

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Extraordinary	12/1/2017	4/25/2017	Approved 4/24/2017

## Extraordinary Change Reason

In order to implement phase 2 of the strategic plan.

## Proposed Change

**GR201 Membership Categories** [CHAPTER Subchapter 2 A Memberships]

## GR201 Membership Categories

## 1. Competing Membership(s)

Competing members are those individuals who desire to participate in Federation Licensed Competitions **as Life or Active members as defined in Bylaw 212**. Competing members are eligible to participate as a licensed official, rider, driver, handler, vaulter, longeur, owner, lessee, agent, trainer, coach, competition manager, or competition secretary. The competing membership options are:

a. Life Member. Life Members are ~~Senior Active or Junior Active Members who~~ **those persons who have made** attain Life Membership upon a single **lifetime** payment of \$2,500. ~~Life Members shall have all rights and privileges of Members and be subject to all liabilities and penalties which may be imposed upon Members. They shall be exempt from annual dues.~~

b. ~~Senior Active Member. Senior Active Members are those Members who~~ **have paid the requisite annual dues of \$55.00. For purposes of these rules, 'Senior Active Members' are those Active or Life Members who have reached their 18th birthday. 'Junior Active Members' are those Active or Life Members who have not reached their 18th birthday, as provided for in GR127.** ~~are at least 18 years of age. Their annual dues are \$55. Senior Active Members shall be sent notice of and shall be entitled to attend the Annual Meeting of the Federation.~~

c. ~~Junior Active Member. Junior Active Members are those Members who have not reached their 18th birthday as provided for in GR127. Their annual dues are \$55.~~

## 2. Non-competing Membership(s)

Non-competing members are those individuals who do not desire to participate in Federation Licensed Competitions. Non-competing members are not eligible to participate as a licensed official, rider, driver, handler, vaulter, longeur, owner, lessee, agent, trainer, coach, competition manager, or competition secretary. The non-competing membership options are described on the membership application form.

## GR202 Membership Requirements

1. To be eligible to participate as a rider, driver, handler, vaulter, longeur, owner, lessee, agent, coach or trainer at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions at the Preliminary Level or above, Dressage Competitions, Combined Driving Competitions at the Advanced Level, Endurance Rides, Reining Competitions, ParaEquestrian Competitions, and Vaulting Competitions, persons must be Members of the Federation as provided in Bylaw 201. No organization, other than the USEF and its Recognized Breed and Discipline Affiliates, may require mandatory membership or a non-member fee as a condition of participation in a USEF Licensed Competition. (See GR1210.13 for further information regarding the collection of mandatory participation fees at USEF licensed competitions).

2. All ~~Life, Senior Active and Junior Active~~ **Competing** Members of the Federation must designate a primary breed/discipline affiliation upon joining or must do so annually upon renewing. A member will be deemed to continue his or her primary designation unless prior to the record date (November 30 of each year) such Life Member notifies the Federation in writing of change. This shall be considered the member's affiliation for the purpose of allocating Voting Director seats as provided in Bylaw 211.

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## Rule Change Intent

Part of the approved USEF Strategic Plan includes moving all annual memberships to an anniversary renewal date and in order to accomplish this, there must be one active membership classification. It is important to note that the definition of a junior and senior are unchanged, in terms of the definition of when a member turns 18. Therefore, references to junior and senior members throughout the rules and bylaws are appropriate and may remain as is.

## HU101.8 Tracking #022-17 Draft #1 Approved

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Rule Clarification	12/1/2017	5/16/2017	Approved 7/24/2017

### Proposed Change

#### HU101.8 Eligibility to Compete – Horse & Pony [CHAPTER HU-1 Definitions and Eligibility]

#### HU101 Eligibility to Compete – Horse & Pony

8. Ponies shown by a junior cannot be shown by an adult at the same competition, except in breeding classes in hand and in accordance with HU110. Ponies shown by an adult at a Licensed Competition cannot compete in any sections or classes at the same competition with a junior rider. (Exception: Breed restricted classes at multi-breed/discipline competitions.) ***Ponies shown by a junior in any rated pony hunter sections (i.e. Children's Hunter Pony, Green Pony Hunter, Regular Pony Hunter), WIHS Pony Equitation, or USEF Pony Medal cannot be shown by an adult at the same competition. Exception: Breeding classes in hand and breed restricted sections at a multi-breed/discipline competition. (See also HU108, HU110, and EQ103.4)***

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### Rule Change Intent

This clarification is proposed to remove an unintended conflict that will occur when the new eligibility rules regarding adults competing ponies (HU108.1.f, HU110.6, HU110.11 and EQ103.4) become effective December 1, 2017.

