

Rule	Tracking	Draft	Proposal Type	Effective Date	Proponent	Status
EQ 110.0	408-16	2	Extraordinary	2/1/2017	National Hunter Committee	Disapproved (1/14/2017)
Description: Medals Finals course						
JP 118.4	427-16	2	Extraordinary	2/1/2017	Jumper	Disapproved (1/14/2017)
GR 126.2	092-16	1	Standard	12/1/2017	Kelly Arnold	Disapproved (1/14/2017)
Description: definition of horse						
GR 308.0	037-16	1	Standard	12/1/2017	Adrienne Karazissis	Disapproved (1/14/2017)
Description: mileage						
GR 308.0	038-16	1	Standard	12/1/2017	Adrienne Karazissis	Disapproved (1/14/2017)
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GR 308.0	040-16	1	Standard	12/1/2017	Adrienne Karazissis	Disapproved (1/14/2017)
Description: mileage						
GR 309.2	117-16	1	Standard	12/1/2017	Irene Boswell	Disapproved (1/14/2017)
Description: privacy						
GR 850.0	093-16	2	Standard	12/1/2017	Julie Lynn Andrew	Disapproved (1/14/2017)
Description: tails						
GR 1211.0	036-16	1	Standard	12/1/2017	Adrienne Karazissis	Disapproved (1/14/2017)
Description: qualified medical personnel						
GR 1306.3	091-16	1	Standard	12/1/2017	Sara Scialo	Disapproved (1/14/2017)
Description: professional/amateur						
AL 234.1	048-16	1	Standard	12/1/2017	Cynthia Roberts	Disapproved (1/14/2017)
Description: Dressage Sport Horse In-Hand						

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Extraordinary

EFFECTIVE

2/1/2017

BOARD ACTION

Disapproved 1/14/2017

EO REASON

It is important for the safety of both horses and riders that a course designer be used in the designing of the US Hunter Seat Medal Final course and that more detailed specifications for the Finals exist.

PROPOSED CHANGE

EQ110 Requirements for Specific Classes [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ-2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]

d. Conditions Governing US Hunter Seat Medal Finals

1. If entries warrant, semi-final ride-offs will be held at strategic points throughout the country, in which case all potential participants must be notified in advance.
2. On or before July 1 of each year the Federation will announce the competitions at which the Finals will be held. Even though entries for the designated competitions have closed before an individual qualifies, post entries will be accepted.
3. Any rider in his or her final junior year may not compete in any qualifying classes held at a competition with a start date after August 31 of that competition year.
4. The judge(s) for all US Hunter Seat Medal Class Finals are to be approved by the appropriate equitation committee.
5. The US Hunter Seat Medal Finals will be judged by at least one judge who holds an "R" Registered status in the Hunter Seat Equitation Division. Additional judges are eligible to judge if they have 'r' recorded status. A high performance jumper individual is eligible to judge the Finals with a guest card provided that the individual has either judged the East or West Coast Finals of the USEF Talent Search class or held a Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation Judges' Card within the last ten years. Any questions or disputes in connection with Medal classes must be referred to the Board of Directors or to a special committee appointed by the President whose verdict is final.
6. Two cumulative refusals in the US Hunter Seat Medal Finals will result in elimination, see EQ 107.1.
7. The judges for the Hunter Seat Medal Finals must design the course *in conjunction with a 'R' Licensed Hunter Course Designer contracted by the Federation*, which must be posted one hour before the class. Maximum spread of obstacles 4'. (Exception: triple bar type obstacles, maximum spread of 5'.) *Full specifications for the US Hunter Seat Medal Finals course may be found on the USEF website.*
8. In US Hunter Seat Medal Finals, between 20-25 riders must be called back for the work-off.
9. The name of the winner of a Finals is engraved upon a Perpetual Trophy which remains in the possession of the Federation. A replica trophy is given to the rider.
10. In the event that a horse is incapacitated in the first phase of a Medal Finals or before the ride-off, upon examination of the competition veterinarian and a judge or steward, a substitution is permitted.
11. For all Hunter Seat Regional and Final Championships, the competition will provide an exhibitor representative from the USHJA Equitation Task Forces' annual approved list. The exhibitor representative acts between the trainers and the judges and stewards if issues arise that need clarification. Issues may include concerns regarding the course, footing, call back lists or any others needing clarification. The person that is chosen for this job will have no conflict of interest or vested interest in the outcome of the class. The exhibitor representative will not act as a steward but as a liaison for the trainers, judges and exhibitors.
12. Qualifying procedures for US Hunter Seat Medal championships and any other USEF championships listed in EQ110 will be approved by the relevant USEF Committees and breed/discipline affiliate organization. Information on qualifying procedures for each of these classes will be available on the USEF website.

PROPONENT

National Hunter Committee

Draft Received: 11/21/2016

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INTENT

To require that judges designing the course for the US Hunter Seat Medal Final utilize a 'R' licensed Hunter Course Designer and to expand the specifications for the Final courses.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: Medals Finals course

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/19/2016

Draft 2: No Comments

Licensed Officials

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/02/2017

Draft 2: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Extraordinary

EFFECTIVE

2/1/2017

BOARD ACTION

Disapproved 1/14/2017

EO REASON

This cross entry restriction is currently in the Jr/AO jumper rules. It was never anticipated that the same restriction would need to be placed in the zone level of Children's/Adult Amateur but this cross entry is currently happening in our sport.

PROPOSED CHANGE

JP118 Sections/Classes Restricted to Children, Adult Amateur Riders, or Ponies [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER JP-3 SECTION SPECIFICATIONS]

4. Restrictions

a. Any competitor that competes in an FEI Championship for Seniors (i.e. World Equestrian Games, Olympic Games, Pan-American Games, World Cup Finals) is ineligible to compete in any Children's and/or Adult Amateur Jumper class for a period of four years from the date of that Championship.

b. Any competitor that competes in a CSI4 or above, a CSI-W or CSIO is ineligible to compete in a Children's/Adult Amateur or Adult Amateur Jumper class at that same competition.*

PROPONENT

Jumper

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INTENT

To place parameters on riders competing at the top of the sport (WEG, OG, PAG, WCF, CSI4/5*) who also want to compete in Children's and/or Adult Amateur Jumper classes. These parameters will help protect this zone level of competition.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/04/2017

Draft 2: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2017

BOARD ACTION

Disapproved 1/14/2017

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR126 Horse [CHAPTER 1-A Definitions]

1. The term "horse" as used in these rules denotes either a horse or pony.

2. In all levels of all Federation licensed **non-breed specific divisions, which include Carriage Pleasure Driving, Driving, Combined Driving, Endurance, English Pleasure, Equitation, Eventing, Hunter, Jumper, Parade Horse and Saddle Horse or Pony, Western Equipment, Reining, Vaulting, Western, and Western Dressage**, ~~Driving and Endurance Competitions and in the case of any other Federation Rule as it relates to the Driving or Endurance disciplines as the context permits it,~~ the term "horse" shall also include a mule. See DC Annex 9, EN102.1.

