

Rule	Tracking	Draft	Proposal Type	Effective Date	Proponent	Status
GR 1304.25	015-18	1	Standard	12/1/2019	Patra Stephenson	Disapproved (1/12/2019)
Description: certified jumper schooling supervisor						
JP 103.9	022-18	1	Standard	12/1/2019	Glena Wirtanen	Disapproved (1/12/2019)
Description: schooling ring - devices						
JP 111.0	023-18	1	Standard	12/1/2019	Glena Wirtanen	Disapproved (1/12/2019)
Description: tack and attire						
HU 157.8	025-18	1	Standard	12/1/2019	Glena Wirtanen	Disapproved (1/12/2019)
Description: devices						
DR 121.0	115-18	1	Standard	12/1/2019	Christin Ostmann	Disapproved (1/12/2019)
Description: saddlery and equipment						
DR 121.0	116-18	1	Standard	12/1/2019	Kelly Arnold	Disapproved (1/12/2019)
Description: saddlery and equipment - stirrups						
HU 188.0	117-18	1	Standard	12/1/2019	Emily Anne Belin	Disapproved (1/12/2019)
Description: handlers						
HU 188.6	118-18	1	Standard	12/1/2019	Emily Anne Belin	Disapproved (1/12/2019)
Description: hunter breeding						
EV 115.2	119-18	1	Standard	12/1/2019	Amy Hassinger	Disapproved (1/12/2019)
Description: ear plugs						
DR 121.7	120-18	1	Standard	12/1/2019	Amy Hassinger	Disapproved (1/12/2019)
Description: ear plugs						
WD 102.0	186-18	1	Standard	12/1/2019	Western Dressage	Disapproved (1/12/2019)
Description: exceptional riders						
GR 1109.0	212-18	2	Standard	4/1/2019	USEF Officers	Disapproved (1/12/2019)
Description: commercial rights						
GR 901.8	215-18	2	Standard	12/1/2019	USEF Officers	Disapproved (1/12/2019)
Description: safety information						
HJ 102.0	307-18	2	Standard	12/1/2019	Competitions Task Force	Disapproved (1/12/2019)
Description: requirements to obtain rating						
GR 901.8	334-18	4	Standard	12/1/2019	USHJA	Disapproved (1/12/2019)
Description: requirements - hunter, hunter breeding, jumper, and hunter/jumper - safety information						

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GR 846.2	335-18	2	Standard	12/1/2019	USHJA	Disapproved (1/12/2019)
Description: accident preparedness plan						
GR 839.5	338-18	3	Standard	12/1/2019	USHJA	Disapproved (1/12/2019)
Description: cruelty and abuse of a horse						
GR 1306.4	343-18	2	Standard	12/1/2019	AHA	Disapproved (1/12/2019)
Description: amateur - arabian						
GR 8.0	346-18	1	Standard	12/1/2019	Julie Andrew	Disapproved (1/12/2019)
Description: tails						
GR 846.0	350-18	1	Standard	12/1/2019	Bonita Navin	Disapproved (1/12/2019)
Description: jog 						
JP 100.0	351-18	1	Extraordinary	12/1/2018	USHJA	Disapproved (1/12/2019)
Description: microchips						
HU 101.0	352-18	1	Extraordinary	12/1/2018	USHJA	Disapproved (1/12/2019)
Description: microchips						
EQ 103.0	353-18	1	Extraordinary	12/1/2018	USHJA	Disapproved (1/12/2019)
Description: microchips						
DR 119.0	355-18	1	Standard	12/1/2019	Sara Carlisle	Disapproved (1/12/2019)

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Proposed Change

**GR1304 Regulations Governing Showing Under Judges, Stewards and [CHAPTER 13 Competition Participants and Associated Individuals 13-A Responsibilities]**

25. When you are officiating as a Category 1 (C1) Steward *or as a Certified Jumper Schooling Supervisor* at a competition:
- a. You may not be a competitor, coach, rider, handler, lessor, lessee, trainer, or manager at the same competition.
  - b. You cannot own or operate any business (i.e. tack shop, braiding business, etc.) at the same competition.
  - c. None of the following may compete as a trainer, coach, competitor, rider, owner, handler, lessor or lessee at that competition, unless the relationship is terminated at least 30 days prior to the competition:
    - 1. A member of your family.
    - 2. A member of your household or housemate.
    - 3. A cohabitant, companion, or domestic partner.
    - 4. An employee.
    - 5. A client.
    - 6. Your trainer.
    - 7. A client of your trainer.
    - 8. An entity that employs you or a member of your family, which includes individuals, corporations, partnerships, foundations, trusts, non-profit organizations, and any shareholder owning five or more percent of the stock, if any.
    - 9. A horse trained by you or by a member of your family.
    - 10. A horse sold by you or by your employer.
    - 11. A person for whom you have or are scheduled to receive any remuneration involving a horse sale, purchase, (unless at public auction), lease, or board (stud fees, retiree or broodmare board excluded).

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Rule Change Intent

In requesting an extraordinary rule change to be effective 04-01-18, the intent is to hold a licensed Certified Jumper Schooling Supervisor to the same standards and ethical expectations as all other licensed officials. By allowing a CJSS to operate without restrictions on their behavior during and immediately prior to officiating at a horse show is subjecting competitors to possible gross unfairness and a show of bias on the part of the CJSS. For all licensed officials, specific rules are in place to prevent favoritism and insure fairness to all competitors, however, for the CJSS these specifications are not in place. The first example is a licensed CJSS who operates a business, nightly, during horse shows, doing therapy on horses to prepare them for showing. Said licensed CJSS works for the horse show during the day. Witnesses have seen this CJSS accepting checks from competitors while working ringside at the jumper schooling area. It is very common for this CJSS to engage in friendly banter with clients when they are schooling under said CJSS's supervision in the schooling ring, thus reinforcing the feeling of unfairness. Technically, this CJSS is not breaking any rules, however this behavior is inciting a feeling of impropriety. A second example is a trainer that holds a CJSS license. This CJSS is a trainer and a CJSS at the same horse show. This too creates the feeling of impropriety with competitors. If a rule is not expedited this behavior will be continued, causing the feeling of bias and unfairness to competitors, horses, and owners showing under said CJSS. This lack of regulation for the CJSS also opens the door for optional issues to arise in the future. As stated on the USEF website: " The USEF Rulebook is designed to delineate boundaries that create an environment for fair and honest competition within which equestrians can enjoy competing safely, with integrity and respect."

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Legal:</b> not certified as an EO - changed to standard <b>Web:</b> certified jumper schooling supervisor

Committee Actions	
Competition Management	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Disapproval 11/08/2018	<b>Draft 1: No enough schooling supervisors to expect enforcement</b>
Council - Admin & Finance	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Disapproval 12/18/2018	<b>Draft 1: We do not have enough schooling supervisors to expect enforcement.</b>
Council - Intl Discipline	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Disapproval 12/20/2018	<b>Draft 1: Support the comments made by the International discipline Sport Committees.</b>

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 12/18/2018

**Draft 1:** Concern was raised that there is currently a lack of certified schooling supervisors and this will make it harder to find one who is able to officiate.

Jumper

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/13/2018

**Draft 1:** The purpose of creating a CSS was to make it more attainable for people by having them only focus on schooling for the certification. Its too difficult for competitions to find enough CSS's as it is.

Licensed Officials

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 12/04/2018

**Draft 1:** In consultation with the LOC Steward and TD Working Group, the LOC is recommending disapproval because the pool of available Certified Schooling Supervisors is already small and do not believe that this rule change proposal is necessary at this time.

National Hunter Committee

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/19/2018

**Draft 1:** The Schooling Supervisor does not have enough influence to require conflict of interest restrictions. Additionally, there is currently a lack of certified schooling supervisors and this will make it harder to find one who is able to officiate.

USHJA

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 12/13/2018

**Draft 1:** USHJA would have preferred this rule change proposal to come through a committee rather than an individual so the intent and rule language could be refined.

JP103.9 Tracking #022-18 Draft #1 Disapproved

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2019	3/7/2018	Disapproved 1/12/2019

Proposed Change

JP 103 Schooling [CHAPTER JP-1 General]

9. The use of any device, **such as a cell phone, iPod or any like device** with **or without** ear bud(s) while mounted is prohibited in all jumper schooling areas.

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Rule Change Intent

To increase safety for all horses and riders. To focus the attention of the rider on his horse.

Linked Rules

Comments

**Web:** schooling ring - devices

Committee Actions

Competition Management

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/08/2018

**Draft 1:** redundant to the other proposed cell phone rule

Council - Admin & Finance

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 12/18/2018

**Draft 1:** Different language has already been approved.

Council - Intl Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 12/20/2018

**Draft 1:** Support the comments made by the International discipline Sport Committees.

Jumper

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 12/17/2018

**Draft 1:** JSC recommends tracking #285 but with comments.

USHJA

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 12/13/2018

**Draft 1:** o Disapprove in favor of 285-18

**JP111 Tracking #023-18 Draft #1 Disapproved**

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2019	3/13/2018	Disapproved 1/12/2019

Proposed Change

**JP 111 Tack and Attire** [CHAPTER JP-1 General]

**1. A bridle, hackamore or a bit with reins is required.**

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Rule Change Intent

To ensure that a rider has a method of control over their mount.

Linked Rules	Comments
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**Web:** tack and attire

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 12/20/2018

**Draft 1: Support the comments made by the International discipline Sport Committees.**

Jumper

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/13/2018

**Draft 1: The rule needs to be more specific in regards to when reins are required, i.e. in the schooling area.**

USHJA

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 12/13/2018

**Draft 1: The proposed rule change proposal as written in too vague**

HU157.8 Tracking #025-18 Draft #1 Disapproved

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2019	3/13/2018	Disapproved 1/12/2019

Proposed Change

HU157 Schooling [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-8 CONDUCT]

4. The use of any device, **such as a cell phone, iPod or any like device** with **or without** ear bud(s) while mounted is prohibited in all hunter schooling areas.

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Rule Change Intent

Needed for the safety of horses and riders. Riders attention needs to be focused on their mount.

Linked Rules Comments

Web: devices

Committee Actions

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/18/2018

Draft 1: This draft was disapproved in favor of another draft currently pending (286-16)

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/19/2018

Draft 1: The committee recognizes that distraction is a current issue in schooling areas but feels that this rule as written would be logistically hard for professionals trying to get horses to and from the rings. We suggest adding the words "no unsafe use" or implementing this as a juniors-only rule.

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/13/2018

Draft 1: o Disapprove in favor of USHJA Rule (286-18)

DR121 Tracking #115-18 Draft #1 Disapproved

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2019	8/9/2018	Disapproved 1/12/2019

Proposed Change

**DR121 Saddlery and Equipment** [CHAPTER DR-1 Dressage Governing Regulations]

Add image of bridle to Annex A

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

Currently the rules state that the cheek pieces must be separate from the noseband of a bridle used as per USEF standards. I would like to apply for the Schockemoehle Sports bridle Equitus Alpha and Beta to be added ( same as Micklem, PS of Sweden Nirak, High Jump, Jump Off and Stubben Freedom) as allowed bridles in the Dressage ring. The Equitus bridles have shown to be great bridles for sensitive horses and the fact that the cheek pieces are attached to the noseband have not affected any horses in a negative way. Since all the bridles strive for the same goal: to make the horses more comfortable- I would like them to be added to the annex or to the rule book. The bridle is made out of leather without any elastic or similar.

Linked Rules

Comments

**Web:** saddlery and equipment

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 12/20/2018

**Draft 1: Support the comments made by the International discipline Sport Committees.**

Dressage

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 08/16/2018

**Draft 1: An equipment for manufacturers process is already in place for this request. Please visit the US Equestrian Dressage Rules & Equipment page and review the "US Equestrian Dressage Guidelines for Equipment Review for Manufacturers" for more information.**

USDF

**Draft 1:** No Action

**Draft 1: No Comments**



DR121 Tracking #116-18 Draft #1 Disapproved

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2019	8/9/2018	Disapproved 1/12/2019

Proposed Change

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

An English type saddle with flaps and stirrups is compulsory for all tests and classes other than FEI tests. ~~Stirrups must have closed branches.~~ An English type saddle may be constructed with or without a tree but cannot have a horn, swell, gallerie, or open gullet. Australian, Baroque, Endurance, McClellan, Spanish, Stock, or Western saddles are not permitted nor are modified versions of these saddles (exception: competitors with a current approved Federation Dispensation Certificate). A Dressage saddle which must be close to the horse and have long, near-vertical flaps and stirrups is compulsory for FEI tests. Saddle pads are optional, but should be white or of conservative color. English-style stirrups, without attachments, or safety stirrups are compulsory. ~~Safety stirrups must have closed branches of metal or other breakaway material~~ **may have an open side.** While in the competition ring and during awards ceremonies, a logo/monogram or name may appear on either or both sides of a saddle cloth in an area not exceeding 200 cm<sup>2</sup> (26.632 sq. inches). Only the following logos or names are permitted: breed logos (for horses registered with that breed); a national flag (for citizens of that country); USEF or USDF names/logos. Professionals of any age may have a business or product name/logo of their official sponsor. Amateurs may not have a business or product name/logo unless they own the business. Competition award pads and stable name pads are permitted. No other advertisement or publicity is permitted on saddle cloths or horses.

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Rule Change Intent

The intent of this proposal is to increase rider safety by allowing open sided safety stirrups, such as Safetstyle Stirrups, to be used in USEF/USDF dressage competitions. An open sided stirrup does not have any mechanical safety function to fail, and is therefore extremely effective at preventing a rider from being dragged in the case of a fall.

Linked Rules

Comments

**Web:** saddlery and equipment - stirrups

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 12/20/2018

**Draft 1: Support the comments made by the International discipline Sport Committees.**

Dressage

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 08/16/2018

**Draft 1: This is an active consideration topic for the FEI via their Rule modifications.**

USDF

**Draft 1:** No Action

**Draft 1: No Comments**

# HU188 Tracking #117-18 Draft #1 Disapproved

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2019	8/10/2018	Disapproved 1/12/2019

## Proposed Change

**HU 188.4 & HU 188.5 General** [CHAPTER HU-12 Hunter & Pony Breeding ]

4. ~~At Premier and National rated competitions a handler may not exhibit more than one horse~~ **A handler may exhibit multiple horses** in any Hunter Breeding classes listed in HU 189 or HU 190 **unless horse show management restricts at their discretion. This restriction must be listed in the horse show prizelist** . At these competitions the same handler will present the horse in all phases of the class including the jog ~~and lineup~~. Entries must be presented for conformation, walked, and/or trotted under the review of the judge. Horses must be judged for conformation before being walked and/or trotted. After completing a review of each horse in the class, the judge(s) ~~must~~ **may** line up the entries in order of preference (exception see HU 190 for ponies). Judge(s) then have one last opportunity to review the horses collectively, and may move horses in the lineup as preferred based on the Hunter Breeding judging standards.

5. ~~At Regional I and Regional II rated competitions a handler may exhibit multiple horses in any Hunter Breeding classes listed in HU189 and HU 190~~ **unless horse show management restricts at their discretion. This restriction must be listed in the the horse show prizelist**. At these competitions the same handler must present the horse in all phases of the class, including the jog (exception lineup). Entries must be presented for conformation, walked, and/or trotted under the review of judge. Horses must be judged for conformation before being walked and/or trotted. After completing a review of each horse in the class, the judges may line up the entries in order of preference (exception see HU 190 for ponies). Judge(s) then have one last opportunity to review the horses collectively, and may move horses in the lineup as preferred based on the Hunter Breeding judging standards.

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## Rule Change Intent

The intent is to remove the "One Horse Per Handler Per Class" blanket restriction on Handlers at the Premier & National shows. This will allow a Handler to show multiple horses in a class including the championship classes unless the individual horse show chooses to limit the number of horses a Handler may show using the General entry Rule GR915.1 "Management can limit the number of horses entered by an Owner and the number of horses ridden by a Rider."

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

## Committee Actions

### Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Disapproval 12/18/2018	<b>Draft 1: Concern was raised about the fact the current rule has not been in place long enough to evaluate whether change is needed.</b>
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### National Hunter Committee

<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Disapproval 12/17/2018	<b>Draft 1: The current rule has not been in effect for long enough to evaluate whether it needs to be changed.</b>
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### USHJA

<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Disapproval 12/13/2018	<b>Draft 1: o Existing rule has not been in effect long enough to determine whether or not it is working.</b>
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# HU188.6 Tracking #118-18 Draft #1 Disapproved

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2019	8/10/2018	Disapproved 1/12/2019

## Proposed Change

**HU188.6 General** [CHAPTER HU-12 Hunter & Pony Hunter Breeding]

A competition may not offer more than ~~one~~ **two** hunter breeding divisions to count for National or Zone HOTY Awards and ~~one~~ **two** pony hunter breeding divisions to count for Zone HOTY awards.

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## Rule Change Intent

The purpose of this proposal is to reinstate the previous language regarding double judging at hunter breeding/pony hunter breeding competitions. The implementation of double judging allows for more judging opportunities and more competition options for young horses/ponies at any given competition, and also increases the opportunity for horse show managers to bring in revenue and incentivize them to hold Hunter Breeding classes at their shows. The main goal of this proposed change would be to increase the number of entries in the hunter breeding/pony hunter breeding divisions.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> hunter breeding

## Committee Actions

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Disapproval 12/18/2018	<b>Draft 1: Concern was raised about the fact the current rule has not been in place long enough to evaluate whether change is needed.</b>
National Hunter Committee	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Disapproval 12/17/2018	<b>Draft 1: The current rule has not been in effect for long enough to evaluate whether it needs to be changed.</b>
USHJA	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Disapproval 12/13/2018	<b>Draft 1: Existing rule has not been in effect long enough to determine whether or not it is working.</b>

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Proposed Change

EV115 Saddlery [CHAPTER EV-1 General Rules for all Eventing Competitions]

2. DRESSAGE TEST.

a. The following are compulsory: an English type saddle and a permitted bridle. b. A double bridle with cavesson noseband, i.e. bridoon and curb bits with curb chain (made of metal or leather or a combination), is permitted for some tests. Cover for curb chain can be made of leather, rubber or sheep skin. 1. Cavesson noseband may never be so tightly fastened as to harm the horse. 2. Lipstrap and rubber or leather covers for the curb chain are optional. 3. Bridoon and curb must be made of metal or rigid plastic and may be covered with rubber (flexible rubber bridoons and/or curbs are not allowed). 4. The lever arm of the curb bit is limited to 10 cm (length below the mouth piece). 5. If the curb has a sliding mouthpiece, the lever arm of the curb bit below the mouthpiece must not measure more than 10 cm when the mouthpiece is in the uppermost position. 6. The diameter of the ring of the bridoon must be such as to not hurt the horse. c. A rounded snaffle bit made of metal, leather, rubber or plastic material is permitted for all tests. d. It may have a cavesson noseband, dropped noseband, crossed noseband, or flash noseband. 1. The noseband must be made entirely of leather or leather like material, except for a small disc of sheepskin, which may be used in the intersection of the two leather straps of a crossed noseband. e. A breast plate may be used. For drawings of permitted bits and nosebands see Annex 1 on the USEF website for Approved Bits for National Competitions. Permitted bits for a particular test are specified on each test. f. Martingales, bit guards, any kind of gadgets (such as bearing, side, running or balancing reins, etc.), reins with any loops or hand attachments, any kind of boots or leg bandages and any form of blinkers, including earmuffs, earplugs, hoods, and seat covers are, under penalty of elimination, strictly forbidden. Ear hoods are permitted for all Tests and may also provide noise reduction. However, ear hoods must not cover the horse's eyes and earplugs are not permitted. The ear hoods should be discreet in color and design.

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Rule Change Intent

The use of ear plugs for ear protection (flies, wind, rain, debris) is a common piece of equipment utilized in the training environment of horses in all disciplines. To maintain consistency, riders should be able to continue utilizing earplugs for ear protection during competition in the same manner that ear covers are currently allowed. Further, earplugs are allowed by the USEF in other disciplines (i.e. Hunters, Arabians, etc) and are allowed during "prize giving" ceremonies. In order to maintain consistency across the USEF, earplugs should no longer be listed in the Rulebook as a prohibited piece of competition equipment in Dressage, Eventing (or any other USEF regulated discipline). Many horses cross over from hunters to jumpers to dressage to eventing, etc. Consistency in the equipment allowed for the protection of horses ears should be maintained across the sub-disciplines of USEF. Ear nets are allowed, but ear plugs are prohibited. This is inconsistent. For this reason, I propose that the USEF strike any reference to earplugs as a prohibited piece of equipment during competition.

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: ear plugs

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/20/2018

Draft 1: Support the comments made by the International discipline Sport Committees.

Eventing

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/13/2018

Draft 1: Not in line with current FEI rules for Eventing.

USEA

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2019	8/10/2018	Disapproved 1/12/2019

Proposed Change

**DR121 Saddlery and Equipment** [CHAPTER DR-1 Dressage Governing Regulations]

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 blinkers, ~~earmuffs or plugs~~, nose covers, seat covers, hoods are, under penalty of elimination, strictly forbidden. One small identification tag, no larger than 1.5" diameter, such as the Ver Tag, may be attached to the horse's mane. The use of equine body tape or bands (equi-taping, Kinesio tape) is prohibited. Shoes (with or without cuffs) that are attached with nails or glue, or wraps that do not extend past the hair line of the hoof are permitted. Fly hoods (ear covers) are permitted for all classes in order to protect horses from insects. The fly hoods should be discreet in color and design and should not cover the horse's eyes. ~~After completion of the test, the rider or his representative is responsible for removing the fly hood to present to the designated ring steward for inspection to ensure that nothing prohibited has been added (for example, ear plugs).~~ Logos in compliance with DR121.1 and manufacturer's logos are permitted. However, per DR121.9, ring stewards are only required to inspect fly hoods and other equipment in one-third of the horses in a class. When an inspection is conducted, all equipment including including fly hoods, whips, etc. must be inspected. In championship classes, saddlery inspections are required for each horse. Leg bandages are allowed in Pas de Deux and Quadrille classes. A breastplate and/or crupper may be used, except that a breastplate is not permitted in USEF High Performance Championships, USEF High Performance Qualifying and Selection Trials. A rein is a continuous, uninterrupted strap or line from the bridle bit to the hand. Rein additions or attachments are not permitted. Each bit must be attached to a separate rein and reins may only be attached to bits. Any decoration of the horse with extravagant items, such as ribbons or flowers, etc. in the mane, tail, etc., is strictly forbidden. (Exception: A red ribbon in a horse's tail is permitted to identify a horse that kicks). Braiding of the horse's mane and tail, however, is permitted. False tails are permitted and if used may not contain any metal parts.

8. The above restrictions (1-7) apply to warm-up and other training areas, however, running martingales (only with snaffle rein of plain snaffle bridle), boots and bandages (without magnets) are permitted. (Exception: running martingales are not permitted for horses entered in USEF High Performance qualifying and selection trials). However, noise cancelling ear muffs/plugs are permitted at prize-giving ceremonies for horses competing at any level, including High Performance classes. Fly hoods (ear covers) that do not cover the horse's eyes are permitted in warm-up and other training areas ~~and cannot be used for masking noise-cancelling earplugs.~~ Single direct side reins or double sliding side reins (triangle reins) are permitted only when lungeing (mounted or unmounted). Double sliding side reins may be attached to the saddle and surcingle and girth as pictured below, or both ends of each rein may be attached to the saddle, surcingle and/or girth. Only one lunge line is permitted only while lungeing. Driving or long lining is prohibited. A single direct side rein is defined as an auxiliary rein affixed to the bit and to the girth, saddle or surcingle on the side of the horse (not between the legs). A lunge line must attach only to the snaffle bit of the bridle (either on the inside or across the head or under/around the chin to the snaffle ring on the opposite side from the handler), halter or cavesson and go directly to the hand of the longeur. A double bridle may not be worn while lungeing. Horses competing at Third Level and above may be warmed up in a either snaffle or a double bridle. (Exception: For breed-restricted Arabian competition see Chapter AR, Subchapter AR-12). A running martingale consists of a divided strap attached to the girth or breastplate (at the front of the horse's chest); the extension of each strap must be connected from the point of division only to the rein on the same side and must be free to slide. The rings through which the reins slide may not be connected to a neck strap. Double sliding side reins (triangle/ dreieck zügel)

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Rule Change Intent

The use of ear plugs for ear protection (flies, wind, rain, debris) is a common piece of equipment utilized in the training environment of horses in all disciplines. To maintain consistency, riders should be able to continue utilizing earplugs for ear protection during competition in the same manner that ear covers are currently allowed. Further, earplugs are allowed by the USEF in other disciplines (i.e. Hunters, Arabians, etc). In order to maintain consistency across USEF, earplugs should no longer be listed in the Rulebook as a prohibited piece of competition equipment in Dressage (or any other USEF managed discipline). The rule language is inconsistent in that during "prize giving," earplugs are acceptable equipment, but during competition, earplugs are considered prohibited equipment. Equine ear plugs are not detrimental, nor are they unsafe for use in training or competition. Many horses cross over from hunters to jumpers to dressage to eventing, etc. Consistency in the equipment allowed for the protection of horses ears should be maintained across the sub-disciplines of USEF. For this reason, I propose that the USEF strike any reference to earplugs as a prohibited piece of equipment (specifically DR 121, #7 & #8).

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> ear plugs

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 12/20/2018      **Draft 1:** Support the comments made by the International discipline Sport Committees.

Dressage

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 08/16/2018      **Draft 1:** US Equestrian Dressage follows FEI Dressage Rules, and the FEI Dressage does not allow this in competition.

USDF

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



Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2019	8/31/2018	Disapproved 1/12/2019

Proposed Change

**WD102 Participation in Western Dressage Competitions** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER WD-1 WESTERN DRESSAGE HORSE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES]

Number 1 – 10

11. An exhibitor with a disability (other than hearing) will be provided reasonable accommodation upon submission of a written certification from a treating medical professional's office certifying the disability and identifying the accommodation necessary for the exhibitor to compete safely. The medical certification must be provided to the competition Steward within a reasonable time prior to competing who shall attach a copy to the Steward report.

**11. Exceptional Riders are individuals whose physical or psychological challenges make it impossible or unsafe for them to ride without special considerations, adaptive saddlery or assistance from one or more individuals.**

**a. An exhibitor with a disability will be provided reasonable accommodation upon submission of a written certification from a treating medical professional's office certifying the disability and identifying the accommodation necessary for the exhibitor to compete safely. The written certification shall be submitted along with the entry and to the competition Steward.**

**b. Upon receipt of the certificate, competition management will have the authority to determine whether the schedule and the facility will permit the modifications being requested and will communicate its decision to the rider, owner and trainer.**

**c. Exceptional Riders may compete:**

**1. In any test and level.**

**2. Independently:**

**a. with adaptive saddlery as specified in a written certification from a treating medical professional.**

**b. with assistance other than and/or in addition to adaptive saddlery, for example assistance to aid with sight, which can be provided with assistance of show management and/or volunteers without imposing hardship on show management.**

**3. with an appropriate individual leading the horse using a leadline, without a chain, attached to a well fitted halter or an appropriate noseband. Side spotters will be allowed, but not provided by the competition. Safety for horses, riders, competitors, show officials, show management, volunteers and spectators is paramount.**

**d. Safety for horses, riders, competitors, show officials, show management, volunteers and spectators is paramount.**

**e. The rider, parent or guardian and any assistants must sign a release indemnifying the show, show management, show officials, show committee, WDAA, USEF and any hosting committee.**

Proponent Details	Contact Information
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Rule Change Intent

In response to WDAA members' requests to establish a program to meet the special needs of riders with physical and mental disabilities to compete and train in Western Dressage, the USEF Western Dressage Committee has created a rule change proposal to meet this request. Western saddlery, western gaits and Western Dressage tests provide an accessible discipline for challenged riders of all ages and backgrounds to begin and to continue competing in this discipline.

Extraordinary Riders present a challenge to show management that cannot be ignored both in terms of an individual show's facility and management. This rule change proposal recognizes this challenge and attempts to provide each individual show management the latitude and information necessary for the management to make an informed decision regarding acceptance of entries placing safety for all parties above all other considerations.

Linked Rules	Comments
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**Legal:** Legal has the following concerns: (i) inconsistent application across different competitions, (ii) creates potential liability issues, and (iii) it does not ensure a level playing field. These requests need to come through the National office in the same way other dispensation requests do.

**Web:** exceptional riders

### Committee Actions

(ALL)

**Draft 1:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments

### Adaptive Sports

**Draft 1:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments

### Competition Management

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/08/2018

**Draft 1:** This should not be allowable with just a certificate from a medical professional

### Council - Admin & Finance

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/18/2018

**Draft 1:** No Comments

### Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 10/31/2018

**Draft 1:** No Comments

### Licensed Officials

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/12/2018

**Draft 1:** The LOC commented that it is difficult to define "psychological challenges." In addition, the committee feels this process is not necessary because the dispensation process is already in place for riders with disabilities (GR1310).

### WDAA

**Draft 1:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments



Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	4/1/2019	10/15/2018	Disapproved 1/12/2019

Proposed Change

GR1109 Ranking Lists [CHAPTER 11-D Commercial Rights]

Subchapter 11-D COMMERCIAL RIGHTS

GR1109 Ranking Lists

*The Federation owns all official ranking lists and is the beneficial owner of any and all intellectual property rights which may now or at any time in the future exist anywhere in the world with respect to any data or information resulting from the ranking of athletes and horses competing at Federation Licensed Competitions.*

GR1110 Competition Data

*The Federation is the sole legal and beneficial owner of any and all intellectual property rights which may now or at any time in the future exist anywhere in the world with respect to any data or information relating to Federation Licensed Competitions. No one may collect or exploit any data or information relating to Federation Licensed Competitions without the Federation's prior written authorization. To the extent any such person or entity is deemed to own or control rights to such data or information by operation of applicable law, that person or entity hereby assigns to the Federation all such existing rights, and all such future rights in that data or information. Recognized Affiliate Associations are allowed to use, free of charge, the data of Federation Licensed Competitions held in their respective breed or discipline.*

Proponent Details

USEF Officers

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Rule Change Intent

The Federation has always owned its competition data. As it makes this data more easily and readily accessible to the membership through its website and other online resources, there are have instances of scraping of Federation data. This rule change is intended to serve as a remind that all data and ranking lists are owned by the Federation.

Linked Rules

Comments

**Web:** commercial rights

Committee Actions

Andalusian/Lusitano

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 10/29/2018

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

Arabian

**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 10/30/2018

**Draft 2:** Concern was raised with the language of this rule, that as written horse shows/magazines/photographers would not be able to use the data.

Connemara

**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 11/08/2018

**Draft 2:** No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 12/18/2018

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** The rule, as it is currently written, does not completely agree with the intent. The Council suggests including the term "scraping" in the rule. The Council would also like clarification on how this may impact photographers.

Council - Intl Discipline

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 12/20/2018

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** Need to specify intent and details. Need to work the details and implications out with the Affiliates.

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 12/18/2018

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** Concern was raised that the language of this rule change is not clear how it will impact shows and access to their own data and use. It was suggested if the intent is to eliminate "scraping" the data, the language be changed to reflect that.

Friesian

**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 10/25/2018

**Draft 2:** No Comments

Jumper

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 11/13/2018

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** JSC would approve if the rule was clear that the purpose was to prevent scraping of data.

Morgan

**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 10/25/2018

**Draft 2:** Request was made to include Equestrian Publications to have access and use of data with no repercussions

National Hunter Committee

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 12/17/2018

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** The committee agrees with the intent of this rule change but does not feel that the language written is specific enough to the scraping of data and will negatively affect show managers and their access to their own data.

National Show Horse

**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 11/02/2018

**Draft 2:** Concern was raised with the language of this rule, as written horse shows/magazine/photographers would not be able to use the data.

Paso Fino

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

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** As written, the committee is not comfortable with this rule change as it would assign all existing rights and future rights of data to the Federation.

Shetland

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

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

USHJA

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 12/13/2018

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** o Rule change doesn't actually match the listed intent. USHJA would consider approving if the RCP was redrafted to specifically address data scraping.

Welsh

**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 11/08/2018

**Draft 2:** No Comments

Western Dressage

**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 10/30/2018

**Draft 2:** Concern was raised with the verbiage "all intellectual property" being too vague and the possible uses in the future.

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2019	10/18/2018	Disapproved 1/12/2019

Proposed Change

**GR901 Requirements** [CHAPTER Subchapter 9-A Prize Lists]

GR901 Requirements

See GR1212 for procedures regarding submitting prize lists to the Federation office.

The prize list of every Licensed Competition must contain the following:

1. Federation Page. This must be printed in its entirety and placed in a conspicuous position in the prize list of each Licensed Competition in typeface large enough to be easily legible. If a Licensed Competition prints a catalogue, the Federation page must be included and the competition is urged to instruct its announcer to invite the attention of spectators to this page at each session.
2. Classification of competition and level or ratings of divisions or sections on the Federation Page.
3. Entry blank, which must contain the rule to be signed by each exhibitor, rider, driver, handler, coach and trainer(s), or his/her agent(s). (See GR908).
4. Names of the officiating judges with the division(s) in which they will adjudicate and the names of the Federation stewards or technical delegates, provided they have accepted to serve. (See GR706.1j) Both division and sections to be adjudicated must be listed for breed division judges, provided they have accepted to serve. (See GR 706.1j)
5. List of competition officials. (See GR113).
6. The name of the Licensee (see GR133 and GR302.1h) and the name of the Chief Executive Officer or the person with the largest ownership interest.
7. The name of the Hunter and Jumper and/or Trail course designer or responsible person. Exception: Arabian, American Saddlebred, Morgan and Andalusian/Lusitano divisions.
8. **Safety information.**
  - a. *Whether an ambulance will be onsite;*
  - b. *Number of Paramedics or Advanced EMTs, if known;*
  - c. *Number of Basic EMTs, if known;*
  - d. *Number of other qualified medical personnel (see GR848);*
  - e. *Mileage to nearest hospital with emergency care; and*
  - f. *Mileage to nearest Level 1 Trauma Center.*

Re-number accordingly.

Proponent Details	Contact Information
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Rule Change Intent

Currently, competitions are not required to publish information regarding the level of safety and accident preparedness available to its competitors in a manner easily accessible by all. With the additional requirement to post whether competitors will have direct access to an ambulance, number of paramedics and EMTs available, and mileage to nearby hospitals, competitors will be able to make more informed decisions regarding the level of safety and accident preparedness at competitions. It is important to be transparent with safety information for members as they prepare for the competition season.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> safety information

## Committee Actions

### ADS

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

### AHA

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

### AHHS

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

### American Saddlebred

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 11/14/2018

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** This information is currently posted at the show office and around the show grounds. Much of the information changes from the time the prize list is published until the show is conducted so the information printed often times is incorrect.

### AMHA

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

### Andalusian/Lusitano

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 10/29/2018

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** Exhibitors do not necessarily have a printed copy of the competition prize list with them at all times during the competition. The committee suggests rather than making this a requirement for prize lists, encourage competition managers to post this information in the show office or a high traffic area.

### Arabian

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

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** Concern was raised that if certain information is listed in the prize list, such as the EMT's working, and then that changes prior to the show or once the show starts, the show is then liable and/or will have to post corrections. Concern was also raised that the show may be penalized for any information that would be incorrect due to possible changes.

### ARHPA

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

### ASHA

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

### Breeds/Disciplines

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

### Carriage Pleasure Driving

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 11/12/2018

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** Concern this information if listed in prize list would not be current at the competition. Suggest that the current posting at the show office would be more complete.

### Competition Management

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

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** Too onerous and could be incorrect at the time the prize list is printed

### Connemara

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

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** This is an unnecessary burden for competitions.

### Council - Admin & Finance

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 12/18/2018

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** All of this information is currently posted, some of it is impractical, and a lot of it will not be known at the time the prize list is printed.

### Council - Intl Discipline

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 12/20/2018

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** Support the comments made by the International discipline Sport Committees.

### Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 12/18/2018

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** The National Committees raised concern that the information provided when the prize list is posted versus when the show starts can change, exhibitors don't always have prize lists at the show and some officials are not known when the prize list goes out.

### Dressage

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 11/29/2018

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** While the intent of the rule change is good, we believe that this would be better placed on the Accident Preparedness Plan posted in the show office or in another visible area. Also, this information would be incorrect at the time the prize list is printed.

### Driving

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

### Endurance

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

### English Pleasure

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

### Eventing

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 11/13/2018

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** Would approve if items b,c,d were removed. Most managements are not able to know ahead of time the exact number as well as makes the management liable in the event false information is reported in the prize list.

### Friesian

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 10/25/2018

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** Concern was raised that in an emergency people will not look for the prize list and that the information given could change from when the prize list is published to when the competition starts; for example the EMT's who are working, shows don't always know at the time the prize list is published who that may be.

### Hackney

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 10/31/2018

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** Committee felt this information was not necessary to be added to the prize list and it was more beneficial if it is provided at the horse show.

### Hearing Committee

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

### IFSHA

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

### Jumper

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 11/13/2018

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** JSC prefers the proposal for this same GR 901.8 in tracking 334-18.

### Licensed Officials

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 11/12/2018

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** The LOC felt this information does not need to be included within a prizelist. Also, if a competition manager does not know the number of paramedics, Advanced EMTs, or Basic EMTs, then this would be an unnecessary addition to the rulebook.

### Morgan

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 10/25/2018

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** Concern was raised because certain information may change from when the prize list is published to when the show starts; for example Hospital Trauma Levels can vary.

### National Hunter Committee

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 12/17/2018

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** The committee disapproves of this rule in favor of tracking #334-18 which would only apply to hunter/jumper competitions.

### National Show Horse

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 11/02/2018

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** Concern was raised that some of the information requested may not be available at the time the Prize List is being posted or information may change between it being posted and the first day of competition. It was also stated that when a human accident does occur, the ambulance will take the injured person to the nearest hospital regardless of trauma level.

### NSH

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

### Paso Fino

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

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** While the intent of this rule change is good, the committee feels it would be better placed on the Accident Preparedness Plan posted in the show office or in another area where exhibitors will see it.

PFHA

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments

Reining

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments

Roadster

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/12/2018

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: Committee was concerned that the information changes greatly from the time prize list is printed until the competition so the information could be out of date at the competition. Suggests that competitions continues to post information at the horse show offices.

Saddle Seat Eq

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/13/2018

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: Committee believes that it is difficult to have current information available to meet deadlines for the prize list. Committee suggests information is more timely if it is posted in show office and around the show grounds during the competition.

Safety

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/27/2018

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: While the Committee approves of the intent of this rule, the Committee feels the terms "if known" complicate the rule. The Committee would approve the proposal if points (b), (c), and (d) were amended to clarify that the minimum numbers from the applicable rules could be used or if those points were removed from the proposal.

Shetland

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 10/23/2018

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: The intent of this rule change is good; however, the committee would not like to add more requirements to prize lists which are already lengthy. The Shetland breed does not see many injuries, let alone injuries that require a Level 1 Trauma Center. The committee suggests this rule change be more breed specific.

UPHA

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments

US Saddle Seat World Cup

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments

USA Reining

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments

USDF

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments

USEA

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/13/2018

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: o Disapprove in favor of 334-18

Vaulting

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments

WDAA

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments

Welsh

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

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: Some of this information may change after the prize list is printed or be unknown at the time. Members do not always keep a copy of the prize list with them at the show.

Western Committee

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/06/2018

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: Committee felt that currently posting this information at the show office was working well and many times this information changes greatly from the time the prize list is produced until the competition.

**Draft 1:** No Action

**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 10/30/2018

**Draft 1:** No Comments

**Draft 2:** Concern was raised that the information provided when the prize list is posted versus when the show starts can change; for example a hospital's trauma level can vary. Also the point was made that with the availability of cell phones the needed information can be found faster through a phone than finding a prize list.

# HJ102 Tracking #307-18 Draft #2 Disapproved

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

**HJ102 Definitions** [CHAPTER HJ-1 COMPETITION FACILITY AND SERVICE STANDARDS INTRODUCTION TO HUNTER/JUMPER COMPETITIONS STANDARDS TYPES]

CHAPTER HJ HUNTER/JUMPER COMPETITIONS

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**HJ102 Definitions – Competition Rings, Schooling Areas, Exercise Areas & Lunge Areas, Maintenance and Judge's Site**

Depending on competition rating or level approved, additional requirements may apply.

1. —A Competition Ring is defined as a designated area on the competition grounds where classes are held for competition of hunters and/or jumpers. All competitions must provide a minimum of one (1) dedicated competition ring. When a competition ring is not being utilized for its primary purpose, it may be utilized to meet other required HJS such as exercise, lunge or schooling areas. This area must still meet the HJS for the other required use.
2. —Beginning 12/01/2011 and ending 11/30/2016, competitions may apply in writing to the Federation for a "Temporary Waiver" of the HJS size requirement of a competition ring, schooling area, exercise area and/or lunge area as set forth in the Federation HJS. A Temporary Waiver may not exceed a five percent (5%) reduction from the HJS. The Temporary Waiver must be based on facts and circumstances that are beyond the control of the competition. Any Temporary Waiver request may only be approved for the period beginning 12/01/2011 and ending 11/30/2016. Full compliance with Federation HJS for competition rings, schooling areas, exercise areas and lunge areas will be required beginning 12/01/2016.
3. —A Schooling Area is defined as a designated area on the competition grounds in close proximity to the competition ring in which horses are being prepared to compete.
4. —An Exercise Area is defined as a designated area on the competition grounds in which horses at the competition may be exercised both on the flat and over fences.
5. —A Lunge Area is defined as a designated area on the competition ground that is used primarily to lunge horses.
6. —Horses cannot be required to be exhibited in the competition ring or schooled in the designated schooling areas before sunrise or after sunset unless lighting in accordance with HJ102.6 and GR834.2 is provided that assures full and complete visibility.
7. —Lighting which provides full and complete visibility for a safe working environment for horses and personnel must be provided if any of these areas (competition ring, schooling area, exercise area and lunge area) are open for use between sunset and sunrise.
8. —A Judge's site with climate appropriate protection from adverse weather conditions and seating must be provided at each competition ring or other judging location.
9. —Water trucks, sprinklers, snow removal or another climate appropriate system(s) must be used to address climate related conditions including, but not limited to, dust reduction for all required and provided rings, schooling, exercise and lunge areas.

**HJ103 Footing for Competition Rings, Schooling Areas, Exercise Areas & Lunge Areas**

{See HJ114 for additional requirements when the Horse Entry Numbers exceed five hundred (500) and/or licensed series of competitions are scheduled for a period of twenty-one (21) days or more without a break of at least five (5) consecutive calendar days}.

Depending on competition rating or level approved, additional requirements may apply.

1. —The footing in all rings, schooling rings, exercise areas and lunge areas must be safe, consistent and appropriate for the intended use and type of competition. These areas must be properly maintained at least daily, and more often depending upon use and weather conditions.
2. —Competition management is required to make an effort to maintain the best possible footing in competition, schooling, and exercise and lunge areas. Provisions must be made (by having on hand functioning proper equipment and scheduling sufficient breaks in the schedule) to maintain the footing in those areas throughout the competition by dragging, watering, and raking, if necessary.

**HJ104 HJS Support and/or Stabling Facilities**

Depending on competition rating or level approved, additional requirements may apply.

1. —When provided, stalls must be of sturdy construction, in good condition and safe for horses and ponies. Prize list must specify type of stabling and type of stabling flooring. Stall doors must be provided. The recommended minimum dimensions for box stalls for horses are 9'6" wide by 9'6" deep or comparable square footage with a minimum ceiling height of 7'0". It is essential that the covering over the stalls is weatherproof.
2. —If stabling is provided, each fifty (50) occupied stalls must be provided with one sharps container for the disposal of needles and other disposable sharp instruments. These containers must be placed in convenient locations in barns housing competition horses. If stabling is not provided, competition management must place a minimum of one sharps container for every seventy-five (75) horses entered the previous year in visible and convenient locations.
3. —It is competition management's responsibility to replace sharps containers when full and dispose of them properly. Competition management may fine any individuals including trainers, owners, exhibitors, or their agents up to \$100 for improper disposal of needles or other sharp disposable instruments.
4. —If local law has more stringent requirements than above relating to sharps containers or disposal, local law will prevail. Competitions failing to comply with placing the required number of containers on the competition grounds will be considered in violation of the rules and may be subject to penalty as determined by the CEO or his designee and/or the Hearing Committee.
5. —The lighting in the barns and stabling areas must be adequate to provide a safe working environment for horses and personnel.
6. —A minimum of one (1) horse wash area with an operational water outlet and proper drainage for each fifty (50) horses entered in the prior year.
7. —When stabling is provided, trash and manure must be removed to the designated dumping area(s) daily or placed in adequate sanitary containment facility. When no stabling is provided there must be a designated trash and manure dumping area(s).

**HJ105 HJ102 Other Competition Standards Requirements**

Depending on competition rating or level approved, additional requirements may apply.

1. — Convenient and ample water facilities for horses and potable water for human consumption must be provided and available at all times.
2. — A minimum of one (1) clean and sanitary restroom (water closet) either portable or permanent must be provided for every fifty (50) horses entered in the previous year and must be cleaned and supplied daily.
3. — At least one (1) food and beverage service must be available on the competition grounds beginning thirty (30) minutes prior to start of first scheduled class and ending one (1) hour prior to the conclusion of the competition for each day of the competition. The food and beverage service must be adequate to meet the needs of those that attended in the prior year. Vending machines do not qualify.
4. — Adequate parking areas for vans, trailers, competitors and officials must be provided.
5. — A level surface area for measurement (if there are divisions that require measurement) in accordance with GR507.
6. — A competition office with adequate staff to process workload in a timely manner.
7. — Communication between secretary, Stewards, announcer, in-gate, all competition rings and stables (if applicable) must be provided.
8. — Subject to local law and/or management's specifications as published in both prize list and on entry form, any owner or trainer on the grounds of a competition must be permitted to haul in hay, grain and bedding for their own horses.
9. — An owner or trainer may utilize a farrier or veterinarian of their choice. It is the responsibility of the owner or trainer or competitor to advise the competition if they intend to bring their own vet or farrier onto the grounds.
10. — Management must provide emergency telephone numbers plus directions to the competition which may be quickly relayed to the offsite responder. If no cell phone service is available a land line with twenty-four (24) hour access must be provided. This information must be posted outside the horse show office and printed in the prize list.
11. — Information regarding the use of motorized vehicles (golf carts, motorbikes, scooters, etc.) must be included in the prize list.
12. — Adequate and knowledgeable jump crew, in-gate, and other personnel to assist in the operation of the competition.

## **SUBCHAPTER HJ- 2 RATINGS & HORSE ENTRY NUMBER STANDARDS**

### **HJ406 HJ102 HJ Competition Standards (HJS) are Specific Only to Regular Competition Classification and Ratings as Defined Below**

HJ406 does not apply to Local competitions. All Local competitions must meet the Basic Standards set forth in HJ100 through HJ405 **HJ107**. Regardless of rating, additional requirements apply (HJ444 **HJ108**) when Horse Entry Numbers exceed five hundred (500) and/or licensed series of competitions are scheduled for a period of twenty-one (21) days or more without a break of at least five (5) consecutive calendar days.

***A competition must apply for an exception to any competition standard outlined in HJ105-HJ108 if management is unable to remedy facility limitations or space constraints due to extenuating circumstances at the facility, beyond reasonable control of competition management. The application for exception must be submitted at the same time as the competition's license application or license renewal on a form provided by the Federation.***

### **HJ407 HJ103 Definitions**

1. Definitions.
  - a. Rated Hunter competitions are classified as Premier, National, Regional I, or Regional II. Unrated competitions are classified as Local.
  - b. Jumper competitions are designated as Levels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 based upon prize money. See JP104.
  - c. Rated competitions offering hunter only, or both hunter and jumper will be subject to HJS set forth under the Premier, National, Regional I and Regional II hunter rating.
  - d. HJS for a jumper only competition will be:
    1. Standards set forth under Premier required for Jumper Levels 5 and 6
    2. Standards set forth under National required for Jumper Levels 3 and 4
    3. Standards set forth under Regional I required for Jumper Level 2
    4. Standards set forth under Local required for Jumper Level 1
  - e. Federation Special competitions or Jumper Level 6 competitions may be subject to a Federation approved waiver (GR309) or other modification of a portion of the Standards (including HJS), in connection with the Special competition approval.
2. Whenever two (2) Standards are applicable to a competition, the entire competition is to achieve the highest Standard applicable to any portion of the competition.
3. For multi-breed competitions (see HJ101) which contain hunter and/or jumper sections, and for local competitions when operating within an existing rated hunter and/or jumper competition, the highest applicable HJS for any portion of the hunter and/or jumper competition is to be applied to the entire hunter and/or jumper discipline sections only.
4. ***All competitions must state their competition rating and/or level clearly on the cover of the prize list.***

### **HJ408 HJ104 HJS Competition Standards Horse Entry & Renewal**

1. Number of Horse Entries Required for HJ Competition Rating.
2. No minimum horse entry number is required to achieve the rating for jumper competitions. Prize money is the alternative criteria required for a jumper rating.
3. Competitions restricted to only conducting Breeding classes are exempt from the Horse Entry standard requirement.
4. Two day National Junior/Amateur restricted competitions will have a Horse Entry Number requirement of fifty (50). Competitions which utilize only one (1) competition ring or which offer only hunter and equitation classes (no jumper classes) will have a Horse Entry Number requirement as follows: Premier – seventy-five (75), National – fifty (50), Regional I – thirty-five (35) and Regional II – twenty (20).
5. Rating and Horse Entry Numbers.  
(See HJ444 **HJ108** for additional HJS requirements)  
Required number of Horse Entries for Regular or Local competition Classification rated hunter or hunter/jumper are:
  - a. Number of horse entries required for a Premier rated hunter or HJ competition is a minimum of two hundred (200).
  - b. Number of horse entries required for a National rated hunter or HJ competition is a minimum of seventy-five (75).
  - c. Number of horse entries required for a Regional I rated hunter or HJ competition is a minimum of fifty (50).
  - d. Number of horse entries required for a Regional II rated hunter or HJ competition is a minimum of twenty-five (25).
  - e. There is no minimum number of horse entries required for a Local competition.
  - f. For the required number of hunter classes per rating for hunter sections see GR312.6.

6. Horse Entry Number Determination and License Renewal Requirements.

The HJS Horse Entry Number (~~HJ108~~ **HJ104**) is based on the number of horses entered as determined by drug fees paid for the prior year. Horses used in equitation classes are included in the number of horses entered

7. New Competition or New Rating Horse Entry Requirement.

During the first three (3) years of a competition, the minimum number of horse entries is determined based upon the minimum number of horse entries required for the rating applied for by the Licensee and approved by the Federation. During one (1) of the first three (3) years for a competition that is new, or for a competition that is held at a new rating, the minimum Horse Entry Number (~~HJ108~~ **HJ104**) for the competition must be achieved

8. Renewal Competition Horse Entry Number Rating Requirements.

a. For competitions with three (3) or more years of operation, a competition License may be renewed if they have achieved the HJS Horse Entry Number in at least two (2) of the last three (3) years. The License renewal may be delayed until the completion of the last competition of the existing License, if it is in the best interest of the competition to achieve the HJS Horse Entry Number required for renewal. The other HJS that are applied to a competition must be achieved every year in order to maintain the Rating/Level.

b. If the required minimum HJS Horse Entry Number is not achieved during the period set forth, then the competition will be provided with a License at a lower rating consistent with the Horse Entry Numbers achieved. The Licensee may continue to conduct a competition at the same location and on the same dates at the new Rating and/or Level in accordance with (~~HJ108~~ **HJ104**) and subject to achieving other HJS required for the Rating or Level.

9. Renewal License Request at a Higher HJS Horse Entry Number Requirement. Any higher rating for a competition may only occur upon application by the Licensee and approval of the Federation in accordance with established license procedures. When a competition is approved to receive a license for a higher rating they must conduct at least three (3) competitions at the new rating before they may again apply for a higher rating

10. Renewal License Request at a Lower HJS Horse Entry Number or Other HJS Requirement. If the competition Licensee is not able to, or does not wish to, meet the applicable HJS to continue their current rating, the Licensee may request and receive a License at a lower rating, subject to meeting the applicable HJS for the new rating and Federation approval.

11. Renewal License Process Review.

The Federation, in its sole discretion, may determine that a competition has been adversely affected in the competition's ability to achieve the HJS as a result of an unforeseen or unavoidable occurrence. If this unusual occurrence adversely impacts the number of horses entered in the competition, the Federation will not consider the affected competition year in determining renewal rating eligibility. In order for the Federation to make their determination, facts must be reported in writing by competition management to the Federation Competitions Department prior to the earlier of the third day or end of writing by competition management to the Federation Competitions Department prior to the earlier of the third day or end of the licensed competition. Unforeseen or unavoidable occurrences may include Acts of God. The Federation, in its sole discretion, may audit competitions to determine that they are faithfully compliant with the HJS Horse Entry Number Requirement. If a competition is found to be non-compliant due to inclusion of inaccurate information in the competition report or other reports to the Federation, Licensee is subject to immediate revocation of all licenses.

