. The measurement must be performed by at least two persons appointed by the Federation which shall include one veterinarian who is a member of the American Association of Equine Practitioners and one Registered steward **certified to measure**. The officials whose measurement is being appealed cannot be part of the team conducting the measurement appeal.

APPENDIX DC-A MEASUREMENT OF COMBINED DRIVING PONIES [renumber accordingly]

1. See **DC915 for height limitations**.

1. For the Advanced division, the USEF Measurement Card will be presented at the First Veterinary Inspection. If a pony is not in possession of a fully and correctly completed Measurement Card, the Ground Jury may order the pony to be measured by a **Federation licensed official** certified ~~measuring official to measure~~ and the Competition Veterinarian and/or a Judge, pursuant to Chapter 5, Subchapter 5-C in General Regulations. Failure to allow the pony to be remeasured will result in the pony being disqualified at that competition. The remeasurement must be reported to the Ground Jury, which must then disqualify the pony from the competition if it is over height (see DC915.1-4).

[...]

3. Measurement will be conducted by a **Federation licensed official** certified ~~measuring official to measure~~ and the Competition Veterinarian and/or a Judge.

[...]

6. If the Ground Jury questions the height of a pony and the pony is in possession of a fully and correctly completed Measurement card, the Ground Jury may request through the Federation that the pony be remeasured by a **Federation licensed official** certified ~~measuring official to measure~~ and a Veterinarian who are approved by the Federation, pursuant to Chapter 5, Subchapter 5-C in General Regulations. Remeasurement must be made within 30 days of the request.

GR1034 Stewards and Technical Delegates

2. Measurement: Measuring all animals required to be measured as provided for in Chapter 5 of the General Rules, Measurement of Entries, Chapter DR (DR135 Pony Measurement), Chapter DC (DC915 Height **and Appendix A**) and Subchapter HJ-6 Measurement and if necessary return Measurement cards to the Federation.

a. Stewards and Technical Delegates are responsible for ensuring that measurements are conducted in accordance with the rules and that all required paperwork is completed in a legible manner.

b. Offenders could be subject to a fine or administrative penalty at the discretion of the CEO or his designee.

c. Measurements must be conducted by a steward, judge, or technical delegate that is certified to measure by the Federation. See Chapter 5 of the General Rules, Measurement of Entries, Chapter DR (DR135 Pony Measurement), Chapter DC (DC915 and Appendix A) and Subchapter HJ-6 Measurement for details regarding which officials are required to conduct measurement.

JP118 Sections/Classes Restricted to Children, Adult Amateur Riders, or Ponies

4. Pony Jumper: A pony, 14.2 hands and under in height, that is ridden by an individual who has not reached his/her 18th birthday. Stallions are prohibited in Pony Jumpers

a. Measurement. A measurement card is required as per Chapter ~~HJ, Subchapter HJ-6~~ **HJ, Subchapter HJ-6 Measurement**.

WL102 Height

1. Section A ponies may not exceed 12.2 hands. Section B ponies may not exceed 14.2 hands. Measurements to be conducted per ~~Chapter HJ135-137~~ **HJ136-148**.

.WL129 Height

1. Whenever possible, classes should be divided by height. Classes to be divided into Section C, referred to as Welsh Pony of Cob Type not to exceed 13.2 hands and Section D, referred to as Welsh Cob exceeding 13.2 hands with no upper limit. Measurements to be conducted per ~~Chapter HJ, HJ135-147~~ **HJ136-148**.

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Rule Change Intent

Federation staff realized that the rulebook did not provide a clear definition that those who are trained to measure, or other eligible individuals, must be the individuals to measure a horse or pony. These additions to the rulebook must be added to ensure that the individuals who are conducting measurement are trained in order to provide a fair and level playing field for all competitors.

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: measurements

Committee Actions

Competition Management

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/23/2019
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/29/2019
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/04/2019
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: The council agrees that the "heel and toe" measurement concerns presented by the Hackney and Roadster Committee need to be addressed.
Draft 2: No Comments

Hackney

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/30/2019
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: The committee will support this rule if GR502.5 in this proposal is amended to reflect that only one steward must be present for the heel and toe measurements, as the rule currently reads. The last sentence in this point should be un-struck and "heel and toe" should be removed from the third sentence.
Draft 2: No Comments

Licensed Officials

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/28/2019
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 10/28/2019

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/28/2019
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Roadster

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/30/2019
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: The committee feels that having a second official present for the heel and toe measurements is an unnecessary addition and would like to see GR502.5 in this proposal amended back to the current language that only requires the heel and toe measurements to be completed by the officiating steward.
Draft 2: No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Extraordinary	12/1/2019	7/9/2019	Approved 7/8/2019 1

Extraordinary Change Reason

Provide fair and reasonable review process of LO applications

Proposed Change

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 to 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 ~~on~~ 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 in 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.**

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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

Comments

Web: applications

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 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Member Services

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 06/25/2019
Draft 2: No Action

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

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 06/10/2019
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Dressage

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 05/13/2019
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

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Extraordinary	12/1/2019	11/13/2019	Approved 11/11/2019

Extraordinary Change Reason

Since USEF and Equestrian Canada 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.

