

Rule	Tracking	Draft	Proposal Type	Effective Date	Proponent	Status
GR 309.0	339-17	2	Standard	12/1/2018	USEF Officers	Referred (1/20/2018)
Description: Definition of Special Competition						
GR 833.0	341-17	3	Standard	4/1/2018	Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	Referred (1/20/2018)
Description: time-out						
GR 839.6	268-17	2	Standard	12/1/2018	USEF Officers	Referred (1/20/2018)
Description: cruelty to and abuse of a horse						
GR 1113.2	349-17	3	Standard	12/1/2018	USHJA	Referred (1/20/2018)
Description: Half Points - Def of Compete						
GR 1302.2	266-17	5	Standard	12/1/2018	USHJA	Referred (1/29/2018)
Description: Professionals - Participation Requirements						
HJ 201.0	250-17	3	Standard	12/1/2018	National Hunter Committee	Referred (1/20/2018)
Description: Standalone Hunter Derby Competition Classification						
HU 133.0	189-17	2	Standard	12/1/2018	USHJA	Referred (1/20/2018)
Description: Definition of Compete						

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

Proposed Change

**GR309 Special Competitions** [CHAPTER Sub-Chapter 3-B, Competition Classification]

GR309 Special Competitions

A Special Competition is **a competition that the Federation deems to be in the best interest of the sport and is therefore issued a competition license** an event, which may not fully meet the requirements for obtaining Federation licensing; however, it has been deemed in the best interest of the breed and/or discipline and/or sport, and the Federation that the event be sanctioned by the Federation. After **submitting a** written application to the Federation at least six months prior to **the start of competition, and in accordance with the applicable Board-approved Special Competition Guidelines**, an event, a competition may be approved for Special Competition classification **and licensure by the Federation** upon approval of the Board of Directors. The Federation must provide the applicable Recognized Affiliate, Council, and discipline or breed committee with all information pertaining to the request, including mileage and any other conflicts, for the purpose of making a recommendation as to approving or disapproving the request. A non-refundable processing fee must be submitted with the application. Special Competition classification may include, but is not limited to, the following: Olympic Games or Trials; Pan Am Games or Trials; World Equestrian Games or Trials; World Cup Finals or Qualifiers; FEI CSI-5\* events held as a standalone event and not in conjunction with any other competition; Nations Cup Finals; Nations Cup CSIO's; Federation National Finals; Federation National Championships; Recognized Affiliate championships; and any other events deemed by the Board of Directors as fitting in this classification. Competitions classified as Special Competitions are exempt from the mileage rules for the classes and divisions approved by the Board of Directors.

Proponent Details	Contact Information
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Rule Change Intent

As currently written, the Special Competition rule leads to confusion as to what constitutes a Special Competition and what competitions may apply for the classification. The intent is to clarify those competitions that qualify for classification as a special competition based on the type of competition (e.g. Olympic Games) and those competitions that must apply for the classification.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> Definition of Special Competition

Committee Actions

Eventing	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Disapproval 11/07/2017 <b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> The Eventing Sport Committee would be amendable to approving the proposed change to GR309 if amended to require approval of Special Competitions other than Olympic Games or Trials; Pan Am Games or Trials; World Equestrian Games or Trials; World Cup Finals or Qualifiers; Nations Cup Finals; Nations Cup CSIO's; Federation National Finals; Federation National Championships and Recognized Affiliate championships, by the specific Breed/Discipline Committee. <b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
National Hunter Committee	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Disapproval 12/18/2017 <b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> The committee is waiting for a second draft of this rule change in favor of the current draft. <b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
Competition Management	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Disapproval 12/04/2017 <b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> Not comfortable with the wording of "determined by the Federation" and that the affiliate review wording is removed <b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
Jumper	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/28/2017 <b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments <b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments

USHJA

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

**Draft 1:** USHJA feels this current draft is too vague and the RCP does not provide adequate specifics for how Special Competitions are defined, evaluated or assessed. Additionally, USHJA would like to see the evaluation process for Special Competitions provide for the ability for existing competitions within reasonable proximity to a) be notified that a Special Competition application has been submitted, and b) have the ability to provide comment about the potential impact. Currently, the Special Competition application and evaluation process provides absolutely no transparency. Finally, USHJA would like assurance that the existence of standalone Hunter Derby competitions will not be jeopardized by not establishing (either through modification of this RCP, or creation of an alternate licensing process) the mechanism for such exceptional hunter events to exist.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

**Draft 1:** Tabled 01/08/2018  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** The Committee wants to see the procedures before approving this rule.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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

**Draft 1:** The Council agreed with comments from USHJA. The rule change needs more work to define specifics for how a special comp would be defined, evaluated and assessed.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

**Draft 1:** Tabled 01/10/2018  
**Draft 2:** Referred 02/20/2018

**Draft 1:** The Council would like to review the Procedures document that coincides with this rule before making an action on the rule itself.  
**Draft 2:** Recommend the BOD to refer to the Mid-Year Meeting in June.

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

## Proposed Change

**GR833 Time-Out** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 8-D SCHEDULING DURING COMPETITION]

A suspension of judging which may be requested by a competitor or directed by the judge(s).

