

Recommend Disapprovals

Rule	Tracking	Draft	Effective Date	Proponent
GR 702.0	265-17	1	12/1/2018	USEF Officers
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/14/2017				
GR 801.0	210-17	1	12/1/2018	Matty O'Rourke
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/14/2017				
GR 1004.2	325-17	1	12/1/2018	Steward-Technical Delegate Committee
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/14/2017				
GR 1040.0	330-17	1	4/1/2018	Licensed Officials Task Force
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/14/2017				
GR 1316.4	211-17	1	12/1/2018	Matty O'Rourke
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/14/2017				
EQ 110.5	223-17	1	9/1/2018	National Hunter Committee
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/14/2017				
HJ 500.0	281-17	1	12/1/2018	Competition Management
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/14/2017				
HU 111.4	031-17	1	12/1/2018	Daphne Boogaard
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/14/2017				
HU 116.0	352-17	1	12/1/2018	National Hunter Committee
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/14/2017				
HU 118.0	351-17	1	12/1/2018	National Hunter Committee
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/14/2017				

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

Proposed Change

GR702 Violations [CHAPTER 7-A Individuals]

GR702 Violations

1. A violation is any act prejudicial to the best interests of the Federation, including but not limited to the following:

o. Making untruthful statements, misrepresentations, or engaging in fraudulent behavior in any horse sales or lease transaction.

Proponent Details	Contact Information
USEF Officers	Sonja Keating skeating@usef.org

Rule Change Intent

This rule change proposal will provide members of the Federation a forum outside of the courtroom, in which evidence may be presented to show that another member has made untruthful statements or misrepresentations in a horse transaction between them. It is important for the reputation of the sport and industry that members interact with one another ethically and as good horsemen.

Under this rule, the Hearing Committee has no jurisdiction to determine legal ownership of a horse or order restitution to be paid to another person.

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: Violations - Horse Sales/Leases

Committee Actions

American Saddlebred	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/27/2017	Draft 1: Too subjective and would be difficult to enforce. Because of liability issues USE should not be involved.
Andalusian/Lusitano	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/02/2017	Draft 1: No Comments
Arabian	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/15/2017	Draft 1: The committee feels this is a civil matter. If needed, USEF could add a penalty after legal action has been taken.
Breeders	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Breeds/Disciplines	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Budget&Finance	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Carriage Pleasure Driving	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/09/2017	Draft 1: The concept is good but would be difficult to enforce.
Connemara	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/25/2017	Draft 1: Not sure this is enforceable. Untruth is slightly unambiguous. If there is a question of a horse not USEF recorded or competing in USEF competitions, but the person is a USEF member, would this rule apply?

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/04/2017

Draft 1: The Dressage Sport Committee supports in principle; however, recommends disapproval as there are concerns about the potential costs for the Federation for litigation and lack of clarity as to which parties are covered under the rule. There are also concerns about how this rule would be enforced.

Driving

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Endurance

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

English Pleasure

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Ethics

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Eventing

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/07/2017

Draft 1: The Eventing Sport Committee voted against recommending approval as there are concerns about the potential costs to the Federation for litigation and lack of clarity as to which parties are covered under the rule.

Friesian

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/14/2017

Draft 1: Believes USEF should stay out of litigation with members and that members should go through civil court. How would this be handled for horses that are not recorded with USEF?

Governance

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Hackney

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/20/2017

Draft 1: This would be difficult to enforce and monitor. Committee believes there would be liability concerns for USEF and this is more of a matter for Federal courts

Hearing Committee

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Jumper

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/28/2017

Draft 1: The JCS feels this could get messy with the liability for the Federation and that this is really a civil matter.

Morgan

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/21/2017

Draft 1: The committee feels this belongs in civil court and is unenforceable.

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

National Show Horse

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/13/2017

Draft 1: The Committee feels this should be left in civil court, would be difficult to enforce and a large undertaking for USEF and the Hearing Committee.

Owners

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Paso Fino

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/30/2017

Draft 1: No Comments

Reining

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Roadster

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/21/2017

Draft 1: Difficult to monitor and enforce. This would assign unnecessary liability to USEF.

Saddle Seat Eq

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/20/2017

Draft 1: This would be difficult to enforce and USEF does not need to be responsible for liability concerning this rule.

Shetland

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/01/2017

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/14/2017

Draft 1: All rules of an organization should rest on the foundation of its bylaws, and the bylaws of the Federation govern competition, not business activities outside of the competition environment. The Federation likely has no authority in this area and would not be able to enforce this rule, if passed.

Vaulting

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Veterinary

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Welsh

Draft 1: Tabled 10/25/2017

Draft 1: We are concerned about how this rule will be enforced. We feel it would be more beneficial for a person to be required to go through the regular court system before bringing it to USEF, and would like more information on how these will be processed and the impact this will have on the number of hearings/staff time before making a decision.

Western Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/21/2017

Draft 1: Agree with concept but this would be difficult to monitor and enforce. Do not approve of the liability responsibility that USEF would assume with this rule.

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/07/2017

Draft 1: Feels these matters should not be taken on by USEF.

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

Proposed Change

GR801 Dress [CHAPTER 8-A ATTIRE AND EQUIPMENT]

2. It is compulsory for all persons at Federation licensed hunter, jumper or hunter/jumper competitions when mounted anywhere on the competition grounds, to wear properly fastened protective headgear which meets or exceeds ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. It must be properly fitted with harness secured **and tight enough so it cannot be pulled over the chin or allowing the helmet to come off without unfastening the harness**. Exception: In Hunter or Jumper classes, adults may be allowed to remove their headgear while accepting prizes and during the playing of the National Anthem only; they must refasten their headgear prior to the lap of honor. It is compulsory for riders in Paso Fino classes, both open and breed restricted including Hunter Hack, where jumping is required and when jumping anywhere on the competition grounds to wear properly fastened protective headgear which meets or exceeds ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. It must be properly fitted with harness secured **and tight enough so it cannot be pulled over the chin or allowing the helmet to come off without unfastening the harness**. A Show Committee must bar riders without **properly fitted** protective headgear **or hair not conforming to the rules** from entering the ring for classes in which protective headgear is required and may bar any entry or person from entering the ring if not suitably presented to appear before an audience.

3. Except as may otherwise be mandated by local law, all sub-junior exhibitors in the Paso Fino division, while riding or driving or while in the driving cart anywhere on the competition grounds, must wear properly fitting protective headgear which meets or exceeds ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. Harness must be secured and properly fitted **and tight enough so it cannot be pulled over the chin or allowing the helmet to come off without unfastening the harness**. Any rider violating this rule at any time must immediately be prohibited from further riding until such headgear is properly in place. For all exhibitors competing in the hunter, jumper, or hunter seat equitation section, 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.

8. The Federation makes no representation or warranty, express or implied, about any protective headgear, and cautions riders that death or serious injury may result despite wearing such headgear as all equestrian sports involve inherent dangerous risk and as no helmet can protect against all foreseeable injuries **but a properly fitted and current helmet is required**.

9. Helmets may not be more than 4 years old, verified by the manufacturer date in the helmet.

Proponent Details	Contact Information
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Rule Change Intent

Wearing hair up and in a helmet limits the effectiveness of the helmet and can lead to greater injury than a helmet properly fitted. In no other sport or profession where a helmet is worn, do people wear their hair up in their helmet. Not in any form of motor racing, bicycle racing, snow sports, ice hockey, football, lacrosse, extreme sports, amateur boxing, fighter pilots, Armed Forces, Police or Fire Fighters. Hair is worn in a bun below the helmet as in Dressage, the Armed Forces and Police. In sports where there is danger of fire, hair is worn loose or in a ponytail under the balaclava and under the uniform.

This can be a mandate that is phased in, similar to when harnesses became required on helmets. All juniors must comply, amateurs and professionals by a certain date to be determined.

Though there is backlash against jumper riders with loose, unkempt hair, there can be a middle ground with the traditional hunters and equitation choosing a bun or a neatly braided pony tail with no adornments other than a suitable hairnet as seen in dressage.

Helmets are routinely worn with chin straps too loose which defeat the purpose of wearing the helmet. Judges, stewards and all officials should be empowered to check the strap and require the rider to make an adjustment.

The Federal Government also requires that in states that require helmets for Motorcyclists to be no more than 5 years old, verified by the DOT sticker on the helmet. Helmets can appear fine on the outside but sweat, hair products, extreme temperatures, all serve to continually compromise a helmet over time and is not considered effective after 5 years of normal wear. In a sport where some riders and trainers can wear a helmet for 12 hours a day, that amount of wear is well beyond "normal." Instituting a helmet date check is similar to checking the length of a dressage whip, horse boots, blood rule or jog for soundness. A helmet check for fit and/or date of manufacture can be done concurrently with a jog for soundness, model class, boot check, etc. In motor racing a car finishing on the podium gets a quick check to make sure the car was legal; top three competitors can be required to show their helmet or get eliminated from class and points and money lost if the helmet or hair is non compliant.

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: Helmet Fit

Committee Actions

American Saddlebred

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/27/2017

Draft 1: Difficult to enforce

Andalusian/Lusitano

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/02/2017

Draft 1: Helmets last longer than four years when taken care of properly and have not been damaged. It would be difficult for competition stewards to check each exhibitor helmet especially at larger licensed competitions.

Arabian

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/15/2017

Draft 1: This rule change would be difficult to enforce. Who would enforce the rule at the competition? What if the tag is no longer in the helmet?

Breeds/Disciplines

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Carriage Pleasure Driving

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/09/2017

Draft 1: Committee feels this rule change is unenforceable.

Connemara

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/25/2017

Draft 1: There are currently no rules about hair being in a helmet as referred to in this proposal. While this may be a well meant idea, it is not really enforceable.

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/04/2017

Draft 1: Would be difficult to enforce. Many helmets can be used over four years per manufacturer based on amount of uses, etc.

Driving

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Endurance

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

English Pleasure

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Eventing

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/07/2017

Draft 1: The Eventing Sport Committee does not recommend approval as there are concerns about the administration of the rule.

Friesian

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/14/2017

Draft 1: It should be up to parents, trainers and individuals to ensure helmets are up to standard. Too much work for competition management and stewards.

Governance

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Hackney

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/20/2017

Draft 1: This would be too difficult to monitor and enforce

Jumper

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/28/2017

Draft 1: JSC feels we should focus on better education regarding concussions and helmet safety.

Licensed Officials

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/27/2017

Draft 1: This rule is unenforceable by competition management and would be extremely difficult to monitor.

Morgan

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/21/2017

Draft 1: This rule change would be difficult to enforce. There is not enough time for Stewards/TDs to check each helmet and the manufacturer date is not indicative of the helmets condition

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/06/2017

Draft 1: This rule is unenforceable.

National Show Horse

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/13/2017

Draft 1: This rule would be difficult to enforce and too many factors come into play regarding proper fit and age of helmets.

Paso Fino

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/30/2017

Draft 1: It would be difficult to verify helmet age and would burden competition management to enforce this rule.

Reining

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Roadster

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/21/2017

Draft 1: Too difficult to monitor and enforce.

Saddle Seat Eq

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/20/2017

Draft 1: Helmets can be used longer than the noted 4 years and who will monitor if the helmet fits properly. This rule would be too difficult to enforce.

Safety

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/21/2017

Draft 1: While the committee is in support of a rule enforcing the proper fit of helmets, it cannot approve this rule as written with the restriction of helmets over 4 years old and mandate on wearing hair outside of the helmet. There is research that has found helmets are effective for years with proper care. Additionally, there is ongoing debate and research regarding the best way to wear hair with a helmet.

Shetland

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/01/2017

Draft 1: This rule change would be difficult to enforce and verify helmet age. At competitions, who will check each helmet? This could cause hardship to competition management especially at competitions with a high number of exhibitors.

Steward-Technical Delegate Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/29/2017

Draft 1: This rule is unenforceable by competition management and would be extremely difficult to monitor.

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/14/2017

Draft 1: Proper helmet fit is already addressed within the current rule and the responsibility for ensuring proper fit rests with the individual, not the Federation.

Vaulting

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Welsh

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/25/2017

Draft 1: This rule is a great concept, but we feel it will be rather difficult to enforce. Who will enforce this rule at each competition - i.e. check each individual helmet & fit? This will potentially cause a hardship on those who may not ride often to have to purchase a helmet every four years, as well as the fact that the helmet may already be a year old when it is shipped to a store. The manufacture date does not indicate the intensity of how a helmet has or has not been used.

Western Committee

Draft 1: No Action 11/21/2017

Draft 1: No Comments

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/07/2017

Draft 1: The committee is okay with the language regarding the chinstrap but feels verifying the helmets age would be difficult to enforce. Who will check the fit and verify the age of the helmet?

GR1004.2 Tracking #325-17 Draft #1 Active

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

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
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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
	Web: Minimum Age - C1 Stewards

Committee Actions

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

GR1040 Tracking #330-17 Draft #1 Active

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

Proposed Change

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

Matt has a pdf of the Policies and Procedures to attach to this PRC prior to public distribution.

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

American Saddlebred	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/27/2017	Draft 1: No Comments
Andalusian/Lusitano	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/02/2017	Draft 1: No Comments
Arabian	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/15/2017	Draft 1: No Comments
Breeds/Disciplines	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Carriage Pleasure Driving	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/09/2017	Draft 1: No Comments
Competition Management	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/04/2017	Draft 1: No Comments
Connemara	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/25/2017	Draft 1: No Comments
Council - Admin & Finance	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/04/2017

Draft 1: No Comments

Driving

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Endurance

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

English Pleasure

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Eventing

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/07/2017

Draft 1: No Comments

Friesian

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/14/2017

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.

Hackney

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/14/2017

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

Jumper

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/28/2017

Draft 1: No Comments

Morgan

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/21/2017

Draft 1: Would like Section 2 number 3.a to stated "relevant USEF Committees"

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/06/2017

Draft 1: No Comments

National Show Horse

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/13/2017

Draft 1: No Comments

Paso Fino

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/21/2017

Draft 1: No Comments

Reining

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Roadster

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/21/2017

Draft 1: No Comments

Saddle Seat Eq

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/20/2017

Draft 1: No Comments

Shetland

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/01/2017

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/14/2017

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.

Vaulting

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Welsh

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/25/2017

Draft 1: No Comments

Western Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/21/2017

Draft 1: No Comments

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Tabled 11/07/2017

Draft 1: No Comments

GR1316.4 Tracking #211-17 Draft #1 Active

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

Proposed Change

GR1316 Accidents Involving Competitors [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 13-E RETURN TO COMPETITION GR1316 Accidents Involving Competitors]

GR 1316

4. Unconsciousness/Concussion. If qualified medical personnel determines that a competitor has sustained unconsciousness or a concussion, he/she must be precluded from competing until cleared to compete under paragraph 6 below **and the helmet will be retained by the horse show organizers.**

6. Return to Competition. In the event that a competitor is determined 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 in order to be eligible to once again compete in Federation-Licensed or endorsed competitions **and show proof that a new helmet has been purchased.**

7. For all competitors evaluated pursuant to this rule, the Steward or Technical Delegate shall submit a properly completed Accident/Injury Form, **helmet and any available video** and, if applicable, any corresponding signed release to the Federation Director of Competitions by 6:00 p.m. on the day following the last day of the competition.

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

If a rider has had a fall and the helmet is visibly damaged, it is no longer safe to wear for any reason, in competition or out of competition and should be confiscated. If a rider has a loss of consciousness, the helmet must be confiscated regardless of appearance because the integrity of the helmet has obviously been compromised.

Too many riders continue to ride in helmets they take falls in "because it looks ok" and any fall thereafter is exponentially more dangerous.

This practice will continue to happen but can be mitigated by retaining helmets from falls in competitions. Seemingly innocuous falls can become life threatening if a helmet is compromised by previous damage.

Not all helmets will be confiscated, if the judge saw no contact with the head, or the rider lands on their feet, etc.

Video of rounds can be used to verify if a helmet was kicked by a horse or if riders head came in contact with jumps, equipment, or the ground.

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: Helmets in Rider Fall

Committee Actions

American Saddlebred

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/27/2017

Draft 1: Difficult to enforce

Andalusian/Lusitano

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/02/2017

Draft 1: This would be difficult to enforce at competitions and not all competitions have vendors where a new helmet could be purchased.

Arabian

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/15/2017

Draft 1: This rule change would be difficult to enforce.

Athletes Advisory

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Breeds/Disciplines

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Carriage Pleasure Driving

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/09/2017

Draft 1: Feels this is unenforceable. If there are no vendors at the show can you borrow a helmet?

Competition Management

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/04/2017

Draft 1: The committee does not support this, competitions and licensed officials should not be involved in personal property seizure.

Connemara	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/25/2017	Draft 1: This does not seem enforceable. Who will collect the damaged helmets, as this is a violation of private property? These should be more of recommendations not rules.
Council - Admin & Finance	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Council - Intl Discipline	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Dressage	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/04/2017	Draft 1: Would be difficult to enforce and impractical. Many helmets can be used over four years per manufacturer based on amount of uses, etc.; would also be a liability for shows and TDs. TD's cannot steal someone's helmet.
Driving	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Endurance	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
English Pleasure	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Eventing	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/07/2017	Draft 1: The Eventing Sport Committee recommends disapproval as the administration of the rule is burdensome and it is not within the purview of the Federation to seize personal property.
Friesian	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/14/2017	Draft 1: Like the intent but would like to see language regarding the ability to borrow a helmet. What if there are no vendors or if the vendor does not have your size?
Governance	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Hackney	
Draft 1: No Action 11/20/2017	Draft 1: No Comments
Hearing Committee	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Jumper	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/28/2017	Draft 1: JSC feels we should focus on better education regarding concussions and helmet safety.
Licensed Officials	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/27/2017	Draft 1: This rule is unenforceable by competition management and would be extremely difficult to monitor.
Morgan	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/21/2017	Draft 1: Would be difficult to enforce and would cause a burden to show management and stewards/TDs.
National Hunter Committee	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/06/2017	Draft 1: This rule is unenforceable.
National Show Horse	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/13/2017	Draft 1: This would be difficult to enforce. What if there are no vendors or tack shops available to purchase another helmet?
Paso Fino	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/30/2017	Draft 1: This rule change will be difficult to enforce at licensed competitions.
Reining	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Roadster	
Draft 1: No Action 11/21/2017	Draft 1: No Comments
Saddle Seat Eq	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/20/2017	Draft 1: Rule would be difficult to enforce and monitor.
Safety	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/21/2017	Draft 1: This rule is not practical. Competitions and Licensed Officials should not seize personal property from individuals. Additionally, some helmet manufacturers offer discounts on new helmets if a helmet is returned after a fall.

Shetland

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/01/2017

Draft 1: No Comments

Steward-Technical Delegate Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/29/2017

Draft 1: This rule is unenforceable by competition management and would be extremely difficult to monitor.

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/14/2017

Draft 1: This rule change proposal is beyond the scope of the Federation's responsibility, and there are legal ramifications for mandating surrender of personal property.

Vaulting

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Welsh

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/25/2017

Draft 1: How will this data be tracked from one competition to another? Who will verify that the "new" or different helmet is safe to use? There is also the issue of taking someone's personal property when the competition retains the helmet, and often times a manufacturer will provide a discount towards the purchase of a new helmet when the damaged one is returned.

Western Committee

Draft 1: No Action 11/21/2017

Draft 1: No Comments

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/07/2017

Draft 1: This rule would be difficult to enforce. What if you trade in your helmet vs. purchase a new one?

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	9/1/2018	8/31/2017	

Proposed Change

EQ110 Requirements for Specific Classes [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ-2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]

5. USEF HUNTER SEAT MEDAL CLASS

For full specifications and qualifying criteria see www.usef.org.

a. Conditions Governing Competitors in USEF Hunter Seat Medal Classes

1. USEF Hunter Seat Medal Classes are open to Individual Junior Members in good standing who have not reached their 18th birthday in accordance with GR127. Affiliated Members are not eligible. No credit will be given for winnings before a competitor becomes a member.

2. ~~Application for membership can be made directly to the Federation, or the exhibitor can join prior to the class through the steward.~~

3. A rider can enter **USEF Hunter Seat** Medal classes anywhere in the United States but the number of points to qualify for the USEF Hunter Seat Medal Final (or semi-finals if held) depends on the requirements of the rider's point state. A rider's point state shall be the state given on the rider's membership application. That address is locked on December 1 of the competition year or the first day of the rider's membership activation, whichever comes first. However, a Life member's address is always locked on December 1 of the competition year. A rider may have only one domicile which is where the rider has his permanent home and where, whenever he is absent, intends to return. The address given on the membership application must be the state where the rider is domiciled at the time of membership activation or renewal. If a rider is found not in compliance with this rule, the rider may be subject to disqualification from the USEF Hunter Seat Medal Finals. A person may apply to the Federation for permission to change their point state.

4. In **the** USEF Hunter Seat Medal, exhibitors must qualify by the minimum number of points required by their state. Riders may compete in a total of fourteen (14) USEF Hunter Seat Medal Qualifying classes in a single qualifying period. Any rider who continues to compete after they have competed in fourteen (14) qualifying classes will no longer be eligible to compete in the USEF Hunter Seat Medal Final. (Exception: If a rider is not yet qualified for the USEF Hunter Seat Medal Final after fourteen (14) classes, that rider may continue to compete until qualified. That rider must stop competing in USEF Hunter Seat Medal Qualifying classes as soon as he or she is qualified for the USEF Hunter Seat Medal Final or he/she will no longer be eligible to compete in the USEF Hunter Seat Medal Final.) It is the rider's responsibility to calculate and know their points as well as the number of classes they have competed in.

a. Any rider in his or her final junior year may not compete in any qualifying classes held at a competition with a start date after August 31 of that competition year.

5. The winner of a **USEF Hunter Seat** Medal Class Final is no longer eligible to compete in **USEF Hunter Seat** Medal classes ~~in the division in which the Final was won.~~

6. Qualifying procedures for USEF Hunter Seat Medal Classes and any other USEF classes listed in EQ110 will be approved by the relevant USEF Committees and breed/discipline affiliate organization. Information on qualifying procedures for each of these classes will be available on the USEF website.

7. The first and second place award winners of each USHJA Zone and Regional Medal Finals, if not already qualified prior to the start of each event, shall be automatically qualified to compete at the **USEF** Hunter Seat Medal Finals.

b. To be shown over a course of not less than eight obstacles at 3'6" with spreads to 4' (Exception: triple bar type obstacles, maximum spread of 5') which must include one combination including an oxer and two changes of direction after the first obstacle and 1/3 of the obstacles must be oxers. A liverpool or water is prohibited in USEF Hunter Seat Medal classes including Regionals and Finals. In addition, all courses must include at least three of the following: Bending line, narrow jump (5'6"-8'), roll-back turn, fence at the end of the ring, long approach to a single jump. Two or more tests of at least the top four competitors are required. In classes with thirty-one (31) or more entries, at least the top eight (8) competitors must be called back for testing. Eight places must be awarded in classes with thirty-one (31) or more entries. Tests 1-18. Any exhibitor who does not participate in the testing is placed last of those exhibitors called back to test. Should more than one exhibitor fail to return for testing they will be placed at the judge's discretion. Only one rider per horse. To fill a class three (3) competitors must complete the course. For purposes of determining the number of entries for the increment system, the number of entries is determined by the number of exhibitors who completed the course in a class or section of the class. (See EQ107.5). If there are 40 or more entries at the beginning of this class, it may be divided by every other number and run as two separate sections. If there are 50 or more entries at the beginning of this class, it must be divided by every other number and run as two or more separate classes. Certificate of Compliance - At Regional I, Regional II and Local Member competitions, National medal classes must be certified by the following: A course plan showing the actual height and spread of all the fences, signed by the judge and the course designer (the steward must sign if the course designer is not present on the competition grounds) which must be provided to the steward no later than the end of the competition day on which the national medal class is held. The signed course plan must be included in the steward's report to the Federation.

c. Increment Chart:

Number of Exhibitors Who Complete the Course

Placings _____ 3-5 Exhibitors _____ 6-15 Exhibitors _____ 16-30 Exhibitors _____ 31+ Exhibitors

1st	5	10	20	40
2nd	4	8	16	32
3rd	3	6	12	24
4th		4	8	16
5th			4	8
6th			2	4
7th				2
8th				1

d. Conditions Governing USEF Hunter Seat Medal Finals

1. If entries warrant, semi-final ride-offs will be held at strategic points throughout the country, in which case all potential participants must be notified in advance.
2. On or before July 1 of each year the Federation will announce the competitions at which the Finals will be held. Even though entries for the designated competitions have closed before an individual qualifies, post entries will be accepted.
3. Any rider in his or her final junior year may not compete in any qualifying classes held at a competition with a start date after August 31 of that competition year.
4. The judge(s) for all USEF Hunter Seat Medal Class Finals are to be approved by the appropriate equitation committee.
5. The USEF Hunter Seat Medal Finals will be judged by at least one judge who holds an "R" Registered status in the Hunter Seat Equitation Division. Additional judges are eligible to judge if they have "r" recorded status. A high performance jumper individual is eligible to judge the Finals with a guest card provided that the individual has either judged the East or West Coast Finals of the USEF Talent Search class or held a Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation Judges' Card within the last ten years. Any questions or disputes in connection with Medal classes must be referred to the Board of Directors or to a special committee appointed by the President whose verdict is final.
6. Two cumulative refusals in the USEF Hunter Seat Medal Finals will result in elimination, see EQ 107.1.
7. The judges for the USEF Hunter Seat Medal Finals must design the course, which must be posted one hour before the class. Maximum spread of obstacles 4'. (Exception: triple bar type obstacles, maximum spread of 5'.)
8. In USEF Hunter Seat Medal Finals, between 20-25 riders must be called back for the work-off.
9. The name of the winner of a Finals is engraved upon a Perpetual Trophy which remains in the possession of the Federation. A replica trophy is given to the rider.
10. In the event that a horse is incapacitated in the first phase of a Medal Finals or before the ride-off, upon examination of the competition veterinarian and a judge or steward, a substitution is permitted.
11. For all USEF Hunter Seat Medal Regional and Final Championships, the competition will provide an exhibitor representative from the USHJA Equitation Task Forces' annual approved list. The exhibitor representative acts between the trainers and the judges and stewards if issues arise that need clarification. Issues may include concerns regarding the course, footing, call back lists or any others needing clarification. The person that is chosen for this job will have no conflict of interest or vested interest in the outcome of the class. The exhibitor representative will not act as a steward but as a liaison for the trainers, judges and exhibitors.
12. Qualifying procedures for USEF Hunter Seat Medal championships and any other USEF championships listed in EQ110 will be approved by the relevant USEF Committees and breed/discipline affiliate organization. Information on qualifying procedures for each of these classes will be available on the USEF website.

e. Schooling Rules for Medal Finals

1. One hour before the class begins competition management will set in place the jumps in the schooling area(s). The jumps will be flagged to show the direction of the jumps. These flags may be changed, red on right, white on left.
2. Verticals can be made into oxers and oxers can be made into verticals. The jumps may be raised or lowered, widened or narrowed.

f. Qualifying

1. The points that a rider needs to qualify will be determined by his state residence. The points required by each individual state will be determined by the population density of that state for Junior riders designated Hunter or Jumper combined with the number of USEF Hunter Seat Medal classes held in that state. Each year the Current State Groups will be recalculated. The number of points required by each state will be posted at the beginning of the each qualifying period on the USEF website. See EQ110.5a.4 for restrictions on competing in USEF Hunter Seat Medal classes after qualifying for the Finals.

2. For points required to qualify for the USEF Hunter Seat Medal Finals by state groups, see the Federation website at www.usef.org. Point system and state groups will be set no later than fifteen (15) days prior to the start of the qualifying period.

3. Current state charts will be posted on the USEF website at www.usef.org.

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Rule Change Intent

To remove language that is not necessary in the USEF rule book based on recent efforts to reduce the size of the rulebook. Full qualifying criteria and specifications for the USEF Hunter Seat Medal Class will be posted on the USEF website.

Requesting a 9/1/2018 effective date to coincide with the Hunter Seat Medal qualifying period.

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: USEF Hunter Seat Medal - specs to website

Committee Actions

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/14/2017

Draft 1: Would approve if under EQ110.5.a the following are retained: 7.d.2 (date announcement), 7.d.4 (approval of judges by equitation committee), and 7.d.10 (horse substitution)

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

Proposed Change

HJ 500 Exhibitions at Hunter, Jumper or Hunter/Jumper Competitions [CHAPTER HJ-2 Rating and Horse Entry Number]

HJ 500 Exhibitions at Hunter, Jumper or Hunter/Jumper Competitions

1. For the purposes of this rule, an Exhibition is defined as a recognized, but unrated class or demonstration.
2. At Federation licensed Hunter, Jumper or Hunter/Jumper competitions, only one Exhibition may be held per licensed competition day.
3. An Exhibition must be held on a Federation licensed date, must be conducted in accordance with Division rules and is governed by all other applicable Federation rules. **Exhibition classes held at licensed Hunter, Jumper or Hunter/Jumper competitions under the same discipline rules as those listed in the competition license may not offer prize money.**
4. Exhibitions held at competitions operating under a Mileage Exemption or with approved Special Competition status must be approved as part of the Mileage Exemption or Special Competition status request and the specifics of such exhibitions must be included in the competition license.
5. An Exhibition must be advertised in the prize list and may be judged and ranked. However, the following conditions apply:
 - a. Results will not be counted for any Federation, Federation Alliance Member and/or USHJA high score awards or championships.
 - b. If published, the Exhibition ranking report must be clearly separated from competition results and noted as being from an Exhibition.
 - c. Judges for an Exhibition held at Licensed Competitions are not required to be licensed by USEF.
6. An Exhibition may also be held using horses individually, in groups or in entertainment acts. Such Exhibitions cannot be ranked.
7. Horses used in exhibitions, demonstrations, and retirement ceremonies are subject to the provisions of GR839, but are exempt from the dress and saddlery rules of the competition.

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Rule Change Intent

Exhibition classes are not intended to allow a competition to offer additional prize money for classes that would be held in division classes that a competition is licensed for.

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: Exhibition Class Prize Money

Committee Actions	
Council - Admin & Finance	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Council - Intl Discipline	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Jumper	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/28/2017	Draft 1: No Comments
National Hunter Committee	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
USHJA	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/14/2017	Draft 1: Prefer language in Tracking 169-17, JP 104 Draft 2

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2018	5/17/2017	

Proposed Change

HU111 Junior and Children's Hunters [CHAPTER HU 1 Definitions and Eligibility]

14. Junior Hunter 3'3". Open to junior riders. Riders may not cross enter into any class at 3'6" or higher in the hunter division (**exception, Junior Hunter 3'6"**), higher than 3'9" in the equitation division or higher than 1.20m in the jumper division at the same competition. Horses entered in the Junior Hunter 3'3" section may not cross enter into the Children's Hunter section at the same competition. Horses entered in Junior Hunter 3'3" sections may not cross enter into Junior Hunter 3'6" sections at the same competition. When the Junior Hunter 3'3" is offered as one section, no exhibitor may ride more than three (3) horses in the section.

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Rule Change Intent

Let junior hunters show in both heights so it doesn't cause riders to be holding up jog, needing to find someone to jog #2 horse, or making a choice which horse to flat.

Some horses can do 3'6 and some need to be in 3'3. Riders should be able to complete division and can't if they have to only flat one horse.

Linked Rules Comments

Web: Junior Hunter Cross Entry

Committee Actions

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/06/2017

Draft 1: This is not what the Junior Hunter task force wants for the Junior Hunter 3'3" section.

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/14/2017

Draft 1: The height sections (3', 3'3" and 3'6") were purposefully structured with cross-entry restrictions to ensure a level playing field. The proponent's reason for changing is not sufficient.

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

Proposed Change

HU116 Amateur Owner Sections [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-2 DIVISION OF SECTIONS OR CLASSES]

1. Amateur Owner 3'6"

a. When a section is divided, one section must be offered for amateurs 18-35 and one section for amateurs over 35 years of age. If there are **six four** or more entries in each divided section, the divided sections must be held separately. If there are fewer than **six four** entries in either divided section, they must be combined. If there are a minimum of **42 18** entries once the sections are combined, the newly combined section must be re-divided using ~~either a Floating or California Split~~ **using one of the options listed in HU118**. (See HU112 for definition of a Floating and California Split.) Management may determine a cutoff time for entering before redividing any section(s). When using a floating split the age groups must be posted at the competition office. Rider age must be given on the entry blank. When divided as to age of rider no horse may compete in more than one section. These sections may be further divided by age of rider or by every other number.

[...]

2. Amateur Owner 3'3"

a. When a section is divided, one section must be offered for amateurs 18-35 and one section for amateurs over 35 years of age. If there are **six four** or more entries in each divided section, the divided sections must be held separately. If there are fewer than **six four** entries in either divided section, they must be combined. If there are a minimum of **42 18** entries once the sections are combined, the newly combined section must be re-divided using ~~either a Floating or California Split~~ **using one of the options listed in HU118**. (See HU112 for definition of a Floating and California Split.) When using a floating split the age groups must be posted at the competition office. Rider age must be given on entry blank. When divided as to age of rider no horse may compete in more than one section. These sections may be further divided by age of rider or by every other number.

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Rule Change Intent

Reducing the minimum number of horses required to hold a divided section will make it easier for competition management to continue to hold the smaller sections of amateur owner hunters as divided and encourage a more level playing field than currently exists. Additionally, raising the minimum number of entries requiring a section that has been combined to be re-divided it will further allow managers to keep the appropriate age/height groups together while still maintaining a competitive environment for these horses and riders.

Linked Rules	Comments
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Web: A/O Hunter - Combining/Dividing

Committee Actions

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/14/2017

Draft 1: The current rule has not been in place long enough to adequately determine whether or not it is working; it needs more time before being considered for change.

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

Proposed Change

HU118 Junior & Children's Hunter Sections [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-2 DIVISION OF SECTIONS OR CLASSES]

1. When divided, sections must be split using one of the following options (Children's Hunter sections must be split in accordance with applicable Zone Specifications):

- a. By age of rider (age must be given on entry blank);
- b. By height of horse;
- c. Floating Split (See HU112 for definition of Floating Split.);
- d. California Split (See HU112 for definition of California Split.)

[...]

5. If there are ~~six (6)~~ **four (4)** or more entries in each divided section, the divided sections must be held separately. If there are fewer than ~~six (6)~~ **four (4)** entries in any sections divided by age and/or height of animal, those sections must be combined with other sections. If there is a minimum of ~~twelve (12)~~ **eighteen (18)** entries once any sections have been combined, the newly combined section must be re-divided using one of the options listed in HU118. Management may determine a cutoff time for entering before redividing any section(s).

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Rule Change Intent

Reducing the minimum number of horses required to hold a divided section of Junior Hunters will make it easier for competition management to continue to hold the smaller sections of junior hunters as divided and encourage a more level playing field than currently exists, especially for the Small Junior Hunter horses and the younger riders. Additionally, raising the minimum number of entries requiring a section that has been combined to be re-divided it will further allow managers to keep the appropriate age/height groups together while still maintaining a competitive environment for these horses and riders.

Linked Rules	Comments
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Web: Junior Hunter - Combining/Dividing

Committee Actions

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/14/2017

Draft 1: The current rule has not been in place long enough to adequately determine whether or not it is working; it needs more time before being considered for change.