### **SUBCHAPTER HJ-3 REQUIREMENTS TO OBTAIN RATING**

#### ***US Equestrian Minimum Requirements for Hunter Jumper Competitions***

#### **HJ105 Safety and Welfare**

##### **1. Definitions**

a) **Potable Water:** *Convenient and ample water for horses and potable water for human consumption must be free and available at all times. If the facility cannot provide adequate potable water or runs out of potable water, management must provide an alternate water source as soon as possible. If the competition has been without ample water for horses for four consecutive hours, the competition must be halted until water is available.*

b) **Restrooms:** *A minimum of one operable, sanitary restroom must be provided for every fifty (50) horses entered the prior year. A restroom is a fully-enclosed space with a lockable door containing a functioning toilet and stocked toilet paper dispensers. Men's restrooms may contain urinals. If the restroom is permanent, toilets must flush, hand soap must be provided, and operable sinks that dispense potable water must be provided. All restrooms must be stocked daily, or more often depending on use, and must be cleaned and thoroughly sanitized daily, or more often to prevent the accumulation of debris in undesignated areas.*

c) **Accident Preparedness:** *An operable landline or cell phone must be reserved and accessible at all times for the purposes of contacting emergency personnel. The following information must be posted outside the show office, and readily available to anyone on the competition grounds:*

1. ***All 24-hour telephone numbers for horse and human emergencies;***
2. ***Map of competition grounds;***
3. ***Directions from competition to nearest hospital and equine veterinary center;***
4. ***Facility address; and***
5. ***GPS coordinates of facility address.***

d) **Safe Sport Information Signage:** *Signage provided by USEF detailing information regarding Safe Sport practices and reporting procedures must be posted in the show office.*

e) **Veterinarian:**

i. The official competition veterinarian must be on grounds or on call with a contractual written agreement stating that the veterinarian will be on the grounds or on call during the competition. The contractual agreement must be signed by competition management and the veterinarian who will be on duty. A veterinarian is required on grounds if the competition meets the following criteria and/or rating:

1. All Premier rated and/or Jumper Level 5/6 competitions;
2. A competition in which the previous year's horse entry number exceeds 200 (HU114 and JP105.5); or
3. A first-year multi-day competition with 'A' rated sections.

ii. If required on site based on rating, the official competition veterinarian must be provided with a clean area that is protected from the elements and secured from public view to serve as a first aid station or emergency treatment area of ill and injured horses. The first aid area must be lighted, supplied with electricity and running water, and large enough to provide a suitable and safe working environment. See GR1211.4 for additional requirements.

iii. An owner or trainer may utilize a veterinarian of their choice without being subjected to an additional fee from the competition for doing so. It is the responsibility of the owner, trainer, or competitor to advise the competition if they intend to bring their own veterinarian onto the grounds at any time.

f) Farrier: If required on-site based on rating, the official competition farrier must be provided with a clean area protected from the elements with a level surface. The farrier area must be lighted, supplied with electricity and access to water, and large enough to provide a suitable and safe working environment.

i. An owner or trainer may utilize a farrier of their choice without being subjected to an additional fee from the competition for doing so. It is the responsibility of the owner, trainer, or competitor to advise the competition if they intend to bring their own farrier onto the grounds.

g) Human Ambulance: A medical vehicle used to respond to medical emergencies and to transport medical patients to the hospital for treatment. Emergency medical service calls must be placed in accordance with applicable local Health Department statutes and regulations.

h) Qualified Medical Personnel: See GR848.

i) Emergency Horse Transport: An operational vehicle with a designated driver dedicated to the transportation of equines on and/or from the property in the instance of an equine injury or emergency. If the horse ambulance consists of a trailer, the trailer must be sized for horses, equipped with a ramp, and properly attached to an operational towing vehicle with a designated driver throughout the competition.

j) Automated External Defibrillator (AED): An automated external defibrillator (AED) must be operable and placed in a designated, safe location. All qualified medical personnel must be informed of the AED's location prior to the start of competition.

## 2. Minimum Requirements

Minimum Requirements to Obtain Rating	Local Jumper 1	Regional II	Regional I Jumper 2	National Jumper 3/4	Premier Jumper 5/6
Potable Water	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Restrooms	1 per 50 horses entered	1 per 50 horses entered	1 per 50 horses entered	1 per 50 horses entered	1 per 50 horses entered
Accident Preparedness	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Safe Sport Information Signage	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Veterinarian (GR1211.4, HU114 and JP105.5)	On call w/ written agreement unless: 1) previous year's horse entry number exceeds 200	On call w/ written agreement; for exception see HJ105.1e	On call w/ written agreement; for exception see HJ105.1e	On call w/ written agreement; for exception see HJ105.1e	Onsite w/ written agreement
Farrier (GR1211.5)	On call w/ written agreement	On call w/ written agreement	On call w/ written agreement	Onsite for entire competition	Onsite for entire competition
Human Ambulance (GR848)	On call	On call	On call	On call	On call

Qualified Medical Personnel (GR848)	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Emergency Horse Transport	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Onsite for entire competition
AED	n/a	Required	Required	Required	Required

**HJ106 Riding and Lunging Areas.**

1. Each riding and lunging area must be clearly labeled with signs indicating whether the area is open or closed, in accordance with the competition schedule. Riding or lunging may not occur in a riding or lunging area that has been closed for use. Lunging is not permitted in the same area in which horses are being ridden; riding is not permitted in the same area in which horses are being lunged. The prize list must specify the dimensions of each riding and lunging area at the facility.

2. Definitions.

a. **Competition Ring:** An area designated with signage and a barrier, with a gate or space for entry and exit, on competition grounds where classes are held for competition of hunters and/or jumpers. All competitions must provide a minimum of one dedicated competition ring. Competition rings may be utilized as an exercise, lunge, or schooling area when not being used for its primary purpose if the ring meets the sizing requirements for each area.

b. **Main Competition Ring:** The main competition ring is defined as a competition ring for hunters and/or jumpers which takes priority scheduling over all other competition rings, or holds the class with the largest amount of prize money, and has designated seating for spectators and riders. If one competition ring (defined above) is provided, it will serve as the main competition ring.

c. **Schooling Area or Warm-up Area:** A designated area on the competition grounds in which horses are being prepared to compete. A schooling area is required to be designated with signage and on the facility map for each competition ring, and located in close proximity to the competition ring it serves. Schooling areas must be available one hour prior to the start of the first scheduled class until the end of the last scheduled class in the competition ring for which the schooling area is designated.

d. **Exercise Area:** A designated area on the competition grounds in which horses at the competition may be exercised, or lessons may be held, both on the flat and over fences.

e. **Lunging Area:** An area designated on the competition grounds that is used to safely lunge horses on the flat only.

f. **Lighting:** Lighting must provide full and complete visibility for a safe working environment for horses and personnel if competition rings, schooling areas, exercise areas, and lunge areas are open for use between sunset and sunrise. Horses cannot be required to be exhibited in the competition ring or schooled in the designated schooling areas before sunrise or after sunset unless lighting in accordance with GR 834.2 is provided that assures full and complete visibility.

g. **A Judge's Site or Judge's Booth:** A judge's site must offer climate appropriate protection from adverse weather conditions, seating, and visibility of the area being judged. Judges' sites must be provided at each competition ring and all other judging locations.

h. **Footing:** The footing in all competition rings, schooling rings, exercise areas and lunge areas must be safe, consistent and appropriate for the intended use and type of competition. These areas must be properly maintained at least daily, and more often depending upon use and weather conditions. Plans and knowledgeable maintenance staff must be in place to monitor the safety of the footing in all riding and lunging areas. Competition licensee or manager must develop a tentative footing maintenance plan for all competition rings, schooling/warm-up areas, exercise areas, and lunging areas prior to and during competition. The maintenance plan should include the type of footing, planned maintenance for each area, weather contingencies, personnel and equipment, and any breaks in the schedule for maintenance.

i. Competition management is required to make appropriate efforts to maintain the best possible footing in competition, schooling, and exercise and lunge areas. Provisions must be made (by having on hand functioning proper equipment and scheduling sufficient breaks in the schedule) to maintain the footing in those areas throughout the competition by dragging, watering, and raking, if necessary.

ii. Water trucks, sprinklers, snow removal, or other climate appropriate system(s) must be used to address climate related conditions, including dust reduction for all riding and lunging areas.

iii. Horses are not permitted in riding and lunging areas while the areas are being serviced by motorized equipment.

i. **Competitor and Spectator Seating:** Bleachers, benches, or chairs available adjacent to the main competition ring. Seating must be well-constructed, in good condition, and safe for use.

j. **Shelter for Horses & Riders:** At least one permanent or temporary structure with the capacity to comfortably and safely cover horses and riders and provide protection from sunlight and extreme temperatures. The shelters must be located adjacent to a schooling area or competition ring. Shelters must be well-constructed, in good condition, safe for use, and anchored securely to the ground in order to withstand wind.

k. **Ring Staff:** Jump crew must be assigned to each competition ring in which jumps are used, to replace fences that were knocked down, help with course setting, rake or tamp footing, and aid in the event of an accident or emergency. In-gate personnel must be assigned to each competition ring to ensure the competition runs on schedule and must be equipped with a legible schedule and entry list for each class.

3. Minimum Requirements to Obtain Rating

<b>Minimum Requirements to Obtain Rating</b>	<b>Local Jumper 1</b>	<b>Regional II</b>	<b>Regional I Jumper 2</b>	<b>National Jumper 3/4</b>	<b>Premier Jumper 5/6</b>	<b>Additional Requirements for competitions that meet requirements of HJ108 - Outdoor</b>	<b>Additional Requirements for competitions that meet requirements of HJ108 - Indoor</b>
<b>Main Competition Ring</b>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required</i>
<b>Competition Ring – 1 Outdoor</b>	<i>20,000 Sq. Feet</i>	<i>20,000 Sq. Feet</i>	<i>24,000 Sq. Feet</i>	<i>28,000 Sq. Feet</i>	<i>28,000 Sq. Feet</i>	<i>Not applicable</i>	<i>Not applicable</i>
<b>Competition Ring – 1 Indoor</b>	<i>14,000 Sq. Feet</i>	<i>14,000 Sq. Feet</i>	<i>16,000 Sq. Feet</i>	<i>18,000 Sq. Feet</i>	<i>20,000 Sq. Feet</i>	<i>Not applicable</i>	<i>Not applicable</i>
<b>Designated Schooling Area for each Competition Ring</b>	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required</i>
<b>Schooling Area 1</b>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>45,000 Sq. Feet</i>	<i>30,000 Sq. Feet</i>
<b>Exercise Area – 1 Outdoor</b>	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required</i>	<i>16,000 Sq. Feet</i>	<i>20,000 Sq. Feet</i>	<i>24,000 sq. ft.</i>	<i>Combined w/ lunging area requirement</i>	<i>Combined w/ lunging area requirement</i>
<b>Exercise Area – 1 Indoor</b>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>18,000 Sq. Feet</i>	<i>18,000 sq. ft.</i>	<i>Not applicable</i>	<i>Not applicable</i>
<b>Lunging Area</b>	<i>2,500 sq. ft.</i>	<i>2,500 sq. ft.</i>	<i>10,000 Sq. Feet</i>	<i>10,000 Sq. Feet</i>	<i>15,000 Sq. Feet</i>	<i>45,000 Sq. Feet + additional 10,000 sq. ft. per 100 horses</i>	<i>30,000 Sq. Feet + additional 10,000 sq. ft. per 100 horses</i>
<b>Lighting</b>	<i>Required if night or early morning classes are held</i>	<i>Required if night or early morning classes are held</i>	<i>Required if night or early morning classes are held</i>	<i>Required if night or early morning classes are held</i>	<i>Required if night or early morning classes are held</i>	<i>Required if night or early morning classes are held</i>	<i>Required if night or early morning classes are held</i>
<b>Judges' Site</b>	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required</i>		
<b>Footing</b>	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required</i>		
<b>Competitor &amp; Spectator Seating</b>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>Seating for at least 25 individuals at main competition ring</i>	<i>Seating for at least 50 individuals at main competition ring</i>	<i>Seating for at least 100 individuals at main competition ring</i>		
<b>Shelter for Horses &amp;</b>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>Required</i>		

Riders                    I/A                    I/A                    I/A                    I/A                    Required

Ring Staff              Required              Required              Required              Required              Required

**HJ107 Facilities.**

**1. Definitions**

**a. Parking Areas:** Parking areas for vans, trailers, competitors, spectators, and officials must be provided. Parking for spectators and competitors must be designated with signage. Vehicles must be parked in designated areas that do not impede foot, horse, or vehicle routes.

**b. Level Measurement Area:** A level surface area for measurement (if there are divisions that require measurement) in accordance with HJ140.

**c. Lighting in Stabling:** The lighting in the barns and stabling areas provided by the competition must provide a safe environment for horses and clear visibility for people.

**d. Waste Containment and Removal:** Competitions must remove and dispose of animal, human, and trash waste as necessary to maintain a sanitary environment. Manure and trash containment areas or receptacles must be placed in convenient areas throughout the facility. Manure or trash containment areas or receptacles must not obstruct foot or vehicle traffic routes or be placed in areas where fluids accumulate.

**e. Sharps Containers:** A sharps container is made of puncture-resistant plastic with leak-resistant sides and bottom. They have a tight fitting, puncture-resistant lid which does not allow sharps to come out of the container. Sharps containers must be properly labeled to warn of hazardous waste inside the container.

**i. If stabling is provided, each fifty (50) occupied stalls must be provided with one sharps container for the disposal of needles and other disposable sharp instruments. These containers must be placed in visible, accessible, and convenient locations in barns housing competition horses. If stabling is not provided, competition management must place a minimum of one sharps container for every seventy-five (75) horses entered the previous year in visible, accessible, and convenient locations.**

**ii. It is competition management's responsibility to dispose of contents of sharps containers when the container is three-quarters (3/4) full, in accordance with community guidelines for proper disposal methods. Competition management may fine any individuals including trainers, owners, exhibitors, or their agents up to \$100 for improper disposal of needles or other sharp disposable instruments.**

**iii. If local law has more stringent requirements than above relating to sharps containers or disposal, local law will prevail. Competitions that fail to place the required number of containers on the competition grounds or dispose of the contents properly will be considered in violation of the rules and may be subject to penalty as determined by the CEO or his designee and/or the Hearing Committee.**

**f. Stabling:** When provided, stalls must be of sturdy construction, in good condition, well-ventilated, dry, and safe for horses and ponies. Prize list must specify the type of stabling and type of stabling flooring. Trash, debris, and hazardous materials must be removed from every stall prior to occupation. If a safety issue is identified and brought to management's attention, management must address the issue as soon as possible. Functional and durable stall doors must be properly attached to every stall. Doors of occupied stalls cannot be obstructed. Aisles must be sized so that the stall doors across from each other can open concurrently to the widest point without touching. The minimum dimensions for box stalls containing horses and ponies are 9'6" wide by 9'6" deep with a minimum wall height of 7'0". The covering over the stalls must be weatherproof, properly secured, and in good repair.

**i. Subject to local law, any owner or trainer on the grounds of a competition must be permitted to haul in hay, grain and bedding for their own horses, in accordance with the times and any specifications published in the prize list and on the entry form. Hay, grain, and bedding cannot be resold for commercial purposes by competition participants.**

**ii. Overnight stabling, on the competition grounds, must be provided for any accepted and confirmed entry in a section held on multiple days that has requested and paid for the stall(s) by the closing date of entries. Subject to competition management approval, additional entries may be accepted without stalls with exhibitor prior consent.**

**g. Public Address (PA) System:** An electronic system comprising microphones and amplifiers used for the purpose of making announcements on competition grounds. The PA system must be audible and clear in all areas of the facility.

**i. Competition management must test all communication systems prior to the start of competition to ensure that each component is operable, charged, and offers clear and consistent communication in all areas of the facility. Faulty components must be repaired or replaced prior to the start of competition.**

**h. Portable Communication Devices:** The following people must be equipped with an operable communication device, such as handheld transceivers or personal cell phones, during each licensed competition day

**i. All licensed officials;**

**ii. Main secretary(ies);**

**iii. Safety coordinator;**

**iv. At least one qualified medical employee;**

**v. Competition manager and/or facility manager;**

**vi. The official on-site veterinarian, if applicable;**

**vi. The official on-site farrier, if applicable; and**

**vii. Anyone serving a role critical to the efficient operation of the competition.**

If communication devices are provided by competition management, competition management must ensure that all communication systems are operable, charged, and offer clear and consistent communication in all areas of the facility. Faulty components must be repaired or replaced prior to the start of competition.

i. **Night Watch:** Security and monitoring service offered to exhibitors, which must be available to contract at an additional cost, for horses stabled on the grounds.

j. **24-Hour Facility Security:** Security personnel in place to protect the facility against unauthorized entry and respond to emergencies.

k. **Horse Wash Areas:** A minimum of one horse wash area for each fifty (50) horses entered in the prior year must be available. Each horse wash area must have an operational water spigot, hose, and properly maintained drainage, so that water drains away from the wash area and stabling into a routed area or storm drain.

l. **Competition Office & Staff:** Office must be operated with enough staff to process workload in a timely manner. Office must keep current and accurate records of event participants, staff and officials, and contact information. The competition office must clearly state its hours of operation outside the office on each licensed day.

m. **Results Posted:** Results must be available at the show office or on the internet within four hours of the conclusion of the section.

n. **Competition Website:** The competition website must provide current information and resources applicable to the facility and competition, including prize list, entry form or access to online entry system, updated schedules, class entry numbers, competitor services, facility map, and any other relevant information useful to competitors and trainers.

o. **Online Entry System:** The online entry system must meet all requirements for USEF competition entries.

p. **Electrical Outlets in Stabling:** If provided, electrical outlets or receptacles must comply with applicable sections of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), National Electrical Code, National Electrical Safety Code, and state-adopted electrical codes.

q. **Separate Motor Vehicle and Horse Traffic:** In high traffic areas, well-maintained paths must be in place throughout the facility that separate motor vehicles from horses and pedestrians and designated with legible signage.

r. **Drainage System:** Drains must be in place at each stabling area and wash area so that water drains away from stabling into a routed area or storm drain. Each must be operable, safe, well-maintained, and cleared periodically, to prevent the accumulation of rain and ground water.

s. **Food and Beverage Service:** At least one staffed food and beverage service area must be available on the competition grounds. Hours of operation must be posted and announcements notifying exhibitors of closing times must be made at least one hour prior to closing.

