

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2015

PROPONENT

USHJA

INTENT

To allow hunters to show in jumper classes without changing their eligibility status.

PROPOSED CHANGE

HU103 GREEN STATUS - HUNTER [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-1 DEFINITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY] **change to read:**

~~HU103 Green Status— Hunter~~ ***Eligibility, Pre-Green and Green Status for Horses and Ponies***

1. In all cases, the hunter eligibility and green status of the horse or pony are the responsibility of the owner. ~~[HU103.1 The green status of a horse is the responsibility of the owner.]~~

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

3. Determining Green or Pre-Green Status for horses. Horses that have not broken their Pre-Green or Green Status must jump less than their regulation height or their Green Status will be broken. The Green or Pre-Green status of a horse is determined by the following factors in competition experience at Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a USEF or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America:

a. The height of fences (determined by the class, section or division specifications) over which a horse or pony has competed.

b. The number of competition years a horse has competed at regulation height. A horse that has competed in such classes for two (2) or more competition years, without receiving a reinstatement, is no longer eligible to compete in the respective Pre-Green or Green section.

4. Determining Hunter eligibility for ponies. Hunter eligibility for a pony begins when a pony of any age, competes for the first time in any over fences class with jumps set at 2'3" or higher for small ponies, 2'6" or higher for medium ponies and 2'9" or higher for large ponies in Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a USEF or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America.

5. Determining Green Status for ponies. Ponies that have not broken their Green Status must jump less than their regulation height or their Green Status will be broken. The Green status of a pony is determined by the following factors in competition experience at Hunter or Hunter /Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a USEF or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America:

a. The height of fences (determined by the class, section or division specifications) over which a pony has competed.

b. The number of competition years a pony has competed at regulation height. A pony that has competed in such classes for one (1) or more competition years, without receiving a reinstatement, is not longer eligible to compete in the Green section.

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

7. ~~[HU103] 3.~~ If a competition starts prior to or on November 30th, **Pre-Green and Green status at the start of the competition is **are** maintained throughout the competition.**

8. Green Status sections are divided into Pre-Green Horse (3' and 3'3"); First Year Green, Second Year Green and Green Conformation; and Green Pony (2'3", 2'6" and 2'9). Each status is defined below.

9. Pre-Green Horse Status.

~~[HU106] 3. Pre-Green— Unless USHJA Zone Committees submit their specifications by August 1st to the Federation, the following specifications will apply:~~

~~[HU106.3] a. A Pre-Green Hunter is a horse of any age in his first or second year of showing over 3' 0" (0.925m) or 3'3" (1.00m) fences that has never competed over fences of 3'6" (1.07m) or higher. Upon receipt by the owner of written notification of a 1st Year Green Reinstatement a horse may return to Pre-Green if it meets all other eligibility requirements of Pre-Green.~~

a. A Pre-Green Hunter is a horse of any age in his first or second year of showing over fences set at 3'0" or 3'3" in height that has never competed over fences set at 3'6" in height or higher in Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a USEF or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America. Upon receipt by the owner of written notification of a First Year Green Hunter Reinstatement a horse may return to Pre-Green Hunter if it meets all other eligibility requirement of Pre-Green Hunter.

~~[HU106.3] b. Pre-Green status begins when a horse competes in any hunter, jumper, hunter seat equitation or jumping seat equitation classes held at~~

Federation-Licensed competitions, Equine Canada competitions and/or FEI competitions with fence heights set at 3'0" (0.925m) or higher.

[HU106.3] c. A horse may not have competed in any hunter, jumper, hunter seat equitation or jumping seat equitation classes held at Federation-Licensed competitions, Equine Canada competitions and/or FEI competitions with fences set at 3'6" (1.075m) or higher prior to or during their Pre-Green years. Exception: Horses six years of age and under competing over fences of 3'6" (1.075m) or higher in jumper classes at FEI competitions will retain eligibility as Pre-Green Hunters. Eligibility is the responsibility of the owner.

[HU106.3] d. A horse is eligible to compete as a Pre-Green hunter for a maximum of two years regardless of their age.

b. A horse is eligible to compete as a Pre-Green Hunter for a maximum of two (2) years regardless of age.

[HU106.3] e. Horses may compete in either or both the 3'0" (0.925m) or 3'3" (1.00m) Pre-Green hunter section during their two (2) years of eligibility. Horses may not cross enter between 3'0" (0.925m) and 3'3" (1.00m) Pre-Green sections at the same competition (see USHJA Zone Specifications for exceptions).

c. Horses may compete in either or both the 3'0" or 3'3" Pre-Green Hunter section during their two (2) years of eligibility. Horses may not cross enter between 3'0" and 3'3" Pre-Green sections at the same competition. Exception: In USHJA Zone 9, horses may cross enter between 3'0" and 3'3" Pre-Green sections at the same competition.

d. Once a horse begins competing in a class that restricts Pre-Green status, it may no longer compete in any Jumper class at 1.05 meters or above held at a USEF or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America or it will lose its pre-green status.