1. A competitor is entitled to request a time-out for a period not to exceed five minutes in aggregate in order to make obvious adjustments or to repair broken equipment or to rectify a similar condition, or to replace a shoe (~~See GR804~~). (Exception: Arabian Hunter, AR108 and HU132.6; Arabian Jumper, AR108 and JP135.6; Dressage, GR833.9 and DR122.7j; Jumper, JP133.6; Hunter Seat Equitation, EQ107.4; Reining, RN103.5g; Vaulting, VA111). Time-outs are not allowed in Western Dressage.

*a. In classes in which competitors compete individually, if a horse casts a shoe outside of the ring and the class has a posted Order of Go, if the next exhibitor in the Order of Go is ready, Competition Management may permit the horse with the cast shoe to be moved down in the Order of Go. The horse will be charged with a time-out. All rules apply for a cast shoe.*

*b. In classes in which competitors compete collectively, after the previous class has exited the ring, the show ring has been cleared, and the officials are ready to continue with the competition, Competition Management may allow 5 minutes to replace a shoe or repair equipment outside of show ring, and a time-out will be charged to the competitor. The time-out will be officially timed by a steward, management, or paddock master.*

2. If division rules allow a competitor to call for a time-out, the competitor may call only one time-out per class (Exception: Paso Fino and Welsh where a competitor may request a time-out no more than two times.) The penalty for exceeding the allowed time out(s) is for the entry to be **excused-eliminated**.

3. To request a time-out for any such emergency, the competitor must go to the center of the ring (if possible) and or be acknowledged by the judge. The announcer will declare that a request for time-out has been made and permission granted; time will be taken from the moment such announcement is made.

4. If a horse casts a shoe in a class, time starts (after weighing, measuring and/or gauging has concluded, if applicable) when the farrier or his assistant touches the shoe or the horse. No more than three minutes will be allotted to find a shoe; if the shoe is not found, the exhibitor may ~~elect to continue or withdraw~~ **be eliminated**. If a horse is removed from the ring for the purposes of shoeing, the steward or judge shall accompany and remain with the horse until it is returned to the ring or **excused-eliminated** from the class.

5. Two attendants are permitted in the ring to assist a competitor during his/her time-out. If at the expiration of five minutes the repair has not been made, the competitor may proceed as is or be eliminated.

(renumber accordingly)

## Proponent Details

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

## Contact Information

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## Rule Change Intent

Intent:

- To add that if a shoe is cast outside the ring and horses are delayed from entering, that five minutes be allotted for the shoeing outside of the ring and time out charged.
- Make it more clear for the different situations; repairing equipment, shoeing what can happen as it currently states a competitor can be excused, eliminated or may withdraw.
- Remove reference to GR804 because it is not relevant

Would like for this to be effective 4/1/18 due to be in line with the other rules coming forward and to provide guidance to exhibitors and managers about how to proceed in these situations as the rule is not clear right now.

## Linked Rules

**Web:** time-out

## Comments

## Committee Actions

### Andalusian/Lusitano

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

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

### Arabian

**Draft 1:** Tabled 11/15/2017  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 12/19/2017  
**Draft 3:** No Action

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

### Breeds/Disciplines

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

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

### Dressage

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

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

### Driving

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** No Action 12/20/2017  
**Draft 3:** No Action

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

### Endurance

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

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

### Eventing

**Draft 1:** No Action 11/07/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action 12/09/2017  
**Draft 3:** No Action

**Draft 1:** The Eventing Sport Committee recommend taking no action as the proposed change does not impact Eventing.  
**Draft 2:** The sport of Eventing is exempt from the provisions of this rule and therefore have voted to take No Action.  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

### Hackney

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/20/2017  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 12/14/2017  
**Draft 3:** No Action

**Draft 1:** Committee would rather have the horse or pony come in the ring and call a time out. Too difficult to monitor concerning when the timing was to start for the 5 minute shoeing rule if done out side the ring before the class was called to the ring.  
**Draft 2:** If this rule passes the Hackney Committee would like to be an exception because of the Committee disapproval.  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

### Morgan

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

**Draft 1:** Feels this rule change is contradictory to GR109 regarding the commencement of classes and that a timeout should not be issued prior to the start of the class.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

### National Show Horse

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

**Draft 1:** The Committee feels this rule change is not exhibitor friendly and should be left up to competition management.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

### Paso Fino

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

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

### Roadster

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/21/2017  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 12/19/2017  
**Draft 3:** No Action

**Draft 1:** Committee would like a clarification of when a class is commenced.  
**Draft 2:** The committee felt that the current system worked and that this new rule would allow too many chances for problems to arise.  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

### Saddle Seat Eq

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

**Draft 1:** Concern that this rule change is contradictory to GR109 concerning the commencement of class.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

### American Saddlebred

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

**Draft 1:** Would like the following amended language. 6. If stated in prize list: For safety, after previous class has exited, cleared the show ring and officials are ready to continue with competition. Management may grant 5 minutes to replace a shoe or repair equipment outside of show ring, and a time-out will be charged to this competitor. This time out will be officially timed by a steward, management or paddock master.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