## 2. Minimum Requirements to Obtain Rating

Minimum Requirements to Obtain Rating	Local Jumper 1	Regional II	Regional I Jumper 2	National Jumper 3/4	Premier Jumper 5/6
Parking	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Level Measurement Area(HJ140)	Required if classes that require measurement are offered	Required if classes that require measurement are offered	Required if classes that require measurement are offered	Required if classes that require measurement are offered	Required if classes that require measurement are offered
Lighting in Stabling	Required if stabling is offered	Required if stabling is offered	Required if stabling is offered	Required if stabling is offered	Required if stabling is offered
Waste Containment and Removal	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Sharps Containers	1 container per 50 occupied stalls or 1 container per 75 horses entered	1 container per 50 occupied stalls or 1 container per 75 horses entered	1 container per 50 occupied stalls or 1 container per 75 horses entered	1 container per 50 occupied stalls	1 container per 50 occupied stalls
Stabling	n/a	n/a	n/a	Required	Required



<b>Public Address System</b>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<b>Required</b>	<b>Required</b>
<b>Portable Communication Devices</b>	<i>n/a</i>	<b>Required</b>	<b>Required</b>	<b>Required</b>	<b>Required</b>
<b>Night Watch</b>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<b>Required</b>	<b>Required</b>
<b>24-Hour Facility Security</b>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<b>Required</b>
<b>Horse Wash Areas</b>	<b>Required</b>	<b>Required</b>	<b>Required</b>	<b>Required</b>	<b>Required</b>
<b>Competition Office &amp; Staff</b>	<b>Required</b>	<b>Required</b>	<b>Required</b>	<b>Required</b>	<b>Required</b>
<b>Results Posted</b>	<i>n/a</i>	<b>Required</b>	<b>Required</b>	<b>Required</b>	<b>Required</b>
<b>Competition Website</b>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<b>Required</b>	<b>Required</b>
<b>Online Entry System</b>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<b>Required</b>
<b>Electrical Outlets in Stabling</b>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<b>Required</b>
<b>Separate Motor Vehicle and Horse Traffic</b>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<b>Required if 500+ horses entered in previous year</b>
<b>Drainage System</b>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<b>Required</b>	<b>Required</b>
<b>Food/Beverage Service</b>	<b>Required</b>	<b>Required</b>	<b>Required</b>	<b>Required – hot and cold</b>	<b>Required – Hot and cold</b>

**HJ109 HJS Requirements to Obtain Federation Local and/or Jumper Level 1 Rating**

1. — All Local and/or Jumper Level 1 competitions must meet the Basic Standards set forth in HJ100 through HJ105.
2. — All Local hunter only, or hunter/jumper competitions do not have a minimum HJS Horse Entry Number requirement.
3. — All jumper only Level 1 and Local competitions have no HJS Horse Entry Number requirement to achieve their rating. Prize money is the alternative criteria required for a jumper rating. See JP104.
4. — A minimum of one (1) competition ring of at least 20,000 square feet when using an outdoor ring and/or a minimum of one (1) competition ring of at least 14,000 square feet when using an indoor ring.
5. — A minimum of one (1) dedicated schooling area that is not being used at the time as an exercise area or lunge area for the period beginning one (1) hour prior to the start of the first scheduled class in the competition ring and ending at the end of the last class in the competition ring. When utilizing an indoor ring as a competition ring, the competition may use schooling breaks between sections within the competition schedule for each day to comply with this Standards requirement.
6. — An exercise area must be available for at least one (1) hour during each calendar day between the hours of sunrise and sunset unless lighted as specified in HJ102.6.
7. — A minimum of one (1) lunge area not being used at the time as competition rings, schooling areas and/or exercise areas must be available for at least one (1) hour during each calendar day between the hours of sunrise and sunset unless lighted as specified in HJ102.6.

**HJ110 HJS Requirements to Obtain Federation Regional II Rating**

1. — All Regional II rated competitions must meet the Basic Standards set forth in HJ100 through HJ105.
2. — All Regional II rated hunter only, or hunter/jumper competitions must have the minimum required number of twenty-five (25) horse entries, in accordance with HJ108.
3. — A minimum of one (1) competition ring of at least 20,000 square feet when using an outdoor ring, and/or a minimum of one (1) competition ring of at least 14,000 square feet when using an indoor ring.
4. — A minimum of one (1) dedicated schooling area that is not being used at the time as an exercise area or lunge area for the period beginning

one (1) hour prior to the start of the first scheduled class in the competition ring and ending at the end of the last class in the competition ring. When utilizing an indoor ring as a competition ring, the competition may use schooling breaks between sections within the competition schedule for each day to comply with this Standards requirement.

5. —An exercise area must be available for at least two (2) contiguous hours within each calendar day between the hours of sunrise and sunset unless lighted as specified in HJ102.6.
6. —A minimum of one (1) lunge area not being used at the time as competition rings, schooling areas and/or exercise areas must be available for at least one (1) hour during each calendar day between the hours of sunrise and sunset unless lighted as specified in HJ102.6.
7. —Results must be available at the show office, on the internet or other convenient identified location within four (4) hours.
8. —Licensees providing a Regional II rated competition must select and describe with their license application a minimum of ten (10) additional items (not on the required list) from HJ117, four (4) of which must be selected from Group I.
9. —Communication or public address system which provides clear announcements from the competition rings to the stabling and trailer day parking areas.

#### **HJ111 HJS Requirements to Obtain Federation Regional I Rating and/or Jumper Level 2**

1. —All Regional I rated and/or Jumper Level 2 competitions must meet the Basic Standards for all competitions set forth in HJ100 through HJ105.
2. —All Regional I rated hunter only, or hunter/jumper competitions must have the minimum required number of fifty (50) horse entries, in accordance with HJ202.
3. —All jumper only Level 2 and Local competitions have no minimum horse entry requirements to achieve their rating. Prize money is the alternative criteria required for a jumper rating. See JP104.
4. —A minimum of one (1) competition ring of at least 24,000 square feet when using an outdoor ring and/or a minimum of one (1) competition ring of at least 16,000 square feet when using an indoor ring.
5. —A minimum of one (1) dedicated schooling area that is not being used at the time as an exercise area or lunge area for the period beginning one (1) hour prior to the start of the first scheduled class in the competition ring and ending at the end of the last class in the competition ring. When utilizing an indoor ring as a competition ring, the competition may use schooling breaks between sections within the competition schedule for each day to comply with this requirement.
6. —An exercise area of at least 16,000 square feet must be available for at least three (3) contiguous hours during each calendar day during the hours of sunrise and sunset unless lighted as specified in HJ102.6.
7. —A minimum of one lunge area of at least 10,000 square feet not being used at the time as competition ring, schooling areas and/or exercise areas must be available for at least one (1) hour during each calendar day between the hours of sunrise and sunset unless lighted as specified in HJ102.6.
8. —Results must be available at the show office, on the internet or other convenient identified location within four (4) hours.
9. —Minimum bleacher type seating capacity for at least twenty five (25) must be provided at one (1) of the designated competition ring(s).
10. —Licensees providing a Regional I rated and/or jumper Level 2 competition must select and describe with their license application a minimum of ten (10) additional items (not on the required list) from HJ117, four (4) of which must be selected from Group I.
11. —Communication or public address system which provides clear announcements from the competition rings to the stabling and trailer day parking areas.

#### **HJ112 HJS Requirements to Obtain Federation National Rating and/or Jumper Levels 3 and 4**

1. —All National rated and/or Jumper Levels 3 and 4 competitions must meet the Basic Standards for all competitions set forth in HJ100 through HJ105.
2. —All National rated hunter only or hunter/jumper competitions must have the required minimum number of one hundred (100) entries, in accordance with HJ108.
3. —All jumper only Levels 3 and 4 and Local competitions have no minimum horse entry requirements to achieve their rating. Prize money is the alternative criteria required for a jumper rating. See JP104.
4. —Overnight stabling, on the competition grounds, must be provided for any accepted and confirmed entry in a section held on multiple days that has requested and paid for the stall(s) by the closing date of entries. Subject to competition management approval, additional entries may be accepted without stalls with exhibitor prior consent.
5. —Adequate hot and cold food and beverage service must be available beginning one (1) hour prior to the start of the first scheduled class and continuing until the end of the last class of each competition day. (Excludes schooling days).
6. —A minimum of one (1) competition ring of at least 28,000 square feet when using an outdoor ring and/or minimum of one (1) competition ring of at least 18,000 square feet when using an indoor ring.
7. —A minimum of one (1) schooling area that is not being used at the time as an exercise area or lunge area for the period beginning one (1) hour prior to the start of the first scheduled class in the competition ring and ending at the end of the last class in the competition ring.
8. —An exercise area of at least 20,000 square feet if outdoors and 18,000 square feet if indoors must be available for at least three (3) contiguous hours within each calendar day between the hours of sunrise and sunset unless lighted as specified in HJ102.6.
9. —A minimum of one (1) lunge area of at least 10,000 square feet not being used at the time as competition rings, schooling areas and/or exercise areas must be available for at least two (2) contiguous hours within each calendar day between the hours of sunrise and sunset unless lighted as specified in HJ102.6.
10. —Results must be available at the show office, on the internet or other convenient identified location within four (4) hours.
11. —Minimum bleacher type seating with capacity for at least fifty (50) must be provided at one (1) of the designated competition ring(s).
12. —Water trucks, sprinklers or a system which must be used for dust reduction for all required and provided rings, schooling, exercise and lunging areas as well as all access and egress paths.
13. —Sun/rain weather appropriate and properly sized to provide shelter for horses and riders conveniently located to the competitions must be provided.
14. —The official competition veterinarian must be provided with a clean stall or other suitable area, protected from the elements, secured from public view, adequately lighted, with adequate electrical supply and running water, to serve as a first aid station for the emergency treatment of ill and injured horses.
15. —Licensees providing a National Rated and/or jumper Levels 3 or 4 competition, must select and describe with their license application a minimum of sixteen (16) additional items (not on the required list for the National Rating) from HJ117, eight (8) of which must be selected from Group I.
16. —Communication or public address system which provides clear announcements from the competition rings to the stabling and trailer day parking areas.

#### **HJ113 HJS Requirements to Obtain Federation Premier Rating and/or Jumper Level 5**

1. —All Premier rated and/or Jumper Level 5 competitions must meet the Basic Standards for all competitions set forth in HJ100 through HJ105.
2. —All Premier rated hunter only, or hunter/jumper competitions must have the required minimum number of two hundred (200) horse entries, in accordance with HJ108. (See HJ114 additional requirements when horse entry numbers exceed five hundred (500) and/or licensed series of competitions are scheduled for a period of twenty-one (21) days or more without a break of at least five (5) consecutive calendar days).
3. —All jumper only Level 5 and Local competitions have no minimum horse entry requirements to achieve their rating. Prize money is the alternative criteria required for a jumper rating. See JP104.
4. —Overnight stabling, on the competition grounds, must be provided for any accepted and confirmed entry in a section held on multiple days that

has requested and paid for the stall(s) by the closing date of entries. Subject to competition management approval, additional entries may be accepted without stalls with exhibitor prior consent.

5. —Adequate hot and cold food and beverage service must be available beginning one (1) hour prior to the start of the first scheduled class and continuing until the end of the last class for each competition day. (Excludes schooling days). Vending machines do not count.
6. —A minimum of one (1) competition ring of at least 28,000 square feet when using an outdoor ring and/or a minimum of one (1) competition ring of at least 20,000 square feet when using an indoor ring. Competition ring, whether outdoor or indoor, must have designated rider stand/seating.
7. —A minimum of one (1) schooling area for each jumper competition ring and a minimum of one (1) schooling area for every two (2) hunter rings that is not being used at the time as an exercise area or lunge area for the period beginning one (1) hour prior to the start of the first scheduled class in the competition ring and ending at the end of the last class in the competition ring. A separate schooling area for hunters, jumpers and ponies must be provided if running concurrently. Any combination of exercise and schooling area must be a minimum of 30,000 square feet.
8. —An exercise area of at least 24,000 square feet if outdoors and 18,000 square feet if indoors must be available during competition hours within each calendar day between the hours of sunrise and sunset unless lighted as specified in HJ102.6. Any combination of exercise and schooling area must be a minimum of 30,000 square feet.
9. —A minimum of one (1) lunge area of at least 15,000 square feet not being used at the time as competition rings, schooling areas and/or exercise areas must be available during competition hours within each calendar day between the hours of sunrise and sunset unless lighted as specified in HJ102.6.
10. —Minimum bleacher type seating capacity for at least one hundred (100) must be provided at one (1) of the main competition ring(s).
11. —Overnight security for the purpose of deterring the removal of horses and/or equipment from the grounds must be provided. Exhibitors should recognize that it is not intended for the competitions to take responsibility for items owned by others.
12. —Competition results must be available at the show office, on the internet or other convenient identified location within four (4) hours.
13. —Water trucks, sprinklers, snow removal or other climate appropriate system must be used for dust reduction or other weather related conditions for all required and provided rings, schooling, exercise and lunging areas as well as all access and egress roads/paths.
14. —Sun/rain weather appropriate and properly sized to shelter for horses and riders conveniently located to the competition rings must be provided.
15. —The official competition veterinarian to be on grounds during periods of competition. The official competition veterinarian must be provided with a clean stall or other suitable area, protected from the elements, secured from public view, adequately lighted, with adequate electrical supply and running water, to serve as a first aid station for the emergency treatment of ill and injured horses.
16. —Premier competitions must conduct award ceremonies and designate within the prize list both a time(s) during the program and location(s) for award ceremonies.
17. —Licensees providing a Premier Rated and/or Jumper Level 5 competition must select and describe with their license application a minimum of twenty (20) additional items (not on the required list for the Premier Rating) from HJ117, ten (10) of which must be selected from each group.
18. —Communication or public address system which provides clear announcements from the competition rings to the stabling and trailer day parking areas.

#### **HJ144 HJ108 Horse Entry Numbers Exceed Five Hundred the Previous Year Based on Drug Fees Paid or Duration of Competition or Series of Competitions Exceeds Twenty-One Days without a Break of five (5) consecutive calendar days**

When Horse Entry Numbers exceed five hundred (500) the previous year based on drug fees paid or licensed series of competitions under the same license licensee are scheduled for a period of twenty-one (21) days or more without a break of at least five (5) consecutive calendar days, additional HJS must be met for exercise and lunge **lunging area** requirements. These HJS apply to all rated or combinations of rated competitions without regard to the fact that the rating may be different. When the number of horse entries and days of competition are as described herein, the following HJS requirements are in lieu of existing exercise and lunge requirements set forth as HJS for rating: Premier, National, Regional I or Regional II.

1. Outdoor competitions. When the above conditions set forth in HJ144 **HJ108** exist, the following minimum requirements must be met for exercise and lunge areas on both competition and non-competition days: Required Exercise/Lunge area 45,000 square feet.  
Additional 10,000 square feet for each increment of 100 horses. Up to a maximum total area requirement of 135,000 square feet.

a. A minimum of one (1) lunge area of at least 20,000 square feet not being used at the time as competition rings, schooling areas and/or exercise areas must be available during competition hours between the hours of sunrise and sunset. This area is considered part of the total area required for the exercise/lunge area.

b. The exercise area must be available for at least five (5) contiguous hours within each calendar day between the hours of sunrise and sunset. The exercise area schedule (if area is not always available) must be posted in the horse show office prior to the first day of competition. This area is required to be available on both competition days and during non-competition days when there are less than five (5) consecutive calendar days of break without scheduled competitions.

2. Indoor competitions. When the above conditions set forth in HJ144 **HJ108** exist, the following minimum requirements must be met for exercise and lunge areas on both competition and non-competition days.

Required Exercise/Lunge area 30,000 square feet

Additional 10,000 square feet for each increment of 100 horses

a. The exercise area and lunge area must be available for at least two (2) periods of two (2) contiguous hours between 5:00 am and 12:00 midnight, and lighted as specified in HJ101.6. This exercise area period is required to be available on days when competitions are scheduled and during non-competition days at least eight (8) contiguous hours between 5:00 am and 12:00 midnight when there are less than five (5) consecutive calendar days without scheduled competitions. Exercise areas must be lighted as specified in HJ102.6 **HJ106.2.f and GR 834.2**.

#### **HJ115 HJ109 HJS Requirements for Federation Special Competitions and/or Jumper Level 6 Events**

1. —The purpose of this rating/level category is to allow the production of a special competition entertainment Event. This Event may be held in connection with a highly promoted and attended, and/or broadcast hunter and/or jumper competition. The venue and promotion of the Event would benefit the sport of Equestrian in a manner that would reflect favorably on the discipline of hunters and/or jumpers.
2. —HJS applicable to the Event would be those set forth for a Premier competition. The special competition Event may not be required to meet all of the standards (including HJ competition standards) for a Premier hunter or jumper Level 5 competition, and a waiver may be authorized by the Federation, following consultation with the applicable Recognized Affiliate, to operate with modified standards for the Event.
3. —The purpose of this Special competition rating is not to allow a scheduled licensed competition to operate other than in accordance with the minimum standards set forth above.
4. —Special competition Event(s) may count for awards if they qualify and are approved by the Federation, following consultation with the applicable Recognized Affiliate, for the award participation.
5. —An application to conduct a Special hunter and/or jumper competition, that requires a waiver or modification of the HJS or other standards applicable to a hunter a/or jumper competition, as either part of an existing competition or a separate competition, must receive approval by the

Federation following consultation with the applicable Recognized Affiliate in accordance with GR309.