[HU105.7] a. Pre-Green Reinstatement. A Pre-Green reinstatement may be granted one time. A horse is not eligible for a Pre-Green reinstatement if it has competed in any hunter, jumper, hunter seat equitation or jumping seat equitation classes held at Federation-Licensed competitions, Equine Canada competitions and/or FEI competitions with fences set at 3'7" (1.10 m) or above. Exception: Horses six years of age and under competing over fences of 3'6" (1.075m) or higher in jumper classes at FEI competitions will retain eligibility as Pre-Green Hunters without the need for a green reinstatement. Horses that have competed in a USHJA International Hunter Derby are not eligible for reinstatement of Pre-Green status. See HU106 for Pre-Green status definition.

e. Pre-Green Reinstatement. A Pre-Green reinstatement may be granted one time. A horse is not eligible for a Pre-Green reinstatement if it has competed over fences set at 3'7" in height or higher in Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a USEF or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America. Horses that have competed in a USHJA International Hunter Derby are not eligible for reinstatement of Pre-Green status.

[HU106.3] f. No jogging is required.

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10. Green Hunter Horse Status for First Year, Second Year and Green Conformation.

[HU103] 1. A Green Hunter is a horse of any age in its first or second year of showing in any hunter, jumper, hunter seat equitation or jumping seat equitation classes held at Federation-Licensed competitions, Equine Canada competitions and/or FEI competitions in which the specifications require horses to jump 3'6" (1.075m) or higher, regardless of whether or not the fences are actually set at 3'6" (1.075m) or higher. Exception: Horses six years of age and under competing over fences of 3'6" (1.075m) or higher in jumper classes at FEI competitions will retain eligibility as Pre-Green or First Year Green Hunters and horses seven years of age competing over fences of 3'6" (1.075m) or higher in jumper classes at FEI competitions will retain eligibility as Second Year Green Hunters. The green status of a horse is the responsibility of the owner.

[HU103] 2. A horse's green status is considered to be broken once it competes over fences 3'6" (1.075m) or higher.

a. A Green Hunter is a horse of any age that is eligible to compete in the Green Hunter Section. A horse's Green Hunter eligibility, regardless of age, begins the first time the horse competes in any over fences class with jumps set at 3'6" in height or higher in Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a USEF or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America.

[HU103.1] a. When shown in a Green section a horse in its first year of showing over fences 3'6" (1.075m) or higher must be shown as a First Year Green horse.

b. A horse in its first year of showing in the Green Hunter section over fences 3'6" or higher must be shown as a First Year horse when it is shown in Green Hunters or Green Conformation Hunters.

[HU103.1] b. When shown in a Green section a horse in its second year of showing over fences 3'6" (1.075m) or higher must be shown as a Second Year Green horse.

c. A horse in its second year of showing in the Green Hunter section over fences 3'6" or higher must be shown as a Second Year horse when being shown in the Green Hunters.

[HU105.7] b. First Year Green Reinstatement. A First Year Green reinstatement may be granted one time. A horse is not eligible for a First Year Green reinstatement if it has competed in any hunter, jumper, hunter seat equitation or jumping seat equitation classes held at Federation-Licensed competitions, Equine Canada competitions and/or FEI competitions with fences set at 3'7" (1.10m) or above. Exception: Horses six years of age and under competing over fences of 3'6" (1.075m) or higher in jumper classes at FEI competitions will retain eligibility as Green Hunters without the need for a green reinstatement. A horse is not eligible for a First Year Green reinstatement if it has competed in the US Junior Hunter Championship. See HU103 for Green status definition.

d. Once a horse begins competing in a class that restricts Green status, it may no longer compete in any Jumper or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation class at 1.20 meters or above held at a USEF or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America or it will lose its Green status.

e. A First Year Green reinstatement may be granted one time. A horse is not eligible for a First Year Green reinstatement if it has competed in any over fences class with jumps set at 3'7" in height or higher in Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a USEF or

Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America. A horse is not eligible for a First Year Green reinstatement if it has competed in the US Junior Hunter Championship.

[HU105.7] c. **Second Year Green Reinstatement.** A Second Year Green reinstatement may be granted one time. Horses seven years of age competing over fences of 3'6" (1.075m) or higher in jumper classes at FEI competitions will retain eligibility as Second Year Green Hunters without the need for a green reinstatement. See HU103 for Green status definition.

f. A Second Year Green reinstatement may be granted one time.

HU104.1 Green Status — Pony Hunter

11. Green Pony Status.

[HU104] 1. A green pony is a pony not exceeding 14.2 hands of any age, in its first year of showing in any hunter, jumper, hunter seat equitation or jumping seat equitation classes held at Federation Licensed competitions, Equine Canada competitions and/or FEI competitions that require ponies to jump the regulation height or higher for its respective section. The green status of a pony is the responsibility of the owner.

a. A green pony is a pony not exceeding 14.2 hands of any age, which is eligible to compete in the Green Pony section. A pony's Green Hunter eligibility, regardless of age, begins the first time the pony competes in any over fences class with jumps set at 2'3" or higher for small ponies, 2'6" or higher for medium ponies and 2'9" or higher for large ponies in Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a USEF or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America.