### Shetland

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

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

### Competition Management

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

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

### Vaulting

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

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

### Connemara

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

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

### Western Committee

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

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

### Reining

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

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

### Friesian

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

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

### Carriage Pleasure Driving

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

**Draft 1:** Concern that this rule change is contradictory to GR109 concerning the commencement of class. Does not feel a time out should be charged prior to entering the ring - not exhibitor friendly. Feels GR809.3 should be referenced in number 4.  
**Draft 2:** Committee is concerned about who would call the time out and who would be responsible for timing. Committee felt it might be safer to have the horses enter the ring before replacing the shoe or repairing equipment.  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

### English Pleasure

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

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

### Welsh

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

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

### Western Dressage

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

**Draft 1:** Time-outs are not allowed in Western Dressage.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

### Council - Admin & Finance

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

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

### Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 01/04/2018  
**Draft 3:** Recommends Approval 01/04/2018

**Draft 2:** This rule is approved pending the amendment discussed in meeting  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

### Council - Intl Discipline

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 12/21/2017  
**Draft 3:** Recommends Approval 01/10/2018

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

**GR839.6 Tracking #268-17 Draft #2 Referred**

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

**Proposed Change**

**GR839 Cruelty to and Abuse of a Horse** [CHAPTER 8-F Welfare of the Horse]

GR839 Cruelty to and Abuse of a Horse

**6. It is a violation of this rule to witness cruelty to or abuse of a horse at a Licensed Competition but fail to report such misconduct. Reports must be made to the competition licensed officials or directly to the Federation.**

Proponent Details	Contact Information
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**Rule Change Intent**

The protection and welfare of the horse is of the utmost importance to the Federation. Consistent and regular reporting of cruelty and abuse at Federation Licensed Competitions is vital to the continued protection of equine athletes.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> cruelty to and abuse of a horse

**Committee Actions**

Andalusian/Lusitano	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Disapproval 11/02/2017 <b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> The intent of the rule is good; however, the committee feels this would be difficult to prove and enforce. <b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
Arabian	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Disapproval 11/15/2017 <b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> The committee feels it would be difficult to prove and enforce and may lead to false complaints. <b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
Breeds/Disciplines	
<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action <b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments <b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
Dressage	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 12/04/2017 <b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments <b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
Driving	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Disapproval 12/20/2017 <b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> While a good thought in theory, the DSC does NOT agree with adding a penalty for those 'willfully tolerating cruelty' and not reporting. While reporting should definitely be encouraged, adding a penalty becomes complicated: who is responsible for penalizing, what criteria defines 'willfully tolerating cruelty' (observing cruelty? Participating? Obeying their boss?) There are many layers which are not addressed within this rule. DSC suggests wording such as "it is expected" that members will report, without the penalty. <b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
Endurance	
<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action <b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments <b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments

### Eventing

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

**Draft 1:** The Eventing Sport Committee agrees in principle with the proposed change but are concerned with the practicality of using punishment as a means of enforcement. The Committee feels the reporting of abuse should be simplified.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

### Hackney

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

**Draft 1:** Agrees with the concept but feels this would be difficult to monitor and enforce  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

### Hearing Committee

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

**Draft 1:** The Committee agreed with the concept but felt the wording makes it hard to enforce. The Committee had concerns that it would be difficult to determine whether someone failing to report an abuse did so with intent. It would also be an easy rule to abuse with false accusations. The Committee found the current language to be too broad and had concerns whether legally we can place an obligation on such a broad group of people. The Committee also had concerns with the practicality of how often it could be found that someone knowingly failed to report an issue. The Committee recommends that the intent of this rule be changed to reflect a violation when a Licensed Official fails to properly report welfare issues, as an additional incentive for stewards/TDs to report abuse.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

### Morgan

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

**Draft 1:** Agrees with the concept but feels this would be difficult to prove. How does someone know if an individual witnessed abuse or was just in the area where it happened? Would like a definition of "willfully".  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

### National Hunter Committee

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

**Draft 1:** The committee feels this rule will be difficult to enforce and has concerns about the interpretation of the word "willfully."  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

### National Show Horse

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

**Draft 1:** We like the concept of the rule, but it would difficult to enforce.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

### Paso Fino

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

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

### Roadster

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

**Draft 1:** Too difficult to monitor and enforce.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

### Saddle Seat Eq

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

**Draft 1:** Approve of the concept of this rule but would like a definition of "Willfully". This rule would be difficult to enforce.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

### American Saddlebred

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

**Draft 1:** Too subjective to agree on what constitutes abuse and difficult to enforce. Committee felt this was an overreach by USE.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

### Shetland

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

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

### Competition Management

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

**Draft 1:** The committee agrees with the concept but does not believe it is enforceable  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

### Vaulting

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

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

### Veterinary

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

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

### Connemara

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

**Draft 1:** We like the concept of the rule and the intent to protect the horse, but would like to see it not be at the cost of punishment for those not reporting. It seems difficult to prove willfully tolerating, and each individual has differing ideas on what cruelty encompasses. With this rule is someone obligated to report someone they feel is willfully not reporting abuse by another individual?  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

### Western Committee

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

**Draft 1:** Difficult to monitor and enforce.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments



### Safety

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

**Draft 1:** The committee approves this rule but notes that the enforceability of this rule is problematic. How will the Federation know that an individual knew of cruelty or abuse and failed to report?  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

