

Rule	Tracking	Draft	Proposal Type	Effective Date	Proponent	Status
GR 1113.0	333-17	1	Standard	2/1/2018	Welsh	Approved (1/20/2018)
Description: welsh						
GR 1306.3	334-17	2	Standard	2/1/2018	UPHA	Approved (1/20/2018)
Description: professional/amateur						
GR 804.0	231-17	1	Standard	4/1/2018	Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	Approved (1/20/2018)
Description: shoeing regulations						
GR 809.3	340-17	3	Standard	4/1/2018	Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	Approved (1/20/2018)
Description: Championship class						
GR 827.0	230-17	3	Standard	4/1/2018	Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	Approved (1/20/2018)
Description: Hors de Concours						
GR 1009.1	240-17	1	Standard	4/1/2018	Andalusian/Lusitano	Approved (1/20/2018)
Description: Andalusian/Lusitano recorded judge						
GR 1037.0	336-17	1	Standard	4/1/2018	AHA	Approved (1/20/2018)
Description: conflict of interest						
GR 1037.6	243-17	1	Standard	4/1/2018	Andalusian/Lusitano	Approved (1/20/2018)
Description: Andalusian/Lusitano judges						
GR 1040.0	330-17	2	Standard	4/1/2018	Licensed Officials Task Force	Approved (1/20/2018)
Description: Moves Licensing Procedures out of Rule Book						
GR 1102.8	344-17	2	Standard	4/1/2018	Bill Moroney	Approved (1/20/2018)
Description: Horse Recordings - Grace Period						
GR 1304.0	335-17	2	Standard	4/1/2018	AHA	Approved (1/20/2018)
Description: conflict of interest						
GR 141.3	331-17	2	Standard	12/1/2018	AHA	Approved (1/20/2018)
Description: arabian						
GR 151.1	269-17	1	Standard	12/1/2018	Governance	Approved (1/20/2018)
Description: Rule Change Process - Individual Members						
GR 302.2	348-17	1	Standard	12/1/2018	USEF Officers	Approved (1/20/2018)
Description: New Competition License Applications						
GR 837.0	346-17	2	Standard	12/1/2018	USHJA	Approved (1/20/2018)
Description: Schooling Rules						

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GR 842.0	338-17	3	Standard	12/1/2018	USHJA	Approved (1/20/2018)
Description: Reporting Falls						
GR 843.7	272-17	2	Standard	12/1/2018	Veterinary	Approved (1/20/2018)
Description: Horse/Pony Collapse						
GR 1004.0	337-17	2	Standard	12/1/2018	Licensed Officials	Approved (1/20/2018)
Description: western dressage						
GR 1004.0	353-17	1	Standard	12/1/2018	Licensed Officials	Approved (1/20/2018)
Description: western dressage judges						
GR 1004.2	325-17	1	Standard	12/1/2018	Steward-Technical Delegate Committee	Approved (1/20/2018)
Description: Minimum Age - C1 Stewards						
GR 1004.5	327-17	2	Standard	12/1/2018	Andalusian/Lusitano	Approved (1/20/2018)
Description: A/L dressage sport horse in hand						
GR 1004.20	209-17	3	Standard	12/1/2018	American Saddlebred	Approved (1/20/2018)
Description: American Saddlebred						
GR 1056.7	212-17	1	Standard	12/1/2018	Friesian	Approved (1/20/2018)
Description: Friesian judges						
GR 1069.0	253-17	1	Standard	12/1/2018	Roadster	Approved (1/20/2018)
Description: roadster judges						
GR 1070.8	239-17	1	Standard	12/1/2018	American Saddlebred	Approved (1/20/2018)
Description: American Saddlebred Judges						
GR 1078.0	342-17	1	Standard	12/1/2018	Licensed Officials	Approved (1/20/2018)
Description: western dressage judges						
GR 1123.7	326-17	2	Standard	12/1/2018	Andalusian/Lusitano	Approved (1/20/2018)
Description: A/L awards						
GR 1132.5	259-17	1	Standard	12/1/2018	USHJA	Approved (1/20/2018)
Description: HU Reorg - HB Points: HU to GR						
GR 1133.2	322-17	1	Standard	12/1/2018	USHJA	Approved (1/20/2018)
Description: Jumper Point Tabulation						
GR 1142.0	332-17	1	Standard	12/1/2018	Welsh	Approved (1/20/2018)
Description: welsh						

Rule	Tracking	Draft	Proposal Type	Effective Date	Proponent	Status
GR 1211.5	267-17	2	Standard	12/1/2018	Safety	Approved (1/20/2018)
Description: Medical Personnel at Competitions						
GR 1214.1	347-17	2	Standard	12/1/2018	USHJA	Approved (1/20/2018)
Description: Hunter Results						
GR 1304.22	329-17	1	Standard	12/1/2018	Hearing Committee	Approved (1/20/2018)
Description: Definition of Catch Rider						

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	2/1/2018	9/5/2017	Approved 1/20/2018

Proposed Change

**GR1113 Credit & GR1142 Welsh Pony, Cob and Half Welsh** [CHAPTER 11 - D HOTA Awards and National Championships]

**GR1113 Credit**

1. No credit will be given for classes where judging specifications are not in accordance with the Federation rules. Points will not count towards Horse of the Year Award competitions and classes will not be counted for division or section ratings.
2. No credit will be given in classes if less than three entries have shown and placed. Exceptions: [...]
- r. Welsh – **classes with fewer than 3 entries will receive reduced points. Refer to the chart in (GR1142.4)**

**GR1142 Welsh Pony, Cob and Half Welsh** [CHAPTER Subchapter 11-F Awards Sections]

1. [...]
3. Full points shall be awarded to classes **with 3 or more entries** within the Welsh division conducted at A, B, and C, **and Local** rated competitions **based on the chart in point 4. below.** ~~Half points shall be awarded based on the C rating scale to classes within the Welsh division conducted at Federation Local Competitions. Classes with 2 or fewer entries will receive reduced points based on the chart in 4., below.~~ Model classes will receive half points.
4. Points ~~are~~ **shall be awarded** based on the following:

**Classes with 3 or more entries**

Rating	First	Second	Third	Fourth
A Rating	20	12	8	4
B Rating	10	6	4	2
C Rating	5	3	2	1
Local Rating	2.5	1.5	1	0.5

**Classes with 2 entries**

<b>A</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>

Local 1 0.5

Classes with 1 entry

A 4

B 2

C 1

Local 0.5

[...]

Proponent Details

Welsh

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Rule Change Intent

To bring the USEF Welsh point rules in alignment with the current distribution of points based on WPCSA competitions, the Welsh would like to correct the current point chart by providing reduced HOTY points to exhibitors who place in classes with fewer than 3 entries. This point structure change was inadvertently missed in a previous rule change for the 2016 competition year, so the committee is requesting either a 12/1/2017 or 2/1/2018 effective date for this rule. There are currently no Welsh competitions applied for during the dates of 12/1/2017 and 2/1/2018, so this should not require that any points be backdated. The language in both GR1113 and GR1142 will need to be updated to reflect these changes.

Linked Rules

Comments

**Staff:** Information Technology - 2 hours to implement  
**Web:** welsh

Committee Actions

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/05/2017

**Draft 1: No Comments**

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	2/1/2018	1/16/2018	Approved 1/20/2018

Proposed Change

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

3. Permitted activities by Amateur. An Amateur is permitted to do the following:

1. Serve as an intern for college credit or course requirements at an accredited institution provided one has never held professional status with the Federation or any other equestrian National Federation. In addition, one may accept reimbursement for expenses without profit, as prescribed by the educational institution's program, for the internship. ~~In the Hackney, Roadster, American Saddlebred, Saddle Seat Equitation, Morgan, Andalusian/Lusitano, Friesian, Arabian, and National Show Horse Divisions, college students may also accept a stipend during the internship served under this paragraph.~~ At the request of the Federation, an Amateur shall provide certification from the accredited educational institution under whose auspices a student is pursuing an internship that he is undertaking the internship to meet course or degree requirements.

*a. In the Hackney, Roadster, American Saddlebred, Saddle Seat Equitation, Morgan, Andalusian/Lusitano, Friesian, Arabian, and National Show Horse Divisions, college students may also accept a stipend (maximum value of the Federal minimum wage rate) and reimbursement of expenses during the internship served under the above paragraph.*

*b. In the Hackney, Roadster, American Saddlebred, Saddle Seat Equitation divisions: If a college student serving as an intern exhibits a horse trained by the stable at which they are pursuing the internship, the intern shall only exhibit those horses solely owned by: the intern, the intern's family as defined by GR123, the college at which they are a student, or the stable where they are pursuing their internship. The intern shall not exhibit horses owned/leased nor co-owned by the stables' client(s).*

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Rule Change Intent  
 This rule change proposal will protect the amateur by prohibiting college students serving as an intern from exhibiting client horses trained by the stable where they are completing their internship. ( The proponant would like an effective date of 2-1-18 as we have seen widespread abuse of the intern rule)

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> professional/amateur

Committee Actions	
Andalusian/Lusitano	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/02/2017 <b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments <b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
Arabian	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/27/2017 <b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments <b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
Hackney	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/20/2017 <b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments <b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
Hearing Committee	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 12/22/2017 <b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments <b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
Morgan	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Disapproval 11/21/2017 <b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> Agrees with the concept but feels it needs to be more specific, be explicit to students in an equine specific major. <b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments

National Show Horse

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/27/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

Roadster

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/21/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

Saddle Seat Eq

**Draft 1:** No Action 11/20/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** Committee thought this did not address the real problem. The rule has little to with Saddle Seat Equitation and would only involve classes such as the Adult Medal.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

American Saddlebred

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/27/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

Western Committee

**Draft 1:** No Action 11/21/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

Breeds

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

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

Council - Admin & Finance

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 01/08/2018  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** Requires clarification that the stipend is in addition to reimbursement of expenses; and requires clarification in the event of co-ownership of a horse.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/05/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	4/1/2018	8/31/2017	Approved 1/20/2018

Proposed Change

**GR804 Shoeing Regulations** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 8-A ATTIRE AND EQUIPMENT]

**SUBCHAPTER 8-A ATTIRE AND EQUIPMENT**

GR804 Shoeing Regulations

1. In some parts of the country, it is common practice to show unshod horses in certain classes. A horse cannot be barred from the ring because of being unshod but, in classes in which it is common practice for all horses to be shod, a barefoot horse may be penalized at the judge's discretion.
2. Competitions offering classes in a division that designates a maximum weight for shoes (Paso Fino, Welsh) must provide accurate scales for weighing. If any horse casts a shoe in any of these classes, the shoe, including pad if used, but not including nails must be immediately weighed by the judge. In these classes, a competitor may not be excused from the ring until the judge is satisfied that the horse has not cast a shoe. ~~Refer to GR109.2.~~
3. If the weight of a shoe and pad is protested, the owner may either withdraw the entry and forfeit all entry fees and winnings of the protested entry for the entire competition, in which event the protest must be withdrawn and the fee refunded or, have the shoe and pad removed in the presence of the competition veterinarian and steward so it can be weighed immediately.
4. Whether cast or removed, if the shoe including pad exceeds the weight limit, the entry must be disqualified for the balance of the competition and all entry fees and winnings of the entry for the entire competition will be forfeited. Removal and replacement of any protested shoe and pad is the sole responsibility of the owner of the entry; however, if the protest is not upheld, the protestor ~~must~~ **shall pay up to \$100 \$45** to defray the cost of removal and replacement of the shoe.
5. See AR106 for Arabian shoeing regulations.

Proponent Details	Contact Information
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Rule Change Intent

Intent:

1. Remove reference to GR109.2 because it is not relevant
2. Change the fee to defray the cost to something more general like, "what the owner is billed by the farrier" since \$15 may not cover it.