#### Linked Rules

#### Comments

**Web:** eligibility to compete

### Committee Actions

#### National Hunter Committee

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 06/12/2017

**Draft 1:** No Comments

#### Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 06/19/2017

**Draft 1:** No Comments

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**Proposed Change**

**HU119 RATED SECTION REQUIREMENTS FOR JUNIOR HUNTERS 3'3" AND 3'6" [CHAPTER HU-2 DIVISIONS OF SECTIONS OR CLASSES]**

HU119 Rated Section Requirements for Junior Hunters 3'3" and 3'6"

1. "A" Rated 3'6" Junior Hunter Sections. At least two sections must be offered in the prize list (large/small or older/younger). See GR312.6 for number of required classes and prize money. At Premier rated competitions, four 3'6" Junior Hunter sections must be offered in the prize list (large younger, large older, small younger, small older).
2. "A" Rated 3'3" Junior Hunter Sections. Junior Hunter 3'3" may not be offered unless Junior Hunter 3'6" is also offered. See GR312.6 for number of required classes and prize money. ~~At Premier rated competitions, four 3'3" Junior Hunter sections must be offered in the prize list (large/small or older/younger).~~ **If offered, at least two sections are required to be listed must be offered**
3. Management may elect to offer four (4) classes in "A" rated sections. If four (4) classes are offered at a multiple day competition, no more than two (2) classes may be held on one day and no more than 50% of the prize money may be offered on one day.
4. "B" Rated Sections. See GR312.6.
5. "C" rated Sections. See GR312.6. No prize money is required.
6. Except for Medal classes, Junior Hunter over fences classes and Equitation classes over fences may be combined and held concurrently if separate judges officiate. Flat classes cannot be combined.

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**Rule Change Intent**

This proposed clarification is submitted to correct an inadvertent copy and paste error that occurred when RCP#285-16 (which was ultimately approved by the USEF Board in January, 2017) was being changed from Draft #1 to Draft #2 during the USHJA Annual Meeting in December, 2016. The clerical error was not caught until after the USEF Board approved this rule change in January, 2017. The proponent's intent with this rule change was to modify the combining and dividing requirements for the Junior Hunter 3'3" section so that they match the combining and dividing rules for the Junior Hunter 3'6" section. The copy and paste error altered the intent by making the Junior Hunter 3'3" section a requirement when a competition offers the Junior Hunter 3'6" section. The proponent's intent was not to make the 3'3" Junior Hunter Section offerings mandatory, but rather to clarify how many sections are required to be offered if competition management chooses to offer these sections. This clarification, if approved, will correct this clerical error when the approved rule change #285-16 becomes effective 12/01/17.

Linked Rules	Comments
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**Web:** rated section requirements

**Committee Actions**

**National Hunter Committee**

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**Draft 1:** No Comments

**Council - Natl Breed & Discipline**

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Proposed Change

**GR1306 Professional/Amateur Status** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 13-B AMATEURS AND PROFESSIONALS]