### Reining

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

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

### Friesian

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

**Draft 1:** We like the concept but feel this is unenforceable and could affect judges. How would this effect judges officiating if someone complains of a horse being "over shown" and the judge did not report it?  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

### Jumper

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

**Draft 1:** JSC agrees with the intent but who is at fault for not reporting? Reporting should be done by the Licensed Officials officiating at that competition.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

### USHJA

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

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

### Carriage Pleasure Driving

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

**Draft 1:** The committee likes the concept of protecting the horse, but feels this rule change is unenforceable.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

### Steward-Technical Delegate Committee

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

**Draft 1:** The Committee feels that although this proposal has good intentions, the term "willfully" could be interpreted in a variety of ways which could cause disagreement. Additionally, they feel that the rule is unenforceable.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

### English Pleasure

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

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

### Welsh

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

**Draft 1:** This rule is great in concept, and we approve of the intent. This rule as written does not seem enforceable. How will one determine "willfully", and how can an accuser provide enough proof the alleged abuse if the steward did not see it?  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

### Western Dressage

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

**Draft 1:** We feel the intent is good, but it would be difficult to enforce. How will someone prove that another individual knew of cruelty or abuse and failed to report?  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

### Council - Admin & Finance

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

**Draft 1:** Council feels that the language "willfully tolerating" is too vague, making enforcement difficult. Would support limiting scope to those who "witness or have credible knowledge of (cruelty)".  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

### Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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

**Draft 1:** The Council felt this would be unenforceable and the language is too subjective.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

### Council - Intl Discipline

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

**Draft 1:** Too subjective.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

### Governance

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

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

## GR1113.2 Tracking #349-17 Draft #3 Referred

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

### Proposed Change

#### GR1113.2.b. Credit [CHAPTER 11-D HORSE OF THE YEAR AWARDS]

##### GR1113 Credit

1. No credit will be given for classes where judging specifications are not in accordance with the Federation rules. Points will not count towards Horse of the Year Award competitions and classes will not be counted for division or section ratings.

2. No credit will be given in classes if less than three entries have shown and placed. Exceptions:

a. Hunter Breeding, Pony Hunter Breeding.

b. Hunter Classes, a minimum of three entries must have ~~competed per (HU133)~~ **completed (per HU134) to receive full points and money won. If a minimum of 3 entries compete (per HU133), but only two entries complete (per HU134), half points will be awarded for Zone and National Horse of the Year Awards. If a minimum of 3 entries compete (per HU133), but only two entries complete (per HU134), money won will count half for sections where classes may be entered individually. (Exception GR1113.2c)**

c. At a National or Premier rated hunter/jumper competition where it is required that the division be held over two days, if there are less than three exhibitors the second day, Zone and National Horse of the Year points will still apply.

d. Andalusian/Lusitano

e. Friesians

f. Carriage Pleasure Driving (GR1125)

g. Hackney

h. Jumper Classes, a minimum of three entries must have competed per JP135.13.

i. Morgans

j. American Saddlebreds

k. Shetlands

l. Arabians (Exception: Championship classes based only on scores or high point awards are not awarded points.)

m. National Show Horse

n. Roadsters

o. Ladies Side Saddle Over Fences Class in the Hunter Division, see HU145.

p. Driving Combined (GR1127).

q. Western Dressage.

r. Welsh.

3. Credit will be given for the first six (6) placings only, regardless of the number of ribbons offered. Exception: in the Connemara divisions where the first ten (10) place ribbons will receive points, Morgan and Hunter Breeding divisions where only the first four (4) place ribbons will receive points, and Hunter Divisions, where only the first eight (8) place ribbons will receive points in accordance with GR1131 when entries are 16 or higher. Ribbons must be awarded to 8th place in all hunter classes. Exception: in Bonus Point classes, Classics in the Hunter and Jumper divisions, National Show Horse Finals, Federation Zone Finals and jumper sections, Hunter Breeding Best Young Horse Class, Morgan In-hand Championship Classes. All model classes will receive 1/2 points. (Exception: Andalusian/Lusitano see GR1123; Arabian, see GR1124; Carriage Pleasure Driving see GR1125; Friesian see GR1129; National Show Horse see GR1135 and Western Dressage see GR1144.) BOD 1/16/16 Effective 12/1/16

## Rule Change Intent

If the proposed rule change to HU133 is approved regarding the definition of compete, this rule change is proposed to reward competitors with half points if they experience the misfortune of divisions that don't fill due to other exhibitors failing to complete the course.

## Linked Rules

HU 133 (189-17)

## Comments

**Web:** Half Points - Def of Compete

## Committee Actions

## Hackney

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

## National Hunter Committee

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

## Roadster

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

## Saddle Seat Eq

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

## American Saddlebred

**Draft 1:** No Action**Draft 2:** No Action 11/27/2017**Draft 3:** No Action 12/21/2017**Draft 1:** No Comments**Draft 2:** No Comments**Draft 3:** No Comments

## Western Committee

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

## USHJA

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

## Council - Natl Breed &amp; Discipline

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

**GR1302.2 Tracking #266-17 Draft #5 Referred**

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2018	1/29/2018	Referred 1/29/2018

**Proposed Change**

**GR1302 Duties** [CHAPTER 13-A Responsibilities]

GR1302 Duties

1. Every exhibitor, rider, driver, handler and trainer or his/her agent(s) must sign an entry blank (see GR404 and GR908.2). In the case of a rider, driver or handler under 18, his/her parent or guardian, or if not available, the trainer, must sign an entry blank on the minor's behalf.