Proposed Change

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 licensed Dressage judge must judge Dressage classes.
 - Sport Horse classes in the Arabian, Half-Arabian and Anglo/Arabian Division ~~are to~~ **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; no guest card will be required.~~ **A guest card is not required for Federation licensed DSHB, Hunter Breeding, Dressage, Hunter, or Jumper judges. A guest card is required for Senior Equestrian Canada Dressage, Hunter, or Jumper judges.**
 - For Carriage Pleasure Driving divisions, see CP201.
 - Refer to GR1004.17 for Western Dressage.

GR1011 Guest Cards

[...]

8. Guest Cards are not required in the following circumstances:
- 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).
 - 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.
 - Connemara - A Guest Card is not required for Dressage Sport Horse Breeding or Hunter Breeding Divisions if judged by a Federation licensed judge, see GR1004.11.
 - ~~Hunter-Senior Hunter Course Designers licensed by Equestrian Canada in the Hunter divisions at Federation competitions.~~
 - Jumper - See GR1010.22.
 - Saddle Seat Equitation - See GR1010.29.c.
 - Vaulting - See GR1010.31.
9. Andalusian/Lusitano: Guest Judges are permitted at Andalusian/Lusitano competitions. See GR1010.6
10. Arabian
- 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.
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - 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).
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - 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 Guest Judge may not officiate at any national or regional Equitation Finals. However, one Guest Judge is permitted on a multi judge panel.
 - 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.
 - 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 Invitationals, 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	Comments
AR 174 (070-19)	Web: guest cards

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Council - Intl Discipline

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Draft 5: No Action	Draft 5: No Comments

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.
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Draft 3: No Action	Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Action	Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Action	Draft 5: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Draft 5: No Action	Draft 5: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

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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 (GR604). **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	Comments
	Web: steward and technical delegate responsibilities

Committee Actions

American Saddlebred	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/14/2018	Draft 1: Committee suggests deleted the word "enjoyable" and adding the word "fair" as a substitute in point 1
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Action	Draft 3: No Comments
Andalusian/Lusitano	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/29/2018	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Action	Draft 3: No Comments

Arabian

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/30/2018
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/06/2018
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 Comments

Breeds/Disciplines

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

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

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.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

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: The committee agrees 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. 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 Comments

Connemara

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/08/2018
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".
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 12/18/2018

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

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 12/20/2018

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

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 12/18/2018

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

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
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

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

Endurance

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

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

English Pleasure

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

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

Eventing

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/13/2018
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/08/2018
Draft 3: No Action

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

Friesian

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/25/2018
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

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

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

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/22/2018
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 12/17/2018

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

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

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/30/2018
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

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

Reining

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

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

Roadster

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

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

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

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/23/2018
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

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

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

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

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

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

Vaulting

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

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

Welsh

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

Draft 1: The concept is good, but many of these features are not enforceable or measureable.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Western Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/06/2018
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

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 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/30/2018
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Concern was raised with the term "enjoyable", this is subjective wording. All other aspects were agreed with.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2019	1/22/2019	Approved 2/4/2019 1

Proposed Change

GR1039 Conflicts of Interest and Restrictions - Stewards and Technical Delegates [CHAPTER 10-H Regulations Governing Officials]

GR1039 Conflicts of Interest and Restrictions - Stewards and Technical Delegates

(See also GR107 and GR1304)

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 volunteer or paid 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.

Potential Impact

N/A

Linked Rules Comments

Web: conflicts of interest

Committee Actions

Competition Management

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 11/08/2018
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 12/14/2018
Draft 4: Recommends Approval 12/14/2018
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/23/2018
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: Recommends Approval 12/18/2018
Draft 5: No Action

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

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 10/30/2018
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: Recommends Approval 12/20/2018
Draft 5: Recommends Approval 01/29/2019

Draft 1: No Comments
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 Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 4: Recommends Disapproval 12/18/2018
Draft 5: Recommends Approval 01/28/2019

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: No Comments

Dressage

Draft 3: Recommends Disapproval 11/29/2018
Draft 4: No Action
Draft 5: No Action

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 Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

Jumper

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/22/2018
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: Recommends Approval 12/17/2018
Draft 5: No Action

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

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 11/19/2018
Draft 4: Recommends Disapproval 12/17/2018
Draft 5: No Action

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