GR1306 Professional/Amateur Status

1. Amateur. Regardless of one's equestrian skills and/or accomplishments, a person is an amateur if after his 18th birthday, as defined in GR101, he has not engaged in any of the activities identified in paragraph 4 below.
  - a. In the Dressage Division, individuals are only eligible to compete as amateurs from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach age 22, see DR119.3.
  - b. For Amateurs in Jumper Sections, see JP118.
  - c. For Amateurs in Hunter Sections, see HU106.
  - d. For Amateurs in Eventing, see EV Appendix 3-Participation in Horse Trials.
2. Remuneration. Remuneration is defined as compensation or payment in any form such as cash, goods, sponsorships, discounts or services; reimbursement of any expenses; trade or in-kind exchange of goods or services such as board or training.
3. Permitted activities by Amateur. An Amateur is permitted to do the following:
  - a. Accept reimbursement for actual expenses associated with conducting classroom seminars for a not-for-profit organization, therapeutic riding programs, or programs for charitable organizations approved in advance by the Federation.
  - b. Act as a camp counselor when not hired in the exclusive capacity as a riding instructor; assist in setting schooling fences without remuneration; give instruction or training to handicapped riders for therapeutic purposes.
  - c. Appear in advertisements and/or articles related to acknowledgement of one's own personal or business sponsorship of a competition and/or awards earned by one's owned horses.
  - d. Accept prize money as the owner of a horse in any class other than equitation or showmanship classes.
  - e. Accept prize money in Dressage.
  - f. Accept a non-monetary token gift of appreciation valued less than \$300 annually.
  - g. Serve as an intern for college credit or course requirements at an accredited institution provided one has never held professional status with the Federation or any other equestrian National Federation. In addition, one may accept reimbursement for expenses without profit, as prescribed by the educational institution's program, for the internship. In the Hackney, Roadster, American Saddlebred, Saddle Seat Equitation, Morgan, Andalusian/Lusitano, Friesian, Arabian, and National Show Horse Divisions, college students may also accept a stipend during the internship served under this paragraph. At the request of the Federation, an Amateur shall provide certification from the accredited educational institution under whose auspices a student is pursuing an internship that he is undertaking the internship to meet course or degree requirements.
  - h. Write books or articles related to horses.
  - i. Accept remuneration for providing service in one's capacity as a: **clinic manager or organizer (so long as they are not performing the activities of instructor or trainer)**, presenter or panelist at a Federation licensed officials' clinic, competition manager, competition secretary, judge, steward, technical delegate, course designer, announcer, TV commentator, veterinarian, groom, farrier, tack shop operator, breeder, or boarder, or horse transporter.

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Rule Change Intent

To clarify that amateurs may organize, manage and host clinics as long as they are not performing the activities of instructor or trainer.

Potential Impact

To clarify that amateurs may organize, manage and host clinics.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> amateur rule

Committee Actions

Andalusian/Lusitano	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/03/2016 <b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b> <b>Draft 2: No Comments</b>
Arabian	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/03/2016 <b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b> <b>Draft 2: No Comments</b>
Breeds/Disciplines	
<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action <b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b> <b>Draft 2: No Comments</b>

**JP150.12 Tracking #081-16 Draft #1 Approved**

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**Proposed Change**

**JP 150.12c Classes offering \$25,000 or more in prize money** [CHAPTER JP, Subchapter JP 7 Jumping Faults and Scoring Tables]

12. Starting Order (see also JP112 for Starting Order)

a. A steward must be present to witness the draw. A rider, trainer or owner of a horse in that class is welcome to witness the draw.

b. The previous year's winning rider may be seeded last if it is so stated in the prize list. If that rider has more than one horse in the class, a draw will be conducted to determine which of his/her horses will be seeded last.

~~c. If a rider with multiple horses in a class scratches one or more of his horses, his/her remaining horses must be moved up to occupy the highest position for that rider.~~

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**Rule Change Intent**

To delete rule that is no longer needed.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> multiple horses

Committee Actions	
Jumper	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 12/05/2016	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
USHJA	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 12/15/2016	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
Council - Intl Discipline	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 12/22/2016	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>

**HU154 Tracking #083-16 Draft #2 Approved**

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Standard	12/1/2017	12/20/2016	Approved 1/14/2017

Proposed Change

**HU 154 Schooling** [CHAPTER HU 8 Conduct]

**4. The use of any device with ear bud(s) while mounted is prohibited in all hunter schooling areas.**

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Rule Change Intent

To increase safety in the schooling area. Riders need to be attentive to schooling instead of being distracted by their phones..

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> cell phones

Committee Actions

National Hunter Committee

<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Disapproval 12/13/2016	<b>Draft 1:</b> This committee would approve if it read: "Use of any device with earbud(s) while mounted is prohibited in all hunter schooling areas."
<b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Approval 01/03/2017	<b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments

Safety

<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments

USHJA

<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action 12/15/2016	<b>Draft 1:</b> Need to add "use of any devices with earbud(s) while mounted is prohibited in all hunter schooling areas."
<b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Approval 01/02/2017	<b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Approval 12/21/2016	<b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Approval 01/04/2017	<b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments

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Proposed Change

JP 103 Schooling [CHAPTER JP 1 - General]

9. The use of any device with ear bud(s) while mounted is prohibited in all jumper schooling areas.

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Rule Change Intent

To increase safety for horse and rider in the schooling area. Riders attention needs to be focused on their horse.