Would like for this to be effective 4/1/18 to accompany other rule changes being submitted in this regard.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> shoeing regulations

Committee Actions	
Andalusian/Lusitano	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/02/2017	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
Arabian	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/15/2017	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
Hackney	
<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action 11/20/2017	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
Paso Fino	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 10/30/2017	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
Roadster	
<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action 11/21/2017	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>

Saddle Seat Eq

**Draft 1:** No Action 11/20/2017

**Draft 1:** No Comments

American Saddlebred

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/27/2017

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Shetland

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/01/2017

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Western Committee

**Draft 1:** No Action 11/21/2017

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Breeds

**Draft 1:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 01/04/2018

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	4/1/2018	12/20/2017	Approved 1/20/2018

Proposed Change

**GR809 Performance Championships** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 8-B COMPETITION AWARDS, HONORS, AND PRIZES]

1. A Show Committee must designate all qualifying classes and can require any or all winners in a qualifying class at that competition to compete in a Performance Championship class provided this is stated in the prize list and the gaits required are the same as in the qualifying class. Any exhibitor failing to comply must forfeit all prize money in the qualifying class. If an exhibitor or trainer qualifies more than one horse for a Championship class he can elect to show only one. (This does not apply to Regional and National Breed Affiliate approved Competitions.)
2. To be eligible to show in a Performance Championship class a horse must have been properly entered, shown and judged in one qualifying class at that competition in the same division or section. (This does not apply to Regional and National Breed Affiliate approved Competitions.)
3. **So long as a competition has not limited eligibility for a Championship class to ribbon winners of qualifying classes**, An **an** entry which while performing in a qualifying class fails to qualify by reasons of equipment repair (**limited to bridle, saddle, cart, wheels, and harness**), shoeing time, illness (certified by the official veterinarian) or failure of a class to fill shall be permitted to pay double fee and make a post entry in another qualifying class in the section or if no subsequent qualifying class is available for such post entry, the horse shall be considered qualified for the Performance Championship class, provided the horse has previously been entered in the Championship or Stake. Exception: Dressage, **Jumper (See JP135.6)**, and **Paso Fino**. (See also GR117.3)
4. To avoid divided Performance Championship classes, eligibility for a Championship class may be limited to ribbon winners in qualifying classes.

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

Intent:

1. To make it more clear in #3 what "equipment" can be repaired (such as bridle, saddle, cart, wheels, harness; not to include shoes); to eliminate shoeing time from the rule because it is defined in GR833 as an elimination if the shoe is not able to be attached.
2. Eliminate the ability for someone to come back in a championship that is restricted to ribbon winners by excepting that situation out in #3 based on #4.

Would like to have this rule change effective 4/1/18 to eliminate the conflict with GR810 and to make it more clear for managers and exhibitors how to proceed in circumstances that arise at the competitions.

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: Championship class

Committee Actions

Andalusian/Lusitano

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/02/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action

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

Arabian

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 11/15/2017  
**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

Dressage

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** No Action 12/04/2017  
**Draft 3:** No Action

**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 12/20/2017

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

Eventing

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: No Action 11/07/2017  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: The Eventing Sport Committee recommend taking no action as the proposed change does not impact Eventing.  
Draft 3: No Comments

Hackney

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 11/20/2017  
Draft 3: No Action

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

Morgan

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 11/21/2017  
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: Recommends Disapproval 11/13/2017  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: Feels this limits possibilities for exhibitors to show back that have shown in the qualifier.  
Draft 3: No Comments

Paso Fino

Draft 1: No Action 10/30/2017  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: The Paso Fino committee takes no action as this rule change does not affect the Paso Fino breed; however, the committee requests an exception for the Paso Fino breed to GR809.3 as it is currently written. The committee does not feel a competitor should be able to show in a championship class who has not properly qualified.  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments

Roadster

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: No Action 11/21/2017  
Draft 3: No Action

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

Saddle Seat Eq

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/20/2017  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: Concern that the shoeing time was being eliminated from this rule.  
Draft 3: No Comments

American Saddlebred

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 11/27/2017  
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 12/21/2017

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

Shetland

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/01/2017  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action

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

Vaulting

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

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

Connemara

Draft 1: No Action 10/25/2017  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action

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

Western Committee

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: No Action 11/21/2017  
Draft 3: No Action

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

Reining

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

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

Friesian

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** No Action 11/14/2017  
**Draft 3:** No Action

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

Jumper

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 11/28/2017  
**Draft 3:** Recommends Approval 12/21/2017

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** Would approve if an exception is added for Jumping (after Dressage) with JP 135.6 as a reference.  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

Carriage Pleasure Driving

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/09/2017  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 12/18/2017  
**Draft 3:** No Action

**Draft 1:** Too ambiguous. Would like to see the new language as a separate line item and have shoeing time added back into the rule. GR810 referenced in the intent does not conflict with rule.  
**Draft 2:** Committee approves but suggests changing "cart, wheels" to vehicle.  
**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

Welsh

**Draft 1:** No Action 10/25/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action

**Draft 1:** This rule does not really impact the Welsh  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

Western Dressage

**Draft 1:** No Action 11/07/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action 11/07/2017  
**Draft 3:** No Action

**Draft 1:** Feels this rule does not apply to the Western Dressage division.  
**Draft 2:** Feels this rule does not apply to the Western Dressage division.  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** Recommends Approval 12/21/2017

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

**GR827 Tracking #230-17 Draft #3 Approved**

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	4/1/2018	12/20/2017	Approved 1/20/2018

Proposed Change

**GR827 Hors de Concours** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 8-C COMPETITION AND CLASS CONDITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY]

GR827 Hors de Concours

Entering a class Hors de Concours (without being judged) is prohibited except as provided for below. **Competition Management may, in its sole discretion, permit an exhibitor to compete Hors de Concours.** If a horse competes Hors de Concours, the horse cannot compete in a subsequent class for prize money in the same ring on the same day. However, the rider of an Hors de Concours horse may compete in subsequent classes.

**For exceptions, see below:**

a. ~~For~~ Dressage Competitions (out of competition); see DR119.5 and DR119.7

b. ~~For~~ Eventing Competitions: see EV106.6

b.c. ~~For~~ Driving Competitions, see DC915

c.d. ~~For~~ Jumpers - See JP135.14.

**e. Competing Hors de Concours is prohibited in the following divisions: Hackney, Roadster, Saddlebred, National Show Horse, and Western Dressage.**

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Rule Change Intent

Intent:

To allow competition management discretion to permit an exhibitor to show hors de concours in divisions not listed currently in this rule based on special circumstances that may arise at the competition.

Would like to see this rule change effective 4/1/18 so that there is more flexibility and competitions and in the best interest of the sport.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> Hors de Concours

Committee Actions	
Andalusian/Lusitano	
<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Approval 11/02/2017	<b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 3:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 3:</b> No Comments
Arabian	
<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Approval 11/15/2017	<b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 3:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 3:</b> No Comments
Breeders	
<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 3:</b> Recommends Approval	<b>Draft 3:</b> No Comments
Breeds/Disciplines	
<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 3:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 3:</b> No Comments

### Dressage

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 12/04/2017  
**Draft 3:** No Action

**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 12/20/2017

**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

### Eventing

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** No Action 11/07/2017  
**Draft 3:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** The Eventing Sport Committee recommend taking no action as the Eventing rule re: Hors de Concours supersedes the GR.  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

### Hackney

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** No Action 11/20/2017  
**Draft 3:** No Action

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

### Morgan

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 11/21/2017  
**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:** Recommends Approval 11/06/2017  
**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:** Recommends Disapproval 11/13/2017  
**Draft 3:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** Is a distraction to judges and puts a hardship on show management.  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

### Paso Fino

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 10/30/2017  
**Draft 3:** No Action

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

### Roadster

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 11/21/2017  
**Draft 3:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** Committee felt this rule would not be beneficial to this discipline. It would difficult to explain to spectators and could possible reflect negatively on this discipline.  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

### Saddle Seat Eq

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** No Action 11/20/2017  
**Draft 3:** No Action

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

### American Saddlebred

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 11/27/2017  
**Draft 3:** Recommends Approval 12/21/2017

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** If this rule is approved this Committee would like the American Saddlebred to be exempt for use of this rule.  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

### Shetland

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 11/01/2017  
**Draft 3:** No Action

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

### Competition Management

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 12/04/2017  
**Draft 3:** No Action

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

### Vaulting

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

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

### Connemara

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 10/25/2017  
**Draft 3:** No Action

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

Western Committee

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** No Action 11/21/2017  
**Draft 3:** No Action

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

Reining

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

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

Friesian

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 11/14/2017  
**Draft 3:** No Action

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

Jumper

**Draft 1:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments

USHJA

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 12/14/2017  
**Draft 3:** No Action

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

Carriage Pleasure Driving

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 11/09/2017  
**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

Welsh

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** No Action 10/25/2017  
**Draft 3:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** This rule does not really impact the Welsh  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

Western Dressage

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 11/07/2017  
**Draft 3:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** The committee would like Western Dressage to be an exception to this rule change, making a separate procedure for Hors de Concours classes in the Western Dressage division.  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** Recommends Approval 01/08/2018

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

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 3:** Recommends Approval 01/04/2018

**Draft 3:** No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** Recommends Approval 12/21/2017

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

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	4/1/2018	8/31/2017	Approved 1/20/2018

Proposed Change

**GR1009 Recorded Judge** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 10-C CLASSIFICATIONS - JUDGES]

GR1009 Recorded Judge

1. A Recorded judge 'r' may officiate alone or independently in the following divisions:
  - b. Andalusian/Lusitano, except for ~~Regional~~ or National Championship competitions;
2. The following divisions have specific limitations for 'r' recorded judges.
  - i. A recorded (r) Andalusian/Lusitano judge may officiate alone in any Andalusian/Lusitano class except for ~~Regional~~ or National Championship competitions.

Proponent Details

Andalusian/Lusitano

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Rule Change Intent

There are only 24 registered or recorded Andalusian/Lusitano judges thus making it incredibly difficult to hire judges for Andalusian/Lusitano competitions. This rule prevents recorded judges from officiating at Regional competitions; therefore, even further decreasing the number of eligible judges for these competitions. Due to this limited number, removing regional competitions from these exceptions would allow these competitions the ability to hire registered and recorded judges. The Andalusian/Lusitano Committee is requesting a February 1, 2018 effective date to alleviate this hardship for competitions early in 2018.

The intent of this rule change is to remove "Regional" from the exceptions in GR1009.1.b. and GR1009.2.i.

Linked Rules

Comments

**Web:** Andalusian/Lusitano recorded judge

Committee Actions

Licensed Officials

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/27/2017

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 01/08/2018

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/05/2017

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	4/1/2018	9/5/2017	Approved 1/20/2018

Proposed Change

**GR1037 Conflicts of Interest and Restrictions - Judges (See also GR107 and GR1303.)** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 10-H REGULATIONS GOVERNING OFFICIALS]

GR1037 Conflicts of Interest and Restrictions - Judges (See also GR107 and GR1304)

1. A judge may not be an owner of any interest in a horse (including but not limited to syndicate and partnership shares), nor may he/she be an exhibitor, trainer, coach, lessor, lessee, rider, driver, halter handler, steward, technical delegate, or manager, nor may he/she be a family member of a competition licensee, steward, technical delegate or manager at any Federation Licensed Competition at which he/she is officiating, including unrated classes. Exceptions: In the Eventing division and in the Dressage division, except for Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes, horses may be shown Hors de Concours in classes where the owner is not officiating. See also GR1304.17-.20. For Hunter and Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation Judges, please see GR1304.21-26. **For Arabian Judges, please see GR1304.2-3.**

Proponent Details	Contact Information
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Rule Change Intent

Many shows use multiple judging panels at one competition, which increases the potential for prohibiting an exhibitor for competing at that show under the current rule and rather than unnecessarily decreasing participation, it is in the best interest of the breed to increase participation.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> conflict of interest

Committee Actions

Arabian	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/17/2017	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
Licensed Officials	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/27/2017	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
Steward-Technical Delegate Committee	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/29/2017	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
Council - Admin & Finance	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 01/08/2018	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 01/04/2018	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
Council - Intl Discipline	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 10/24/2017	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	4/1/2018	8/31/2017	Approved 1/20/2018

Proposed Change

**GR1037 Conflicts of Interest and Restrictions - Judges** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 10-H REGULATIONS GOVERNING OFFICIALS]

GR1037 Conflicts of Interest and Restrictions - Judges (See also GR107 and GR1304)

6. Limitations for Andalusian/Lusitano Judges:

- a. A judge cannot officiate at two licensed competitions within the same IALHA Region (excluding the IALHA National Competition) within the same year unless the competitions are six (6) months apart and travel distance from one competition facility to the second facility is 200 miles or greater.
- b. A judge licensed in the Andalusian/Lusitano Division may not officiate at more than one Regional Championship competition in that Division during any one competition year.
- c. A judge that has officiated at an IALHA National Championship Competition is ineligible to officiate at another IALHA National Championship for the next ~~three~~ **two** years.