**2. In order to participate in any non-FEI Federation Licensed Competition, any Professional, as defined by the Federation rules, shall (i) successfully complete a Federation-approved Safe Sport training, and (ii) complete a Federation-approved concussion training.**

(Renumber accordingly)

Proponent Details	Contact Information
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USHJA

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**Rule Change Intent**

In an effort to further educate the Federation's coaches and trainers, this rule is being proposed to require professionals, acting as coaches and trainers, to successfully complete several important Federation components. This rule proposal will require that all professionals complete a criminal background check and Safe Sport training. Additionally, all professionals will be required to complete a Federation-approved concussion training and a test on Equine Drugs and Medications basics. Professionals serving as coach or trainer for their minor children will be exempt from the requirements laid out in the rule.

Linked Rules	Comments
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**Web:** Professionals - Participation Requirements

**Committee Actions**

**Andalusian/Lusitano**

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/02/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action  
**Draft 4:** No Action  
**Draft 5:** No Action

**Draft 1:** This rule change will decrease participation at licensed competitions and severely limit amateur participation.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments  
**Draft 4:** No Comments  
**Draft 5:** No Comments

**Arabian**

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/15/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action  
**Draft 4:** No Action  
**Draft 5:** No Action

**Draft 1:** The committee feels the idea is good, but would be difficult to enforce and more time is need to determine how it would be enforceable. This rule change would also limit participation from amateurs. The idea of concussion training is good, but what are the legal ramifications? These individuals should have a working knowledge of Drugs and medications.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments  
**Draft 4:** No Comments  
**Draft 5:** No Comments

**Athletes Advisory**

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

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

## Breeds/Disciplines

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

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

## Dressage

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 12/04/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action  
**Draft 4:** No Action  
**Draft 5:** No Action

**Draft 1:** We support the philosophy behind this rule change proposal. However, as written, this would be impractical and impossible to comply with at a competition. Additionally, as written, this would apply to foreign competitors who are competing as well.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments  
**Draft 4:** No Comments  
**Draft 5:** No Comments

## Driving

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 12/20/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action  
**Draft 4:** No Action  
**Draft 5:** No Action

**Draft 1:** The DSC strongly disagrees with this rule as a REQUIREMENT, but instead suggests that the Safe Sport Policy be offered as a member BENEFIT. i.e. Trainers may opt to take the training & the background check, and upon doing so would earn a "star" or certification for their membership. Therefore, other members could benefit from knowing their Trainer is certified under the Safe Sport Policy. Making this a requirement would be ENTIRELY too difficult to enforce & would also be a hardship on many trainers who don't operate as a professional business & simply have a few clients. DSC suggests to offer the Safe Sport Policy as a benefit rather than requirement.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments  
**Draft 4:** No Comments  
**Draft 5:** No Comments

## Endurance

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

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

## Eventing

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/07/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action  
**Draft 4:** No Action  
**Draft 5:** No Action

**Draft 1:** The Eventing Sport Committee is concerned with the implementation and administration of this rule as worded. The ESC is also concerned with the inclusion of "Professionals" in the list of those subject to the provisions of this rule is overreaching.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments  
**Draft 4:** No Comments  
**Draft 5:** No Comments

## Hackney

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/20/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action  
**Draft 4:** No Action  
**Draft 5:** No Action

**Draft 1:** Agrees with concept but this rule would be difficult to enforce. Committee believes this would discourage competitors from competing at licensed competitions  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments  
**Draft 4:** No Comments  
**Draft 5:** No Comments

## Morgan

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/21/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action  
**Draft 4:** No Action  
**Draft 5:** No Action

**Draft 1:** Would be difficult for show staff to verify and limit participation from amateurs.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments  
**Draft 4:** No Comments  
**Draft 5:** No Comments

## National Hunter Committee

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 01/03/2018  
**Draft 3:** No Action  
**Draft 4:** No Action  
**Draft 5:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** The committee is concerned with the enforcement of this rule as well as the validity of the current Safe Sport training in the horse show industry. We feel the horse show industry is so vastly different from other sports and warrants it's own training module.  
**Draft 3:** No Comments  
**Draft 4:** No Comments  
**Draft 5:** No Comments

## National Show Horse

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/13/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action  
**Draft 4:** No Action  
**Draft 5:** No Action

**Draft 1:** This rule change would be hard to enforce and difficult for competitions to verify.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments  
**Draft 4:** No Comments  
**Draft 5:** No Comments

Paso Fino

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/30/2017  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action  
Draft 4: No Action  
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: The committee feels this would be difficult to implement. The language is unclear as to how this would apply to individuals who sign the entry blank as a trainer, but are not considered a professional.  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments  
Draft 4: No Comments  
Draft 5: No Comments

Roadster

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/21/2017  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action  
Draft 4: No Action  
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: Difficult to monitor and enforce. Would have a negative affect on membership.  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments  
Draft 4: No Comments  
Draft 5: No Comments

Saddle Seat Eq

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/20/2017  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action  
Draft 4: No Action  
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: Approved the concept however, this rule would be difficult to enforce.  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments  
Draft 4: No Comments  
Draft 5: No Comments

American Saddlebred

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/27/2017  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action  
Draft 4: No Action  
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: Without a licensing process or certification it would be very difficult to monitor and enforce. Might encourage more competitions to not be licensed with USE.  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments  
Draft 4: No Comments  
Draft 5: No Comments

Shetland

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/01/2017  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action  
Draft 4: No Action  
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: A good idea, but this rule change would be difficult to enforce and verify at licensed competitions.  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments  
Draft 4: No Comments  
Draft 5: No Comments

Competition Management

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/04/2017  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action  
Draft 4: No Action  
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: The committee believes this should go through the affiliate certification program  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments  
Draft 4: No Comments  
Draft 5: No Comments

Vaulting

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

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

Connemara

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/25/2017  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action  
Draft 4: No Action  
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: The Connemara group does not have as many "professional" trainers as many of the larger groups, and this rule could prove to be a burden on smaller trainers. There needs to be clearer language for an amateur signing the entry blank for him/herself.  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments  
Draft 4: No Comments  
Draft 5: No Comments

Western Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/21/2017  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action  
Draft 4: No Action  
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: Difficult to monitor and enforce unless Trainers were licensed or certified.  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments  
Draft 4: No Comments  
Draft 5: No Comments

Safety

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/21/2017  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action  
Draft 4: No Action  
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: The Committee recommends approval of this rule but notes that a system of implementation will be needed to educate the membership.  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments  
Draft 4: No Comments  
Draft 5: No Comments

Reining

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

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

### Friesian

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/14/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action  
**Draft 4:** No Action  
**Draft 5:** No Action

**Draft 1:** It is a good idea, but complicates paperwork, is difficult to verify and would but a finical burden on shows and competitors. This needs to be required for everyone, including parents, or none.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments  
**Draft 4:** No Comments  
**Draft 5:** No Comments

### Jumper

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/28/2017  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 01/08/2018  
**Draft 3:** No Action  
**Draft 4:** No Action  
**Draft 5:** No Action

**Draft 1:** JSC in principle supports this rule however, has concerns about the implementation. Do we have training modules developed for concussion training and Equine D&M?  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments  
**Draft 4:** No Comments  
**Draft 5:** No Comments

### USHJA

**Draft 1:** Referred 12/14/2017  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 01/02/2018  
**Draft 3:** No Action  
**Draft 4:** No Action  
**Draft 5:** No Action

**Draft 1:** Referred to January USHJA Board Meeting  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments  
**Draft 4:** No Comments  
**Draft 5:** No Comments

### Carriage Pleasure Driving

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/09/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action  
**Draft 4:** No Action  
**Draft 5:** No Action

**Draft 1:** Agrees with the concept but feels this is an opportunity work with the affiliate to develop these programs. Committee is okay with professionals completing these requirements but the current language would severely affect amateurs.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments  
**Draft 4:** No Comments  
**Draft 5:** No Comments

### English Pleasure

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

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

### Welsh

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 10/25/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action  
**Draft 4:** No Action  
**Draft 5:** No Action

**Draft 1:** The intent of this rule is good, but not practical for the Welsh group. We do not have many professional trainers as compared to larger groups, and this may cause a financial hardship on those who sign the entry blank as such. There is concern that this may turn smaller groups like the Welsh away from licensing with USEF.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments  
**Draft 4:** No Comments  
**Draft 5:** No Comments

### Western Dressage

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/07/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action  
**Draft 4:** No Action  
**Draft 5:** No Action

**Draft 1:** Too difficult to enforce. If USHJA feels this is necessary for their trainers and coaches it should be added to the relevant chapters.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments  
**Draft 4:** No Comments  
**Draft 5:** No Comments

### Council - Admin & Finance

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 01/08/2018  
**Draft 3:** No Action  
**Draft 4:** No Action  
**Draft 5:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** The 12/1/2018 effective date not sufficiently address the "at the horse show" issue.  
**Draft 3:** No Comments  
**Draft 4:** No Comments  
**Draft 5:** No Comments

### Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 01/04/2018  
**Draft 3:** No Action  
**Draft 4:** No Action  
**Draft 5:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** The wording for this rule is preferred over GR1302 Tracking#041-17. However, it has still not been sold as a benefit to the members and it would be difficult to enforce.  
**Draft 3:** No Comments  
**Draft 4:** No Comments  
**Draft 5:** No Comments

### Council - Intl Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 12/21/2017  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 01/10/2018  
**Draft 3:** No Action  
**Draft 4:** No Action  
**Draft 5:** Referred 02/20/2018

**Draft 1:** Impractical to comply with at a competition.  
**Draft 2:** The Council approves the principles of the rule in theory but believes the implementation of this rule would be too difficult. There are concerns that the USEF does not yet have a system in place to track non-USEF members (i.e. foreign Athletes, Chefs d'Equipe, Coaches, Veterinarians, Grooms, etc.). Also, can the USEF require foreigners to complete this training when competing in FEI events?  
**Draft 3:** No Comments  
**Draft 4:** No Comments  
**Draft 5:** Recommend the BOD to refer to the Mid-Year Meeting in June.

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

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



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

Proposed Change

HJ201 Definitions [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HJ-2 RATINGS & HORSE ENTRY NUMBER STANDARDS]

HJ201 Definitions

1. Definitions.
2. Rated Hunter competitions are classified as Premier, National, Regional I, or Regional II. Unrated competitions are classified as Local. **Stand-alone Hunter Derby competitions are a sub-type of the Premier rating.**
3. Jumper competitions are designated as Levels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 based upon prize money. See JP104.
4. Rated competitions offering hunter only, or both hunter and jumper will be subject to HJS set forth under the Premier, National, Regional I and Regional II hunter rating.
5. HJS for a jumper only competition will be:
6. Standards set forth under Premier required for Jumper Levels 5 and 6
7. Standards set forth under National required for Jumper Levels 3 and 4
8. Standards set forth under Regional I required for Jumper Level 2
9. Standards set forth under Local required for Jumper Level 1
10. Federation Special competitions or Jumper Level 6 competitions may be subject to a Federation approved waiver (GR301.2) or other modification of a portion of the Standards (including HJS), in connection with the Special competition approval.

[...]

[...]

**SUBCHAPTER HJ-3 COMPETITION SCHEDULING REQUIREMENTS**

**HJ305 Stand-alone Hunter Derby Competitions** [if hunter chapter rewrite, tr#?? is not approved this will need to move to HU161]

**1. Stand-alone Hunter Derby Competitions are a subtype of Premier competitions and so must meet or exceed all requirements of a Premier Competition. Exception:**

**a. Horse Entry Requirements.** There is no minimum horse entry requirement for a Standd-alone Hunter Derby competition, however competition management may set a minimum number to hold the competition so long as it is published in the Prize List. Each class must meet minimum entry requirement per the program specifications.

**b. Prize Money.** See USHJA specifications at [www.ushja.org](http://www.ushja.org) for minimum prize money requirements for each Derby or Derby Welcome Stake class.

**c. Number of Days.** See USHJA specifications at [www.ushja.org](http://www.ushja.org) for number of days required for each Derby.

**d. Number of sections.** A Stand-alone Hunter Derby competition may only offer the following classes and one unrated warm-up class per Derby offered. The warm-up class must be open to the same group of horses eligible for the Derby for which it is a warm-up class. No unrecognized, exhibition, or demonstration classes may be held:

1. USHJA International Hunter Derby
2. USHJA International Hunter Derby Welcome Stakes
3. USHJA National Hunter Derby
4. USHJA Pony Hunter Derby
5. See USHJA specifications at [www.ushja.org](http://www.ushja.org) for minimum prize money requirements for each Derby or Derby Welcome Stakes class.

**2. For the purpose of mileage rules, Stand-alone Hunter Derby competitions are considered Premier rated Hunter competitions (see GR314.2b.5). These competitions must follow the mileage exemption rules set forth in GR315.**

SUBCHAPTER HU-13 USHJA CHAMPIONSHIPS AND SPECIAL CLASSES

HU191 International Hunter Derby

1. Classes included in the member event series to be determined annually by USHJA.

2. Derbies may only be offered at Federation licensed Premier competitions, National competitions which meet or exceed the competition standards of a Premier rating, but do not meet the prize money and/or horse entry standard requirements of a Premier rating, **Stand-alone Hunter Derby Competitions**, and competitions that have been approved for a Special Competition status. The competition Steward must verify in their report to the Federation that the National competition met all other requirements of a Premier competition.

HU192 USHJA National Hunter Derby

See www.ushja.org for full specifications. USHJA National Hunter Derby may be offered at USEF Licensed Premier, National, Regional I, or Regional II, **Stand-alone Hunter Derby** Competitions and at Competitions approved for a Special Competition Status.

HU194 USHJA PONY HUNTER DERBY

1. A USHJA Pony Hunter Derby may be offered at Federation licensed Premier, National, Regional I, and Regional II, rated competitions, **Stand-alone Hunter Derby competitions**, or competitions that have been approved for a Special Competition classification.

HU195 International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake

1. A USHJA International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake may only be offered at Federation licensed **Stand-alone Hunter Derby competitions and** competitions that have been approved for a Special Competition classification and have also been approved to host a USHJA International Hunter Derby.

Proponent Details	Contact Information
National Hunter Committee	Kelsey Shanley kshanley@usef.org

**Rule Change Intent**

This rule change is to provide a new Hunter Derby “subtype” of Rated Hunter competitions to replace the use of Special competition status for the stand-alone International Hunter Derby competitions. Under this new rule the Hunter Derby rated competitions will be required to follow all standards and mileage rules of Premier rated Hunter competitions.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Staff:</b> Information Technology - 8 hours to implement the requirements of a new competition type <b>Web:</b> Standalone Hunter Derby Competition Classification

Committee Actions	
Competition Management	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Disapproval 12/04/2017 <b>Draft 2:</b> No Action <b>Draft 3:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> Would approve if you could stipulate in the prize list to decide number of horses to hold class. <b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments <b>Draft 3:</b> No Comments

Jumper	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/28/2017 <b>Draft 2:</b> No Action <b>Draft 3:</b> Recommends Approval 01/08/2018	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments <b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments <b>Draft 3:</b> No Comments