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: cell phones/ear buds

Committee Actions

Safety	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Jumper	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/05/2016	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
USHJA	
Draft 1: No Action 12/15/2016	Draft 1: The rule should state "use of any device(s) with earbud(s)..."
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/02/2017	Draft 2: No Comments
Council - Admin & Finance	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/21/2016	Draft 2: No Comments
Council - Intl Discipline	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/12/2017	Draft 2: No Comments

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Proposed Change

**HU191 International Hunter Derby** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-13 USHJA CHAMPIONSHIPS AND SPECIAL CLASSES]

- Classes included in the member event series to be determined annually by USHJA.
- Derbies may only be offered at USEF **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 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.
- All classes involved in the USHJA Member Event Series must meet the requirements set forth by USHJA. Information on the application procedure, class requirements, judging system and course requirements is available from the Programs Department in the USHJA office. Competition management will collect and remit to USHJA the per horse entrant fee determined by the USHJA. This fee must be included in the entry fee.
- National bonus points will be awarded to each horse's respective section as declared at the time of entry. Only Juniors and Amateurs may declare for the applicable Junior or Amateur Owner section. Horses declared in Open Sections will also be awarded the value of their money won for the declared hunter section. **National bonus points may not be credited toward the HOTY awards for the Green Conformation Hunter 3'6" or the High Performance Conformation Hunter.**

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Rule Change Intent

To not allow points from the USHJA International Hunter Derby classes to count toward HOTY awards for Conformation sections as the International Hunter Derby classes do not have the conformation component required in the Conformation Hunter sections.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Staff:</b> IT: Estimate 2 hours of work <b>Web:</b> International Hunter Derby

Committee Actions	
USHJA	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 12/15/2016	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 12/19/2016	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments

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Proposed Change

**HU112 General** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-2 DIVISION OF SECTIONS OR CLASSES]

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- Any combined Junior Hunter and/or Amateur Owner Hunter section with a total of twelve (12) or more entries must be divided in a manner that guarantees a minimum of six (6) in each section. Management may determine a cutoff time for entering before redividing any section(s).
  - Definition of divided by Junior/Amateur: If there are 30 or more entries in a section that is open to all competitors, Competition Management may choose to divide the section and offer one of the divided sections as restricted to Juniors and Amateurs (See GR127 and GR1306-GR1307 for definition of Junior and Amateur).**
  - Definition of Floating Split: A Floating Split allows management to adjust sections offered split by age in the prize list either up or down in one year increments until the minimum number of entries required for each new section has been reached. As long as the minimum requirements for splitting sections are met, management may split the sections using the age split they deem most appropriate for their competition. Rider age must be given on the entry blank.

[...]

SUBCHAPTER HU-13 USHJA CHAMPIONSHIPS AND SPECIAL CLASSES  
 HU192 USHJA National Hunter Derby

See [www.ushja.org](http://www.ushja.org) for full specifications. USHJA National Hunter Derby may be offered at USEF Licensed Premier, National, Regional I or Regional II Competitions and at Competitions approved for a Special Competition Status.