Proponent Details	Contact Information
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Rule Change Intent

The International Andalusian Lusitano Association (IALHA) amended their National Championship rules to remove this rule to prevent a judge from officiating within a three year time span and realized this year the requirement existed in the USEF general rules. IALHA submitted a Presidential Modification requesting an exception to this rule which was denied. There are only 24 Andalusian/Lusitano licensed judges thus making it extremely difficult to hire eligible judges for the IALHA National Championship. By lessening the requirement from three years to two it will help expand the number of eligible judges. The Andalusian/Lusitano Committee is requesting a February 1, 2018 effective date to allow IALHA to hire eligible judges for their National Championship.

It is the intent to lessen the requirement in GR1037.6.c. to two years; therefore, a judge who has officiated at an IALHA National Championship is ineligible to officiate at another championship for the next two years instead of three.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> Andalusian/Lusitano judges

Committee Actions

Licensed Officials	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/27/2017	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
Council - Admin & Finance	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 01/08/2018	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 12/05/2017	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	4/1/2018	12/21/2017	Approved 1/20/2018

Proposed Change

**GR1040 through GR1078** [CHAPTER Sub-Chapter 10-I, License Applications, Enrollment, Promotion, and Maintenance]

Please see attached pdf of the Policies and Procedures.

Draft 2 - is a change to Ch. 1 section 5.16 in the attached pdf.

Proponent Details	Contact Information
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Licensed Officials Task Force

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Rule Change Intent

The Licensed Officials Task Force is proposing to strike GR1040 (as appears in the 2017 Rule Book) through GR1078 and move that language into a new US Equestrian Licensed Officials Policies and Procedures document. The intent of moving the language is to limit the language in Chapter 10 to rules versus how USEF licenses. The Task Force believes that leaving GR1001 through GR1039 in the Rule Book would keep 'what' USEF licenses in the rules, and the 'how' USEF licenses would transition to the Policies and Procedures Document. Transitioning the 'how' USEF licenses to the Policies and Procedures document will not only clean-up Chapter 10, but also permit a more efficient, industry-responsive mechanism for maintaining the licensing system.

As part of the proposed rule change striking the language, the Task Force will also ask the Board to adopt the attached Policies and Procedures document. Various protections exist in the Policies and Procedures to ensure sufficient feedback and oversight by USEF and Recognized Affiliates.

Additionally, the stricken language from GR1040 to GR1078 is copied identically in the Policies and Procedures, except for the language regarding reference evaluations. Reference evaluations, commonly called 'friends and family' evaluations, are the evaluations (typically 15 evaluations) an applicant requests certain people to receive as part of the licensing process. Distributing and processing the evaluations is laborious for the applicant, staff, and the LOC. The Task Force believes that these evaluations no longer serve a purpose in assisting to evaluate an applicant's strength and should be removed from the process.

The Task Force requests a 4/1/18 effective date. The basis for the request is to facilitate the continued work of the Task Force in addressing the licensing system. By permitting a 4/1/18 effective date, the Task Force would be able to continue with its mission to address the concerns of members and Affiliates without having to wait another year to do so.

Applicable rules: strike GR1040 to GR1078 (based on the 2017 Rule Book), GR1005, and the chart in GR1004.

Linked Rules	Comments
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**Web:** Moves Licensing Procedures out of Rule Book

Committee Actions

Andalusian/Lusitano

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/02/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

Arabian

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/15/2017  
**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

Dressage

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/04/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

Driving

**Draft 1:** No Action 12/20/2017  
**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

Eventing

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/07/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

Hackney

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/14/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** Committee would like to have input from the affiliate AHHS before recommending approval. 12-14-17 The committee approved the rule change with guidance from the AHHS  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

Morgan

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/21/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** Would like Section 2 number 3.a to stated "relevant USEF Committees"  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

National Hunter Committee

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/06/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

National Show Horse

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/13/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

Paso Fino

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/21/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

Roadster

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/21/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

Saddle Seat Eq

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/20/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

American Saddlebred

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/27/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

Shetland

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/01/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

Competition Management

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/04/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

Vaulting

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

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

Connemara

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 10/25/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

Western Committee

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/21/2017  
**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

Friesian

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/14/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** Would like to see other breeds included on the LO Task Force and any changes to the Friesian section would need support from the Affiliate and Committee.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

Jumper

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/28/2017  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 01/05/2018

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

USHJA

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 12/14/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** Not comfortable with this proposal due to the fact that it is not simply moving existing language out of the rule book, but changing it as well. The policies and procedures document needs to be better clarified and peer evaluations for licensed officials should not be removed.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

Carriage Pleasure Driving

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/09/2017  
**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

Welsh

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 10/25/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

Western Dressage

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/14/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** Approving with extreme desire to amend the Western Dressage judges section (section 25) in the new policies & procedures document. Memo with comments/concerns sent to staff – Matt Fine & Sarah Beth Hollowed.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 01/08/2018

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** In order to amend this document, it does pass through the applicable committees and Recognized Affiliates before going to the Board.

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 01/10/2018

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** The council was concerned about eliminating evaluations and moving specifications out of the rule book which may cause confusion about where to find information

Council - Intl Discipline

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 12/21/2017

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

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	4/1/2018	10/17/2017	Approved 1/20/2018

Proposed Change

GR1102 Horse Recordings [CHAPTER Subchapter 11-A Horse Identification and Recordings ]

**8. A horse's Federation Recording may be made retroactive to cover bad points earned at Federation Licensed Competitions (Exception: Dressage) so long as a complete horse recording is received by the Federation within ten days of the Federation sending notification of bad points earned to the owner.**

Proponent Details	Contact Information
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Rule Change Intent

To provide a limited grace period to assist owners who may not be aware of the requirement to record their horses to earn points.

Linked Rules	Comments
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Web: Horse Recordings - Grace Period

Committee Actions

Andalusian/Lusitano

Draft 1: No Action  
 Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/02/2017

Draft 1: No Comments  
 Draft 2: The committee feels this rule change would give a competitive advantage to exhibitors. Members should do their due diligence before the competition in making sure their horses are properly recorded.

Arabian

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/15/2017

Draft 2: The committee feels there is a competitive advantage and that a fee should be associated with retroactive points.

Hackney

Draft 1: No Action  
 Draft 2: No Action 11/20/2017

Draft 1: No Comments  
 Draft 2: No Comments

Morgan

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 11/21/2017

Draft 2: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: No Action  
 Draft 2: Recommends Approval 11/06/2017

Draft 1: No Comments  
 Draft 2: No Comments

National Show Horse

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 11/13/2017

Draft 2: No Comments

Paso Fino

Draft 1: No Action  
 Draft 2: Recommends Approval 10/30/2017

Draft 1: No Comments  
 Draft 2: No Comments

Roadster

Draft 1: No Action  
 Draft 2: No Action 11/21/2017

Draft 1: No Comments  
 Draft 2: No Comments

Saddle Seat Eq

Draft 1: No Action  
 Draft 2: No Action 11/20/2017

Draft 1: No Comments  
 Draft 2: No Comments

American Saddlebred

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** No Action 11/27/2017

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

Shetland

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 11/01/2017

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

Connemara

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 10/25/2017

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

Western Committee

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** No Action 11/21/2017

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

Jumper

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 11/28/2017

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

USHJA

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 12/14/2017

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

Carriage Pleasure Driving

**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 11/09/2017

**Draft 2:** The committee feels members should do their due diligence before the competition in making sure their horses are properly recorded. USEF should better educate individuals on the program and further promote the program.

Welsh

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 10/25/2017

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

Western Dressage

**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 11/07/2017

**Draft 2:** No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval

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

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 01/04/2018

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

Council - Intl Discipline

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 12/21/2017

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

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	4/1/2018	11/21/2017	Approved 1/20/2018

Proposed Change

**GR1304 Regulations Governing Showing Under Judges, Stewards and Technical Delegates** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 13-A RESPONSIBILITIES]

2. No member of a judge's family, nor any cohabitant, companion, domestic partner, housemate, member of a judge's household nor any of the judge's clients, employers or employees or employers of a member of the judge's family may compete as trainer, coach, exhibitor, rider, driver, handler, owner, lessor or lessee in any division, or Dressage class (~~Arabian, Morgan, and Western Dressage divisions in any competition~~) unless the relationship is terminated 30 days prior to the competition. For purposes of this rule included as employers are any individuals, corporations, partnerships, foundations, trusts or non-pro t organizations and shareholders owning five or more percent of the stock of any corporation which employs the judge or a member of the judge's family, and any officers, directors and partners of any corporation or partnership and officers, directors or trustees of any trust or foundation or non-pro t organization which employs the judge or a member of the judge's family. The hiring of a judge to officiate at Licensed Competitions shall not constitute employment for purposes of this rule. **Exceptions:**

- a. *Morgan and Western Dressage divisions in any competition.*
- b. *For the Arabian division, the aforementioned may compete in sections, which the judge is not officiating.*

3. No judge's trainer nor any of the judge's trainer's clients may compete as trainer, coach, exhibitor, rider, driver, handler, owner, lessor or lessee in any Division or Dressage class (~~Arabian, Morgan, and Western Dressage divisions in any competition~~) unless the relationship is terminated 30 days prior to the competition. **Exceptions:**

- a. *Morgan and Western Dressage divisions in any competition.*
- b. *For the Arabian division, the aforementioned may compete in sections, which the judge is not officiating.*

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Proponent Details	Contact Information
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Rule Change Intent

There is a financial impact and a loss of revenue for several shows due to this current restriction. The intent is to strike out "Arabian" in both .2 and .3.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> conflict of interest

Committee Actions

Arabian

<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Approval 11/17/2017	<b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Approval 12/05/2017	<b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments

**GR141.3 Tracking #331-17 Draft #2 Approved**

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2018	11/21/2017	Approved 1/20/2018

Proposed Change

**GR141 Owner's Classes** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 1-A DEFINITIONS]

- Every competitor must be an amateur and the owner, or an amateur member of the owner's family, unless the prize list states otherwise. Exception: Paso Fino Division.
- Owners' classes may be restricted to riders, drivers or handlers who are no longer eligible to compete as a junior exhibitor.
- Combined ownership is not permitted in Owner's or Amateur Owner's classes unless all owners are members of the same family. **Exception: Paso Fino.**
- In the Arabian Division, combined ownership is permitted in Owner's or Amateur Owner's classes, per AR110.**
- ~~4. Leased horses are not eligible. Exception: Paso Fino Division.~~

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Rule Change Intent

The Arabian Horse Show world is changing and as an industry we need to look for new and innovative ways for our Arabian Horses to be enjoyed by more individuals. In the opinion of the proponent, the Arabian Horse industry needs to be encouraging, not discouraging membership. With the cost of showing horses increasing, the opportunity to share the training/board/showing/etc. expenses with an unrelated owner may increase participation at competitions by allowing another class entry without ownership restrictions.

The lack of opportunity to partner and exhibit these co-owned horses in amateur owner classes effectively reduces any incentive to co-own or partner on the purchase or showing of horses. The expanded definition of "ownership" will allow for participation at lower costs. The ownership must be an "AND" ownership which may limit the ability for individuals to change ownership multiple times and demonstrates the level of commitment required on behalf of both parties.

The intent is to add "Arabian" to the exception in number 3.

Linked Rules	Comments
AR 110 (305-17)	<b>Web:</b> arabian

Committee Actions	
Arabian	
<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Approval 11/15/2017	<b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
Paso Fino	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 10/30/2017	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Approval 12/05/2017	<b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2018	8/31/2017	Approved 1/20/2018

Proposed Change

**GR151 Rule Change Procedures** [CHAPTER 1-B Adoption and Amendment of Federation Rules]

**GR151 Rule Change Procedures**

These rules may be added to, altered or amended at any meeting of the Board of Directors by a majority vote of those present as provided herein below. The USEF Legislative Committee is responsible for review, analysis, and oversight of the Federation's rule change process, subject to review and approval by the Board of Directors. Rule Change Categories: Standard, Clarification, Extraordinary, and FEI.