[HU104.1] a. Showing in Canada over fences at or higher than the regulation height for the pony's section under Equine Canada rules breaks the pony's green status for the purpose of this Rule and Federation rules whether or not the regulation height for the pony's section under Equine Canada rules is less than, equal to, or greater than the regulation height for the pony's section under Federation rules.

[HU104.1] b. Once a pony has broken its green status in one Pony Hunter section (i.e., small, medium, large) it will not regain its green status by moving into another Pony Hunter section.

b. A pony is eligible to compete as a Green Pony for a maximum of one (1) year regardless of age or change to measurement status. A pony that has changed height sections in its green year may complete the green year at its new height.

[HU104] 2. If a competition starts prior to or on November 30, Green Pony status at the start of the competition is maintained throughout the competition.

[HU104] 3. Ponies who have not broken their Green Status must jump less than their regulation height in open classes or their Green Status will be broken.

[HU104] 4. In its first year of showing at regulation height or higher, a green pony may also compete in the Regular Pony Hunter section at its respective height.

c. In its first year of showing at regulation height or higher, a green pony may also compete in the Regular Pony Hunter section at its respective height.

d. Once a pony begins competing in any class that restricts Green status, it may no longer compete in any Jumper class held at a USEF or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America or it will lose its Green status.

[HU105.7] d. **Pony Green Reinstatement.** A Pony Hunter Green reinstatement may be granted one time. A pony is not eligible for a green reinstatement if it has competed in the US Hunter and/or Jumper Pony Championship. See HU 104 for Green Pony Hunter status definition.]

e. A Pony Hunter Green reinstatement may be granted one time. A pony is not eligible for a green reinstatement if it has competed in the US Hunter and/or Jumper Pony Championship.

[HU105 Green Status — Reinstatement]

12. Green Reinstatement.

[HU105.1] d. Until written notification has been received from the Federation that the reinstatement has been granted, a horse or pony cannot return to compete in the section for which the reinstatement application was made. **A horse or pony cannot return to compete in the section for which the reinstatement application was made until written notification has been received from the Federation that the reinstatement has been granted.**

[HU105] 1. **Green Reinstatement.** A horse or pony's eligibility to compete in sections that are restricted by experience may be reinstated for a future competition year provided that: **A horse or pony's eligibility to compete in sections that are restricted by experience may be reinstated for a future competition year provided that:**

[HU105.1] a. The horse or pony was not shown at the regulation height or higher at more than four (4) competitions prior to September 1st of the current competition year.

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[HU105.1] b. The horse or pony was not shown at the regulation height or higher on or after September 1st of the current competition year.

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[HU105.1] c. The horse or pony must stop competing at the regulation height or higher immediately upon application for reinstatement.

c. The horse or pony does no longer competes at the regulation height or higher immediately upon application for reinstatement.

[HU105.1] e. The horse or pony is otherwise eligible for a reinstatement under Federation rules.

d. The horse or pony is otherwise eligible for a reinstatement under Federation rules.

[HU105] 2. The Federation recorded owner must submit the green reinstatement application, which must reach the Federation office on or before November 30th of the year of withdrawal. The request must be made during the year in which green status was broken.

e. The Federation recorded owner has submitted the green reinstatement application, which must reach the Federation office on or before November 30th of the year of withdrawal. The request must be made during the year in which green status was broken.

[HU105] 3. The green reinstatement application must include the following:

[HU105.3] a. The processing fee (fee schedule available on www.usef.org)

[HU105.3] b. A list of competitions with dates where the horse or pony competed at its regulation height or higher.

[HU105.3] c. The horse's or pony's name and Federation recording number.

[HU105.3] d. The name, USEF number and signature of the Federation recorded owner.

[HU105.3] e. Green reinstatement applications with missing or incomplete information will be automatically denied.

[HU105] 4. If the horse or pony is not actively recorded at the time of request, it must be recorded/renewed at that time. If the horse or pony is not recorded/renewed at the time of

application, the reinstatement request will be automatically denied.

[HU105] 5. The owner will receive written notification from the Federation stating whether the horse or pony has been granted a green reinstatement.

[HU105] 6. In the event an owner of a horse or pony is not satisfied with the decision, the owner may submit a written appeal to be heard by the Federation Hearing Committee at a \$100 appeal fee. An appeal does not guarantee the reinstatement will be granted.

[HU105] 7. Types of Hunter Green Reinstatements

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

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PROPONENT

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INTENT

To define the procedures that allow exhibitors to use communication devices.

PROPOSED CHANGE

HU126 EQUIPMENT [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-4 ATTIRE, TACK AND EQUIPMENT] **change to read:**

HU126 Equipment

2. Electronic Communication Devices

a. No mounted exhibitor may wear or carry an electronic communication device (i.e., cellular telephone, pager, walkie talkie, iPod, etc.) while in the competition ring. The penalty for wearing or carrying a forbidden device if observed by the judge may be elimination from the class during which the device was worn or carried. ~~Exception: A handicapped participant may use electronic devices if, prior to the class, he/she presents to the USEF Steward written justification from treating personnel setting forth the necessity of the equipment.~~

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

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

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

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PROPONENT

USHJA

INTENT

To define the procedures that allow exhibitors to use communication devices.

PROPOSED CHANGE

EQ109 APPOINTMENTS [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ-2 HUNTER SEAT EQUITATION SECTION] **change to read:**

EQ109 Appointments

3. *Electronic Communication Devices*

a. No mounted exhibitor may wear or carry an electronic communication device (i.e., cellular telephone, pager, walkie talkie, etc.) while in the competition ring. The penalty for wearing or carrying a forbidden device if observed by the judge may be elimination from the class during which the device was worn or carried. ~~Exception: A handicapped participant may use electronic devices if, prior to the class, he/she presents to the USEF Steward written justification from treating personnel setting forth the necessity of the equipment.~~

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

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

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

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PROPONENT

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INTENT

To define appropriate, formal and inappropriate attire.

PROPOSED CHANGE

HU127 ATTIRE [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-4 ATTIRE, TACK AND EQUIPMENT] **change to read:**

HU127 Attire

1. Protective headgear. All riders must wear protective headgear. See GR801.2. While competing in a jumping class, if a rider's chin strap becomes unfastened, the rider may stop, re-fasten the chin strap and continue his/her round without penalty or elimination. A judge may, but is not required, to stop a rider and ask them to refasten a chin strap which has become unfastened, again without penalty to the rider.

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

3. Formal Attire. Riders are required to wear scarlet or dark coats; white shirts with white stock; white, buff or canary breeches. and protective headgear. See GR801.2. While competing in a jumping class, if a rider's chin strap becomes unfastened, the rider may stop, re-fasten the chin strap and continue his/her round without penalty or elimination. A judge may, but is not required, to stop a rider and ask them to refasten a chin strap which has become unfastened, again without penalty to the rider. Members of the Armed Services or the Police may wear the Service Dress Uniform.

4. Inappropriate attire. When management permits Hunter or Hunter Seat Equitation riders to ride without jackets, riders must wear traditional, short, or long-sleeved riding shirts with chokers or ties. Polo shirts and **full** chaps are not permitted except in unjudged warm-up classes. Management or Judge may eliminate an exhibitor who is inappropriately attired.

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Standard

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PROPONENT

USHJA

INTENT

To define attire.

PROPOSED CHANGE

EQ109 APPOINTMENTS [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ-2 HUNTER SEAT EQUITATION SECTION] **change to read:**

EQ109 Appointments

1. Protective headgear. All riders must wear protective headgear. See GR801.2. While competing in a class, if a rider's chin strap becomes unfastened, the rider may stop, re-fasten the chin strap and continue his/her performance without penalty or elimination. A judge may, but is not required, to stop a rider and ask them to refasten a chin strap which has become unfastened, again without penalty to the rider. Headgear must be free from non-traditional adornment.

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

3. Spurs, crops or bats are optional but if used must be a conservative color.

4.1. Personal. Exhibitors and judges should bear in mind that at all times entries are being judged on ability, rather than on personal attire. Riders should wear coats of any tweed or Melton for hunting (conservative wash jackets in season), breeches or jodphurs and boots. Conservative colored protective headgear with no additional adornments in accordance with GR801 is mandatory. While competing in a jumping class, if a rider's chin strap becomes unfastened, the rider may stop, re-fasten the chin strap and continue his/her round without penalty or elimination. A judge may, but is not required, to stop a rider and ask them to refasten a chin strap which has become unfastened, again without penalty to the rider. Spurs, crops or bats are optional. Judges may penalize contestants who do not conform. When management permits Hunter or Hunter Seat Equitation riders to ride without jackets, riders must wear traditional, short, or long-sleeved riding shirts with chokers or ties. Polo shirts, and chaps are not permitted except in unjudged warm-up classes. Management or Judge may eliminate an exhibitor who is inappropriately attired. **Inappropriate attire.** When management permits Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation riders to ride without jackets, riders must wear traditional, short, or long-sleeved riding shirts with chokers or ties. Polo shirts, and full chaps are not permitted except in unjudged warm-up classes. Management or Judge may eliminate an exhibitor who is inappropriately attired.

5. Tack. Regulation snaffles, pelhams and full bridles, all with cavesson nose bands, are recommended. Two-ring bits, three-ring bits and gags are not considered conventional equipment for hunter seat equitation classes. A judge at his own discretion can penalize a horse with nonconventional types of bits or nose bands. Martingales are permitted in classes over obstacles and in the jumping phase of classes requiring both jumping and flat work. Changing of bits between phases is permissible.