6. — Mileage protection would not apply to a Special competition, unless the Special competition occurs within an existing licensed competition that has been licensed by the Federation, and already has mileage protection. Any mileage protection must be specifically requested and approved by the Federation, following consultation with the applicable Recognized Affiliate in accordance with GR309.

#### **HJ116 HJS Options Menu Sections Required to Obtain Federation Rating for Premier, National, Regional I, or Regional II Rated and/or Jumper Levels 5, 4, 3, or 2.**

(See Specific Rating and Competition Standards Requirements)

1. — Licensees providing a Premier Rated and/or Jumper Level 5 competition must select and describe with their license application, a minimum of twenty (20) additional items (not on the required list for a Premier rated and/or jumper Level 5 competition) from HJ117, ten (10) of which must be selected from Group I.
2. — Licensees providing a National Rated and/or jumper Level 3 and 4 competition must select and describe with their license application a minimum of sixteen (16) additional items (not on the required list for a National rated and/or jumper Level 3 and 4 competition) from HJ117, eight (8) of which must be selected from Group I.
3. — Licensees providing a Regional I Rated and/or jumper Level 2 competition must select and describe with their license application a minimum of ten (10) additional items (not on the required list for a Regional I rated and/or Jumper Level 2 competition) from HJ117, four (4) of which must be selected from Group I.
4. — Licensees providing a Regional II Rated competition must select and describe with their license application a minimum of ten (10) additional items (not on the required list for a Regional II rated competition) from HJ117, four (4) of which must be selected from Group I.
5. — Licensees providing a Local competition are not required to provide any additional items from the options selection list.

#### **HJ117 HJS Option Selection List**

Rated hunter, hunter/jumper and/or jumper Levels 5, 4, 3, or 2 competitions must select and describe with their license application the required minimum number of items to be provided from optional items list below. Licensee(s) must select the number of items required for the Rating and cannot select option items already required for the competition rating.

1. — Group I — In selecting the required number of options for the rating, note that options specifically required for a particular rating do not count toward the required number of options.
  - — Sun/rain shelter for spectators.
  - — VIP hospitality and sponsor lounge
  - — Designated main competition ring for hunters and/or jumpers which takes priority scheduling over all other competition rings with designated rider stand/seating.
  - — Competition website.
  - — Night watch for horses stabled on the grounds to be available to exhibitors to contract separately, at exhibitor cost.
  - — Provide a Jumbotron, defined as a functioning electronic board that provides both scoring information and video capability in at least one of the Main competition ring(s).
  - — Provide a functioning visible scoreboard (minimum of forty (40) square feet) adjacent to the Main Ring(s) where either/or both hunter and/or jumper competition are held.
  - — Competition to designate access and egress for horses, pedestrians and vehicles which separates motor vehicles from horses and pedestrians.
  - — Camper hook ups with connections for water, electric and tank pump out.
  - — Permanent restroom facilities.
  - — Shower facilities.
  - — Ambulance or additional medical personnel exceeding the minimum required under Federation rules.
  - — Automatic External Defibrillator device (AED).
  - — Horse ambulance.
  - — Permanent stabling.
  - — Official competition photographer.
  - — Water trucks, sprinklers or another suitable system which must be used for dust reduction in all other areas in addition to rings, schooling, exercise and lunge areas.
  - — Conduct award ceremonies and designate within the prize list both a time(s) during the program (i.e. following completion of class 10) and location(s) for presentation award ceremonies.
  - — Provide a visible scoreboard (minimum of 60 square feet) adjacent to the Main competition ring(s) where either/or both hunter and/or jumper competitions are held.
2. — Group II — In selecting the required number of options for the rating, note that options specifically required for a particular rating do not count toward the required number of options.

\*Denotes options which may be required depending on rating.

- — Wireless internet access.
- — Exhibitor appreciation party.
- — Exhibitor lounge.
- — Climate appropriate exhibitor lounge area (heated or cooled).
- — Online/internet competition entry system available at no charge.
- — Acceptance of credit cards for payments by exhibitors.
- — Equestrian equipment vendors with repair service.
- — Veterinarian on grounds during entire competition.
- — Provide two (2) or more food and beverage areas not including VIP or other restricted entry facilities.
- — Provide golf carts which are available for rent on a reservation basis up to the close of entries.
- — Implementation of a plan that includes measurable community awareness and involvement at the competition.
- — Press center available during competition hours at no cost to the media covering the competition with protection from adverse weather conditions and provides electrical plugs and internet access.
- — Official competition videographer.
- — Sun/rain shelter for horses and riders.\*
- — Twenty-four (24) hour security.\*
- — A dedicated schooling area for each competition ring. The schooling area must not be used as an exercise or lunge area for the period

beginning one (1) hour prior to the start of the first scheduled class in the competition ring until the conclusion of the last class in the competition ring.\*

- ~~Farrier on grounds during entire competition.\*~~
- ~~Seating for a minimum of one hundred (100) spectators at the Main competition ring.\*~~
- ~~Electrical outlets throughout stable area.~~
- ~~Storm drain in stable area.~~
- ~~Isolation stalls.~~
- ~~Hot water supply in stable area.~~
- ~~Free wireless internet access.~~
- ~~Upgraded horse wash area with one (1) spigot per 25 horses.~~
- ~~Course Designer responsible for maximum of two (2) competition rings.~~
- ~~Self-service station in show office for bills, results and class counts.~~
- ~~Results and orders of go updated online daily.~~
- ~~Results and orders of go updated online daily.~~
- ~~Express checkout available.~~

#### **HJ118 Federation Hunter/Jumper or Hunter/Jumper – Local Competitions**

All "Local" and Jumper Level 1 competitions must meet the Standards forth in HJ100 through HJ105. No additional option selections are required.

#### **SUBCHAPTER HJ-3 4 COMPETITION SCHEDULING AND PRIZE MONEY**

See also GR901.21b, GR901.24 and Chapter GR3.

All competitions must state their competition rating clearly on the cover of the prize list.

#### **HJ119 HJ109 Premier Rated Competitions**

1. Must be held and judged over a minimum of five (5) days on the same competition grounds.
2. Number of horse entries required for a Premier rated hunter or HJ competition is a minimum of two hundred (200).
3. A minimum of fifteen (15) "A" rated Hunter sections listed in GR312.6 must be offered.
4. A minimum of ten "A" and/or "C" rated hunter sections listed in GR312.6 must be held and judged., a maximum of four of which can be "C" rated sections. Ladies Side Saddle does not count towards these requirements.
5. Scheduling
  - a. A minimum of two performance classes from two different "A" rated Hunter sections must be scheduled and judged on four of the five days.
  - b. Classes in recognized sections must run on consecutive days. (Exception: Hunter Classics)
6. The High Performance Hunter section must be offered.
7. Prize Money
  - a. A minimum of \$24,000 in prize money, including add-back money if any, must be paid in the rated Hunter sections of a Premier competition. If an add-back is offered, the minimum required prize money for that section must be guaranteed, and the add-backs must be clearly indicated in the prize list. \*Money from model classes does not count towards this requirement.
  - b. A maximum of \$5,000 of Hunter Classic, USHJA National Hunter Derby, USHJA Pony Hunter Derby, USHJA Green Hunter Incentive, and/or USHJA Green Hunter Challenge prize money can be used towards calculating the \$24,000 of prize money, including add-back money if any, which must be paid for a Premier rated competition.
  - c. If sections are canceled or entries are insufficient to award all prize money, then additional money not awarded must be pooled and redistributed 60% to the champions, and 40% to the reserve champions of the remaining "A" rated hunter sections. Model classes do not count towards the number of required classes to meet the rating requirement, therefore the prize money offered in Model classes cannot be used to determine the amount of required prize money to calculate the Premier rating.

[renumber accordingly]

[...]

#### Proponent Details

Competitions Task Force

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#### Rule Change Intent

To more clearly define the specific standards required for hunter/jumper or hunter/jumper licensed competitions and to remove any confusion due to ambiguity and the options list.

Web: requirements to obtain rating

## Committee Actions

## Competition Management

Draft 1: No Action 11/08/2018  
 Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
 Draft 2: No Comments

## Council - Admin &amp; Finance

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

Draft 1: No Comments  
 Draft 2: No Comments

## Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action  
 Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/20/2018

Draft 1: No Comments  
 Draft 2: Support the comments made by the International discipline Sport Committees.

## Council - Natl Breed &amp; Discipline

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

Draft 1: No Comments  
 Draft 2: No Comments

## Jumper

Draft 1: No Action 11/13/2018  
 Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: JSC is waiting for 2nd draft  
 Draft 2: No Comments

## National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/11/2018  
 Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: The committee is in favor of the amendments made in the USHJA-proposed version of this rule change (tracking #252-18).  
 Draft 2: No Comments

## USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/13/2018  
 Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: o Disapprove in favor of 252-18  
 Draft 2: No Comments

**GR901.8 Tracking #334-18 Draft #4 Disapproved**

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2019	12/13/2018	Disapproved 1/12/2019

**Proposed Change**

**GR901.8 Requirements [CHAPTER 9-A PRIZE LISTS]**

GR901 Requirements

**8. Federation licensed competitions with Hunter, Hunter Breeding, Jumper and/or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes not restricted by breed must publish the following safety information:**

- a. Mileage to nearest hospital with emergency care; and**
- b. Mileage to nearest Level 1 Trauma Center.**

Proponent Details	Contact Information
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USHJA

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**Rule Change Intent**

This rule change proposal would require all Hunter/Jumper competitions to publish certain safety information in their prize lists to allow exhibitors to make informed decisions regarding the level of medical resources available. This information is important for participants to have on the front end up deciding which competitions to attend.

Linked Rules	Comments
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**Web:** requirements - hunter, hunter breeding, jumper, and hunter/jumper - safety information

**Committee Actions**

**Arabian**

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 10/30/2018  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 12/06/2018  
**Draft 3:** No Action  
**Draft 4:** No Action

**Draft 1:** Concern was raised that if certain information is listed in the prize list, such as the EMT's working, and then that changes prior to the show or once the show starts, the show is then liable and/or will have to post corrections. Concern was also raised that the show may be penalized for any information that would be incorrect due to possible changes.  
**Draft 2:** The committee's concern from draft one is still relevant. Concern was raised that if certain information is listed in the prize list, such as the qualified medical personnel working, and then that changes prior to the show or once the show starts, the show is then liable and/or will have to post corrections. Concern was also raised that the show may be penalized for any information that would be incorrect due to possible changes.  
**Draft 3:** No Comments  
**Draft 4:** No Comments

**Council - Intl Discipline**

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action  
**Draft 4:** Recommends Approval 12/20/2018

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

**Council - Natl Breed & Discipline**

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action  
**Draft 4:** Recommends Approval 12/18/2018

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

Friesian

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/25/2018  
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/29/2018  
Draft 3: No Action  
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: Concern was raised that in an emergency people will not look for the prize list and that the information given could change from when the prize list is published to when the competition starts; for example the EMT's who are working, shows don't always know at the time the prize list is published who that may be.  
Draft 2: The committee's concern from draft one is still relevant. Concern was raised that in an emergency people will not look for the prize list and that the information given could change from when the prize list is published to when the competition starts; for example how many qualified medical personnel are working, shows may list a number at the time the prize list is published but once the show starts that number may be different depending on availability.  
Draft 3: No Comments  
Draft 4: No Comments

Jumper

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/13/2018  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action  
Draft 4: Recommends Approval 12/17/2018

Draft 1: JSC would approve the requirement was to state that a Paramedic/Advanced EMT or Basic EMT must be on the premises.  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments  
Draft 4: No Comments

Morgan

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/25/2018  
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/29/2018  
Draft 3: No Action  
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: Concern was raised because certain information may change from when the prize list is published to when the show starts; for example Hospital Trauma Levels can vary.  
Draft 2: The committee's concern from draft one is still relevant. Concern was raised because certain information may change from when the prize list is published to when the show starts; for example Hospital Trauma Levels can vary.  
Draft 3: No Comments  
Draft 4: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action  
Draft 4: Recommends Approval 12/17/2018

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

National Show Horse

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/02/2018  
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/10/2018  
Draft 3: No Action  
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: Concern was raised the information requested may not be available at the time the Prize List is being posted or information may change between it being posted and the first day of competition. It was also stated that when a human accident does occur the ambulance will take the injured person to the nearest hospital regardless of trauma level.  
Draft 2: The committee's concerns from draft one are still relevant. Concern was raised the information requested may not be available at the time the Prize List is being posted or information may change between it being posted and the first day of competition. It was also stated that when a human accident does occur the ambulance will take the injured person to the nearest hospital regardless of trauma level.  
Draft 3: No Comments  
Draft 4: No Comments

Safety

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 11/27/2018  
Draft 3: No Action  
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments  
Draft 4: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action  
Draft 4: Recommends Approval 12/13/2018

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

Western Dressage

Draft 1: No Action 10/30/2018  
Draft 2: No Action 12/05/2018  
Draft 3: No Action  
Draft 4: No Action

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



GR846.2 Tracking #335-18 Draft #2 Disapproved

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2019	11/20/2018	Disapproved 1/12/2019

Proposed Change

GR846 Accident Preparedness Plan [CHAPTER 8-G SAFETY PREPAREDNESS AND REPORTING]

GR846 Accident Preparedness Plan  
[...]

2. Competition management is responsible for ensuring that all appropriate competition officials and competition staff, **including but not limited to Safety Coordinator, Medical Personnel, In-gate Starters, Licensed Officials, Announcers, Technical Coordinator, Stable Manager, Veterinarian**, are advised **provided a written copy** of the accident preparedness plan and isolation protocol for horses **prior to the commencement of duties**, and that they are distributed accordingly.

[...]

4. The Steward or Technical Delegate shall submit a copy of the accident preparedness plan and protocol **signed by the Competition Manager, Safety Coordinator, and Medical Personnel**, to the Federation along with his/her Steward or Technical Delegate report.

Proponent Details Contact Information

USHJA

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Rule Change Intent

To improve rider safety in emergency situations, there is a clear need to formalize and account for communication of the Accident Preparedness Plan and to verify understanding and implementation of the APP between parties at each competition.

Linked Rules Comments

Web: accident preparedness plan

Committee Actions

Andalusian/Lusitano

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/29/2018  
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: This rule change proposal would create additional work for competition management and officials. To obtain signatures from each of the listed officials and meet the deadline for submission is a concern and would be difficult to meet.  
Draft 2: No Comments

Arabian

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

Draft 1: Concern was raised that this was an unnecessary use of the stewards time, that it would be taking them away from other more pressing responsibilities. The committee recommended that this rule be added to the Hunter Rules rather than the General Rules.  
Draft 2: The committee's concern from draft one is still relevant. Concern was raised that this was an unnecessary use of the stewards time, that it would be taking them away from other more pressing responsibilities. The committee recommended that this rule be added to the Hunter Rules rather than the General Rules.

Competition Management

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/08/2018  
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/14/2018

Draft 1: The steward or TD already has to submit this to the Federation, a signed copy is overkill.  
Draft 2: The Steward or TD already has to submit this to the Federation, a signed copy is overkill.

Connemara

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

Draft 1: Agree with the concept, but this is difficult to implement the requirements in point 4 during the given timeframe. This should be submitted with the rest of the steward or TD report.  
Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 12/18/2018

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** Already in USEF's rules; redundant.

Council - Intl Discipline

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 12/20/2018

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** Support the comments made by the International discipline Sport Committees.

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** The Council approved this rule change after much discussion with concern about the need to have the document signed. There was suggestion that this rule change be made specific to the Hunter/Jumper competitions.

Friesian

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 10/25/2018  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 11/29/2018

**Draft 1:** Concern was raised that having an official collect signatures is an unnecessary amount of work for the show management since this information is already posted, distributed, and sent to USEF after the show.  
**Draft 2:** The committee's concern from draft one is still relevant. Concern was raised that having an official collect signatures is an unnecessary amount of work for the show management since this information is already posted, distributed, and sent to USEF after the show.

Licensed Officials

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 12/04/2018

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** In consultation with the LOC Steward and TD Working Group, the LOC is recommending disapproval because the WG and Committee do not understand how this rule change proposal will make the competition environment more safe.

Morgan

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 10/25/2018  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 11/29/2018

**Draft 1:** Concern was raised that having the Accident Preparedness Plan signed by the listed personnel would create unnecessary work for the steward since the plan is already posted, distributed, and sent to USEF after the show. The committee recommended that this rule be added to the Hunter Rules rather than the General Rules.  
**Draft 2:** The committee's concern from draft one is still relevant. Concern was raised that having the Accident Preparedness Plan signed by the listed personnel would create unnecessary work for the steward since the plan is already posted, distributed, and sent to USEF after the show. The committee recommended that this rule be added to the Hunter Rules rather than the General Rules.

National Hunter Committee

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 12/17/2018

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

National Show Horse

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/02/2018  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 12/10/2018

**Draft 1:** Concern was raised this would be an unnecessary responsibility of the steward since the Accident Preparedness Plan is already posted, distributed, and sent to USEF after the show. The point was also raised that some show officials do not arrive until a short time before the competition begins, so finding time to have them sign the document once they begin their show responsibilities, may be difficult.  
**Draft 2:** The committee's concerns from draft one are still relevant. Concern was raised this would be an unnecessary responsibility of the steward since the Accident Preparedness Plan is already posted, distributed, and sent to USEF after the show. The point was also raised that some show officials do not arrive until a short time before the competition begins, so finding time to have them sign the document once they begin their show responsibilities, may be difficult.

Paso Fino

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

**Draft 1:** Currently, competition management effectively communicates the Accident Preparedness Plan to officials. By requiring signatures and a quick submission deadline, this would create additional work for management.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

Safety

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 11/27/2018

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

Shetland

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 10/23/2018  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** Competition managers currently meet with officials and staff to discuss and review protocol. Requiring signatures on these documents would be a duplication of efforts and the timeline for submission would be difficult to adhere to.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

USHJA

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 12/13/2018

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

Welsh

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

**Draft 1:** Approve of point 2, but adding the requirement for signatures and timeline in point 4 will increase the burden to competition management. There is also concern over how this will be regulated.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

## Western Dressage

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 10/30/2018

**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 12/05/2018

**Draft 1:** Concern was raised that this was an unnecessary practice since the Accident Preparedness Plan is already posted and distributed at shows.

