



USHJA Horse and Rider Advocates Committee
Monday, May 13, 2019 2:00pm ET
Teleconference: 888-392-4560 Access Code: 39235

Members Present: Dr. Mark Baus, Carol Dean-Porter, Susan Lyman, Sheila Murphy, Jo-Ann Schaudies, Eric Straus, Gay Talmey, Glenna Wirtanen, and Katie Young (Chair) (9)

Members Not Present: Maria Biancone, Dayle Eldredge, Arly Golombek (Vice), Wendy Mathews, Dr. Richard Mitchell, Leslie Terry, and Dr. Stephen Soule (7)

Also Present: Whitney Barnard (Committee Liaison)

I. Welcome and Roll Call

- Katie Young called the meeting to order at 2:00pm ET. Whitney Barnard performed roll call and a quorum was met with 9 voting members present.

II. Approval of meeting minutes from April 16, 2019

- *Ms. Dean-Porter moved to approve the minutes from April 16, 2019. Ms. Lyman seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Straus abstained as he was not present at the last meeting.*

III. RCPs

- Stall card
 - Ms Barnard questioned whether or not the stall card was necessary with the inclusion of GR1301.9. The committee agreed that it was
 - Ms. Barnard reminded the committee that they can submit the proposal but being a GR rule, USEF Legal may adjust the language
 - *Ms. Wirtanen motioned to approve the proposal if they remove the 1st line and change it to “In accordance with GR1301.9...”). Ms. Murphy seconded and the motion passed.*
- Cruelty and welfare rule
 - The committee reviewed Tom Brennan’s request to adjust the language referencing hitting a horse in the head “in an emergency” as it’s defined differently in GR and HU.
 - After discussion, the committee took no action on the request. They felt that the HU rule provided a higher standard than the GR rule and that there was no need for a change. Ms. Barnard will send Mr. Brennan a response.

- Privacy screens
 - *Ms. Dean-Porter motioned to approve the privacy screen language. Ms. Schaudies seconded and the motion passed.*
 - The committee agreed that the intent was to shield the public from a potentially gruesome scene and provide privacy for the veterinarians/doctors to work
- Jogging
 - Initially the committee wanted to develop two concepts and get input from other committees before submitting a change. After discussion, they agreed that eliminating the jog for horses jumping under 3'6" was the most feasible.
 - *Ms. Dean-Porter motioned to approve the RCP language as amended. Ms. Lyman seconded and the motion passed.*
 - The intent of the rule is to prevent horses from standing around all day in tack and braids outside the ring or in their stalls waiting for the jog. Judges should be able to score horses based on their ability to perform; horses that are lame will not be able to perform at their best.

VI. Old Business

Ms. Young updated the committee on the data that was pulled regarding over showing. After review, Ms. Young felt that there was no obvious trends to indicate that horses are being egregiously over shown. It appears that the majority of horses are competing within appropriate expectations. Ms. Barnard informed the committee that she has written an article for Communications reminding competitors of what to consider when scheduling their upcoming show season. It will hopefully help educate them and make them aware of their horse's limitations.

VI. New Business

- There was no new business to discuss.

VII. Adjourn

- *Ms. Schaudies motioned to adjourn and the meeting adjourned at 2:45pm ET.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Whitney Barnard
 USHJA Assistant Managing Director of Education/Committee Liaison