PROPONENT

Kelly Arnold

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CONTACT

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INTENT

By allowing mules to become eligible to compete in all non-breed restricted recognized competitions, USEF would be staying true to its Mission and following its Vision by creating opportunities to increase participation and encourage sport growth. Mule competitors would benefit from the USEF standard of excellence in areas such as safety, education, competition opportunity, competitor equality, and animal welfare.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: definition of horse

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Breeds/Disciplines

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/21/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/22/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/19/2016

Draft 1: Council does not agree that the term mule and horse are one in the same.

Eventing

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/08/2016

Draft 1: Mules are not eligible for competition under FEI Rules and the Committee would like to have the USEF Rules for Eventing to remain consistent with the FEI Rules in this case.

Licensed Officials

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/30/2016

Draft 1: Mules are not horses, they should not compete together. Not certain that judges would judge them correctly. Mules would be a distraction as many horses are scared of mules, could be a safety issue.

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/21/2016

Draft 1: Would approve if Hunter, Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation, and Jumpers were not included in this rule. It is not appropriate for mules and horses to compete together in these divisions.

Roadster

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/21/2016

Draft 1: Mules do not meet the eligibility requirement of the discipline.

Saddle Seat Eq

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/28/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/15/2016

Draft 1: USHJA is comfortable with the current definition of horse/pony.

Western Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/08/2016

Draft 1: Supports mules competing at Federation competitions in classes specific for them. They are not horses and should not be combined with horses.

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2017

BOARD ACTION

Disapproved 1/14/2017

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR308 Mileage - General [CHAPTER GR3 Competition Licensing, Subchapter 3B - Competition Licenses]

GR 308- Mileage General 1.a Mileage application revisions. Pertaining to Hunter H2and Jumper J2

Existing language: To determine a mile radius, the distance shall be measured using mapping software, **using common road maps** to measure the distance between the locations where the competitions are being conducted.

PROPONENT

Adrienne Karazissis

Draft Received: 3/23/2016

CONTACT

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INTENT

Details: Sometimes the request for a competition date is prohibited due to small radial mileage differences. If road miles were used instead of radial miles, more competition venues would fall within the mileage guidelines and additional competitions would be permitted. The majority of horses and riders travel using road miles therefore it is a realistic form of measurement.

Proposal Intent: To eliminate small mileage differences that may occur especially in high density population regions so that more competitions can be fairly scheduled allowing show management to be competitive with the shows it offers, and competitors to be more selective in the competitions they choose.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: mileage

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Arabian

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/03/2016

Draft 1: Although Hunter, do NOT want this also covering breeds eventually

Competition Management

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/19/2016

Draft 1: Chapter 3 has recently undergone extensive analysis and rewriting incorporating the feedback of multiple breeds and disciplines and provides an opportunity for competitions to enter the calendar through the mileage exemption process. Therefore these proposals are not needed.

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/21/2016

Draft 1: Not necessary given the recent comprehensive reorganization of Chapter 3.

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/22/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/19/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Friesian

Draft 1: No Action 10/25/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Jumper

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/05/2016

Draft 1: Does not enhance the current mileage rules.

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/21/2016

Draft 1: These proposed changes do not enhance the current rules written by the Mileage Task Force.

NSH

Draft 1: No Action 11/03/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/15/2016

Draft 1: Chapter 3 has recently undergone extensive analysis and rewriting incorporating the feedback of multiple breeds and disciplines and provides an opportunity for competitions to enter the calendar through the mileage exemption process. Therefore these proposals are not needed.

Western Dressage

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

EFFECTIVE

BOARD ACTION

Standard

12/1/2017

Disapproved 1/14/2017

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR308 Mileage - General [CHAPTER GR3 competition licensing Subchapter 3B competition licenses]

Revision of the following tables:

GR 308- Hunter Table H2. Decrease New Competitions' Premier (AA) and National (A) mileage distance for Priority Date Holders Regional I (B) from 200 miles to 100 miles.

Hunter Mileage Chart – H2

USHJA Zones 3 thru 12 and Canada (excluding FL in 1st trimester)

New Competitions w/ Same Rated Division

	Premier (AA)	National (A)	Regional I (B)	Regional II (C)	Local
Premier (AA)	250	250	100	75	50
Priority Date Holders National (A)	250	250	100	75	50
Regional I (B)	200 100	200 100	100	100	75
Regional II (C)	75	75	100	100	75
Local	50	50	50	50	50

GR 308- Jumper Table J2. Decrease New Competitions' Levels 5 & 6 and Level 4 mileage distance for Priority Date Holders Level 3 from 200 miles to 100 miles.

Jumper Mileage Chart – J2

USHJA Zones 3 thru 12 and Canada (excluding FL in 1st trimester)

New Competitions w/ Same Rated Division

Level 5 & 6 Level 4 Level 3 Level 2 Level 1

	Level 5 & 6	250	250	100	0	0
Priority Date Holders	Level 4	250 100	250	100	0	0
	Level 3	200	200	100	0	0
	Level 2	0	0	0	0	0
	Level 1	0	0	0	0	0

PROPONENT

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CONTACT

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INTENT

Propose that AA and A competitions' mileage restriction be reduced from 200 miles to 100 miles for Hunter Regional I (B) and Jumper Level 3 Priority Date Holders.

Some regions have dense populations of horses and riders competing at the AA/A level who live near a multitude of show venues, therefore, by lowering the mileage distance, it would offer competitors more choices and show management the ability to be more competitive.

By reducing the permitted mileage distance, competitors and horses will benefit from not having to travel as far, thereby reducing expenses and the stress of long travel days in heavy traffic, and adding the convenience of being closer to home. Show management will benefit by being able to offer quality shows at preferred locations thereby fostering relationships with repeat competitors. By holding shows at preferred venues, show management can work with venue management on an ongoing basis with a goal toward providing improved experiences for competitors within a reasonable travel distance that best suits the needs of competitors and their horses.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Staff: IT: Estimate 5 hours of work
Web: mileage

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Competition Management

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/19/2016

Draft 1: Chapter 3 has recently undergone extensive analysis and rewriting incorporating the feedback of multiple breeds and disciplines and provides an opportunity for competitions to enter the calendar through the mileage exemption process. Therefore these proposals are not needed.

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/21/2016

Draft 1: Not necessary given the recent comprehensive reorganization of Chapter 3.

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/22/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/19/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Jumper

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/05/2016

Draft 1: Does not enhance the current mileage rules.

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/21/2016

Draft 1: These proposed changes do not enhance the current rules written by the Mileage Task Force.

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/15/2016

Draft 1: Chapter 3 has recently undergone extensive analysis and rewriting incorporating the feedback of multiple breeds and disciplines and provides an opportunity for competitions to enter the calendar through the mileage exemption process. Therefore these proposals are not needed.

RULE CHANGE TYPE	EFFECTIVE	BOARD ACTION
Standard	12/1/2017	Disapproved 1/14/2017

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR308 Mileage - General [CHAPTER GR3 competition licensing Subchapter 3B competition licenses]

Revision of the following tables:

GR308-Hunter Table H2. Decrease new competitions' Premier (AA) and National (A) mileage distance for Priority Date Holders National (A) from 250 miles to 225 miles.

Hunter Mileage Chart – H2

USHJA Zones 3 thru 12 and Canada (excluding FL in 1st trimester)

New Competitions w/ Same Rated Division

	Premier (AA)	National (A)	Regional I (B)	Regional II (C)	Local
Premier (AA)	250	250	100	75	50
Priority Date Holders National (A)	250- 225	250- 225	100	75	50
Regional I (B)	200	200	100	100	75
Regional II (C)	75	75	100	100	75
Local	50	50	50	50	50

GR 308-Jumper Table J2. Decrease new competitions' Levels 5 & 6 and Level 4 mileage distance for Priority Date Holders Level 4 from 250 miles to 225 miles.

Jumper Mileage Chart – J2

USHJA Zones 3 thru 12 and Canada (excluding FL in 1st trimester)

New Competitions w/ Same Rated Division

	Level 5 & 6	Level 4	Level 3	Level 2	Level 1
Level 5 & 6	250	250	100	0	0

Priority Date Holders	Level 4	250- 225	250	100	0	0
	Level 3	200	200	100	0	0
	Level 2	0	0	0	0	0
	Level 1	0	0	0	0	0

PROPONENT

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INTENT

Propose that AA and A competitions' mileage restriction be reduced from 250 to 225 miles for Hunter National (A) and Jumper Level 4 Priority Date Holders. Proponent Details: Some regions have dense populations of horses and riders competing at the AA/A level who live near a multitude of show venues, therefore, by lowering the mileage distance, it would offer competitors more choices and show management the ability to be more competitive. Proposal Intent: Competitors and horses will benefit from not having to travel as far, reducing the expense and stress of long travel days in heavy traffic and adding the convenience of being closer to home. Show management will benefit by being able to offer quality shows at preferred locations thereby fostering relationships with repeat competitors. By holding shows at preferred venues, show management can work with venue management on an ongoing basis with a goal toward providing improved experiences for competitors within a reasonable travel distance that best suits the competitors' needs and that of their horses.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Staff: IT: Estimate 5 hours of work
Web: mileage

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Competition Management

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/19/2016

Draft 1: Chapter 3 has recently undergone extensive analysis and rewriting incorporating the feedback of multiple breeds and disciplines and provides an opportunity for competitions to enter the calendar through the mileage exemption process. Therefore these proposals are not needed.

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/21/2016

Draft 1: Not necessary given the recent comprehensive reorganization of Chapter 3.

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/22/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/19/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Jumper

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/05/2016

Draft 1: Does not enhance the current mileage rules.

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/21/2016

Draft 1: These proposed changes do not enhance the current rules written by the Mileage Task Force.

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/15/2016

Draft 1: Chapter 3 has recently undergone extensive analysis and rewriting incorporating the feedback of multiple breeds and disciplines and provides an opportunity for competitions to enter the calendar through the mileage exemption process. Therefore these proposals are not needed.

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2017

BOARD ACTION

Disapproved 1/14/2017

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR308 Mileage - General [CHAPTER GR3 competition licensing Subchapter 3B competition licenses]

Mileage application provisions- new rule-new paragraph:

1. Mileage application provisions

a. To determine a mile radius, the distance shall be measured using mapping software, to measure the distance between the locations where the competitions are being conducted. (i.e. address of the facility where each of the competitions will be held or the longitude and latitude if an exact address does not exist.) (except between Long Island and the mainland). Application of this process will not adversely affect the license rights of competitions already licensed.

b. In any instance where the shortest road mileage distance between the competition facility locations is greater 33 than one and one half (1 1/2) times the radial mileage between the competition facility locations, the required mile distances between competitions shall be based upon the shortest road mileage distance rather than radial mileage.

c. Mileage between competitions with different mileage requirements will be subjected to the lower of the mileage requirements.

d. Long Island, N.Y. The distances between competitions held on Long Island, NY, and competitions held on the mainland shall be determined by measuring a straight line distance from the point at which Interstate Highway 278 (across the Triborough Bridge) intersects the shore of Long Island, to the location where the Long Island competition is being conducted. (i.e. address of the facility where each of the competitions

e. Should a new hunter or jumper license be turned down due to a mileage conflict, and the mileage conflict distance is less than 15%, a panel will convene to make the final decision regarding approval of the competition. The convening panel would consist of the following parties:

a. CEO or otherwise designated representative from the USEF;

b. A designated USHJA representative; and

c. Two competitors in the discipline from the region in question-one to represent hunter and the other to represent jumper.

The final decision would be made based upon the following:

a. Input from the USHJA Board of Directors;

b. Best interest of the competitors;

c. Consideration of quality and numbers at affected show; and

d. Impact on the regional calendar.

PROPONENT

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Draft Received: 3/24/2016

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INTENT

Purpose: Should a new license be turned down due to a mileage conflict, and the venue distance is less than 15% of the required mileage guidelines, a panel will be convened to review the application.

Proponent Details: In some regions where dense populations of horses and riders exist, a multitude of venues are in close proximity to one another. A small mileage discrepancy can prohibit competitions from being held in locations where shows would normally thrive.

Proposal Intent: To have the ability for licenses to be reviewed when a minimal mileage conflict exists with consideration of best interest of all parties.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Staff: IT: Estimate 5 hours of work
Web: mileage

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Competition Management

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/19/2016

Draft 1: Chapter 3 has recently undergone extensive analysis and rewriting incorporating the feedback of multiple breeds and disciplines and provides an opportunity for competitions to enter the calendar through the mileage exemption process. Therefore these proposals are not needed.