- Competing in the USHJA National Hunter Derby does not qualify a horse or rider for the USHJA International Hunter Derby Finals.
- USHJA National Hunter Derby are open to all horses and ponies; however, distances will not be adjusted for ponies.
- Management may choose to offer a second USHJA National Hunter Derby restricted to Juniors and Amateurs. In this case, horses may compete in either class but may not cross enter between the two.**
- The same pony may not compete in the USHJA Pony Hunter Derby and the USHJA National Hunter Derby at the same competition.
- All USHJA National Hunter Derby classes must meet the requirements set forth by USHJA. Information on class procedures, class requirements, judging system and course requirements is available from the Programs Department in the USHJA office.
- Competition management will collect and remit to USHJA the per horse entrant fee within 14 days of the competition. This fee must be included in the 10% entry fee maximum. The per horse entrant fee is \$25 at Premier, National and Special Competitions and is \$15 at Regional I and Regional II Competitions.
- Zone bonus points will be awarded as per specifications which are found on the USHJA website.
- Prize Money must be distributed in accordance with the official USHJA Class Specifications at [www.ushja.org](http://www.ushja.org).
- Riders, owners and trainers must be current active members of USEF and USHJA to participate in this class. (See GR202). Horses and ponies must be registered with the USHJA to participate in this class. Exception: Foreign residents and horses and ponies in good standing with their National Federation are eligible to compete in this class.
  - Money won in a USHJA National Hunter Derby will only count for any USHJA National Hunter Derby program standings or awards if the rider, owner and trainer are current Active members of the Federation and USHJA and the horse is registered with USHJA.
  - USHJA Zone Horse of the Year bonus points will only be awarded for placing in a USHJA National Hunter Derby if the owner is a current Active member of the Federation and USHJA and the horse is recorded with the Federation and registered with USHJA. For additional information and Zone residency requirements see GR1110 and GR1111.
- ~~No more than one National Hunter Derby may be held during a given competition.~~ (Exception: If there are forty (40) or more entries in the National Hunter Derby, the class may be split into two (2) separate classes. Management must refer to specifications to determine the split of the class). Management may determine a cutoff time for entering before splitting the National Hunter Derby into two classes. The cutoff time will be no earlier than 24 hours prior to the proposed start time of the National Hunter Derby. See [www.ushja.org](http://www.ushja.org) for more specific information.
- The same horse may not compete in the USHJA National Hunter Derby and International Hunter Derby at the same competition.
- Each class must have a minimum of two judges. All judges will sit together and provide one score.

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Rule Change Intent

To allow Competition Management to offer a USHJA National Hunter Derby restricted to Juniors and Amateurs in addition to the Open USHJA National Hunter Derby that is already being offered. Also, to define dividing by Junior/Amateur as another option for dividing sections/classes.

Linked Rules

**Web:** National Hunter Derby

Comments

Committee Actions

Competition Management

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** No Action 12/19/2016  
**Draft 3:** No Action 12/19/2016

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** Needs work on the language  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

USHJA

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** No Action 12/15/2016  
**Draft 3:** Recommends Disapproval 01/02/2017

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** Would approve the proposed rewrite from the National Hunter Committee  
**Draft 3:** The National Hunter Derby is an established and popular program in its original format. The ability to recognize juniors and amateur competitors separately from class placings already exists. Offering potential splits restricted to one segment of the class has the potential to create imbalance as well as potentially diminish the integrity of the class.

Council - Admin & Finance

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** No Action 12/21/2016  
**Draft 3:** Recommends Approval 01/12/2017

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

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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**Draft 2:** No Action  
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**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

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Proposed Change

**HU119 Rated Section Requirements for Junior Hunters** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-2 DIVISION OF SECTIONS OR CLASSES]

1. "A" Rated 3'6" Junior Hunter Sections. At least two sections must be offered in the prize list. Four (4) or five (5) classes are required in each section with a minimum of \$500 prize money offered in each section. At Premier rated competitions, four 3'6" Junior Hunter sections must be offered in the prize list. (HU111.3).
2. 3'3" Junior Hunter Sections. Junior Hunter 3'3" may not be offered unless Junior Hunter 3'6" is also offered. (**Exception: USHJA Zone Championship competitions**) Junior Hunter 3'3" may be offered as one section or may be offered as divided by size of horse and/or age of rider.

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Rule Change Intent

Because the USHJA Zone Championship competitions run during the Fall Indoor competitions it is difficult for these competitions to fill the 3'6" Junior Hunter section. This rule change would allow USHJA Zone Championships competitions to hold the Junior Hunter 3'3" section without also holding the Junior Hunter 3'6" section to give an opportunity for the 3'3" Junior Hunters to show at a qualifying competition.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> Junior Hunter 3'3"

Committee Actions	
USHJA	
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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
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## Proposed Change

**EQ106 Conduct** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ-2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]

**8. CHAMPIONSHIPS.** *Championships in the Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation division may be offered on a competitive basis or based on points. Only Championships awarded based on points will count for Zone HOTY points.*