**Draft 2:** The committee's concern from draft one is still relevant. Concern was raised that this was an unnecessary practice since the Accident Preparedness Plan is already posted and distributed at shows.

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2019	12/13/2018	Disapproved 1/12/2019

Proposed Change

**GR839.5 Cruelty to and Abuse of a Horse** [CHAPTER 8-F WELFARE OF THE HORSE]

GR839 Cruelty to and Abuse of a Horse

[...]

5. Any action(s) against a horse by a competitor or an exhibitor, which are deemed excessive by a Federation judge,

Federation steward, technical delegate or competition veterinarian, in the competition ring or anywhere on the competition grounds may be punished by official warning, elimination, or other sanctions which may be deemed appropriate by the Show Committee. Such action(s) could include, but are not limited to excessive use of the whip or spurs. Competitors and exhibitors have the right to contest any action taken pursuant to GR839.5 by filing a protest or grievance pursuant to Chapter 6 of the Rules for hearing and determination by the Hearing Committee.

**A Federation Judge, Federation Steward, Technical Delegate, or competition veterinarian may issue an official warning, elimination, or other sanctions deemed appropriate by the Show Committee to any person who takes excessive or abusive action against a horse anywhere on the competition grounds. Such excessive or abusive action(s) may include but are not limited to, excessive use of whip or spurs, or use of tack/equipment in an abusive or inhumane manner. Exhibitors have the right to contest any action taken by officials pursuant to GR839.5 by filing a protest or grievance pursuant to Chapter 6 of the Rules for hearing and determination by the Hearing Committee.** For the purposes of this rule, the term "soring" is defined by the Horse Protection Act, 15 U.S.C. §1821.

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Rule Change Intent

The intent of this rule is to protect the welfare of the horse by empowering and encouraging USEF officials to discipline a competitor, trainer, or owner for abusive and inhumane tack and equipment used at competition. As written Licensed Officials do not feel they have explicit authority to sanction those individuals who have acted in an excessive or abusive manner.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> cruelty and abuse of a horse

Committee Actions

ADS	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Action	Draft 3: No Comments
AHA	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Action	Draft 3: No Comments
AHHS	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Action	Draft 3: No Comments

American Saddlebred

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/14/2018  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Committee supports the intent of this proposed rule change however believes this is in need of further clarification to insure the officials would be supported by Show Management and USEF.  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments

AMHA

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

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

Andalusian/Lusitano

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/29/2018  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action

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

Arabian

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/30/2018  
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/06/2018  
Draft 3: No Action

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

ARHPA

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

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

ASHA

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

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

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

Competition Management

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/08/2018  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: Recommends Disapproval 12/14/2018

Draft 1: Having the Judge and the TD would conflict with Dressage rules and the TD cannot currently eliminate someone  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: The previous comments to the rule change are still applicable as there were no changes made.

Connemara

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

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

Council - Admin & Finance

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

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: The intent of this proposed rule change is laudable, but the rule as written contradicts existing dressage rules which prohibit judges from eliminating outside the competition ring, and allows TDs to only recommend elimination.

Council - Intl Discipline

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

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: Non-compliance with Dressage rules.

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: Concern was raised about the protection of officials should the exhibitors file a protest when the official is following the rule.

Dressage

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/29/2018  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: Dressage rules prohibit a judge from eliminating outside the competition ring. TDs can only recommend elimination. We appreciate intent, but the proposal creates problems with other current rules and the current rule is better.  
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 12/13/2018

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: The Eventing Sport Committee would approve draft 3 if competitors were included in the list of those who would be subject to the prescribed sanctions. This would also apply to the last sentence of the new draft: Competitors and exhibitors have the right..... Competitor and exhibitor are defined differently in Chapter 1 - GR116 and GR121 respectively.

Friesian

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/25/2018  
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/29/2018  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: The committee agreed with the intent of the rule but would like to suggest the verbiage of "any individual" for who can be held responsible for the excessive or abusive action taken against a horse.  
Draft 3: No Comments

Hackney

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/31/2018  
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/06/2018  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: The committee approves the concept but this proposed rule change needs clarification. The committee would be more comfortable with assurances of support of officials from USEF and competition management.  
Draft 2: The committee felt the rule does not address support or protection for the official from USEF should the accused file any sort of legal action.  
Draft 3: No Comments

Hearing Committee

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

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

IFSHA

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

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

Jumper

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/13/2018  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 12/17/2018

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

Licensed Officials

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/12/2018  
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/04/2018  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: The LOC agrees with the rule change proposal intent. However, the Committee was concerned about the protections of officials if an exhibitor exercised their rights to file a protest or grievance against the action taken by official. Specifically, will an official be represented by the Federation?  
Draft 3: No Comments

Morgan

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/25/2018  
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/29/2018  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Concern was raised there would be no legal protection from USEF for official if the accused filed counterclaims or fought the action of the official .  
Draft 2: The committee's concern from draft one is still relevant. Concern was raised there would be no legal protection from USEF for the official if the accused filed counterclaims or fought the action of the official .  
Draft 3: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: No Action  
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 Approval 11/02/2018  
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/10/2018  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: The committee agreed with the intent of the rule but was not in favor of the addition of the term "groom" which is not defined in the USEF rule book therefore it could be open for interpretation making it hard to enforce.  
Draft 3: No Comments

NSH

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

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments  
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

PFHA

Draft 1: No Action  
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 Disapproval 11/12/2018  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Committee approves concept of this proposed rule change but feels it needs clarification. Committee would like assurance that USEF and competition management would support officials when these issues arise.  
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 but questions the support of the USEF and competition management. Committee would assurances that officials not be liable in a court of law.  
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

UPHA

Draft 1: No Action  
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

USDF

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

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

USEA

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: No Action  
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 12/13/2018

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments  
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

WDAA

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 Approval 11/08/2018  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
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:** Committee recommends approval  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

Western Dressage

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 10/30/2018  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 12/05/2018  
**Draft 3:** No Action

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



**GR1306.4 Tracking #343-18 Draft #2 Disapproved**

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2019	11/20/2018	Disapproved 1/12/2019

**Proposed Change**

**GR1306 Professional/Amateur Status [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 13-B AMATEURS AND PROFESSIONALS]**

1. Amateur. Regardless of one's equestrian skills and/or accomplishments, a person is an amateur if after his 18th birthday, as defined in GR101, he has not engaged in any of the activities identified in paragraph 4 below.
- a. In the Dressage Division, individuals are only eligible to compete as amateurs from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach age 22, see DR119.3.
  - b. For Amateurs in Jumper Sections, see JP118.
  - c. For Amateurs in Hunter Sections, see HU107-HU108.
  - d. For Amateurs in Eventing, see EV Appendix 3-Participation in Horse Trials.
  - e. **For Amateurs in the Arabian division: Amateurs may accept remuneration for the instruction of individuals not participating as an exhibitor in USEF/EC/AHA-recognized competitions.**

Proponent Details	Contact Information
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AHA

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**Rule Change Intent**

Allows Amateurs to receive remuneration for instruction of riders not participating in Arabian recognized competitions. It is critical to the future of the Arabian breed in America that more people are able to interact with Arabian horses and learn the basics of horsemanship in order to create a larger pool of people that may develop an interest in Arabian horse ownership. It is critical to the future of the sport that we create a pool of people that have had basic riding lessons so that some percentage of that pool pursues competition at a higher level. There are legions of amateur riders that could provide that service but are prohibited by our current rule on amateur status.

Linked Rules	Comments
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**Web:** amateur - arabian

**Committee Actions**

**American Saddlebred**

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

**Andalusian/Lusitano**

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 10/29/2018  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

**Arabian**

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 10/30/2018  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 11/16/2018

**Draft 1:** Concern was raised this would cause a status conflict between breeds/disciplines and it may encourage people to give lessons who are not skilled enough to be doing so. The point was also raised that liability insurance would be needed for these individuals giving lessons which may not have been considered.  
**Draft 2:** Concern was raised this would cause a status conflict between breeds/disciplines and it may encourage people to give lessons who are not skilled enough to be doing so. The point was also raised that liability insurance would be needed for these individuals giving lessons which may not have been considered.

**Breeds/Disciplines**

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

**Carriage Pleasure Driving**

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/12/2018  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** This would difficult to monitor and it is not a practical proposal.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

**Connemara**

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

**Draft 1:** This has the potential to cause confusion and conflict as individuals competing in Arabian competitions may also compete in other breed/disciplines that do not follow these same amateur requirements.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

### Council - Intl Discipline

**Draft 1:** No Action

**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 12/20/2018

**Draft 1:** No Comments

**Draft 2:** Support the comments made by the International discipline Sport Committees.

### Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 1:** No Action

**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 12/18/2018

**Draft 1:** No Comments

**Draft 2:** It appears the proponent agreed to withdraw this rule change to have some additional work done and to collaborate with others for a more palatable proposal; however, since it went through AHA process, can't be withdrawn. So this is being added to the disapproval calendar with the caveat a new draft will likely be submitted.

### Dressage

**Draft 1:** No Action

**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 11/29/2018

**Draft 1:** No Comments

**Draft 2:** Too difficult to monitor and enforce. Would be unfair to real amateurs and cause confusion at licensed shows with people competing in both Arabian and Dressage divisions.

### Driving

**Draft 1:** No Action

**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments

**Draft 2:** No Comments

### Endurance

**Draft 1:** No Action

**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments

**Draft 2:** No Comments

### English Pleasure

**Draft 1:** No Action

**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments

**Draft 2:** No Comments

### Eventing

**Draft 1:** No Action 11/13/2018

**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 12/08/2018

**Draft 1:** No Comments

**Draft 2:** The Eventing Sport Committee feels that after so much time was spend drafting a comprehensive and to-date, successful Amateur Rule a few years ago that it would be unwise to add exemptions for individual Disciplines.

### Friesian

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 10/25/2018

**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 11/29/2018

**Draft 1:** Concern was raised that since family members of a professional aren't allowed to ride horses in training and keep amateur status, why should an amateur be able to coach.

**Draft 2:** The committee's concern from draft one is still relevant. Concern was raised that since family members of a professional aren't allowed to ride horses in training and keep amateur status, why should an amateur be able to coach.

### Hackney

**Draft 1:** No Action

**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 12/06/2018

**Draft 1:** No Comments

**Draft 2:** The committee is concerned that exhibitors who participate in breeds other than Arabian would lose their amateur status for exhibiting any breed except Arabian.

### Jumper

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/13/2018

**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 12/17/2018

**Draft 1:** If this is something the Arabian Division wants, it needs to be in the Arabian section of the rule book.

**Draft 2:** JSC: If this is something Arabians want, it needs to go in the Arabian Chapter of the Rule Book.

### Morgan

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 10/25/2018

**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 11/29/2018

**Draft 1:** Concern was raised for people who take part in multiple breeds/disciplines and would now be considered Amateur in one and Professional in the other.

**Draft 2:** The committee's concern from draft one is still relevant. Concern was raised for people who take part in multiple breeds/disciplines and would now be considered Amateur in one and Professional in the other.

### National Hunter Committee

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/19/2018

**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 12/17/2018

**Draft 1:** The committee feels it will compromise the integrity of the Amateur rules to allow each of the Breeds and Disciplines to have their own exceptions to the Amateur rules.

**Draft 2:** The committees concerns from the first draft of this rule change have not changed

### National Show Horse

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/02/2018

**Draft 2:** No Action 12/10/2018

**Draft 1:** Concern was raised this would cause status conflict since many people are active in more than one breed/discipline; it was also stated this rule change "is not in the spirit of the rule".

**Draft 2:** The committee stated that they would be more comfortable if the rule included a legal document for the amateur to sign ensuring they knew the boundaries of their training as well as the repercussions if those boundaries were broken.

### Paso Fino

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 10/30/2018

**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments

**Draft 2:** No Comments

### Reining

**Draft 1:** No Action

**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments

**Draft 2:** No Comments

Roadster

**Draft 1:** No Action 11/12/2018  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** Committee felt this was an Arabian rule was not a concern of the Roadster discipline at this time.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

Saddle Seat Eq

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/13/2018  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** Committee has concerns that this proposed rule change would eliminate exhibitors from amateur status in other breeds and disciplines if they exhibited Arabians in respect to this rule change. This would also be difficult to monitor and enforce in other breeds and disciplines.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

Shetland

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 10/23/2018  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** The committee feels this rule change would further blur the lines between the definition of an amateur and a professional. By opening the door for one breed/discipline it could potentially expand to all.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

US Saddle Seat World Cup

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

USA Reining

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

USHJA

**Draft 1:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Vaulting

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

Welsh

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

**Draft 1:** There is concern about the potential conflict this may cause within the industry and the individuals who may also compete in other breeds/disciplines.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

Western Committee

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/06/2018  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** The committee felt this rule would be difficult to enforce and would future cloud the definition of "Amateur".  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

Western Dressage

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 10/30/2018  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 12/05/2018

**Draft 1:** Concern was raised that this could create a status conflict for members who are active within multiple breeds/disciplines.  
**Draft 2:** The committee's concern from draft one is still relevant. Concern was raised that this could create a status conflict for members who are active within multiple breeds/disciplines.

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2019	9/11/2018	Disapproved 1/12/2019

## Proposed Change

prohibited practices [CHAPTER prohibited practices]

**GR840 PROPOSED RULE PROHIBITING EQUINE TAIL ALTERATION IN ALL BREEDS AND DISCIPLINES GOVERNED BY USEF- submitted as an addition to the Prohibited Practices section.**

1. Commencing December 1, 2018, no horse or pony may compete at any USEF sanctioned competition with tail alteration of any kind. Any horse or pony foaled after January 1, 2019 may not have a tail that 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 natural tail carriage, and any device or substance used to alter the natural tail carriage shall be illegal. Horses and ponies whose tails have been cut, or "released", or docked, prior to the approval of this PRC by USEF may not be prejudiced at any USEF competition. This rule is not intended to restrict these horses and ponies from competing, nor should they in any way be prejudiced for having a tail which was altered prior to the institution of this PRC.

2. Horses or ponies with tails that have been surgically altered, or altered by any other means, prior to January 1, 2018, may compete without prejudice at USEF sanctioned events. 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 with tail carriage that has been altered in any manner, or by any means. This includes, but is not limited to, surgical procedures undertaken to "release the tail", tail cutting, injections of any substance into the tail to modify or inhibit an equine's ability to use its tail naturally, tail braces, and/or any substance introduced into the rectum or vagina. Violations of this rule are considered to be serious infractions of the General rules of USEF.

4. Competitors, trainers, owners and exhibitors in USEF sanctioned events are specifically prohibited from using or bringing to any show grounds the following pieces of equipment, including without limitation: tail sets, bustles, high tail cruppers, tail braces, and any other artificial appliance or chemical, such as ginger, capsaicin, etc. or shoe lace material used to tie or alter the tail carriage from its natural position in any way.

Any equine present on the show grounds of any competition that is found to have any of the foregoing used on it will have the owners/trainers/exhibitors of that equine subject to section 5.f of this rule.

5. Ginger, capsaicin, and other irritants:

a. No equine may compete in a class/division/competition with any chemical or other irritant of any kind present in its 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 equine's tail carriage was altered by its presence.

b. The trainer (see GR147 Trainer definition and GR 404 Responsibility and accountability of trainers), owner or exhibitor or their agents, of an equine 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 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 intentional, and whether the horse's tail carriage was affected by its presence. These individuals/entities are subject to charges or 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 irritant of any kind into the anus, rectal area, or vaginal areas 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 a 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(s) work under the Federation Drugs & 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 & 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 towards them and must assist them by helping to restrain the horse/pony properly during sample collections.

f. In the event that the Hearing Committee determines that a violation has occurred, the trainer, owner, and/or their agents shall each 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. 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.

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Rule Change Intent

The practice of altering tails, which is pervasive in the American Saddlebred, Morgan, Hackney, and Arabian breeds, as well, as the reining and hunter disciplines, is a phenomenon uniquely endemic to horse sports in the United States. Currently, there does not exist a comprehensive rule within the USEF that makes these practices illegal across the board, as well as testing for them, and providing for disciplinary action and penalties for those who attempt to show horses whose tails have been altered. In addition to the FEI not permitting such practices, the American Association of Equine Practitioners has issued a statement condemning tail alteration of any kind:

“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). If a horse’s tail becomes injured or diseased and requires medical or surgical intervention such care should be provided by a licensed veterinarian.

The AAEP urges all breed associations and disciplines to establish and enforce guidelines to eliminate these practices and to educate their membership on the horse health risks they may create. Members of the AAEP should educate their clients about the potential health risks, welfare concerns, legal and/or regulatory ramifications regarding these procedures based on the relevant jurisdiction and/or association rules.

Approved by AAEP board of directors: 5/1/2015

Although it is the USEF’s stated mission to protect the welfare of the horses and ponies competing in USEF sanctioned shows, the USEF has been complicit in allowing these practices to continue. Rather than promote a rule change to protect these animals from any form of tail alteration, USEF has turned a blind eye to not only the AAEP stance, but welfare groups, as well. In fact, in allowing the ASHA to submit a PRC, which USEF passed as rule SB 102.2, which purports to stop these practices, but, in reality has virtually no provisions for testing or punitive actions for violations, USEF has blatantly supported the continuation of the practice of tail alteration. It is apparent that USEF is far more concerned with the politics of the situation than the actual welfare of the animals. The USEF needs to bring their rules on these procedures in line with the entirety of the international equine world, as well as conforming to the mandate of the AAEP. To continue to simply allow these practices is to promote them, and is strictly not in keeping with the USEF’s policy statement regarding putting the welfare of the horse first, and foremost, in all things.

I invite proactive discourse on the structure and specifics of this rule, with USEF or any other group working to promote the welfare of these horses and ponies. Much of the language used in this PRC is directly from the rules in the USEF’s Arabian section regarding tails, which has obviously already been passed by USEF.