6. Stirrups must be silver in color or non-colored stainless steel. Riders entering the ring with stirrups that do not conform will be eliminated. (Exception: quick release safety stirrups and stirrups with jointed branches are permitted when the remaining area of the stirrup branch is silver in color or non-colored stainless steel and does not unduly obscure the judge's view of the rider's foot in the stirrup.)

2.Tack. Regulation snaffles, pelhams and full bridles, all with cavesson nose bands, are recommended. Two-ring bits, three-ring bits and gags are not considered conventional equipment for hunter seat equitation classes. A judge at his own discretion can penalize a horse with nonconventional types of bits or nose bands. Martingales are permitted in classes over obstacles and in the jumping phase of classes requiring both jumping and flat work. Changing of bits between phases is permissible.

3.7. No mounted exhibitor may wear or carry an electronic communication device (i.e., cellular telephone, pager, walkie talkie, etc.) while in the competition ring. The penalty for wearing or carrying a forbidden device if observed by the judge may be elimination from the class during which the device was worn or carried. Exception: A handicapped participant may use electronic devices if, prior to the class, he/she presents to the USEF Steward written justification from treating personnel setting forth the necessity of the equipment.

4.8. A rider will be eliminated for competing with a tail wrap.

5. The use of stirrups that have entirely black branches is not permitted in any Equitation class. The use of stirrups which have entirely black branches will automatically result in elimination.

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To reorganize the rule and address issues in the competition environment, including point deductions for rails and for seconds over time allowed.

PROPOSED CHANGE

EQ110 CLASS ROUTINE [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ-2 HUNTER SEAT EQUITATION SECTION] **change to read:**

EQ110 Class Routine

1. Over obstacles.

- a. *The performance begins when the horse enters the ring.*
- b. *Each competitor's round will be scored on the rider's performance.*
- c. *Each competitor may circle once before approaching the first obstacle. He then proceeds around the course keeping an even pace throughout.*
- d. *If a refusal occurs in a double or triple, competitors must re-jump all obstacles in the combination.*
- e. *The judge will determine a base score for each competitor's performance. A knock down penalty of four (4) points per rail will be deducted from the base score.*
- f. *In classes with a time allowed, a one (1) point deduction per second over the time allowed will be deducted from the base score.*
- g. *The following constitute major faults:*
 - 1. *A refusal.*
 - 2. *Trotting on course when not part of a test.*
- h. *The following constitute faults at the judge's discretion:*
 - 1. *A loss of stirrup(s).*
 - 2. *A loss of rein(s).*
- i. *An eliminated rider must leave the ring immediately. If elimination occurs during a ride-off, the competitor is placed last of all those chosen for the ride-off, but placed before any riders not participating (see EQ113). The following actions will result in elimination:*
 - 1. *Fall of horse and rider (rider shall not remount in the ring).*
 - 2. *Three cumulative refusals. Exceptions: Riders will be eliminated after two refusals in the U.S. Hunter Seat Medal Finals, U.S. Pony Medal Finals, Maclay Finals, USEF Talent Search class and the WIHS Equitation Jumper phase.*
 - 3. *Off course.*
 - 4. *Trotting or cantering through the in-gate or out-gate.*
- j. *Any or all competitors can be called back to perform at a walk, trot and canter or to execute any appropriate tests included in class requirements (see EQ112 and EQ113). If a rider does not attempt a part of the test (e.g., fails to back, fails to halt) a score of 50 shall be given for the first occurrence. If a rider attempts the test, but encounters difficulty (e.g., loss of counter lead, breaking to the canter in front of a trot fence), up to 10 points may be deducted depending on severity, for each occurrence.*

2. Flat Classes and Flat Phases.

- a. *In Hunter Seat or Jumping Seat Equitation flat classes or phases, judges must work competitors in groups of twenty (20) or less.*
- b. *Light contact with the horse's mouth is required*
- c. *Competitors shall proceed at least once around the ring at each gait and, on command, reverse and repeat. The order to reverse can be executed by turning either toward or away from the rail. Entries then line up on command.*
- d. *All tests must be on the flat.*
- e. *In addition to the class requirements of EQ112 and EQ113, in Intermediate, Open Equitation classes for riders 12 years of age and older, ASPCA Maclay classes, and all U.S. Hunter Seat Medal classes, riders may be asked to work collectively without stirrups.*
- f. *In addition to the class requirements of EQ112 and EQ113, in Open Equitation classes for riders 12 years of age and older, ASPCA Maclay classes, and all U.S. Hunter Seat Medal classes, judges may call for more advanced flatwork such as shoulder in, shoulder out, haunches in, haunches out, and changing direction collectively.*
- 3. *Outside assistance will be penalized at the judge's discretion.*
- 4. *In cases of broken equipment or loss of shoe, the competitor must continue or be eliminated. Exception: see EQ109.1 for protective headgear.*
- 5. *The number of competitors who complete the course will be used to determine the number of entrants for the increment system.*
- 6. *In any two-phase equitation class, i.e. the WIHS, Maclay and the USEF Talent Search, a rider must complete both phases to be eligible for a ribbon in the overall standings. Exception: U.S. Hunter Seat Medal see EQ112.9.*
- 7. *No medal class with a national year-end finals may run concurrently with any other class or section in the same ring. Exception: Pony Medals and WIHS Equitation Hunter Phase.*

