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JP 108.7	183-18	1	12/1/2019	Jumper
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JP 111.0	282-18	4	12/1/2019	USHJA
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Proposed Change

GR612 Review of Decisions [CHAPTER 6-D Post Hearing Procedures]

GR610 Proceedings Before a Show Committee

3. Determination:

f. A party to a protest or charge desiring to appeal a decision of the Show Committee or Competition Management to the Hearing Committee shall file an appeal in writing with the Hearing Committee at the Federation's office **in accordance with GR612.2** ~~within thirty (30) days of the initial decision. The Hearing Committee will not review findings of fact; but will determine whether the rules were properly interpreted and applied.~~

GR204 Affiliated Associations and Associated Youth Organizations

1. Recognized Affiliate Associations

Recognized Affiliate Associations consist of corporations, organizations, and associations in good standing that have been approved by the Board of Directors of the Federation. Recognized Affiliate Associations shall comply with and be bound by these bylaws and the Rules of the Federation and decisions of the Federation including those of the Hearing Committee, and must pay annual fees and/or dues as determined by the Federation. Recognized Affiliate categories shall include:

b. National Associations where the national breed or discipline has competition rules which have been approved by the Board of Directors of the Federation for inclusion in the Federation's Rule Book. The Federation may only recognize one national breed/discipline association for each breed or discipline with competition rules in the Rule Book. If a Recognized National Affiliate Association ceases to affiliate with the Federation, the Board of Directors may in its discretion replace the organization that has seceded or been removed for cause with another association involving the same breed or discipline or the Board of Directors may replace the organization with an appropriate Federation Breed or Discipline Committee. Such Committee shall be deemed a Recognized National Affiliate Association for purposes of Bylaw 303. Recognized National Affiliate Association requirements are established by the Board of Directors from time to time. **A party wishing to challenge decisions concerning Appeals** involving the recognition of any association or committee **must follow the procedures set forth in Chapter 6 of the Federation rules.** ~~must be made in writing to the National Office within 30 days of the announcement. Appeals will be heard by the Hearing Committee in the same manner as date disputes. The decision of the Hearing Committee shall be final and shall be deemed to have the force and effect of a ruling in arbitration.~~ Recognized National Affiliate Associations are sometimes referred to as "National Affiliates."

GR303 Competition Fees, Account Review, and Insurance

3. Any Licensee who fails to pay sums owed to the Federation, or who makes payment for fees to the Federation

which is not negotiable, will be notified by the Federation of its indebtedness and subject to the applicable policies of the Federation. The Federation will provide Licensees with online access to review their entire competition accounts.

a. If any Licensee affected by GR303.3 disputes that the amounts in question are owed or unpaid, the Licensee may request to have **a procedural review by the Co-Chairs of the** ~~the matter reviewed~~ Hearing Committee **or their designees**, provided his or her written statement specifying the grounds for such review is received at the Federation's office, along with a fee, in accordance with the applicable policies. The fee will be refunded if the dispute is settled in favor of the Licensee.

b. In the event a Licensee makes non-negotiable payment for fees to the Federation on three or more occasions, said Licensee is subject to further disciplinary action.

6. A certificate of insurance for each competition must be received by the Federation office at least 14 calendar days prior to the competition by mail with proof of delivery or submitted electronically via e-mail, or via fax. Competitions faxing their certificate of insurance to the Federation must retain a copy of the fax confirmation. If the certificate is not received 14 days prior to the competition, insurance coverage will be acquired and the competition invoiced. Each certificate must name the Federation as additional insured for each day of the competition, including set-up and takedown days, with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 third party general liability insurance and \$50,000 on equipment and property. Competitions failing to provide proof of such coverage (or such coverage to the extent permitted by local law) will automatically be enrolled in the group policy for competitions and will then be invoiced the then prevailing premium for such insurance. Competitions outside the United States must provide evidence of equivalent coverage of such insurance and will not be enrolled in the group policy.

a. Competitions must notify the Federation in writing of cancellation of their insurance policies by their insurance provider.

b. A fine will be imposed on any competition in the United States for which evidence of adequate insurance is not received at least two weeks prior to the competition. The fine is in addition to the amount of the invoice for the automatic enrollment in the group policy. A competition disputing that the invoice and/or

the fine is properly owing may **request a procedural review** appeal in writing to the Federation within 30 calendar days of management's receipt of the Federation's notice of billing and/or fine, specifying the grounds ~~therefor the appeal~~. The **Co-Chairs of the Hearing Committee or their designees** Federation's CEO or his designee, a special committee appointed by the president or the Hearing Committee will consider the appeal and may waive part or all of the billing and/or fine upon a finding of good cause why the evidence of insurance was not filed timely and/or a finding that extreme hardship results from the automatic penalty.

GR 316 License Application Disputes and Resolution

2. License disputes will be decided by the Federation Hearing Committee in accordance with the Federation rules and procedures. **The Hearing Committee may review the decision based upon the record below, in which case the parties may be represented by counsel and may file briefs for the Hearing Committee's review. Or, in its discretion, the Hearing Committee may hold a new hearing at which the parties shall have the right to make written submissions, to be represented by counsel, to appear in person, and to present or cross-examine witnesses. In either case, the Hearing Committee shall only determine if the mileage exemption process was conducted in accordance with the rules. The Hearing Committee shall provide the parties with the opportunity to be heard pursuant to written submissions and shall issue a written decision within 30 calendar days following receipt of the initiation of dispute and response(s) from affected parties. If the Hearing Committee finds a procedural defect, the exemption request will go back through the process beginning at the point where the defect occurred. In the event the Hearing Committee decides to remand the issue, the exemption request would be considered through the normal process.**

3. The Hearing Committee's decision is final and not appealable **within the Federation**.

GR612 Review of Decisions

2. Appeal of **proceedings before a Show Committee** decisions made by other than the Hearing Committee

a. When the ~~presiding person, persons, Show Committee or Competition Management other than the Hearing Committee~~ makes an initial decision **pursuant to GR610**, that decision then becomes the decision of the Federation without further proceedings, unless there is a written appeal to the Hearing Committee for review by a party to the proceeding or by the Federation, which must be received within thirty (30) days from the issuance of the ruling being reviewed. ~~On appeal from the initial decision, the Hearing Committee will not review findings of fact, but will determine whether the rules were properly interpreted and applied.~~

3. **Procedural Review**

a. When a representative or committee of the Federation makes or recommends a determination that addresses an application or other request of a member, or makes a determination of any fine, fee or other penalty under Federation rules, the aggrieved member may request a procedural review by the Co-Chairs of the Hearing Committee or their designees, provided that the request is made in writing to the Federation within 30 days of the determination, specifying the grounds for the procedural review.

GR844 Poling

4. Violators will be automatically penalized by elimination of the horse involved from the class in which it is participating and the next succeeding class in which it is entered. If the violation occurs after the horse has completed its performance in a class or between classes, it will be eliminated from the next two succeeding classes in which it is entered. All such violations must be recorded in the Steward's Report and, if cruelty or abusive behavior is **alleged** ~~evident~~, it will be reviewed by the **Co-Chairs of the Hearing Committee or their designees** for such action as may be deemed appropriate to the particular circumstances.

GR913 Unpaid Entries

2. If the person disputes that the amounts in question are owing or unpaid, he or she may request a review of these issues before the **Co-Chairs of the Hearing Committee or their designees**, provided a written statement specifying the grounds for a **procedural** review, accompanied by a fee of \$100 (which will be refunded if the dispute is settled in favor of said person) is received at the Federation's office within said 30 day period. The **Co-Chairs of the Hearing Committee or their designees** ~~is~~ are the only ~~entity~~ **body** that can waive the fines

assessed as the result of this rule.

GR1003 Review

3. Following an adverse decision by the Licensed Officials Committee with regard to a non-renewal or revocation only, an applicant may request the Hearing Committee to review the decision or to consider a hearing de novo, provided such application is made in writing within 20 days of receipt of the Licensed Officials Committee decision, and provided a nonrefundable fee of \$500 payable to The Federation accompanies the application. The Hearing Committee may review the decision **based upon the record below, in which case the parties may be represented by counsel and may file briefs for the Hearing Committee's review. Or, in its discretion, the Hearing Committee may hold a new hearing at which the parties shall have the right to make written submissions, to be represented by counsel, to appear in person, and to present or cross-examine witnesses.** In either case, both the applicant and the Licensed Officials Committee shall be parties to the proceeding and shall have the right to make written submissions, ~~be represented by counsel, and in the event of a hearing, to appear in person and present or cross-examine witnesses.~~

GR1009 Special Judge

6. Application must be received in the Federation office at least 14 days prior to the start of the competition. In cases where special applications are received prior to the competition, but less than 14 days prior, the competition must pay a processing fee of \$50. If management disputes that the application was not timely filed or that the above fine is not properly owing, it may **request a procedural review of these issues before the Co-Chairs of the Hearing Committee or their designees, provided that the request is made** appeal in writing to the Federation within 30 days of management's receipt of the Federation's notice of fine, specifying the grounds for the **procedural review** appeal. The Federation's CEO or his designee, a special committee appointed by the President or the Hearing Committee will consider the appeal. **The Co-Chairs of the Hearing Committee or their designees** and may waive a part or all of the fee upon a finding of good cause why the application was not timely filed and/or a finding that extreme hardship results from the fee.

GR1010 Guest Cards

3. The application for a Guest Card must be received in the Federation office at least 21 days prior to the start of the competition. In cases where the Guest Card application is received prior to the competition, but less than 21 days prior, the competition must pay a processing fee of \$50. If management disputes that the application was not timely filed or that the above fee is not properly owing, it may **request a procedural review of these issues before the Co-Chairs of the Hearing Committee or their designees, provided that the request is made** appeal in writing to the Federation within 30 days of management's receipt of the Federation's notice of fine, specifying the grounds for the appeal. The **Co-Chairs of the Hearing Committee or their designees** Federation's CEO or his designee, a special committee appointed by the President or the Hearing Committee will consider the appeal and may waive a part or all of the fee upon a finding of good cause why the application was not timely filed and/or a finding that extreme hardship results from the fee.

GR1015 Special Steward

1. A Special Category 1 steward is an individual already enrolled as a Recorded 'r' Category 1 steward, to whom

the Licensed Officials Department has granted permission to officiate as a Registered 'R' steward at a National

f. If management disputes that the application was not timely filed or that the above fine is not properly owing, it may **request a procedural review of these issues before the Co-Chairs of the Hearing Committee or their designees, provided that the request is made** appeal in writing to the Federation within 30 days of management's receipt of the Federation's notice of fine, specifying the grounds for the appeal. The **Co-Chairs of the Hearing Committee or their designees** Federation's CEO or his designee, a special committee appointed by the President or the Hearing Committee will consider the appeal and may waive a part or all of the fine upon a finding of good cause why the application was not timely filed and/or a finding that extreme hardship results from the automatic penalty.

g. It is the responsibility of competition management to assure the eligibility of all stewards.

GR1119 Disputes

2. Any participant wishing to dispute a tabulation or qualification or disqualification must appeal the issue in writing specifying the reasons for disputing the tabulation or qualification or disqualification (the "Dispute"). Said Dispute must be received by the Federation by December 15 (should the 15th fall on a weekend, the deadline will be set for the following Monday) following the competition year in question, except for the Paso Fino Division for which the deadline is September 15. A Dispute must be accompanied by the required fee which is not refundable. Disputes will be referred to the CEO or his designee for a ruling in the first instance, who will determine if the information which is provided in the Dispute is sufficient to alter the tabulation or qualification or disqualification. If the participant is dissatisfied with the CEO's or his designee's ruling, the participant may **request a procedural review of these issues before the Co-Chairs of the Hearing Committee or their designees, provided that the request is made in writing and submit a written request for an appeal**. An appeal must be accompanied by the required fee, which will be refunded if the appeal is upheld. Appeals will be referred to the Hearing Committee or a special committee appointed by the President, whose decision is final.

GR1212 Prize Lists

3. If management disputes that the prize list was not timely filed or that the above fine is not properly owing, it may **request a procedural review of these issues before the Co-Chairs of the Hearing Committee or their designees, provided that the request is made** appeal in writing to the Federation within 30 days of management's receipt of the Federation's notice of fine, specifying the grounds for the appeal. The **Co-Chairs of the Hearing Committee or their designees** Federation's CEO or his designee, a special committee appointed by the President or the Hearing Committee will consider the appeal and may waive a part or all of the fine upon a finding of good cause why the prize list was not timely filed and/or a finding that extreme hardship results from the automatic penalty. See Chapter 9 for requirements regarding prize lists.

GR1214 Results

5. If management disputes that the results were not timely filed or that the above fine is not properly owing, it may **request a procedural review of these issues before the Co-Chairs of the Hearing Committee or their designees, provided that the request is made** appeal in writing to the Federation within 30 days of management's receipt of the Federation's notice of fine, specifying the grounds for the appeal. The **Co-Chairs of the Hearing Committee or their designees** Federation's CEO or his designee, a special committee appointed by the President or the Hearing Committee will consider the appeal and may waive a part or all of the fine upon a finding of good cause why the application was not timely filed and/or a finding that extreme hardship results from the automatic penalty.

GR1301 General

4. Any member or non-member who fails to pay sums owing to the Federation or who makes payment for fees to the Federation which is not negotiable will be notified by the Federation of his or her indebtedness and warned that unless settlement is made within two weeks he or she will automatically be fined the sum of \$250 to be paid to the Federation; and further, that he or she and any horses owned by him or her and any horses and/or persons for which payment has not been made or for which the non-negotiable sums have been paid will automatically be barred from taking any part whatsoever in Licensed Competitions until payment or settlement is made of the total indebtedness to the Federation. Publication of the suspension will be published on the Federation's web site.

a. If any individual affected by GR1301.4 disputes that the amounts in question are owed or unpaid, he or she may request a **procedural** review of these issues ~~by before the Co-Chairs of the~~ Hearing Committee ~~or their designees~~, provided his or her written statement specifying the grounds for the review is received at the Federation's office within said two week period accompanied by a fee of \$100, which will be refunded if the dispute is settled in favor of said person.

EV118.7 Inquiries, Protests and Appeals

7. A party to a protest or charge desiring to appeal a decision of the Appeal Committee to the Hearing Committee must file an appeal in writing with the Hearing Committee at the Federation's office within fifteen (15) days of the initial decision. ~~The Hearing Committee will not review the findings but will determine whether the rules were properly interpreted and applied.~~

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Rule Change Intent
Members have raised questions and sought clarification regarding the various review and appeal rights under the rules. In an effort to ensure uniformity and clarity in all references, this rule change proposes the more appropriate designation of "procedural review" in instances where the Hearing Committee is simply ensuring all procedural requirements, such as timeliness, were appropriately followed and rules were applied.

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Shetland	
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Preamble

The licensing authority, licensing decisions, and calendar management rest solely with the Federation. The Federation seeks to provide a competition environment that is in the best interest of the sport of Equestrian, provides sufficient opportunity for the development of equine and human athletes, and provides for viable competitions to meet the needs of the sport at all levels within a geographic area.

GR301 Agreement

1. All applications for a Federation license are accepted with the explicit agreement of competition Licensee that all classes (rated or unrated) to be held on a Federation licensed date must be recognized by the Federation and are governed by all applicable Federation rules, and that no unrecognized classes will be held on any date for which Federation recognition is requested, except that:

- a. Horse Trials at Eventing Competitions below the Preliminary Level
- b. Eventing Tests at all levels
- c. Combined Driving below the Advanced Level
- d. Draft Horses classes
- e. Miniature Horse classes
- f. Non-affiliated National Breed or discipline association classes
- g. Vaulting levels/classes below A-Teams, B-Teams, C-Teams, Senior Teams, Junior Teams, Gold, Silver, Bronze, Senior and Junior Individuals, and Pas de Deux and Junior Pas de Deux.
- h. Academy classes
- i. Qualifying classes for Youth Reining classes or Reining classes at USA Reining and NRHA approved competitions.
- j. Exhibitions for which there are no breed or division rules
- k. Hunter/Jumper competitions designated "Outreach" competitions by USHJA and limited to either one competition day or multiple competition days with a maximum of two competition rings (one hunter ring and one jumper ring) per day.
- l. Unrecognized classes may be held in conjunction with or during a Federation Licensed Paso Fino competition. *BOD 1/14/17 Effective 12/1/17*
- m. These above named classes/levels can be held as unrecognized only provided a separate entry blank is used and the prize list and/or Omnibus clearly states that the classes are not recognized by the Federation.
- n. Exception: FEI rules take precedence as to international classes and events over Federation rules at all FEI Sanctioned Competitions. Federation rules take precedence as to national classes and events which are not FEI Sanctioned at FEI Sanctioned Competitions.

GR302 License Application Policies and Procedures

- 1. General Provisions.
 - a. License Duration. The duration of the License agreements will be one (1) year. All Licensed Competitions are subject to a Competition Evaluation.

b. Eligibility. A License application or renewal from a Licensee may not be accepted if it has been determined by the Federation that the Licensee has outstanding issues which may relate to financial matters, safety matters, failure to comply with Federation rules, breach of a prior license agreement, or any other issues that may be prejudicial to the best interest of equestrian sport. **The Federation may reject a new or renewal License Application, if the Chief Executive Officer determines that the Licensee is unsuitable to host a Federation competition based on any of the following factors:**

1. **The criteria enumerated in GR 315.3(a), (b), and (c);**
2. **Financial viability concerns;**
3. **Safety matters;**
4. **Failure to comply with any Federation rules;**
5. **Breach of any Federation competition license agreement; or**
6. **Any other factors that may be prejudicial to the best interest of equestrian sport.**

c. Submission of Competition License Applications. Complete License Applications must be accompanied by all appropriate fees. Applications should be sent to the Federation using a method that provides delivery confirmation. The Federation is not responsible for undelivered applications. Applications must be received by the date specified in the policies. Applications for competitions, which are not made in accordance with the preceding requirements, will not be considered. The Federation shall provide written acknowledgement to all license applicants within 14 working days of receiving a completed license application and the applicable fees.

d. Holding of License Applications. License applications for competitions unable to be approved for any reason, excluding mileage conflicts, will be sent written notification by the Competitions Department and held for a period of 30 calendar days from the date of that notification to allow the competition in question to submit the information required, seek alternative dates, or make other license modifications. At the end of the 30-day period, if the application has not been completed or the 30-day period has not been extended by the Competition Licensing Department following the submission of a written request, the application will be considered to have been withdrawn and the dues will be refunded less a withdrawal fee pursuant.

1. Except as provided herein, there will be no holding of applications or dues, and applicants must reapply annually. Applications that seek approval for a License to conduct a competition on a date that has been open for more than the web posting period will be accepted at any time with respect to the deadlines outlined in GR302. All applications for dates that have been open for more than the open date web posting period will be considered in the order received.

e. Competition Inspection. The Federation shall determine when a competition venue requires inspection(s). If the competition facility is not complete at the time of inspection, the Licensee must submit evidence that the facility will be complete by the competition start date to the satisfaction of the Federation. Any Federation required inspection(s) of a competition venue will be conducted at the applicant's expense.

f. Requests for Additional Information. The Federation may, at its discretion, request additional information from an applicant. Applicants are expected to supply all relevant information with their application. The license will define the obligations of both the Federation and the Licensee and are subject to nonrenewal or termination by either party.

g. Competition Calendar. Existing licensed dates and locations are posted on the Federation website. Competitions listed on the FEI calendar remain subject to Federation approval and may be removed from the FEI calendar if approval is not granted. When a date that has been licensed becomes available (New Open Date), it will be posted on the Federation website for 30 calendar days. Reasons a date may become available include, but are not limited to:

1. A renewal license application and/or payment not being received by the Federation in accordance with the application requirements;
2. Failure of the existing competition to achieve a satisfactory Competition Evaluation;
3. Licensee is not in "good standing" with the Federation, or any other issues that may be prejudicial to the best interest of the sport;
4. A cancellation, withdrawal, or revocation of a license.

h. License Modification. Any changes to the License agreement including location, dates, rating, level, or prize money, will require a license modification request and payment of a fee. Any modifications resulting in a conflict will result in the loss of Priority Date Holder status. Any modification not resulting in a conflict shall comply with the provisions set forth below in order to retain Priority Date Holder status. USEF may or may not approve the requested changes.

1. Holding a competition on a date(s) other than that approved shall constitute a violation of the rules unless a request to change the date(s) is received in the Federation's office at least 30 calendar days prior to the competition and permission is duly given.

a. For Eventing competitions, requests for change of competition date(s) must be received 10 calendar days prior to the first day of the competition.

2. Holding a competition at a location other than as stated on the date application shall constitute a violation of the rules unless a request to change the location is received in the Federation's office at least 60 calendar days prior to the competition date and permission is duly given.

3. Failure to obtain the permission of the Federation at least 30 calendar days prior to the competition to add a division, not offer an approved division, or change the rating of an approved division, constitutes a violation of the rules.

a. For Eventing competitions, requests to add or cancel a division must be received at least 10 calendar days prior to the first day of the competition.

4. A Licensee requesting a license modification involving a change of location that results in a mileage conflict may request to maintain Priority Date Holder status at the new location. Competitions that would be impacted by the change of location shall have the opportunity to submit written comments to the Federation prior to a determination. A determination shall be made by a Federation Internal Review Panel, as defined in GR315, along with a representative appointed by the relevant Recognized Breed/Discipline Affiliate. If a Licensee's request to maintain Priority Date Holder Status is denied, he may still request a mileage exemption.

i. Competitions that are not conducted in accordance with the terms of the license agreement will have breached the terms of the license agreement. Such breach may result in cancellation or nonrenewal of the license agreement, the Licensee may be ineligible for a license in the future, or other penalties under the provisions of GR707.

2. New Competitions Without Mileage Conflicts.

- a. License applications for new competitions will be accepted beginning December 1 of each year for the subsequent competition year.
- b. A competition year begins on December 1st of the prior calendar year.
- c. Applicants will refer to the Federation Competitions Calendar for open dates.
- d. Applications for a new competition license agreement must be made on the form provided by the Federation and received by the Federation at least 60 calendar days prior to the start date of the competition.
- e. In the event that an applicant competition has a mileage conflict with an existing competition(s), an applicant may seek a mileage exemption in accordance with GR315.

~~1. Absent a showing of material change to the mileage exemption application as determined by the CEO or his designee, a request for a mileage exemption will be returned if the licensee has submitted and been denied two previous mileage exemption requests for the same competition.~~

f. License Applications for new competitions that the Federation disapproves for any reason, including mileage conflicts, will be sent written notification by the Federation.

3. Renewing Competitions.

a. License renewals, including the applicable fees, must be received within 60 calendar days of the last day of the licensed competition.

1. License renewal applications received more than 60 calendar days after the last day of the applicable competition under an existing license will be considered as a new application consistent with GR302. A Licensee may request to renew their competition license by completing the applicable information on the post competition report providing that the Licensee signs this report and submits the applicable fee.

2. The Federation shall notify a Licensee in writing as soon as possible, but no more than 90 days from receipt of a renewal request, if there are conflicts or other issues preventing renewal.

3. The Federation shall provide a License Agreement to a Licensee as soon as possible, but not later than 90 days from receipt of a renewal request, if there are no conflicts or other issues preventing renewal.

b. A competition will be eligible for renewal on comparable dates at the same location as long as the following conditions are met:

1. The renewal and applicable fee is submitted within 60 calendar days after the last day of the current year's competition;
2. The competition has a satisfactory Competition Evaluation;
3. The Licensee is in good standing and does not have any outstanding dues, fines or fees owed to the Federation;
4. A renewal is subject in all respects to the mileage rule and all other applicable rules, policies, and procedures in existence at the time of renewal.

c. A licensee may advertise a new or renewing competition prior to receiving a license provided that the advertising clearly and prominently states that the competition is pending Federation approval.

ed. Competition Evaluation

1. To the extent appropriate, additional information on the applicable Competition Evaluation process and procedures will be referenced in the License agreement. It is the responsibility of the Licensee to comply with all applicable published or otherwise noticed requirements for Licensed Competitions.

2. Federation licensed competitions will be subject to a Competition Evaluation. The Evaluation is utilized to assist the Federation in determining if renewal of a license and the continued use of Federation dates are in the best interest of the sport of equestrian.

3. Competition Evaluations will be conducted in accordance with Federation competition evaluation processes and procedures in addition to Competition Evaluation Reports, reports from Federation assigned Stewards and Technical Delegates, and Recognized Affiliate evaluation reports.

d. Date Rotation. For competitions beginning December 1, 2008 or later, the following provisions will be in effect:

1. For the 2009 competition year and thereafter, comparable dates will be based on a competition's 2006 dates using the Memorial Day Date Rotation Axis. Under the Memorial Day Date Rotation Axis, all Federation competition dates rotate in conjunction with Memorial Day.

2. For the 2009 competition year, any competition that did not hold a license for the 2006 competition year, but received a license for the 2007 and/or 2008 competition year, will have priority over new competitions requesting dates. However, competitions with licenses for the 2006 competition year will have priority over any of the above mentioned competitions.