~~1. Standard Rule Changes. Individual Federation members, Federation Senior Staff, Federation Committees, and Recognized Affiliate Associations (Recognized Associations and International Discipline Associations), and eligible Individual Federation members may propose standard rule changes. Individual Federation members are eligible so long as the member is a Lifetime member or has held a Federation Senior Active membership for at least five (5) consecutive years. If an Individual Federation member is ineligible to submit a rule change due to these requirements, he may contact the appropriate Recognized Affiliate Association or Federation committee and request that either one consider proposing his desired rule change.~~

**1. Standard Rule Changes.**

a. Standard rule changes must be submitted to the Federation in writing on the USEF official form within the following deadlines in order to be considered within the current rule change year.

1. Individual Federation members June 1
2. Federation Senior Staff June 1
3. Federation Committees September 1
4. Affiliated Entities (Bylaw 221) September 1
5. Recognized Affiliate Associations (Bylaw 222) September 1

b. The proponent's name must be clearly listed on the official rule change form. When the proponent is other than an individual, **upon request**, such submissions shall be accompanied by minutes or certification signed by the Committee Chair or Recognized Affiliate Association's President that document the review and action taken at a meeting.

- c. The Legislative Committee may reject a proposal for:
1. failure to comply with the requirements of the official form;
  2. lateness;
  3. incompleteness;
  4. inexact or confusing language;
  5. a proposal that was disapproved the prior year;
  6. attempts to amend a rule or rules in effect for less than a year;
  7. proposing to change a rule that is solely within the Federation's purview
  8. any other specified reason in the Committee's discretion.

d. In the event the Legislative Committee rejects a proposal, the proponent must be notified in writing. Proponents of a rejected proposal may revise and resubmit a proposal. Any decision to reject a proposal made by the Legislative Committee shall prevail subject to review by the Board of Directors.

e. The Legislative Committee will designate review of the proposed rule change by any and all ~~standing~~ Federation Committees and each assigned entity deemed appropriate.

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Rule Change Intent

This proposed rule change is being submitted to ensure proposed rule changes come from those individual members of the Federation who are involved in

the Breed or Discipline impacted by the proposed rule change. Those individuals are most likely to know the rules and effects that changes to such rules will have on the Breed or Discipline. Additionally, those individuals will best understand the purposes for such rule changes and the enforcement of such rules. Therefore, those individuals with a history in the particular Breed or Discipline are best suited to propose rules with an impact on the sport.

Linked Rules	Comments
<b>Web: Rule Change Process - Individual Members</b>	
<b>Committee Actions</b>	
<b>Andalusian/Lusitano</b>	
<b>Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/02/2017</b>	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
<b>Arabian</b>	
<b>Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/15/2017</b>	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
<b>Breeds/Disciplines</b>	
<b>Draft 1: No Action</b>	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
<b>Dressage</b>	
<b>Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/04/2017</b>	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
<b>Driving</b>	
<b>Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/20/2017</b>	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
<b>Endurance</b>	
<b>Draft 1: No Action</b>	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
<b>Eventing</b>	
<b>Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/07/2017</b>	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
<b>Hackney</b>	
<b>Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/20/2017</b>	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
<b>Licensed Officials</b>	
<b>Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/27/2017</b>	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
<b>Morgan</b>	
<b>Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/21/2017</b>	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
<b>National Hunter Committee</b>	
<b>Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/06/2017</b>	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
<b>National Show Horse</b>	
<b>Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/13/2017</b>	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
<b>Paso Fino</b>	
<b>Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/30/2017</b>	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
<b>Roadster</b>	
<b>Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/21/2017</b>	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
<b>Saddle Seat Eq</b>	
<b>Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/20/2017</b>	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
<b>American Saddlebred</b>	
<b>Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/27/2017</b>	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
<b>Shetland</b>	
<b>Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/01/2017</b>	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
<b>Competition Management</b>	
<b>Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/04/2017</b>	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
<b>Vaulting</b>	
<b>Draft 1: No Action</b>	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
<b>Connemara</b>	
<b>Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/25/2017</b>	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
<b>Western Committee</b>	
<b>Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/21/2017</b>	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
<b>Reining</b>	
<b>Draft 1: No Action</b>	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>

Friesian

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/14/2017

Draft 1: No Comments

Jumper

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/28/2017

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/14/2017

Draft 1: USHJA is voting to approve this proposal, but also wanted to provide a comment to indicate it suggests the Federation amend this RCP to clarify that a Lifetime member needs to be 18 years of age or older to be eligible to submit a rule change proposal under this rule. Instances exist where individuals obtain a Lifetime Membership when they are still children.

Carriage Pleasure Driving

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/09/2017

Draft 1: No Comments

English Pleasure

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Welsh

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/25/2017

Draft 1: No Comments

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/07/2017

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 01/08/2018

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 01/04/2018

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/21/2017

Draft 1: No Comments

Governance

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2018	9/11/2017	Approved 1/20/2018

Proposed Change

**GR302 License Application Policies and Procedures** [CHAPTER Sub-Chapter 3-A, Competition License Applications]

GR302 License Application Policies and Procedures

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~~ **should** 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. **The Federation may accept applications for a new competition license agreement, subject to applicable late fees, between 60 and 30 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.

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

New competitions without mileage conflicts or existing competitions without a mileage conflict that fail to renew their license on time must submit a license application 60-days prior to the start of competition (GR302.2.d). However, numerous Requests for Presidential Modification were submitted this year to this rule for applications received inside of the 60-day requirement by only a matter of days (e.g. 57-days prior to the start of competition).

The intent is to add language to the existing rule that would permit the Federation to receive an application between 60-days and 30-days prior to the start of competition for an additional late fee. The logic behind this permission is that modifications to existing licenses are permitted up to 30-days prior to the start of competition for competitions without a mileage conflict. This change should increase the number of competitions by permitting, essentially, late applications where there is no mileage conflict. This change would not impact competitions with a mileage conflict.

Linked Rules

Comments

**Web:** New Competition License Applications

Committee Actions

Competition Management

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/04/2017

**Draft 1:** No Comments

USHJA

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/14/2017

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 01/08/2018

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2018	12/15/2017	Approved 1/20/2018

## Proposed Change

**GR837 & GR844 Schooling** [CHAPTER 8-E SCHOOLING]

## GR844 Poling

**Manual poling, or the use of offsets, is prohibited on competition grounds.**

1. If a Licensed Competition allows manual poling and the relevant state laws do not prohibit such practices, it must be done in the designated schooling areas. Manual poling is prohibited for all horses competing in Jumper classes at Regular Competitions. Horses 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 Jumper division additional penalties including disqualification from the balance of the competition may be imposed. Exception: Eventing Division (see EV111.2); Jumpers (see JP103.1).

2. Single poles of bamboo only (not rattan or any other material) must be used, and may not be filled with sand or any other foreign substance. They may be taped to prevent splitting but they may not be wired, contain tacks or have a diameter of over 2" at the large end. Pole must be held by one person only, using either one or two hands. Pole shall not be supported by any other means (i.e., standard, cup, or ring fence). There shall be no ropes, lunge reins or any other devices attached to said poles. Exhibitors must furnish their own poles and no other object may be manually employed.

3. Manual poling is permitted at a vertical fence only but a bamboo pole may be used as an off-set bar at either a vertical or spread fence. An off-set bamboo pole is one which is placed at any height behind or in front of the elements of the obstacle itself instead of being placed in the same vertical plane or planes. The length of the "off-set" bamboo pole may not exceed the length of the obstacle's rails. No other form of off-set or false ground line (ground line cannot be behind the vertical plane of the face of the fence or more than 3 feet in front, any trotting rail or placement pole may not be less than 8' to fence) is permitted. The spread fence must be jumped in the right direction.

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 evident, it will be reviewed by the Hearing Committee for such action as may be deemed appropriate to the particular circumstances.

## GR839 Cruelty to and Abuse of a Horse

4. The following acts are included under the words Cruelty and Abuse but are not limited thereto:

- Excessive use of a whip on any horse in a stall, runway, schooling area, competition ring or elsewhere on the competition grounds, before or during a competition, by any person. Except in emergency situations, any striking of the horse's head (on the poll and forward of the poll) with the whip shall be deemed excessive.
- Rapping the legs of a horse with the butt end of a riding crop or other implement.
- Use of any substance to induce temporary heat.
- Manual poling with any object other than a bamboo pole.

## GR837 Hunter

- Schooling areas for hunters must contain adequate hunter-type fences. A trotting fence, a vertical and an oxer are required. See also HU157.
- It is recommended that separate schooling areas be provided for hunters. A separate schooling area and jumps should also be provided for ponies.
- A supervisor of schooling must be appointed for the schooling area designated for hunters if the area is less than 20,000 sq. ft. in size or more than 500 horses are entered in the competition.
- A Steward/schooling supervisor must be present in the schooling area during any Hunter class offering \$10,000 or more in prize money.
- The Steward/schooling supervisor's decision regarding schooling fences, or tack and equipment in the warm-up area is final.

## Proponent Details

## Contact Information

Rule Change Intent

This rule change proposal is linked to several other rule change proposals drafted to unify the schooling rules across the disciplines of jumper, hunter and hunter/jumping seat equitation. Additionally, this rule change will disallow poling and/or the use of offsets any time while on the competition grounds in the interest of horse welfare, to ensure safety, and for the overall benefit of the sport.

Linked Rules	Comments
EQ 108 (192-17), JP 103 (171-17), HU 157 (174-17), GR 844 (214-17)	<b>Web:</b> Schooling Rules

Committee Actions

Licensed Officials

<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/27/2017	<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommend that it is only necessary to require that a vertical and an oxer are provided.
<b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Approval 12/20/2017	<b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments

National Hunter Committee

<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/06/2017	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Approval 12/18/2017	<b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments

Competition Management

<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 12/04/2017	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments

Safety

<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/21/2017	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments

Jumper

<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/28/2017	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Approval 12/18/2017	<b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments

USHJA

<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Approval 12/18/2017	<b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments

Steward-Technical Delegate Committee

<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/29/2017	<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommend that it is only necessary to require that a vertical and an oxer are provided.
<b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Approval 12/20/2017	<b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Approval 01/08/2018	<b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Approval 01/04/2018	<b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Approval 12/21/2017	<b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2018	12/15/2017	Approved 1/20/2018

Proposed Change

GR842 Falls [CHAPTER 8-F WELFARE OF THE HORSE]

GR842 Falls

The fall of horse and/or rider does not disqualify the competitor unless due to bad manners of the horse. Exception: Andalusian (see AL101.14), Dressage, Driving, Eventing, Equitation, Hunter, Jumper, Reining, Vaulting and Western classes, in which specific rules prevail. ***In the event of a fall of a horse in any Hunter, Jumper, or Hunter/Jumper equitation seat competition ring at a Federation licensed Hunter, Jumper or Hunter/Jumper competition, the judge shall notify a steward, regardless of whether an EMT is called, and the steward must include the details of the incident on his report to the Federation. (See HU132.8, EQ107.1.i.1, JP139.6)***

[Linked to USHJA RCPs to EQ107.1.i.1, HU132.8, HU137.3.e & JP139.6]

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

In the interest of both horse welfare and rider safety, all falls occurring in the competition ring during any hunter, jumper, and hunter/jumping seat equitation classes should be immediately reported to the competition steward who must include the details of the incident on his report to the Federation so the information can be recorded and tracked.

Linked Rules

EQ 107 (195-17), HU 132 (175-17), JP 139 (170-17)

Comments

Web: Reporting Falls

Committee Actions

Licensed Officials

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 11/27/2017  
 Draft 3: Recommends Disapproval 12/20/2017

Draft 2: No Comments  
 Draft 3: The Committee feels this rule will be difficult for the stewards to comply with if the judge doesn't report the fall to the steward in a timely manner.

