

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2017	6/21/2016	Approved 6/20/2016

Proposed Change

GR1211.5 Appointment of Officials and Employees [CHAPTER 12-C Duties of Competition Management in General]

e. All competitions must have in place prior to the start of the competition, an accident preparedness plan and in conjunction with the plan make the necessary arrangements for an ambulance to be on the grounds or on call. In addition, all competitions must have in place **an isolation protocol for horses**. Competition management is responsible for ensuring that all competition officials and competition staff are advised of the accident preparedness plan **and isolation protocol for horses**, and that **they are** is distributed accordingly. Said plan **and protocol** shall be given to the Steward or Technical Delegate prior to the start of the competition. The Steward or Technical Delegate shall submit a copy of said plan **and protocol** to the Federation along with his/her Steward or Technical Delegate report.

Associated changes to the rulebook:

GR1034.6 Stewards and Technical Delegates [CHAPTER 10 Licensed Officials SUBCHAPTER 10H Regulations Governing Officials]

u. To submit to the Federation a copy of the competition's accident preparedness plan **and a copy of the competition's isolation protocol for horses** along with his/her steward or technical delegate report as provided for in GR1211.5e.

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Rule Change Intent

The intent of this rule is to protect horses from the potential of widespread infectious disease at competition grounds. Competition management should be prepared for the potential that an infected horse enters the competition grounds. In the event that this occurs, competition management must have an isolation protocol in place to protect other horses from contracting the disease. The isolation protocol may include designated stalls on the competition grounds, or nearby. All officials and staff must be made aware of the protocol prior to the start of competition. The delay in the effective date would allow for proper education of competition managers as to what are good isolation practices and to assist competitions in developing appropriate plans.

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: Isolation protocol

Committee Actions

Andalusian/Lusitano

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/21/2015	Draft 1: Suggests adding this to the accident preparedness plan instead of requiring separate submission. Suggests removing the word stall in .2 as some facilities may not have "stalls" for isolation.
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 02/01/2016	Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Action	Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Action	Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Action	Draft 5: No Comments

Arabian

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/13/2015	Draft 1: It is premature to create a rule; better to gather information and then define minimal basic criteria developed by USEF. Protocols may vary based on the infectious disease and the recommendations of state vets as to good procedures
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Action	Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Action	Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Action	Draft 5: No Comments

Breeds/Disciplines

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/03/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 01/13/2016
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: Recommends Disapproval 05/26/2016
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: Recommend disapproval of this RCP as currently written. See comments from other committees. Make more workable for competition management.
Draft 2: Management should not have to monitor or ensure that steward/TD submits copy with report
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: Isolation protocol for horses should only be distributed accordingly to key staff, which is defined by competition management. However, the accident preparedness plan should be distributed to all staff including but not limited to ring stewards, runners, etc. We would approve this Rule change proposal if the wording was amended to state: All competitions must have in place prior to the start of the competition, an accident preparedness plan and an isolation protocol for horses and in conjunction with the plan make the necessary arrangements for an ambulance to be on the grounds or on call. Competition management is responsible for ensuring that all competition officials and competition staff are advised of the accident preparedness plan and that it is distributed accordingly. The isolation protocol shall be given to key staff. Said plan and protocol shall be given to the Steward or Technical Delegate prior to the start of the competition. The Steward or Technical Delegate shall submit a copy of said plan and protocol to the Federation along with his/her Steward or Technical Delegate report.
Draft 5: No Comments

Driving

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

Endurance

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

Eventing

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/03/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/16/2015
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: The Eventing Committee would approve if the word "stalls" was removed from GR1211.5 f.1, thus requiring competitions to provide adequate isolation e.g.. Many Eventing Competitions do not offer stabling or they allow competitors to trailer in for the day.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

Hackney

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/18/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 02/04/2016
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: Not all competitions will have access to a place to totally isolate horses. It is situational on how these cases should be handled. It should be left to management and the vet to figure out the best solution for the situation. If a protocol is going to be mandated then more information on the guidelines of the protocol should be provided.
Draft 2: Protocol should be spelled out and competition managers should be educated. Questions arose on: Guidelines on isolation; who makes the diagnosis; who is the point of contact; what are the reporting requirements?
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