GR303 Competition Fees, Account Review, and Insurance

1. Competition Fees. Competition fees will be posted to the Federation website and noted on applicable competition forms. Any changes to competition fees

will be posted on the Federation website and will apply to the next competition year.

2. No competition dates will be licensed for a Licensee that has outstanding past due fees, fines, or other obligations of 60 days or more owing to the Federation with respect to any past Licensed Competitions.

3. Any Licensee who fails to pay sums owed to the Federation, or who makes payment for fees to the Federation which is not negotiable, will be notified by the Federation of its indebtedness and subject to the applicable policies of the Federation. The Federation will provide Licensees with online access to review their entire competition accounts.

a. If any Licensee affected by GR303.3 disputes that the amounts in question are owed or unpaid, the Licensee may request to have the matter reviewed by the Hearing Committee, provided his or her written statement specifying the grounds for such review is received at the Federation's office, along with a fee, in accordance with the applicable policies. The fee will be refunded if the dispute is settled in favor of the Licensee.

b. In the event a Licensee makes non-negotiable payment for fees to the Federation on three or more occasions, said Licensee is subject to further disciplinary action.

4. A Licensee may request an account review from the Federation. The request must be submitted in writing and a fee for each competition and each requested account review year will be charged. An account review is an investigation into a Licensee's financial dealings with the Federation. If material staff error is discovered, the fee will be refunded.

5. A Licensee may request a research of Federation records concerning the history of a competition date. The request must be submitted in writing and a fee will be charged per each request. The fee must accompany the request. If material staff error is discovered, the fee will be refunded.

6. A certificate of insurance for each competition must be received by the Federation office at least 14 calendar days prior to the competition by mail with proof of delivery or submitted electronically via e-mail, or via fax. Competitions faxing their certificate of insurance to the Federation must retain a copy of the fax confirmation. If the certificate is not received 14 days prior to the competition, insurance coverage will be acquired and the competition invoiced. Each certificate must name the Federation as additional insured for each day of the competition, including set-up and take-down days, with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 third party general liability insurance and \$50,000 on equipment and property. Competitions failing to provide proof of such coverage (or such coverage to the extent permitted by local law) will automatically be enrolled in the group policy for competitions and will then be invoiced the then prevailing premium for such insurance. Competitions outside the United States must provide evidence of equivalent coverage of such insurance and will not be enrolled in the group policy.

a. Competitions must notify the Federation in writing of cancellation of their insurance policies by their insurance provider.

b. A fine will be imposed on any competition in the United States for which evidence of adequate insurance is not received at least two weeks prior to the competition. The fine is in addition to the amount of the invoice for the automatic enrollment in the group policy. A competition disputing that the invoice and/or the fine is properly owing may appeal in writing to the Federation within 30 calendar days of management's receipt of the Federation's notice of billing and/or fine, specifying the grounds for the appeal. The Federation's CEO or his designee, a special committee appointed by the president or the Hearing Committee will consider the appeal and may waive part or all of the billing and/or fine upon a finding of good cause why the evidence of insurance was not filed timely and/or a finding that extreme hardship results from the automatic penalty.

7. Any competition that states in the prize list that the competition is licensed before the competition has been granted licensing by the Federation may be subject to a penalty. *BOD 1/14/17 Effective 12/1/17*

GR304 Competition Sale and Issuance of a New License

1. A Federation Competition License is the Federation document giving a Licensee permission to conduct a Federation event on a given date, at a given venue, and at a given rating and/or level.

2. Competition Sale. A Licensee does not own the Competition License. A Federation Competition License is a governance tool and not a commodity. As such, a sale of a competition should be contingent on Federation approval and issuance of a new license.

3. Issuance of a New Competition License. The granting of a new license to a Purchaser Licensee will not be unreasonably denied, subject to certain conditions or criteria including date, venue, rating, and/or level of the competition and completion of applicable forms and submission of a fee. The Purchaser Licensee will retain the applicable Priority Date Holder protections of the Seller Licensee. The Issuance of a new Competition License is subject to the following terms and conditions:

a. The issuance of a new Competition License due to a competition sale is subject to the approval of the Federation, following consultation with the applicable Recognized Affiliate;

b. The final decision to approve or deny the issuance of a new Competition License is at the sole discretion of the Federation;

c. In considering the approval or disapproval of the issuance of a new Competition License, the Federation shall consider the best interest of the sport including consideration of the growth and development of the sport. The Federation may consider concentration of dates in the control of a single Licensee or group of related Licensees when determining the appropriateness of the issuance of a new competition license;

d. The Purchaser Licensee must have demonstrated an ability to comply with rules, requirements, and standards that are in effect or established for the Competition Rating and/or Level at the time the issuance of a new Competition License;

e. Both the Seller and the Purchaser of the competition must disclose all proposed terms of the competition sale and must apply and obtain Federation approval before the issuance of a new license can be completed. All information will be considered confidential. Prior to any such approval or denial by the Federation, the Recognized National or FEI Affiliate, if any, may be consulted in regard to the request for issuance of a new license. The Federation may share, on a confidential basis, with the Recognized National or FEI Affiliate all of the terms or conditions of the issuance of a new Competition License, and all special conditions or other considerations. Such approval or denial by the Federation shall not subject the Federation to any liability or obligate it to any third party. Both Seller and Purchaser of the competition must agree to indemnify and hold harmless both the Federation and the Recognized National or FEI

Affiliate from any liability or legal expense arising from approval or denial of the agreement. Failure to completely disclose terms and conditions of a competition sale may result in termination of the License by the Federation and any sanctions, penalties, or other remedies available to the Federation.

4. The Seller Licensee shall remain financially responsible until the following conditions are met:

- a. Payment of the applicable fees;
- b. The Federation issues written approval of the issuance of a new competition license; and
- c. Seller has met all other financial obligations to the Federation.

5. The Purchaser Licensee will have the right to apply for renewal of comparable dates upon issuance of a new competition license.

GR305 Cancellation of Competitions

1. A Licensee may cancel an existing Licensed competition by notifying the Federation of the cancellation and returning the License to the Federation not less than 300 calendar days prior to next competition date under the License.

a. When a Cancellation is received more than 90 calendar days but less than 300 calendar days prior to the first day of the competition date under the License, 75% of competition dues will be refunded, subject to a minimum processing fee.

b. If written notice of a cancellation is received less than 90 calendars days prior to the first day of the competition, the Licensee will forfeit the application fee and will also be assessed a processing fee equal to that of the minimum competition dues, unless the cancellation is due to an Act of God under GR305.4.
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2. If a licensed competition is cancelled for two consecutive years for a reason other than an act of God, or due to extenuating circumstances approved by the CEO or his Designee, the applicable license will not be eligible for renewal ***or application for a new license by the same licensee or any entity associated with the same licensee for a period of two years. If the licensee is a business entity, this provision includes all persons listed as principals of the business entity.***

3. Cancellation of 50% or more of Open Dressage classes as listed in the prize list by any Recognized competition for two consecutive years for any reason other than Acts of God shall constitute relinquishment of comparable dates and loss of priority date status.

4. Competitions declaring cancellation due to an Act of God must provide written documentation, such as newspaper articles or photographs of the extenuating circumstances. Absent severe and unusual circumstances, such as hurricane winds, floods, tornadoes, or blizzards, weather conditions shall not be considered Acts of God. The CEO or his designee shall decide whether a cancellation is due to an Act of God. Any Licensee that cancels three or more competitions in a competition year shall not have priority for comparable dates for the cancelled competitions for the following competition year. However, this provision shall not be applicable to a competition cancelled due to an Act of God, loss of a facility, or due to extenuating circumstances, based upon a review by the CEO or his designee.

GR306 Inactive Competitions

1. Any Licensed Competition held the previous year that notifies the Federation at least 120 days prior to its competition date that it will not hold a competition that year, may retain Inactive status for a fee in addition to the application and/or competition fees. In such cases, the renewal license application will be subject to the current fees.

2. An Inactive Competition will be listed as "Inactive" on the Federation website and other Federation competition lists, and will retain its date priority for the following year, provided it meets the applicable date and competition requirements of the Federation.

3. If an Inactive Competition cancels the following year, that cancellation will constitute a second cancellation in a row per GR305, and the applicable license will be revoked and not eligible for renewal ***or application for a new license by the same licensee or any entity associated with the same licensee for a period of two years. If the licensee is a business entity, this provision includes all persons listed as principals of the business entity.*** This provision shall not be applicable to a competition cancelled due to an Act of God or due to extenuating circumstances approved by the CEO or his designee.

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SUBCHAPTER 3-B COMPETITION CLASSIFICATION

GR307 Classification

1. Licensed Competitions may be classified as Regular Competitions, Local Competitions, Eventing Competitions, Dressage Competitions, Driving Competitions, Endurance Competitions, Reining Competitions, and Vaulting Competitions.

2. Divisions and sections of Regular Competitions are classified as follows for the purpose of reckoning points toward the Federation Annual Horse of the Year Awards. (Exception: Jumper Division, see GR1114):

- a. A, B, or C; or
- b. To include any of the following, individually or combined: Andalusian/Lusitano;
 1. Arabian;

2. Friesian;
3. Hackney;
4. National Show Horse;
5. Morgan;
6. Roadster;
7. American Saddlebred;
8. Shetland.

3. Divisions and sections of Local, Dressage, Driving Competitions, Endurance Competitions, Reining Competitions, Vaulting Competitions, and Eventing Competitions are not rated. However, Dressage Competitions are categorized by levels.

4. Federation Endorsed Competitions, Divisions, or Levels or those events receiving approval pursuant to the Federation Bylaws.

5. Heritage Designations

a. Heritage designations are reserved for those competitions within the sport of Equestrian that have been established for a long period of time and have made a substantial contribution toward the development and promotion of the sport of equestrian, both within the sport and as well as within the broader community, by achieving, maintaining, and promoting the equestrian ideals of sportsmanship and competition.

b. Approval for all Heritage Designations requires:

1. Recommendation by the Federation CEO;
 2. Approval by the Federation Affiliate primarily represented by the competition;
 3. Approval of the Federation Board of Directors.
- c. Heritage designation may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the Federation Board of Directors.

d. Eligibility for Heritage Designation requires:

1. Minimum of 25 consecutive years of operation excluding any Act of God interruption;
 2. Application by the Competition Licensee;
 3. The Competition must be in good standing with both the Federation and the representing affiliate;
 4. Significant involvement and support from the community where the competition is held;
 5. Significant contribution to promotion of the sport of equestrian;
 6. Widely recognized within the sport of equestrian as being a Regional, National or International level of competition, or possessing other characteristics that make it unique within the sport of equestrian.
- e. Heritage competitions are permitted and encouraged to advertise their status as Heritage competitions.

GR308 National Championships

The Federation shall have the exclusive right to designate national championships in the disciplines for which the Federation is designated as the National Governing Body by the United States Olympic Committee and in the disciplines for which the Federation is designated as the National Federation by the Federation Equestre Internationale (Dressage, Driving, Endurance, Reining, Show Jumping, Three-Day Eventing, Para-Equestrian and Vaulting). The allocation of national championships in the foregoing disciplines, including issuance of date approvals, licensing of officials, approval of name and all copyright, trademark, trade name, television, video and other broadcast rights and all sponsorship matters shall be solely reserved to the CEO acting upon the advice and recommendation of the relevant Council. All persons or organizations, including affiliate organizations, organizing committees and/or competitions managements, wishing to receive Federation approval to hold a national championship in the foregoing divisions must apply to the Federation in writing on appropriate form(s) provided by the Federation and received by the Federation's office by the applicable deadline. The CEO shall be entitled to condition the Federation's designation and granting of approval for a national championship in any manner that he deems appropriate in his discretion.

GR309 Special Competitions – See PRC for Special License Competition

A Special Competition is an event, which may not fully meet the requirements for obtaining Federation licensing; however, it has been deemed in the best interest of the breed and/or discipline and/or sport, and the Federation that the event be sanctioned by the Federation. After written application to the Federation at least six months prior to an event, a competition may be approved for Special Competition classification upon approval of the Board of Directors.

The Federation must provide the applicable Recognized Affiliate, Council, and discipline or breed committee with all information pertaining to the request, including mileage and any other conflicts, for the purpose of making a recommendation as to approving or disapproving the request. A non-refundable processing fee must be submitted with the application. Special Competition classification may include, but is not limited to, the following: Olympic Games or Trials; Pan Am Games or Trials; World Equestrian Games or Trials; World Cup Finals or Qualifiers; FEI CSI 5* events held as a standalone event and not in conjunction with any other competition; Nations Cup Finals; Nations Cup CSIO's; Federation National Finals; Federation National Championships; Recognized Affiliate championships; and any other events deemed by the Board of Directors as fitting in this classification. Competitions classified as Special Competitions are exempt from the mileage rules for the classes and divisions approved by the Board of Directors.

GR310 Restrictions on Local Competitions

1. The total cash prizes shall not exceed \$500. Except Open Western Division (see GR310.5), 100% sweepstakes, and Reining Competitions; not including value of trophies offered.
2. The designation Local Competition must be stated on the cover of the prize list.
3. The Federation and applicable Federation Recognized Affiliate Association non-member/Show Pass fee will not apply.
4. Local Competitions benefit from all the general rules of the Federation and must abide by applicable division rules unless class specifications are printed otherwise in the prize list.
5. Western Division competitions may retain Local Competition status regardless of the amount of prize money offered.

GR311 Awards Rating Classifications

1. For the purpose of equalizing competitions for the National Horse of the Year Awards, divisions and sections of Regular Competitions fall into one of three classifications: "A", "B", or "C" rated.
2. In the Hunter division, the Increment System will determine points for ribbons won in any rated section. The point value for ribbons won in "A", "B", or "C" rated hunter sections is determined according to the Increment System utilizing a combination of the base points for each placing at each level of section rating and adding one point for each entry shown in the first performance class.
 - a. In the Green Hunter 3'0", 3'3", 3'6" and 3'9", Young Hunter 3'0", 3'3" and 3'6", High Performance Hunter, Performance Hunter 3'3" and 3'6", Green Conformation Hunter 3'6" and High Performance Conformation Hunter, standings for the National Horse of the Year Awards based on money won will be determined by dollars won in the horses respective sections. See GR1131.

GR312 Determining Ratings

1. A division or section rating or classification is determined from the number of classes, amount of cash premiums offered in these classes and the holding of required classes in certain divisions. A competition may not offer the minimum requirements for a rating higher than the rating approved by the Federation. See Ratings Charts.
2. A competition may qualify for several different ratings. Some competitions will earn an "A" or "B" rating in all divisions and sections; others may earn a combination of ratings. If more than the minimum number of classes is offered, prize money should be increased proportionately.
3. The Paso Fino Division is rated "C" regardless of the number of classes or amount of prize money offered. A competition may apply for an "A" rating if offering a minimum of \$2,000 and prior year competition had more than 250 horses. The PFHA National show shall be an "A" rated Federation Licensed Competition as per PF152.1i. Exception: the Paso Fino Division may be offered at Local Competitions.
4. In Stake classes in "A" and "B" divisions or sections competitions must guarantee amount offered as prize money except where the monies offered in other classes are sufficient to meet the Horse of the Year Award minimum requirements. In such cases Stake classes may run as sweepstakes.
5. The Connemara and Half-bred Connemara is "C" rated, regardless of the number of classes or amount of prize money offered. Exception: the Connemara and Half-bred Connemara Division may be offered at local competitions.
6. The following are rated "C" regardless of the number of classes or amount of prize money offered: Small Hunter, Hunter Breeding, Ladies Side Saddle Hunter, Adult Amateur Hunter, Children's Hunter, USHJA Hunter 2'0", 2'3", 2'6", 2'9", 3'0" and Thoroughbred Hunter.

HUNTER SECTIONS	"A"	"A"	"B" and "C"	"B"
	Required	Min	Required	Min.
	Classes	Money	Classes	Money

Open Hunter Sections

Green Conformation Hunter	4-6*	500	3-4	50
High Performance Conf Hunter	4-6*	500	3-4	50
High Performance Hunter	3-5	750**	3-4	200
Performance Hunter 3'3"	3-5	400	3-4	50
Performance Hunter 3'6"	3-5	500	3-4	100
Small Hunter			3-4	100

Green Hunter Sections

Green Hunter 3'0"

Green Hunter 3'3"

Green Hunter 3'6" 4-6* 500 3-4 100

Green Hunter 3'9" 4-6* 500 3-4 100

Young Hunter Sections

Young Hunter 3'0"

Young Hunter 3'3"

Young Hunter 3'6"

Amateur Owner Hunter Sections

Amateur Owner Hunter 3'6" 18-35 4-6* 500 3-4 100

Amateur Owner Hunter 3'6" 36 & over 4-6* 500 3-4 100

Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3" 18-35 4-5 500 3-4 100

Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3" 36 & over 4-5 500 3-4 100

Junior Hunter Sections

Small Junior Hunter 3'6" 15 & under 4-5* 500 3-4 100

Small Junior Hunter 3'6" 16-17 4-5* 500 3-4 100

Large Junior Hunter 3'6" 15 & under 4-5* 500 3-4 100

Large Junior Hunter 3'6" 16-17 4-5* 500 3-4 100

Small Junior Hunter 3'3" 15 & under 4-5* 500 3-4 100

Small Junior Hunter 3'3" 16-17 4-5* 500 3-4 100

Large Junior Hunter 3'3" 15 & under 4-5* 500 3-4 100

Large Junior Hunter 3'3" 16-17 4-5* 500 3-4 100

Hunter & Green Hunter Pony Section

Small Pony Hunter 4-5* 400 3-4 100

Medium Pony Hunter	4-5*	400	3-4	100
Large Pony Hunter	4-5*	400	3-4	100
Green Small Pony Hunter	4-5*	250	3-4	50
Green Medium Pony Hunter	4-5*	250	3-4	50
Green Large Pony Hunter	4-5*	250	3-4	50

Children's Hunter Sections+

Children's Hunter Younger

Children's Hunter Older

Children's Hunter Pony Small/Medium

Children's Hunter Pony Large

Adult Amateur Hunter Sections+

Adult Amateur Hunter Younger

Adult Amateur Hunter Middle

Adult Amateur Hunter Older³⁶

Miscellaneous Hunter Sections

Ladies Side Saddle

Hunter Breeding

Small Hunter

Thoroughbred Hunter

USHJA Hunter Sections

* "C" rated only

USHJA Hunter 2'0"	0	3-5	0
USHJA Hunter 2'3"	0	3-5	0
USHJA Hunter 2'6"	0	3-5	0
USHJA Hunter 2'9"	0	3-5	0
USHJA Hunter 3'0"	0	3-5	0

(+ Denotes sections which may have USHJA Zone Specifications that govern number of classes and prize money)

(*See HU161.3 regarding Model Classes, and other class requirements).

**At Premier competitions, minimum prize money for High Performance Hunter must be \$1500. See HU148.2 for requirements regarding minimum number of classes to award a championship.

7. All classes offered in a licensed Open Western Division shall be conducted in accordance with GR818, unless the competition has applied for and received a rating. (See ratings chart GR312.)

8. Any breed-restricted division, or combination of breed-restricted divisions, may be offered at Local Regular Competitions, in accordance with GR310.

9. IMPORTANT: See Chapter HU. There are special conditions and requirements for determining the ratings of Hunter sections. Management's attention is directed to these conditions in particular, HU119, HU161 and HU167-HU170.

Section Tables

Any class or section not meeting the requirements shown in this chart will be rated "C."

*Western Division competitions may retain Local Competition status regardless of the amount of prize money offered.

GR313 Special Conditions

1. Monies offered to classes restricted to established futurity/maturity programs, local restricted jackpots, sweepstakes, or other breed specific programs offered by a recognized breed affiliate or by the National Reining Horse Association will not be included in tabulation of competition dues or in determining division ratings.

2. The following classes do not count toward the minimum number of classes nor toward the minimum prize money required for any division or section rating; these following classes do not count toward HOTY awards unless included in the specific division award rules:

- a. Breeding;
- b. Classes restricted as to area;
- c. Classes which restrict the number of ribbons won by any rider, handler or driver, e.g., Maiden, Novice, Limit and other such rider restricted classes;
- d. Owners, except in Amateur Owner sections and Paso Fino Division;
- e. Classes that do not count toward a Hunter or Jumper Championship;
- f. Bareback, Grooms, Consolation, Races, Parades, Command, Cutting classes, and except in the Paso Fino Divisions, Costume classes, Calcutta classes;
- g. Exhibitions;
- h. Classes restricted to one breed (except in one breed divisions), type or color;
- i. Classes restricted to horse or rider (e.g. age or sex, unless complementary classes are offered for other entries). Ladies classes will count toward the rating requirement even if complementary classes for Gentlemen are not offered;
- j. Any class in which the judging specifications are not in accordance with the Federation;
- k. Opportunity classes;
- l. Academy classes;
- m. Classes held as part of a USHJA Outreach competition.

SUBCHAPTER 3-C COMPETITION MILEAGE

GR314 Mileage

1. Determining Applicable Mileage.

a. Mileage is applied Division by Division as defined in the Federation rule book.

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

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

d. Mileage between competitions within Zones or Regions utilizing different mileage will be subjected to the higher of the mileage requirements.

e. Long Island, N.Y. The distances between competitions held on Long Island, NY, and competitions held on the mainland shall be determined by measuring a straight line distance from the point at which Interstate Highway 278 (across the Triborough Bridge) intersects the shore of Long Island, to the location where the Long Island competition is being conducted. (i.e. address of the facility where each of the competitions will be held or the longitude and latitude if an exact address does not exist) and by measuring the mile radius from the bridge to the location where the other competition is being conducted. (i.e.

address of the facility where each of the competitions will be held or the longitude and latitude if an exact address does not exist) Application of this process will not adversely affect the license rights of competitions already licensed.

f. If the mileage between competitions is less than the applicable distance specified by this rule, conflicting dates may be approved by USEF in accordance with GR308, and providing all other requirements for recognition are met.

g. The foregoing distance rules do not apply to events comprised exclusively of classes recognized by the FEI and the USOC. The National Championships for Dressage, and Dressage Competitions offering Federation High Performance qualifying or selection trials, or observation classes and National classes held in conjunction with a CDI are exempted from the mileage rule. When a CDI is approved on one or more days where another competition has date priority, national classes can only be held on the day of the FEI Jog and on days where at least one CDI class is held or is not held due to no entries. When CDI classes are not held on all approved CDI dates (except due to no entries) the competition might not be granted approval for those dates in subsequent years. Certain competitions held in conjunction with events also holding FEI competitions and/or selection trials for international competitions, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, may be exempted from the mileage rule.

h. Existing competition is a licensed competition that may or may not be within the mileage indicated of the new license applicant.

i. Proposals to change mileage rule or rules may be submitted for consideration by the Federation Board of Directors. Any such mileage rule change will have an effective date of December 1 of the following calendar year. In no event will changes to mileage become effective in less than 12 months from the date of the rule change approval. Proposals for mileage rule changes submitted by Affiliates may only be considered after they have been considered at the annual meeting of the appropriate recognized National Affiliate.

2. Mileage Boundaries. Mileage consideration may be applicable to more than one mileage provision.

a. The below divisions will be conducted under the following mileage:

1. Andalusian/Lusitano: 250 miles;

2. Arabian: 250 miles;

3. Friesian: 250 miles;

4. Hackney: 100 miles;

5. Morgan: 100 miles;

6. National Show Horse: 50 miles;

7. Roadster: 100 miles;

8. Shetland: 100 miles;

9. American Saddlebred: 100 miles;

10. Local Regular: Any breed competition restricted to one breed or multi-breed competition including any of the above listed breeds (1-9), regardless of number of classes offered: 50 miles;

11. Western Dressage: 100 miles.

b. Mileage Boundaries for Hunter and/or Jumper Sections.

1. Hunter and/or Jumper competitions are categorized by Rating and/or Level. Additional criteria required for each Rating and/or Level in the Hunter and Jumper Mileage Charts can be found on the Federation website at www.usef.org under Competitions.

2. Jumper Levels are based on the prize money offered. See JP104.

3. Hunter mileage shall be independent of the Jumper mileage and applied separately to each division of a competition.

4. The distances between Licensed Competitions held in USHJA Zones 1 & 2 (ME, NH, VT, MA, CT, RI, NJ, NY, and PA) offering hunter or jumper divisions shall be in accordance with the mileage tables (H1 & J1) shown below effective 12-01-08.

Mileage Tables

The distances between Licensed Competitions held in USHJA Zones 3 thru 10 and Canada [with the exception of Florida in the first trimester - December through March – see GR314.5] offering hunter or jumper divisions shall be in accordance with the mileage tables (H2 & J2) shown below effective 12-01-08.

Mileage Tables

5. The distances between Licensed Competitions held in Florida in the first trimester (December through March) offering hunter or jumper divisions shall be in accordance with the mileage tables (H3 & J3) shown below effective 12-01-08.