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: No Action  
 Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/06/2017  
 Draft 3: Recommends Approval 12/18/2017

Draft 1: No Comments  
 Draft 2: The committee feels this rule will be a hardship for the stewards to keep track of all the falls. Additionally, the details of the fall and the cause are often a judgement call and we are not sure who this responsibility falls on.  
 Draft 3: No Comments

Competition Management

Draft 1: No Action  
 Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/04/2017  
 Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
 Draft 2: The committee does not believe this could be enforced and that it should not be a General rule.  
 Draft 3: No Comments

Jumper

Draft 1: No Action  
 Draft 2: Recommends Approval 11/28/2017  
 Draft 3: Recommends Approval 12/18/2017

Draft 1: No Comments  
 Draft 2: JSC approves but also feels that schooling areas should be included.  
 Draft 3: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: No Action  
 Draft 2: No Action  
 Draft 3: Recommends Approval 12/18/2017

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

Steward-Technical Delegate Committee

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 11/29/2017  
**Draft 3:** Recommends Disapproval 12/20/2017

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** The Committee feels this rule will be difficult for the stewards to keep track of. Additionally, the details of the fall and the cause are often a judgement call and it is unclear who this responsibility falls on.  
**Draft 3:** The Committee feels this rule will be difficult for the stewards to comply with if the judge doesn't report the fall to the steward in a timely manner.

Council - Admin & Finance

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** Recommends Disapproval 01/08/2018

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** Council felt that there needs to be better tracking between judge and steward. Recommends the following language, "The steward, if notified by the judge of a fall, must include the details of the incident on his report to the Federation so the information can be recorded and tracked."

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** Recommends Approval 01/04/2018

**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:** Recommends Approval 12/21/2017

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** Approved with the caveat that the Steward must not be held accountable for failure to comply on the part of the Judge.

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2018	12/20/2017	Approved 1/20/2018

Proposed Change

**GR843 - Mandatory Reporting and Cooperation of Horse/Pony Collapse** [CHAPTER 8-F Welfare of the Horse]

**GR843 Mandatory Reporting and Cooperation of Horse/Pony Collapse**

This rule applies to collapses of horses/ponies. For purposes of this rule, a “collapse” is defined as a fall to the ground with no apparent cause at any time from when entries arrive at the venue until departure from the venue. Other falls are not considered to be a collapse and are defined in GR122 and specified division rules. Refer to GR1034.6 for reporting requirements for all other falls and accidents.

1. The trainer as defined in GR 404, or the owner if the trainer is unavailable, or the rider if the trainer and owner are both unavailable, shall notify the Steward/Technical Delegate as soon as possible but no later than three hours after such occurrence of any collapse of a horse or pony. When a collapse occurs outside of competition hours or before the competition begins, notification must occur as soon as possible but no later than three hours after the Steward/TD reports to the show or returns to duty.
2. The Steward/TD shall report to Competition Management and the Federation within one hour of notification of a collapse.
3. In addition to the duties set forth in GR 1034.3, the Steward/TD shall file an Accident/Injury/Equine Collapse Report Form or Equine Fatality Report Form with the Federation within 24 hours of notification, except in exceptional circumstances such as no internet access at the venue.
4. The Federation, at its expense, may appoint a veterinarian to inspect the horse or pony that has collapsed and provide a full report to the Federation. Refusal to submit an animal for examination by an authorized veterinarian after due notification shall constitute a violation of this rule.
5. Any horse or pony that collapses at a licensed or endorsed competition is subject to drug and medication testing in accordance with Chapter 4 of these rules. In the absence of a Federation testing veterinarian, a veterinarian appointed under paragraph 4 (above) or the official competition veterinarian is authorized to collect and submit fluid samples in accordance with these rules.
6. The rider, owner, and trainer as defined in GR 404 shall cooperate with the Federation as to any investigation it undertakes with respect to a collapse or death of a horse/pony. This includes providing information requested by the Federation within 10 days of the request.

**7. Any horse/pony that collapses is prohibited from competing for 72 hours after said collapse. Exception: Upon examination by a veterinarian and submission of a statement by the veterinarian certifying the horse/pony's fitness to compete, a horse/pony that collapses is permitted to return to competition 24 hours after said collapse.**

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

Currently, there are no rules governing the return to competition of a horse or pony that collapses. It is in the best interest of horses/ponies to not return to competition for the 24 hour period following the collapse.

Linked Rules

Comments

**Web:** Horse/Pony Collapse

Committee Actions

Andalusian/Lusitano

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/02/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

Arabian

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/15/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** The committee approves of the rule and intent, but would like to see an additional vet exam prior to returning to play.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

## Breeds/Disciplines

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

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

## Dressage

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 12/04/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** Recommend language for a vet exam versus the 24 hours. Also recommend that proponents of tracking #272 and #271 work together for one rule change proposal.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

## Driving

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 12/20/2017

**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

## Eventing

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/07/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** The Eventing Sport Committee recommend that a request be made to combine tracking #'s 271-17 & 272-17.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

## Hackney

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/20/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

## Morgan

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/21/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** We approve this rule and concept, but would like to see language that includes an additional vet check prior to returning to competition. Also feels the horses trainer and owner should be involved.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

## National Hunter Committee

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/06/2017  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 01/03/2018

**Draft 1:** The committee is in favor with the intent of this rule change but we feel the language needs some further clarification: 1. Who is responsible for reporting the collapse and ensuring the horse or pony does not compete for 24 hours? 2. What happens if a horse arrives on the competition grounds prior to the start of the competitions (i.e. schooling day) and collapses when there is no steward available? 3. Is the withdrawal period based on the start time of the class that the horse/pony is entering? Would it not be easier to withdraw for the entire competition day rather than a 24 hour period. We are concerned that somebody competing a horse/pony at the very end of the 24 hour period could just move down in the order and get around the rule.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

## National Show Horse

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/13/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** Would like to see an additional vet check prior to returning to play.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

## Paso Fino

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 10/30/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

## Roadster

**Draft 1:** No Action 11/21/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

## Saddle Seat Eq

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/20/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** Committee approved the concept however, it was felt this should be approved on a case by case basis with the decision from the Official Veterinarian at the competition.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

## American Saddlebred

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/27/2017  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 12/21/2017

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

## Shetland

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/01/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

## Competition Management

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 12/04/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** The committee feels the language needs some further clarification and additional language requiring a vet check.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

## Vaulting

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

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

## Veterinary

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 12/22/2017

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** Based upon comments from other Committees, a second draft was proposed which incorporated additional considerations.

Connemara

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/25/2017  
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: We approve this rule and concept, but would also like to see language that includes a veterinary exam and approval for the horse/pony to return to play.  
Draft 2: No Comments

Western Committee

Draft 1: No Action 11/21/2017  
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments

Safety

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/21/2017  
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/21/2017

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: The Safety Committee had a similar rule in the system and has withdrawn it in favor of the Vet Committee's rule. Additionally, the Safety Committee is in favor of the edits made in Draft 2.

Reining

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments

Friesian

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/14/2017  
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: Would like to see an additional vet check prior to returning to competition.  
Draft 2: No Comments

Jumper

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/28/2017  
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/08/2018

Draft 1: JSC approves but thinks stronger language could be included to require the official competition vet to exam the horse prior to returning to play and this only after a minimum of 24 hrs.  
Draft 2: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/14/2017  
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: USHJA is voting to approve this proposal, but also wanted to provide comment to indicate it suggests the Federation consider amending the language to lengthen the amount of time a horse/pony is prohibited from competing after a collapse from 24 hours to "the remainder of the competition." Although the proposal as presented strengthens the current rule with respect to horse/pony welfare, lengthening the time frame of restriction from competition would better protect the horse/pony involved.  
Draft 2: No Comments

Carriage Pleasure Driving

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/09/2017  
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: We approve of this rule and concept, but would like an additional vet check prior to returning to competition. Like language to include "minimum 24 hours"  
Draft 2: No Comments

Steward-Technical Delegate Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/29/2017  
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/05/2018

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

Welsh

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/25/2017  
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/07/2017  
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: We approve of this rule; but would like to see an additional vet check prior to returning to competition.  
Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/08/2018

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: Everything that was problematic in Draft #1 was addressed in Draft #2.

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/04/2018

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/21/2017

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments

Governance

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2018	12/11/2017	Approved 1/20/2018

**Proposed Change**

**GR1004, GR1007, GR1008, GR1009, and WD123** [CHAPTER Licensed Officials, Western Dressage]

**GR1004 General**

17. A licensed ~~Dressage or~~ Western Dressage judge must judge Western Dressage classes.

~~a. licensed Dressage judge may officiate all levels of Western Dressage classes (see also GR1007-1009 for exceptions);~~

~~ab. a licensed 'r' Western Dressage judge may officiate Introductory, Basic and First levels only and Western Dressage Suitability, Western Dressage Hack and Western Dressage Seat Equitation (see also GR1009);~~

~~bc. a licensed 'R' Western Dressage judge may officiate all levels of Western Dressage classes and Suitability, Western Dressage Hack and Western Dressage Seat Equitation (see also GR1008)~~

~~cd. Breed licensed judges are eligible to officiate Western Dressage Suitability, Western Dressage Hack and Western Dressage Seat Equitation classes only.~~

**GR1007 Senior Judge**

Senior judge classification (S) applies to Dressage. Senior Dressage judges may officiate in all national and FEI Level Dressage classes at Federation Licensed Competitions. Senior Eventing Judges may officiate at any level of Eventing (see also EV171.1b). ~~A Senior Dressage judge may officiate all levels of Western Dressage with the exception of Western Dressage Suitability, Western Dressage Hack, and Western Dressage Seat Equitation.~~

**GR1008 Registered Judge**

1. A Registered judge (R) may officiate alone at any competition in the divisions in which he/she is Registered.

2. Registered Dressage judges may officiate in classes at Fourth Level and below except for FEI Dressage Tests for 5 and 6-year-old horses. Registered Dressage judges may officiate in FEI Junior Tests, FEI Pony Tests, FEI Childrens Tests, FEI Para-Equestrian Dressage Tests, FEI and USEF Dressage Tests for 4 year old horses, and USEF and FEI Eventing Dressage Tests at all levels. Registered Dressage judges may not officiate in any classes above Fourth Level.

3. Rated Hunter sections at Premier competitions must be judged by two Registered (R) judges.

4. A Registered Eventing judge may officiate the intermediate level and below (see also EV171.1c).

~~5. A Registered Dressage Judge may officiate at any level of Western Dressage with the exception of Western Dressage Suitability, Western Dressage Hack and Western Dressage Seat Equitation classes.~~

~~56. A Registered Western Dressage Judge may officiate at any level of Western Dressage including Western Dressage Suitability, Western Dressage Hack and Western Dressage Seat Equitation classes.~~

**GR1009 Recorded Judge**

1. The following divisions have specific limitations for 'r' recorded judges.

j. Western Dressage:

~~1. A Recorded Dressage Judge may officiate at any level of Western Dressage with the exception of Western Dressage Suitability, Western Dressage Hack and Western Dressage Seat Equitation classes.~~

~~12. A Recorded Western Dressage judge may officiate Introductory, Basic, and First Levels only and also Western Dressage Suitability, Western Dressage Hack and Western Dressage Seat Equitation classes.~~

The Sport Horse section was developed to evaluate and encourage the breeding of Purebred Arabian and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian horses suitable for Dressage, Working Hunter, Eventing, Jumper, Carriage Pleasure Driving, Combined Driving, Racing, Competitive Trail and Endurance, and to provide an opportunity to demonstrate the effectiveness of breeding programs. Form to function will be emphasized. Sport Horse classes in the Arabian, Half-Arabian and Anglo/Arabian Division are to be judged by Federation/ Equine Canada judges licensed in Dressage Sport Horse Breeding, Hunter Breeding, Dressage, Hunter or Jumper divisions; no guest card will be required. DR126.1.d.1(exception Arabian Sport Horse Classes). In the event that a Competition Management intends to schedule a Dressage Judge outside of the limitations of DR126.1d.1-2, it must be specifically noted in the contract. Management must also specify in the contract which classes the Dressage judge is contracted to judge, i.e. Dressage, ~~and/or Sport Horse and/or Western Dressage.~~ Management and the Dressage judge must agree upon the contract provisions, to eligible overtime and compensation; both Management and the Dressage judge must sign and date the contract.

WD123 Judges and Stewards

1. Western Dressage classes offered at Federation licensed competitions must be judged by a Federation licensed Dressage judge or licensed Western Dressage judge in good standing. Any judge officiating Western Dressage classes at a Federation licensed competition must be a current member in good standing with the Western Dressage Association of America. (Exception: for Western Dressage Suitability, Western Dressage Hack and Western Dressage Seat Equitation, judged as a group on the rail with the option of individual work rather than as an individual performance only, a judge must be a Federation licensed judge in the appropriate breed or breeds.)

2. For additional restrictions see GR1007 - GR1009.

3. C2 Stewards. A USEF licensed competition that offers Western Dressage tests/classes may use either a USEF licensed Category 2 Steward or an inspector designated by show management and under the direction of the C2 Steward. Tack and bits on both sides of the horse of a minimum of one-third (1/3) of the horses in each class/test must be inspected.

a. Once the exhibitor leaves the arena, the exhibitor must remain mounted until they reach the C2 Steward or equipment inspector. At that time, the exhibitor will dismount for the equipment inspection. Competitors will be asked to drop the bridle of the horse, removing the bit to below the mouth of the horse. A metal detector and/ or magnet may be used to detect the presence of the metal in nosebands. Random pulling of leg wraps will also occur at this time. See also WD119.

b. Any evidence of blood on the horse's mouth or sides or the addition of substances or devices behind wraps or boots will result in elimination of the entry for that class/test.

c. The checking of the bridle must be done with the greatest caution, as some horses are very touchy and sensitive about their mouths.

d. New disposable gloves must be available for and used by bit inspectors if a mouth piece must be handled by the inspector.

e. The responsibility for the correct attire and equipment rests with the competitor.

Proponent Details	Contact Information
Licensed Officials	Sally Ike sally.ike@usef.org

Rule Change Intent

The LOC wants to change the existing language in the indicated rules to reflect that dressage judges (of any level) are no longer permitted to judge western dressage classes. Currently, the language of the indicated rules permits a dressage judge (not holding a western dressage judge license) to officiate western dressage classes. The Committee seeks to eliminate this permission and require that any judge judging a western dressage class hold the appropriate western dressage license.

Applicable Rules: GR1004, GR1007, GR1008, GR1009, and WD123.

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: western dressage

Committee Actions

Arabian

<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Disapproval 11/15/2017 <b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> The committee feels there are not enough Western Dressage judges for the number of competitions. The lack of judges would cause a hardship on shows. <b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
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Dressage

<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 12/04/2017 <b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments <b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
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Licensed Officials

<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/27/2017 <b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Approval 12/07/2017	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments <b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
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Morgan

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/21/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

Friesian

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/14/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

Western Dressage

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/07/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

Council - Admin & Finance

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 01/08/2018

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

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 01/04/2018

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

Council - Intl Discipline

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 12/21/2017

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

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2018	10/2/2017	Approved 1/20/2018

Proposed Change

1004 General [CHAPTER 10-B General Rules and Fees]

GR1004 General

a. Unless stated otherwise, judges in the following classes are not required to be licensed by USEF nor is the competition required to obtain a guest card for the judge:

1. Exhibition classes for Breed, hunter, jumper or Western.

2. Opportunity Classes, with the exception of;

i. Dressage which must be judged by licensed Dressage judges.

3. ii. Opportunity classes in the Western Dressage Division which must be judged by **Western Dressage judges**. ~~either licensed Dressage judges with the exception of Western Dressage Suitability, Western Dressage Hack and Western Dressage Seat Equitation or licensed Western Dressage judges including Western Dressage Suitability, Western Dressage Hack, and Western Dressage Seat Equitation.~~ **Exception: Federation** breed licensed judges are also eligible to officiate opportunity classes in Western Dressage Suitability, Western Dressage Hack and Western Dressage Seat Equitation classes.

Proponent Details	Contact Information
Licensed Officials	Sally Ike sally.ike@usef.org

Rule Change Intent

The WDAA, through the LOC, submitted a rule change that would permit only Western Dressage judges to judge Western Dressage classes with a 12/1/18 effective date. The change to GR1004.a is intended to reflect the same officiating limitation in opportunity classes (i.e. Dressage judges are no longer able to judge Western Dressage classes). However, certain breed judges are still permitted to judge Western Dressage opportunity classes.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> western dressage judges

Committee Actions	
Arabian	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Disapproval 11/15/2017	<b>Draft 1:</b> The committee feels there are not enough Western Dressage judges for the number of competitions. The lack of judges would cause a hardship on shows.
Licensed Officials	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/27/2017	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
Morgan	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/21/2017	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
Friesian	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/14/2017	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
Steward-Technical Delegate Committee	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/29/2017	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
Western Dressage	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/07/2017	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
Council - Admin & Finance	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 01/08/2018	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments



**GR1004.2 Tracking #325-17 Draft #1 Approved**

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2018	9/5/2017	Approved 1/20/2018

Proposed Change

**GR1004.2** [CHAPTER Sub-Chapter 10-B, General Rules and Fees]

GR1004 General

2. All national level and Federation FEI officials must be Senior Active Members, 21 years of age or over. (Exception: Learner judges must be 21 years of age or over. Federation C1 Stewards and judges in the Paso Fino Division must be at least 25 years of age.)

Proponent Details	Contact Information
<b>Steward-Technical Delegate Committee</b>	Sally Ike sally.ike@usef.org

Rule Change Intent

The Steward and TD Committee wants to eliminate the exception that currently requires C1 Stewards to be a minimum of 25 years old prior to application. By removing the exception, the minimum age would default to 21 years old, which is the Committee's desire. The Committee's intent is to align the age requirements for C1 Stewards with other licenses and expand the eligible pool of applicants.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> Minimum Age - C1 Stewards

Committee Actions

Licensed Officials	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/27/2017	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
National Hunter Committee	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/06/2017	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
USHJA	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Disapproval 12/14/2017	<b>Draft 1: The rule is appropriate as is; minimum age for C1 Steward eligibility should remain at 25 years.</b>
Council - Admin & Finance	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 01/08/2018	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 01/04/2018	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>

**GR1004.5 Tracking #327-17 Draft #2 Approved**

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2018	11/15/2017	Approved 1/20/2018

Proposed Change

**GR1004 General** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 10-B GENERAL RULES AND FEES ]

GR1004 General

5. Judges licensed for the Andalusian/Lusitano, Dressage, ~~Dressage Sport Horse Breeding~~, **Driving, Hunter, or Jumper** division may adjudicate Andalusian/Lusitano ~~Dressage Sport Horse in Hand~~ classes. Guest cards may be issued to individuals on the AL foreign expert listing. ~~A licensed Dressage Sport Horse Breeding or Dressage judge is required at the IALHA National Championship competition.~~ A Technical Delegate is not required.

Proponent Details	Contact Information
Andalusian/Lusitano	Erin Desnoyers edesnoyers@usef.org

Rule Change Intent

The Andalusian/Lusitano Committee has proposed a rule change to the remove "Dressage" in the A/L Dressage Sport Horse section; therefore, the name of the section on GR1004.5 should also change. It is the intent to strike "Dressage" in Andalusian/Lusitano Dressage Sport Horse in Hand classes". In reference to the second draft of this rule change, it is the intent of the Andalusian/Lusitano Committee to remove Dressage Sport Horse Breeding judges and add Driving, Hunter, and Jumper licenses to adjudicate Andalusian/Lusitano Sport Horse classes.

Linked Rules	Comments
GR 1123 (326-17)	<b>Staff:</b> 1.4.18 - the intent was amended as DR and IDC pointed out that the intent did not match the rule change. <b>Web:</b> A/L dressage sport horse in hand

Committee Actions

Dressage	
<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action <b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Approval 12/04/2017	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments <b>Draft 2:</b> <b>Approved. However, the Rule change in the 'intent' does not match the wording in the RCP.</b>
Licensed Officials	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/27/2017 <b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Approval 11/27/2017	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments <b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
Council - Admin & Finance	
<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action <b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Approval 01/08/2018	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments <b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action <b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Approval 12/05/2017	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments <b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
Council - Intl Discipline	
<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action <b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Approval 01/10/2018	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments <b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2018	12/21/2017	Approved 1/20/2018

Proposed Change

GR1004 General [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 10-B GENERAL RULES AND FEES]

20. In the American Saddlebred division, if the previous year's competition had more than 250 horses competing in the saddlebred sections, and:

- a. If the competition hires a multi-judge panel, at least two (2) judges on the panel must be a Registered judge (R) in the divisions in which they are officiating. A special card cannot be used to fulfill this requirement.
- b. If the competition hires a single judge, then the judge must be a Registered judge (R) in the divisions in which he is officiating. A special card cannot be used to fulfill this requirement.

Proponent Details

American Saddlebred

Contact Information

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Rule Change Intent

Establishing criteria for a Large R license in order to provide value for the promotion and recognizing the level of prestige of a large competition.

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: American Saddlebred

Committee Actions

Licensed Officials

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/27/2017  
 Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/12/2017  
 Draft 3: Recommends Approval 01/05/2018

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

American Saddlebred

Draft 1: Tabled 11/27/2017  
 Draft 2: No Action  
 Draft 3: Recommends Approval 12/21/2017

Draft 1: Would like to amend number of horses required to more than 100 but need to review data first. Would suggest all horses judged by apprentice be Saddlebred but could be difficult to accurately track.  
 Draft 2: No Comments  
 Draft 3: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: No Action  
 Draft 2: No Action  
 Draft 3: Recommends Approval 01/08/2018

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: Recommends Approval 01/04/2018

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

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2018	8/31/2017	Approved 1/20/2018

Proposed Change

**GR1056 Friesian Judges** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 10-I LICENSE APPLICATIONS, ENROLLMENT, PROMOTION, AND]

SUBCHAPTER 10-I LICENSE APPLICATIONS, ENROLLMENT, PROMOTION, AND MAINTENANCE

GR1056 Friesian Judges

1. No application will be considered unless and until ten forms which actually evaluate the applicant per division are returned from USEF **Federation** members, one of which must be a recommendation from a member of the Federation Friesian Committee.
2. Applicants for enrollment in the Friesian Division must learner judge at least three Federation Licensed Competitions, under a minimum of three different Friesian judges within a three-year period preceding application. Exception: If a judge is already licensed as a Registered (R) or Recorded (r) judge in the Andalusian, Arabian, Hackney, Morgan, National Show Horse, American Saddlebred, or Welsh divisions, he/she may apply for a Friesian license without learner judging but must attend the USEF Friesian Judges Clinic within a three-year period preceding application.
3. All persons applying for enrollment or re-enrollment must have attended a Federation Friesian Clinic within three years preceding application.
4. All Friesian Judges must attend a Federation Friesian Judges Clinic every five years and receive a passing score of 85% or better on a written exam administered every two years.
5. The Committee will require Friesian judges who do not officiate at one Licensed Competition within five years in the Friesian division after obtaining a license or for any five-year period thereafter, to re-apply for a license.
6. No applicant will be considered for promotion unless he has adjudicated in at least two Licensed Competitions during the past five years, verified by stewards' reports.
7. **All Federation judges holding a Friesian card must be a current member in good standing with the International Friesian Show Horse Association.**

Proponent Details	Contact Information
Friesian	Sarah Beth Hollowed sbhollowed@usef.org

Rule Change Intent

In order to be consistent with the requirements of other USEF breed licensed judges (Morgan, Hackey, Roadster, Saddlebred, Paso Fino, Shetland, Welsh and Western Dressage) and to keep Friesian judges more informed through their Affiliate. The intent is to add the following language as number seven "All Federation judges holding a Friesian card must be a current member in good standing with the International Friesian Show Horse Association."

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> Friesian judges

Committee Actions

Licensed Officials

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/27/2017 **Draft 1: Before this rule could go into effect, a data sharing system must be established between USEF and IFSHA. Additionally, the Committee felt that the affiliate must be responsible for any costs incurred.**

Council - Admin & Finance

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 01/08/2018

**Draft 1:** This would create a rule requiring USEF to verify IFSHA membership, however, there is currently no data sharing with IFSHA, which would be required to facilitate enforcement. In 2017 there were 58 judges holding a Friesian license and there were 165 members declaring Friesian as the primary B/D. Cost outweighs benefits.