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/21/2016

Draft 1: Not necessary given the recent comprehensive reorganization of Chapter 3.

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/22/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/19/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Jumper

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/05/2016

Draft 1: Does not enhance the current mileage rules.

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/21/2016

Draft 1: The current process for reviewing conflicts works.

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/15/2016

Draft 1: Chapter 3 has recently undergone extensive analysis and rewriting incorporating the feedback of multiple breeds and disciplines and provides an opportunity for competitions to enter the calendar through the mileage exemption process. Therefore these proposals are not needed.

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2017

BOARD ACTION

Disapproved 1/14/2017

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR309 Dues, Fees and Insurance [CHAPTER 3B Competition Licenses]**GR309 Dues, Fees and Insurance**

2. Any licensee who fails to pay sums owed to the Federation, or who makes payment for fees to the Federation which is not negotiable, will be notified by the Federation of its indebtedness and warned that unless settlement is made within two weeks of the Federation's notice, said licensee will automatically be fined the sum of \$250 to be paid to the Federation; and, further, that said licensee and any horses owned by licensee will automatically be barred from taking any part whatsoever in Licensed Competitions until payment or settlement is made of the total indebtedness to the Federation. Notice of suspension will be published on *the Member portal* of the Federation's web site, **except violations of the Safe Sport Policies, which will be publicly available.**

GR412 Administrative Penalties

4. The Federation shall give written notification to trainer(s) and owner(s) of administrative penalties determined pursuant to GR412.3 above, the terms and conditions of which shall not be subject to negotiation. An administrative penalty must be approved by the Hearing Committee Co-Chairs before it is offered to the Respondent(s). Once accepted by all parties and by the Hearing Committee, an administrative penalty shall have the same force and effect as would a finding of rule violation by the Hearing Committee following a hearing pursuant to Chapters 6 and 7, and will be published on *the Member portal* of the Federation's web site, **except violations of the Safe Sport Policies, which will be publicly available.**

GR602 Contents, etc

3. Protests or charges that a steward or technical delegate has failed to attend the competition, perform his duties, or has otherwise violated the Rules; or that a judge has failed to conduct a class in accordance with the specifications or has otherwise violated the Rules are made in accordance with GR603-605. Such protests or charges must be referred to the Federation. In the event the accused is found guilty, he or she may be subject to any of the penalties under GR703 and notification of any penalty imposed will be published on *the Member portal* of the Federation's web site, **except violations of the Safe Sport Policies, which will be publicly available.**

GR614 Notification

1. When a decision has been reached regarding a charge or protest heard by the Hearing Committee the Federation shall send out the findings within 60 days of the decision, including references to GR704, as applicable. Where findings cannot be issued within 60 days of the decision, the Federation shall send written notification to all concerned parties that the findings are not yet available and when the findings are expected to be released.

2. The Federation will publish on *the Member portal* of the Federation's web site a notice of every penalty assessed against any person, horse or Licensed Competition and the period of any suspension, **except violations of the Safe Sport Policies, which will be publicly available.** Any Licensed Competition which allows a suspended or expelled person or horse to participate is itself liable to penalty, including suspension or expulsion.

3. The Federation may report disciplinary action taken by the Federation to another association if in its opinion reporting is advisable for the protection of mutual interests.

GR616 Administrative Penalties

5. The Federation shall give written notification to the accused of administrative penalties determined pursuant to GR616.4, the terms and conditions of which shall not be subject to negotiation. An administrative penalty must be approved by the Hearing Committee Co-Chairs before it is offered to the Respondent(s). Once accepted by all parties and by the Hearing Committee, an administrative penalty shall have the same force and effect as would a finding of rule violation by the Hearing Committee following a hearing and will be published on *the Member portal* of the Federation's web site. In the event that the Hearing Committee does not approve an accepted administrative penalty, written notification of same will be sent to the accused and shall constitute a timely written request for a hearing pursuant to GR616.6.

GR617 Plea Agreements

5. The Federation shall give written notification to the accused and to the maker of the protest or charge of an offer of a plea agreement determined pursuant to GR617.4, the terms and conditions of which shall not be subject to negotiation. Plea agreements accepted by both the accused and the maker of the protest or charge in accordance with this Rule are subject to approval by the Hearing Committee and in the case of an allegation of a violation of Chapter 4, to approval by the Chairman of the Federation Equine Drugs and Medications Committee. Once accepted by all parties and by the Hearing Committee, a plea agreement shall have the same force and effect as would a finding of rule violation by the Hearing Committee following a hearing and will be published on **the Member portal** of the Federation's web site. In the event that the Hearing Committee does not approve an accepted plea agreement, written notification of same will be sent to the accused and to the maker of the protest or charge and shall constitute a timely written request for a hearing pursuant to GR617.6.

GR703 Penalties

1. If found guilty, the accused will be subject to such penalty as the Hearing Committee, or other individuals with authority to assess penalties may determine, including but not limited to the following. The penalties set forth below will be published on **the Member portal** of the Federation's web site, **except violations of the Safe Sport Policies, which will be publicly available.**

a. CENSURE. A vote of Censure will be listed under the defendant's name in the Secretary's Record of Penalties. If found guilty of a further violation the defendant will be subject to a heavier penalty than for a first offense.

GR706 Violations

1. Any competition licensed or endorsed by the Federation is subject to penalty by the Hearing Committee or other individuals with authority to assess penalties for violation of the rules. Violations include, but are not limited to, the following. All penalties will be published on **the Member portal** of the Federation's web site.