1. Over Obstacles. The performance begins when the horse enters the ring. Except for refusals jumping faults of the horse are not to be considered unless it is the result of the rider's ability. No rider can be eliminated until ten riders have completed the course, or a number equal to the ribbons being awarded. (Exception: three refusals, fall of horse and/or rider and off course). The following will result in elimination: a) fall of horse and/or rider (rider shall not remount in the ring); b) three cumulative refusals (exceptions: USEF Medal Finals, USEF Pony Medal Finals, Maclay Finals, USEF Talent Search class and the WIHS Equitation Jumper phase, exhibitors will be eliminated after two cumulative refusals); c) off course; and d) trotting or cantering through the in-gate or out-gate. In the event of an elimination, the rider must exit the ring immediately. If elimination occurs during a ride-off, the competitor is placed last of all those chosen for the ride-off, but placed before any riders not participating (see EQ113). The following constitute major faults and can be cause for elimination: a) a refusal; b) loss of stirrup; c) trotting while on course when not part of a test; and d) loss of reins. Each competitor may circle once before approaching the first obstacle. He then proceeds around course keeping an even pace throughout. If a refusal occurs in a double or triple, competitors must rejump all obstacles in

the combination. Any or all competitors can be called back to perform at a walk, trot and canter or to execute any appropriate tests included in class requirements (see EQ112 and EQ113). If a rider does not attempt a part of the test (e.g., fails to back, fails to halt) a score of 50 shall be given for the first occurrence. If a rider attempts the test, but encounters difficulty (e.g., loss of counter lead, breaking to the canter in front of a trot fence), up to 10 points may be deducted depending on severity, for each occurrence. In the event that a rail comes down, first score the knockdown within the context of the round. Unless the knock down is caused by a MAJOR rider error, it should not be considered a MAJOR riding fault. BOD 1/19/13 Effective 12/1/13. 2. Not to Jump. Competitors shall enter ring and proceed at least once around ring at each gait and, on command, reverse and repeat. Riders may be asked to work collectively without stirrups in Intermediate, 14 and over and Open classes. The order to reverse can be executed by turning either toward or away from the rail. Light contact with horse's mouth is required. Entries then line up on command. Any or all riders may be required to execute any appropriate tests included in class requirements (EQ112 and EQ113). All tests used must be on the flat. Judges are encouraged to call for at least two tests of the top contestants. 3. Outside Assistance. Outside assistance will be penalized at the judge's discretion. 4. In cases of broken equipment or loss of shoe, the competitor must continue or be eliminated. 5. The number of competitors who complete the course will be used in determining the number of entrants for the increment system. 6. In any two-phase equitation class, i.e. WIHS, Maclay, and the USEF Talent Search, a rider must complete both phases to be eligible for a ribbon in the overall standings. Exception USEF Medal, see EQ112.9. 7. No medal class with national year-end finals may run concurrently with any other class or section in the same ring. Exception: Pony Medals and WIHS Equitation Hunter Phase. BOD 1/19/13 Effective 12/1/13.

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2015

PROPONENT

USHJA

INTENT

To give detail of the already allowed Federation caused protest measurements within the rules of USEF.

PROPOSED CHANGE

HU180 FEDERATION PROTEST MEASUREMENT VERIFICATION [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-10 MEASUREMENT] add and renumber as necessary:

HU180 Federation Measurement Verification

- 1. The CEO or Executive Director of the Federation may, at his/her discretion, cause a measurement verification to be undertaken of any animal competing in a division, section or class requiring measurement at a Licensed Competition.***
- 2. The animal is required to be presented to the steward within one hour of the completion of the animal's last class on the day of the measurement verification within the section requiring measurement. At that time, the animal will be measured or the presenter will inform the steward that the animal will be presented for an appeal measurement see HU181.5b/c. The animal's measurement card will be forfeited and the animal will be suspended from showing until it is presented for the appeal measurement. If the measurement verification is on the first day of the section, the animal may finish competing in the section or class requiring measurement. The animal will be photographed by the measurement technician on the left and right sides, front and back at the time the animal is tagged for measurement verification. The photographs will be used to verify the identity of the animal at the appeal measurement.***
- 3. The animal may be presented to be jogged shod or unshod, prior to measurement.***
 - a. If jogged with shoes, shoes may be removed after the jog but no changes to the hoof may occur prior to the measurement.***
 - b. If jogged without shoes, all changes to the hoof must be done prior to the jog but no changes to the hoof may occur after the animal has been jogged.***
- 4. The animal may not receive or ingest any substances other than hay and water until the measurement is complete.***
- 5. The animal must be sound. The Official Show Veterinarian will determine age and soundness. If the animal is determined to be unsound, the measurement verification cannot be completed and the animal may not compete until an appeal measurement is completed.***
- 6. A Steward appointed by the Federation will perform the measurement(s).***
- 7. If an animal is found to be outside the permitted height range that is determined by the animal's measurement card by 1/4", the owner forfeits entry fees and winnings for that competition. All points accumulated for Horse of the Year and Zone Horse of the Year Awards to that date are forfeited. Said animal is suspended from competing in Federation Licensed Competitions for 90 days from the date of the measurement verification and a new measurement card will be issued to the owner at the end of the suspension period.***
 - a. The current trainer and the Steward who conducted the original measurement of an animal that is found to measure outside of the permitted height range that is determined by the animal's measurement card may be subject to penalty by the Federation.***
 - b. If the animal remains in its current height section, the animal may continue to compete as before.***
 - c. The decision of the measuring officials is final unless an appeal is filed with the Federation within fourteen (14) days (see HU181.5 b and c).***
- 8. An animal may only be selected for a Federation Measurement Verification one time in each calendar year. Animals that are 15 years of age or older are not subject to Federation Measurement Verification.***