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/05/2017

**Draft 1:** No Comments

**GR1069 Tracking #253-17 Draft #1 Approved**

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2018	8/31/2017	Approved 1/20/2018

Proposed Change

**GR1069 Roadster Judges** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 10-I LICENSE APPLICATIONS, ENROLLMENT, PROMOTION, AND MAINTENANCE]

GR1069 Roadster Judges [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 10-I LICENSE APPLICATIONS, ENROLLMENT, PROMOTION, AND MAINTENANCE]

2. Learner judge a minimum of two days at two Federation Licensed Competitions, a minimum of five Roadster **Horse** classes, under a minimum of two different Federation Registered (R) licensed Roadster judges within a three year period preceding application. It is recommended that the Learner Judge attend the clinic prior to learner judging.

a. If a judge is already licensed in the Hackney, American Saddlebred or Saddle Seat Equitation divisions, he/she may add an additional license in the Roadster division by enrolling as per GR1071.1 GR1069.1 and learner judging a minimum of 5 Roadster **Horse** classes.

Proponent Details	Contact Information
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Roadster

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Rule Change Intent

The committee would like to insert "Horse" into the rule GR1069 for enrollment of learner Roadster judges and promotion of 'r' Roadster Judges to clarify that the requirements are for judging Roadster Horses and do not include judging Roadster ponies to fulfill the judging requirements.

Linked Rules	Comments
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**Web:** roadster judges

Committee Actions

Licensed Officials

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/27/2017

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Roadster

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/21/2017

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 01/08/2018

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/05/2017

**Draft 1:** No Comments

**GR1070.8 Tracking #239-17 Draft #1 Approved**

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2018	8/31/2017	Approved 1/20/2018

Proposed Change

**GR1070 American Saddlebred Judges** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 10-I LICENSE APPLICATIONS, ENROLLMENT, PROMOTION, AND]

GR1070 American Saddlebred Judges

5. No applicant will be considered for promotion unless he has adjudicated in at least two Licensed Competitions (**with a minimum of 100 entries**) during the past five (5) years in the American Saddlebred Division, verified by the Steward's report

6. Any judge officiating at Federation licensed American Saddlebred classes must be a current member in good standing of the American American Saddlebred Horse Association.

**7. A Judge may be required by the Federation to attend a Clinic outside of his regular rotation.**

**8. Judges who do not officiate at one (1) Licensed Competition within five (5) years in the Saddlebred division are required to attend an applicants clinic before they are eligible to renew their license.**

Proponent Details	Contact Information
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American Saddlebred

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Rule Change Intent

The American Saddlebred Committee would like to strengthen the requirements for the judges of their classes and for that reason they would like to add parts 8 and 9 to GR1070. I have sent a separate email with the proposed language to help with writing this rule change.

Linked Rules	Comments
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**Web:** American Saddlebred Judges

Committee Actions

Licensed Officials

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/27/2017

**Draft 1:** No Comments

American Saddlebred

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/27/2017

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 01/08/2018

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 01/04/2018

**Draft 1:** No Comments

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Proposed Change

GR1078 [CHAPTER 10-I License Applications, Enrollment, Promotion, and Maintenance]

GR1078 Western Dressage Judges

1. ~~Applicants must meet minimum requirements and complete the current training program approved by the Federation. Information on application procedure and the current program is available on the USEF website [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org) and also from the Federation Office.~~ No application will be considered unless and until 15 forms which actually evaluate the applicant for the Western Dressage division are returned from USEF members, eight of which must be from relevant licensed Western Dressage, Dressage, breed licensed judges, C2 stewards, or Western Dressage Committee members.

2. Every applicant must be a current member in good standing of the Western Dressage Association of America. Once licensed, each judge must maintain membership in good standing of the Western Dressage Association of America.

3. ~~Each applicant must complete the current training program of the Federation Western Dressage Committee, approved by the Federation Licensed Officials Committee. Information on the application procedure and on the current program is available from the Federation.~~

4. All Western Dressage judge must participate in and successfully complete all requirements of a Federation Western Dressage Judges' continuing education clinic at least once every three (3) years.

5. At the request of the ~~USEF Licensed Official Committee~~ **Federation**, a judge may be required to attend a continuing education clinic, outside of his regular rotation or may be asked to complete additional testing.

6. All Western Dressage judges must satisfactorily complete a written exam once every three years with a minimum passing score of 85%. The exam will be administered by USEF once in each three-year period.

7. ~~No applicant will be considered for promotion unless he has adjudicated a minimum of 15 entries at each level in USEF Western Dressage classes. Of these 15 entries at each level, five (5) must have been at the two highest tests for the level.~~

8. ~~Applicants must complete the current training program of the Federation Western Dressage Committee, approved by the Federation Licensed Officials Committee.~~

Proponent Details	Contact Information
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Licensed Officials

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Rule Change Intent

The current language of GR1078 relating to promotion of officials does not match the requirements document posted online (<https://www.usef.org/forms-pubs/sSRT9WgimAQ/western-dressage---registered>). The motion from the LOC was to align the language of GR1078 with the requirements listed in the online document via a reference to the online document. That is, for promotion to 'R' status, they would like to strike the language regarding promotion in GR1078 and replace it with language directing applicants to the online document.

Their request is that this be an EO with the earliest effective date possible. If not certified as an EO, the Committee would ask that the rule change move forward as a standard rule change.

Applicable rule: GR1078.

Linked Rules	Comments
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Web: western dressage judges

Committee Actions

Licensed Officials

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/27/2017

Draft 1: No Comments

Western Dressage

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/14/2017

**Draft 1:** Approving with desire to amend once policies and procedures document is available.  
Feels there is additional language needed and some current language needs amending.  
Approving with the hopes to work together to revise policy prior to going into effect

Council - Admin & Finance

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 01/08/2018

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 01/04/2018

**Draft 1:** No Comments

**GR1123.7 Tracking #326-17 Draft #2 Approved**

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2018	11/15/2017	Approved 1/20/2018

Proposed Change

**GR1123 Andalusian/Lusitano Division** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 11-F AWARD SECTIONS]

GR1123 Andalusian/Lusitano Division

7. Award Categories. National and Regional awards will be awarded in the following categories:

- a. Andalusian/Lusitano Halter: Classes to count include stallions, mares, **and** geldings, ~~and Dressage Sport Horse In-Hand.~~
- b. Half Andalusian/Lusitano Halter: Classes to count include stallions, mares, **and** geldings, ~~and Dressage Sport Horse In-Hand.~~

**c. Andalusian/Lusitano Sport Horse: Classes to count include: Sport Horse In-Hand; Sport Horse Under Saddle and Sport Horse Show Hack are combined.**

**d. Half Andalusian/Lusitano Sport Horse: Classes to count include: Sport Horse In-Hand; Sport Horse Under Saddle and Sport Horse Show Hack are combined.**

Proponent Details	Contact Information
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Rule Change Intent

The Andalusian/Lusitano Committee has proposed a rule change to the remove "Dressage" in the A/L Dressage Sport Horse section; therefore, the name of the section in GR1123.7.a. and GR1123.7.b. should also change. It is the intent to strike "Dressage" in Dressage Sport Horse in Hand classes".

Linked Rules	Comments
GR 1004 (327-17)	<b>Web:</b> A/L awards

Committee Actions	
Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Approval 12/05/2017	<b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
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Proposed Change

**GR1132 Pony Hunter Breeding and Hunter Breeding [CHAPTER 11-F AWARD SECTIONS]**

GR1132 Pony Hunter Breeding and Hunter Breeding

[...]

2. Hunter Breeding Awards are offered for the following at the Zone level from USHJA and National level from the Federation: Hunter Breeding Yearling, Hunter Breeding Two-Year-Old, and Hunter Breeding Three-Year-Old. ~~Point Tabulation, see HU189.4.~~

3. The horse accumulating the most National points out of the Yearling, Two-Year-Old and Three-Year-Old Hunter Breeding (horse) sections will be awarded the Grand Champion Hunter Breeding Award.

4. Pony Hunter Breeding awards are only offered at the Zone level from USHJA for the following: Pony Hunter Breeding Yearling, Pony Hunter Breeding Two-Year-Old, Pony Hunter Breeding Three-Year-Old. ~~Point Tabulation, see HU190.5.~~

**5. Point Tabulation**

**a. Classes with combined age groups do not count toward the Horse or Zone Horse of the Year Awards. Exception: Best Young Horse and Best Young Pony classes. See also GR1113.**

**b. Points will be based on the number of horses/ponies in the class as follows:**

Number in Class	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
1	1 (*)			
2	2	1 (*)		
3 -10	5	3	2	1
11 +	10	6	4	2

**c. (\*) If a horse or pony that competes in a qualifying class with less than three entries becomes Best Young Horse/Pony or Reserve Best Young Horse/Pony at that competition, they will receive full points for the qualifying class (i.e. 5 pts. for 1st, 3 pts. for 2nd).**

**d. Points awarded in the Best Young Horse Class for the Championship and Reserve Championship are based on the total number of horses entered in all rated classes of the Hunter Breeding section.**

**e. Pony Hunter Breeding Championship points are based on the total number of ponies in the rated classes of the Pony Hunter Breeding Division (Yearling, Two year-olds, and Three year-olds) 1 to 14 total entries: Champion 5 points, Reserve 3 points 15 or more entries: Champion 10 points, Reserve 6 points**

[renumber remainder of section accordingly]

5 6. Presentation of the National Horse of the Year Awards will be made at the Federation Annual Meeting.

6 7. Presentation of the USHJA Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be made at Zone meetings at the discretion of Zone Committees and auspices of Zone Committees, only after approval of the USHJA.

7 8. USHJA Zone awards will be distributed according to the USHJA Zone map.

8 9. The USHJA shall determine the National, Zone and/or Stirrup Cup HOTY points to be awarded for its USHJA Hunter Breeding 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.

#### Proponent Details

USHJA

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#### Rule Change Intent

The points for Hunter Breeding and Pony Hunter Breeding belong in GR11 rather than in the HU Chapter. This rule change proposal contains NO new rule language, but instead, transfers existing language from the HU Chapter to GR1132 to make the rules easier to follow. [Linked to USHJA RCP to HU100, HU112.4, HU112.9 & HJ300]

#### Linked Rules

#### Comments

Web: HU Reorg - HB Points: HU to GR

#### Committee Actions

##### National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/06/2017

Draft 1: No Comments

##### USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/14/2017

Draft 1: No Comments

##### Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 01/04/2018

Draft 1: No Comments

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**Proposed Change**

**GR1133 Jumpers [CHAPTER 11-F Award Sections]**

GR1133 Jumpers

[...]

2. Point Tabulation. See GR1113-GR1119. Children's and Adult Jumper USHJA Zone Horse of the Year Awards and Pony, 5-Year Old, 6-Year Old, and 7/8-Year Old Jumper National and USHJA Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be based on the following:

<b>Exhibitors</b>	<b>3-8</b>	<b>9-15</b>	<b>16-25</b>	<b>26+</b>
<b>1st</b>	15	20	25	30
<b>2nd</b>	10	15	20	25
<b>3rd</b>	5	10	15	20
<b>4th</b>	4	5	10	15
<b>5th</b>	3	4	5	10
<b>6th</b>	2	3	4	5

<b>Exhibitors</b>	<b>3-8</b>	<b>9-15</b>	<b>16-25</b>	<b>26+</b>
<b>1st</b>	15	20	25	30
<b>2nd</b>	10	15	20	25
<b>3rd</b>	8	12	16	20
<b>4th</b>	6	9	12	15
<b>5th</b>	5	8	11	14

6th 4 7 10 13

7th 3 6 9 12

8th 2 5 8 11

\*Determined by the number of entries that competed (see JP135.13) in the class.

Proponent Details Contact Information

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Rule Change Intent

To make the point tabulation in Children's & Adult Jumper, Pony, and Young Jumper classes comparable to hunters and equitation; award points through eighth place and to decrease the decline of points after the first few places.