**a. Championships awarded on a competitive basis:**

- Can be held as a free post entry class open to any designated number of place winners in the Hunter Seat section (minimum of two) except Maiden, Novice and Limit classes;*
- Can be held as an Open class with advance entries for riders who have competed in at least one other class in the Hunter/Jumping Seat division. To be shown over a minimum of six jumps not to exceed 3'6". Wings can be no wider than 36". Judges can require additional tests; or*
- All judges officiating in classes stated to qualify for the Champion and Reserve can confer and designate a first or second place winner on the basis of performance in these classes. Riders can be required to work-off at judge's discretion using only those tests permitted under EQ112.*

**b. Championships awarded based on points:**

- A Championship may not be offered in a section unless a minimum of two Over Fences classes and one Flat class are held. A Championship will not count for points unless a minimum of three entries compete in at least two over fences classes and one flat class. If a competition offers more than one Flat class in any one section, only one will count toward the Championship. The prize list must specify the class to count.*
- All classes counting toward a Championship will count equally when calculating.*

## EQ110 Requirements for Specific Classes

~~14. CHAMPIONSHIPS. To be awarded on a competitive basis. Can be held:~~

~~a. as a free post entry class open to any designated number of place winners in the Hunter Seat section (minimum of two) except Maiden, Novice and Limit classes;~~

~~b. as an Open class with advance entries for riders who have competed in at least one other class in the Hunter Seat section. To be shown over a minimum of six jumps not to exceed 3'6". Wings can be no wider than 36". Judges can require additional tests; or~~

~~c. all judges officiating in classes stated to qualify for the Champion and Reserve can confer and designate a first or second place winner on the basis of performance in these classes. Riders can be required to work-off at judge's discretion using only those tests permitted under EQ112.~~

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## Rule Change Intent

To define how Championships awarded based on points in the Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation Division are calculated and to list the requirements to award a Championship based on points.

## Linked Rules

## Comments

**Staff:** IT: Estimate 5 hours of work  
**Web:** Championships

## Committee Actions

USHJA

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Draft 1: No Comments

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## Proposed Change

**GR1120 Awards** [CHAPTER 11-E Special Conditions]

## GR1120 Awards

3. Presentation of breed-specific awards will be made **annually at a location approved by the Federation Board of Directors** at venues most suitable to that breed or may be awarded at the Federation Annual Meeting.

## GR1121 Presentation

1. Presentation of the Federation National Horse of the Year Awards will be made **annually at the Federation's Annual Meeting, or other a location venue as approved by the Federation Board of Directors**. The trophies awarded to the National Champions are perpetual trophies and remain in the possession of the Federation.

## GR1123 Andalusian/Lusitano Division

5. National Awards will be presented at the Federation Annual Meeting.

## GR1124 Arabian and Half/Anglo Arabian Divisions

5. At USEF Licensed National level competitions, class entries will receive triple points; points will be awarded to tenth place in Breeding, In-Hand and Performance classes. Only those Top Ten placings will receive points, trebled. Any points won at a National Championship (U.S., Youth and Sport Horse) will count solely towards National Awards and not towards any Regional Awards. National Awards will be presented at the Federation Annual Meeting.

## GR1125 Carriage Pleasure Driving

3. Driving awards will be presented at the USEF Annual Meeting.

## GR1126 Connemara

3. National awards will be presented at the USEF Annual Meeting.

## GR1127 Driving, Combined

3. National Awards will be presented at the USEF Annual Meeting.

## GR1130 Hackney

4. National Awards will be presented at the Federation Annual Meeting.

## GR1131 Hunter and Equitation Divisions

15. Presentation of the National Horse of the Year Awards will be made at the Federation Annual Meeting.

GR1132 Pony Hunter Breeding and Hunter Breeding

~~5. Presentation of the National Horse of the Year Awards will be made at the Federation Annual Meeting.~~

GR1133 Jumpers

~~7. National Awards will be presented at the Federation Annual Meeting.~~

GR1134 Morgan Horse Division

~~8. National Horse of the Year Awards will be presented at the Federation Annual Meeting.~~

GR1135 National Show Horse

~~5. National Horse of the Year Awards will be presented at the Federation Annual Meeting.~~

GR1136 Paso Fino

~~5. National Horse of the Year Award will be presented at the Federation Annual Meeting.~~

GR1137 Reining

~~4. National Horse of the Year Awards will be presented at the Federation Annual Meeting.~~