Mileage Tables

c. Mileage Boundaries for Dressage Competitions.

1. In the case of a Regular or Local Competition holding Open Dressage Division classes, the question of conflict shall be determined with reference only to those dates, inclusive, during which Open Dressage classes are to be held. See DR127.15 for a map of USDF regions.

2. Applicable Mileage:

a. A 75 mile radius shall apply to Dressage Competitions held in contiguous USDF regions, for which different distances are specified, in the case of Dressage Competitions, Regular Competitions, or Local Competitions holding "open" Dressage Division classes.

b. A 50-mile radius shall apply for Dressage Competitions in USDF Regions 1, 2, 6, & 8 holding "open" Dressage classes (excluding competitions restricted to one breed).

c. A 100-mile radius shall apply for Dressage Competitions in USDF Regions 3, 4, 5, 7 and 9 holding "open" Dressage classes (excluding competitions restricted to one breed).

3. Two or more Dressage Competitions may not be held at the same or adjacent locations on the same days.

a. Exception: Dressage Competitions that are limited to Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes may be held at the same or adjacent location as another Dressage Competition that does not offer Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes.

4. All dressage competitions are categorized by Level. See DR126 for criteria for each level.

d. Mileage Boundaries for Eventing Competitions.

1. Eventing competitions are not subject to the mileage boundaries.

GR315 Mileage Exemption

~~1. Federation Objective. One objective of the Federation is to provide a competition environment that is in the best interest of the sport of Equestrian and to provide for viable competitions to meet the needs of the sport at all levels within a geographic area. The Federation utilizes mileage as a method of managing the calendar and to assist in achieving an adequate base of competitors, thus enabling a competition to better meet the rules, requirements, and standards for a given rating or level. The licensing authority, licensing decisions, and calendar management rest solely with the Federation.~~

1. General.

a. This section shall apply to Mileage Exemption Panels and Internal Review Panels.

b. All communications pertaining to mileage exemption requests must go through the Federation Competition Department staff who shall serve as the liaison between all parties to a mileage exemption request. At no time may any ex parte communications occur between panelists and any party to a mileage exemption request, including affected parties and representatives.

c. All Panel members shall sign a Confidentiality and No Contact Agreement prior to serving on a Panel.

d. Once a decision is issued by a Panel, the Panel is not permitted to reconvene and reconsider that decision unless it is under the specifications of a modification to the request per GR 315.5.

2. Mileage Exemption. When a competition license application is denied by the Federation due to a mileage conflict, the Applicant may seek a mileage exemption to allow the applying competition to occur. The Federation will send a Mileage Exemption Request Form along with the notification of denial to the Applicant.

3. The Federation may consider different circumstances in determining whether a mileage exemption is warranted. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

a. Competition Standards: Priority Date Holder's adherence to competition standards.

1. Whether the Applicant competition may alleviate concerns about the safety and welfare of horses, competitors, and/or spectators for a given rating and/or level at a Priority Date Holder's competition;

2. Whether the Applicant competition may enable a Priority Date Holder to better achieve the competition standards for a given rating and/or level;

3. Whether the Applicant competition may alleviate overcrowding of horses and/or competitors in a given geographic area at a given venue.

b. Competition and Calendar Factors:

1. Whether the Applicant competition provides access to competitors that may need a choice based on a Priority Date Holder's costs to competitors or offered ratings and/or levels;
2. Whether the Applicant competition serves a need that the Priority Date Holder does not serve as to the schedule of classes, sections, and divisions, which may be too limited;
3. Whether the Applicant competition should be given an opportunity to enter the marketplace where a Priority Date Holder seemingly dominates the calendar in a given geographical area, which may create unilateral competition effects;
4. Whether the Applicant competition alleviates the negative impact on competitors that may occur when the number of consecutive competitions of the same rating and/or level in a given geographic area at a given venue creates unilateral competition effects.

c. Sport Growth and Visibility:

1. Whether the Applicant competition may create growth and visibility of the sport in one of the following ways, which is not exclusive:
2. The Applicant competition is warranted due to community support and/or involvement;
3. The Applicant competition may broaden access to competitors at all levels of the sport;
4. The Applicant competition is unique and provides exceptional promotional benefits to the sport.

In addition, the Federation will consider the following factors in determining whether a mileage exemption should be granted:

1. Geographic location and time of year with regard to concentration and migration of competitors;
2. Experience and expertise of competition management;
3. Competitions outside of boundary mileage of Priority Date Holder and Applicant Competition, which may affect density and competitive level of competitors;
4. Density and competitive level of competitors in a given geographic area at a given time of year.

4. Mileage Exemption Procedure

- a. An Applicant must first contact the Priority Date Holder(s) and seek cooperation in running the proposed event.

1. If the Priority Date Holder(s) agree to the exemption request, then the terms and conditions of any agreement must be fully disclosed to the Federation in writing along with submission of the Mileage Exemption Response. Submission of these materials indicates that the parties agree that the Federation is not responsible for the enforcement or performance of the terms and conditions of the agreement between the competition organizer and those parties expressly waive any claim against the Federation for failure to perform.

2. If the Priority Date Holder(s) does not agree to the exemption request, then the Applicant shall submit the Mileage Exemption Request Form to the Federation in accordance with these rules.

b. Beginning with competitions conducted in the 2017 competition year, the Applicant shall submit the Mileage Exemption Request Form, fully completed, to the Federation no earlier than 360 calendar days and no later than 240 calendar days before the start date of the proposed competition. The fully completed Mileage Exemption Request Form must be accompanied with the non-refundable application fee of \$500.00. A mileage exemption request will not be accepted unless the Mileage Exemption Request Form is fully completed and the application fee is paid in full. Within 21 days of acceptance of a properly submitted request and application fee, the Federation will notify the Applicant that their request is being processed.

c. Within 21 days of acceptance of a properly submitted request and application fee, the Federation will notify the Priority Date Holder(s) and provide the submitted Mileage Exemption Request Form. An Applicant is not permitted to advertise or promote the proposed competition until the competition has received final approval. Non-compliance with this requirement will disqualify the applicant and will result in disapproval of the application.

d. The Priority Date Holder(s) has 21 calendar days from the date of the Notification letter and the Mileage Exemption Request Form to submit to the Federation a fully completed Mileage Exemption Response Form. The Priority Date Holder(s) must provide written comments justifying the denial of the mileage exemption request given the considerations in paragraph 3 above.

e. Within 15 calendar days of receipt of a completed Mileage Exemption Response Form and the terms and conditions of an agreement, if such agreement was reached between the affected parties, the request will be reviewed by the Federation Internal Review Panel, which shall determine whether it is in the best interest of the sport to either deny or grant the approval and under what terms and conditions such approval shall be given. The Federation Internal Review Panel consists of the Federation Chief Executive Officer or his designee; the Director of Competitions; and a staff member from the relevant breed or discipline chosen by the Sport Director.

f. Within 15 calendar days of receipt of a completed Mileage Exemption Response Form from Priority Date Holder(s) objecting to the request, or the expiration of the 21 day response period if no completed Mileage Exemption Response Form is submitted, the Federation will notify the applicable Recognized Breed/Discipline Affiliate and provide all documentation received in the process from any party. The applicable Recognized Breed/Discipline Affiliate has 30 calendar days from notification from the Federation to submit to the Federation Competitions Department, a recommendation to approve or disapprove the exemption request accompanied by a detailed explanation based on the considerations enumerated in paragraph 3 above. ***If the Federation learns that an individual with a conflict of interest was present when an Affiliate considers its recommendation under this Chapter, then such recommendation will be not be considered by the Federation panel.***

g. Within 15 calendar days of receipt of written comments from the Recognized Affiliate, a Federation Internal Review Panel shall convene to review the

recommendation of the Affiliate in light of all materials submitted and the considerations enumerated in paragraph 3 above. If this Panel agrees with the Recognized Affiliate's recommendation, then a decision letter will be issued to the affected parties accordingly. If this Panel disagrees with the Recognized Affiliate recommendation, or identifies further consideration that should be given, the Federation President has 30 days to appoint a Mileage Exemption Panel to review the request. If for any reason the President is unable to appoint this Panel, the Vice-President, if available, or the Secretary/Treasurer, if the Vice-President is unable, shall appoint the Panel.

h. The Federation Mileage Exemption Panel consists of the Federation Chief Executive Officer or his designee; a Senior Active Member with competition management experience; and a Senior Active Member who participated in the determination of the Affiliate. Together this Panel shall consider all materials received from all parties related to the request, the recommendation of the Recognized Affiliate, the comments of the Internal Review Panel, and the considerations in paragraph 3 above. Upon completion of its review, the Federation Mileage Exemption Panel shall determine whether it is in the best interest of the sport to either deny or grant the approval and under what terms and conditions such approval shall be given.

i. The identity of the Federation Mileage Exemption Panel members must be provided to the Applicant and Priority Date Holder(s). These parties have 5 days to submit a written objection to any Panel member. Objections must specifically articulate the basis of the objection and how the appointee cannot render a fair and unbiased decision. Objections will be evaluated and a determination will be made whether a replacement is warranted. Failure to timely object is deemed acceptance of the appointed panelists. ~~At no time may the Applicant or the Priority Date Holder(s) contact any Panel member, directly or indirectly, concerning the request. Contacting a Panel member in any way may result in the imposition of penalties and/or an adverse decision of the request.~~

j. The Federation, through the Federation Internal Review and Federation Mileage Exemption Panels, shall have final decision-making authority on all exemption requests and will not delegate this responsibility. The Panel's decision will be provided to the Applicant, Priority Date Holder(s), and the Recognized Affiliate **within seven calendar days of the decision, excluding national holidays**. The Panel's decision is provisional until such time that any dispute process under these rules has been exhausted. An Applicant shall not advertise or promote the proposed competition unless and until the competition has received final approval. Non-compliance with this requirement may result in withdrawal of the application.

5. Modifications or amendments to an approved exemption are not permitted unless approved by the Federation in writing. A modification to an approved Request for Mileage Exemption must be approved in writing by the Federation after review by the original Mileage Exemption Panel. If the original Mileage Exemption Panel is unable to convene, modification requests shall be reviewed by the Federation Internal Review Panel along with a representative appointed by the relevant breed/discipline affiliate. Modifications to an approved Request for Mileage Exemption must be received by the Federation at least **120 60** days prior to the start of competition. Competitions that would be impacted by the requested modification shall have the opportunity to submit written comments to the Federation prior to a determination. Comments must be received from the competitions impacted within 10 calendar days of receiving notification of the requested modification. The Federation decision will be rendered within 30 days from the date the modification request is received in the Federation office.

6. Mileage Exemptions are granted for one year only. Approval in one year does not guarantee future approval of a mileage exemption request.

7. All Licensed Competitions operating under an approved mileage exemption shall have the applicable mileage protection against new competitions. **Additionally, so long as the renewal application and all applicable fees are received within 60 calendar days following the last day of the Licensed Competition, the Licensed Competition shall be eligible to renew its exemption without challenge from new competitions until a decision has been made on the renewal request.** This does not preclude the Federation from granting additional mileage exemption requests for new competitions to be held within any mileage boundary.

8. Competitions with an approved mileage exemption which have been held for two or more consecutive years may apply for designation as a perpetual mileage exemption. If approved, the competition shall apply annually for renewal under GR 302.3 and not for a mileage exemption. To be eligible for this designation, the competition must indicate this request on the application, pay the requisite mileage exemption fee, be held in the same location, at the same rating and/or level, offer the same sections or classes each year. Any conditions associated with the approved mileage exemption shall remain in place. Any changes to location, rating and/or level or offered sections or classes will result in loss of this designation and the competition will be required to apply annually for a mileage exemption. Designated perpetual mileage exemption competitions shall have the applicable mileage protection against new competitions unless the license cannot be granted. This does not preclude the Federation from granting additional mileage exemption requests for new competitions to be held within any mileage boundary. The Federation may revoke this designation at any time.

SUBCHAPTER 3-D COMPETITION LICENSE DISPUTES

GR 316 License Application Disputes and Resolution

1. Any competition license applicant may dispute the denial of a license application or renewal. In addition, a Mileage Exemption Request applicant and Priority Date Holder(s) may dispute a mileage exemption request decision. The initiation of a license dispute must be made in writing and received by the Federation within 10 calendar days of the date on the Federation notice of the approval or denial and must be accompanied by a fee of \$1,000.00. If the appealing party prevails, \$500.00 of the fee shall be refunded.

2. License disputes will be decided by the Federation Hearing Committee in accordance with the Federation rules and procedures. The Hearing Committee shall only determine if **the denial of a new or renewal license application** or the mileage exemption process was conducted in accordance with the rules. The Hearing Committee shall provide the parties with the opportunity to be heard pursuant to written submissions and shall issue a written decision within 30 calendar days following receipt of the initiation of dispute and response(s) from affected parties. If the Hearing Committee finds a procedural defect, the exemption request will go back through the process beginning at the point where the defect occurred.

3. The Hearing Committee's decision is final and not appealable.

Rule Change Intent

As currently written Chapter 3, poses several procedural issues. This rule change has been submitted with the purpose of addressing these issues, as well as to clean up the chapter further. This proposal intends to clarify license approval and denial language; remove the 2-year limit on mileage exemption requests; clarify the ability for an existing competitions to be advertised prior to renewal; amend the license cancellation section to prevent blocking of the competition calendar by canceling and reapplying for competitions; clarify how conflict and panel substitutions will be handled during the mileage exemption process; add a notification timeline for final mileage exemption decisions; amend language to provide mileage protection during the renewal period of previously approved mileage exemption requests; amend language to provide the ability for USEF to provide calendar dates to multi-year mileage exemptions using a renewal process; and clarify Hearing Committee review language.

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: Chapter 3

Committee Actions

Arabian

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Draft 1: No Comments

Competition Management

Draft 1: No Action 11/08/2018

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Friesian

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Draft 1: No Comments

Jumper

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Morgan

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Draft 1: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/13/2018

Draft 1: o Provides CEO with too much single authority over license application/renewal process. It should be an unbiased panel that reviews applications/renewals o A competition should not be allowed to advertise prior to obtaining an approved license o Perpetual licensing is problematic. The rule, as written essentially creates a new license

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Proposed Change

GR309 Special Competitions [CHAPTER 3-B Competition Classification]

GR309 Special Competitions

A Special Competition is an event, which may not fully meet the requirements for obtaining Federation licensing; however, it has been deemed in the best interest of the breed and/or discipline and/or sport, and the Federation that the event be sanctioned by the Federation. After written application to the Federation at least six months prior to an event, a competition may be approved for Special Competition classification upon approval of the Board of Directors. The Federation must provide the applicable Recognized Affiliate, Council, and discipline or breed committee with all information pertaining to the request, including mileage and any other conflicts, for the purpose of making a recommendation as to approving or disapproving the request. A non-refundable processing fee must be submitted with the application. Special Competition classification may include, but is not limited to, the following: Olympic Games or Trials; Pan Am Games or Trials; World Equestrian Games or Trials; World Cup Finals or Qualifiers; FEI CSI 5* events held as a standalone event and not in conjunction with any other competition; Nations Cup Finals; Nations Cup CSIO's; Federation National Finals; Federation National Championships; Recognized Affiliate championships; and any other events deemed by the Board of Directors as fitting in this classification. Competitions classified as Special Competitions are exempt from the mileage rules for the classes and divisions approved by the Board of Directors.

For the purposes of this rule, the term "Special" relates to the type of competition license and is not associated with the merits or quality of the competition.

1. The Federation Board of Directors, in its sole discretion, may approve or deny an application for Special Competition status in accordance with Federation rules, policy and procedure. If approved, a Special Competition will be added to the USEF Competition Calendar without regard for existing mileage rules and conflicts and will receive no mileage protection from new or existing competitions. A Special Competition may be held as a stand-alone event or in conjunction with an existing USEF licensed competition. A Special Competition may not fully meet the requirements to obtain a Federation Competition License.

2. Special Competitions are categorized in the following manner and shall be reviewed in accordance with Section 4.

a. Category I – FEI-named Competitions and FEI Championships which are part of a competitive bid process, including but not limited to Olympic Games or Trials; Pan Am Games or Trials; World Equestrian Games or Trials; World Cup Finals or Qualifiers; Nations Cup Finals or Qualifiers; and Nations Cup CIOs. These competitions may or may not include additional FEI-only classes.

b. Category II - Federation National Finals and Federation National Championships which do not fully meet the requirements to obtain a Federation Competition License.

c. Category III - USEF Recognized Affiliate Organization Championships or Finals which do not fully meet the requirements to obtain a Federation Competition License.

d. Category IV - A competition for which USEF breed or discipline rules do not exist that an applicant wishes to have approved by the Federation and which the Board of Directors, in their sole discretion, deems to be in the best interest of the sport.

3. Application Process.

a. An application for consideration of a Special Competition must be submitted to the Federation a minimum of 180 days in advance of the start date of the proposed competition. Generally, an application should not be submitted more than 365 days prior to the start date of the proposed competition. However, unusual circumstances may require an earlier submission. Such circumstances must be included on the application and will be considered in the review process.

b. An application for a Special Competition will not be considered complete and will not be processed until all applicable fees have been paid, except when the application is part of a competitive application or bid process (e.g. FEI World Cup Qualifiers, certain USEF National Championships, etc.). When an application is part of a competitive application or bid process, the fee will not be required until a determination is made regarding the awarding of the competition.

c. An application for a Special Competition must include the following:

(i) All classes, sections, demonstrations, and exhibitions to be held during the proposed competition dates, including all prize money, bonus money, or other awards;

(ii) The basis for competition's inability to meet Federation rules regarding competition licensing; and

(iii) The basis for competition's inability to meet Federation rules regarding specific breed/discipline rules.

d. The inability to meet Federation rules under section (ii) or (iii) above shall not result from a need to obtain an exception to existing Federation rules, or program requirements, or from circumstances within the applicant's control. However, the Federation recognizes that situations may arise whereby an applicant cannot meet Federation rules due to the actions of the FEI or USEF and such actions may qualify as permissible explanation.

e. Special Competitions are not intended as a means of circumventing USEF's licensing rules in GR Chapter 3. If an application for a Special Competition includes an FEI competition not identified in Section 2(a) above, a national competition, or a combination of both which creates a mileage conflict, that portion of the application will be required to utilize the Mileage Exemption process for approval. In the event of a need for a mileage exemption, the Federation may alter the timelines set forth in GR 315.

f. For licensing purposes, all jumper prize money from FEI and national competitions will be combined and counted in determining a competition's Jumper Level.

g. If a Special Competition is combined with an existing priority date holder competition, the priority date holder competition will retain priority status at its original rating and/or level.

4. Application Review Process.

Depending on the category of a Special Competition, the application may be reviewed by one or more entities of the USEF and its Recognized Affiliates before being submitted to the Board of Directors for their consideration and final decision. The Board of Directors reserves the right to appoint an Ad Hoc Committee to review applications and render a final decision.

1. Applications for a Category I competition shall be reviewed by the applicable USEF Councils.
2. Applications for a Category II or III competition shall be reviewed by the applicable USEF Committees and Councils.
3. Applications for a Category IV competition shall be reviewed by the applicable USEF Recognized Affiliates, Committees and Councils.

5. Modifications or Amendments to an Approved Special Competition.

Modifications or amendments to an approved Special Competition are not permitted unless approved by the Federation in writing. A modification to an approved Special Competition must be approved in writing by the Federation after review by the CEO or his designee, following consultation with the Director of Competition Services or his designee and the Director of Sport or his designee(s) for the applicable breed or discipline. Modifications to an approved Special Competition must be received by the Federation at least 30 days prior to the start of competition.

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Rule Change Intent

This rule change is being proposed in order to more clearly define the categories of Special Competitions, the application and review process of each category, the information needed for application purposes, and the modification process.

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: Special Competitions

Committee Actions

Andalusian/Lusitano

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Arabian

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Draft 1: No Comments

Competition Management

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Draft 1: This approval is with the request that there should be a notification to effected competitions within the appropriate mileage boundary

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Friesian	
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Jumper	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/13/2018	Draft 1: No Comments
Morgan	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/25/2018	Draft 1: No Comments
National Hunter Committee	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
National Show Horse	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/02/2018	Draft 1: No Comments
Paso Fino	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/30/2018	Draft 1: No Comments
Shetland	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/23/2018	Draft 1: No Comments
USHJA	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/13/2018	Draft 1: While the original intent of this rule was for the FEI-type classes, if it approved with the four categories currently included, it has a possible future consequence of preventing sport growth through innovative and outside the box ideas.
Western Dressage	
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Proposed Change

GR311 Awards Rating Classifications [CHAPTER GR-3 Competition Licensing]**GR311 Awards Rating Classifications**

- For the purpose of equalizing competitions for the National Horse of the Year Awards, divisions and sections of Regular Competitions fall into one of three classifications: "A", "B," or "C" rated.
- In the Hunter division, the Increment System will determine points for ribbons won in any rated section. The point 34 value for ribbons won in "A", "B," or "C" rated hunter sections is determined according to the Increment System utilizing a combination of the base points for each placing at each level of section rating and adding one point for each entry shown in the first performance class.
- In the **Pre Green Hunter 3'0"**, and 3'3", **First Year Green Hunter, Second Year Green Hunter, 3'6" and 3'9"**, Young Hunter 3'0", 3'3" and 3'6", High Performance Hunter, Performance Hunter 3'3" and 3'6", Green Conformation Hunter 3'6" and High Performance Conformation Hunter, standings for the National Horse of the Year Awards based on money won will be determined by dollars won in the horses respective sections. See GR1131.

GR312 Determining Ratings

- A division or section rating or classification is determined from the number of classes, amount of cash premiums offered in these classes and the holding of required classes in certain divisions. A competition may not offer the minimum requirements for a rating higher than the rating approved by the Federation. See Ratings Charts.
- A competition may qualify for several different ratings. Some competitions will earn an "A" or "B" rating in all divisions and sections; others may earn a combination of ratings. If more than the minimum number of classes is offered, prize money should be increased proportionately.

[...]

HUNTER SECTIONS

	"A Required Classes"	"A" Min Money	"B" and "C" required Classes	"B" Min Money
Open Hunter Sections				
Green Conformation Hunter	4-6*	500	3-4	50
High Performance Conformation Hunter	4-6*	500	3-4	50
High Performance Hunter	3-5	750**	3-4	200
Performance Hunter	3'3" 3-5	400	3-4	50
Performance Hunter 3'6"	3-5	500	3-4	100
Small Hunter			3-4	100

Green Hunter Sections

Pre Green Hunter 3'0"

Pre Green Hunter 3'3"

First Year GreenHunter 3'6"	4-6*	500	3-4	100
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Second Year Green Hunter 3'9"	4-6*	500	3-4	100
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Young Hunter Sections

Young Hunter 3'0"

Young Hunter 3'3"

Young Hunter 3'6"

Amateur Owner Hunter Sections

Amateur Owner Hunter 3'6" 18-35	4-6*	500	3-4	100
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Amateur Owner Hunter 3'6" 36 & over	4-6*	500	3-4	100
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Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3" 18-35	4-5	500	3-4	100
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Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3" 36 & over	4-5	500	3-4	100
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Junior Hunter Sections 4-5*

Small Junior Hunter 3'6" 15 & under	4-5*	500	3-4	100
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Small Junior Hunter 3'6" 16-17	4-5*	500	3-4	100
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Large Junior Hunter 3'6" 15 & under	4-5*	500	3-4	100
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Large Junior Hunter 3'6" 16-17	4-5*	500	3-4	100
Small Junior Hunter 3'3" 15 & under	4-5*	500	3-4	100
Small Junior Hunter 3'3" 16-17	4-5*	500	3-4	100
Large Junior Hunter 3'3" 15 & under	4-5*	500	3-4	100
Large Junior Hunter 3'3" 16-17	4-5*	500	3-4	100

Hunter & Green Hunter Pony Section

Small Pony Hunter	4-5*	400	3-4	100
Medium Pony Hunter	4-5*	400	3-4	100
Large Pony Hunter	4-5*	400	3-4	100
Green Small Pony Hunter	4-5*	250	3-4	50
Green Medium Pony Hunter	4-5*	250	3-4	50
Green Large Pony Hunter	4-5*	250	3-4	50

Children's Hunter Sections

Children's Hunter Younger

Children's Hunter Older

Children's Hunter Pony
Small/Medium

Children's Hunter Pony
Large

Adult Amateur Hunter Sections

Adult Amateur Hunter
Younger

Adult Amateur Hunter
Middle

Adult Amateur Hunter
Older

Miscellaneous Hunter Sections

Ladies Side Saddle

Hunter Breeding

Small Hunter

Thoroughbred Hunter

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

The Green Hunter section names were changed from Pre Green/First Year/Second Year by a rule change that was effective 12/1/2016. Since then, there has been a great deal of debate regarding the appropriate name for these sections. The National Hunter Committee wishes to submit this proposal for the purpose of discussion of the Green Hunter sections and whether they should be changed back to their original names.