Legal Review

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Morgan

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/10/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: Recommends Disapproval 05/13/2016
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: no much oversight/restrictions/costs
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: Too expensive for small shows in small locales with limited facilities
Draft 5: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/19/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 01/05/2016
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: Recommends Approval 05/16/2016
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: If we are going to add a rule it needs to be specific to what the protocol will be.
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

National Show Horse

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/11/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: Vet committee should recommend minimal guidelines
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

Paso Fino

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/23/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 02/03/2016
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: Some competitions do not have extra stalls available or stalls separate from main barns. Horses may need to leave facility instead. Protocol may differ depending on situation.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

Roadster

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/02/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 02/01/2016
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: Understand concern but this is one more thing to make it difficult to hold a Federation licensed competition.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

Saddle Seat Eq

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/04/2015
Draft 2: No Action 02/05/2016
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: Understand intent but this would be one more reason for shows to leave USEF as it would cause a financial detriment to management with extra cost of stalls, and over burden officials.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

American Saddlebred

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/18/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 02/05/2016
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: Recommends Approval 06/02/2016
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: Committee feels that mandating a protocol would be a detriment to a competition being licensed by USEF. A mandate rather than a suggested practice would be a burden on competition management. A number of competitions do not have facilities to accommodate a separate isolation area on the grounds or nearby. Our exhibitors are very conscientious in monitoring our horses' health therefore committee does not feel a mandate is necessary.
Draft 2: Committee feels the Federation should give competitions assistance with developing guidelines for isolation protocol. Prefer these guidelines be available this year so competitions can work toward the requirement before it becomes a rule.
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

Shetland

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/20/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 02/02/2016
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

Competition Management

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 01/13/2016
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: Recommends Disapproval 06/01/2016
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Recommend that the vet committee and the competition management committee discuss this further and put this forward at the mid-year meeting
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: This is too much of a one size fits all plan and this is being shared with too man show staff and perhaps this should be a part of the accident preparedness plan.
Draft 5: No Comments

Vaulting

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

Veterinary

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/17/2015
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

Connemara

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/04/2015
Draft 2: No Action 02/02/2016
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Would like to see the protocol defined with more specific guidelines.
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

Western Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/09/2015
Draft 2: No Action 02/02/2016
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: Agree with concept but may not be feasible at all competitions. Making it a requirement will be burdensome for small shows.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

Reining

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

Friesian

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/11/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

Jumper

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/30/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 01/12/2016
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: Recommends Approval 06/06/2016
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: Just to say an isolation protocol shall be in place could mean anything for the actual protocol. If we're going to add a rule, it needs to be specific as to what the protocol needs to be.
Draft 2: The rule is still too general and gives no specifics for a protocol. The rule also needs to address the differences between a one day competition with no stabling versus a 5+ day competition, or even large competitions that are multiple weeks.
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: JP Com approved but said the rule should be its own/separate rule in Chapter 12 instead of part GR 1211.5
Draft 5: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/10/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: Different diseases require different protocols which vary state to state and/or across geographic areas. The proposal does not address how to manage this requirement at competitions without stabling or provide how to find the resources to create a plan.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

ParaEquestrian

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

Carriage Pleasure Driving

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/12/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: Should initially send surveys to show managers and gather information during the initial phase and then define minimal guidelines. Shows should work in concert with state veterinarian's recommendations
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

Steward-Technical Delegate Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/11/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/14/2016
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: Committee feels that more information should be available and a defined basic criteria developed. Protocols will vary based on the infectious disease. Competition conditions could make this difficult to implement successfully depending on the size of the show and the restrictions of the facilities.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

Welsh

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/12/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 02/04/2016
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: Recommends Disapproval 05/25/2016
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: The concept for this is good, but this will be a hardship on small shows. We do not feel it is practical.
Draft 5: No Comments

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/04/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments