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Rule Change Intent

The reporting of officials at competitions has been instrumental in providing accurate competition records, assisting with licensed official applications, and tracking issues that arise with specific classes. If the Federation has access to this data, the Licensed Officials Department will be able to efficiently address concerns and improve our data records related to officiating. At this time, we only know which officials were at a competition and in what capacity, but we do not know who officiated each class. Dressage has led the way with providing this information and it has proved to be extremely valuable. This rule change would require all judges and course designers to be reported with each class. Stewards and Technical Delegates are not required since they do officiate over the entire competition.

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Linked Rules	Comments
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Committee Actions

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Council - Member Services

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

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2. The secretary of each Federation Licensed Competition must, within 10 calendar days of the competition, **electronically** send to the Federation, ~~either electronically or by mail with proof of delivery,~~ a list of judges, stewards, ~~technical delegates and Competition Officials,~~ as well as the full results with all required fields.

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Rule Change Intent

In order to ensure proper reporting and coverage at Federation licensed competitions, the number of required Stewards, Technical Delegates, and Certified Schooling Supervisors should be aligned and updated to be based on the previous year's horse count.

During the 2019-2022 competition years:

# of Unique Horses Entered	Competition Years/Number of Competitions				Range of # of rings running simultaneously across all years
	2019	2020	2021	2022	
2501-3000	3	5	3	11	11-14
2001-2500	9	5	9	1	12-13
1501-2000	2	2	4	6	2-14
1001-1500	25	21	27	24	1-13
501-1000	100	73	105	120	1-12
251-500	254	208	255	259	1-8
1-250	1914	1053	1754	1703	1-7

Note: Carriage Pleasure, Combined Driving, Eventing, Endurance, and Vaulting competitions did not report on the number of competition rings used simultaneously during these years, so those competitions are not included in the last column.

In order for Stewards and TDs to properly complete their duties, the number of officials required during a competition should align with the number of horses present and competition rings. As the number of horses or competition rings increase, the number of instances where a Steward or TD is needed also increases.

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Committee Actions

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Council - Intl Discipline

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Draft 3: The IDC disapproved as written but looks forward to the Errata Sheet that will be provided to the BOD to consider during the Mid-Year Meeting.

Council - Member Services

Draft 3: Recommends Disapproval

Draft 3: While the Council agrees with the intent and the majority of the proposed rule change, it feels that requiring a competition in its first year of operation to have one steward or TD for every two competition rings (regardless of the number of horses entered) is too restrictive, especially in instances of smaller competitions. The Council feels that first-year competitions should be considered on a case-by-case basis and would approve this rule change proposal if GR1211.4.f were reworded as follows: "Unless otherwise approved by the Federation, a competition in its first year of operation must have at least one applicable Steward to Technical Delegate for every two competitions rings being used simultaneously regardless of the number of horses entered."

GR1033 Stewards and Technical Delegates

- ~~5. Except in Hawaii and Alaska, no C2 Steward may officiate for more than three consecutive years at the same competition or at more than three consecutive competitions run by the same Licensee.~~
 6. Except in Hawaii and Alaska, no ~~C1~~ **Steward or Technical Delegate** may officiate for more than three consecutive competitions run by the same Licensee. ***For the purposes of this rule, multiple, consecutive day Dressage Competitions that are run by the same Licensee and held within a six-day period will be counted as one competition.***
 - ~~7. Except in Hawaii, no Technical Delegate may officiate for more than two consecutive years at the same competition or at more than two consecutive competitions run by the same Licensee. In Alaska, no dressage Technical Delegate may officiate more than three consecutive years at the same competition, but are not otherwise restricted from officiating at consecutive competitions run by the same Licensee. For the purposes of this rule, multiple, consecutive day Dressage Competitions held within a six-day period will be counted as one competition, if they are run by the same Licensee.~~
 - ~~8. A Driving Technical Delegate shall not serve in that capacity at the same Combined Driving Event, Driving Trial, Driven Dressage Show, or Pleasure Driving Show more than three consecutive years.~~
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- ~~10. No Steward or Technical Delegate may officiate at more than one competition at the same time. **Exception:** Federation Licensed Special Competitions excluding dressage.~~

GR1040 Conflicts of Interest and Restrictions – Stewards and Technical Delegates (See also GR107 and GR1304)

1. The following persons at a given competition are ineligible to serve as Stewards and Technical Delegates: the president, chairman, other Show Committee officers, competition secretary, manager or other competition officials or employees, judges or exhibitors at that competition.
 2. No Steward or Technical Delegate may officiate in any competition in which any member of his family or any of his clients is judging.
 3. No Steward or Technical Delegate may officiate at a competition if he or any member of his family has any relationship with the competition which constitutes a conflict of interest with the Steward's or Technical Delegate's duties under these rules. No member of the Steward's or Technical Delegate's family (as defined in GR123) may serve as a Federation Licensed Official, Competition Licensee, Competition Manager or Competition Secretary at the competition where the steward or technical delegate is officiating.
 4. No member of a Steward's or Technical Delegate's family, nor any of the Steward's or Technical Delegate's clients, may take part as a trainer, coach, lessor, lessee, exhibitor, rider, driver, handler or vaulter at a competition where the Steward or Technical Delegate is officiating, including unrated classes.
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6. Stewards and Technical Delegates are not to be used as Competition Staff, a Competition Official (Directors, Officers, Chairman of the Show Committee, Manager, Secretary, Judge, Veterinarian, and Course Designer), FEI Official, or in any other paid position not related to their proper duties at Licensed Competitions where they are officiating with the following exceptions:
 - a. At a competition where more than one Steward or Technical Delegate is officiating, and after a Steward or Technical Delegate has entirely completed his duties for the day at that Licensed Competition, he may officiate as a Certified Schooling Supervisor if the Steward or Technical Delegate is licensed as a Certified Schooling Supervisor. At no time may a competition have less than the requisite number of Stewards and Technical Delegates as required under GR1211 and other applicable rules.
 - i. A C1 Steward may use their C1 Steward's License to act as a Certified Schooling Supervisor. C1 Steward's acting as a Certified Schooling Supervisor are not subject to the restrictions in GR1039 or GR1040.1-4,***

since they are not acting as one of the required official Competition Stewards.

b. C2 Stewards who are also licensed as Dressage Technical Delegates may serve in both roles at Licensed Breed Restricted Competitions offering Open Dressage classes. When a dually licensed C2 Steward/Dressage Technical Delegate is officiating, the Open Dressage classes must be their sole responsibility until those classes are complete. If there are additional non-Open Dressage classes occurring at the same time as the Open Dressage classes, a separate Dressage Technical Delegate must officiate for the Open Dressage classes.

~~c. Eventing and Driving Technical Delegates holding Federation and FEI Technical Delegate licensure may serve in both roles at dually licensed FEI/Federation Eventing and Driving Competitions.~~

~~d. Federation Vaulting Technical Delegates and FEI Vaulting Stewards holding both licenses may serve in both roles at dually licensed FEI/Federation Vaulting Competitions.~~

e. Federation Combined Driving Technical Delegates and FEI Driving Stewards holding both licenses may serve in both roles at dually licensed FEI/Federation Driving Competitions.

~~7. At dually licensed FEI/Federation Dressage, Driving, Eventing, Jumping, and/or Vaulting competitions:~~

~~a. Dressage, Para-Dressage, Driving, Eventing, and Vaulting Technical Delegates also holding licensure as a FEI Steward for Dressage, Para-Dressage, Driving, Eventing, and Vaulting are prohibited from serving in both roles on the same day(s) as Dressage, Para-Dressage, Driving, Eventing, and Vaulting Technical Delegates and FEI Stewards. (DR125.6).~~

~~b. C1 Stewards also holding FEI Jumping Steward licensure are prohibited from serving in both roles.~~

GR1211 Appointment of Officials and Employees

4. Stewards and Technical Delegates

[...]

b. If required to officiate, a Dressage Technical Delegate must be present and officiate for all Dressage classes held on the day(s) which they are in attendance. If no other classes except Dressage are held on a licensed day of a Breed-Restricted Competition, a Steward does not need to be present in addition to the Dressage Technical Delegate.

c. If a competition finds it necessary to substitute a steward or technical delegate for one who is officially designated in the prize list and/or catalogue and who is unable to serve due to circumstances beyond his control, the restrictions of GR1304.14 and/or GR1304.25 shall be non-effective.

d. Competitions are urged to engage a steward for each ring when classes are held simultaneously and to select individuals who are well versed in the divisions being offered.

e. Competitions are required to obtain the necessary Stewards or Technical Delegates in accordance with the restrictions below:

		Number of Previous Year's Unique Horse Entries					
		0-250	251-500	501-1,000	1,001-1,500	1,501-2,000	2,001 or more
# of competition rings used simultaneously	1-3	1	1	2	3	4	4
	4-7	1	2	3	4	4	5
	8 or more	2	2	4	4	5	5

i. Competition Management is permitted to obtain more than the minimum number of Stewards or Technical Delegates required above.

ii. For any competitions holding the eventing division, when the cross-country phase is running, it will count as one competition ring, regardless of the number of levels offered. In addition, each dressage and show jumping ring will be counted as a competition ring. Additional Eventing TD requirements contained in EV153 are intended to be in addition to the minimum TD requirements contained in the above chart.

iii. Competitions that host regionals, championships, or finals that occur on a rotating schedule, and create a significant change in horse entry numbers, may request a waiver to the Federation to utilize the horse entry count from the year prior to the regional, championship, or final. The waiver must be requested with the competition license renewal.

iv. Exception: At the Paso Fino Grand National Championship at least two C2 Stewards must officiate. See PF155 for additional restrictions.

f. Unless otherwise approved by the Federation, a competition in its first year of operation must have at least one

applicable Steward or Technical Delegate for every two competition rings being used simultaneously regardless of the number of horses entered.

g. The maximum number of competition rings being used simultaneously at any point during the competition will be counted for the purposes of GR1211. If the number of competition rings being used simultaneously changes within a competition day, competition management is permitted to adjust the number of Stewards and/or TDs in accordance with the chart in GR1211/4 and any other applicable rules.

[renumber accordingly]

~~e. With the exception of Hunter/Jumper competitions (see GR1211.3e), competitions using more than three performance areas simultaneously must have at least two stewards on duty. Dressage arenas do not count as a performance area. If more than six performance areas are used simultaneously, at least three stewards must be on duty.~~

~~f. A Federation licensed Hunter/Jumper competition must appoint C1 Stewards as follows:~~

~~1. When one to four performance areas are in use simultaneously, at least one Steward must be on duty.~~

~~2. When five to eight performance areas are in use simultaneously, at least two Stewards must be on duty.~~

~~3. When nine or more performance areas are used simultaneously, at least three Stewards must be on duty.~~

~~4. A competition using four performance areas simultaneously that had more than 500 horses competing the previous year must have two Stewards on duty.~~

~~5. A competition in its first year of operation must have two Stewards on duty if four to eight performance areas are in use simultaneously.~~

~~6. When more than one steward is required, the licensed Stewards must designate one as the Senior Steward for that competition and must notify competition management.~~

~~g. For each competition day that a Dressage Competition schedules 300 or more rides (including Dressage and DSHB entries), the competition must have at least two Dressage Technical Delegates on duty. When only one competition ring is in session, only one Dressage Technical Delegate need be present on the grounds. Dressage Competitions holding both a national competition and a CDI must have a separate Dressage Technical Delegate in addition to the FEI Chief Dressage Steward.~~

~~h. At all competitions using more than one competition ring, management must provide a hand-held communication device (i.e. walkie-talkie or cell phone) to at least one *each* steward or technical delegate.~~

~~i. A Paso Fino competition with more than 175 Paso Fino horses competing based on the previous competition entry numbers, determined by the amount of Federation fees paid to the Federation, shall be required to have at least two stewards.~~

HU Appendix A. USEF Hunter Schooling Rules

5. Duties of Certified Schooling Supervisors (see also GR1031)

a. The Certified Schooling Supervisor's or official competition Steward's decision regarding schooling rules in the warm-up/schooling area is final.

b. Competition Management is responsible for providing a Category 1 Steward or Certified Schooling Supervisor to supervise schooling in the Hunter schooling area during any Hunter class offering \$10,000 or more in prize money.

c. Within the thirty minutes prior to the scheduled start of the class, any schooling over obstacles by an entry in a class of \$10,000 or more, or any USHJA National Hunter Derby or USHJA International Hunter Derby must be done in a designated area, supervised by a C1 Steward or Certified Schooling Supervisor.

JP103 Schooling

2. Schooling Supervision Requirements

a. **An individual with a C1 Steward or Certified Schooling Supervisor license** must be present in the schooling area during any Jumper class offering \$10,000 to \$24,999 in prize money. **See GR1040.6 for conflict of interest restrictions.**

b. **An individual with a 'R' Registered C1 Steward or Certified Schooling Supervisor license** must be appointed to supervise schooling before and during the classes offering \$25,000 or more in prize money. **See GR1040.6 for conflict of interest restrictions.**

~~c. A C1 Steward or Certified Schooling Supervisor is recommended to be present during schooling for Five, Six or Seven Year Old classes.~~

d. **A The minimum number of one required competition Steward(s) must always remain available to attend to**

other stewarding duties. (See GR1211.4 and GR1040.6)

e. Management is responsible for providing Certified Schooling Supervisors to supervise schooling for the Jumper warm up area of the ring offering the most prize money during that particular session during scheduled classes and warmups at Jumper Rating **Level 5** or higher competitions. (Exception: Competitions that are exclusively comprised of FEI Jumping classes, where FEI Stewards must be present). This Certified Schooling Supervisor for Jumper Rating 5 or higher competitions cannot be one of the Competition Stewards.

f. For all other Jumper warm-up areas and during scheduled classes and warm-ups, Management is responsible for providing designated individuals to supervise schooling. These individuals must have a clear view of their assigned warm up area.

~~3. Schooling supervisors may be individual contractors at the competition or may be competition stewards. However, a minimum of one competition steward must always remain available to attend to other stewarding duties.~~

~~4. For JP 103.2.a, .b, .c, and .e, a person may use their C1 Steward's License to act as a Certified Schooling Supervisor and that person would not be subject to the restrictions in GR1040, since they are not acting as one of the required official Competition Stewards.~~

5. See GR1033.10 for C1 Steward responsibilities.

DR125 Competition Licensing and Officials

~~5. For each competition day that a Dressage Competition schedules 300 or more rides (including Dressage and DSHB entries), the competition must have at least two Dressage Technical Delegates on duty. When only one competition ring is in session, only one Dressage Technical Delegate (DTD) need be present on the grounds. When a competition has more than seven competition rings on any day, at least two Dressage Technical Delegates must be on duty. Three Dressage Technical Delegates are required for an event when a Dressage Competition schedules more than 1200 rides for the event. When a DTD is officiating as a second DTD for only one day of a multi day competition due to the show scheduling 300 or more rides on that day, this DTD is subject to the restrictions of GR1041.2 and GR1304.~~

~~6. Dressage Competitions holding both a national competition and a CDI must have a separate Dressage Technical Delegate in addition to the FEI Chief Dressage Steward. However, the number of CDI rides is not counted in the number of rides requiring an additional Dressage Technical Delegate.~~

DR126

	Level 5 CDIs/CPEDIs USEF HP Selection Trials (I1– GP, ParaEquestrian) National Championship	Level 4 Regional Championships, HP (I1) and other competitions as required or as approved by Federation (and USDF when required), upon application	Level 3 Developing Program Qualifiers (JR/YR/YA, YH & DH) and other competitions as required or as approved by Federation (and USDF when required), upon application	Level 2 Other licensed Dressage shows	Level 1 “Introduction” to Licensed Competitions
TD	One or more “R” TD required per DR125 and FEI Steward (C1’s only). See GR1211. At least ‘R’ TD is required. CDIs/CPEDIs are subject to FEI rules. Additional TDs can be ‘R’ or ‘r’.	At least one “R” TD required per DR125 See GR1211. At least one ‘R’ TD is required. Additional TDs can be ‘R’ or ‘r’.	One or more per DR125 See GR1211.	One or more per DR125 See GR1211.	“R” or “r” DTD. See GR1211.

DC975 Rotation of Officials

~~Rotation of Officials: a Judge/Technical Delegate/Course Designer may not have been the Judge/Technical Delegate/Course Designer at the same event for more than 3 consecutive years without taking at least one year break See GR1033 for rotation requirements for Technical Delegates. A Judge or Course Designer is not permitted to officiate at the same competition for more than three consecutive years.~~ At Short Format Driving Events, DC975

Rotation of Officials does not apply.

EV158 Technical Delegate Qualifications and Duties

2. Duties

d. A Classic Three-Day Event may be held concurrently with other Events. ~~The Technical Delegate may be used for national and international Events held concurrently. The FEI Technical Delegate may be used for the national Event provided they are licensed by the Federation, otherwise a Federation licensed Technical Delegate must be appointed.~~ The same ~~Ground Jury~~ **Judges**, Course Designer, and veterinarian may be used for both Events, provided they are licensed to officiate at the applicable level.

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To facilitate affordability for Eventing participants to practice their dressage tests at Dressage Competitions and encourage riders from other disciplines to compete at Dressage Competitions.

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GR821 Opportunity Classes. Add new and renumber:

e. Dressage classes may be offered as Opportunity classes at Dressage Competitions or Regular/Local Competitions with "Open" Dressage classes as described below:

1. Classes are limited to the following competition levels and dressage tests:

- a. Level 1 competitions may offer three tests and only three classes per level per day at Introductory - Fourth Level.
- b. Level 2 competitions may offer three tests and only three classes per level per day at Introductory - Third Level.
- c. Level 3 competitions may offer three tests and only three classes per level per day at Introductory - Second Level.
- d. ~~Level 4 and Level 5 competitions may not offer Opportunity classes~~

d. Level 1, 2, and 3 competitions may offer two Eventing Test of Choice classes per day in addition to the tests, classes, and levels list above in Section 1.a – 1.c.

e. Level 1, 2, and 3 competitions may also offer two dressage seat equitation classes per day in addition to the tests, classes, and levels list above in Section 1.a – 1.c.

f. Level 4 and Level 5 competitions may not offer Opportunity classes.

GR801.2 Tracking #030-22 Draft #3 Approved

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Rule Change Intent

To include SNELL Foundation as an acceptable helmet certification along with ASTM for use in USEF Competition. The FEI recognizes the SNELL Foundation helmet certification as acceptable protective headgear.

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Council - Member Services	
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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 **in compliance with the accepted testing standards published on the Federation's website. Protective headgear must carry the applicable quality testing tag and/or label.** ~~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. 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. A Show Committee, Competition Management, and Licensed Officials must bar riders without protective headgear 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. 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/jumping 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.
4. Any exhibitor may wear protective headgear ~~(ASTM/SEI)~~ and/or a protective vest either body protecting or inflatable, specifically designed for use in equestrian sport in any division or class without penalty from the judge. The Federation recommends that the vest pass or surpass the current ASTM standard F1937 or be certified by the Safety Equipment Institute. For Eventing, inflatable vests are permitted only when worn over a body protecting vest. **Protective headgear must be in compliance with the accepted testing standards published on the Federation's website. Protective headgear must carry the applicable quality testing tag and/or label.**
7. Except as may otherwise be mandated by local law, the Federation strongly encourages all riders, while riding anywhere on the competition grounds, to wear protective headgear with harness secured ~~which passes or surpasses ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag.~~ (Exception hunter, jumper, or hunter/jumper competitions refer to GR801.2) It is the responsibility of the rider, or the parent or guardian or trainer of the junior exhibitor to see to it that the headgear worn complies with appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian use, and is properly fitted and in good condition, and the Federation, Show Committee, Competition Management, and Licensed Officials are not responsible for checking headgear worn for such compliance.

AR111 Protective Headgear

2. Except as may otherwise be mandated by local law riders in all Working Hunter, Jumper, Hunter Hack, English Trail, and all Hunt Seat Equitation classes (not to jump or over obstacles and when jumping anywhere on the competition grounds, must wear properly fastened protective headgear **in compliance with the accepted testing standards published on the Federation's website. Protective headgear must carry the applicable quality testing tag and/or label.** ~~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. A Show Committee must bar riders without protective headgear 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.
4. Any exhibitor may wear protective headgear ~~(ASTM/SEI)~~ and/or a protective safety vest, specifically designed for use in equestrian sport in any division or class without penalty from the judge. The Federation recommends that the vest meet or surpass the current ASTM standard or be certified by the Safety Equipment Institute.
8. Except as may otherwise be mandated by local law, the Federation strongly encourages all riders, while riding anywhere on the competition grounds, to wear protective headgear with harness secured ~~which passes or surpasses ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag.~~ It is the responsibility of the rider, or the parent or guardian or trainer of the junior exhibitor to see to it that the headgear worn complies with appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian use, and is properly fitted and

in good condition, and the Federation, Show Committee, and Licensed Officials are not responsible for checking headgear worn for such compliance.

AR233 General

9. Trail Horse - Under Saddle

- a. Trail classes may be offered for Western or English, but the two styles are not to be combined into one class at any time as there are distinct differences.
- b. There is no rail work. The course must be designed to require each horse to show all three (3) gaits, (walk, jog/trot at least thirty (30) feet, lope/canter right and left lead) somewhere between and/or over obstacles as part of its work, and quality of movement and cadence should be considered as part of the obstacle score. Unnecessary delays while approaching or negotiating an obstacle shall be penalized.
- c. ~~ASTM~~ Helmets are required for all English Trail classes. **See GR801.**

AR236 Trail Obstacle Mandatory Dimensions

4. JUMPS (Note: ~~ASTM~~ helmets are not required for Western trail classes with jump obstacles. ~~ASTM~~ Helmets are required for all under saddle English Trail classes.). **See GR801**

- a. Mounted: Maximum height 24"
- b. Amateur and Junior to ride classes mounted, must be cross rails and may not exceed 18"). The height of a cross rail shall be measured at the top of the center of the intersection of the poles. The height of the jump cups should be set so the angle of the poles does not exceed approximately 30 degrees.
- c. Lead Over: Maximum height 12"
- d. Minimum width between standards of a jump: 4 feet e. Combinations: 12 feet for a one stride; 6 feet for a no stride f. Box Jumps and L Jumps: Poles must be at least 12 feet long.

AR275 General

4. Safety is of the utmost importance in tack and attire.

- a. Saddle must fit rider.
- b. Rider's feet must be engaged in the stirrups/irons.
- c. Leading rein must be attached to a cavesson or a halter placed under or over the bridle.
- d. It is strongly encouraged that the rider wears protective headgear with harness secured ~~which passes or surpasses (American Society for Testing and Materials)/,SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag.~~ **See GR801.**
- e. Boots are required.

CP207 Turnout

4. Protective Headgear: All juniors in all competitions must wear properly fastened protective headgear ~~which meets or exceeds current 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. Failure to comply will result in elimination. All competitors, attendants, grooms and passengers are encouraged to use of protective headgear. **See GR801.**

CP105 Responsibilities of Drivers and Officials

11. At all times while in a carriage, all Juniors must wear properly fastened protective headgear ~~which meets or exceeds current ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/,SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag.~~ Headgear must be properly fitted with harness secured. Failure to comply while competing may result in elimination. Failure to comply after being notified to do so by an Official may result in a Warning Card and/or Disqualification. **See GR801.**

DR120 Dress

1.1 Protective Headgear. Protective headgear **must be in compliance with the accepted testing standards published on the Federation's website. Protective headgear must carry the applicable quality testing tag and/or label. See GR801.** ~~is defined as a riding helmet, which meets or exceeds current ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials), SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag.~~ From the time horses are officially admitted to the competition grounds by competition management, anyone mounted on a horse at any time on the competition grounds, including non-competing riders, riders on non-competing horses, mounted participants in exhibition classes, and those competing in all classes and tests, including Para Dressage tests, must wear protective headgear as defined by this rule and otherwise in compliance with GR801. The harness must be secured and properly fitted. Any rider violating this rule at any time must immediately be prohibited from further riding until the headgear is properly in place. Protective headgear may be the same as or a coordinating color with the coat, and may include contrast coloring, accent, and crystal decoration. See DR136 for dress code rules for exhibitions.

DR206 Equipment and Turn Out

6. Handlers, assistant handlers and whip assistants of any age must wear protective headgear as defined by this rule and otherwise in compliance with GR801 while handling or assisting in the competition ring. Any handler or assistant violating this rule at any time must immediately be prohibited from further participation until such headgear is properly in place. Protective headgear **must be in compliance with the accepted testing standards published on the Federation's website. Protective headgear must carry the applicable quality testing tag and/or label** ~~is defined as a riding helmet which meets or exceeds ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials), SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag.~~ The harness must be secured and properly fitted. **See GR801.**

DC913 Dress, safety, and whips

1. Dress in Dressage and cones on a dressage carriage

1.6 Penalties for improper dress are stated under Rules DC941 and DC965. In Cones, it is compulsory for all persons to wear a properly fastened protective headgear. ~~Such protective headgear must meet or exceed ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials), SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. See GR801.~~ An athlete/groom who loses their headgear or whose chin strap becomes unfastened while on course must recover and replace it, or in the case of the chin strap becoming unfastened must refasten it. In such case, the jury will ring the bell, stop the time, thus incurring 5 penalties and the athlete will halt to retrieve their headgear and/or refasten the chin strap. An athlete who continues with a chin strap incorrectly fastened or not fastened will be eliminated unless the circumstances rendered it unsafe for the athlete to stop immediately in order to refasten the strap. BOD 1/15/22 Effective 1/21/22

2. Dress in Marathon and Combined Marathon

2.2 Athletes and grooms must wear securely 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,~~ and a back protector in the Marathon Sections. Infringement will incur elimination. **See GR801.** BOD 1/15/22 Effective 1/21/22

3. Dress for Juniors

3.1 At all times, while on a carriage, junior athletes must wear a body protector and a securely 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.~~ Infringement will result in elimination. **See GR801.**

CD Glossary

~~2. Protective headgear must be certified under one of the following standards: ASTM (American Society for Testing Materials), or SEI (Safety Equipment Institute, Inc.), BSI/BS EN (British Standards Institution); EN (European Union Standards); or AS/NZS (Australian/New Zealand Standards~~

EN106 Dress Code

1. PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR.

a. It is compulsory for all person at Federation licensed competitions when mounted to wear properly fastened

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. **See GR801.**

EP102 Appointments

3. ENGLISH PLEASURE HUNTER SEAT CLASSES: Forward, balance seat or side saddle, snaffle bridle, pelham with two reins, kimberwicke bits or a full bridle (curb and snaffle). If a full bridle is used, it must be of hunter style and excessive length of curb shank shall be penalized. Breast plates are permissible, but martingales are prohibited. Horses may be shown with or without braided manes and/or tails. For rider, traditional hunter-style jacket, breeches or hunter jodhpurs, dark hunting cap, derby, or protective headgear and appropriate boots. Tall dress or tall field boots are preferred as traditional. Paddock or jodhpur boots with matching half chaps are permitted although not considered as traditional. A stock, choker or four in hand with any color shirt is correct. In all classes gloves, hunter crop or bat, and spurs are optional. Junior riders must wear fastened protective headgear ~~which meets or exceeds ASTM (American Society of Testing and Materials)/, SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag,~~ (See GR801.4) when mounted. Shadbellies are prohibited.

EV114 Dress

1. PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR.

b. Upon arrival, anyone riding a horse must wear properly fitting protective headgear ~~which passes or surpasses 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. **See GR801.**

FR136 Attire

1. Riders should wear coats of a traditional Hunt style. Coats should be of a conservative color (such as black, navy, or other dark customary colors) and of a material appropriate for area and season. Traditional light colored breeches or jodhpurs with black or brown boots should be worn. Gloves are optional. Traditional Hunt caps or safety helmets are to be worn. ~~ASTM, SEI approved~~ safety helmets may be worn by Junior riders and are recommended for all riders. **See GR801.**

FR216 Lead line Equitation Walk-Trot 10 & under

4. Exhibitors may show in any style seat (Hunter Seat, Dressage, Saddle Seat, and Western Seat). However, the attire, tack, and appointments must match the chosen seat. Refer to Equitation, Chapter EQ for correct position and appointments for Hunter Seat, Saddle Seat, and Western Seat. For Dressage see FR139. For appropriate tack for each seat refer to FR135 for Hunter Seat, FR139, FR145 and DR121 for Dressage, FR121, FR126, and FR130 for Saddle Seat, and FR190 for Western Seat.

a. Exhibitor must wear properly fitting ~~(ASTM/SEI)~~ protective headgear. Harness must be secured and properly fitted. (GR801)

FR217 Lead line Equitation—6 and under

2. Exhibitors may use any style of tack and appointments; however, the rider's attire and the mount's tack should be of the same type.

a. Exhibitor must wear properly fitting ~~(ASTM/SEI)~~ protective headgear. Harness must be secured and properly fitted. (GR801)

FR236 General

2. Riders may use any style of tack and appointments; however, the rider's attire and the horse's tack should be of the same

type.

- a. Rider must wear properly fitting ~~(ASTM/SEI)~~ protective headgear. Harness must be secured and properly fitted. (GR801)

MO142 Attire

Except as may otherwise be mandated by local law, exhibitors in Bike or Under Saddle classes shall wear stable colors, cap and jacket to match; protective headgear of any color is acceptable and encouraged. See GR801. Except as may otherwise be mandated by local law, while riding or driving a Roadster anywhere on the competition grounds, all juniors riding or driving a Roadster in Morgan, Bike or Under Saddle classes must wear properly fitting protective headgear ~~which passes or surpasses ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials), SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag,~~ as specified in GR801. Harness must be secured and properly fitted. A matching cover may be worn over the protective headgear or the protective headgear may be painted in matching stable colors.

MO204 Appointments and Attire

d. Attire:

2. Headgear: Any exhibitor may wear protective headgear ~~(ASTM/SEI)~~ in lieu of a western hat and/or a protective safety vest, specifically designed for use in equestrian sport in any division or class without penalty from the judge.

RN103 Scoring

5. The following will result in a score of 0:





- n. failure to wear appropriate western attire as outlined in the USA Reining Rules and Regulations. Western attire may include protective headgear ~~(ASTM/SEI)~~. See GR801.4 and RN101.8;

RD107 Appointments

4. Except as may otherwise be mandated by local law, protective headgear is strongly recommended for everyone showing in any class in the Roadster Division as outlined in GR801.4, .7 and .8. Except as may otherwise be mandated by local law, while riding or driving anywhere on the competition grounds, all juniors riding or driving in Roadster to Bike or Roadster Under Saddle classes must wear properly fitting protective headgear ~~which passes or surpasses ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials), SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag,~~ as specified in GR801. Harness must be secured and properly fitted. A matching cover may be worn over the protective headgear or the protective headgear may be painted in matching Roadster Silks.

List of applicable International Testing Standards for Protective Headgear

“Protective headgear,” as defined in the USEF General Rule 801, must comply with at least one of the international testing standards listed below. In addition, the product must have passed corresponding quality testing (quality testing monitors the ongoing quality of the product according to the original standard). Products complying with the above will be marked and labelled accordingly. Testing Standards and corresponding quality testing may be contained on the same or separate labels.

International Testing Standards:	Quality Control Labels
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American: ASTM F1163 – 2013 and 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Certified through SEI • British Standard PAS 015 – 2011 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Certified through BSI or IC • European VG1 01.040 2014-12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Certified through BSI or IC • Snell – 2016 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ISO accredited lab, not 3rd party tested 	<div style="text-align: center;">  A Subsidiary of ASTM INTERNATIONAL </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>

NOTE:

- Although protective headgear can help to keep a participant as safe as possible, no headgear can prevent serious injury or death under certain circumstances.
- Correct fit and the correct adjustment of the retention harness are essential to the performance of protective headgear. Always try on the product and have it fitted by someone that is qualified to do so. Avoid buying online, even if you bought the same model before, as individual differences may exist.

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2023	6/28/2022	Approved 6/20/2023

Rule Change Intent

Require USEF Membership for those acting as the Safety Coordinator at USEF-licensed competitions. The Safety Coordinator is responsible for many safety and welfare related duties at USEF-licensed competitions and interacts with participants. This individual should USEF Member with the appropriate Safe Sport Training. Additionally, requiring membership for these individuals will ensure that USEF has the most up to date contact information for this individual should follow up be required following a serious accident or injury at an event.

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Linked Rules	Comments
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Committee Actions

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 05/15/2023

Draft 1: The Council would approve if the proposal added language outlining who is eligible to fulfill the Safety Coordinator role at competitions. Currently the rule outlines who is not eligible, but the addition of the requested language will aid in clarifying the common misconception surrounding who can serve.

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 05/09/2023

Draft 1: The IDC recognizes that many competitions may have difficulty in finding someone to fill this position and in some situations the individual filling this position is a volunteer. The IDC recommends that any person designated as the Safety Coordinator who is not already a USEF active member be given a complimentary fan membership to help offset additional costs required by the competition and that the individual be required to complete the training.

Council - Member Services

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 05/09/2023

1. All Licensed Competitions must appoint a Safety Coordinator, who shall oversee the establishment and coordination of medical and veterinary services. ***This person must be a Senior Active member or a Subscriber member of the Federation and comply with the SafeSport Training requirements.*** This person may have other roles or duties in relation to the competition except:
 - a. The Safety Coordinator may not serve as a Licensed Official at the competition (exception: Course Designers); and
 - b. The Safety Coordinator may not compete as a rider, driver, vaulter, longeur, or handler at the competition.
2. The Safety Coordinator shall:
 - a. Oversee provisions for the safety and welfare of exhibitors, horses, and spectators;
 - b. Oversee the implementation of the Accident Preparedness Plan;
 - c. Communicate with Competition Management and Medical Personnel prior to the start of competition to ensure that parties are aware of the requirements of the Accident Preparedness Plan;
 - d. Provide Medical Personnel with a map of the competition grounds, which includes plans for vehicle access to competition/warm-up areas and stabling.
 - e. Have his name and contact information posted along with the required emergency information at the competition

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2023	8/30/2022	Approved 6/20/2023

Rule Change Intent

To include PAs and NPs as individuals permitted to provide medical clearance for return to competition following suspected head injury or concussion.

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Committee Actions
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Draft 1: Recommends Approval 05/09/2023 Council - Intl Discipline
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 05/09/2023 Council - Member Services

GR848.6. 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, ***physician assistant, or nurse practitioner*** in order to be eligible to once again compete in Federation-Licensed or endorsed competitions.

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2023	3/6/2023	Approved 6/20/2023

Rule Change Intent

Horses require adequate rest and REM sleep in a 24-hour period. While horses can rest during the day, sleep typically occurs after midnight in the dark hours. Conditions unsuitable for sleep (e.g. loud environments, bright lights, etc.) may limit the ability of horses to get adequate sleep which can lead to sleep deprivation and excessive drowsiness, impacting equine performance and wellbeing. There is ample science showing how sleep deprivation causes stress in horses particularly noted through behavioral changes such as spookiness or even collapsing while standing waiting for a class. Limiting a horse's ability to sleep may create a higher risk of injury to both horse and rider. Horses who are sleep deprived may have little regard for balance and often exhibit erratic and wild behavior. After reviewing the feedback received during the comment period, the committee recommends updating the language to that outlined in Draft 2 to allow for flexibility based on venue and breed or discipline needs.

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Linked Rules Comments

Committee Actions

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 05/22/2023

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 05/09/2023

Draft 2: The IDC voted to disapprove and discussed concerns/issues raised by the Sport Committees.

Council - Member Services

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 05/09/2023

SUBCHAPTER 12-E DUTIES CONCERNING FACILITIES

GR1215 Stabling

3. At competitions which offer overnight stabling, adequate lighting must be provided.

4. For six consecutive hours overnight, stabling must have minimal lighting and noise to allow stabled horses to rest adequately.

4. 5. It is recommended that at Level 4 and Level 5 Dressage Competitions, and at competitions with an A rated division provide, upon request of the official competition veterinarian, a suitable area, protected from the elements, secured from public view, adequately lighted, with adequate electrical supply and running water, to serve as a first aid station for the emergency treatment of ill and injured horses.

5. 6. Additional stabling requirements for Dressage Competitions are listed in the Dressage Levels chart posted on the Federation website.

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2023	3/10/2023	Approved 6/20/2023

Rule Change Intent

The accurate identification of horses is essential. At Federation Licesned Competitions, the best manner in which to identify horses is through a Federation Horse Identification Number, which does not require recording with the Federation. During times of disease outbreak, natural disasters, theft, and to protect against fraud, microchipping of horses is fundamental to good horsemanship. The requirement for all horses competing at USEF licensed competitions to be microchipped is in the interest of horse welfare. While microchipping of horses will be required, members will be encouraged to explore the use of biothermal microchips that allow for Bluetooth connectivity for monitoring of horse temperatures.

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Committee Actions

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 05/09/2023

Council - Member Services

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 05/09/2023

Draft 2: The Council is in favor of this proposal and feels it is necessary and that it represents an important step in supporting bio-security measures and ensuring the health and well-being of competition horses. The Council would like to recommend, however, that the rule change proposal be amended to contain language that allows those competition horses that are already chipped with 10-digit microchips to be exempted from the requirement to undergo insertion of an additional 15-digit microchip. Since 10-digit microchips have not been used in approximately 20 years, those horses with these older chips will soon age out of the competition environment making the exception unnecessary in a relatively short period of time.

GR1101 Horse Identification Number and Horse Identification Form

1. All horses competing in Federation licensed competitions must be properly identified. For all such competitions, entries for each horse must include either a Federation-issued Unique Horse Identification Number or a registration number from a Federation Recognized Affiliate. Additionally, a Federation Recognized Discipline Affiliate may require horses to be registered with their organization, and if so, the entry must also include that registration number.

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10. Effective December 1, 2025, all horses competing at Federation Licensed and Endorsed Competitions must provide a microchip number that verifies the animal. A microchip used to verify identity must be a fifteen-digit ISO compliant 11784/11785 chip and be implanted in the nuchal ligament of the animal.

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2023	8/29/2022	Approved 6/20/2023

Rule Change Intent

The Federation's Licensing Information Document outlines the application and maintenance requirements for U.S. FEI officials. In order to avoid contradictory and duplicate information, this section about national license requirements for U.S. FEI officials should be removed from the rulebook.

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Committee Actions
Council - Intl Discipline Draft 1: Recommends Approval 05/09/2023
Council - Member Services Draft 1: Recommends Approval 05/09/2023

GR1004 General

~~4. Any Federation member who is a U.S. citizen holding a FEI license for which there is a comparable national level license must maintain the national level license with the Federation (Exception: Jumper Judges, Jumper Course Designers, and Stewards).~~

- ~~a. If a national or U.S. FEI license is not properly maintained, this in itself shall be deemed sufficient basis for the Federation to recommend to the FEI that the individual be removed from the FEI list of officials.~~

GR1042 Clinic and Officiating Requirements

3. For licensing requirements for license applications, enrollments, promotion, and maintenance, please refer to the Licensed Officials Policies and Procedures available on the Federation website.

4. For FEI licensing requirements, please refer to the FEI Licensing Information Document available on the Federation website. If a national or U.S. FEI license is not properly maintained with the Federation, the Federation may recommend to the FEI that the individual be removed from the U.S. FEI list of officials.

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
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Rule Change Intent

Stewards and Technical Delegates are often elsewhere on the competition grounds when an accident or injury to a human or horse, or a collapse of a horse, occurs. Due to the Federation's reporting requirements, notification to the Steward or Technical Delegate by the Safety Coordinator or Management within one hour of its happening, will enable the Steward or TD to report in the required amount of time.

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Committee Actions

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Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 05/09/2023

Draft 1: The IDC noted that "within one hour" is not always feasible and requests a new draft of the proposed rule change to clarify the "hour" time frame.

Council - Member Services

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 05/09/2023

GR846 Safety Coordinator

2. The Safety Coordinator shall:

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f. Inform the senior Steward or Technical Delegate of any accident or injury to a human or horse within one hour of the accident or injury for proper follow-up and reporting as required by the Federation, in the event a Steward or Technical Delegate is unable to be present at an injury or accident to a human or a horse.

GR848 Accidents Involving Individuals

4.d. The competition Steward or TD shall notify Competition Management and the Safety Coordinator of the fall/accident as soon as practicable. ***In the event that a Steward or Technical Delegate is unable to be present at an accident or injury, the Safety Coordinator or Manager must inform the senior Steward or Technical Delegate of said accident or injury within one hour for proper follow-up and reporting, as required by the Federation.***

GR849 Mandatory Reporting and Cooperation of Horse/Pony Collapse

3. The Steward/TD shall report to Competition Management and the Federation within one hour of notification of a collapse. ***In the event that a Steward or Technical Delegate is not able to be present at a collapse of a horse, the Safety Coordinator or Manager must inform the senior Steward or Technical Delegate of said collapse within one hour of the collapse for proper follow-up and reporting, as required by the Federation.***

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
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Rule Change Intent

To strengthen the definition of the Heritage competition designation, to amend the qualifying criteria, and to implement a review process every fifth year for Heritage designation maintenance. Additionally, the Federation will provide enhanced benefits to Heritage competitions offering promotional support and marketing materials.

In April of 2019, the USEF Board of Directors requested that the Heritage designation undergo a review to determine the program’s purpose, relevancy, and value as well as to refine the eligibility requirements associated with the designation. USEF suspended the Heritage competition classification process, and in early 2021, the program review process was assigned to a sub-group of the Competition Task Force. Upon review, the sub-group concluded that the Heritage designation does hold value to the equestrian community and should include competitions that exemplify the best characteristics of equestrian sport, uphold high standards at their designated level, and demonstrate sustainability and value within the local community. As a result, the definition and qualifying criteria was strengthened to clarify designation.

To fulfill the USEF Board’s mandate to suspend processing of the Heritage designation applications until the program could undergo a full review, the task force conducted its program review and formulated its recommendations, which it hoped to implement as expeditiously as possible to address inquiries received from representatives of competitions seeking the designation that have been held in abeyance for over one year. This proposal was originally put forward in February, 2022 as an Extraordinary Rule Change but was not certified as such by the USEF Legislative Committee. It is now being submitted as a Standard rule change proposal in the 2022 rule change for implementation (if approved) on 12/01/2023.

To ensure that competitions either requesting or being invited to apply for the Heritage designation meet the definition and criteria, the Working Group recommends the following application process be implemented:

New Process for Application

- Applicable Affiliate invites a competition to apply for Heritage designation; alternatively, a competition seeking the designation can complete an application and submit it to the Affiliate to initiate the process
- Affiliate receives and reviews requisite materials
- All applications submitted to the Affiliate must be provided to the Federation accompanied by a documented recommendation from the Affiliate
- Federation reviews submitted materials and may perform a site visit
- Federation CEO makes final decision for approval
- Application returns to Affiliate and Applicant with decision

Additionally, the sub-group concluded that all existing Heritage competitions should undergo a review every five-years utilizing a new process that includes the following:

Review Process for Renewal – occurs every five years following initial designation

- Conducted by a review panel that will renew the designation once it determines the competition has:
 - Maintained its viability and has sustained itself through the years
 - Maintained its same flavor and tradition and provides the same customer experience
 - Demonstrated consistent support of the community (through charitable/monetary or other type of giving or service)
 - Demonstrated consistent sport promotion
- Only those renewals that the review panel determines do not meet the criteria would be forwarded to the CEO for final consideration

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Committee Actions

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Council - Intl Discipline

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CHAPTER 3 COMPETITION LICENSING
SUBCHAPTER 3-B COMPETITION CLASSIFICATION

GR307 Classification

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6. Heritage Designations

- a. Heritage designations are reserved for those competitions within the sport of Equestrian *equestrian* that have been established for a long period of time and ***that exemplify the best characteristics of equestrian sport, uphold high standards at their designated rating or level, demonstrate sustainability and value within the community, and continue to contribute*** have made a substantial contribution toward the development and promotion of the sport of equestrian, both within the sport and as well as within the broader community, by achieving, maintaining, and promoting the equestrian ideals of sportsmanship and competition.
- b. Approval for all Heritage Designations requires:
 1. ***Documented recommendation by the Federation Recognized Affiliate Association primarily represented by the competition;***
 - ~~2. Recommendation Approval by the Federation CEO;~~
 2. ***Approval by the Federation Affiliate primarily represented by the competition;***
 - ~~3. Approval of the Federation Board of Directors.~~
 3. ***Heritage Designation will be granted for a period of five years. In order to maintain the designation, each competition must successfully undergo a review process every five years thereafter.***
- c. Heritage designation may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the Federation Board of Directors ***if the competition no longer fulfills the requirements when applying for redesignation.***
- d. Eligibility for Heritage Designation requires:
 1. Minimum of 25 consecutive years of operation ***with a Federation license*** excluding any Act of God interruption ***and a clean compliance record with no major compliance issues;***
 2. Application by the Competition Licensee ***Invitation from the representing affiliate to the license holder to apply for Heritage status;***
 3. The Competition must be in good standing with both the Federation and the representing affiliate;
 4. Significant involvement ***contribution to*** and support from the community where the competition is held. ***The application should include evidence of a mutually supportive relationship by documenting how the community is benefitted, and how the community supports the competition. A symbiotic relationship is to be demonstrated through submission of letters from community leaders displaying community support, and feedback collected from competitors that have attended the competition in the past.***
 5. Significant contribution to promotion of the sport of equestrian; ***the ideals of equestrian sport such as sportsmanship, horsemanship, and uniting the equine community;***
 6. Widely recognized within the sport of equestrian as being a Regional, National or International level of competition, or possessing other characteristics that make it unique within the sport of equestrian ***Recognition by the equestrian community as a competition that exemplifies the best characteristics of sport at its designated rating or level, upholds high standards, and demonstrates sustainability with high quality and unique character.***
- e. Heritage competitions are permitted and encouraged to advertise their status as Heritage competitions. ***The Federation will support Heritage competitions through promotional and marketing materials.***

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2023	11/7/2022	Approved 6/20/2023

Rule Change Intent

Welfare and Safety. This change would allow Medical Personnel , Veterinarians, Stewards, Exhibitors, etc. to respond to emergency situations and general stabling situations promptly. Stabling Identification must be placed by management so that it cannot be covered by any decorations.

Example: if any of the above-mentioned personnel gets a call to "Barn F", it is easily identifiable.

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Linked Rules	Comments
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Committee Actions	
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	Council - Intl Discipline
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 05/09/2023	
	Council - Member Services
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 05/09/2023	

GR1215 Stabling

4. It is recommended that at Level 4 and Level 5 Dressage Competitions, and at competitions with an A rated division provide, upon request of the official competition veterinarian, a suitable area, protected from the elements, secured from public view, adequately lighted, with adequate electrical supply and running water, to serve as a first aid station for the emergency treatment of ill and injured horses.

5. Additional stabling requirements for Dressage Competitions are listed in the Dressage Levels chart posted on the Federation website. BOD 6/28/21 Effective 12/1/21

6. All permanent barn structures and temporary stabling on competition grounds must have clearly visible identification, such as numbers, letters, or names.

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
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Rule Change Intent

The conflict of interest rules for officials should match regardless of the division. By creating special exceptions based on the division or type of license, level playing fields are varied across the breeds and divisions. Client relationships between competitors and Licensed Officials that either are scheduled to begin in the future or are temporarily terminated for the purposes of competing before the Licensed Official, are currently considered to be violations of the conflict of interest rules. The Federation currently interprets its conflict of interest rules and the prohibition of client relationships between competitors and Licensed Officials to cover those anticipated between the parties, i.e. those scheduled to begin following to conclusion of the competition. Therefore, this proposed rule change will be more permissive by allowing competitors to become clients of Licensed Officials once more than thirty days have elapsed following the conclusion of the competition.

Currently, the definition of clinics prohibits all one-on-one instruction. This rule change proposal will permit one-on-one instruction at a clinic, so long as the instruction is limited to the clinic setting and does not extend beyond that period of time. Participation in multiple clinics are permitted under the rules.

The following examples are provided for additional clarity and understanding:

Example A

- A judge officiates over the weekend at a competition. They stay an additional day to teach a clinic for local riders, and the clinic participants includes riders that competed over the weekend. The clinic includes group or one-on-one sessions. This is permitted.

Example B

- A judge teaches a horse/rider combination once a month. The judge and rider plan to continue this consistent training schedule for many years. The rider wants to compete at a competition where the judge is officiating. The rider should contact Competition Management in advance of the competition to share the conflict so the schedule can be accommodated, if possible, and the rider or horse can compete in front of a different judge.

Example C

- A judge teaches an annual clinic at the same farm/boarding facility every year. After teaching a clinic, at a competition three months later, one of the clinic participants wishes to compete at a competition where the judge/clinician is officiating. This is permitted because the relationship concludes at the clinic.

Example D

- A judge owns a horse and keeps it at a boarding facility in a training program. The judge's trainer wishes to compete at a competition where the judge is officiating. The judge's trainer will compete in classes where the judge is not officiating. This is permitted.

Example E

- A judge owns a horse and keeps it at a boarding facility in a training program. The judge moves their horse to a different boarding facility 30 days prior to the start date of a competition where they are officiating. The judge has the intention of moving their horse back to the original boarding facility and training program immediately after the competition. The relationship between the judge and trainer is not terminated since there is a plan to continue to the relationship in the future. The judge's trainer cannot compete in classes where the judge is officiating, even if the horse is moved. The judge's trainer is permitted to compete at the same competition, but only in classes where the judge is not officiating, regardless of whether the horse is moved from the original boarding facility and training program.

Example F

- A judge is also a trainer and leads a training program at a boarding facility. A new client has signed a contract to board at the facility and receive training from the judge/trainer starting May 1. The new client cannot compete in front of the judge/trainer at a competition in April because a future relationship has been established within 30 days following the conclusion of the competition. The new client may compete at the same competition where the judge/trainer is officiating, but only in classes where the judge/trainer is not officiating.

Example G

- A judge officiates at a competition. They wait until the end of the competition to reach out to the owner of a horse that was at the same competition to inquire if it is for sale. This is permitted. The judge ends up purchasing the horse within 30 days after the competition. This is also permitted.

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Committee Actions

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Draft 3: The IDC recommends that USEF collaborate with USDF and Dressage Staff to clearly define clinic for the sport as well as the suitable number of days between when a judge teaches/gives instruction and the start of a competition where the same judge officiates.

Council - Member Services

Draft 3: Recommends Approval 05/09/2023

Draft #3 addresses the grammatical comments USDF provided, adds back the eventing/driving Ground Jury related section on how to handle complaints, and removes the 30-day post-competition restriction within the “ongoing relationship” definition.

GR1304 Regulations Governing Showing Under Judges, Stewards, and Technical Delegates (~~See also GR107 for definition of Client~~)

1. *See also GR1039, GR1040, GR1041, and GR107.*
2. *For the purposes of this rule, any references to “compete” includes serving in the role of trainer, coach, owner, lessor, lessee, exhibitor, rider, driver, handler, and vaulter.*
3. *For the purposes of this rule, any references to “rider” includes riders, drivers, and vaulters.*
4. *For purposes of this rule, “ongoing relationship” is a relationship that has not been terminated at least thirty (30) days prior to the start of the competition.*
5. *The following are not permitted to compete in a class being officiated by a Judge if there is an ongoing relationship between the individual competing (see above definition) and the judge:*
 - a. *A Judge’s family member, cohabitant, companion, domestic partner, housemate, or member of a Judge’s household;*
 - b. *A Judge’s client, employers, or employees;*
 - c. *Employers of a member of the Judge’s family;*
 - d. *A Judge’s trainer or coach;*
 - e. *A Judge’s trainer’s or coach’s clients;*
 - f. *A horse trained by the Judge or a member of the Judge’s family;*
 - g. *A horse sold by the Judge or by the Judge’s employer;*
 - h. *A horse leased by the Judge or by the Judge’s employer;*
 - i. *A horse owned by the Judge (including but not limited to syndicate and partnership shares);*
 - j. *Any individual that has received or has contracted to receive any remuneration for the sale, purchase, or lease of any horse, unless the sale or purchase has been made and fully concluded at public auction;*
 - k. *Any individual that pays board to the Judge. Retiree and broodmare board are excluded;*
 - l. *A rider whose parent, guardian, or instructor has had any financial transaction in connection with the sale, lease, board, or training of a horse with the Judge, unless the sale was made and fully concluded at public auction; and*
 - m. *A rider that has been instructed, coached, or tutored with or without pay by the Judge;*
 - i. *The conducting of clinics or assistance in group activities will not be considered as instruction, coaching, or tutoring (See GR107).*
6. *For purposes of this rule, the following are considered employers: any individuals, corporations, partnerships, foundations, trusts or non-profit organizations and shareholders owning five or more percent of the stock of any corporation which employs the Judge or a member of the Judge’s family, and any officers, directors, or partners of any corporation or partnership and officers, directors, or trustees of any trust or foundation or nonprofit organization which employs the Judge or a member of the Judge’s family. The hiring of a Judge to officiate at Licensed Competitions shall not constitute employment for purposes of this rule.*
7. *Catch Riders and Independent Service Providers (defined below) are not employees for the purposes of this rule.*
 - a. *Catch Rider: An individual who is engaged, for remuneration or not, exclusively to compete, including any warm-up schooling for that immediate competition, a horse(s) owned by another with whom they have no current business relationship. A catch rider has no influence regarding the ongoing competition schedule, management, schooling, exercising, training, care, custody, or control of the horse.*
 - b. *Independent Service Provider: An individual who performs a service(s) for another and the payer has the right to control or direct only the result of the work and what work will be done. The Independent service provider controls the details as to how the work is performed.*

Refer solely to GR1304.16 for rules pertaining to showing under Judges in the Reining Division. Refer solely to

GR1304.21-26 for regulations governing showing under Hunter/Jumper/Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation Judges and Category 1 Stewards. GR1304.1-20 shall not apply. See also GR1039, GR1040, GR1041, and GR107. Refer to GR1304.19 for rules pertaining to competing under Organizing Committees, Officials: Stewards, Ground Jurors, Veterinary Judges and Technical Delegates in the Endurance Division. See also GR1040 for restrictions on Judges.

1. ~~An exhibitor, coach, or trainer may not serve as a Judge, steward or technical delegate at any competition in which he/she exhibits, whether or not the classes are conducted under Federation rules. See also GR1040.1. A licensed Judge may officiate at the special competition, provided he/she is not or does not have a client participating in the special competition.~~
2. ~~No member of a Judge's family, nor any cohabitant, companion, domestic partner, housemate, or member of a Judge's household nor any of the Judge's clients, employers or employees or employers of a member of the Judge's family may compete as trainer, coach, exhibitor, rider, driver, handler, owner, lessor or lessee in any Division, or Dressage class unless the relationship is terminated 30 days prior to the competition. For purposes of this rule included as employers are any individuals, corporations, partnerships, foundations, trusts or non-profit organizations and shareholders owning five or more percent of the stock of any corporation which employs the Judge or a member of the Judge's family, and any officers, directors and partners of any corporation or partnership and officers, directors or trustees of any trust or foundation or non-profit organization which employs the Judge or a member of the Judge's family. The hiring of a Judge to officiate at Licensed Competitions shall not constitute employment for purposes of this rule. Exception:
 - a. ~~For the Arabian division, the aforementioned may compete in sections, which the Judge is not officiating.~~~~
3. ~~No Judge's trainer nor any of the Judge's trainer's clients may compete as trainer, coach, exhibitor, rider, driver, handler, owner, lessor or lessee in any Division or Dressage class unless the relationship is terminated 30 days prior to the competition. Exception:
 - a. ~~For the Arabian division, the aforementioned may compete in sections, which the Judge is not officiating.~~~~
4. ~~No horses trained by a member of the Judge's family may compete in any division or Dressage class unless the client/ trainer relationship is terminated 30 days prior to the competition. Stud fees, retiree board and broodmare board excluded. Exception:
 - a. ~~American Saddlebred and Hackney classes where requirements that nominations or qualifying be accomplished in advance of the competition (i.e. Futurities, Sweepstakes, Classics, etc.), a Judge may be substituted in that class for the officially appointed Judge who has a conflict. Such substitution shall not affect the restrictions referred to in GR1304.2-4 on the substituted Judge.~~
 - b. ~~For the Arabian division, the aforementioned may compete in a section, which the Judge is not officiating.~~~~
5. ~~No horse that has been sold (American Saddlebred division or leased) by a Judge or by his/her employer within a period of 90 days (Morgan and Paso Fino 30 days) prior to the competition may be shown before that Judge.~~
6. ~~No horse that has been trained by a Judge within the period of 30 days (American Saddlebred, Hackney and Roadster Divisions, 90 days) prior to the competition may be shown before that Judge.~~
7. ~~No one may show before a Judge who has received or has contracted to receive any remuneration for the sale, purchase or lease of any horse to or from, or for the account of the exhibitor within a period of 30 days (Welsh Division 90 days) prior to the competition unless the sale or purchase has been made and fully consummated at public auction.~~
8. ~~No one may show before a Judge who boards, shows or trains any horse under the exhibitor's ownership or lease, within a period of 30 days prior to the competition. Stud fees, retiree board and broodmare board excluded.~~
9. ~~No one may show before a Judge who has remunerated the exhibitor for the board or training of any horse for competition purposes within a period of 30 days prior to the competition. Stud fees, retiree board and broodmare board excluded.~~
10. ~~No one may show before a Judge from whom he has leased a horse unless the lease terminated 90 days (Morgan, Paso Fino 30 days) prior to the competition.~~
11. ~~No rider may compete in an Equitation class before a Judge with whom his or her parent, guardian or~~

- instructor has had any financial transaction in connection with the sale, lease, board or training of a horse within 30 days of the competition unless the sale or purchase has been made at public auction.
- ~~12. No rider may compete in an Equitation, Dressage or Western Dressage class before a Judge by whom he has been instructed, coached or tutored with or without pay within 30 days of the first day of the competition. The conducting of clinics or assistance in group activities such as Pony Clubs, Saddle Seat Young Rider Team and/or Saddle Seat World Cup Team, unless private instruction is given, will not be considered as instruction, coaching or tutoring. Exception: Carriage Pleasure Driving—A Judge may officiate over entries (competitors and/or animals) who attended group clinics at the competition if the clinic is open to all competitors and animals entered, the clinic is advertised and available to all possible entrants, and during the clinic the Judge does not drive any animal that is entered in the competition.~~
6. ~~13.~~ No one shall approach a Judge regarding a decision unless he first obtains permission from the Show Committee, Competition Management, Steward or Technical Delegate who shall arrange an appointment with the Judge at a proper time and place. ***The Steward or Technical Delegate shall be present for the meeting.*** No exhibitor has the right to inspect the Judge's cards without the Judge's permission.
- ~~14. No member of a steward or technical delegate's family, nor any cohabitant, companion, domestic partner, housemate, or member of a steward or technical delegate's household, nor any of the steward or technical delegate's clients may take part as a trainer, coach, lessor, lessee, exhibitor, rider, driver, handler or vaulter at a competition where the steward or technical delegate is officiating. In addition, the trainer or coach of a Steward or Technical Delegate, or an individual from whom the Steward or Technical Delegate has purchased or leased a horse within 30 days, may not participate (as rider, driver, owner, trainer or coach) at a competition where the Steward or Technical Delegate is officiating. Technical Delegates and Stewards may not officiate unless the client, trainer or coach relationship is terminated at least 30 days prior to the competition.~~
7. ~~15.~~ If a horse or person is presented to a Judge that the Judge knows is ineligible to compete under these rules, the Judge may advise the ring steward that ***they he/she*** believe the entry to be ineligible and request that the entry be excused, or the Judge may proceed to Judge the entry and report the alleged rule violation to the Federation. If a Judge has any doubt as to the eligibility of any entry, ***they he/she*** should Judge the entry and report the alleged rule violation to the Federation.
- ~~16. In the Reining Horse division, a horse may not be shown under a Judge if that Judge has been owner, trainer or agent of that horse within the previous 90 days, or if said horse is ridden by a member of his/her family or by an employee of said Judge. If such a horse is entered in a competition, its entry fee shall be refunded and it is not to be exhibited. A Judge may not show to another Judge whom he/she has Judged or Judged with within five days nor may he/she Judge another Judge under whom he/she has shown or Judged with within five days. Volunteer USA Reining approved Judges utilized for equipment inspection are excluded from the five day requirement.~~
17. Competition Restrictions on Judges:
- ~~a. A Judge may not be an owner of any interest in a horse (including but not limited to syndicate and partnership shares).~~
 - b. A Judge may not be a trainer, coach, exhibitor, rider, driver, halter handler, steward, technical delegate, lessor, lessee or manager at any Federation Licensed Competition at which he/she is officiating, including unrated classes. Exception:
 - ~~c. in the Eventing division and in the Dressage division, except for Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes, horses may be shown Hors de Concours in classes where the owner is not officiating. (See GR1040.1)~~
8. ***Sixty days prior to the first day of a competition through thirty days after the last competition day, no horse or rider that has been trained by a Judge, or a Judge's employee or agent, may show before that Judge officiating at any of the following competitions:***
- a. ***USEF Junior Hunter National Championship***
 - b. ***USEF Pony Hunter National Championship***
 - c. ***USEF Hunter Seat Medal Final***
 - d. ***USEF Pony Medal Final***
 - e. ***USEF Show Jumping Talent Search Finals***
 - f. ***ASPCA Maclay Final***

g. Washington International Horse Show Equitation Final

- ~~18. A steward or technical delegate cannot own or operate any business (i.e. tack shop, braiding business, etc.) at the same competition where he/she is officiating.~~
- ~~19. In the Endurance Division, the other subdivisions in this Rule are applicable unless they conflict or create an ambiguity when read in conjunction with this subdivision. In that case and at all times involving competing within the Endurance Division, the following rule applies:~~
- ~~a. The Veterinary Panel may not examine horses in competition in which he/she has an ownership interest, are owned by his/her nuclear family members or his/her spouse or children, are owned by his/her cohabitants or significant others or other persons within his/her household, or are owned by a client from whom he/she received 10% or more of his/her gross income or income benefit in the current or prior year or for whom he/she performed work on this horse in the past 30 days;~~
 - ~~b. A Technical Delegate, Ground Juror or Steward may not involve him/herself in objections, complaints or other formal disputes involving horses in which he/she has an ownership interest or which are owned under any of the other examples listed above for Veterinary Panel;~~
 - ~~c. Extended or nuclear family or household cohabitants or significant others or horses owned by members of the event Organizing Committee will be allowed to compete in said event, but such relationships should be disclosed in posted announcements at the event or orally at the pre-ride briefing; and,~~
 - ~~d. These exceptions do not inhibit or prevent a competitor or other authorized person from asserting such conflict of interest or other issues relating to bias for scrutiny and consideration at the event. However, any such complaint or objection must be raised pursuant to applicable rules or regulations for the event and in a timely manner or they are deemed waived. This Rule is intended to set parameters to allow a Veterinary Panel or Steward perform his/her duties at rides and should be construed in all cases to provide that flexibility.~~
 - ~~e. Endurance Stewards are subject to GR1304.25, GR1039, and GR1041.~~
- ~~20. The provisions of sections 2-19 of this rule notwithstanding, An Eventing Judge or Combined Driving Judge may officiate on the Ground Jury of an Eventing or Combined Driving competition when a competitor(s) or horse(s) **relationship** listed in **GR1304.54** these sections is/are entered, **competes at the same competition**, under the following restrictions:~~
- ~~a. The Judge must notify the Technical Delegate and the Organizer of the conflict prior to the start of competition. If the conflict is discovered after the start of competition the competitor(s) **individual(s)** or horse(s) must either withdraw from competition or participate Hors de Concours (H.C.).~~
 - ~~b. The Judge may not Judge any of the **phases**/tests for the Section in which the affected competitor **individual(s)** or horse(s) are competing. For decisions regarding disqualification, elimination, or penalties, the Technical Delegate will assume the role of the Ground Jury.~~
 - ~~c. If an Inquiry or Protest is lodged from the Section in which the affected competitor **individual(s)** or horse(s) is/are competing, the Judge must excuse **himself themselves** from the process and the Technical Delegate will assume the role of the Ground Jury.~~
 - ~~d. There are no restrictions on a Judge if a competitor(s) **individual(s)** or horse(s) listed in GR1304.52-22 participates in the Competition H.C.~~
- ~~21. When you are officiating as a Judge in the Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation divisions:~~
- ~~a. You may not be a competitor, coach, trainer, rider, handler, lessor, lessee, or manager at the same competition. However, you may compete as a rider in jumper classes that you are not judging.~~
 - ~~b. You may not have any ownership interest in a horse (including but not limited to syndicate and partnership shares) competing in a class in which you are officiating in the Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation Divisions including unrated classes. However, such horse may compete in Jumper classes at the same competition.~~
 - ~~c. A member of your family may compete in Jumper classes at the same competition.~~
- ~~22. When you are officiating as a Judge in the Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation divisions, none of the following may compete as a trainer, coach, competitor, rider, owner, handler, lessor or lessee in either the Hunter or the Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation divisions in a class in which you are officiating at that~~

competition, unless the relationship is terminated, or the transaction is completed, at least 30 days prior to the competition:

- a. ~~A member of your family.~~
 - b. ~~A member of your household or housemate.~~
 - c. ~~A cohabitant, companion, or domestic partner.~~
 - d. ~~An employee. Catch Riders and Independent Service Providers (defined below) are not employees for purposes of this rule.~~
 1. ~~Catch Rider: An individual who is engaged, for remuneration or not, exclusively to compete, including any warm-up schooling for that immediate competition, a horse(s) owned by another with whom they have no current business relationship. A catch rider has no influence regarding the ongoing competition schedule, management, schooling, exercising, training, care, custody or control of the horse.~~
 2. ~~Independent Service Provider: An individual who performs a service(s) for another and the payer has the right to control or direct only the result of the work and what will be done and how it will be done. The Independent service provider controls the details as to how the service is performed.~~
 - e. ~~A client.~~
 - f. ~~Your trainer.~~
 - g. ~~A client of your trainer.~~
 - h. ~~An entity that employs you or a member of your family, which includes individuals, corporations, partnerships, foundations, trusts, non-profit organizations, and any shareholder owning five or more percent of the stock, if any.~~
 - i. ~~A horse trained or shown by you or by a member of your family.~~
 - j. ~~A horse sold by you or by your employer.~~
23. ~~When you are officiating as a Judge in the Jumper division at a competition:~~
- a. ~~No member of your family may compete in a Jumper class you are judging. However, said family member may compete in jumper classes you are not judging, as well as in the Hunter and Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation Divisions.~~
 - b. ~~No horse in which you have any ownership interest may compete in a Jumper class you are judging. However, said horse may compete in jumper classes you are not judging, as well as in the Hunter and Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation Divisions.~~
 - c. ~~You may compete as a rider in jumper classes of \$25,000 or more that you are not judging.~~
24. ~~When you are officiating as a Hunter or Hunter Seat Equitation Judge at a "special" competition as described in GR313, that is also held in conjunction with a licensed competition:~~
- a. ~~You may not compete as a competitor, coach, or trainer in the "special" competition. However, you may compete as a competitor, coach, or trainer in the non-special part of the competition.~~
 - b. ~~You may not have a client compete in the "special" competition. However, you may have a client compete in the non-special part of the competition.~~
25. ~~When you are officiating as a Category 1 (C1) Steward at a competition:~~
- a. ~~You may not be a competitor, coach, rider, handler, lessor, lessee, trainer, or manager at the same competition.~~
 - b. ~~You cannot own or operate any business (i.e. tack shop, braiding business, etc.) at the same competition.~~
 - c. ~~None of the following may compete as a trainer, coach, competitor, rider, owner, handler, lessor or lessee at that competition, unless the relationship is terminated at least 30 days prior to the competition:~~
 - d. ~~A member of your family.~~
 - e. ~~A member of your household or housemate.~~
 - f. ~~A cohabitant, companion, or domestic partner.~~
 - g. ~~An employee.~~
 - h. ~~A client.~~

- i. ~~Your trainer.~~
- j. ~~A client of your trainer.~~
- k. ~~An entity that employs you or a member of your family, which includes individuals, corporations, partnerships, foundations, trusts, non-profit organizations, and any shareholder owning five or more percent of the stock, if any.~~
- l. ~~A horse trained by you or by a member of your family.~~
- m. ~~A horse sold by you or by your employer.~~
- n. ~~A person for whom you have or are scheduled to receive any remuneration involving a horse sale, purchase, (unless at public auction), lease, or board (stud fees, retiree or broodmare board excluded).~~

26. Other Hunter/Jumper Regulations and Restrictions:

- a. ~~If a Judge believes (but is not certain) that a horse or person presented to him is ineligible to compete under these rules, the entry should be Judged, an investigation should occur and, if substantiated, the Judge should report the alleged rule violation to the Federation.~~
- b. ~~Sixty days prior to the first day of a competition through 30 days after the last competition day, no horse or rider that has been trained by a Judge or a Judge's employee or agent may show before a Judge officiating at any of the following competitions:~~
 - 1. ~~National Junior Hunter Finals.~~
 - 2. ~~National Pony Hunter Finals.~~
 - 3. ~~All USEF Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation Medal Finals (USEF Jr. Medal, ASPCA, USEF Pony)~~
 - 4. ~~USEF Show Jumping Talent Search Finals.~~
 - 5. ~~Washington International Horse Show Equitation.~~
- c. ~~No one shall approach a Judge with regard to a decision unless he first obtains permission from the Steward, who shall arrange an appointment to meet with the Judge at a proper time and place. The Steward shall be present for the meeting.~~
- d. ~~No competitor has the right to inspect a Judge's card without the Judge's permission.~~
- e. ~~No rider may compete in an equitation class before a Judge by whom he has been instructed, coached, or tutored (with or without pay) within 30 days of the competition. Conducting clinics or assistance in group activities such as Pony Clubs, unless private instruction is given, will not be considered as instruction, coaching, or tutoring.~~
- f. ~~No rider may compete in an Equitation class before a Judge with whom his parent, guardian, or instructor has had any financial transaction in connection with the sale, lease, board, or training of a horse within 30 days of the competition unless the sale or purchase was made at public auction.~~
- g. ~~The hiring of a Judge to officiate does not constitute employment under this rule.~~

9. *The following are not permitted to compete at the same competition as a Steward or Technical Delegate if there is an ongoing relationship between the individual competing and the Steward or Technical Delegate (see GR1304.4 for definition of ongoing relationship):*

- a. *A Steward or Technical Delegate's family member, cohabitant, companion, domestic partner, housemate, or member of a Steward or Technical Delegate's household;*
- b. *A Steward or Technical Delegate's client;*
- c. *A Steward or Technical Delegate's employee;*
- d. *A Steward or Technical Delegate's trainer or coach;*
- e. *Any individual that has purchased or leased a horse from the Steward or Technical Delegate, unless the purchase has been made and fully concluded at public auction;*
- f. *A horse owned by the Steward or Technical Delegate (including but not limited to syndicate and partnership shares);*
- g. *A horse trained by the Steward or Technical Delegate;*
- h. *A horse sold by the Steward or Technical Delegate or by the Steward or Technical Delegate's employer, unless the sale has been made and fully concluded at public auction.*

10. *The following are not permitted to compete at the same competition as a Federation Endurance Veterinarian:*

- a. *A horse that is owned by the veterinarian or veterinarian's family member, cohabitant, companion,*

domestic partner, housemate, or member of the veterinarian's household (including but not limited to syndicate and partnership shares); and

- b. The above relationships are permitted if the relationship has been terminated at least 30 days prior to the start date of the competition.*

GR107 Clients

1. As used in GR1304, GR1006 and GR1041, "client" and "clients" of a Judge, Steward, or Technical Delegate shall include:

- a. Any person who has received *or is going to receive*, or who has a member of his or her family who has received *or is going to receive*, horse training or instruction in riding, driving, *vaulting*, or showing in hand or in halter from the Judge, Steward, or Technical Delegate, or from said official's employee, whether or not remuneration has been given or received *or is going to receive*, and whether or not such training or instruction took place at a Licensed Competition;
- b. Any person whose relationship has not been terminated at least thirty (30) days prior to the start of a competition;**
- c. Any persons who pay horse board (excluding stud fees and broodmare board) to the Judge, Steward, or Technical Delegate, or to a member of his or her family; and
- d. Any persons entered in a Licensed Competition as rider, driver, *vaulter*, handler, exhibitor, owner or lessee, and members of the family of the foregoing, on an entry blank signed in any capacity by the Judge, Steward or Technical Delegate or his or her agent, employee or member of his or her family, whether or not remuneration has been given or received.

2. The conducting of clinics or assistance in group activities ~~such as Pony Clubs, unless private instruction is given,~~ will not be considered as instruction, coaching, or tutoring. *Private instruction may be given in clinic settings, so long as the relationship between clinician and participant is limited to the clinic and will not extend beyond the clinic so as to form a Trainer/Client relationship*

- a. *For purposes of these rules, a "clinic" is an equestrian educational opportunity between a professional and a rider/driver/vaulter/handler where the relationship between the clinician and the participant is limited in time to the clinic and is not ongoing, outside of future clinic participation, whether the education is provided in a group or individual setting.*
- b. Exception: Individuals competing in a Federation licensed dressage competition are not permitted to participate in a clinic (group or private) within 30 days prior to a competition where the judge/clinician is officiating a class where the clinic participate competes.**

GR1039 Conflicts of Interest and Restrictions – Judges (See also GR107 and GR1304)

~~1. A Judge may not be an owner of any interest in a horse (including but not limited to syndicate and partnership shares), nor may he be an exhibitor, trainer, coach, lessor, lessee, rider, driver, halter handler, Steward, Technical Delegate, or manager, nor may he be a family member of a competition licensee, Steward, Technical Delegate or manager at any Federation Licensed Competition at which he is officiating, including unrated classes. Exceptions: In the Eventing division and in the Dressage division, except for Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes, horses may be shown Hors de Concours in classes where the owner is not officiating See also GR1304.17-20. For Hunter and Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation Judges, please see GR1304.21-26. For Arabian Judges, please see GR1304.2-4.~~

2. *The following is prohibited for a Judge:*

- a. *Be an owner of any interest in a horse (including but not limited to syndicate and partnership shares) in a class where they are officiating;*
- b. *Be an exhibitor, trainer, coach, lessor, lessee, rider, driver, handler, Steward, Technical Delegate, Competition Secretary, or Competition Manager at a competition where they are officiating, including unrated classes; or*
- c. *Be a family member of a competition licensee, Steward, Technical Delegate, or Competition Manager.*

GR1040 Conflicts of Interest and Restrictions - Stewards and Technical Delegates (See also GR107 and GR1304)

1. The following persons at a given competition are ineligible to serve as Stewards and Technical Delegates: the president, chairman, other Show Committee officers, competition secretary, manager or other competition officials or employees, Judges, trainers, or exhibitors at that competition.
 2. No Steward or Technical Delegate may officiate in any competition in which any member of his family or any of his clients is judging.
 3. No Steward or Technical Delegate may officiate at a competition if he or any member of his family has any relationship with the competition which constitutes a conflict of interest with the Steward's or Technical Delegate's duties under these rules. No member of the Steward's or Technical Delegate's family (as defined in GR123) may serve as a Federation Licensed Official, Competition Licensee, Competition Manager or Competition Secretary at the competition where the steward or technical delegate is officiating.
 4. No member of a Steward's or Technical Delegate's family, nor any of the Steward's or Technical Delegate's clients, may take part as a trainer, coach, lessor, lessee, exhibitor, rider, driver, handler or vaulter at a competition where the Steward or Technical Delegate is officiating, including unrated classes.
 5. In addition to the above restrictions, the following persons may not serve as the Technical Delegate at an Eventing Competition, Vaulting Competition or Dressage competition:
 - a. A close relative of a competitor or owner of a horse entered in the competition.
 - b. Chefs d'Equipe whose teams are entered in the competition.
 - c. Instructors or trainers of competitors entered in the competition. A member of the Ground Jury, the course designer, a Dressage or Jumping Judge at the event.
 - d. The Director (Manager) of the competition or a member of the Director's family.
- 2. The following is prohibited for a Steward or Technical Delegate:**
- a. *Officiate at a competition where the Steward or Technical Delegate's family, cohabitant, companion, domestic partner, housemate, member of a Steward or Technical Delegate's household, or client is acting as a Judge, trainer, coach, lessor, lessee, exhibitor, rider, driver, handler, or vaulter; or*
 - b. *Officiate at a competition where the Steward or Technical Delegate's family, cohabitant, companion, domestic partner, housemate, or member of a Steward or Technical Delegate's household is serving as a Federation Licensed Official, Competition Licensee, Competition Manager, or Competition Secretary.*

GR1202 Competition Manager

4. The following is prohibited for a Competition Manager:

- a. A manager cannot serve **Act as a Judge, Steward, or Technical Delegate, or Certified Schooling Supervisor of his for their** own competition.
- b. **Act as a Competition Manager where the A member of a Competition Manager's family member, cohabitant, companion, domestic partner, housemate, or member of a Competition Manager's household cannot** officiates as a Judge, Steward, or Technical Delegate, or Certified Schooling Supervisor at said manager's competition.

CP201 Judges and Technical Delegates

1. Judges

- a. A Federation Carriage Pleasure Driving Judge must officiate at Federation Licensed Pleasure Driving Competitions. For Guest Card eligibility and restrictions, see GR1005.9
- b. A Judge may not serve as the Course Designer of the same event. For additional restrictions, refer to GR1304 and GR1040.
- c. For Driven Dressage, refer to CP524; for Coaching, refer to CP301

2. Technical Delegates (See also GR1034)

- a. A Carriage Pleasure Driving Technical Delegate must officiate at Federation-licensed open pleasure (carriage) driving competitions and for Federation Regular Member competitions that have more than 15 carriage driving classes.
 1. For additional restrictions, refer to GR1304.
- a. ~~A Technical Delegate shall not officiate at any competition in which a member of his family, a~~

~~person living under the same roof, a person with whom the Judge has a financial relationship, clients or trainers are competing unless and emergency necessitates the replacement of the designated Technical Delegate.~~

DC968 Conflict of Interest

Please refer to General Rules 1038, 1039, and 1040, and **GR1304. Conflicts of Interest and Restrictions for Licensed Officials, Judges, Stewards or Technical Delegates.**

~~1. The following persons may not be Officials at an event:~~

~~1.1 Athletes and Owners of Horses taking part in the event.~~

~~1.2 Regular Trainers means: training a Horse/ Athlete for more than six days in the six month period before an Event, or any training during a period of three months before an Event.~~

~~1.3 Close relatives of Owners, Athletes, or Officials.~~

~~1.4 Persons having a financial or personal interest in a Horse or Athlete taking part in a Competition.~~

~~1.5 The Manager of an event, or members of the Manager's family or household, the Technical Delegate, Course Designer or a member of the Appeals Committee (if one exists), or any other O.C. official associated with the event may not serve on the Ground Jury. A TD at an event may not assume the duties of a Judge or CD.~~

DC971 Technical Delegate

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~~3. Conflict of Interest~~

~~See FEI GRs Article 158 and DC968 of these Driving Rules.~~

DC972 Course Designers

[...]

~~4. Conflict of Interest~~

~~See DC968 of these Driving Rules.~~

DC973 Stewards

~~3. Conflict of Interest~~

~~See DC 984 of these Driving Rules.~~

EV156 Ground Jury Qualifications and Duties

1. Qualifications

~~b. The following individuals may not serve on the Ground Jury for a particular division:~~

~~1. The owner, or Family of the Owner, of a Horse entered in that division;~~

~~2. An Athlete, or Family of an Athlete, entered in that division;~~

~~3. Chefs d'Equipe whose teams are entered in that division;~~

~~4. Trainers or Coaches of Athletes entered in that division.~~

~~e. The following are barred from serving on the Ground Jury:~~

~~1. The Technical Delegate or the Course Designer of the Event;~~

~~2. The Organizer of the Event, or a member of the Organizer's Family.~~

~~3. Family of the Cross Country Course Designer or the Eventing Jumper Course Designer. See GR123.~~

~~bd. For additional restrictions, refer to GR1304, GR10, Sub-chapters 10-C and 10-H.~~

EV157 Additional Judges

2. Additional Judges are subject to the same restrictions as Ground Jury member, see EV156.1**eb**, and EV156.1**ed**. However, if an Eventing Course Designer and Show Jumping Course Designer are different individuals, the Show Jumping Course Designer may also serve as an additional Judge if they are licensed to do so.

3. Guest Cards (see GR1005).

4. ~~The provisions of GR1304 notwithstanding, additional Judges may officiate at an Event provided that they do not Judge any Athlete(s) or Horse(s) listed in sections .2 .18 of that rule. There are no restrictions on a Judge if a Athlete(s)~~

~~or Horses(s) listed in GR1304.2 .18 participates in the Event HC.~~

EV158 Technical Delegate Qualifications and Duties

1. QUALIFICATIONS.

a. The Technical Delegate must be a Federation licensed Eventing Technical Delegate.

~~b. The following individuals may not serve as the Technical Delegate at an Event:~~

- ~~1. The owner, or Family of the Owner, of a Horse entered in the Event;~~
- ~~2. An Athlete, or Family of an Athlete, entered in the Event;~~
- ~~3. The Course Designer, or Family of the Athlete for the Event;~~
- ~~4. Chefs d'Equipe whose teams are entered in the competition;~~
- ~~5. Trainers or Coaches of Athletes entered in the Event;~~
- ~~6. A Ground Jury member, or a Dressage or Show Jumping Judge at the Event;~~
- ~~7. The Organizer of the Event, or a member of the Organizer's Family.~~

c. For additional restrictions, refer to GR1304, Chapter GR10, Subchapters 10-C and 10-H.

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Rule Change Intent

There are more reported problems with people using their own numbering systems to school and ride at a facility when they have not completed paperwork in the show office or submitted the required health papers for the horse. This provision is designed to eliminate that problem.

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DR121 Saddlery and Equipment. Change to read:

19. Numbers. All competitors must complete check-in at the show office and receive a show number, before schooling or riding on the show grounds. ***Failure to check in at the show office prior to schooling will result in the issuance of a Warning Card.*** Competition-assigned numbers, or the same number in a personal numbering format, must be worn and visible at all times when a horse is being hand-walked, exercised or ridden, under penalty of elimination.

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Rule Change Intent

Previous requirements were difficult to verify and led to inexperienced applicants for Level 3 and Level 4 competition manager and secretary eligibility. The updated requirements are being put forward to ensure experienced candidates for Dressage Competition Management, and for Level 4 and above, that the manager and secretary both have experience with shows with three or more rings of competition.

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DR126 Requirements for Dressage Competition Management. Change to read:

4. Dressage Levels Chart.

ement	Minimum 5 years experience of both manager and secretary at Federation /USDF Dressage Competitions must be eligible as Level 3 mgr or sec'y and have managed or secretaried at least one four or more Level 3 or 4 competitions for min. two years + apprentice at 2 CDIs prior to application for Level 5 status.	Minimum 3 4 years experience of both manager and secretary at Federation /USDF Dressage Competitions w/three or more rings or 200 or more horses, or must be eligible as Level 3 mgr or sec'y and have managed or secretaried a four or more Level 3 competitions two of which must have 125 or more horses entered for min. two years prior to application for Level 4 status.	Minimum of 2 years experience or and 4 shows for both manager and secretary at Federation /USDF Dressage Comps prior to application for Level 3 status.	Experience not required.	Experience not required.
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Rule Change Intent

Scheduling requirements for Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes are unclear and need to provide better direction for exhibitors and show management. Currently the Dressage Sport Horse Breeding subchapter of the DR rules (DR-2) contain very little information on how the classes should be scheduled. There are no requirements as to notification to competitors of approximate class times or how conflicts should be handled. This proposed change would mirror the rules that apply to dressage classes (DR126.2b), as those rules do not automatically apply to DSHB.

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DR202 General Regulations. Add new:

10. The requirements of DR126.2.d and DR123.9 apply to DSHB divisions and classes.

11. Requirements for scheduling DSHB divisions and classes:

a. A tentative class schedule must be included in the prize list.

b. Organizers must prepare a tentative time schedule including all start times. If possible, competitors should be notified of their start times prior to arrival at the competition.

c. The time schedule must be posted in a conspicuous place by noon the day before the competition. Competitions may reserve the right to fill a competitor's subsequent start times if that competitor fails to notify the competition secretary of their intention to scratch (i.e. is a "no show").

d. DSHB classes must be run in their entirety and horses may not be scheduled out of class sequence. However, when preparing a time schedule consideration must be given to riders/horses entered in more than one class or riding more than one horse.

DR211.1 Tracking #170-22 Draft #1 Approved

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Rule Change Intent

Update to reflect current USDF requirements. The terminology should be updated as the term "score cards" is not used for Dressage Sport Horse Breeding score sheets. Currently, judges are required to place horses in large under saddle classes using class score sheets so that the horses are properly recorded in results. Also, management currently has the authority to determine when judges officiate together using the same score sheets and when they officiate separately in the same classes. DR211.2 is outdated and must be made current.

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DR211 Judging Procedures. Change to read:

1. Judge must use individual score ~~cards~~ **sheets** for In-Hand, Group, Individual Breed and Amateur/Jr/YR Handler classes. Class sheets must be used for Materiale and Championship classes. In the case of a large under saddle class, judges ~~have the option of placing horses in order of ranking in line up or using individual or~~ **must place horses using** class score sheets.
2. When two or more judges are officiating, ~~they may agree to~~ **competition management may require them to** use the same score sheets ~~or class cards~~ and agree on each score before informing the scribe, or they may judge independently. Class **score sheets** ~~cards~~, rather than individual score sheets, are permitted for Under Saddle and ~~Materiale~~ classes only. At least two judges judging independently, using individual score sheets, are required for USDF Breeders Championship classes.

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Rule Change Intent

This proposal follows the model adopted by the Hunter/Jumpers (see Subchapter H-J-7 Measurement) by consolidating all of the provisions governing pony measurements in Dressage in one location. This will make it much easier for all to understand and follow the requirements relating to pony measurements. This revision reflects all of the existing rules for pony measurement that apply to Dressage measurements, but reorganizes them for greater clarity. In addition, the revision resolves existing confusion on the procedure that must be followed to pursue further review if an animal does not initially measure as a pony; clarifies the process for TDs to follow in submitting measurement forms on-line; clarifies how to fill out and submit measurement forms in those instances when the owner of the animal does not receive a copy of the form; and makes clear the maximum fees that may be charged for a measurement.

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DR135 Pony Measurement

1. ~~Any animals not over 148 centimeters without shoes, or 149 centimeters with shoes are classified as ponies. All other animals are classified as horses.~~
2. ~~A copy of the Federation Standard or Temporary Measurement card must be submitted with the entry for each pony possessing a measurement card and competing in order to be eligible to compete in Dressage classes, tests or awards limited to ponies or Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes, tests or awards limited to ponies. If a pony, age three or over, is not in possession of a fully and correctly completed measurement card or valid measurement form, or if competition management cannot confirm the measurement electronically with the Federation, the Competition Management must order the pony to be measured by an eligible Dressage Technical Delegate who is certified by the Federation to conduct Dressage pony measurements, and the Competition Veterinarian, pursuant to GR505. A current, valid Federation Driving or Hunter/Jumper measurement card may also be acceptable as long as it is otherwise valid according to Dressage measurement requirements. Failure to allow the pony to be measured will result in the pony being disqualified at that competition from competing in pony classes or tests or for awards limited to ponies. The measurement must be reported to Competition Management, which must then disqualify the pony from the competition if it is over height if it competed in pony classes or tests, or for awards limited to ponies. All measurement forms must be submitted to the Federation once the measurement process has started, regardless of the recorded height of the animal and regardless of the measurement conditions.~~
3. ~~A Federation Approved Measuring Stick with a metric scale must be used. All Level 3-5 Dressage Competitions must have a Federation Approved Measuring Stick on the grounds throughout the competition.~~
4. ~~Measurements must take place at a Licensed Competition in which the animal is entered to compete.~~
5. ~~At all competitions (including Levels 1-5) where pony tests, classes or awards are offered and the official veterinarian is on call or on the grounds, the prize list must include the time period when the official competition veterinarian will be available to conduct measurements. Alternatively, when the competition veterinarian is on call and an alternative measurement time is necessary, management must receive a written request for measurement from the owner or agent at least five days prior to the start of competition. When the veterinarian is required to be on the grounds, the measurement request must be received prior to the start of competition. Management must schedule the competition veterinarian to conduct the measurement. Only one maximum fee of \$100 per measurement can be charged when measurements are conducted during a time when the competition veterinarian is on call and only one maximum fee of \$25 per measurement can be charged when the competition veterinarian is on the grounds. If the maximum fee is paid to the veterinarian, neither management nor the veterinarian may charge an additional fee amount. The competition veterinarian shall agree not to charge more than the maximum fees stated above. The total fee paid to the veterinarian and the competition shall not exceed \$100/animal when the veterinarian is on call and shall not exceed \$25/animal when the veterinarian is on the grounds.~~
6. ~~Measurements or re-measurements conducted for the purpose of competing in Dressage classes, tests or awards or Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes, tests or awards must be recorded on the Federation "Combined Driving and Dressage Pony Measurement Form," which includes the electronic or paper version of the form, according to GR505 and GR506, and the requirements on the form. Measurements must be taken and recorded in centimeters. A completed copy of the measurement form will be given to the owner or trainer at the time of measurement, except for "competition only" measurements.~~
7. ~~The measurement specifications will be recorded by the Federation on a Certificate of Measurement. A copy of this Certificate will be sent to the owner of record.~~
8. ~~Measurement may be required yearly from age three until the pony has reached the age of eight years. Animals three through seven years old will be issued an annual Temporary Certificate of Measurement. Animals eight years and older will be issued Standard Certificates of Measurement which will not need to be renewed. The provisions of GR502.7 will apply.~~
9. ~~If a pony is in possession of a fully and correctly completed Measurement Certificate and the height is questioned by a competition official, the Technical Delegate must request, through the Federation, that the pony be remeasured by a licensed Dressage Technical Delegate and a Veterinarian who are approved by the Federation, pursuant to GR505 and GR506. Remeasurement must be made within 30 days of the request. The owner of a pony with a Standard and valid Measurement Certificate may also request remeasurement, through the Federation, under the provisions of this rule.~~
10. ~~Animals submitted for measurement or remeasurement must show no evidence of lameness, and must be~~

jogged for soundness prior to the measurement. Animals showing evidence of lameness are not eligible for measurement or remeasurement. The official competition veterinarian must confirm the age of the horse or pony, observe the jog, and determine it is sound. Upon the official competition veterinarian's verification of soundness, the TD's measurement is final. If found to be lame by the official competition veterinarian, said animal cannot show in any classes at that competition and no measurement may be conducted. Measurement forms indicating an attempt to measure will be sent to the Federation.

11. Prior to presenting the pony for measurement, it is the responsibility of the owner, and in their interest, to ensure that the pony is handled properly, accustomed to the application of a measuring stick, and correctly prepared for measurement.
12. The animal may be presented for measurement with or without shoes regardless of how it is shown and it must be presented in a halter.
13. The animal must stand squarely on all four feet in such a position that the front legs are vertical to the ground and the back of the hocks are in a vertical line with the point of the animal's quarters. The head may be lowered to find the highest point of the withers but then must come up to its natural upright position.
14. Refer to Chapter GR5, Subchapter 5-B for membership and measurement form requirements. Measurement appeals must be conducted in accordance with GR515 and GR516. When an animal has failed to measure as a pony at one competition, in order to have the animal re-measured, the owner must pursue the measurement appeals process in accordance with GR515 and GR516.
15. Measurements are conducted solely for the purposes of Federation licensed competitions. The Federation, its licensed competitions and its licensed officials shall have no liability whatsoever for measurement errors, except as specified in GR1034.
16. All Level 3-5 Dressage Competitions and all licensed competitions holding Dressage classes, tests or awards limited to ponies or Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes, tests or awards limited to ponies are responsible for providing a Federation Approved Measurement Stick, with a metric scale, and a suitable surface for measurements. A suitable surface is defined as a flat, level, hard surface, preferably a concrete slab or paved area. A sheet of plywood is not suitable; however, for "competition only" measurements, a thick sheet of plywood is permitted if a suitable surface is not available. In addition, these competitions must contract a Dressage Technical Delegate to officiate the competition who is certified by the Federation to conduct Dressage pony measurements.
17. Only a Federation certified Dressage Technical Delegate officiating at the competition and the Competition Veterinarian are eligible to conduct Dressage/DSHB pony measurements.
18. The official competition veterinarian must confirm the age of the horse or pony and that it was jogged and is sound. Upon the official competition veterinarian's verification of soundness, the Technical Delegate's measurement is final. The Technical Delegate and the official competition veterinarian shall sign the measurement form. A Technical Delegate may not measure a horse or pony that is owned by a member of their family or by any of their family member's clients. (See GR1041.4)
 - a. Written reports of every measurement or attempt to measure must be sent to the Federation's Lexington, KY office together with the Technical Delegate's Report, or the Technical Delegate will be subject to charges and penalties per Chapter GR7.
 - b. If the official competition veterinarian is not present at the competition, or not available when on call (see GR1210.3) the measurement may be conducted by a Technical Delegate and a judge officiating at the competition, or another Technical Delegate officiating at the competition; however, the measurement will be for the purposes of that competition only and no measurement card will be issued. Measurement forms will be sent to the Federation, but will not be given to the owner.
19. For informational purposes only: 148 cm is approximately 14 hands 2 1/4 inches and 149 cm is approximately 14 hands 2 3/5 inches.

1. General

a. Any animal not over 148 centimeters without shoes, or 149 centimeters with shoes is classified as a pony. All other animals are classified as horses. For informational purposes only: 148 cm is approximately 14 hands 2 1/4 inches and 149 cm is approximately 14 hands 2 3/5 inches.

b. In order to be eligible to compete in Dressage classes, tests or awards limited to ponies or Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes, tests or awards limited to ponies, a copy of the Federation Standard or Temporary Measurement card must be submitted with the entry for each pony possessing a measurement card and

competing at that competition.

c. If a pony, age three or over, is not in possession of a fully and correctly completed measurement certificate or valid measurement form, or if competition management cannot confirm the measurement electronically with the Federation, the Competition Management must order the pony to be measured at that competition if entered in Dressage classes, tests or awards limited to ponies or Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes, tests or awards limited to ponies.

d. A current, valid Federation Hunter/Jumper measurement card may also be acceptable as long as it is otherwise valid according to Dressage measurement requirements.

e. Measurements must take place at a Licensed Competition in which the animal is entered to compete. All animals presented for measurement are subject to drug testing.

f. Measurement will be required yearly from age three until the pony has reached the age of eight years. Animals three through seven years of age will be issued an annual Temporary Certificate of Measurement which is good for the competition year. The pony will have to be remeasured each year until it reaches eight years of age. Animals eight years and older will be issued a Standard Certificate of Measurement which will not need to be renewed. The pony will not need to be remeasured unless there is a protest of the pony's height.

g. Failure to allow the pony to be measured or the animal not measuring as a pony will result in the pony being disqualified at that competition from competing in pony classes or tests or for awards limited to ponies.

h. Measurement forms of every measurement (those that measured as ponies) or measurement attempts (those that failed to measure as ponies) must be submitted to the Federation once the measurement process has started. Failure to submit a measurement form will subject the official to charges or penalties per Chapter GR7.

i. If the animal fails to measure as a pony, the measurement form indicating the failure to measure is submitted to the Federation. The form must not be given or sent to the owner, but must be sent to the USEF Horse Measurement Coordinator along with the name of the owner. On the uploaded form, put the USEF Horse Measurement Coordinator or yourself on the box for email address.

j. An owner or trainer of an animal declared ineligible on account of height may appeal the measurement to USEF. An attempt to remeasure the animal must follow the Procedures for an Appeal Measurement as outlined in DR 135.11. No additional measurement may occur except pursuant to an appeal.

2. Measurement Device and Measurement Surface

a. A Federation Approved Measuring Stick with a metric scale must be used. All Federation approved measurement sticks will be numbered and carry the Federation logo. The stick must be available throughout the competition.

b. A suitable surface is defined as a flat, level, hard surface, preferably a concrete slab or paved area. If a suitable surface is not available, a thick sheet of plywood may be used but will result in a 'competition only' measurement. (DR 135.10)

3. Measurement Officials

a. Measurements must be conducted by an eligible Dressage Technical Delegate who is certified by the Federation to conduct Dressage pony measurements and is officiating at the competition, as well as the Competition Veterinarian.

b. If the official Competition Veterinarian is not present at the competition, or not available when on call, the measurement may be conducted by the Technical Delegate and a Judge officiating at the competition or another Technical Delegate officiating at the competition; however, the measurement will be for the purposes of that 'competition only' and no measurement card will be issued. Measurement forms will be sent to the Federation, but will not be given to the owner. (DR 135.10)

c. A Technical Delegate may not measure an animal that is owned by a member of their family or by any of their or their family member's clients. (GR1040.4)

d. Technical Delegates and other competition officials who measure ponies at a competition are responsible for their true measurement and must use the Federation approved measurement stick. The names of the

measuring officials will be printed on the measurement card and they may be subject to penalties per Chapter GR7 if it is subsequently determined that a measurement is incorrect.

4. Dressage Competition Levels Measurement Requirements, Procedures and Fees

a. All levels of Dressage Competitions holding Dressage classes, tests or awards limited to ponies or Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes, tests or awards limited to ponies are responsible for providing a Federation Approved Measurement Stick, and a suitable surface for measurements.

b. Level 3-5 competitions must make measurement of ponies available. If Level 1-2 competitions are not offering pony classes, awards or tests, they are not required to arrange measurements at their competition, but have the discretion to do so in accordance with all procedures contained in this rule.

c. When measurements are required pursuant to paragraphs a and b above, the prize list must include the official measurement time period when the necessary officials will be available to conduct measurements.

d. Measurement Times and Fees

1. At all competitions (including Levels 1-5) where pony tests, classes or awards are offered and the official veterinarian is on call or on the grounds, the prize list must include the time period when the official competition veterinarian will be available to conduct measurements.

2. Alternatively, when the competition veterinarian is on call and an additional measurement time is necessary, management must receive a written request for measurement from the owner or agent at least five days prior to the start of competition. When the veterinarian is required to be on the grounds, the measurement request must be received prior to the start of competition. Management must schedule the competition veterinarian to conduct the measurement.

3. Only one total maximum fee of \$100 per measurement can be charged when measurements are conducted during a time when the competition veterinarian is on call and only one total maximum fee of \$25 per measurement can be charged when the competition veterinarian is on the grounds. If the maximum fee is paid to the veterinarian, neither management nor the veterinarian may charge an additional fee amount. The competition veterinarian shall agree not to charge more than the maximum fees stated above. The total fee paid to the veterinarian and the competition shall not exceed \$100/animal when the veterinarian is on call and shall not exceed \$25/animal when the veterinarian is on the grounds.

5. Memberships

a. Before any animal is measured, the person presenting the animal must have one of the following in his possession: the owner's USEF membership number, a signed statement that membership has been applied for, or proof of Equine Canada membership.

b. The animal must have a USEF Horse Recording number or Horse Identification number.

6. Completion of the Form

a. Measurements must be recorded on the Federation "Combined Driving and Dressage Pony Measurement Form (paper version, uploaded electronically), according to GR501 and the requirements on the form. Measurements must be taken and recorded in centimeters.

b. The information on the top of the measurement form must be provided by the owner/agent, who must be 18 or over, prior to the measurement taking place. It must contain the name and title of the person providing the information.

c. The TD must complete the competition name and number, the date of the measurement, and the measurement stick number. The animal's age, sex, color, breed, and markings must also be recorded.

d. The purpose of the measurement will be indicated on the form: first measurement, a remeasurement to replace a temporary card, a protest or appeal measurement or a competition only measurement.

7. Method of Measurement

a. Prior to presenting the animal for measurement, it is the responsibility of the owner, and in his/her interest, to ensure that the animal is handled properly, accustomed to the application of a measuring stick, and correctly prepared for measurement. Once the measurement process starts, it will be continued to completion. The form must be submitted to USEF regardless of the measurement result.

b. Federation officials may not perform "courtesy" or "trial" measurements.

c. An individual who is 18 or over must be present during the entire measurement process.

d. The animal may be presented for measurement with or without shoes, regardless of how it is shown, and must be presented in a halter. A maximum of two handlers may present the animal for measurement and may not interfere with the animal in any way that will prevent it from standing in the correct position, nor may they have any direct physical contact with the animal that would influence the measurement, except the handler may cover the animal's eyes.

e. Prior to measurement, the official Competition Veterinarian must confirm the age of the animal, observe the jog, and determine that it is sound. Upon verification of soundness, the measurement will continue forward and upon completion, the measurement will be final. If the animal is found to be lame by the official Competition Veterinarian, the measurement procedure will stop, the measurement will not be finalized and the animal is barred from showing in any classes at that competition. The measurement form, indicating the attempt to measure will be sent to the Federation. (DR 135.1.g.)

f. The animal must stand squarely on all four feet, with the front legs vertical to the ground and the back of the hocks in a vertical line with the point of the animal's quarters. The head may be lowered to find the highest point of the withers but then must come up to its natural upright position.

g. With the animal in the aforementioned position, the Technical Delegate will measure the vertical distance from the highest point of the withers to the ground. The cross-piece, arm or bar of the measuring device must be placed over the highest point of the withers and no measurement may be taken at any other part of the animal's body. Undue pressure must not be applied to the cross-piece, arm or bar. The base of the stick must be on the ground.

h. The Technical Delegate will sign and submit the on-line measurement form. If the measurement form is in the current paper format, the TD will sign the form and it is then submitted to the USEF. A copy of the form can be given to the Owner. If the measurement is a 'competition only measurement', a copy of the form is not given to the Owner. If the on-line form is utilized for a 'competition only measurement', or the animal fails to measure, the email address of the owner must not be included on the form.

i. When using a paper form, any changes to the recorded height must be initialed by both measuring officials, prior to affixing a signature.

j. Measurement forms received by the Federation that have inconsistencies or errors may result in the denial of a measurement card at the discretion of the Federation. If a pony is denied a measurement card, the Federation will notify the owner of the animal that it will have to be measured again before being eligible to compete as a pony.

8. After the Measurement

a. Except in the case of 'Competition Only' measurements, the owner will be given or sent a copy of the measurement form by the TD which is valid for 45 days from the date of measurement. The certificate will be posted on the member's USEF dashboard.

b. The measurement specifications will be recorded by the Federation on a Certificate of Measurement. A copy of this Certificate will be sent to the owner of record.

c. Measurements are conducted solely for the internal use of the Federation, its licensed competitions and its licensed officials in connection with competing for prizes, and do not constitute any representation or warranty regarding measurement information; accordingly, the Federation, its Licensed Competitions and its licensed officials make no representation and shall have no liability whatsoever for measurement errors.

9. Competition Only Measurements

a. 'Competition Only Measurement' may occur if the Competition Veterinarian is not available and the animal is measured by the competition Technical Delegate and a Competition Judge or another Technical Delegate officiating at that Competition.

b. A 'Competition Only Measurement' may also occur if a suitable measuring surface is not available and the animal is measured on plywood.

c. In any situation warranting a 'Competition Only Measurement', the form is not given or sent to the owner.

10. Procedures for an Appeal Measurement

a. An owner or trainer of an animal declared ineligible as a pony on account of height may appeal the measurement. Any additional measurement of the animal may occur only after an appeal measurement request has been filed and must comply the procedures for an appeal measurement.

b. The appeal must be made to the Federation office in writing within fourteen (14) days of the measurement and must be accompanied by the required deposit

c. All expenses including veterinary fees must be paid to the Federation by the appellant. The owner or agent may be required to sign a waiver and consent on a form prepared by and acceptable to the Federation agreeing to the arrangements for the appeal measurement, agreeing to the administration of Lasix to the animal to aid in the collection of a urine sample for laboratory tests for Federation forbidden substances, agreeing that the appeal measurement shall be final and unappealable to a court of law, and agreeing that the owner and trainer of the animal each release and hold the Federation, and its officers, directors and licensed officials harmless from any claim whatsoever regarding the appeal measurement and respecting any measurement of the animal made prior to the appeal measurement.

d. The Federation will select a location and time for the appeal measurement as convenient for the appellant as possible. The owner or agent must deliver the animal to the location at his own expense within 45 days of filing the appeal.

e. The measurement must be performed by at least two persons appointed by the Federation which shall include one veterinarian who is a member of the American Association of Equine Practitioners and one Registered Technical Delegate. The officials whose measurement is being appealed cannot be part of the team conducting the measurement appeal.

f. No animal submitted for an appeal measurement can show evidence of lameness. If found to be lame by the examining veterinarian, the animal cannot be remeasured for thirty (30) days and the appellant forfeits his deposit and any veterinary expenses incurred. Each animal submitted for an appeal measurement may be tested for drugs and medications in accordance with General Rules, Chapter GR4, GR405.

g. The measurement made pursuant to an appeal is final.

11. Procedures for a Protest Measurement

a. If a pony is in possession of a fully and correctly completed Measurement Certificate and its height is questioned by a competition official, the Technical Delegate must request, through the Federation, that the pony be remeasured by a licensed Dressage Technical Delegate and a Veterinarian, who are approved by the Federation. This measurement must be made within 30 days of the request. The Federation will select a location and time for the protest measurement as convenient for the owner as possible.

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Rule Change Intent

These changes were implemented as COVID-19 Presidential Modifications since 2020. They have worked well to streamline and enable dressage competitions to run more efficiently and therefore should be made permanent. A current Presidential Modification is in place until this rule takes effect.

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DR123 Scoring, Classification and Prize-Giving.

2. The total score for the classification is obtained by adding the total points and determining the percentage score. With more than one judge, the percentage score is determined by adding the sum total points earned from all judges and dividing by the total available points. If there are two or more judges, the points awarded by each judge will be published separately in addition to the total score. Total final results and scores (to include artistic and technical % scores for freestyles) must be published in marks as well as in percentages with numbers to three places after the decimal point. Scores must be posted on a public scoreboard as soon as possible after each ride. The public scoreboard may be in either paper or electronic format. **Scores may be sent electronically (e.g. via text) to competitors and/or posted via the internet.** The name of each judge must be posted along with the position where he/she is sitting. When multiple judges officiate from different positions, scores must be posted in the following order: E, H, C, M, B.

3. Individual Classification. In all competitions the winner is the competitor having the highest percentage, the second placed competitor is the one with the next highest percentage, and so on. In case of equality of points the competitor with the highest marks received under General Impressions shall be declared the winner. When the scores for General Impressions are equal, after coefficients have been applied, the horses must remain tied. Exception: For Young Horse classes, the marks for "Submission" and "Perspective"/"General Impression" must be combined and divided by two in order to break the tie. If still equal, the "Submission" mark would decide. Errors on a test may not be used to break ties. Final results for each class must be posted as soon as possible after the class is completed and all results must include total points and percentages with numbers to three places after the decimal point, eliminated horses, and the placing of each horse that receives an award. If a competitor withdraws (scratches) prior to a class or is excused, eliminated or a "no show" prior to or during the performance of a test, the words "scratched", "excused", "eliminated", or "no show" or abbreviations of each, must appear after the competitor's name in the result sheet. Competitors may not "withdraw" or "scratch" after the final salute of a test. Only the judge at "C" may give permission to withdraw during a test. Competition Management has no authority to grant permission for a rider to withdraw or scratch during or after a test. The published final results may be in paper or electronic format and must remain posted throughout the entire competition. **Scores may be sent electronically (e.g. via text) to competitors and/or posted via the internet.** The name of each judge must be posted along with the position where he/she is sitting. When multiple judges officiate from different positions, scores must be posted in the following order: E, H, C, M, B.

[...]

11. If a mathematical error on the scoresheet is discovered, it must be brought to the attention of competition management within 1 hour of the official posting of the scores from the last class of that competition day. Competition Management must announce said posting and must make test sheets available to competitors immediately. **If scoresheets are only made available after the competition day by electronic methods, management must extend the deadline for reporting of mathematical errors to 24 hours from time of distribution. Scores will be corrected but class placements will not change.**

12. After the awards for a class have been presented, the judge's score sheet should be given to the competitor. The score sheet must be **provided** handed directly to the competitor or his representative. Privacy must be maintained. Score sheets may be provided electronically to the competitor, but they shall, upon request, also be provided with a printed copy.

DR126 Requirements for Dressage Competition Management.

3. The time schedule must be posted **in electronic format and/or in an area where social distancing can be adhered to** a conspicuous place by noon the day before the competition. **The method to be utilized for posting the time schedule must be printed in the prize list.** Ride times may not be changed after noon the day before the start of the entire competition, except in compliance with GR830.5. Competitions may reserve the right to fill a competitor's subsequent ride times if that competitor fails to notify the competition secretary of his/her intention to scratch (i.e. is a "no show").

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Rule Change Intent

This rule change addresses two identified problems within the sport:

- I. An inability to attract sufficiently educated and capable volunteer equipment checkers who can safely manually evaluate the legality of bits while in the horse's mouth, immediately following the test. (Reported anecdotally by management at all levels of dressage competitions across all USDF regions)
- II. The bit making industry has exploded in recent years, in both materials and computer assisted design and manufacture. This has resulted in a plethora of bits with often minute characteristics that render a bit permitted or not permitted in competition. Similar design issues also apply to bridles, often promoted as "anatomically designed" that may or may not be permitted according to USEF Dressage rules.

The result is that this equipment is best evaluated by the educated TD/Steward, when properly assembled and inspected off the horse, at the competition.

The traditional volunteer Equipment Checker will continue responsibility (under the TDs direction and wearing new non-latex gloves, on each hand) for each inspection, checking a minimum of 1/3 of rider/horse in each class after the ride: cavesson tightness, bridle style, curb chain, spurs, if worn, evidence of blood, fly hoods and whips. They will no longer check bits in the mouth.

The TD retains authority to additionally conduct a physical inspection of equipment at the ring immediately following competition, at their discretion. New non-latex gloves worn on each hand are required.

HOW THIS WILL BE APPLIED:

The TD is responsible for checking a minimum of 50% of the assembled bits and bridles of horses entered. This should be done primarily in the barns or haul in area. The TD may conduct some full equipment checks at the arena after the test has been completed.

Equipment that is hung outside stalls and trailers can be inspected there. If equipment is in a private tack stall either a representative must be present, or grant permission for the TD to enter that space. IF the equipment requires more than a visual check, official should wear a clean glove.

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Council - Intl Discipline

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Draft 2: The IDC recommends approval with the following amendment: 1. a. Exhibitors must present bridles and bits, if and when requested, to the technical delegate for inspection utilizing the methods, timeframe(s) and location(s) identified by competition management with the agreement of the technical delegate. These methods must be communicated to the competitors prior to the start of the competition. The technical delegate must inspect at least 50% of the bits and bridles of horses entered in the competition. Technical Delegates must also conduct random ringside bit checks immediately after rides are completed, some of which can be included in the 50%, using a new disposable protective glove on each hand for each horse.

Council - Member Services

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 05/09/2023

Draft 2: The Council disagrees with this rule change proposal calling for bits/bridles to be inspected "utilizing methods, timeframe(s) and location(s) identified by competition management." The Council feels that performing inspections prior to competition potentially presents a hardship for competitors who trailer in and out for only a portion of the competition and who may not otherwise be present at the time the inspections are performed. Additionally, this method of testing does not guarantee compliance with equipment requirements when the horse actually competes.

DR126 Requirements for Dressage Competition Management.

2.i. Ring Stewards and supervision of schooling areas.

1. Tack Inspections. Inspection of saddlery and **equipment (except bits)** must be done at the direction of the technical delegate. Ring stewards appointed by competition management are required to inspect the saddlery, dress and equipment worn by at least one-third of the horses in a class immediately as the horse leaves the arena **using a new disposable protective glove on each hand for each horse**. In USEF/USDF Championship classes, saddlery, dress and equipment inspections are required for each horse. When an inspection is conducted, all equipment including fly hoods, nosebands, **curb chains**, whips, and spurs on both sides must be inspected. **The ring steward must also inspect the horse for evidence of blood.**

1. a. Exhibitors must present bridles and bits, if and when requested, to the technical delegate for inspection utilizing the methods, timeframe(s) and location(s) identified by competition management with the agreement of the technical delegate. These methods must be communicated to the competitors prior to the start of the competition. The technical delegate must inspect at least 50% of the bits and bridles of horses entered in the competition. Technical Delegates must also conduct random ringside bit checks immediately after rides are completed, some of which can be included in the 50%, using a new disposable protective glove on each hand for each horse.

1.b. Inspection of saddlery and equipment is not required nor advised for group classes such as Dressage Seat Equitation and Materiale. When close inspection of saddlery, bits and equipment is required in order to determine compliance with DR 121 or other equipment provisions, a TD shall accompany the horse to its stall, trailer or other designated area to conduct such equipment inspections.

1.c. In Breed restricted classes at Regular competitions, a ring steward, at the direction of the technical delegate or C2 Steward (if eligible for the classes held), will do a hands-on inspection of saddlery and equipment including bits of at least one-third of the horses in a class immediately as the horse leaves the arena. New disposable protective gloves must be utilized with one on each hand for each horse.

DR206 Equipment and Turn Out.

8. Bit and saddlery inspections, **conducted by a ring steward**, as described in DR126.2.i.1, are not required nor are advised for DSHB classes. **However, exhibitors must present bridles and bits to the Technical Delegate for inspection utilizing the methods, timeframe(s) and location(s) as communicated by competition management prior to the start of competition, with agreement of the technical delegate. The Technical Delegate must inspect at least 50% of the bits and bridles of the horses entered in the DSHB competition that are presented in a bridle. During competition**, when close inspection of saddlery, equipment or bits is required in order to determine compliance with DR 121 or other equipment provisions, a TD must accompany a horse to its stall, trailer or other designated area to inspect such items when they are removed from the horse.

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Rule Change Intent

To facilitate affordability for Eventing participants to practice their dressage tests at Dressage Competitions and encourage riders from other disciplines to compete at Dressage Competitions.

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DR126 Requirements for Dressage Competition Management. Change to read:

4. Dressage Levels Chart.

a	Level 5 CDIs/CPEDIs USEF HP Selection Trials designated classes (I1– GP, Para Dressage) National Championship	Level 4 Regional Championships, HP (I1) and other competitions as required or as approved the by Federation (and USDF when required), upon application	Level 3 Developing Program Qualifiers (JR/YR/YA, YH & DH) and other competitions as required or as approved by the Federation (and USDF when required), upon application	Level 2 Other licensed Dressage shows	Level 1 "Introduction" to Licensed Competitions
unity s *no les & tion pply	n/a (cannot offer)	n/a (cannot offer)	Three tests and only three classes per level per day at Second Level and below+ two Eventing Test of Choice (TOC) classes per day	Three tests and only three classes per level per day at Third Level and below+ two Eventing TOC classes per day.	Three tests and only three classes per level per day at Fourth Level and below+ two Eventing TOC classes per day.

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Rule Change Intent

DR 129.9 was rewritten to clarify the minimum qualifying scores required to ride national level musical freestyles.

A minimum score of 60% is currently required to ride an FEI freestyle at the declared or higher FEI level. People were using the 60% in an FEI test as a qualifying score to ride a national level freestyle. This was particularly a problem at Fourth Level where people were using a 60% at PSG to qualifying for a Fourth Level freestyle. In addition, certain FEI tests, such as the FEI Pony Rider, FEI Junior, and FEI Young Rider can be used as a qualifier for their equivalent level national level freestyle, and there was some confusion whether 60% or 63% was the minimum qualifying score. This revision makes it clear that a 63% is the required minimum score to ride any national level freestyle, regardless of the test being ridden as a qualifier. The section was also divided into sub-paragraphs for greater clarity.

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DR129.9 Musical Freestyle Ride

9. ***a. With the exceptions noted below, Except for USEF/USDF Championship classes and for FEI Pony Riders, FEI Junior and FEI Young Rider Freestyles, in order to enter a freestyle class at any level, a horse/rider combination must have received a minimum score of 63% for Training through Fourth levels in the highest test of the declared freestyle level or any test of a higher level. and For the FEI levels, a horse/rider combination must have received a minimum score of 60% for FEI levels in at the highest test of the declared freestyle level or any test of at a higher level. Scores must be received at a Federation /USDF Licensed Dressage Competition or FEI recognized Dressage Competition or "open" Dressage class (i.e. open to all breeds) at a Federation Licensed Competition held prior to the competition where the horse/rider combination is entered to ride a freestyle class. The 63% minimum qualifying score applies to all Training through Fourth level Freestyles, even if an FEI test is being ridden as a qualifier. For example, a horse/rider combination competing in PSG or the FEI Young Rider test must obtain a score of 63% or higher in order to ride a Fourth Level Freestyle and a horse/rider combination riding the FEI Pony Rider test must obtain a minimum score of 63% to enter a Second Level Freestyle.***

b. To enter an FEI Para Dressage Freestyle class, a horse/rider combination must have received a minimum score of 60% in any FEI Para Dressage test (Para Novice Test, Para Intermediate Test or Para Grand Prix Test), at the rider's classified Grade. This score ~~may~~ **must** be earned at a USEF/USDF licensed Dressage Competition or FEI recognized Dressage Competition or "open" Dressage class (i.e., open to all breeds) at a Federation Licensed Competition held prior to the competition where the horse/rider combination is entered to ride a freestyle class.

c. ***A copy of the USDF score verification*** ~~or A photocopy of the test verifying eligibility, or copy of the USDF score verification,~~ must be submitted with the entry for a freestyle class, ***except to enter USEF/USDF Musical Freestyle Championship classes. Qualification of those entries will be verified by USDF.***

d. All FEI Pony Rider Tests are equivalent to Second Level; all FEI Junior Tests are equivalent to Third Level; all FEI Young Rider Tests are equivalent to PSG; and the USEF Brentina Cup (Young Adult) Test and FEI Young Rider Grand Prix 16-25 Tests are equivalent to Intermediate II. For purposes of freestyle qualification, all are considered equivalent to the highest test of that level and may be used to enter a freestyle at that level or a level below, ***as long as the appropriate score is earned.*** Young Horse and FEI Children Tests cannot be used for freestyle qualifications at any level.

e. ***A qualifying score is not required to enter FEI Pony Rider, FEI Junior, and FEI Young Rider Freestyles.***