Linked Rules

GR 1131 (324-18), HJ 127 (196-18), HU 111 (202-18)

Comments

Web: award rating classifications - hunter

Committee Actions

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/13/2018

Draft 1: A lot of due diligence was done during the initial rule change process to enact this nomenclature and the entire green hunter restructure, and it's important that we make our sport inviting for those who are new to the sport. This nomenclature aims to provide clarity that will make it easier for people to understand our sport. The current rule hasn't been in effect long enough to become established, and the USHJA feels there is no evidence to suggest the current rule is not working or that it needs to be changed.

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

Proposed Change

GR609 Temporary Suspension [CHAPTER 6-B Pre-Hearing Procedures]

GR609 Temporary Suspension

1. In connection with any protest, charge, or any other matter which may properly fall within the jurisdiction of the Hearing Committee, and upon a finding that considerations involving the health, safety or welfare of Federation members and/or their horses, or the best interests of horse showing generally, warrant prompt action pending consideration of the matter by the Hearing Committee, the CEO or his designee may, by giving written notice of such action, temporarily suspend any person from participating in any manner in the affairs of the Federation or participating in or attending all Licensed Competitions until the Hearing Committee can hear the protest, charge or other matter and take such further temporary or other disciplinary action as it deems appropriate under these Rules, including temporarily suspending any person from participating in any manner in the affairs of the Federation or participating in or attending all Licensed Competitions, until the Hearing Committee can hear or determine the protest, charge or other matter, provided, however, that in instances involving GR605 and GR611.2(i) or (ii) where the USOC Bylaws apply, a hearing by the Hearing Committee shall be held on notice before any suspension is imposed.
2. ***In connection with all FEI Provisional Suspensions, all individuals serving a provisional suspension from the FEI are forbidden from participating in all Federation affairs and activities, to hold or exercise office in the Federation or in any Competition licensed or endorsed by the Federation, to attend, observe, or participate in any event, forum, meeting, program, clinic, task force, or committee of the Federation, sponsored by or conducted by the Federation, or held in connection with the Federation and any of its activities. The Federation may, in its sole discretion, grant a waiver to the above in exceptional circumstances.***
3. ***All temporary suspensions from the U.S. Center for Safe Sport shall be imposed upon the listed individual only, unless otherwise noted.***

GR615 Reciprocity

2. On receipt of notice that USADA or WADA has taken disciplinary action and has applied penalties in accordance with FEI General Regulations against a person subject to Federation rules, with notice to the affected parties but without further proceedings, the Federation shall impose any sanction resulting from the adjudication process in accordance with USADA or WADA protocols, as applicable.
3. Upon receipt of notice that a court of law has entered a judgment or final order against a person, corporation, partnership or other entity for monies owing to a Federation Senior Active or Life Member related to equestrian activities (e.g. training fees, coaching fees, stabling fees, horse board, horse transport, veterinary fees) and in connection with Licensed Competition, which order or judgment is final and not subject to further appeal, a National Officer or the CEO of the Federation or his designee may make a charge against such person or entity under the provisions of Chapter 6, and following a hearing, the Hearing Committee may suspend such person or entity pursuant to Chapter 7, GR703.1.b and .c and/or Chapter 7, GR707.1b but any such suspension shall not extend beyond the time that such judgment or order is satisfied of record in said court of law and may be for shorter period of time in the discretion of the Hearing Committee.
4. On receipt of notice that the Federation Equestrian Internationale (FEI) has imposed penalties in accordance with FEI General Regulations against a person subject to Federation rules, with notice to the affected parties but without further proceedings, the Federation shall recognize and enforce the sanction. ***For provisional suspensions see GR609.2. All individuals serving a final suspension from the FEI are forbidden from participating in all Federation affairs and activities, to hold or exercise office in the Federation or in any Competition licensed or endorsed by the Federation, to attend, observe, or participate in any event, forum, meeting, program, clinic, task force, or committee of the Federation, sponsored by or conducted by the Federation, or held in connection with the Federation and any of its activities. The Federation may, in its sole discretion, grant a waiver to the above in exceptional circumstances.***
5. ***On receipt of notice that the U.S. Center for Safe Sport has imposed penalties against any individual, without further proceedings or notice to the affected parties, the Federation shall recognize and enforce the sanction. For temporary suspensions see GR609.3. All final and non-appealable suspensions and bans shall be imposed upon the listed individual, all horses completely or in part owned, and businesses within which the listed individual appears to have an ownership interest.***

GR706 Violations

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

Proponent Details

Contact Information

Rule Change Intent

This rule change is intended to further clarify the parties against whom sanctions will be imposed in instances of temporary and final suspensions and bans from the FEI and the U.S. Center for SafeSport. Individuals who are suspended by the FEI, will not be permitted to participate at licensed competition in any manner, including as a spectator. For temporary suspensions imposed by the U.S. Center for SafeSport, sanctions will only be imposed on the individual listed. All final and non-appealable suspensions and bans will be imposed on the listed individual, all horses completely or in part owned, and businesses within which the listed individual appears to have an ownership interest.

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: provisional suspensions

Committee Actions

American Saddlebred

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/14/2018

Draft 1: No Comments

Draft 2: Committee would like to have a procedure in place so there would be an appeals system for those believing they are falsely accused. Also concerned about civil rights issues because it would not allow accused to operate their business while on suspension.

Andalusian/Lusitano

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 10/29/2018

Draft 1: No Comments

Draft 2: No Comments

Arabian

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 10/30/2018

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: Approves concept but the rule needs clarification. Concerned that this would not allow people to continue their business while on suspension.

Connemara

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 11/08/2018

Draft 1: No Comments

Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Draft 2: No Comments

Dressage

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 11/29/2018

Draft 1: No Comments

Draft 2: No Comments

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 Approval 11/13/2018

Draft 1: No Comments

Draft 2: No Comments

Friesian

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 10/25/2018

Draft 1: No Comments

Draft 2: No Comments

Hackney	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 10/31/2018	Draft 2: Committee is concerned about the process and that USEF affiliates are asked to honor suspensions that would impact the accused of the ability to do business.
Jumper	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 11/13/2018	Draft 2: No Comments
Morgan	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 10/25/2018	Draft 2: Concern was raised that USEF's records on horse ownership are not always the same as the breed registry; as well can a show then be penalized for allowing horses to compete that are currently ineligible but that information was not available at that time. Also stated was if the Affiliate is to uphold the ban, therefore suspending the ineligible person, how does the affiliate allow transfer of horse ownership when an affiliate membership is required to do so. The committee was concerned that the horse is being punished for a human's actions.
National Hunter Committee	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
National Show Horse	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/02/2018	Draft 2: Concern was raised the horse should not be tied to an owner's ban since a horse should not be punished for its owner's actions.
Paso Fino	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 10/30/2018	Draft 2: No Comments
Reining	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Roadster	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/12/2018	Draft 2: Committee believes this proposed rule change needs clarification. The committee thought there was an issue with restricting someone's livelihood if they are on permanent suspension.
Saddle Seat Eq	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/13/2018	Draft 2: Committee believes that affiliates would be put in unreasonable position not allowing them to transfer horse because this rule would negate their ability to do business with someone who is suspended
Shetland	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 10/23/2018	Draft 2: No Comments
US Saddle Seat World Cup	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
USA Reining	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
USHJA	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/13/2018	Draft 2: o GR615.5 – The words “appears to have ownership interest” is too vague and subject to varied interpretation. There is a lack of clarity with respect to how registered leases will be treated. The language is too restrictive with respect to individuals in shared businesses.
Vaulting	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Welsh	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 11/08/2018	Draft 2: No Comments
Western Committee	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/06/2018	Draft 2: The committee felt this proposed rule change was a matter for legal review and that it is outside the scope of the Western Discipline.

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 10/30/2018

Draft 1: No Comments

Draft 2: Concern was raised that the horse should not be punished for their owners actions, that this would be unnecessary work for the show secretary, and if the horse is not recorded with USEF then keeping track of them would be very difficult.

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

Proposed Change

CHAPTER 7 VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES
SUBCHAPTER 7-A INDIVIDUALS
GR703 Penalties

1. If found guilty, the accused will be subject to such penalty as the Hearing Committee, or other individuals with authority to assess penalties may determine, including but not limited to the following. The penalties set forth below will be published on the Federation's web site.

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

b. SUSPENSION of such person for any period from showing or having others show, exhibit or train for him or her.

1. A suspended person is forbidden for the time specified in the decision from the privilege of taking any part whatsoever in any Competition licensed or endorsed by the Federation and is excluded from all competition grounds during Competitions licensed or endorsed by the Federation, as an exhibitor, participant or spectator.

2. In addition, a suspended person is forbidden from participating in all Federation affairs and activities, to hold or exercise office in the Federation or in any Competition licensed or endorsed by the Federation, to attend, observe or participate in any event, forum, meeting, program, clinic, task force, or committee of the Federation, sponsored by or conducted by the Federation, or held in connection with the Federation and any of its activities..

a. Notwithstanding the above, a Director may be removed from the Board of Directors only in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Bylaws.

b. If the Hearing Committee deems it appropriate, it may send its findings concerning a Director to the Board for its consideration.

3. Where practical and appropriate in the opinion of the Hearing Committee, suspension may include the comparable dates during which the violation occurred.

c. SUSPENSION for any period of the horse or horses, owned by him or her, or shown in any name or for his, her, or their credit or reputation, whether such interest was held at the time of the alleged violation or acquired thereafter. The Board of Directors or the Hearing Committee may at a later date remove the suspension of said horse or horses if it is demonstrated to their satisfaction that a sale or transfer thereof was made by such person, partnership, or corporation in such as to be a bona fide transaction and not with the intention of relieving the suspended owner of penalty. See GR139.

d. SUSPENSION for any period of any volunteer or any employed person who rides or exhibits for the benefit, credit, reputation or satisfaction of another suspended person.

e. EXPULSION from all Licensed Competitions.

f. EXPULSION or SUSPENSION from membership in the Federation.

g. PERMANENT INELIGIBILITY from Federation membership and all Federation related activities, including a prohibition from taking any part whatsoever in any Competition licensed or endorsed by the Federation and exclusion from all competition grounds during Competitions licensed or endorsed by the Federation in any capacity, including as an exhibitor, participant or spectator. Additionally, a permanently ineligible person is prohibited from attending, observing, or participating in any event, forum, meeting, program, clinic, task force, or committee of the Federation, sponsored by or conducted by the Federation, or held in connection with the Federation and any of its activities.

Renumber Accordingly.

GR704 Regulations as to Suspended Persons

This rule applies to all persons deemed ineligible to participate.

1. The purpose of this Rule shall be to prevent the avoidance by suspended exhibitors, trainers, coaches and other persons of the terms and conditions of their suspensions, or the penalties intended by the Hearing Committee as appurtenant to such suspensions. This Rule shall apply to the spouse of a suspended person as well as to any other persons or entities, including, without limitation, companions, family members, employers, employees, agents, partnerships, partners, corporations or other entities, whose relationship, whether financial or otherwise, with a suspended person would give the appearance that such other persons are riding, exhibiting, coaching or training for the benefit, credit, reputation or satisfaction of the suspended person.

2. No suspended person's spouse or companion shall assume any of the suspended person's responsibilities whatsoever at Federation competitions during the term of said suspension. Companion shall be defined as any person who co-habits with, or otherwise shares living accommodations with, a suspended person.

3. No suspended person's spouse or companion may fill out any entry blanks for any of the suspended person's customers for Federation competitions during the term of the suspended person's suspension, ***except when the suspended person's spouse or companion is the parent or legal guardian of a minor entered to compete at a Competition licensed or endorsed by the Federation***, or pay or advance entry fees on behalf of customers for Federation competitions during said period.
4. Any person who assumes the responsibility for the care, custody or control of an unsuspended horse completely or in part owned, leased, trained by or coached by a suspended person, must not:
- a. Be paid a salary directly or indirectly by or on behalf of the suspended person; or
 - b. Receive a bonus or any other form of compensation in cash, property or other remuneration or consideration such as to make up for any such lost salary; or
 - c. Make any payments of any kind, or give any remuneration or other compensation or consideration, to the suspended person, his/her spouse or companion, any corporation, partnership or other entity owned or controlled by said suspended person or to any other person for transfer to any of said individuals or entities for the right to ride, exhibit, coach or train for the suspended person or any of the suspended person's customers during Federation Licensed Competitions; or
 - d. Use the farm or individual name of the suspended person.
5. An individual who takes over the horses of a suspended trainer or coach must:
- a. Bill customers directly on his/her own bill forms for any services rendered at or in connection with any Federation Licensed Competitions;
 - b. Maintain a personal checking account totally separate from and independent of that of the suspended person for purposes of paying all expenses of and depositing all income from customers;
 - c. Pay all his/her employees working at Federation competitions, none of whom may be employees, directly or indirectly, of the suspended person;
 - d. Keep checks, books, employee records and make withholding of taxes and other regular deductions from his/her employees' paychecks;
 - e. Pay all feed bills, motel, van bills, travel expenses, etc. from his/her separate and independent checking account and preserve, for six months after the date that said suspension is terminated, invoices for said bills;
 - f. If such individual makes use of any equipment of a suspended trainer, the use of said equipment must be enumerated in detail in a written lease, the form and substance of which must be satisfactory to counsel for the Federation and shall be at the fair rental value for said equipment and said price must be included in said agreement;
 - g. File such federal and state tax returns as will reflect as his or her income the income from said training or coaching responsibilities at Federation Licensed Competitions;
 - h. Not borrow funds from a suspended trainer or coach, his/her spouse or companion, their families, corporations, partnerships or any other entities owned or controlled by said suspended trainer or to any other person for the purpose of going into business for himself or herself at Federation Licensed Competitions during the period of said suspension, nor will he/she allow any of the above-named parties or entities to sign or guarantee any notes or any type of loans to enable him or her to go into business as described above.
6. Suspended trainers and coaches, and individuals taking over the horses or customers of a suspended trainer or coach may be requested to make their books, canceled checks, invoices, tax returns and other evidence available to Federation representatives to verify and affirm the details of any relationship between them and suspended trainer or coach.
7. This Rule is intended to provide guidance for suspended persons and anyone contemplating taking over the responsibility for the riding, exhibiting, coaching, or training, of an unsuspended horse from a suspended person. It is not intended to anticipate every potential circumstance in which the intent of a suspension may be frustrated, and the Hearing Committee shall have the power to determine whether the facts and circumstances peculiar to any particular case compel a finding that there was or is a violation of the rules prohibiting exhibiting any horse while in the care, training or custody of a suspended trainer, or riding, exhibiting, coaching or training for the benefit, credit, reputation or satisfaction of a suspended person (see GR702.1h and .i).
- 8. Federation Participants, as defined in GR1303, are prohibited from being coached or trained by any individual deemed ineligible by the U.S. Center for Safe Sport within thirty (30) days prior to or thirty (30) days after Federation Licensed or endorsed competitions. Exception: If this ineligibility is imposed within the thirty (30) days prior to or during a Federation Licensed or endorsed competition, this rule shall not apply to said competition.**

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

The proposal is intended to clarify the prohibition contained in GR704.3, which prohibits the spouse or companion of suspended persons from signing entry blanks of customers of the suspended person. This rule is not intended to cover instances where the spouse or companion of the suspended person is the parent or legal guardian of a minor child.

A new section has been added to GR704 to cover individuals permanently banned the U.S. Center for Safe Sport. This individuals would be prohibited from coaching or training participants at least 30 days prior to and after a Licensed Competition. In the event a permanent ban is imposed in the 30 days leading

up to a competition, the participants may seek a waiver from the Federation. This rule is intended to protect victims who have come forward from the perception that the banned individuals is participating in the sport in every aspect other than simply attending competitions.

Linked Rules		Comments
Web: permanent ban		
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: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments	
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments	
Draft 3: Recommends Disapproval 11/14/2018	Draft 3: Committee is concerned that it would be difficult for accused to conduct business with the proposed rule change. Committee believes this would be hard to enforce and difficult to monitor the portion of the rule restricting customers from remaining with trainer 30 days prior to and 30 after a horse show.	
AMHA		
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments	
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments	
Draft 3: No Action	Draft 3: No Comments	
Andalusian/Lusitano		
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments	
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments	
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 10/29/2018	Draft 3: No Comments	
Arabian		
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments	
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments	
Draft 3: Recommends Disapproval 10/30/2018	Draft 3: Concern was raised about the legal ramifications of a contract between a rider and a barn/trainer if a trainer became ineligible. Also there was a question as to who would have the responsibility of monitoring the 30 day prior/post policy.	
ARHPA		
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments	
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments	
Draft 3: No Action	Draft 3: No Comments	
ASHA		
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments	
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments	
Draft 3: No Action	Draft 3: No Comments	
Breeds/Disciplines		
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments	
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments	
Draft 3: No Action	Draft 3: No Comments	
Carriage Pleasure Driving		
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments	
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments	
Draft 3: Recommends Disapproval 11/12/2018	Draft 3: Rule needs clarification, concern that would be difficult to monitor and enforce.	
Connemara		
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments	
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments	
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 11/08/2018	Draft 3: No Comments	
Council - Intl Discipline		
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments	
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments	
Draft 3: No Action	Draft 3: No Comments	

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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

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

Dressage

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

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

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

Friesian

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

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

Hackney

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

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: Committee is concerned about process and that there could be legal ramifications from limiting the suspended person's ability to do business. Also concerned that it would jeopardize trainers livelihood if clients could not participate in equine activities 30 days prior to and 30 days after a horse show.

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: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: Recommends Disapproval 11/13/2018

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: JSC would approve if #8 was removed as it is too difficult to enforce.

Morgan

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

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: Concern was raised that enforcement of the 30 day prior/post competition policy would be difficult.

National Hunter 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

National Show Horse

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

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: Concern was raised for how the 30 days prior to/post a competition portion of this rule would be enforced and by whom would the responsibility of the enforcing would fall upon.

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

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

PFHA	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Action	Draft 3: No Comments
Reining	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Action	Draft 3: No Comments
Roadster	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: Recommends Disapproval 11/12/2018	Draft 3: Committee expressed concern that this proposed rule change raises legal ramifications with the suggested parameters. The committee thought would be difficult to monitor if clients were not allowed to have horses with a trainer 30 days before a show and 30 days after a show.
Saddle Seat Eq	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: Recommends Disapproval 11/13/2018	Draft 3: Committee is not in favor of this proposed rule change because it would not allow persons to do business with the suspended person. It would also restrict clients from competing if they remain with the suspended person 30 days prior and 30 days after the horse show. This would be difficult to monitor and enforce.
Shetland	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 10/23/2018	Draft 3: No Comments
UPHA	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Action	Draft 3: No Comments
US Saddle Seat World Cup	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Action	Draft 3: No Comments
USA Reining	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Action	Draft 3: No Comments
USDF	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Action	Draft 3: No Comments
USEA	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Action	Draft 3: No Comments
USHJA	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: Recommends Disapproval 12/13/2018	Draft 3: o GR704.8 – Overreach with respect to GR704.8. The language is too punitive. Unduly penalizes innocent individuals.
Vaulting	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Action	Draft 3: No Comments
WDAA	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Action	Draft 3: No Comments
Welsh	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 11/08/2018	Draft 3: No Comments
Western Committee	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: Recommends Disapproval 11/06/2018	Draft 3: The committee felt this proposed rule change was a matter for legal review and that it is outside the scope of the Western Discipline.

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 2: No Action

Draft 3: Recommends Approval 10/30/2018

Draft 1: No Comments

Draft 2: No Comments

Draft 3: No Comments

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

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 & Medications 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 & Medications 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,

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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: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Council - Intl Discipline	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
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.

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

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

Web: cruelty and abuse of a horse

Committee Actions

ADS

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

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

AHA

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

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

AHHS

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

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
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: No Action

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: No Comments

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: No Action

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

Council - Intl Discipline

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

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

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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

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

Dressage

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

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: 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 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Action	Draft 3: No Comments
English Pleasure	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Action	Draft 3: No Comments
Eventing	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/13/2018	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/08/2018	Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Action 12/13/2018	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 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/29/2018	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 Action	Draft 3: No Comments
Hackney	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/31/2018	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: Recommends Disapproval 12/06/2018	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 Action	Draft 3: No Comments
Hearing Committee	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Action	Draft 3: No Comments
IFSHA	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Action	Draft 3: No Comments
Jumper	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/13/2018	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Action	Draft 3: No Comments
Licensed Officials	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/12/2018	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/04/2018	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 Action	Draft 3: No Comments
Morgan	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/25/2018	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: Recommends Disapproval 11/29/2018	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 Action	Draft 3: No Comments
National Hunter Committee	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Action	Draft 3: No Comments
National Show Horse	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/02/2018	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/10/2018	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 Action	Draft 3: No Comments
NSH	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Action	Draft 3: No Comments

Paso Fino	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/30/2018	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Action	Draft 3: No Comments
PFHA	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Action	Draft 3: No Comments
Reining	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Action	Draft 3: No Comments
Roadster	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/12/2018	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 Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Action	Draft 3: No Comments
Saddle Seat Eq	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/13/2018	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 Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Action	Draft 3: No Comments
Shetland	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/23/2018	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Action	Draft 3: No Comments
UPHA	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
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US Saddle Seat World Cup	
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USA Reining	
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USDF	
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USHJA	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 12/13/2018	Draft 3: No Comments
Vaulting	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Action	Draft 3: No Comments
WDAA	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Action	Draft 3: No Comments
Welsh	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/08/2018	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Action	Draft 3: No Comments
Western Committee	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/06/2018	Draft 1: Committee recommends approval
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Action	Draft 3: No Comments

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

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

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

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: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Council - Intl Discipline	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
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: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
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.

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

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

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

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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: No Action

Draft 1: The steward or TD already has to submit this to the Federation, a signed copy is overkill.
Draft 2: No Comments

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: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments Draft 2: No Comments
Council - Intl Discipline	
Draft 1: No Action Draft 2: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments Draft 2: No Comments
Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
Draft 1: No Action Draft 2: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments Draft 2: No Comments
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: No Action	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

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	

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.

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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

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: No Action

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: No Action

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: No Action

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: No Action

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

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Standard	12/1/2019	10/18/2018	

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.

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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

Web: 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: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments Draft 2: No Comments
Council - Intl Discipline	
Draft 1: No Action Draft 2: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments Draft 2: No Comments
Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
Draft 1: No Action Draft 2: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments Draft 2: No Comments
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 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Endurance	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
English Pleasure	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Eventing	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/13/2018	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 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 10/25/2018	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 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 10/31/2018	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 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
IFSHA	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Jumper	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/13/2018	Draft 2: JSC prefers the proposal for this same GR 901.8 in tracking 334-18.
Licensed Officials	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/12/2018	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 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 10/25/2018	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 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
National Show Horse	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/02/2018	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 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Paso Fino	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 10/30/2018	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 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Reining	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments

Roadster	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/12/2018	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 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/13/2018	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 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/27/2018	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 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 10/23/2018	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 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
US Saddle Seat World Cup	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
USA Reining	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
USDF	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
USEA	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
USHJA	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/13/2018	Draft 2: o Disapprove in favor of 334-18
Vaulting	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
WDAA	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Welsh	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/08/2018	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 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/06/2018	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.
Western Dressage	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 10/30/2018	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.

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

Proposed Change

GR1034 Stewards and Technical Delegates [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 10-H REGULATIONS GOVERNING OFFICIALS]

GR1034 Stewards and Technical Delegates

1. The following are required responsibilities and duties of Stewards and Technical Delegates:

a. Safeguard the welfare of the horse **against violations of the Federation's Drugs and Medications rules, any of the Federation's prohibited practices, and instances of abuse, including but not limited to: riding an exhausted horse; excessive pressing of a tired horse; excessive use of a whip, spurs, and/or bit; or withholding of feed or water for prolonged periods.**

b. Protect the interests of: ~~competitors, judges and Competition Management.~~

1. Competitors by ensuring a safe and fair competition environment by consistently applying the Rules of the Federation; and

2. Competition Management and judges by being available for rule interpretations and serving as a liaison between Licensed Officials, Competition Management, and the Federation.

c. When ~~they~~ **a Steward or Technical Delegate** becomes aware of a potential violation of USEF **Federation** rules, without waiting for a protest, **he shall** investigate and notify the appropriate individual or official, and, if not rectified, issue a yellow warning card (GR1035), and/or file a charge (GR604). **At the conclusion of the investigation, if a Steward or Technical Delegates determines a charge may not be appropriate, all information surrounding the potential violation must be included in the Report.**

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Rule Change Intent

Stewards and Technical Delegates in the field have requested further clarification and direction as to the meaning of GR1034. This rule change is intended to provide guidance as to the meaning of safeguarding the welfare of the horse by including examples that may indicate abuse. Additionally, this rule change provides some information of how stewards and TDs are expected to ensure that the interests of competitors, other licensed officials, and competition management are protected. Finally, this rule change reminds stewards and TDs that all potential rule violations must be reported to the Federation, even if the event does not immediately warrant a charge, in the opinion of the Licensed Official.

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: steward and technical delegate responsibilities

Committee Actions

American Saddlebred

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/14/2018
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: Committee suggests deleted the word "enjoyable" and adding the word "fair" as a substitute in point 1
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 12/06/2018	Draft 1: The committee agreed with the intent of the rule but feel that some of the points would be hard to determine; for example water consumption depends on each horse. Concern was also raised that this would be hard for the Stewards to enforce, that they cannot properly monitor these specific areas on top of their other responsibilities. Draft 2: The committee's concerns from draft one are still relevant. The committee agreed with the intent of the rule but feel that some of the points would be hard to determine; for example water consumption depends on each horse. Concern was also raised that this would be hard for the Stewards to enforce, that they cannot properly monitor these specific areas on top of their other responsibilities. The committee also stated that this rule is now placing more responsibility on the Steward/TD to determine if a charge needs to be filed rather than reporting the issue and allowing USEF to make that decision which in that case would only make the Steward/TD a witness rather than the person filing the charge.
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: Approves the concept but suggests changing "enjoyable" to "fair" in point 1 and committee would approve. Draft 2: No Comments
Competition Management	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/08/2018 Draft 2: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments Draft 2: No Comments
Connemara	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/08/2018 Draft 2: No Action	Draft 1: Agree with the concept, but they are not able to guarantee an "enjoyable" experience. Would be inclined to approve if the "enjoyable" was changed to "fair". Draft 2: No Comments
Council - Admin & Finance	
Draft 1: No Action Draft 2: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments Draft 2: No Comments
Council - Intl Discipline	
Draft 1: No Action Draft 2: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments Draft 2: No Comments
Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
Draft 1: No Action Draft 2: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments Draft 2: No Comments
Dressage	
Draft 1: No Action Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/29/2018	Draft 1: No Comments Draft 2: Good effort but needs more work and measurable content.
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: Recommends Approval 11/13/2018 Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/08/2018	Draft 1: No Comments Draft 2: No Comments
Friesian	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/25/2018 Draft 2: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments Draft 2: No Comments
Hackney	
Draft 1: No Action 10/31/2018 Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/06/2018	Draft 1: Committee voted to abstain concerning action for this rule Draft 2: The committee is concerned that the officials (Stewards and Technical Delegates) would not receive sufficient support from Competition Management or USEF should violations come to a hearing.
Jumper	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/13/2018 Draft 2: No Action	Draft 1: JSC would approve if the word "enjoyable" was replaced with "fair". Draft 2: No Comments
Morgan	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/25/2018 Draft 2: No Action	Draft 1: Concern was raised that the verbiage "enjoyable", cannot be measured. Draft 2: No Comments

National Hunter Committee	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/22/2018 Draft 2: No Action	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 verbiage such as “obviously lame” is subjective; the committee was in agreement with the intent of the rule change but recommend verbiage that is less opinion based. Draft 2: Concern was raised that this draft still contains verbiage that is subjective; the committee was in agreement with the intent of the rule change but recommend verbiage that is less opinion based. Concern was also raised for the legal protection of the Steward/Technical Delegate if the accused were to take legal actions against them after a charge has been filed. It was also stated the subjective language would be hard to defend in court.
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: Recommends Approval 11/12/2018 Draft 2: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments Draft 2: No Comments
Saddle Seat Eq	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/13/2018 Draft 2: No Action	Draft 1: Committee approves the intent of this proposed rule change but does not believe that officials would have significant support from USEF and competition management. The committee suggests replacing “enjoyable” with “fair” in point b.1. Draft 2: No Comments
Shetland	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/23/2018 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
USHJA	
Draft 1: No Action Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/13/2018	Draft 1: No Comments Draft 2: o USHJA is in favor of protecting horse welfare and agrees with concept. In GR1034.1.a. would approve if GR839 was referenced instead of listing specific actions
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: The concept is good, but many of these features are not enforceable or measureable. Draft 2: No Comments
Western Committee	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/06/2018 Draft 2: No Action	Draft 1: While approving this rule the committee is concerned that the Officials need support from Competition Management and the USEF for enforcement of this rule and that support may not be forthcoming. Draft 2: No Comments
Western Dressage	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/30/2018 Draft 2: No Action	Draft 1: Concern was raised with the term "enjoyable", this is subjective wording. All other aspects were agreed with. Draft 2: No Comments

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

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.

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

Council - Intl Discipline

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

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
Draft 1: No Action Draft 2: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments Draft 2: No Comments
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: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments Draft 2: No Comments
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	9/5/2018	

Proposed Change

GR1131 Hunter and Equitation Divisions [CHAPTER GR-11 Federation Records and Awards]

GR 1131 Hunter and Equitation Divisions

[...]

3. In the Hunter division, points are calculated according to the Increment system. In "C" and "B" rated sections, points are determined by the number of horses that compete in the first performance class of the section; in "A" rated sections, points are determined by both the rating of the competition (based on scheduling restrictions of HU158) as well as the number of horses that compete in the first performance class of the section. Exception: National awards for **Pre Green Hunter 3'0", /3'3", First Year Green Hunter, Second Year Green Hunter, 3'6", 3'9", Young Hunter 3'0", 3'3", and 3'6", High Performance and Performance Hunter 3'3" and 3'6", Green Conformation Hunter 3'6", and High Performance Conformation Hunter** will be calculated using two systems towards two separate sets of national awards. The national Money Won Awards will be based on the money won by each horse in their respective section. The national Points Awards will be calculated according to the Increment System. Both money won and points won in hunter classics, the USHJA International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake and the USHJA International Hunter Derby will be included. The money won and points won in the USHJA International Hunter Derby and USHJA International Hunter Derby Welcome Stakes will only be awarded towards a declared Hunter section for HOTY points if a horse competes in the declared section a minimum of five (5) times during the competition year.

[...]

9. Hunter Division Section champions will be awarded 2.0 times the total 1st place point value of the first class in that section toward any National Horse of the Year point award based on points earned. Section reserve champions will be awarded 1.2 times the total 1st place value of the first class in that section towards any National Horse of the Year award based on points earned. Exception: For National Horse of the Year awards that are based on money won, Section Champions in the **Pre Green Hunter 3'0", /3'3", First Year Green Hunter, Second Year Green Hunter, 3'6", and 3'9", Young Hunter 3'0", 3'3", and 3'6", High Performance Hunter, Green Conformation Hunter 3'6", Performance Hunters 3'3", Performance Hunters 3'6", and High Performance Conformation Hunter** will be awarded dollars equal to 10% of the total prize money offered for each respective section towards National Horse of the Year awards. Reserve Champions will be awarded dollars equal to the amount of 5% of the total prize money for each respective section.

[...]

11. Hunter Division Section awards are offered for the following at the Zone level from USHJA and National levels from the Federation:

- a. Green Conformation Hunter 3'6", **Pre Green Hunter 3'0", /3'3", First Year Green Hunter, Second Year Green Hunter, 3'6" and 3'9", High Performance Conformation Hunter, High Performance Hunter, Performance Hunters 3'3", Performance Hunters 3'6", Young Hunter 3'0", 3'3" and 3'6", Small Green Pony Hunter, Medium Green Pony Hunter, Large Green Pony Hunter, Small Pony Hunter, Medium Pony Hunter, Large Pony Hunter, Small Junior Hunter 15 yrs. & under, Small Junior Hunter 16-17 yrs., Large Junior Hunter 15 yrs. & under, Large Junior Hunter 16-17 yrs., Amateur Owner Hunter - 18-35 Years Old and Over 35 Years Old, Ladies Side Saddle, Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3" 18-35 Years Old and Over 35 Years Old, Small Hunter, Small Junior Hunter 3'3", 15 yrs. & under, Small Junior Hunter 3'3" 16-17 yrs., Large Junior Hunter 3'3" 15 yrs. and under and Large Junior Hunter 3'3" 16-17 yrs.**
- b. The USHJA shall determine the National HOTY points to be awarded for its USHJA Hunter Championships, Finals and Classes. The USHJA shall notify the Federation and publish the point scale to be utilized on the USHJA website a minimum of 120 days prior to the start of each event.

12. Grand Champion Horse of the Year Awards are based on National points and are offered for the following Hunter sections:

- a. Amateur Owner Hunter: awarded to the horse with the most points from the rider age sections of Amateur Owner Hunter 3'6"
- b. Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3": awarded to the horse with the most points from the rider age sections of Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3"
- c. Junior Hunter 15 Years & Younger: awarded to the horse with the most points in the 15 & Under rider age section of the 3'6" Junior Hunters
- d. Junior Hunter 16-17 Years: awarded to the horse with the most points in the 16-17 rider age section of the 3'6" Junior Hunters
- e. Pony Hunter: awarded to the pony with the most points from the small, medium and large Regular Hunter Pony sections
- f. Green Hunter Pony: awarded to the pony with the most points from the small, medium and large Green Hunter Pony sections
- g. Conformation Hunter: awarded to the horse with the most points from the High Performance Conformation Hunter and Green Conformation Hunter 3'6" sections
- h. Green Hunter: awarded to the horse with the most points from the **Pre Green Hunter 3'0", Pre Green Hunter 3'3", First Year Green Hunter, and Second Year Green Hunter 3'6" and 3'9"** sections.
- i. High Performance Hunter: awarded to the horse with the most points from the High Performance Hunter section
- j. Young Hunter: awarded to the horse with the most points from the Young Hunter 3'0", 3'3" and 3'6" sections.

[...]

Proponent Details

Contact Information

Rule Change Intent

The Green Hunter section names were changed from Pre Green/First Year/Second Year by a rule change that was effective 12/1/2016. Since then, there has been a great deal of debate regarding the appropriate name for these sections. The National Hunter Committee wishes to submit this proposal for the purpose of discussion of the Green Hunter sections and whether they should be changed back to their original names.

Linked Rules

HU 111 (202-18), GR 311 (325-18), HJ 127 (196-18)

Comments

Web: hunter and equitation divisions

Committee Actions

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/13/2018

Draft 1: A lot of due diligence was done during the initial rule change process to enact this nomenclature and the entire green hunter restructure, and it's important that we make our sport inviting for those who are new to the sport. This nomenclature aims to provide clarity that will make it easier for people to understand our sport. The current rule hasn't been in effect long enough to become established, and the USHJA feels there is no evidence to suggest the current rule is not working or that it needs to be changed.

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2019	9/5/2018	

Proposed Change

GR1214 Results [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 12-D DUTIES CONCERNING COMPETITION RECORDS]**GR1214 Results**

1. All competition results and other data as specified by USEF in the license agreement **must** ~~may~~ be electronically transmitted to USEF within 10 days following a Licensed competition including all corrections, changes and additions to the prize list. All results must meet the criteria and format of the Federation result template **with all required fields** as published by USEF and must be submitted as outlined in the license agreement. A fee **will** ~~may~~ be assessed for any required data not received electronically. Full results **include but are not limited to** ~~are defined as~~ the names and Federation numbers of all horses, riders and owners in all classes, **the number of entries, all placings, and money paid out**. In the event of an entry under multiple ownership, only one owner need be a Member or pay a Show Pass fee. The competition is responsible for listing either the active member or the person that paid the Show Pass fee in the results. (Exception GR901.9).

1. **Hunter, Jumper and Equitation**

1. ~~For Results for all non-breed restricted Hunter, Jumper, and Equitation Cclasses over fences offering \$500 or more in prize money (including add back) the competition must submit the following in addition to the above: the number of horses competing in the class, the level under which the class was conducted, also include the fence height for each exhibitor. the identification/recording number for each horse in the class, and the placings with the money paid out to each placed entry.~~
2. For Young Jumper classes the first round fault scores for each entry must also be included.
3. ~~For classes with \$25,000 or more in prize money a copy of the starting order (showing the rider) and judges card(s) are required.~~
4. At Jumper Rating 4 or higher competitions, results must include faults of each round in jumper classes held at 1.40m or above.
5. Results must include faults from each round of Pony Jumper classes.
6. Results in Hunter Competitions in over fences classes must record the following information, if applicable: (i) Did Not Compete and (ii) Did Not Place. See HU132.9.

2. **Dressage**

1. Results for Dressage Competitions and Regular or Local competitions holding open Dressage or Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes must include the Federation and USDF membership and identification/recording numbers for all owners, riders, handlers and horses for whom this information is required for the competition. This material is needed in order to include the winnings of exhibitors in the Federation's permanent records.

2. The secretary of each Federation Licensed Competition must, within 10 calendar days of the competition, send to the Federation, either electronically or by mail with proof of delivery, a list of judges, stewards, technical delegates and competition officials, as well as **full results with all required fields**. ~~the names and addresses of all ribbon winners, the amount of money won if applicable, and number of entries in the Federation Medal classes and USEF/USDF dressage qualifying and championship classes, the first place winners of all other Equitation classes.~~

3. ~~Competitions offering Medal classes must make a complete report to the Federation in order that Federation memberships can be checked and credit given winners. Names and addresses of all ribbon winners and the numbers of entries in a class must be included.~~

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Rule Change Intent

As currently written, GR1214 is causing confusion among the USEF Membership. This rule change is submitted in an effort to reorganize the layout of the rule so as to minimize the redundancy of the paragraph. Additionally, this rule change will add the requirement of reporting fence heights for each exhibitor for all non-breed restricted Hunter, Jumper, and Equitation classes.

Linked Rules		Comments
		Web: results
Committee Actions		
Competition Management		
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/08/2018	Draft 1: No Comments	
Council - Admin & Finance		
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments	
Council - Intl Discipline		
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments	
Council - Natl Breed & Discipline		
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments	
Dressage		
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/29/2018	Draft 1: No Comments	
Jumper		
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/13/2018	Draft 1: No Comments	
National Hunter Committee		
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/22/2018	Draft 1: No Comments	
USDF		
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments	
USHJA		
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/13/2018	Draft 1: USHJA would approve if the word “competitions” was added to GR1214.1.1: “Results for all non-breed competitions restricted to Hunter, Jumper, and Equitation classes over fences...”	

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2019	8/30/2018	

Proposed Change

GR1214 Results [CHAPTER 12-D DUTIES CONCERNING COMPETITION RECORDS]

1. All competition results and other data as specified by USEF in the license agreement may be electronically transmitted to USEF within 10 days following a Licensed competition including all corrections, changes and additions to the prize list. All results must meet the criteria and format of the Federation result template as published by USEF and must be submitted as outlined in the license agreement. A fee may be assessed for any required data not received electronically. Full results are defined as the names and Federation numbers of all horses, riders and owners in all classes. In the event of an entry under multiple ownership, only one owner need be a Member or pay a Show Pass fee. The competition is responsible for listing either the active member or the person that paid the Show Pass fee in the results. (Exception GR901.9). For all Jumper Classes offering \$500 or more in prize money (including add back) the competition must submit the following in addition to the above: the number of horses competing in the class, the Level under which the class was conducted, the identification/recording number for each horse in the class, and the placings with the money paid out to each placed entry. For Young Jumper classes the first round fault scores for each entry must also be included. For classes with \$25,000 or more in prize money a copy of the starting order (showing the rider) and judges card(s) are required. ~~At Jumper Rating 4 or higher competitions, Results must include faults of each round in jumper classes held at 1.30m 1.40m or above and in all Junior Jumper classes.~~ Results must include faults from each round of Pony Jumper classes. Results for Dressage Competitions and Regular or Local competitions holding open Dressage or Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes must include the Federation and USDF membership and identification/recording numbers for all owners, riders, handlers and horses for whom this information is required for the competition. This material is needed in order to include the winnings of exhibitors in the Federation's permanent records.

Proponent Details

Jumper

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Rule Change Intent

Faults from horse's a round are very important in jumper classes and this change will increase the amount of results with faults submitted to USEF.

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: results - jumper faults

Committee Actions

Competition Management

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/08/2018

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/13/2018

Draft 1: No Comments

GR1301.7 Tracking #213-18 Draft #2 Amended

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

Proposed Change

GR1301 General [CHAPTER 13-A Responsibilities]

GR1301 General

7. Minors who do not have a valid driver's license which allows them to operate a motorized vehicle in the state in which they reside will not be permitted to operate a motorized vehicle of any kind, including, but not limited to, golf carts, motorcycles, scooters, or farm utility vehicles, on the competition grounds of licensed competitions. Minors who have a valid temporary license may operate the above described motorized vehicles as long as they are accompanied by an adult with a valid driver's license. The ~~parent(s), legal guardian(s),~~ **parent/legal guardian** or individual who signs the entry blank as a parent or guardian of a minor operating a motorized vehicle in violation of this rule are solely responsible for any damages, claims, losses or actions resulting from that operation. Violations of this rule will be cause for ~~sanctions~~ **penalties** against the ~~parent(s), guardian(s) and/or trainer(s) who are~~ **those** responsible for the child committing the offense. ~~Penalties may include exclusion of the child, parent(s), guardian(s), and/or trainer(s) from the competition grounds for the remainder of the competition and charges being filed against any of the above individuals in accordance with Chapter 6.~~ Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.

8. Motorized devices marketed to minors that do not require a driver's license to operate, including but not limited to segways, hover boards, and single wheeled scooters, shall only be operated on roadways and paths where golf carts are permitted to operate. The operation of these motorized devices is prohibited in all barn areas, VIP tents, spectator areas, and horse paths. The parent/legal guardian or individual who signs the entry blank as a parent or guardian of a minor operating a motorized device in violation of this rule is responsible for any damages, claims, losses or actions resulting from that operation. Violations of this rule will be cause for penalties against those responsible for the child committing the offense. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.

Renumber accordingly

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Rule Change Intent

Recently the Federation has received reports that certain motorized devices are being operated on competition grounds in a manner that threatens the safety of individuals and horses alike. These devices include such things as segways, hover boards, and motorized scooters. Because these devices fall outside the category of motorized vehicle, a new rule is necessary to prevent the dangerous operation of these devices on competition grounds. If limited to paths and roads open to motorized vehicles, such as golf carts and cars, these motorized vehicles pose significantly less of a threat to horses and riders.

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: motorized devices

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: Committee believes this rule change needs clarification. Why are juveniles restricted where they can drive these motorized vehicles and there are no restrictions for adults or for golf carts?

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 Approval 10/29/2018	Draft 1: No Comments Draft 2: No Comments
Arabian	
Draft 1: No Action Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 10/30/2018	Draft 1: No Comments Draft 2: The committee recommended to remove the second sentence "The operation of these motorized devices is prohibited in all barn areas, VIP tents, spectator areas, and horse paths.". Concern was raised that some devices are needed for transportation at a horse show, including within barn aisles.
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: Needs clarification. Suggests that the second sentence "The Operation of these motorized devices is prohibited in all barn areas, VIP tents, spectators, and horse paths" should be deleted
Competition Management	
Draft 1: No Action Draft 2: Recommends Approval 11/08/2018	Draft 1: No Comments Draft 2: No Comments
Connemara	
Draft 1: No Action Draft 2: Recommends Approval 11/08/2018	Draft 1: No Comments Draft 2: No Comments
Council - Admin & Finance	
Draft 1: No Action Draft 2: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments Draft 2: No Comments
Council - Intl Discipline	
Draft 1: No Action Draft 2: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments Draft 2: No Comments
Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
Draft 1: No Action Draft 2: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments Draft 2: No Comments
Dressage	
Draft 1: No Action Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/29/2018	Draft 1: No Comments Draft 2: Agree with LO Committee with their entire comment. Agree with intent in general.
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 Approval 11/13/2018	Draft 1: No Comments Draft 2: No Comments
Friesian	
Draft 1: No Action Draft 2: Recommends Approval 10/25/2018	Draft 1: No Comments Draft 2: No Comments
Hackney	
Draft 1: No Action Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 10/31/2018	Draft 1: No Comments Draft 2: Committee believes these vehicles should be allowed access to all areas that golf carts are allowed. If not allowed access then all motorized vehicles should be restricted on competition grounds.
IFSHA	
Draft 1: No Action Draft 2: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments Draft 2: No Comments

Jumper	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 11/13/2018	Draft 2: No Comments
Licensed Officials	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/12/2018	Draft 2: The LOC agrees with the intent of this rule change proposal. However, the committee questioned the limitation of the motorized vehicles to only those "marketed to minors." The committee suggested to expand a following draft to include that individuals of any age should not operate inappropriate devices in restricted areas. The committee wondered how this would be enforced if the individual operating the device is not associated with the competition (e.g. did not submit an entry blank because they are a friend, cousin, etc. not competing at the competition). Also, the committee asked how this rule would be enforced in conjunction with venue specific rules.
Morgan	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 10/25/2018	Draft 2: Committee was in agreement with the intent but they would like the verbiage to be more inclusive of non-motorized devices and for this to apply to people of all ages, not just minors. Concern was raised that the penalty for a violation is not listed as well as who's responsibility it is to enforce the rule.
National Hunter Committee	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 10/22/2018	Draft 2: The committee would approve of this change if the sentence reading "The operation of these motorized devices is prohibited in all barn areas, VIP tents, spectator areas, and horse paths" is removed. These "other" motorized vehicles should be allowed in all areas where golf carts are allowed and if a competition allows golf carts into an area, such as the barns, the same rules should apply.
National Show Horse	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 11/02/2018	Draft 2: No Comments
NSH	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Paso Fino	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 10/30/2018	Draft 2: No Comments
PFHA	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Reining	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Roadster	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/12/2018	Draft 1: Committee thought this proposed rule change did not address any issues with golf carts but restricted other motorized vehicles if operated by a minor. Committee suggests this be a requirement from competitions too be printed in prize list and enforced on a needed basis if situations dictate.
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/12/2018	Draft 2: Committee thought this proposed rule change did not address any issues with golf carts but restricted other motorized vehicles if operated by a minor. Committee suggests this be a requirement from competitions too be printed in prize list and enforced on a needed basis if situations dictate.
Saddle Seat Eq	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/13/2018	Draft 2: Committee believes this proposed rule change is not equitable. Are adults as responsible for action as minors? Not comfortable with person signing entry form as being responsible for damage that is done by minors but does not address adults.
Safety	
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 11/27/2018	Draft 2: No Comments
Shetland	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 10/23/2018	Draft 2: No Comments
UPHA	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
US Saddle Seat World Cup	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	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 USHJA is in favor of the concept and intent, but the problem is not limited to minors. The Federation shouldn't attempt to over legislate.

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 Approval 11/08/2018

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Western Committee

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

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Committee thought this rule change was too restrictive.

Western Dressage

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

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Concern was raised about loopholes to this rule due to the specificity of listing certain, but not all, "motorized devices". The committee agreed with the intent but believes the rule should include people of all ages.

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

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

Legal: not certified as an EO - changed to standard
Web: certified jumper schooling supervisor

Committee Actions

Competition Management

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/08/2018

Draft 1: No enough schooling supervisors to expect enforcement

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

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.

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2019	9/4/2018	

Proposed Change

EQ104 Horse Welfare [CHAPTER EQ-2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]

EQ103 Eligibility to Compete

[...]

[new section]

EQ 104 Horse Welfare (see also GR839)**1. The following acts are prohibited:**

- a. Riding an exhausted horse.*
- b. Excessive pressuring of a tired horse.*
- c. Riding or lunging an obviously lame horse.*
- d. Excessive use of a whip on any horse in a stall, aisle, schooling area, competition ring or elsewhere on the competition grounds. The use of a whip must be for a good reason, done at the appropriate time, in the proper place and with appropriate restraint. Excessive whipping will not be tolerated.*
- e. Any striking of the horse's head (on the poll or forward of the poll) shall be deemed excessive.*
- f. Repeated jerking on the reins and sawing on the bit unless applied to an unruly horse that is jeopardizing his own safety or the safety of his rider.*
- g. Improper use of the bit resulting in bleeding, broken skin or broken mucous membrane.*
- h. Excessive use of the spurs or spurring resulting in broken and bleeding skin.*
- i. Rapping the legs of a horse with the butt end of a riding crop or other implement.*
- j. Use of any substance to induce temporary heat causing hyper-sensitization.*
- k. Poling. See GR844*
- l. Use of a wire or chain in conjunction with any schooling jumps.*
- m. Use of electronic shock devices in schooling or showing.*
- n. Use of shackles, hock hobbles and similar devices, with the exception of kicking chains while the horse is in the stall or in transport. This does not prohibit the use of rubber or plastic exercising devices.*
- o. Showing a horse with hypersensitive, raw or bleeding sores around the cornets, pasterns, legs or body.*
- p. Use of laser beam devices anywhere on the competition grounds, except in an exhibition or if required in class specifications. (Exception: Lasers used in a therapeutic manner).*
- q. Withholding of feed or water for prolonged periods.*
- r. Letting blood from a horse for other than diagnostic purposes.*
- s. Inhumane treatment of a horse in a stall, aisle, schooling area, competition ring or elsewhere on the competition grounds, by any person.*

2. Regular and local competitions. Competitors found to be in violation of these rules by the Competition Steward or other Federation Official shall be eliminated/disqualified from competing within the upcoming 24-hour period and shall forfeit all entry fees for such competition. In addition, after consultation between Competition Management, the Steward, or other official involved, and a Senior Judge in the division, additional penalties including disqualification from the balance of the competition may be imposed. All such violations must be recorded in the Steward's Report and, if cruelty or abusive behavior is evident, it will be reviewed by the Federation for such action as may be deemed appropriate to the particular circumstances.

EQ104 **EQ105** Position

[...]

[renumber remaining sections accordingly]

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

This rule change is proposed to provide focus on the commitment to the protection and welfare of our equine athletes, and specifically those horses competing in the Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation sections.

Linked Rules		Comments
		Web: horse welfare
Committee Actions		
Council - Intl Discipline		
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments	
Council - Natl Breed & Discipline		
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments	
Jumper		
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/13/2018	Draft 1: No Comments	
National Hunter Committee		
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/19/2018	Draft 1: No Comments	
USHJA		
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/13/2018	Draft 1: No Comments	

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	4/1/2019	8/31/2018	

Proposed Change

EQ105 Appointments [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ-2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]

2. Attire. Riders are required to wear conservatively colored **black, blue, green, grey, or brown** coats (~~black, blue, green, grey or brown~~) which are free from adornment which in the judge's opinion is overly distracting. Shirts must have a choker, similar collar or tie. Breeches may be buff, canary, tan, rust or white.

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Rule Change Intent

This rule change makes the list of permitted coat colors clear and exclusive for the hunter/jumping set equitation division.

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: coats

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Jumper

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/13/2018

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/13/2018

Draft 1: No Comments

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

Proposed Change

EQ105 Appointments [CHAPTER EQ-2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]

EQ105 Appointments [Linked to HU126.2 & JP111]

[...]

5. Tack. Judges may penalize but not eliminate a horse or pony that competes in unconventional tack. Judges must eliminate a horse or pony that competes in illegal tack.

a. Hunter Seat Equitation:

[...]

b. Jumping Seat Equitation (USEF Talent Search, WIHS Jumper Phase, USHJA Jumping Seat Medal, and any class specifically designated as a Jumping Seat Equitation class):

[...]

c. *Cable or metal tie downs are prohibited for use on horses and ponies.*

d. *Curbs. When using a curb with any leverage bit, it must be constructed of loose links, joints, and/or lie smooth against the jaw of the horse and be free of twists, sharp objects or anything inhumane. A curb may be wrapped or inserted into a cover for the comfort of the horse. A curb may not be used in conjunction with wire, metal, rawhide, metal "keepers", or any other substance except for attachment of curb to the bit.*

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

For the welfare of the horse, this proposal protects the horse from equipment that could inflict pain or discomfort.

Linked Rules

HU 126 (283-18), JP 111 (282-18)

Comments

Web: appointments

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

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: No Action

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

Jumper

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

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

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/19/2018
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: The committee would like to see a better definition of what a "cable or metal tie down" is. Additionally, concerns were expressed regarding the enforceability of the restrictions for curb chains: -Who decides what is comfortable vs. excessively tight -It is difficult for a judge to see what is on a curb chain -Welfare rules are currently in place that would address inhumane equipment The committee suggests using the language from the intent of this rule and prohibiting "equipment that could inflict pain or discomfort".
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

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

Proposed Change

EQ105 Appointments [CHAPTER EQ-2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]

EQ105 Appointments [Linked to HU Appendix A – USEF Schooling Rules & JP103.9 Schooling RCPs]

[...]

7. Electronic Communication Devices.

a. No mounted exhibitor may wear or carry an electronic communication device (i.e., cellular telephone, pager, walkie talkie, etc.) while in the competition ring. The penalty for wearing or carrying a forbidden device if observed by the judge may be elimination from the class during which the device was worn or carried.

b. Electronic communication devices used for purposes of coaching, etc., between competitors and individuals outside the ring shall be prohibited in all classes.

c. Exhibitors who have a chronic condition may apply for a Presidential Modification exempting them from the provisions of this rule in accordance with GR152. Riders may not use these devices in over fences classes.

d. An exhibitor who has a chronic condition and has previously been granted at least one annual presidential modification related to the condition, may submit an application for approval of a special three-year presidential modification related to the same condition. The application must be accompanied by sufficient supporting documentation that the condition is unlikely to improve during the three-year period.

e. The unsafe use of electronic devices, including cell phones, with or without earphones/buds while mounted is prohibited in all areas designated for schooling.

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Rule Change Intent

Distracted riding in schooling areas is dangerous for horses and riders as well as people on the ground. This rule change is proposed to increase safety for both riders and horses.

Linked Rules

JP 103 (285-18), HU 173 (268-18)

Comments

Web: cell phones

Committee Actions

Arabian

Draft 1: No Action 11/14/2018
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: The committee decided to add in an exception to this rule in the Arabian Chapter.
Draft 2: No Comments
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: No Action

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: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
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: No Action

Draft 1: Violations should be left to Regulations
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/19/2018
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

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

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

HJ114 **HJ108** Horse entry numbers exceed five hundred (500) and/or Duration of Competition or Series of Competitions Exceeds Twenty-One (21) days without a break of five (5) consecutive calendar days

HJ115 **HJ109** HJS Requirements for Federation Special Competitions (GR301 Classifications) and/or Jumper Level 6 Events

HJ116 HJS Options Menu Selections Required to Obtain Federation Rating for Premier, National, Regional I and Regional II and/or Jumper Levels 5, 4, 3 or 2 (See Specific Rating and Competition Standards Requirements)

SUBCHAPTER HJ-3 4 COMPETITION SCHEDULING AND PRIZE MONEY**HJ119 HJ110 Premier Rated 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

HJ106 HJ102 HJ Competition Standards (HJS) are Specific Only to Regular Competition Classification and Ratings as Defined Below

HJ106 does not apply to Local competitions. All Local competitions must meet the Basic Standards set forth in HJ100 through HJ105 **HJ107**. Regardless of rating, additional requirements apply (HJ114 **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

HJ107 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
2. 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. 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.**

HJ108 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 HJ114 **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 one 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 competitions 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

Each chart is used to determine the minimum requirement for each rating. The definitions above the chart correspond directly to the requirements in the left column of the chart.

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 water for a maximum of four hours, the competition must be halted until water is available.
- b) **Restrooms:** A minimum of one operable, sanitary restroom (water closet) must be provided for every fifty horses entered the [BM3](#) prior year. Restrooms must be supplied 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. A maintenance log must be kept to indicate the date that each area was serviced and by whom.
- c) **Reserved Phone Line:** An operable landline or cell phone must be reserved and accessible at all times for the purposes of contacting emergency personnel.
 - i. Management must provide emergency telephone numbers plus directions to the competition which may be quickly relayed to the offsite responder. This information must be posted outside the horse show office and printed in the prize list.
- d) **Map with Directions to Competition:** A map of the competition's surrounding area and turn-by-turn directions to the competition from the nearest hospital must be posted outside the horse show office.
- e) **Accident Preparedness Plan Posted:** The Accident Preparedness Plan must be posted at the competition and provide a list of all applicable 24-hour emergency numbers for both horse and human emergencies, facility address, GPS coordinates, and important competition contact

information. See GR846 and GR848 for additional requirements.

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

g) **Veterinarian:**

i. The official competition veterinarian must be on grounds or on call with a written agreement during the competition. 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. Whether on call or on site, 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. 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.

h) **Farrier:** If the farrier is required to be on-site, 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 running water, and large enough to provide a suitable and safe working environment.

i. An owner or trainer may utilize a farrier of their choice. 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.

j) **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.

j) **Motorized Vehicle Statement:** Information regarding the use of motorized vehicles (golf carts, motorbikes, scooters, etc.) must be included in the prize list. See GR1301.7

k) **Qualified Medical Personnel:** See GR848.

l) **Horse Ambulance:** A vehicle dedicated to the transportation of equines on and/or from the property in the instance of an equine injury or emergency.

m) **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
Reserved Phone Line	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Map with Directions to Competition	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Accident Preparedness Plan Posted	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	On call w/ written agreement; for exception see	On call w/ written agreement; for exception see	On call w/ written agreement; for exception see HU105.1a	Onsite w/ written agreement

	HJ105.1g	HJ105.1g	see HJ105.1g		
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
Ambulance (GR848)	On call	On call	On call	On call	On call
Motorized Vehicle Statement	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Qualified Medical Personnel (GR848)	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Horse Ambulance	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 closed riding or lunging area. 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 for each competition ring and 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 complete 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 provide a footing maintenance plan for all competition rings, schooling areas, exercise areas and lunging areas indicating type of footing, planned maintenance for each area (water, drag, etc) to the USEF upon request.*
 - 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) **Scoreboard:** A large, electronic board adjacent to a main ring on which visible information is displayed. This information must include competitor and horse names, number, and scores, if applicable.
- j) **Spectator Seating:** Bleachers, benches, or chairs available for spectators adjacent to the main competition ring. Seating must be well-constructed, in good condition, and safe for use.
- k) **Designated Competitor Seating:** Bleachers, benches, or chairs designated specifically for competitor use only, and located adjacent to the main competition ring. Seating must be well-constructed, in good condition, and safe for use.
- l) **Sun and Rain Shelter for Horses & Riders:** A structure with a minimum size of 400 square feet with the capacity to comfortably and safely cover horses and riders, that provides protection from the sun or rain. The sun and rain shelters must be located adjacent to the schooling area(s). Sun and rain shelters must be well-constructed, in good condition, safe for use, and anchored securely to the ground in order to withstand wind.
- m) **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 – each must be equipped with a legible schedule and entry list for each class.

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	Additional Requirements for 500+ Horses - Outdoor	Additional Requirements for 500+ Horses - Indoor
Main Competition Ring	n/a	n/a	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Competition Ring – 1 Outdoor	20,000 Sq. Feet	20,000 Sq. Feet	24,000 Sq. Feet	28,000 Sq. Feet	28,000 Sq. Feet		
Competition Ring – 1 Indoor	14,000 Sq. Feet	14,000 Sq. Feet	16,000 Sq. Feet	18,000 Sq. Feet	20,000 Sq. Feet		
Designated Schooling Area for each Competition Ring	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Schooling Area 1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	45,000 Sq. Feet	30,000 Sq. Feet
Exercise Area – 1 Outdoor	Required	Required	16,000 Sq. Feet	20,000 Sq. Feet	24,000 sq. ft.	Combined w/ lunging area requirement	Combined w/ lunging area requirement
Exercise Area – 1 Indoor	n/a	n/a	n/a	18,000 Sq. Feet	18,000 sq. ft.		Required
Lunging Area	2,500 sq. ft.	2,500 sq. ft.	10,000 Sq. Feet	10,000 Sq. Feet	15,000 Sq. Feet	45,000 Sq. Feet + additional 10,000 sq. ft. per 100 horses	30,000 Sq. Feet + additional 10,000 sq. ft. per 100 horses
Lighting	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required		

Judges' Site	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Footing Safety	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Scoreboard	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Required
Spectator Seating	n/a	n/a	Seating for at least 25 spectators at main competition ring	Seating for at least 50 spectators at main competition ring	Seating for at least 100 spectators at main competition ring
Designated Competitor Seating	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Required
Sun/Rain Shelter for Horses & Riders	n/a	n/a	n/a	Required	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. Any areas used for competition, riding, or lunging must not be used as a parking area. Vehicles must be parked in designated areas away from stabling to not impede foot or vehicle routes.

b. **Measurement:** A level surface area for measurement (if there are divisions that require measurement) in accordance with GR507 and HU176 HJ140.

c. **Press Center:** Members of the press must be provided with a designated, climate-controlled area that is separate from the public and competitors. The press center must be clean, lighted, supplied with electricity, tables and chairs, and large enough to provide a suitable working environment. Communications staff at the competition must be designated and equipped to promptly and effectively respond to inquiries regarding incidents that occur at the competition.

d. **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 without the need for auxiliary light sources. There must be access to a functioning electrical outlet in each aisle for use to provide auxiliary lighting if needed.

e. **Manure Containment and Removal:** Manure throughout the facility, including soiled shavings in stabling areas, must be removed daily or as soon as practicable. Upon removal, manure must be put in a designated, undamaged containment facility or brought to a designated dumping area contained by a barrier to prevent overflow. Manure containment facilities or dumping areas must be serviced daily and emptied when full. Manure containment areas must not obstruct foot or vehicle traffic routes or be placed in areas where fluids accumulate.

f. **Trash Containment and Removal:** Trash must be placed in designated trash receptacles which must be available in convenient places throughout the facility. Trash receptacles must not obstruct foot or vehicle traffic routes or be placed in areas where fluids accumulate. Trash receptacles must be emptied by a waste collection service when they are full.

g. **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.

h. **Stabling:** When provided, stalls must be of sturdy construction, in good condition, well-ventilated, 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 and during the time of occupation. Functional and durable stall doors must be properly attached to every stall. 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 for horses are 9'6" wide by 9'6" deep with a minimum ceiling height of 7'0". The covering over the stalls must be weatherproof, properly secured, and undamaged.

i. 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

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.

i. **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.

j. **Portable Communication Devices:** Operable portable communication devices, such as handheld transceivers, must be provided for all secretaries, stewards, announcers, and personnel monitoring the in-gates, riding and lunging areas, and stabling.

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.

k. **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

l. **24-Hour Facility Security:** Trained security personnel in place to protect the facility against unauthorized entry, detect and suppress fires, and respond to emergencies.

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

n. **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, contact information, and horse arrivals and departure times. The competition office must open at least 1 hour prior to the start of scheduled classes and close at least 1 hour after classes conclude on each day of the competition.

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

p. **Competition Website:** The competition website must provide current information and resources applicable to the facility and competition, including maps, services, rental agreements, entry systems, and other relevant information useful to competitors and trainers.

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

r. **Electrical Outlets in Stabling:** 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. Competitions offering electrical outlets or receptacles must have the ability to provide proof of compliance with applicable electrical codes, verified by a certified electrician.

s. **Separate vehicle/horse/pedestrian traffic:** Well-maintained paths must be in place throughout the facility that separate motor vehicles from horses and pedestrians. These paths must be designated with legible signage in high-traffic areas.

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

u. **Food and Beverage Service:** At least one staffed food and beverage service area must be available on the competition grounds during all classes for each day of the competition. Competitions offering hot and cold food and beverage operations or vendors must have the ability to provide proof of compliance with FDA and local food safety regulations.

2. Minimum Requirements to Obtain Rating

Minimum Requirements to Obtain Rating	Local	Regional II	Regional I	National	Premier
	Jumper 1		Jumper 2	Jumper 3/4	Jumper 5/6
Parking	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Level Surface for Measurement (HJ140)	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required

Sufficient Lighting in stabling areas	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Press Center	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Required
Manure Containment and Removal	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Trash 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
Public Address System	n/a	n/a	n/a	Required	Required
Portable Communication Devices	n/a	Required	Required	Required	Required
Night Watch	n/a	n/a	n/a	Required	Required
24-Hour Facility Security	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Required
Horse Wash Areas	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Competition Office & Staff	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Results Posted	n/a	Required	Required	Required	Required
Competition Website	n/a	n/a	n/a	Required	Required
Online Entry System	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Required
Drainage System	n/a	n/a	n/a	Required	Required
Food/Beverage Service	Required	Required	Required	Required – hot and cold	Required – Hot and cold

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 proving 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.

HJ114 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 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 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 HJ114 **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.
1. Indoor competitions. When the above conditions set forth in HJ114 **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

1. 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 and/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.
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- ☐ 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 HJ110 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)
 - c. **Awards presentations involving a presentation of honors recognizing competitors and owners in the special classes, both Hunter and Jumper, must be held.**
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.

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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.

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: requirements to obtain rating

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Council - Admin & Finance

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Council - Intl Discipline

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National Hunter Committee

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Draft 1: The committee is in favor of the amendments made in the USHJA-proposed version of this rule change (tracking #252-18).

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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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HJ106 **HJ102** HJ Competition Standards (HJS) Specific Only to Regular Competition Classifications and Ratings as Defined Below

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~~HJ108 **HJ104** HJS Competition Standards Horse Entry & Renewal~~

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HJ106 Riding and Lunging Areas

HJ107 Facilities

~~HJ109 Requirements to Obtain Federation Local and/or Jumper Level 1 **HJ106 Safety and Welfare**~~

~~HJ110 HJS Requirements to Obtain Federation Regional II Rating **HJ107 Riding and Lunging Areas**~~

~~HJ111 HJS Requirements to Obtain Federation Regional I Rating and/or Jumper Level 2 **HJ108 Facilities**~~

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

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

~~HJ114 **HJ108** Horse entry numbers exceed five hundred (500) and/or Duration of Competition or Series of Competitions Exceeds Twenty-One (21) days without a break of five (5) consecutive calendar days~~

~~HJ115 HJS Requirements for Federation Special Competitions (GR301 Classifications) and/or Jumper Level 6 Events~~

~~HJ116 HJS Options Menu Selections Required to Obtain Federation Rating for Premier, National, Regional I and Regional II and/or Jumper Levels 5, 4, 3 or 2 (See Specific Rating and Competition Standards Requirements)~~

SUBCHAPTER HJ-3 4 COMPETITION SCHEDULING AND PRIZE MONEY**HJ119 HJ109 Premier Rated Competitions**

[renumber accordingly]

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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

HJ106 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 (HJ408 **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 (HJ408 **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 one the same dates at the new Rating and/or Level in accordance with (HJ408 **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 competitions 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:

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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;***
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	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	Onsite for entire competition
AED	<i>n/a</i>	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 weather shelters must be located adjacent to a schooling area or competition ring. Weather 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

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

Shelter for Horses & Riders	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Required
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Ring Staff	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
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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

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

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 proving 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.

HJ114 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 HJ114 **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 HJ114 **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]

[...]

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Rule Change Intent

This rule change proposal is the first step in a process to align the competition standards rules with the current environment in an effort to better define the

requirements associated with the various competition ratings, thereby providing a consistent experience for exhibitors at each level of competition rating.

Linked Rules		Comments	
		Web: requirements to obtain rating	
Committee Actions			
Competition Management			
Draft 1: No Action 11/08/2018		Draft 1: No Comments	
Draft 2: No Action		Draft 2: No Comments	
Draft 3: No Action		Draft 3: No Comments	
Council - Admin & Finance			
Draft 1: No Action		Draft 1: No Comments	
Draft 2: No Action		Draft 2: No Comments	
Draft 3: No Action		Draft 3: No Comments	
Council - Intl Discipline			
Draft 1: No Action		Draft 1: No Comments	
Draft 2: No Action		Draft 2: No Comments	
Draft 3: No Action		Draft 3: No Comments	
Council - Natl Breed & Discipline			
Draft 1: No Action		Draft 1: No Comments	
Draft 2: No Action		Draft 2: No Comments	
Draft 3: No Action		Draft 3: No Comments	
Jumper			
Draft 1: No Action 11/13/2018		Draft 1: JSC is waiting for 2nd draft	
Draft 2: No Action		Draft 2: No Comments	
Draft 3: No Action		Draft 3: No Comments	
National Hunter Committee			
Draft 1: No Action		Draft 1: No Comments	
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/11/2018		Draft 2: No Comments	
Draft 3: No Action		Draft 3: No Comments	
USHJA			
Draft 1: No Action		Draft 1: No Comments	
Draft 2: No Action		Draft 2: No Comments	
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Proposed Change

HJ113 HJS Requirements to Obtain Federation Premier Rating and/or Jumper Level 5 [CHAPTER HJ-1 COMPETITION FACILITY AND SERVICE STANDARDS]

[...]

19. At Premier rated and/or Jumper Level 5 or higher competitions, at least one of the required qualified medical personnel must be a paramedic. See GR848 for additional medical personnel requirements.

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Rule Change Intent

To improve rider safety in emergency situations, this proposal is the first step in a multi-step plan to ensure that the proper medical equipment and personnel are in place and available to assist in an emergency.

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: medical personnel

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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

Draft 1: This is not possible in many areas of the country due to law or no access.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Continuing Education

Draft 1: No Action
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: No Action

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

Council - Intl Discipline

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

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

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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

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

National Hunter 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

Safety

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 11/27/2018
Draft 3: No Action

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

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

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

Proposed Change

HJ127 Green Hunter Sections [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HJ-4 SCHEDULING REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIFIC SECTIONS]**HJ127 Green Hunter Sections**

1. Premier and National competitions offering Green Hunter must offer **First Year Green Hunter 3'6"** and **Second Year Green Hunter 3'9"** sections separately. They may also offer **Pre Green Hunter 3'0"** and **3'3"**. If all four sections are offered, they must be offered separately:

2. Regional I and Regional II competitions offering Green Hunter must offer all four sections separately.

- a. **Pre Green Hunter 3'0"**
- b. **Pre Green Hunter 3'3"**
- c. **First Year Green Hunter 3'6"**
- d. **Second Year Green Hunter 3'9"**

[...]

HJ134 Limiting Entries in the Hunter Division

Hunter sections restricting entries based on winnings must use the Federation National Horse of the Year points or prize money won, whichever is applicable, as a means of qualification for the specified time period or, alternatively, must use the greatest number of Federation National Horse of the Year points won at a specified number of competitions within a specified time period. (Exception: **Pre Green Hunter 3'0"/3'3"**, **First Year Green Hunter**, **Second Year Green Hunter 3'6"**, and **3'9"**, Young Hunter 3'0", 3'3", and 3'6", Green Conformation Hunter 3'6", High Performance Conformation Hunter, High Performance Hunter, Performance Hunter 3'6" and Performance Hunter 3'3" sections restricting entries based on winnings must accept 50% of the entries from the Federation National Horse of the Year points list and 50% of the entries from the Federation National Horse of the Year prize money won list. If an odd number of entries will be accepted, the Federation National Horse of the Year prize money won list will take precedence. The procedure for determining horses that qualify and their ranking will begin with the top placed horse on the Money Won standings list, then go to the top placed horse on the Points standings list, back to the second placed horse on the Money Won standings list, then on to the second placed horse on the Money Won standings list, continuing down both lists in that order until all available slots have been filled. If during this process a horse appears on either list that has already qualified, skip that horse and go instead to the next horse on the same list. Continue using this process until all slots are filled). Only points awarded in the particular section to count except in Amateur Owner, Adult Amateur and Junior Hunter sections where points from both the younger and older sections shall be counted. If the Horse of the Year list has been exhausted and positions are still available, an alternate system may be used provided it has been published in the prize list or otherwise prior to the end of any specified time period. Whichever method is used, no other restrictive criteria can be imposed. The method chosen may be clearly stated. Management can allow the previous year's Champion and Reserve Champion or Champion to enter the section he or she was Champion or Reserve Champion in the previous year without qualifying. Management may allow the horse or pony that is leading for the respective Federation Zone Award in its Zone to enter that section.

Proponent Details

National Hunter Committee

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Rule Change Intent

The Green Hunter section names were changed from Pre Green/First Year/Second Year by a rule change that was effective 12/1/2016. Since then, there has been a great deal of debate regarding the appropriate name for these sections. The National Hunter Committee wishes to submit this proposal for the purpose of discussion of the Green Hunter sections and whether they should be changed back to their original names.

Linked Rules

GR 1131 (324-18), GR 311 (325-18), HU 111 (202-18)

Comments

Web: green hunter sections

Committee Actions

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/13/2018

Draft 1: A lot of due diligence was done during the initial rule change process to enact this nomenclature and the entire green hunter restructure, and it's important that we make our sport inviting for those who are new to the sport. This nomenclature aims to provide clarity that will make it easier for people to understand our sport. The current rule hasn't been in effect long enough to become established, and the USHJA feels there is no evidence to suggest the current rule is not working or that it needs to be changed.

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

Proposed Change

HJ141 Position of Animal [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HJ-6 MEASUREMENT]

1. The animal must stand squarely on all four feet in such a position that the front legs are vertical to the ground and the back of the hocks are in a vertical line with the point of the animal's quarters. ~~The poll must be in the same horizontal plane as the withers and no lower and the head should be in a normal position.~~ **The head should be in a normal/natural position and the poll may be no lower than the withers.**

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Rule Change Intent

This rule change came as a request from the Steward/TD Working Group in order to be more clear as to the normal/natural position of an animal's head for measurement. Having an animal's head in a normal position may not result in the poll being in the same horizontal plane as the withers.

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: measurement

Committee Actions

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Licensed Officials

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/04/2018

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/13/2018

Draft 1: Horse and pony conformation varies and therefore affects the normal/natural headset.

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2019	9/4/2018	

Proposed Change

HJ201 Definitions [CHAPTER HJ-2 RATING & HORSE ENTRY NUMBERS]

[Linked to USHJA RCP to New HU167 Standalone IHD License]

HJ201 Definitions

1. Definitions.
2. Rated Hunter competitions are classified as Premier, National, Regional I, or Regional II. Unrated competitions are classified as Local. ***Stand-alone International Hunter Derby competitions are a sub-type of the premier hunter rating (see HJ305).***
3. Jumper competitions are designated as Levels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 based upon prize money. See JP104.
4. 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.
5. HJS for a jumper only competition will be:
6. Standards set forth under Premier required for Jumper Levels 5 and 6
7. Standards set forth under National required for Jumper Levels 3 and 4
8. Standards set forth under Regional I required for Jumper Level 2
9. Standards set forth under Local required for Jumper Level 1
10. Federation Special competitions or Jumper Level 6 competitions may be subject to a Federation approved waiver (GR301.2) or other modification of a portion of the Standards (including HJS), in connection with the Special competition approval.

[...]

SUBCHAPTER HJ-3 COMPETITION SCHEDULING REQUIREMENTS**HJ305 Stand-alone International Hunter Derby Competitions**

1. Stand-alone International Hunter Derby Competitions are a subtype of the premier Hunter rating and so must meet or exceed all requirements of the premier rating (See rating requirements in HJ109-113). See below for exceptions.

a) Horse Entry Requirements. *There is no minimum horse entry requirement for a Stand-alone International Hunter Derby competition, however competition management may set a minimum number to hold the competition so long as it is published in the Prize List. Each class must meet minimum entry requirement per the program specifications.*

b) Prize Money. *Stand-alone International Hunter Derby competitions are exempt from prize money requirements listed in HJ 119. See USHJA specifications at www.ushja.org for minimum prize money requirements for each Derby or Derby Welcome Stake class.*

c) Number of Days. *Stand-alone International Hunter Derby competitions are exempt from number of days requirements listed in HJ 119. See USHJA specifications at www.ushja.org for number of days required for each Derby.*

d) Number of Sections. *Stand-alone International Hunter Derby competitions are exempt from section requirements listed in HJ 119.*

2. A Stand-alone International Hunter Derby Competition must offer an International Hunter Derby. In addition, these competitions may only offer the following classes and one unrated warm-up class per Derby offered: USHJA International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake, USHJA National Hunter Derby, USHJA Pony Hunter Derby. If a USHJA National Hunter Derby is offered, a second National Hunter Derby restricted to Juniors and Amateurs may also be offered (see HU165.3). Any warm-up class must be open to the same group of horses eligible for the Derby for which it is a warm-up class. No unrecognized, exhibition, or demonstration classes may be held.

3. For the purpose of mileage rules, Stand-alone International Hunter Derby competitions are considered subtypes of the premier rating and will follow the mileage for that rating (see rating requirements in HJ109-113 and mileage in GR314.2b.5.) These competitions must follow the mileage exemption rules set forth in GR315.

[...]

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

This rule change is to provide a new International Hunter Derby "subtype" of Rated Hunter competitions to replace the use of Special competition status for the stand-alone International Hunter Derby competitions. Under this new rule, the International Hunter Derby rated competitions will be required to follow all standards and mileage rules of Premier rated Hunter competitions.

Linked Rules

HU 167 (280-18)

Comments

Web: International Hunter Derby

Committee Actions

Competition Management

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/08/2018

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Jumper

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/13/2018

Draft 1: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/13/2018

Draft 1: No Comments

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

Proposed Change

Appendix A. USEF Hunter Schooling Rules [CHAPTER HU-8 CONDUCT]

[Linked to EQ105.7 & JP103.9]

Appendix A. USEF Hunter Schooling Rules

[...]

4. ~~The use of any device with ear bud(s) while mounted is prohibited in all hunter schooling areas. BOD 1/14/17 Effective 12/1/17~~ **The unsafe use of electronic devices, including cell phones, with or without earphones/buds while mounted is prohibited in all areas designated for schooling.**

[...]

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

Distracted riding in schooling areas is dangerous for horses and riders as well as people on the ground. This rule change is proposed to increase safety for both riders and horses.

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: hunter schooling - devices

Committee Actions

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: No Action
 Draft 2: No Action
 Draft 3: No Action
 Draft 4: No Action

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: No Action

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

Licensed Officials

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/12/2018
 Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/04/2018
 Draft 3: No Action
 Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: The LOC questioned if this rule change was applicable to hunter schooling areas or all types of schooling areas. The committee acknowledges that the rule is located within the Hunter Schooling Rules appendix, but was concerned that members would misinterpret this rule change proposal because the previous rule stated "hunter schooling areas."
 Draft 2: The LOC questioned if this rule change was applicable to hunter schooling areas or all types of schooling areas. The committee acknowledges that the rule is located within the Hunter Schooling Rules appendix, but was concerned that members would misinterpret this rule change proposal because the previous rule stated "hunter schooling areas."
 Draft 3: No Comments
 Draft 4: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/19/2018

Draft 2: No Action

Draft 3: No Action

Draft 4: No Action

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.

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

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

Proposed Change

HU107 Attire [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-3 ATTIRE, TACK AND EQUIPMENT]

2. Attire. Riders are required to wear conservatively colored **black, blue, green, grey, or brown** coats (~~black, blue, green, grey or brown~~) which are free from adornment which in the judge's opinion is overly distracting. Shirts must have a choker, similar collar or tie. Breeches may be buff, canary, tan, rust or white.

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

This rule change makes the list of permitted coat colors clear and exclusive for the hunter division.

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: coats

Committee Actions

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/13/2018

Draft 1: No Comments

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

Proposed Change

HU111 Height of Obstacles [CHAPTER HU-4 Courses]

HU111 Height of Obstacles

When a range of fence heights is allowed in a class or section, the minimum height must be used unless a higher height is specified in the prize list. In all cases, the spread of jump may not exceed height and must be measured including flowers, brush and ground lines.

1. Green Hunter Sections:

- a. **Pre** Green Hunter 3'0"
- b. **Pre** Green Hunter 3'3"
- c. **First Year** Green Hunter - 3'6"
- d. **Second Year** Green Hunter - 3'9"

(Exception: Fences may be a maximum of 3" lower in Zones 11 and 12)

[...]

HU-8 Hunter Sections

HU131 Hunter Eligibility and Green Eligibility Status for Horses

1. In all cases, the hunter eligibility and green status of the horse is the responsibility of the owner.

2. Hunter eligibility for a horse begins when a horse of any age, competes for the first time in any over fences class with jumps at three feet (3'0") in height or higher in any Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America.

a. For the purposes of eligibility, equivalent heights are:

3'0"	.90 meter
3'3"	1.0 meter
3'6"	1.10 meter
3'9"	1.20 meter

3. Once a horse begins its hunter eligibility, competing in jumper classes affects its Green Status and Eligibility according to HU129.11.

4. Horses may enter the Green Hunters in any height section for which they are eligible. Further eligibility in the Green Hunter section is determined by the height section in which they enter the system.

5. When a horse begins its hunter eligibility competing in hunter or equitation classes or sections with fence heights of 3'0" - 3'5", it remains eligible for **Pre** Green Hunter 3'0" and 3'3" for two competition years (not necessarily consecutive).

6. A horse that competes in any Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation class at a recognized competition in the United States or Canada with fence heights of 3'6" or higher is no longer eligible to compete in the **Pre** Green Hunter 3'0" section but remains eligible to compete in the **Pre** Green Hunter 3'3" section. A horse may compete in any other hunter or equitation class with fence heights of a maximum of 3'6" if otherwise eligible a maximum of four (4) times in one competition year prior to August 1 and remain eligible to compete in the **Pre** Green Hunter 3'3". For jumper restrictions see HU131.11.

7. Once a horse competes in a hunter or equitation class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights of 3'6" or higher a fifth time in one competition year, it is no longer eligible for the **Pre** Green Hunter 3'3" section and it is only eligible to compete in the **First Year** Green Hunter 3'6" section for the remainder of the competition year. That competition year will be considered the horse's **First Year** Green Hunter 3'6" year. If a horse competes in a hunter or equitation class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights of 3'6" or higher after August 1, it is no longer eligible for the **Pre** Green Hunter 3'3" section and it is only eligible to compete in the **First Year** Green Hunter 3'6" section for the remainder of the competition year. That competition year will be considered the horse's **First Year** Green Hunter 3'6" year. For jumper restrictions see HU131.11.

8. Once a horse competes in a Federation or USHJA National Championship/Event with fence heights of 3'6" or higher he is no longer eligible for the **Pre** Green Hunter 3'0" or 3'3" sections.

9. Following a horse's **First Year** Green Hunter 3'6" year, it is eligible to compete in the **Second Year** Green Hunter 3'9" section for one year. That one year

will commence the next competition year that the horse competes in any hunter or equitation class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights of 3'6" or higher. For jumper restrictions see HU131.11.

10. A horse that has completed his **Second Year** Green Hunter 3'9" year is no longer eligible for any Green Hunter section.

11. Once a horse begins its hunter eligibility, the following jumper restrictions apply:

- a. To remain eligible for **Pre** Green Hunter 3'0 and 3'3", a horse may not compete in a jumper class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights higher than 3'3" (or 1.0m when class specifications list fence height in metric).
- b. To remain eligible for **First Year** Green Hunter 3'6", a horse may not compete in a jumper class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights higher than 3'6" (or 1.10m when class specifications list fence height in metric).
- c. To remain eligible for **Second Year** Green Hunter 3'9", a horse may not compete in a jumper class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights higher than 3'9" (or 1.20m when class specifications list fence height in metric).

12. In all cases, fence heights will be determined by the specifications of each section regardless of whether or not the fences are actually set at the regulation height.

13. If a competition starts prior to or on November 30th Green status at the start of the competition is maintained throughout the competition.

HU132 Green Hunter Sections

1. A horse may compete in only one Green Hunter fence height section at any one competition.

2. Green Hunters are divided into **Pre** Green Hunter 3', **Pre** Green Hunter 3'3", **First Year** Green Hunter 3'6", and **Second Year** Green Hunter 3'9".

3. Green Hunters are required to jog for soundness.

4. "A" rated **First Year** Green Hunter 3'6" and **Second Year** Green Hunter 3'9" sections must offer an over fence class as a handy hunter. A handy hunter class may be offered in any **Pre** Green Hunter 3'0" and 3'3" sections but is not required.

HU135 High Performance, Performance, Small Hunter and Thoroughbred Hunter – Definition and Classifications

1. A High Performance or Performance Hunter is a horse of any age and is not restricted by previous showing.

2. High Performance Hunter

- a. Championships must be offered in accordance with HU150.
- b. Number of classes and prize money must be offered in accordance with GR312.6.
- c. Individual classes may be entered. (Exception: Under Saddle classes. See HU129.2)
- d. In a section with three (3) classes, the under saddle will count half points towards champion and reserve.
- e. The High Performance section must offer the greatest amount of prize money of all hunter sections at the competition. (Exception: When the High Performance Hunter section is combined with the Performance Hunter or the **First/Second Year** Green Hunter, see HU162)

HU136 Conformation Hunter Sections

1. Model Classes for Green Conformation Hunter 3'6" and High Performance Conformation Hunter:

- a. To be shown at a walk and trot. To be judged on conformation, way of moving and soundness.
- b. All horses being considered for an award must be serviceably sound.
- c. Model classes to count 1/2 points.

2. In a combined section, if a horse is eligible for more than one section; the exhibitor must declare to the Competition Secretary which height section the points are to count toward.

3. No horse may compete in more than one height section of a combined division.

4. No credit will be given in combined sections unless three entries have competed.

5. A horse must be eligible for the **First Year** Green Hunter-3'6" in order to be eligible for Green Conformation Hunter 3'6".

6. High Performance Conformation Hunter fences to be 3'9" and open to all horses.

7. All Conformation sections are to be judged 70% on performance, 30% on conformation.

HU-12 Division of Sections or Classes

HU162 Combining and Dividing Specific Sections

1. Performance Hunter, High Performance Hunter and any sections where individual classes may be entered.

a. Combining

1. At all licensed competitions, if there are fewer than six entries in either the Performance Hunter 3'3" or Performance Hunter 3'6" they must be combined, but they cannot be combined with any other hunter sections, except High Performance Hunter. If there are six or more entries in each Performance Hunter section, they must be held separately. If the Performance Hunter 3'6" and the Performance Hunter 3'3" sections have fewer than three entries after they have been combined they may be further combined with the High Performance Hunter section.

2. If there are fewer than three entries in the High Performance Hunter section it must first be combined with the Performance Hunter 3'6" section or the **Second Year** Green Hunter 3'9" section (or with **First/Second Year** Green Hunter 3'6"/3'9" if offered combined). If the High Performance Hunter section is combined with the Performance Hunter 3'6" section it may then be further combined with the Performance Hunter 3'3" section, but may not be combined with the **First/Second Year** Green Hunter section(s).

3. When the High Performance Hunter section is combined with the Performance Hunter section the following applies:

a. When combining High Performance Hunter with Performance Hunters, the combined sections must offer the same number of classes offered by the Performance Hunter section(s) with which it is combined.

b. When combining High Performance Hunter with another section, if different amounts of prize money or entry fees were offered in the original sections, the combined sections will use the lower amount for both prize money and entry fees.

4. When the High Performance Hunter section is combined with the **First/Second Year** Green Hunter section the following applies:

a. If, after combining, there are still fewer than three entries in the combined section, it must be further combined with the **First Year** Green Hunter 3'6" section

b. If combined **First/Second Year** Green Hunter sections have fewer than three entries, they must be combined with High Performance Working Hunter.

c. A horse that is eligible for more than one section must be declared and compete in only one. Horses will jump the respective height for the entered section.

d. When combining High Performance Working Hunter with another section, if different amounts of prize money or entry fees were offered in the original sections, the combined sections will use the lower amount for both prize money and entry fees.

e. When combining a section of High Performance Hunter with either a section of **First Year** Green Hunter 3'6", **Second Year** Green Hunter 3'9", or both, the combined sections must offer the same number of classes offered by the Green Hunter section(s) with which it is combined. In addition, a section entry fee will be required and individual classes may no longer be entered for the combined section.

f. The High Performance Hunter section may be combined with a combined **First Year Green/Second Year** Green Hunter 3'6"/3'9" section but may not be combined with any **Pre** Green Hunter 3'3" or 3'0" sections.

b. Dividing:

1. In Performance Hunter, High Performance Hunter and any other sections where individual classes may be entered, the sections may only be divided after thirty (30) horses have competed in the first over fences class. Subsequent classes may be divided once twelve (12) horses have competed in each class. For Championships, see HU150.

2. Green Hunter

a. Combining:

1. Green Hunter section(s) may not be combined with any other hunter section(s). (Exception; The High Performance Hunter section may be combined with the **First Year Green** and **Second Year** Green Hunter 3'6" and 3'9" sections, see HU162.1)

2. Regardless of competition rating, each Green Hunter section that is offered separately must be held separately when there is a minimum of three entries.

3. If there are fewer than three entries in a Green Hunter section, that section must be combined with a contiguous fence height section of the Green Hunter.

4. If, after combining, there are still fewer than three (3) entries in the combined section, it must be further combined with the next contiguous fence height section of the Green Hunter.

5. In the case where there are no entries in the fence height section that bridges the gap between the two non-contiguous fence height sections those two non-contiguous fence height sections may be combined.

6. If "A" rated **Pre** Green Hunter 3'0" and/or 3'3" sections are combined with "A" rated **First Year** Green Hunter 3'6" and/or **Second Year** Green Hunter 3'9" sections a handy hunter class is not required. The combined sections must meet class number requirements for "A" rated **First Year** Green Hunter 3'6" and **Second Year** Green Hunter 3'9" and use the lower amount for both prize money and entry fees.

7. When the High Performance Hunter section is combined with the Green Hunter section the following applies:

a. If, after combining, there are still fewer than three entries in the combined section, it must be further combined with the **First Year** Green Hunter 3'6" section

b. If combined Green Hunter sections have fewer than three entries, they must be combined with High Performance Working Hunter.

c. A horse that is eligible for more than one section must be declared and compete in only one. Horses will jump the respective height for the entered section.

d. When combining High Performance Working Hunter with another section, if different amounts of prize money or entry fees were offered in the original sections, the combined sections will use the lower amount for both prize money and entry fees.

e. When combining a section of High Performance Hunter with either a section of **First Year** Green Hunter 3'6", **Second Year** Green Hunter 3'9", or both, the combined sections must offer the same number of classes offered by the Green Hunter section(s) with which it is combined. In addition, a section entry fee will be required and individual classes may no longer be entered for the combined section.

f. The High Performance Hunter section may be combined with a combined **First Year/ Second Year** Green Hunter 3'6"/3'9" section but may not be combined with any **Pre** Green Hunter 3'3" or 3'0" sections.

b. Dividing:

1. Regardless of competition rating, any Green Hunter section that is offered combined must be split by fence height, and sections held separately when there is a minimum of three entries in any one fence height section provided at least three (3) entries remain in each of the other two sections, which would also be held separately, or as one other combined section. Contiguous fence height sections should be combined before combining non-contiguous fence height sections.

[...]

HU-14 USHJA Championships and Special Classes

HU 166 USHJA Green Hunter Challenge

[...]

1. USHJA Green Hunter Challenge is open to horses of any age eligible under Federation rules to compete in the **Pre** Green Hunter 3' or 3'3".
2. National and Zone HOTY points for a USHJA Green Hunter Challenge will count toward the **Pre** Green Hunter 3'0" or 3'3" section and will be awarded as follows:
 - a. For a USHJA Green Hunter Challenge in which the first round is the last class of the **Pre** Green Hunter 3'0"/3'3" Section, National and Zone HOTY points will be awarded as follows: 1st-40, 2nd-32, 3rd-28, 4th-24, 5th-20, 6th-16, 7th-12, 8th-10, 9th-8, 10th-6, 11th-4 and 12th-2.
 - b. For a USHJA Green Hunter Challenge which is held as separate two round class, National and Zone bonus HOTY points will be awarded for a as follows: 1st-80, 2nd-64, 3rd-56, 4th- 48, 5th- 40, 6th-32, 7th-24, 8th-20, 9th-16, 10th-12, 11th-8 and 12th-4.

[...]

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Rule Change Intent

The Green Hunter section names were changed from Pre Green/First Year/Second Year by a rule change that was effective 12/1/2016. Since then, there has been a great deal of debate regarding the appropriate name for these sections. The National Hunter Committee wishes to submit this proposal for the purpose of discussion of the Green Hunter sections and whether they should be changed back to their original names.

Linked Rules

HJ 127 (196-18), GR 1131 (324-18), GR 311 (325-18)

Comments

Web: courses - height of obstacle

Committee Actions

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/13/2018

Draft 1: A lot of due diligence was done during the initial rule change process to enact this nomenclature and the entire green hunter restructure, and it's important that we make our sport inviting for those who are new to the sport. This nomenclature aims to provide clarity that will make it easier for people to understand our sport. The current rule hasn't been in effect long enough to become established, and the USHJA feels there is no evidence to suggest the current rule is not working or that it needs to be changed.

HU126.2 Tracking #283-18 Draft #4 Amended

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

Proposed Change

HU126 Tack [CHAPTER HU-4 ATTIRE, TACK AND EQUIPMENT]

HU126 Tack [Linked to EQ105.5 & JP111]

1. Snaffles, pelhams and full bridles, all with cavesson nose bands, are required.

a. Judges may penalize, but may not eliminate, a horse or pony that competes in a snaffle, pelham, or full bridle that is unconventional. Unconventional snaffles, pelhams, or full bridles include, but are not limited to, hunter gags, kimberwickes, etc.

b. Judges must eliminate a horse or pony that competes in illegal bits or nosebands. Illegal bits include, but are not limited to, three rings, gags (other than the hunter gag), et cetera... Illegal nosebands include, but are not limited to, drop, flash and figure eight nosebands.

2. Curbs

When using a curb with any leverage bit, it must be constructed of loose links, joints, and/or lie smooth against the jaw of the horse and be free of twists, sharp objects or anything inhumane. A curb may be wrapped or inserted into a cover for the comfort of the horse. A curb may not be used in conjunction with wire, metal, rawhide, metal "keepers", or any other substance except for attachment of curb to the bit.

2. 3. Horses must return to the ring for conformation or soundness wearing a snaffle, pelham or full bridle with a cavesson noseband.

3. 4. Martingales of any type are prohibited in Under Saddle, hack and tie-breaking classes. Standing and running martingales used in the conventional manner are allowed for all over fences classes. All other martingales are considered illegal. A judge must eliminate a horse or pony that competes in a martingale other than a standing or running martingale used in the conventional manner.

a. Cable or metal tie downs are prohibited for use on horses and ponies.

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Rule Change Intent

For the welfare of the horse, this proposal protects the horse from equipment that could inflict pain or discomfort.

Linked Rules

EQ 105 (284-18), JP 111 (282-18)

Comments

Web: curb chains

Committee Actions

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

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

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/19/2018

Draft 2: No Action

Draft 3: No Action

Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: The committee would like to see a better definition of what a "cable or metal tie down" is. Additionally, concerns were expressed regarding the enforceability of the restrictions for curb chains: -Who decides what is comfortable vs. excessively tight -It is difficult for a judge to see what is on a curb chain -Welfare rules are currently in place that would address inhumane equipment The committee suggests using the language from the intent of this rule and prohibiting "equipment that could inflict pain or discomfort".

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

HU144.3 Tracking #278-18 Draft #2 Amended

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

Proposed Change

HU144 Hunter Breeding [CHAPTER HU-9 HUNTER & PONY HUNTER BREEDING]

HU144 Hunter Breeding

[...]

3. Class Specifications.

a. Breeding classes are judged on conformation, **athleticism**, way of moving, quality, substance, soundness and suitability to become or in the case of sires and dams apparent ability to produce or beget hunters. Possible inheritable conformational defects are only to be considered in the case of sires and dams or prospective sires and dams. Horses are to be judged for conformation before being walked and/or trotted. Broodmares and weanlings are to walk. Yearlings, Two year-olds and Three year-olds are to walk and trot. Horses that are not sound are ineligible for an award. Entries should be lined up in the order of preference before the ribbons are pinned.

[...]

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

To clarify that Hunter Breeding classes should be judged on the ability to become or produce hunters.

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: hunter breeding

Committee Actions

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

USHJA

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

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

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

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

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: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

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)

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2019	9/4/2018	

Proposed Change

HU167 International Hunter Derby [CHAPTER HU-14 USHJA CHAMPOINSHIPS AND SPECIAL CLASSES]

[Linked to USHJA RCP to HJ201.2 Standalone IHD License]

HU167 International Hunter Derby

1. Classes included in the member event series to be determined annually by USHJA.
2. Derbies may only be offered at Federation licensed Premier competitions, National competitions which meet or exceed the competition standards of a Premier rating, but do not meet the prize money and/or horse entry standard requirements of a Premier rating **and Stand-alone International Hunter Derby Competitions**. ~~and competitions that have been approved for a Special Competition status.~~ The competition Steward must verify in their report to the Federation that the National competition met all other requirements of a Premier competition.

[...]

HU192 (New HU165) USHJA National Hunter Derby

See www.ushja.org for full specifications. USHJA National Hunter Derby may be offered at USEF Licensed Premier, National, Regional I, or Regional II, **and Stand-alone International Hunter Derby** Competitions. ~~and at Competitions approved for a Special Competition Status.~~

[...]

HU194 (New HU171) USHJA Pony Hunter Derby

1. A USHJA Pony Hunter Derby may be offered at Federation licensed Premier, National, Regional I, and Regional II, rated competitions, **and Stand-alone International Hunter Derby competitions**. ~~or competitions that have been approved for a Special Competition classification.~~

[...]

HU195 (New HU172) International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake

1. A USHJA International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake may only be offered at Federation licensed **Stand-alone International Hunter Derby** competitions. ~~that have been approved for a Special Competition classification and have also been approved to host a USHJA International Hunter Derby.~~

[...]

Proponent Details

USHJA

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Rule Change Intent

This rule change is to provide a new International Hunter Derby "subtype" of Rated Hunter competitions to replace the use of Special competition status for the stand-alone International Hunter Derby competitions. Under this new rule, the Hunter Derby rated competitions will be required to follow all standards and mileage rules of Premier rated Hunter competitions.

Linked Rules

HJ 201 (281-18)

Comments

Web: International Hunter Derby

Committee Actions

Competition Management

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/08/2018

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/13/2018

Draft 1: No Comments

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

Proposed Change

HU172.1 Delete 5th sentence [CHAPTER HU-10]

1. A horse or pony must be measured each competition year until it reaches the age of eight. Horses and ponies that are seven years and under will be issued a Temporary Measurement card designating the year measured. Horses and ponies that are eight years of age and over will be issued a Standard Measurement card which does not need to be renewed. Exception: Horses that measure 16.2 hands or over will receive a standard measurement card regardless of age. ~~Horses and ponies may not be measured by the same steward for their Standard Measurement Card and the card preceding the Standard Measurement card.~~ The Federation will invalidate a Standard Measurement card that does not comply with this rule.

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Rule Change Intent

Would let the same Steward remeasure the same pony or horse in its 7th and 8th year. This rule is a hardship on pony exhibitors. Many are not familiar with the rule. Often the Steward published in the prize list is not the one that actually works at the show. The exhibitor has no warning. I recently had to remeasure a Junior Hunter that was 16.1 1/2 because of this rule.