GR913 Unpaid Entries

1. Any Competition Licensed or endorsed by the Federation which accepts entries without the payment of the required fees, does so at its own risk and the Federation will not be responsible for the collection of fees (See also GR1213.10). However, if a person makes payment for fees which is not negotiable, the Licensed Competition, after first contacting the individual at least once in writing (with delivery confirmation), may report the name and address of the person in writing to the Federation within 150 days of notification of denied payment, (See GR1213.1) giving the names of the horses and the names and complete addresses of the owners for which the non-negotiable funds were to cover, a copy of the entry blank, a copy of the front and back of the check or receipt with credit card information and signature, and a copy of the delivery confirmation showing the competition's attempt to notify the individual of the non-negotiable payment. The amount of all fees for each horse must be itemized. On receipt of such notice, the Federation will notify said person, of his or her indebtedness to the competition as well as the imposition of a processing fee in the amount of \$50 payable to the Federation. If the person fails to make settlement with the competition and/or the Federation within 30 days from the date of the notice from the Federation, he or she will be fined the additional sum of \$250 payable to the Federation and he or she and any horses owned by him or her and any horses and/or persons for which the non-negotiable sums have been paid will automatically be barred from taking any part whatsoever in any competition Licensed or endorsed by the Federation until settlement is made both of indebtedness to the competition and to the Federation. If the indebtedness to the competition is paid within thirty days of the notice from the Federation and only the \$50 processing fee is not paid to the Federation within that timeframe, the Federation will assess a \$250 fine and the suspensions as referenced above will remain until the debt to the Federation is paid in full. Publication of the suspension will be published on **the Member portal** of the Federation's website. Exception: Persons who are engaged to compete on horses owned by individuals with whom they have no current business relationship regarding the ongoing training, care, custody, or control of the horse are not responsible for indebtedness under this rule provided that said persons have not tendered the non-negotiable payment.

GR1301 General

1. Knowledge of and compliance with the rules of the Federation.
2. Obtain Federation membership or pay a per-competition Show Pass fee if competing at Federation member competitions. (See GR202 and GR205-GR206.)
3. Obtain Federation Amateur Certification and measurement cards where required. (See GR1307, GR501, and HU168.).
4. Any member or non-member who fails to pay sums owing to the Federation or who makes payment for fees to the Federation which is not negotiable will be notified by the Federation of his or her indebtedness and warned that unless settlement is made within two weeks he or she will automatically be fined the sum of \$250 to be paid to the Federation; and further, that he or she and any horses owned by him or her and any horses and/or persons for which payment has not been made or for which the non-negotiable sums have been paid will automatically be barred from taking any part whatsoever in Licensed Competitions until payment or settlement is made of the total indebtedness to the Federation. Publication of the suspension will be published on **the Member portal** of the Federation's web site.

PROPONENT

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INTENT

To protect privacy of USEF members, and to negate public shaming and humiliation caused by publication of individual names and circumstances. The general public should not have access to information about disciplinary actions, since the general public may not have knowledge about care and treatment of horses, about the nature of equestrian competition, or about the common practices and processes of the USEF. By publishing names, the general public is left to conclude that because the disciplined individual was involved in some disciplinary action, that the individual may have done something that was illegal, ethically wrong, or conspiratorial. The general public can include potential employers, college admissions officers, business associates, friends, neighbors, and anyone who might do an internet search on the name of the disciplined individual. The effect of the publication of names can profoundly affect and damage the disciplined individual, no matter how minor the offense or how intentional the individual acted to precipitate the discipline. The USEF is a non-profit organization with an obligation to serve the public good, not a court of law, and does not have the privilege of affecting individuals lives in this manner.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: privacy

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Andalusian/Lusitano

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Arabian

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/03/2016

Draft 1: Violations should be posted where they can be easily found

Carriage Pleasure Driving

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/26/2016

Draft 1: Part of the risk for rule violations

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/19/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Friesian

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/25/2016

Draft 1: Part of risk for violating rules

Morgan

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/01/2016

Draft 1: Penalty for committing a rule violation; should be posted on the general website

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/21/2016

Draft 1: We are ok with the way violations are currently posted.

NSH

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/03/2016

Draft 1: Violations should be posted where they can be easily found- difficult to find "as it is"

Paso Fino

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/22/2016

Draft 1: Committee does not believe this is an issue of privacy.

Shetland

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/21/2016

Draft 1: There should be transparency for suspensions.

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/15/2016

Draft 1: Any step away from transparency puts you in a category of unclean sport.

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/25/2016

Draft 1: This is just part of the risk of rule violation

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2017

BOARD ACTION

Disapproved 1/14/2017

PROPOSED CHANGE

Prohibited Practices [CHAPTER GR8 - Prohibited Practices]

1. Commencing on December 1, 2017, no horse or pony may be exhibited at any USEF show with tail alteration of any kind. Specifically, any horse or pony foaled after January 1, 2018, may not have a tail which has been cut, stretched, docked, altered in any way, or has been kept in a tail set or bustle. All horses and ponies must be exhibited with a natural tail carriage, and any device or substance used to alter the natural tail carriage shall be illegal.

2. Horses or ponies with tails which have been surgically altered, or altered by any other means, prior to December 1, 2017, may compete without prejudice. Additionally, this rule is not meant to preclude the use of artificial tail hair, or a "switch" being applied to the horse or pony's tail, provided that it does not alter the natural carriage of the tail.

3. No horse or pony may compete in a class in any division with tail carriage that has been altered in any manner, or by any means. However, braiding of the top of the tail, to the bottom of the tail bone, in the show hunter tradition, "banging", or trimming the bottom of the tail, in the manner of the dressage tradition, or trimming the sides of the tail, in the manner of the dressage tradition shall be acceptable. Violations of this rule are considered serious infractions, because such alterations constitute a major infraction on the Prohibited Practices of the USEF.

4. The following are specifically prohibited on any show grounds: tail sets, bustles, high tail cruppers, tail braces, and any other artificial appliance or chemical, such as ginger, capsaicin, etc. or a shoe lace, used to tie, or alter the tail carriage from its natural posture in any way. Any horse or pony on the grounds at any show, which is found to have any of the foregoing used on it, will have the owners/trainers subject to section 5.f of this rule.

5. Ginger, Capsaicin and Other Irritants.

a. No horse or pony may compete in a class in any division with any chemical or other irritant of any kind present in it's anus, vulva, rectal area or vaginal area, regardless of the origin of the irritant and whether it was applied or its presence resulted from the dietary, environmental, or unknown origins, and whether the horses tail carriage was affected by its presence.

b. The trainer (see GR147 Trainer Definition and GR404 Responsibility and Accountability of Trainers) owners, and their agents, of a horse entered to compete in a class in any division are the insurers of the horse's condition and compliance with this Rule, and accordingly they are responsible and accountable for safeguarding the horse and controlling its diet and environment prior to, during, and following the class, and at the time of the sampling provided for below, so as to prevent exposure to a chemical or other irritant of any kind, regardless of its origin, whether exposure was intention, and whether the horse's tail carriage was affected by its presence. These individuals/entities are subject to charges of rule violation should the sampling and testing provided for below be positive for the presence of a chemical or irritant of any kind.