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Extraordinary

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2015

PROPONENT

Hearing Committee

INTENT

To further define those individuals accountable and responsible for violations of the prohibited substance rule in Chapter 4.

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR404 Responsibility and Accountability of Trainers [CHAPTER] change to read:

GR404 Responsibility and Accountability of Trainers **and other Persons Responsible**

1. Trainers **and other Persons Responsible**, in the absence of substantial evidence to the contrary, are responsible and accountable under the penalty provisions of these rules. **The trainer and other Persons Responsible are not relieved from such responsibility as a result of the lack or insufficiency of stable security.**

2. The Persons Responsible may include the rider who rides, vaults, or drives the horse and/or pony during a competition, and/or the Owner, Trainer, and other Support Personnel.

3. Support Personnel is defined to include but is not limited to grooms, handlers, longeurs, and veterinarians may be regarded as additional Persons Responsible if they are present at the competition or have made a relevant decision about the horse and/or pony.

4. A trainer is defined as any adult or adults who has or shares the responsibility for the care, training, custody, condition, or performance of a horse and/or pony. Said person must sign the entry blank of any Licensed Competition whether said person be a trainer, owner, rider, agent and/or coach. Where a minor exhibitor has no trainer, then a parent, guardian or agent or representative thereof must sign the entry blank and assume responsibility as trainer. The name of the trainer must be designated as such on the entry blank. It is the responsibility of trainers as well as competition management to see that entry blanks contain all of the required information. **The responsibilities of a trainer include, but are not limited, to the following:**

- a. for the condition of a horse or pony at a Licensed Competition (whether or not they have signed an entry blank),
 - b. to guard each horse and/or pony at, and sufficiently prior to, a Licensed Competition such as to prevent the administration by anyone of, or its exposure to, any forbidden substance, and
 - c. to know all of the provisions of this Chapter 4 (including any advisories or interpretations published in equestrian) and all other rules and regulations of the Federation and the penalty provisions of said rules. For purposes of this rule, substantial evidence means affirmative evidence of such a clear and definite nature as to establish that said trainer, or any employee or agent of the trainer, was, in fact, not responsible or accountable for the condition of the horse and/or pony. If any trainer is prevented from performing his or her duties, including responsibility for the condition of the horses and/or ponies in his or her care, by illness or other cause, or is absent from any Licensed Competition where horses and/or ponies under his or her care are entered and stabled, he or she must immediately notify the competition secretary and, at the same time, a substitute must be appointed by the trainer and such substitute must place his or her name on the entry blank forthwith. Such substitution does not relieve the regular trainer of his/her responsibility and accountability under this rule; however, the substitute trainer is equally responsible and accountable for the condition of such horses and/or ponies.
5. The trainer and owner acknowledge that the trainer represents the owner regarding horses and/or ponies being trained or managed, entries, scratches for any reason and any act performed on any horse and/or pony under the care and custody of the trainer.
6. In the case of a horse and/or pony competing under the Therapeutic Substance Provisions, any trainer or other **Person Responsible** subject to these rules who actually administers, attempts to administer, instructs, aids, conspires with another to administer or employs anyone who administers or attempts to administer a forbidden substance to a horse and/or pony which might affect the performance of said horse and/or pony at a competition licensed by the Federation without complying with GR411, is subject to the penalties provided in GR406.

7. Any trainer or **Person Responsible** subject to these rules who administers, attempts to administer, instructs, aids, conspires with another to administer or employs anyone who administers or attempts to administer any substance to a horse and/or pony by injection or by any other route of administration, whether the substance is forbidden or permitted, in the competition ring of a competition licensed by the Federation during a scheduled class, is subject to the penalties provided in GR406.

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2015

PROPONENT

Safety

INTENT

For safety purposes to require junior riders to meet the criteria established as standard in other youth serving sports.

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1316 Accidents Involving Competitors [CHAPTER Subchapter 13E Return to Competition] **change to read:**

GR1316 Accidents Involving Competitors

1. This rule pertains to accidents involving competitors ~~in schooling or competition areas~~ at Federation Licensed or Endorsed competitions.
2. In the event of a fall/accident where the competitor is apparently unconscious or concussed, he/she is precluded from competing until evaluated by qualified medical personnel as defined in GR1211.5. If the competitor refuses to be evaluated, he/she is disqualified from the competition.
3. A time-out may be called under paragraph 2 in accordance with applicable division rules.
4. Unconsciousness/Concussion. If qualified medical personnel determine that a competitor has sustained unconsciousness or a concussion, he/she must be precluded from competing until cleared to compete under paragraph 6, below.
5. Medical Suspension. Any competitor who is determined ineligible to compete under any of the preceding paragraphs will be placed on the Federation Medical Suspension List that will be posted on the Federation's website.
6. Return to Competition.
 - a. **Seniors:** In the event that a competitor is determined to be ineligible to compete under one of the preceding paragraphs, the competitor shall submit to the Federation, a signed release, which includes criteria established by the Federation from time to time, completed by a licensed physician ~~medical professional~~ in order to be eligible to once again compete in Federation Licensed or Endorsed Competition.
 - b. **Juniors:** *In the event a Junior competitor is determined to be ineligible to compete under one of the preceding paragraphs, the following apply:*
 - i. *No loss of consciousness but with brief symptoms of concussion e.g. confusion, loss of memory, altered mental state (all symptoms of concussion must have resolved within 15 minutes both at rest and exercise) – minimum 7 days mandatory suspension. The day of injury counts as the first day of the suspension period.*
 - ii. *Any loss of consciousness, however brief, or symptoms of concussion persisting after 15 minutes – minimum 21 days mandatory suspension. The day of injury counts as the first day of the suspension period.*
 - iii. *Notwithstanding the above, riders who have established a baseline neurocognitive skills level through a Federation approved testing program e.g. IMPACT test, may return to competition after 7 days upon submission to the Federation of certification that they have passed an exam establishing that they have suffered no impairment of that level. In addition, they must submit clearance as required in a above.*
 - iv. *All other riders may, at the expiration of the mandatory suspension, return to competition by complying with the requirements of a above.*
7. For all competitors evaluated pursuant to this rule, the Steward or Technical Delegate shall submit a properly completed Accident/Injury Form, and if applicable, any corresponding signed released to the Federation Director of Competitions by 6:00 p.m. on the day following the last day of the competition.
8. Refusal of Entry. Competitions shall refuse entries of any competitor who is on the Federation Medical Suspension List unless he submits to the Federation a properly signed release as described in paragraph 6, above. Any competitor on the Federation Medical Suspension List is responsible for not competing in any further Federation Licensed or Endorse competition until they are removed from the medical suspension list.
9. Substitution. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the rules herein, if an entry is accepted prior to the time the competitor was added to the Federation Medical Suspension List, a substitute competitor may be named.
10. Refund. Notwithstanding any other provision of the rules herein, for any competitor who appears on the Federation Medical Suspension List, a Federation Licensed or Endorse Competition shall refund the entry fees and Jumper nominating fee, if applicable, less office fee.

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2015

PROPONENT

Veterinary

INTENT

To provide vaccination requirements in an attempt to minimize the potential for disease outbreak. This rule would also provide consistency for entry across all Federation competitions and eliminate the use of excessive vaccination requirements.

PROPOSED CHANGE

845 Equine Vaccination Rule [CHAPTER 8F Welfare of the Horse] add and renumber as necessary:

1. *At Federation licensed competitions, horses entering the grounds must be accompanied by documentation of Equine Influenza Virus and Equine Herpes Virus (Rhinopneumonitis) vaccinations within six months prior to entering the stables. Horses not in compliance with this rule may be required to leave the competition grounds upon request by Competition Management. Documentation should consist of one of the following methods mentioned below. The frequency of vaccine administration should be per the vaccine manufacturers' or veterinarian's recommendations. It is recommended that vaccines are administered by or under the direction of a veterinarian.*
2. *In the case of vaccines administered by a veterinarian, the exhibitor, upon request by Competition Management, must provide documentation from the veterinarian on documenting that the horse in question received the vaccinations; name of the vaccines and date of vaccine administration.*
3. *In the case of vaccines administered by a person other than a veterinarian, the exhibitor, upon request by Competition Management, must provide a receipt of the vaccine purchase which is signed by the owner, or agent with care, custody, and control of the horse; name, serial number and expiration date of the vaccine; and date of vaccine administration.*
4. *In the case of a horse that is unable to receive either of the vaccinations due to a history of adverse reactions, the exhibitor, upon request by Competition Management, must provide a letter from the veterinarian on official letterhead stating that the horse in question cannot be vaccinated due to medical concerns and a log of temperatures taken twice daily for the seven days prior to entering the competition grounds. These horses must also have their temperature taken and logged twice daily while on the competition grounds. The log of temperatures should be provided to the Competition Management, steward, or technical delegate when requested.*
5. *Competition Management may not amend or enhance vaccination requirements without prior approval of the Veterinary Committee*