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: measurement

Committee Actions

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Licensed Officials

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/04/2018

Draft 1: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/13/2018

Draft 1: No Comments

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

Proposed Change

HU 176 Measurement Surface [CHAPTER HU Hunter Division HU-10 - Measurement]

1. The measurement surface must be level and under no circumstances should animals be measured on dirt or gravel. A level concrete slab or other paved surface is required. ~~(Exception: the measurement surface for a junior hunter can be a sheet of plywood in good condition.)~~

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Rule Change Intent

Measurement surfaces should be the same for horses and ponies

Potential Impact

None

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: measurement surface

Committee Actions

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/13/2018

Draft 1: No Comments

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

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

Web: handlers

Committee Actions

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/13/2018

Draft 1: o Existing rule has not been in effect long enough to determine whether or not it is working.

HU188.6 Tracking #118-18 Draft #1 Active

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

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

Web: hunter breeding

Committee Actions

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/13/2018

Draft 1: o Existing rule has not been in effect long enough to determine whether or not it is working.

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

Proposed Change

JP103 Schooling [CHAPTER JP-1 GENERAL]

2. Schooling Supervision Requirements

- a. A C1 Steward or Certified Schooling Supervisor must be present in the schooling area during any Jumper class offering \$10,000 to \$24,999 in prize money.
- b. A Registered C1 Steward or Certified Schooling Supervisor must be appointed to supervise schooling before and during the classes offering \$25,000 or more in prize money.
- c. A Steward or Certified Schooling Supervisor must be present during schooling for Five, Six or Seven Year Old classes.
- d. A minimum of one competition Steward must always remain available to attend to other stewarding duties.
- e. Management is responsible for providing Certified Schooling Supervisors to supervise schooling for the Jumper warm up area of the ring offering the most prize money during that particular session during scheduled classes and warmups at Jumper Rating 5 or higher competitions. The Certified Jumper Schooling Supervisor cannot be one of the Competition Stewards.
- f. For all other Jumper warm-up areas and during scheduled classes and warm-ups, Management is responsible for providing designated individuals to supervise schooling. These individuals must have a clear view of their assigned warm up area.

3. Schooling supervisors may be individual contractors at the competition or may be competition stewards. However, a minimum of one competition steward must always remain available to attend to other stewarding duties. ***For JP 103.2.a, .b, .c, and .e, a person may use their C1 Steward's License to act as a Certified Schooling Supervisor and that person would not be subject to the restrictions in GR 1039 since they are not acting as one of the required official Competition Stewards.***

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

This allows someone that has the correct training to supervise schooling to act as a Certified Schooling Supervisor for the competition. When a person is using their Stewards license to act as the CSS, that person is not subject to the restrictions of a Steward since they are the CSS.

Linked Rules

Web: schooling

Comments

Committee Actions

Competition Management

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/08/2018

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Licensed Officials

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/04/2018

Draft 1: No Comments

JP103.4 Tracking #184-18 Draft #1 Active

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

Proposed Change

JP103 Schooling [CHAPTER JP-1 GENERAL]

4. The Senior Steward's (see GR1211.3) responsibility includes overseeing all schooling at the horse show, monitoring schooling conditions (including footing, sound system, and safety), monitoring proper and adequate schooling equipment (jump standards, proper taping, jump cups, safety cups, flags and proper rails, etc.), monitoring proper tack, equipment, and attire, and interfacing with management, judges and other officials as necessary **and assuring that the schooling areas have the appropriate supervision for the class.**

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Rule Change Intent

This requires the Senior Steward to check that the various schooling areas of the show have the appropriate supervision

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: schooling

Committee Actions

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Licensed Officials

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/04/2018

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/13/2018

Draft 1: No Comments

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

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

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: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/13/2018

Draft 1: o Disapprove in favor of 285-18

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

Proposed Change

JP103 Schooling [CHAPTER JP-1 GENERAL]

JP103 Schooling [Linked to EQ105.7 & HU Appendix A – USEF Schooling Rules]

[...]

9. ~~The use of any device with ear bud(s) while mounted is prohibited in all jumper schooling areas. BOD 1/14/17 Effective 12/1/17~~

The unsafe use of electronic devices, including cell phones, with or without earphones/buds while mounted is prohibited in all areas designated for schooling.

Proponent Details

USHJA

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Rule Change Intent

Distracted riding in schooling areas is dangerous for horses and riders as well as people on the ground. This rule change is proposed to increase safety for both riders and horses.

Linked Rules

EQ 105 (287-18), HU 173 (268-18)

Comments

Web: schooling - devices

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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

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

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: No Action
 Draft 2: No Action
 Draft 3: No Action
 Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
 Draft 2: No Comments
 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: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
 Draft 2: No Comments
 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: No Action

Draft 1: Violations should be left to Regulations
 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

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

JP108.7 Tracking #183-18 Draft #1 Active

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

Proposed Change

JP108 Prize Money [CHAPTER JP-1 GENERAL]

7. Per JP 122.1.c, if classes of different heights are combined, the entry fee and prize money will follow the class that has the higher prize money. The start fee must be refunded to declared competitors who choose not to declare for the combined class.

JP 122 Fence Dimensions

1. At Licensed Competitions the Level of Difficulty for each class must be indicated in the prize list and on the course plan. This may be shown as either

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c. Management may choose to run a class over two different heights (not more than 10 cm of difference), permitting competitors to elect at which height to compete. The conditions for such classes must be stated in the prize list unless the two-height class results from the combining of classes due to insufficient entries (defined as less than six entries in either grouping **See JP 108.7**). The steward's report must indicate any two-height class held, and the official results submitted to the Federation must accurately state at which height each entrant competed.

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Rule Change Intent

This outlines the process for what to do with prize money and entry fees if a class is combined due to insufficient entries as outlined in JP 122.1.c.

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: prize money

Committee Actions

Competition Management

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/08/2018 **Draft 1:** This is unfair to the exhibitors with the lower prize money

Council - Admin & Finance

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

Council - Intl Discipline

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

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/13/2018 **Draft 1:** No Comments

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

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

Web: tack and attire

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

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

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

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

Proposed Change

JP111 Tack and Attire [CHAPTER JP-1 GENERAL]

JP111 Tack and Attire [Linked to EQ105.5 & 126.2]

1. Martingales.

- a. Classes offered at 1.30m or below—No martingale restrictions when used in a conventional manner (see also JP111.3 4)
- b. Classes offered above 1.30m (and all classes restricted to young horses)—The only martingales permitted are running martingales used in the conventional manner.

2. Whips. Competitors are prohibited from using a whip that is longer than 30" (75cm) while in the process of jumping or schooling over fences. A rider may not carry more than one whip. Whips that are weighted at the end are prohibited at any time.

3. Curbs

When using a curb with any leverage bit, it must be constructed of loose links, joints, and/or lie smooth against the jaw of the horse and be free of twists, sharp objects or anything inhumane. A curb may be wrapped or inserted into a cover for the comfort of the horse. A curb may not be used in conjunction with wire, metal, rawhide, metal "keepers", or any other substance except for attachment of curb to the bit.

3 4. Draw Reins/German Martingales. Draw reins and German Martingales may only be used when schooling or in classes with no prize money that are offered at 1.20m or below. Ponies may not be ridden by a Junior in draw reins or German martingales at any time. No other head set devices (chambon, etc.) are permitted in any class.

a. Cable or metal tie downs are prohibited for use on horses and ponies.

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

For the welfare of the horse, this proposal protects the horse from equipment that could inflict pain or discomfort.

Linked Rules

EQ 105 (284-18), HU 126 (283-18)

Comments

Web: curb chains

Committee Actions

Competition Management

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/08/2018

Draft 2: No Action

Draft 3: No Action

Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: In this PRC the language of JP111.4.a should actually be moved to JP111.1.c as it refers to martingales

Draft 2: No Comments

Draft 3: No Comments

Draft 4: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 2: No Action

Draft 3: No Action

Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Draft 2: No Comments

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: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
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

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

Proposed Change

JP111 Tack and Attire [CHAPTER JP-1 GENERAL]

3. Draw Reins/German Martingales. Draw reins and German Martingales may only be used when schooling or in classes with no prize money that are offered at 1.20m or below. Ponies may not be ridden by a Junior in draw reins or German martingales at any time. No other head set devices (chambon, etc.) are permitted in any class. ***Draw Reins and German Martingales are not permitted in age restricted classes.***

Proponent Details	Contact Information
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Rule Change Intent

The intent of this change is to prohibit the use of draw reins and german martingales in age restricted classes. Five year old classes are less than 1.20m and not all six year old classes offer prize money so draw reins and German martingales could be used those. It is not the intent to have young horses use draw reins or German martingales.

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: draw reins and german martingales

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/13/2018

Draft 1: No Comments

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

Proposed Change

JP111 Tack and Attire [CHAPTER JP-1 GENERAL]

JP111 Tack and Attire

[...]

5. Curbs. When using a curb with any leverage bit, it must be constructed of loose links, joints, and/or lie smooth against the jaw of the horse and be free of twists, sharp objects, or anything inhumane. A curb may be wrapped or inserted into a rubber cover for the comfort of the horse. A curb may not be used in conjunction with wire, metal, rawhide, metal "keepers" or any other substance. Except for attachment of curb to the bit.

5. 6. See JP116.2 for Classes Restricted by Age of Horse.

6. 7. Tied Stirrups. Any rider competing with their stirrup, stirrup leather or foot tied and/or secured in any manner, will automatically be eliminated from that class. Riding anywhere on the competition grounds with stirrup, stirrup leather or foot tied or otherwise secured is cause for disqualification, by the steward, of that rider from the subsequent class in which the rider is entered. In the case of junior or amateur riders, the steward will note the trainer name(s) on the Steward's Report and further disciplinary actions may be taken by the Federation. Exception: Devices approved by the FEI are allowed.

[Renumber remainder of section accordingly]

[...]

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

To specify what types of curb chains and straps are permitted in the jumper ring. Currently there is no rule regarding curb chains/straps, and this rule would prevent the use of unethical and barbaric equipment.

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: curb chains

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Jumper

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

Draft 1: This is more appropriate for other divisions.
Draft 2: No Comments

USHJA

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

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

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

Proposed Change

JP116 Sections/Classes Restricted by Age of Horse [CHAPTER JP-3 SECTION SPECIFICATIONS]

JP116 Sections/Classes Restricted by Age of Horse

[...]

3 Course Guidelines

a. General for all ages

[...]

4. If used for the Six or Seven Year Old classes, the water jump must be in the second part of the course and jumped in the direction of the in gate.

4. The fill must be consistent in each element of a combination.

[...]

b. Five Year Old Jumpers

1. Obstacles should be inviting and not solid, i.e. no solid walls.
2. Triple combinations may not be included before July 1st.
3. Only one spread obstacle may be included in any combination before July 1st.
4. When using a Liverpool, the rails must be in the center and on Safety Cups, and the Liverpool must be used as an option.
5. A Liverpool may not be used as part of a combination.
6. The first fence and the (a) portion of any combination must be set 5cm lower than the height specified for the class.

1. All courses must be basic and straight forward.
2. Obstacles should be inviting and not solid, i.e. no solid walls
3. Courses must be set in ascending height and the maximum height cannot be used until the second half of the course.
4. The first fence and the (a) portion of any combination must be set 5cm lower than the height specified for the class.
5. All oxers must be ascending, i.e. ramped before May 1.
6. Combinations may not be used before fence number four.
7. Triple combinations may not be included before July 1.
8. Only one spread obstacle may be included in any combination before July 1.
9. A Liverpool may not be used as part of a combination.
10. When using a Liverpool, the rails must be in the center and on Safety Cups, and the Liverpool must be used as an option.

c. Six Year Old Jumpers

1. Courses must be set in ascending height and the maximum fence height cannot be used until the second half of the course before May 1.
2. Triple combinations may only include one spread obstacle before July 1st.
3. Water jumps may not exceed 11' (3.30m) and must use a rail over the water with a lath on the landing side. Water jumps should be in the second half of the course, and another obstacle must be offered as an option. The rail must be judged and if the lath is to be judged, it must be marked on the course.
4. A Liverpool may not be used as part of a combination.
5. If using Table II, Section 1, courses should always be built as Table II, not Table III.

d. Seven Year Old Jumpers

1. If a Liverpool is used in a combination, it may only be used as the first element, **and may not be used before May 1.**
2. Water jumps may not exceed 12' (3.60 m) and must use a rail over the water with a lath on the landing side, **and another obstacle must be offered as an option before May 1.**

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Rule Change Intent

These rules will help clarify and guide course designers to construct safe and positive courses for the development of young horses.

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: classes restricted by age of horse

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 2: No Action

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

USHJA

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/13/2018

Draft 1: No Comments

Draft 2: No Comments

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

Proposed Change

JP117 Sections/Classes Restricted to Junior, Amateur/Owner, Amateur or Young [CHAPTER JP-3 SECTION SPECIFICATIONS]

1. Amateur Owner Jumper....

c. Level of Difficulty.

1. ~~1.40/1.45m~~ **High** Amateur Owner classes will have courses set at either 1.40m (4'7") or 1.45 m (4'9"). The maximum height for the first class of this section, and for any classes in which time is the deciding factor in the initial round, is 1.40 m (4'7"). Note: Only Amateur Owner classes set at either 1.40m or 1.45m will be pointed toward HOTY awards in the ~~1.40/1.45m~~ **High** Amateur Owner category.

2. ~~1.30/1.35m~~ **Medium** Amateur Owner classes will have courses set at either 1.30m (4'3") or 1.35m (4'5"). All Amateur Owner classes set at either 1.30m or 1.35m will be pointed towards HOTY awards in the ~~1.30/1.35m~~ **Medium** Amateur Owner category.

3. ~~1.20/1.25m~~ **Low** Amateur Owner classes will have courses set at either 1.20m (3'11") or 1.25m (4'1"). All Amateur Owner classes at either 1.20m or 1.25m will be pointed toward the ~~1.20m/1.25m~~ **Low** Amateur Owner category for purposes of HOTY awards.

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2. Amateur Jumper...

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c. Level of Difficulty:

1. ~~1.40/1.45m~~ **High** Amateur classes will have courses set at either 1.40m (4'7") or 1.45 m (4'9"). The maximum height for the first class of this section, and for any classes in which time is the deciding factor in the initial round, is 1.40 m (4'7"). Note: Only Amateur classes set at either 1.40m or 1.45m will be pointed toward HOTY awards in the ~~1.40/1.45m~~ **High** Amateur category.

2. ~~1.30/1.35m~~ **Medium** Amateur classes will have courses set at either 1.30m (4'3") or 1.35m (4'5"). All Amateur classes set at either 1.30m or 1.35m will be pointed towards HOTY awards in the ~~1.30/1.35m~~ **Medium** Amateur category.

3. ~~1.20/1.25m~~ **Low** Amateur classes will have courses set at either 1.20m (3'11") or 1.25m (4'1"). All Amateur classes at either 1.20m or 1.25m will be pointed toward the ~~1.20/1.25m~~ **Low** Amateur category for purposes of HOTY awards.

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3. Junior Jumper...

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c. Level of Difficulty.

1. ~~1.40/1.45m~~ **High** Junior classes will have courses set at either 1.40m (4'7") or 1.45 m (4'9"). The maximum height for the first class of this section, and for any classes in which time is the deciding factor in the initial round, is 1.40 m (4'7"). Note: Only Junior classes set at either 1.40m or 1.45 m will be pointed toward HOTY awards in the ~~1.40/1.45m~~ **High** Junior Jumper category.

2. ~~1.30/1.35m~~ **Medium** Junior classes will have courses set at either 1.30 m (4'3") or 1.35 m (4'5"). All Junior classes set at either 1.30 m or 1.35 m will be pointed towards HOTY awards in the ~~1.30/1.35m~~ **Medium** Junior Jumper category.

3. ~~1.20/1.25m~~ **Low** Junior sections will have courses set at either 1.20m (3'11") or 1.25m (4'1"). All Junior Jumper classes at either 1.20m or 1.25m will be pointed toward the ~~1.20/1.25m~~ **Low** Junior Jumper category for purposes of HOTY awards.

GR1133 Jumpers

5. Award Categories. National awards will be given in the following categories: Low Junior, **Medium** Junior, **High Junior**, Low Amateur Owner, **Medium** Amateur Owner, **High Amateur Owner**, Low Amateur, **Medium Amateur**, **High Amateur**, Open, Pony, **Young Rider** YOUNG RIDERS, and U25. Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be given by USHJA in the following categories (see JP118 for Zone specifications): **Low Junior**, **Medium Junior**, **High Junior**, **Low Amateur Owner**, **Medium Amateur Owner**, **High Amateur Owner**, **Low Amateur**, **Medium Amateur**, **High Amateur**, LOW JUNIOR, JUNIOR, CHILDREN'S, ADULT, LOW-AMATEUR OWNER, AMATEUR OWNER, AMATEUR, PONY, YOUNG RIDERS, U25 and Thoroughbred Jumper.

Proponent Details

Jumper

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Rule Change Intent

Change title of classes to High, Medium, and Low since each individual class must be held at only one of those two fence heights, not both. Adding this nomenclature to the rule book will define what fence heights are "Medium" etc. so when a prize list defines it another way, there is a rule to reference to correct what heights go with the three categories. Linked with change to GR 1133.5 for the name of HOTY categories.

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: amateur owners

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

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

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/13/2018**Draft 1:** No Comments

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Standard	12/1/2019	8/30/2018	

Proposed Change

JP117 Sections/Classes Restricted to Junior, Amateur/Owner, Amateur or Young [CHAPTER JP-3 SECTION SPECIFICATIONS]

1. Amateur Owner Jumper: A horse that is ridden by an Amateur Owner or an amateur member of the owner's family. In either case, classes are restricted to riders who are no longer eligible to compete as junior exhibitors. **Riders must be listed as the owner or co-owner of the horse or entity that owns the horse on the Federation Horse Recording.** Leased horses are not eligible, and multiple ownership is not permitted unless all owners are members of the same family.

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Rule Change Intent

There's currently no way to check if riders in Amateur Owner classes own the horse they are riding or are a family member of the owner. This requirement will enable automatic checking of results in these classes and if the rider is not listed on the Horse Recording or is an owner of the entity on the Horse Recording, the horse will receive Amateur Jumper points rather than Amateur Owner Jumper points.

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: classes restricted to junior, amateur/owner, amateur or young

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/13/2018

Draft 1: USHJA agrees with the rule intent, but feels the language needs to be changed to read: **Riders must be listed as the owner, co-owner, or a family member of the owner of the horse on the Federation Horse Recording.**

JP117.7 Tracking #171-18 Draft #1 Active

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

Proposed Change

JP117 Sections/Classes Restricted to Junior, Amateur/Owner, Amateur or Young [CHAPTER JP-3 SECTION SPECIFICATIONS]

7. Restrictions

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c. Riders competing in open jumper classes held at the High Performance Standard **or FEI classes with the equivalent fence height** offering \$25,000 or more in prize money are not eligible to compete in the highest money class, in the lowest height section of Junior, Amateur Owner, Amateur Jumpers offered at the same competition where more than one height section is offered for Junior, Amateur Owner, or Amateur Jumpers.

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Rule Change Intent

This is for all the FEI classes offering \$25k/+ that do not follow the USEF Standards in JP 122.4

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: classes restricted to junior, amateur/owner, amateur or young

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/13/2018

Draft 1: o Would approve if language was changed to read "FEI classes with the equivalent class requirements..."

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

Proposed Change

JP122 Fence Dimensions [CHAPTER JP-4 LEVELS OF DIFFICULTY]

c. National Standard: **1.45m** ~~1.40m~~ 1.50m with spreads to 1.70m, excluding Triple Bar and Water Jump. At least 4 Verticals and 2 Oxers must be set at 1.50m*. The maximum spread for the Triple Bar is 2.00m, and the maximum spread for the Water Jump is 4.00m. *If conditions warrant (deterioration of footing, inclement weather, insufficient lighting, fewer than 10 entries at the time declarations are due), the Course Designer after consultation with Management and Judges, may use a 5cm variance up or down for these 6 required efforts.

Proponent Details	Contact Information
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Rule Change Intent

With the addition of the American Standard there isn't a need for 1.40m to be included in the National Standard. This change creates a clear progression of fence heights through all the Standards.

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: fence dimensions

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/13/2018

Draft 1: No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2019	9/4/2018	

Proposed Change

JP122 Fence Dimensions [CHAPTER JP- 4 Levels of Difficulty]

JP122 Fence Dimensions

[...]

4. Standards: Any class offering \$25,000 or more in prize money must be offered at one of the following standards delineated below: Regional, American, National, or High Performance. Heights alone do not apply to these classes and the standard must be clearly stated in the prize list. Competitions must apply to the Jumping Sport Committee for permission to offer \$25,000 or more in prize money in any class if it does not meet one of the following:

[...]

c. American Standard: 1.40m-1.45m with spreads to 1.60m, excluding Triple Bar and Water Jump. At least 4 Verticals and 2 Oxers must be set at 1.45m. The maximum spread for the Triple Bar is 1.80m, and the maximum spread for the Water Jump is 3.80m.

d. Open National Standard: ~~1.40m~~ **1.45m** – 1.50m with spreads to 1.70m, excluding Triple Bar and Water Jump. At least 4 Verticals and 2 Oxers must be set at 1.50m*. The maximum spread for the Triple Bar is 2.00m, and the maximum spread for the Water Jump is 4.00m. *If conditions warrant (deterioration of footing, inclement weather, insufficient lighting, fewer than 10 entries at the time declarations are due), the Course Designer after consultation with Management and Judges, may use a 5cm variance up or down for these 6 required efforts.

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

With the addition of the American Standard (1.40m-1.45m) the National Standard does not need to include 1.40m.

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: fence dimensions

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

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

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/13/2018**Draft 1:** No Comments

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

Proposed Change

JP135 General [CHAPTER JP-6 SCORING]

1. In principle, jumpers are scored on penalties incurred between the start line and finish line. A competitor, after receiving the signal to begin his/her round, is not being scored on penalties incurred from knockdowns or refusals until crossing the start line in the proper manner. **However, in the event of a fall of a Horse and/or Rider at any time from the moment the Horse/Rider combination enters the Competition ring, whether or not the signal to start has been given, the combination will not be permitted to start in the round or Class in question.**

Other rules linked to the proposed change in JP 135.1:

JP139 Falls

4. ~~A courtesy fence is not permitted following the fall of the horse or rider.~~
 5. In the case of a fall **at any time in the competition ring while on course**, the rider may not remount in the competition ring.

JP144 Table of Jumping Faults

10. Fall of horse and/or rider (except Fault and Out Classes and other classes with special rules) **A fall of the Rider and/or Horse after crossing the finish line does not incur Elimination.**

JP145 TABLE II—Classes scored on Faults and Time

3. Time first jump-off

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b. Table II, Sec. 2 (b)—The first round and first jump-off, if any, are decided by adding together the faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the Time Allowed. If a competitor has gone clear in the first round, the competitor will, without leaving the ring, upon an audible signal, commence the designated jump-off course. A competitor with a clear round may dismount, and with assistance if necessary, adjust tack and/or equipment; however, upon the audible signal to begin his/her round, the competitor is responsible to adhering to the 45 seconds rule as per JP136.3. **In case of a fall of a Rider and/or Horse after crossing the finish line of the first round, the Rider/Horse combination may not continue to the jump-off, and will be placed according to their Score in the first round.** A competitor who leaves the arena after a clear round (before or after the tone) will be considered to have withdrawn from the jump-off. If there are no clear rounds and a tie exists for first place, the results will be determined by the scores and time from that round. It is recommended that no more than twelve numbered obstacles be included in the first round when the class is scored under this table.

JP148 TABLE IV—Optimum Time Classes

2. Optimum Time in First Jump-Off

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b. Table IV Sec. 2 (b)—The first round and first jump-off are decided by adding together the faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the Time Allowed. If a competitor has gone clear in the first round, the competitor will, without leaving the ring, upon an audible signal, commence the designated jump-off course. **In case of a fall of a Rider and/or Horse after crossing the finish line of the first round, the Rider/Horse combination may not continue to the jump-off, and will be placed according to their Score in the first round.** In the case of equality of faults in the jump-off, ties will be broken on the following basis: an "Optimum Time" (defined as 4 seconds less than the Time Allowed for the course) will be posted on the course plan; the horse with the time on course closest to this Optimum Time (over or under) will prevail in the tie, next closest next, etc. If there are no clear rounds, a jump-off, scored as described above, will take place among those tied for first place.

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Rule Change Intent

The FEI is adopting this language for safety concerns which prevents someone from competing if they fall in the ring.

Linked Rules	Comments
Web: falls	
Committee Actions	

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/13/2018

Draft 1: o USHJA is definitely in favor of this rule change, but for safety concerns, feels the effective date should be changed to 4/1/19.