Linked Rules Comments

Staff: Information Technology - 2 hours to implement
Web: Jumper Point Tabulation

Committee Actions

Jumper

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/28/2017

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/14/2017

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/21/2017

Draft 1: No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
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Proposed Change

**1142 Welsh Pony, Cob and Half Welsh & GR312 [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 11-F AWARD SECTIONS]**

**GR1142 Welsh Pony, Cob and Half Welsh**

1. Welsh Pony Awards are offered for the following at the Regional and National level
  - a. Welsh **English** Pleasure Sections A&B, 12.2 hands & Under ~~(to include English and Western Pleasure)~~
  - b. Welsh **English** Pleasure Sections B over 12.2 hands but not exceeding 14.2 hands ~~(to include English and Western Pleasure)~~
  - c. Welsh **English** Pleasure Sections C&D ~~(to include English and Western Pleasure)~~
  - d. Welsh **English** Pleasure Sections A&B- Adult to Ride ~~(to include English and Western Pleasure)~~
  - e. Welsh Pleasure Driving, Sections A&B
  - f. Welsh Hunter Sections A&B-12.2 hands & Under **not exceeding 14.2 hands**
  - g. ~~Welsh Hunter Sections B over 12.2 hands but not exceeding 14.2 hands~~
  - h. Welsh Hunter Sections C&D
  - i. Welsh Hunter Sections A&B- Adult to Ride
2. Half/Part-Bred Welsh Awards are offered for the following at the Regional and National level:
  - a. Half/Part-Bred Welsh Pleasure
  - b. Half /Part-Bred Welsh Hunter
3. **An overall Western Pleasure award is offered for the following at the Regional and National Level:**
  - a. **Western Pleasure Sections A, B, C & D and Half/Part-Bred Welsh**

**Chart in GR312:**

Division or Section	minimum number classes	minimum prize money	minimum
Welsh			
Welsh <b>English</b> Pleasure Sections A & B (12.2h & under/junior to ride)	3	\$100	3
Welsh <b>English</b> Pleasure – Section B (over 12.2h-14.2h/junior to ride)	3	\$100	3
Welsh <b>English</b> Pleasure Sections C & D (junior and adult to ride)	3	\$100	3
<del>Adult</del> Welsh English Pleasure – Adult to ride Sections A & B (14.2h & under/adult to ride)	3	\$100	3
Half/Part-Bred Welsh Pleasure (junior and adult to ride)	3	\$100	3

Welsh Pleasure Driving Sections A & B (junior and adult to drive)	3	\$100	3
Welsh Hunter Sections A & B ( <del>12.2h &amp; under</del> <b>up to 14.2h /junior to ride</b> )	3	\$100	3
<del>Welsh Hunter Section B (over 12.2h-14.2h/junior to ride)</del>	<del>3</del>	<del>\$100</del>	<del>3</del>
-			
Welsh Hunter Sections C & D (junior and adult to ride)	3	\$100	3
<del>Adult Welsh Hunter Sections A &amp; B – Adult to ride</del> (14.2h & under/ <del>adult to ride</del> )	<del>3</del>	<del>\$100</del>	<del>3</del>
Half/Part-Bred Welsh Hunter (junior and adult to ride)	3	\$100	3
Welsh Western Pleasure Sections A, B, C, D and Half/Part-Bred Welsh	3	\$100	3

Proponent Details

Welsh

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Rule Change Intent

The Welsh would like to change the way some of their classes/awards function to better facilitate participation and provide a more fair, level, playing field for several of the Welsh performance sections.

First, the committee proposes to combine two of the Hunter sections. Currently there is a very small number of ponies competing which represent the small Welsh pony hunter (under 12.2 h). Rather than have an award for the Welsh Hunter A & B sections (under 12.2 h), and an award for only Section B ponies (over 12.2 h but under 14.2 h) section, the committee would like to see the 2 sections combined into one, Welsh Hunter Sections A & B not to exceed 14.2 h section. This will eliminate one Hunter HOTY Award section.

The second proposed change will separate out the Western Pleasure from the existing English/Western Pleasure sections. It's proposed that Western Pleasure exhibitors no longer be judged in conjunction with the English Pleasure exhibitors for the same class/award, thus dividing the existing English/Western Pleasure awards. This will allow the English Pleasure and Western Pleasure participants to compete against others within the same discipline.

The third proposed change, in conjunction with the proposed separation of what is currently the Welsh Pleasure (to include English and Western Pleasure), is to create one combined (A/B/C/D and Half/Part-Welsh) Western Pleasure section. The committee feels adding this section will better serve the Western Pleasure Welsh members. The Western entries will now compete against fellow Western riders rather than both English and Western. This proposed Western Pleasure Sections A, B, C & D and Half/Part-Bred Welsh section will be offered at both the Regional and National Level.

The chart in GR312 will also need to be updated to reflect the English Pleasure, Western Pleasure, and Hunter updates. The Welsh Hunter Sections should be combine to create the: Welsh Hunter Sections A & B (not to exceed 14.2h/junior to ride)

Linked Rules

Comments

**Staff:** Information Technology - 3 hours to implement  
**Web:** welsh

Committee Actions

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/05/2017

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2018	1/16/2018	Approved 1/20/2018

Proposed Change

**GR1211 - Appointment of Officials and Employees** [CHAPTER 12-C Duties of Competition Management in General]

GR1211 Appointment of Officials and Employees

5. Qualified Medical Personnel.

a. Qualified medical personnel with no other duties and with appropriate medical equipment, as required by their certifying State or EMS Region, must be present during all scheduled performances at all competitions and during all paid scheduled schooling sessions over fences, including one (1) day prior to the start of the competition if applicable, and during all scheduled performances.

1. Qualified medical personnel is a currently certified or licensed EMT, or Paramedic, Certified First Responder, or a Physician or Nurse trained in pre-hospital trauma care and currently certified or licensed in their profession under applicable law where the competition is held. (Exception: Eventing - see EV113.5).

2. A Physician or Nurse trained in pre-hospital trauma care is a Physician or Nurse who is currently certified in Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS), Basic Trauma Life Support (BTLS), Pre-hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS), or who has First Responder or comparable certification. ~~Comparable certification requires review and written approval in advance by the Safety Committee.~~ (Exception: Eventing - see EV113.5).

Proponent Details	Contact Information
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Rule Change Intent

As currently written, GR1211 designates the Safety Committee as the appropriate body to review certification of those medical professionals that fail to meet the qualifications to serve as Qualified Medical Personnel. The Safety Committee is not populated with medical professionals, therefore it is not equipped to determine whether medical certifications are comparable to those enumerated in the rule and necessary to serve as Qualified Medical Personnel at Licensed Competitions. Additionally, those trained in Advanced Life Support have the requisite skills to serve as Qualified Medical Personnel. Therefore, those certified in Advanced Life Support should be added to the list of individuals eligible to serve as Qualified Medical Personnel. As a result of this rule change, those individuals seeking an exception to the list of qualifications, will submit a request for a Presidential Modification to the rule in accordance with GR152.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> Medical Personnel at Competitions

Committee Actions

Eventing	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/07/2017 <b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b> <b>Draft 2: No Comments</b>
Licensed Officials	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/27/2017 <b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b> <b>Draft 2: No Comments</b>
Roadster	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/21/2017 <b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b> <b>Draft 2: No Comments</b>
American Saddlebred	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/27/2017 <b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b> <b>Draft 2: No Comments</b>
Competition Management	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 12/04/2017 <b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b> <b>Draft 2: No Comments</b>

USHJA

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/14/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

Steward-Technical Delegate Committee

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/29/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

Council - Admin & Finance

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 01/08/2018  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 01/04/2018  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

Council - Intl Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 01/10/2018  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** There were concerns raised within the Council that the additional medical personnel do not have the proper training to provide medical support in the field. The Council also believes that this opens the Council up for liability issues if the Council is approving medical qualifications. Beezie Madden abstained.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2018	1/3/2018	Approved 1/20/2018

Proposed Change

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

GR1214 Results

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 1.40m or above. 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. **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.**

Proponent Details	Contact Information
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Rule Change Intent

If the USHJA rule change proposal concerning HU132.9 is approved, an updated reference to HU132.9 will need to be added to clarify the designations that will be required to be included with all hunter class results. The purpose of this addition to the rulebook is to provide the hunter discipline with better and more precise data more akin to the data available under the jumper rules, thus providing resulting in more accurate horse and rider reports that can be used more definitively in guiding the trajectory of programs and championships.

Linked Rules	Comments
HU 132 (188-17)	<b>Web:</b> Hunter Results

Committee Actions

Licensed Officials

<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Disapproval 11/27/2017 <b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Disapproval 01/05/2018	<b>Draft 1:</b> The Committee felt that adding these additional comments to their cards is an unnecessary burden. <b>Draft 2:</b> The Committee feels that adding these additional comments to their cards is an unnecessary burden to judges and show management.
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National Hunter Committee

<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action <b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Approval 01/03/2018	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments <b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
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Competition Management

<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Disapproval 12/04/2017 <b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> Would approve if this included Did Not Compete and Did Not Place only. <b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
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USHJA

<b>Draft 1:</b> Referred 12/14/2017 <b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Approval 01/02/2018	<b>Draft 1:</b> Referred to January USHJA Board Meeting <b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
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Steward-Technical Delegate Committee

<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action 11/29/2017 <b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Disapproval 01/05/2018	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments <b>Draft 2:</b> The Committee feels that adding these additional comments to their cards is an unnecessary burden to judges and show management.
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Council - Admin & Finance

**Draft 1:** No Action

**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 01/08/2018

**Draft 1:** No Comments

**Draft 2:** Would create additional work for show secretaries. This information is already being tracked in the results.

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 1:** No Action

**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 01/04/2018

**Draft 1:** No Comments

**Draft 2:** No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
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Proposed Change

1304 Regulations Governing Showing Under Judges, Stewards and Technical Delegates [CHAPTER 13-A Responsibilities]

22. When you are officiating as a Judge in the Hunter or Hunter Seat Equitation divisions, none of the following may compete as a trainer, coach, competitor, rider, owner, handler, lessor or lessee in either the Hunter or the Hunter Seat Equitation divisions in a class in which you are officiating at that competition, unless the relationship is terminated, or the transaction is completed, at least 30 days prior to the competition:

- a. A member of your family.
- b. A member of your household or housemate.
- c. A cohabitant, companion, or domestic partner.
- d. An employee. Catch Riders and Independent Service Providers (defined below) are not employees for purposes of this rule.

1. Catch Rider: An individual who is engaged, for remuneration or ~~not as a volunteer~~, **exclusively** to compete, **including any warm-up schooling for that immediate competition**, on a horse(s) owned by another with whom they have no current business relationship. **A catch rider has no influence** regarding the ongoing **competition schedule, management, schooling, exercising**, training, care, custody or control of the horse.

2. Independent Service Provider: An individual who performs a service(s) for another and the payer has the right to control or direct only the result of the work and what will be done and how it will be done. The Independent service provider controls the details as to how the service is performed.

- e. A client.
- f. Your trainer.
- g. A client of your trainer.
- h. 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.
- i. A horse trained or shown by you or by a member of your family.
- j. A horse sold by you or by your employer.

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Rule Change Intent

As currently written, GR1304.22's definition of Catch Rider leaves open the possibility of an ongoing relationship between riders and owners to compete a horse regularly throughout the season without conflict, as well as riders who take on the role of trainer. The definition of a Catch Rider should be limited to those individuals who ride a horse on occasion or at a single competition. Riders with ongoing relationships with owners likely play a role in the schooling and exercising of the horse in preparation for competition.

Linked Rules      Comments

Web: Definition of Catch Rider

Committee Actions

Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/04/2017

Draft 1: No Comments

Driving

Draft 1: No Action 12/20/2017

Draft 1: No Comments

Endurance

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Eventing

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/07/2017

Draft 1: No Comments

Licensed Officials

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/27/2017

Draft 1: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/18/2017

Draft 1: The language of this rule re-write is currently ambiguous. The new terms used to further define a catch rider are words that will need to be further defined themselves, such as "management".

Vaulting

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Reining

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Jumper

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/28/2017

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/14/2017

Draft 1: No Comments

Steward-Technical Delegate Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/29/2017

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 01/08/2018

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 01/04/2018

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

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Draft 1: No Comments