c. Any trainer, owner, agent or other person who administers, or attempts to administer, instructs, aids, conspires with another to administer a chemical or other irritant of any kind onto the anus, vulva, rectal area, or vaginal area of a horse entered to compete in any division shall be subject to penalties as provided in f. below.

d. The Federation may cause the collection of swab samples and have tested substances present on the anus, vulva, rectal area or vaginal area of horses following their exit from the ring, in connection with a class or division as follows: The Federation shall choose all horses in such a class to be sampled, or may select one or more placings from the class for sampling, or may select some of those horses from such a class for sampling. In making such selections, the Federation will act on the advice of the Federation Drugs & Medications Administrator and may act on the request of competition management and/or a judge of the class, but is not required to do so; After notification by the Federation that swab sampling will occur, competition management shall appoint only a licensed Veterinarian or Veterinarians to supervise the sampling, who may utilize technicians working under direct supervision of the Veterinarian(s); That this Veterinarian/Veterinarian(s) work under the Federation Drugs and Medications Administrator's direction for these duties; Competition management shall ensure that the appointed Veterinarian coordinates with the Federation Drugs & Medication Administrator to implement the chain of custody required by the laboratory for identifying each horse/pony from which each sample was taken; Competition Management shall ensure that the appointed Veterinarian follows the instructions of the Federation Drugs and Medical Administrator by forwarding the samples for testing to the Iowa State University Laboratory or another comparable laboratory acceptable to the Federation, and shall implement the chain of custody by the laboratory for transporting the samples to and from the laboratory and while at the laboratory. All results will be reported to the Federation Drugs & Medication Administrator only.

e. The trainer, owner, and their agents of a horse competing in a class in any division must submit to the above sample collections performed by representatives of competition management, and they must do so without any unnecessary delays. They must cooperate with the sample collection personnel as defined above by exhibiting polite attitude toward them and actions toward them and must assist them by helping to restrain the horse/pony properly during the sample collections.

f. In the event the Hearing Committee determines that a violation has occurred, the trainer, owner, and/or their agents each shall be subject to any and all penalties imposed by the Hearing Committee at its discretion pursuant to Chapters 6 & 7, including suspensions, fines, and the revocation and redistribution of winnings, notice or notices of which shall be published on the Federation's website. The suggested minimum penalty for a first offense is the revocation of all of the horse's winnings in connection with the entire competition in question, and a suspension of 60 days with a fine of \$2500.00. Subsequent violations of this rule by any of the above individuals/entities shall be subject to greater penalties as determined at the discretion of the Hearing Committee.

PROPONENT

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INTENT

This rule is to prevent the alteration of any horse or pony's tail that is competing in any USEF competition. This rule is intended to be added to the Prohibited Practices section of the USEF rule book. Its focus is on the welfare of all horses and ponies in competition. Pursuant to the AAEP statement, this rule directly affects any horse or pony having had their tail altered, prior to competition. Regarding tail alteration, "The American Association of Equine Practitioners condemns the alteration of the tail of the horse for cosmetic or competitive purposes. This includes, but is not limited to, docking, nicking (i.e., cutting) and blocking. When performed for cosmetic purposes, these procedures do not contribute to the health or welfare of the horse and are primarily used for gain in the show ring (nicking/cutting, blocking and docking) or because of historical custom (docking)." This statement, alone, should have caused USEF to act, by passing a rule to cease this needless practice.

Essentially, in addition to the welfare concerns, by not acting for the welfare of horses and ponies with regard to this issue, the USEF is promoting illegal tail alteration. As an example, the procedure of tail cutting, which is surgical, can only be performed legally by a licensed Veterinarian. If the Veterinarians subscribe to the AAEP welfare statement, and refuse to perform these procedures, any tail cutting, or alteration, that is done will have been done illegally. To allow this to continue is to support this practice, both legally, and illegally. Additionally, the FEI, which governs International Horse Sport, does not allow tail alteration of any kind. USEF, as the governing body for all United States Equine Sports, should be in parity with FEI, on this issue. Absent a rule from USEF, unlicensed individuals would be strongly inclined to continue this practice, illegally. Putting rules in place making all manner of tail alteration illegal will effectively stop this practice at all levels.

Also, please note that the Rulebook Chapter referenced above is not correct, as no chapter for Prohibited Practices currently exists.

POTENTIAL IMPACT

American Saddlebreds, Morgans, Hackney horses and ponies, Quarterhorses, Arabians, Paso Finos, hunters, etc

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: tails

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

American Saddlebred

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/15/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Timeline is confusing; point 1 is in conflict with point 2 . Non enforceable; many vets state it is hard to determine if a tail has been altered. ASHA has a rule change proposal pending to address welfare concerns within the breed. All forms of tail alteration do not negatively affect the welfare of the horse.

Andalusian/Lusitano

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/03/2016

Draft 2: The committee is in favor of horse welfare but feels this proposal is too broad.

Arabian

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/03/2016

Draft 2: This should not be a General Rule. Relevant issues for breed/discipline should be included in the specific division chapters

Breeds/Disciplines

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Carriage Pleasure Driving

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 10/26/2016

Draft 2: Will not work in its present form; requires more work

Competition Management

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/19/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Draft 2: The determination of penalty for a violation of this rule must remain with the Hearing committee. The rule must permit the use of a mud knot.

Connemara

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/18/2016

Draft 2: This should be limited to Breed specific rules

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/21/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/22/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/19/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Draft 2: No Comments

Equine Drugs & Medications

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/22/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Draft 2: The Committee supports the intent of this rule, but the wording is confusing and the scope is too broad. Penalties should be the purview of the Hearing Committee.

Friesian

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 10/25/2016

Draft 2: Cannot be enforced; requires more work

Hackney

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/29/2016

Draft 2: Non enforceable; hard to determine if tail has been altered. Not all forms of tail alteration result in a horse welfare issue. Committee supports AHHS proposal that's pending addressing welfare concerns within the breed.

Horse Welfare Initiative Task Force

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Draft 2: No Comments

Morgan

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/01/2016

Draft 2: This is not enforceable as written.

National Hunter Committee

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/21/2016

Draft 2: This needs to apply only to the specific breeds/disciplines involved. In the Hunter and Equitation divisions, things such as weighted tails and mud knots need to be allowed.

NSH

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/03/2016

Draft 2: Unenforceable

Paso Fino

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/22/2016

Draft 2: Tail alteration is addressed within the Paso Fino chapter.

Roadster

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/21/2016

Draft 2: Will be hard to enforce. Do not believe all forms of tail alternation are a horse welfare issue.

Saddle Seat Eq

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/28/2016

Draft 2: This would be hard to enforce as not all tail alterations are obvious nor are they all a welfare issue.