NOTE: This rule change is intended to be added to the Prohibited Practices section of the USEF rules, as it affects many disciplines as well as breeds.

Potential Impact

All breeds and disciplines competing at USEF sanctioned competitions

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: tails

Committee Actions

AHA

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

AHHS

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

American Saddlebred

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/14/2018

Draft 1: American Saddlebred chapter in the USEF rulebook already address proper tail carriage and alteration of tails.

AMHA

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Andalusian/Lusitano

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/29/2018

Draft 1: While the committee supports the intent and some segments of this rule change, many breeds and disciplines currently have rules in place to govern tails.

Arabian

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/30/2018

Draft 1: Committee stated that the Arabian rules already address tail carriage and use, so this rule is unnecessary.

ARHPA

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

ASHA

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Breeds/Disciplines	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Carriage Pleasure Driving	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/12/2018	Draft 1: Concerned about the meaning of "other Irritants" being too vague and there are rules in place in breeds and disciplines that address the proper tail carriage and the alteration of tails
Connemara	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/08/2018	Draft 1: The Connemara chapter has rules in place regarding these issues.
Council - Admin & Finance	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/18/2018	Draft 1: Although there are existing rules within the different breeds and disciplines regarding tail alteration, a universal rule does not exist. Council recommends that these rules should be consolidated under one rule, and recommends that this be referred to the National Breeds and Disciplines Council.
Council - Intl Discipline	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/20/2018	Draft 1: Support the comments made by the International discipline Sport Committees.
Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/18/2018	Draft 1: It is noted the breeds and disciplines within the National Council already have rules in place that address tail carriage and proper use.
Dressage	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/29/2018	Draft 1: Poorly written.. Too many responsibilities placed on competition management for which they have little control or knowledge. Many USEF disciplines already have Rules in place to deal with this problem as well.
Driving	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Endurance	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
English Pleasure	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Eventing	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/13/2018	Draft 1: The rule is too broad and difficult to enforce
Friesian	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/25/2018	Draft 1: The committee commented that proper tail carriage and use is already addressed within the Friesian rules.
Hackney	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/31/2018	Draft 1: Rules in the Hackney Chapter address the issues of prohibited practices and alteration of tails in the USEF Rule book so the committee members believe this rule is not necessary.
IFSHA	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Jumper	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/13/2018	Draft 1: Too difficult to enforce
Morgan	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/25/2018	Draft 1: Morgan rules already address proper tail carriage and use. Concern was also raised about the verbiage regarding "other irritants" being too vague as well as concern for who would be paying for the cost incurred with this rule.
National Hunter Committee	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/22/2018	Draft 1: This rule change as written is difficult to enforce as it applies to the practices that happen during hunter competitions.
National Show Horse	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/02/2018	Draft 1: The committee stated the National Show Horse rules already address proper tail carriage and use.
NSH	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Paso Fino	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/30/2018	Draft 1: Rule chapters already address tail practices specific to each breed and discipline. Furthermore, this rule change would require licensed competitions to have additional resources and it would be difficult to enforce.
PFHA	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments

Reining

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Roadster

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/12/2018

Draft 1: Breeds and disciplines have rules within their chapters including the Roadster chapter addressing proper tail carriage and alternations of tails.

Saddle Seat Eq

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/13/2018

Draft 1: This rule is not needed. Breeds and disciplines have rules in their chapters of the USEF rulebook that deal with proper tail carriage and the alteration of tails.

Shetland

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/23/2018

Draft 1: This rule change would be difficult to enforce as written and would require additional resources at licensed competitions.

UPHA

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

US Saddle Seat World Cup

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

USA Reining

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

USDF

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

USEA

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/13/2018

Draft 1: Seeing no comments from the other affiliates, it appears this rule change proposal received no affiliate breed organization review. This rule change needs to be more carefully worked through the committee and affiliate process

Vaulting

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Veterinary

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/26/2018

Draft 1: The Committee supports the intent of the rule, but it is poorly written and unenforceable. The rule provides overreaching instruction to the Hearing Committee, which is an autonomous body of the Federation.

WDAA

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Welsh

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/08/2018

Draft 1: The Welsh already have rules under the Welsh Chapter pertaining to these topics.

Western Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/06/2018

Draft 1: Committee felt this rule was too encompassing and would be better to let the rules in place for those breeds and disciplines involved provide governance.

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/30/2018

Draft 1: Concern was raised about who would be paying for the testing and for the difficulty of the enforcement of the rule.

**GR846 Tracking #350-18 Draft #1 Disapproved**

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2019	9/13/2018	Disapproved 1/12/2019

**Proposed Change**

**GR846 EQUINE WELFARE - JOGGING** [CHAPTER GR8 Conduct of Licensed Competitions]

*To ensure the welfare of the equine at competition all horses shall be jogged for soundness between 7:00-9:00 am in order to be eligible to compete on that day. No horse may compete without submitting to a jog. The show shall section an area for horses to be jogged before the steward and show veterinarian and shall present the number of the horse and be subject to a jog of no less than 100 feet away and toward the officials. The show steward and veterinarian shall document horse color and competition number. Said horse may be jogged by rider, owner, or designated representative. If the equine is deemed unsound a yellow card shall be issued identifying the horse may not compete on that day. At least 5 horses from each morning jog shall be randomly selected for drug testing. If any horse is presented in a manner that falsifies the real identity of the horse the presenter, owner, rider, coach, and trainer shall be immediately suspended from all USEF competitions for a minimum of three months.*

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**Rule Change Intent**

To ensure the welfare of the equine at competition all horses shall be jogged for soundness between 7:00-9:00am each day in order to be eligible to compete on that day. No horse may compete without submitting to a jog. This rule is to ensure that all levels and disciplines at a USEF rated horse show are sound to compete regardless of their discipline being hunter, jumper or equitation.

To ensure the welfare of the equine at competition all horses shall be jogged for soundness between 7:00-9:00am in order to be eligible to compete on that day. No horse may compete without submitting to a jog. The show shall section an area for horses to be jogged before the steward and show veterinarian and shall present the number of the horse and be subject to a jog no less than 100 feet away and toward said officials. The show steward and veterinarian shall document horse color and competition number. Said horse may be jogged by rider, owner, or designated representative. If the equine is deemed unsound a yellow card shall be issued identifying the horse may not compete on that day. At least five horses from each morning jog period shall be drug tested and the selection of same shall be random. If any horse is presented in a manner that falsifies the real identity of the horse the presenter, owner, rider, and, coach, trainer shall be immediately suspended from all USEF competition for a minimum of three months.

Linked Rules	Comments
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**Web: jog**

**Committee Actions**

**American Saddlebred**

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/14/2018

**Draft 1:** The committee is concerned that this would be difficult to conduct because of time limitations with the number of horses competing. It would also add to expenses for the competition. Committee believes the judges in the show ring are responsible for assessing the soundness of the animal being exhibited.

**Andalusian/Lusitano**

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 10/29/2018

**Draft 1:** This rule change would put additional stress on licensed competitions causing the need for increased resources and would be difficult to manage.

**Arabian**

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 10/30/2018

**Draft 1:** Concern was raised about the amount of time this process would take, as well as the necessity of it.

**Breeds/Disciplines**

**Draft 1:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments

**Carriage Pleasure Driving**

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/12/2018

**Draft 1:** It would be difficult to adhere to this rule for competitions and exhibitors. This would require extra time and resources which could add additional expenses for competitions.



## Competition Management

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/08/2018

**Draft 1:** There is not enough time to accomplish this.

## Connemara

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/08/2018

**Draft 1:** This is not a practical requirement, especially within the given timeframe.

## Council - Admin & Finance

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 12/18/2018

**Draft 1:** Impractical.

## Council - Intl Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 12/20/2018

**Draft 1:** Support the comments made by the International discipline Sport Committees.

## Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 12/18/2018

**Draft 1:** Concern was raised in the national committees regarding practicality of this rule change, the time constraints and cost of additional staffing to manage something like this.

## Dressage

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/29/2018

**Draft 1:** This Rule is impractical and would unnecessarily impede efficient running of competitions.

## Driving

**Draft 1:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments

## Endurance

**Draft 1:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments

## English Pleasure

**Draft 1:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments

## Eventing

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/13/2018

**Draft 1:** Not logistically possible for the majority of competitions

## Friesian

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 10/25/2018

**Draft 1:** Concern was raised about the amount of time this would take and possible delays in the show schedule; as well as the additional expense to the shows for more officials which may be charged back to the exhibitors.

## Hackney

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 10/31/2018

**Draft 1:** Rule puts additional burden on competitions and exhibitors concerning time to meet the time-frame suggested. This rule would add extra costs to competitions who would need to hire additional Stewards and Veterinarians.

## Jumper

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/13/2018

**Draft 1:** No Comments

## Morgan

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 10/25/2018

**Draft 1:** Concern was raised about the necessity of this rule and realistic practice with the time frame.

## National Hunter Committee

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 12/17/2018

**Draft 1:** The implementation of this rule would be impossible at large shows.

## National Show Horse

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/02/2018

**Draft 1:** Concern was raised about the amount of time both the jogging and blood draws would take causing possible delays in the show schedule; as well as the additional expense to the shows for more officials which may be charged back to the exhibitors.

## Paso Fino

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 10/30/2018

**Draft 1:** As written, the time frame outlined in this rule change would be difficult for licensed competitions and exhibitors to meet. This would also require the competitions to have additional resources in place causing strain.

## Reining

**Draft 1:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments

## Roadster

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/12/2018

**Draft 1:** The committee felt that this proposed rule change is not practical for breed shows. Would take too much time with the number of horses and ponies that would need to be jogged and add extra cost to competitions for additional officials to comply with this rule.

## Saddle Seat Eq

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/13/2018

**Draft 1:** Committee is concerned that this proposed rule change is not practical because of the number of horses/ponies that would be required to be jogged on a given day. Jogging all entries each day would take too much time and would place additional financial burden on competitions to hire additional officials.

## Shetland

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 10/23/2018

**Draft 1:** This rule change as written would be difficult for competitions and exhibitors to adhere to. Jogging each horse would take up a considerable amount of time and the time-frame would be difficult to meet.

US Saddle Seat World Cup

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

USA Reining

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/13/2018

Draft 1: Not feasible to implement due to time, space, and staffing constraints

Vaulting

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Welsh

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/08/2018

Draft 1: This is not practical, and an approved judge should be able to determine this during the course or a class.

Western Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/06/2018

Draft 1: Committee felt this would take an unnecessary amount of time and would be difficult for competitions and exhibitors to adhere to.

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/30/2018

Draft 1: Concern was raised that this would be unnecessary and time consuming.

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Extraordinary	12/1/2018	9/17/2018	Disapproved 1/12/2019

Extraordinary Change Reason

Pursuant to the requirements listed under GR151.3, this EO request has been certified by a Federation recognized Affiliate Association (USHJA) Executive Committee by way of a formal vote that occurred 9/04/2018. The committee is of the opinion that expeditious implementation of this clarification language is warranted given that it corrects an existing compliance issue by clearly stipulating the specific types of microchips that are acceptable under the rule and that do not cause duplicative identification numbers. If this rule change is not expedited, it will disadvantage the USHJA membership and cause hardship to the Federation.

Proposed Change

JP100.3.2 Eligibility [CHAPTER JP-1 General]

JP100 Eligibility

[...]

2. USHJA Horse Registrations

a. All horses competing in Federation licensed and/or USHJA sanctioned competitions with Hunter, Hunter Breeding, Jumper and Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes not restricted by breed must be properly identified in accordance with GR1101, and must also be registered with USHJA (see GR1101.1). The USEF/USHJA registration number for each horse must be entered on all entry forms for licensed competitions.

b. Applications for USHJA Registration can be completed online at [www.ushja.org](http://www.ushja.org) or [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org) using the USEF Horse Registration application form. This form is also available from the USHJA or Federation office, or as a download from the USHJA or Federation website or from competition management. Competition management is responsible for notifying exhibitors of this requirement in their prizelist.

3.1 In addition to the provisions of JP 100.2, on or after December 1, 2017, all horses competing in classes that require USHJA horse registration must provide a microchip number that verifies their animal's identity in order to compete for points, money won or be eligible for Federation and/or USHJA programs and awards where horses are required to be recorded or registered.

3.2 A microchip used to verify identity must be a fifteen digit **ICAR registered and** ISO compliant 11784/11785 **non-shared code**chip and be implanted in the nuchal ligament of the animal.

[...]

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Rule Change Intent

This Extraordinary Rule Change proposal is submitted to add additional requirements to the type of microchips currently acceptable under this rule. Shared code chips, which are not registered by the International Committee for Animal Recording (ICAR), are more difficult to track since multiple manufacturers use the same first three digits.

Linked Rules Comments

Web: microchips

Committee Actions

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/23/2018

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/30/2018

Draft 1: The Council would like to seek clarification on the need to specifically have ICAR registered microchips. The Council suggests that the USEF follow the FEI requirements for microchips.

Jumper

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/22/2018

Draft 1: There's concern over horses having to get another microchip to be in compliance with the new rule. Can we grandfather existing chipped horses into the new rule? Also, the FEI does not require ICAR registered chips so there will likely be horses that need an additional chip because of this change. How will we handle records of horses with more than one chip? How will members know if their horse's chip is ICAR compliant?

# HU101 Tracking #352-18 Draft #1 Disapproved

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Extraordinary	12/1/2018	9/17/2018	Disapproved 1/12/2019

## Extraordinary Change Reason

This Extraordinary Rule Change proposal is submitted to add additional requirements to the type of microchips currently acceptable under this rule. Shared code chips, which are not registered by the International Committee for Animal Recording (ICAR), are more difficult to track since multiple manufacturers use the same first three digits.

## Proposed Change

### HU101.3.2 Eligibility to Compete – Horse & Pony [CHAPTER HU-1 DEFINITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY]

HU101 Eligibility to Compete – Horse & Pony

[...]

2. The Hunter Division is open to horses, stallions, mares or geldings. (For rules pertaining to exhibitors who are 18 years of age or older riding ponies, see HU110.11.)

3.1 In addition to the provisions of HU 101.1, on or after December 1, 2017, all horses competing in classes that require USHJA horse registration must provide a microchip number that verifies their animal's identity in order to compete for points, money won or be eligible for Federation and/or USHJA programs and awards where horses are required to be recorded or registered.

3.2 A microchip used to verify identity must be a fifteen digit **ICAR registered and** ISO compliant 11784/11785 **non-shared codechip** and be implanted in the nuchal ligament of the animal.

[...]

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## Rule Change Intent

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

## Committee Actions

### Council - Admin & Finance

<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 10/23/2018	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
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### Council - Intl Discipline

<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Disapproval 10/30/2018	<b>Draft 1:</b> The Council would like to seek clarification on the need to specifically have ICAR registered microchips. The Council suggests that the USEF follow the FEI requirements for microchips.
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### Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 10/31/2018	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
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### National Hunter Committee

<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 10/22/2018	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
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Extraordinary Change Reason

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Proposed Change

**EQ103.3.2 Eligibility to Compete** [CHAPTER EQ-2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]

EQ103 Eligibility to Compete

[...]

2. USHJA Horse Registrations.

a. All horses competing in Federation licensed and/or USHJA sanctioned competitions with Hunter, Hunter Breeding, Jumper and Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes not restricted by breed must be properly identified in accordance with GR1101, and must also be registered with USHJA (See GR1101.1). The USEF/USHJA registration number for each horse must be entered on all entry forms for licensed competitions.

b. Applications for USHJA Registration can be completed online at ushja.org or usef.org using the USEF Horse Registration application form. This form is also available from the USHJA or Federation office, as a download from the USHJA or Federation website or from competition management. Competition management is responsible for notifying exhibitors of this requirement in their prize list.

3.1 In addition to the provisions of EQ103.2, on or after December 1, 2017, all horses competing in classes that require USHJA horse registration must provide a microchip number that verifies their animal's identity in order to compete for points, money won or be eligible for Federation and/or USHJA programs and awards where horses are required to be recorded or registered.

3.2 A microchip used to verify identity must be a fifteen digit **ICAR registered and** ISO compliant 11784/11785 **non-shared codechip** and be implanted in the nuchal ligament of the animal.

[...]

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Rule Change Intent

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Linked Rules Comments

Web: microchips

Committee Actions

Council - Admin & Finance

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 10/23/2018

**Draft 1: No Comments**

Council - Intl Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 10/30/2018

**Draft 1: The Council would like to seek clarification on the need to specifically have ICAR registered microchips. The Council suggests that the USEF follow the FEI requirements for microchips.**

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 10/31/2018

**Draft 1: No Comments**

National Hunter Committee

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 10/22/2018

**Draft 1: No Comments**

DR119 Tracking #355-18 Draft #1 Disapproved

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2019	10/5/2018	Disapproved 1/12/2019

Proposed Change

**DR119 Participation in Dressage Competitions.** [CHAPTER DR-1 Dressage Governing Regulations]

I propose that in order to progress to a higher level a competitor must either achieve 5 scores of 60%-65%, or 3 scores above 65% at current level.

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

Given the recent viral video that has attracted bullying from armchair jockeys globally, I think this is the perfect time to try and change the structure of how competitors go up the levels in this country. I am proposing the implementation of a system that would require people to demonstrate their competency at one level before progressing to the next. This kind of road block would hopefully lead to the prevention of riders getting in over their head when competing at a level beyond their abilities and drawing international scrutiny. I think ensuring that everyone develops competency at the lower levels will elevate the sport as a whole, and also create a safer environment for both horse and rider.

Linked Rules

Comments

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 12/20/2018

**Draft 1: Support the comments made by the International discipline Sport Committees.**

Dressage

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 08/16/2018

**Draft 1: We thank you for your proposal, but a topic like this needs more collaborative discussion with membership. Additionally, the Dressage Sport Committee is already in process of considering this question with preparations in progress to discuss this topic further during the USDF Convention this Fall.**