USHJA

**Draft 1:** Referred 12/14/2017  
**Draft 2:** Tabled 01/02/2018  
**Draft 3:** Recommends Approval 01/08/2018

**Draft 1:** Referred to January USHJA Board Meeting  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** The USHJA recommends approval of this RCP as a method to protect standalone Hunter Derby competitions should the rewrite of GR309 remove this type of competition from qualifying as a Special Competition. Additionally, USHJA is in favor of establishing a process for these standalone derby competitions to undergo the same disclosure process associated with a mileage exemption request to ensure transparency in the environment by allowing for existing competitions within the mileage to be made aware of a standalone derby application, for those competitions to be able to provide comment with respect to the applicant's potential impact, and to be able to provide mileage protection for approved standalone hunter derby competitions once established.

Council - Admin & Finance

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

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** Council was briefed on changes between Drafts #2 and #3 and unanimously approved Draft #3.

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Tabled 01/04/2018  
**Draft 3:** Recommends Approval 01/10/2018

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** Tabled until draft 2 available for discussion  
**Draft 3:** The Council approved and made reference to USHJA's comments regarding GR309.

Council - Intl Discipline

**Draft 1:** Tabled 12/21/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** Recommends Approval 01/10/2018

**Draft 1:** Awaiting new draft.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

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

Proposed Change

**HU133 Definition of Competed** [CHAPTER HU-5 JUDGING]

[linked to USHJA RCP to GR1113.2.b.]

HU133 Definition of Competed

A horse has competed in an over fences class when the horse's entry number and a score for at least the first jump are recorded on the judges card. A horse failing to complete the entire course is not eligible to receive points, awards, or prize money. A horse has competed in an under saddle class when the horse has entered the ring. When three or fewer horses compete in an under saddle class, all horses' numbers must be listed on the judges card regardless of whether they receive an award.

**HU134 Definition of Completed**

**A horse has completed an over fences class when the horse completes the posted course and a score is recorded on the judge's card. A horse failing to complete the entire course is not eligible to receive points, awards, or prize money, nor will it be counted in the number of entries necessary to fill a class or section. A horse has completed an under saddle class when the horse has executed all the gaits required and remains in the ring until the class has lined up.**

[renumber accordingly]

[...]

HU148 General

1. Championships must be offered in "A" and "B" rated sections.
2. A Championship may not be offered in a section unless a minimum of two over fences classes and one Under Saddle class are held. A Championship will not count for points unless a minimum of three entries ~~compete in~~ **complete** at least two over fences classes and one under saddle class (Exception: Ladies Side Saddle, see HU145; Performance Hunter, High Performance Hunter, and any other sections where individual classes may be entered, see HU148.3.) If a competition offers more than one Under Saddle class in any one section, only one will count towards the Championship. (Exception: classes divided as to weight, height, age or breeding.) The prize list must specify the class to count.
3. The number of Championship and Reserve Championships that are awarded will be determined by the number of sections created from dividing the first over fences class. In order to award a section Championship in the Performance Hunter, High Performance Hunter, and any other sections where individual classes may be entered at least two (2) over fences classes per section and one (1) under saddle class must be held in which a minimum of three (3) entries ~~compete~~ **complete**. When multiple Championships are awarded when using the California Split method, under saddle classes with fewer than thirty (30) entries are not required to be split. When multiple Championships are awarded and only one under saddle class is held the points from the one under saddle class will be used to calculate the Championship for both sections. When a random split is used, multiple Championships may only be awarded if a minimum of two (2) over fences and one (1) under saddle class are held per section.

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Rule Change Intent

Competition Standards Committee proposed this rule change to instill competition back into the hunter discipline. This rewrite aims to eliminate the practice of attempting to force a class split by having a horse-and-rider combination enter the ring but not complete a course. Additionally, it provides a clear definition of competing in under saddle classes.

Linked Rules	Comments
GR 1113 (349-17)	<b>Web:</b> Definition of Compete

Committee Actions

Licensed Officials

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/27/2017  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 12/20/2017

**Draft 1:** This rule could unfairly penalize the other riders in the class due to the number of horses that must be entered in a class to have points counted. Additionally, the Committee recommends that the 'under saddle' language include that horses must execute all gaits in both directions.  
**Draft 2:** This needs further clarification. The rule could unfairly penalize the other riders in the class due to the number of horses that must be entered in a class to have points counted.

National Hunter Committee

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

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

Competition Management

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

**Draft 1:** This needs further discussion and clarifications, this could have a unrealized negative impact the way it is written.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

USHJA

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

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

Steward-Technical Delegate Committee

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/29/2017  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 12/20/2017

**Draft 1:** This rule could unfairly penalize the other riders in the class due to the number of horses that must be entered in a class to have points counted. Additionally, the Committee recommends that the 'under saddle' language include that horses must execute all gaits in both directions.  
**Draft 2:** This needs further clarification. The rule could unfairly penalize the other riders in the class due to the number of horses that must be entered in a class to have points counted.

Council - Admin & Finance

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

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** Requires further discussion and change of language. From IT standpoint, would require an additional field in competition management software to report results in number of entries, number competed, and number completed. Competition software developers would have to add in that capability.

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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

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