Shetland

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/21/2016

Draft 2: Too broad.

USHJA

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/15/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Draft 2: The determination of penalty for a violation of this rule must remain with the Hearing committee. The rule must permit the use of a mud knot.

Veterinary

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/22/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Draft 2: The Committee supports the intent of this rule, but the wording of this rule is confusing and overreaching.

Welsh

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/17/2016

Draft 2: In favor of intent of horse welfare, but this is difficult to enforce. The language needs to be more clear on what is and is not allowed.

Western Committee

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/08/2016

Draft 2: Recommend this not be a general rule; needs further work. It is hard to determine if a tail has been altered. Only horses that are obvious will be penalized. This is hard to enforce and difficult to prove.

Western Dressage

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 10/25/2016

Draft 2: In favor of horse welfare but this PRC needs more work -too broad and not enforceable

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2017

BOARD ACTION

Disapproved 1/14/2017

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1211 Appointment of Officials and Employees [CHAPTER GR12 Competition Officials, Employees, and Volunteers, Subchapter 12-C Duties of Competition Management in general]

Qualified medical personnel with no other duties and with appropriate medical equipment, as required by their certifying state or EMS Region, must be present during all scheduled performances at all **Federation Licensed** Competitions and during all paid schooling sessions over fences, including 1 day prior to the start of the competition if applicable, and during all scheduled performances. **The Federation Licensed Competition must have, at a minimum, a BLS Ambulance present during all scheduled performances.**

PROPONENT

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INTENT

Require all USEF licensed competitions to have a minimum of a BLS Ambulance on site for a minimum of all licensed show days. It is recommended that the BLS ambulance is also on site during scheduled schooling over fences on non-licensed days as well.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: qualified medical personnel

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

American Saddlebred

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/15/2016

Draft 1: This would be a financial burden and impractical for small shows.

Andalusian/Lusitano

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/03/2016

Draft 1: Committee feels this is too expensive.

Arabian

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/03/2016

Draft 1: Impractical for small shows; too costly

Breeds/Disciplines

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Carriage Pleasure Driving

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/26/2016

Draft 1: Impractical for small shows; too costly

Competition Management

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/19/2016

Draft 1: It is difficult to meet the requirement of this rule because of the availability of ambulance service in areas of the country

Connemara

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/18/2016

Draft 1: This is not practical for all shows and too expensive.

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/21/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 06/07/2016

Draft 1: Concept is good but requirement is not practical across the country.

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/19/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/01/2016

Draft 1: Strongly disapprove. Places significant financial and logistical burden on competitions.

Eventing

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/08/2016

Draft 1: While the proponent is probably correct from a strictly medical standpoint, both the Federation and the USEA have, over the years, examined this idea and concluded that in many cases it would impose an insupportable burden on smaller or remote competitions.

Hackney

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Legal Review

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Morgan

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/01/2016

Draft 1: Impractical for small shows and remote locations; too costly and at times not even available

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/21/2016

Draft 1: Not reasonable, in some areas you cannot get a BLS ambulance to be present all day even if you wanted to.

NSH

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/03/2016

Draft 1: Impractical for small shows and too expensive

Paso Fino

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/26/2016

Draft 1: Places an undue financial burden on smaller competitions.

Roadster

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/21/2016

Draft 1: This would be a financial burden on competitions. There are medical personal already on site and they have the knowledge to know if an ambulance needs to be called.

Saddle Seat Eq

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/28/2016

Draft 1: Cost prohibitive

Shetland

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/21/2016

Draft 1: Strongly disapprove due to the added expense.

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/15/2016

Draft 1: It is difficult to meet the requirement of this rule because of the availability of ambulance service in areas of the country

Welsh

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/17/2016

Draft 1: This is not practical or feasible for all competitions.

Western Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/08/2016

Draft 1: Small competitions cannot afford this expense.

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/25/2016

Draft 1: Unrealistic expense for shows

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2017

BOARD ACTION

Disapproved 1/14/2017

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1306 Professional/Amateur Status [CHAPTER 13, Subchapter 13B - Amateurs and Professionals]

3. Permitted activities by Amateur. An Amateur is permitted to do the following:
- a. Accept reimbursement for actual expenses associated with conducting classroom seminars for a not-for-profit organization, therapeutic riding programs, or programs for charitable organizations approved in advance by the Federation.
 - b. Act as a camp counselor when not hired in the exclusive capacity as a riding instructor; assist in setting schooling fences without remuneration; give instruction or training to handicapped riders for therapeutic purposes.
 - c. **Work as a groom, which includes lungeing a horse, provided that he has been instructed to do so by the person he is receiving remuneration from. No training aids may be attached to the horse during lungeing; including, but not limited to surcingles, side reins, or pully type training systems.**
 - e- d. Appear in advertisements and/or articles related to acknowledgement of one's own personal or business sponsorship of a competition and/or awards earned by one's owned horses.
 - d- e. Accept prize money as the owner of a horse in any class other than equitation or showmanship classes.
 - e- f. Accept prize money in Dressage.
 - f- g. Accept a non-monetary token gift of appreciation valued less than \$300 annually.
 - g- h. Serve as an intern for college credit or course requirements at an accredited institution provided one has never held professional status with the Federation or any other equestrian National Federation. In addition, one may accept reimbursement for expenses without profit, as prescribed by the educational institution's program, for the internship. In the Hackney, Roadster, American Saddlebred, Saddle Seat Equitation, Morgan, Andalusian/Lusitano, Friesian, Arabian, and National Show Horse Divisions, college students may also accept a stipend during the internship served under this paragraph. At the request of the Federation, an Amateur shall provide certification from the accredited educational institution under whose auspices a student is pursuing an internship that he is undertaking the internship to meet course or degree requirements.
 - h- i. Write books or articles related to horses.
 - i- j. Accept remuneration for providing service in one's capacity as a: presenter or panelist at a Federation licensed officials' clinic, competition manager, competition secretary, judge, steward, technical delegate, course designer, announcer, TV commentator, veterinarian, groom, farrier, tack shop operator, breeder, or boarder, or horse transporter.
 - j- k. Accept reimbursement for any bona fide expenses directly related to the horse (i.e. farrier/vet bills, entries). Travel, hotel, equipment, and room and board are not considered bona fide expenses.
 - k- l. Entries for non-under saddle classes in amateur sections at hunter, jumper or hunter/jumper competitions, must be paid either (i) directly to the competition by the Amateur or by the Amateur's family or (ii) by someone whom the Amateur or the Amateur's family reimburses within 90 days of the last day of the competition for which entries were paid.
 - l- m. Accept educational competition or training grant(s).

PROPONENT

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Draft Received: 6/1/2016

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INTENT

The intent of this rule change is to allow grooms who also ride as amateurs to be able to lunge their client's horses and not be considered a professional because it falls under "exercising or training". Currently, there is no language in the rules that talks specifically about lunging. This has caused a lot of confusion from amateur members, professional members and officials. I have done research regarding this rule and would be happy to provide written statements to the committee from a multitude of people who agree with this change. It is my desire to change the rules to allow an amateur who is working as a groom to be allowed to lunge horses that they are being paid for as a groom. As we all know, the majority of exhibitors at a show use lunging to calm the horse. This is mainly done early in the morning (especially on the local level where lunging can only occur before the start of classes-and is difficult to do when the amount of horses that are schooling is very large). This method is done by grooms because it allows the owners to not have to come to the showgrounds in the very early hours of the morning. I would venture to say that not having to lunge their own horse is one of the biggest perk of an owner to employ a groom. The rule, as it currently stands, does not allow a groom who also shows as an amateur to be able to provide this service. The impact of this is that many amateur grooms will lose clients because they will not be able to provide this basic task.

This rule change, to me personally, would allow me to continue to supplement my riding and showing expenses. Without this additional income that I receive for grooming for clients, I would no longer be able to afford to show my horse. I provide a service to my clients that allows them the comfort of knowing that their horse is being taken care of with the utmost care. I am very knowledgeable in horse care and feel that I offer more to my client than a person solely hired as a groom who may not have a background in the equine world. I am very careful to follow the rules and do not try to circumvent them in any way. I ask that the committee please look at this rule change proposal from the point of view of the members at every level. Most of the shows that I attend as a groom are local level A rated shows where I am in high demand because there are not many groom services offered.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Legal:
Web: professional/amateur

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

American Saddlebred

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/15/2016

Draft 1: This conflicts with professional activities found in GR1306.4c. Someone cannot work as a groom, accept remuneration and school a horse which is owned, boarded or trained by his employer.

Andalusian/Lusitano

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/03/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Arabian

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/03/2016

Draft 1: Remove ".c" and replace with "Lunging a horse is not considered a professional activity."

Breeds/Disciplines

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Connemara

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/18/2016

Draft 1: The committee feels this goes against the intent of the amateur rule

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/21/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/22/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/19/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/01/2016

Draft 1: Lunging is training in some disciplines including Dressage; we believe Amateur vs. Professional status should not be based on training aids or equipment used while lunging.

Friesian

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/25/2016

Draft 1: Skilled required including lunging

Hackney

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Licensed Officials

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 08/29/2016

Draft 1: The Committee believes that this rule change proposal would be unenforceable.

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/21/2016

Draft 1: We do not want to change the Amateur rule as it is written.

NSH

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/03/2016

Draft 1: Lunging should be fine; not considered training

Paso Fino

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/26/2016

Draft 1: Committee feels this goes against the intent of the amateur rule.

Roadster

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/21/2016

Draft 1: Feels this is in conflict with current rule.

Saddle Seat Eq

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/28/2016

Draft 1: Conflicts with professional rule; do not want the lines blurred any more than what they are.

Shetland

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/21/2016

Draft 1: This would create a loophole.

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/15/2016

Draft 1: An amateur lunging a customer's horse for compensation is still considered training.

Welsh

Draft 1: No Action 11/17/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Western Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/08/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2017

BOARD ACTION

Disapproved 1/14/2017

PROPOSED CHANGE

AL234 Dressage Sport Horse In Hand [CHAPTER AL-42 Dressage Sport Horse In Hand]

AL234 Dressage Sport Horse In Hand

c. Exception to DR 206: Bridles are mandatory on horses two years and older. A bridle shall be a dressage-type snaffle bridle or hunter-type snaffle bridle with reins. Snaffle may be with or without cheeks, keepers allowed. A noseband is optional but if used, it must be a cavesson style noseband. A split or single chain may be used, attached through both sides of the bit, with/or instead of reins. **Length of the chain and lead may not be longer than traditional reins, as measured center buckle to bit end, not to exceed 61 inches for both bridles and halters.** Horses aged two years may be shown in a bridle (as listed above), or a brown or black plain leather stable halter. Horses under age two years must be shown in a brown or blackplain leather stable halter. Horse wearing non conforming appointments will be eliminated from judging consideration.

PROPONENT

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INTENT

AL234 c. Exception to DR 206: Creates an uneven competitive environment for A/L DSHB competitors. Traditionally, DSHB is shown in hand with a bridle for horses 2 yrs and older with regular bridle reins. The current AL exception DR206 allows for horses to be shown both in a traditional bridle with reins and a split or single chain using a lead shank/rope in the same class. Many competitors enter the ring with a looped 12 foot lead shank with chain attached to the bridle bit for 2 year olds.

The use of both a traditional bridle with a split or single chain with a 12 foot lead, even if looped, and a traditional bridle with traditional reins attached to the bit in the same class creates an uneven competitive environment. The chain and lead shank/rope combination should not be greater than the length of traditional reins, measured center buckle to bit end. Most reins are 54 to 61 inches in length, center buckle to bit end. Recommend stating the required length of the lead shank and chain not to be greater than 61 inches for use with bridles and halters. This creates a level competitive environment and makes it easy to determine if there are non conforming appointments being used.

Dressage Sport Horse In Hand Exception c. DR206: Bridles are mandatory on horses three years and older. A bridle shall be a dressage-type snaffle bridle or hunter-type snaffle bridle. Snaffle may be with or without cheeks, keepers allowed. A noseband is optional but if used, it must be a cavesson style noseband. A split or single chain may be used, attached through both sides of the bit, with/or instead of reins. Horses aged two years may be shown in a bridle (as listed above), or a brown or black plain leather stable halter. Horses under age two years must be shown in a brown or black plain leather stable halter. Horse wearing non conforming appointments will be eliminated from judging consideration.

Remove exception DR206 from the current AL234 Dressage Sport Horse In Hand USEF Rules. Modify DR102 to include the max length of the chain and lead shank/rope combination. The combination should not be greater than the traditional bridle and reins measured buckle to bit.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: Dressage Sport Horse In-Hand

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Andalusian/Lusitano

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/26/2016

Draft 1: Committee does not support this change.

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/22/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/05/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/01/2016

Draft 1: This is not necessary and would be difficult and impractical to enforce.