



USHJA Competition Standards Committee Meeting

Monday, July 16th, 2018 2:00pm ET

Teleconference: 888-392-4560 Access Code: 31510

Members Present: Katie Benson, Naomi Blumenthal, Patrick Boyle, Chris Collman, Karen Golding, Frank Madden (Chair), Michael Morrissey, John Rush, Charlotte Skinner-Robson, Skip Thornbury, and Lynn Walsh (Vice) (11)

Members Not Present: David Burton, Ned Glynn, and Kenneth Okken (3)

Also Present: Whitney Barnard (Committee Liaison), Katie Patrick (USHJA Sports Director), Rachel Causey (USHJA Sport Assistant), Katlynn Sacco (USEF Competition Licensing, Evaluation and Safety), Meredith Monti (USEF Compliance Manager), Kelsey Shanley (USEF Director of National Affiliates), Lisa Owens (USEF Competition Services Managing Director), Britt McCormick, Mary Babick, Laurie Birnbach, Stephanie Wheeler, Kim Aldrich-Farrell, Bill Moroney, and Dianne Johnson

I. Welcome and Roll Call

- Frank Madden called the meeting to order at 2pm and Whitney Barnard performed roll call. A quorum was met with 11 voting members present.

II. Approval of meeting minutes from 6/18-19, 2018

- *Mr. Thornbury moved to approve the minutes from June 18-19, 2018. There was second and the motion passed.*

III. Topics for discussion:

Mr. Madden opened the meeting with a “thank you” to the USEF staff for working hard to put together the list of definitions in such a short timeframe. They have been incredibly helpful to this committee during this project.

Mandatory Options:

- The committee began reviewing the document submitted by USEF and made a few suggestions for edits
- Due to the late submission of the document, the committee agreed to review the document and submit edits to Ms. Barnard by Thursday, July 19th. USEF would update the document on the 20th and the committee will reconvene on the 23rd to discuss the changes

Ms. Campbell asked the committee to consider two-day Junior/Amateur competitions as they have slightly different requirements. In the end, the committee agreed to make not changes to those competitions.

Combine Regional I and II competitions?

- Although much of the data supports the combining of Regional competitions, mileage is a challenge
- The USEF Ad Hoc would be a good group to review the concept and offer suggestions, but the concept might be a hard sell
- The committee agreed to leave the Regional competitions as-is for now

AA Filled Sections

- This committee already voted to remove the horse count requirements and have decided to require filled rated sections instead
- *Mr. Boyle motioned to approve the concept that competitions would be required to fill 15 AA rated sections (two out of three years) to be designated Premier. There was a second and the motion passed.*

Ms. Babick informed the committee that the Pony Hunter Task Force voted to allow Regional rated points to count towards Finals. For points to count, a rider would have to win champion three times and reserve wouldn't count. This would begin in 2020. The TF, however, did not recommend combining the Regional competitions.

V. Old Business

- There was no old business to discuss

VI. New Business

- There was no new business to discuss

VII. Adjourn

- *There was a motion to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 3:27pm ET.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Whitney Barnard

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