GR1138 Roadster

~~4. National Awards will be presented at the Federation Annual Meeting.~~

GR1139 American Saddlebred

~~4. National Awards will be presented at the Federation Annual Meeting.~~

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GR1140 Shetland Division

~~4. National Horse of the Year Awards will be presented at the Federation Annual Meeting.~~

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GR1141 Vaulting

~~4. Presentation of the National Horse of the Year Awards will be made at the Federation Annual Meeting.~~

GR1142 Welsh Pony, Cob and Half Welsh

~~6. Presentation of the National Horse of the Year Awards will be made at the Federation Annual Meeting.~~

GR1143 Western

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**Rule Change Intent**

The proposed changes to the current HOTY Awards rules are intended to give the Federation the flexibility necessary to host the Awards at the Annual Meeting or at another location or time, whichever best suits the Federation and its members at that time. There are several benefits to this added flexibility. Firstly, as it currently stands, the HOTY Awards take place too soon after the close of the show season. With the short amount of time between the close of points and the notification of HOTY Award winners, winners struggle to make travel arrangements and the room block at the Annual Meeting will have already closed. Secondly, by allowing for the location of the HOTY Awards Ceremony to be changed, it is anticipated that the Ceremony will be more accessible to Federation members and the burden of travel will be lessened. Ideally, the HOTY Awards Ceremony will mirror the Oscars, as the Federation will host the Awards Ceremony and an after party to follow.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> awards

**Committee Actions**

Andalusian/Lusitano	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Disapproval 11/03/2016	<b>Draft 1:</b> The committee would like to keep these awards at Annual Meeting.
Arabian	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Disapproval 11/03/2016	<b>Draft 1:</b> Breed awards need to stay. Very important for those members
Breeds/Disciplines	
<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
Hackney	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/29/2016	<b>Draft 1:</b> This is a procedure and needs to be removed from the rulebook.
Morgan	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/01/2016	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
National Hunter Committee	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/21/2016	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
Paso Fino	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Disapproval 11/22/2016	<b>Draft 1:</b> Committee would like to keep these awards at Annual Meeting.
Roadster	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/21/2016	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
Saddle Seat Eq	
<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action 11/28/2016	<b>Draft 1:</b> Saddle Seat Equitation does not have HOTY Awards.
American Saddlebred	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/15/2016	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
Shetland	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Disapproval 11/21/2016	<b>Draft 1:</b> Reduces incentive to attend Annual Meeting.
Connemara	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Disapproval 11/18/2016	<b>Draft 1:</b> This removes the incentive to attend Annual Meeting, and may require people to travel to multiple meetings - USEF's, the Affiliate's own, and the Awards. We appreciate the time and interaction with other breeds/disciplines there.
Western Committee	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/08/2016	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
Friesian	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Disapproval 10/25/2016	<b>Draft 1:</b> Bad idea. Further diminishes the purpose to attend Annual Meetings
USHJA	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 12/15/2016	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
Carriage Pleasure Driving	
<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action 10/26/2016	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments

# GR1033.17 Tracking #213-16 Draft #3 Approved

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2017	12/22/2016	Approved 1/14/2017

## Proposed Change

**GR1033 Judges** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 10-H REGULATIONS GOVERNING OFFICIALS]

15. In the Western and Western Seat Equitation division, when a single judge system is used, judge's cards shall be considered final and shall not be changed after the completion of the presentation of awards for that class.

16. Judges' cards and/or official score sheets are to be signed by the judge and retained (with the exception of score sheets returned to the exhibitor) as part of the competition's official records for a period of no less than three years. Electronic signatures through a PDA or similar device used to record scores will fulfill the signature requirement.

**17. In the Hunter and Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation divisions classes may not be recommended once the judge has signed the card.**

~~18~~ 17. Judges must commence and complete classes in accordance with GR109.

Proponent Details	Contact Information
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National Hunter Committee

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## Rule Change Intent

To prevent the changing of class results after the completion of a Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation class unless an error is discovered on the judge's card.

Linked Rules	Comments
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**Web:** Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation judges

## Committee Actions

### Licensed Officials

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/12/2016  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** Recommends Approval 01/02/2017

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

### Competition Management

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 12/19/2016  
**Draft 3:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** Needs to identify the timeline for when the correction is made. Does not specifically address clerical errors. It also affects many other rules that need to be considered.  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

### USHJA

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 12/15/2016  
**Draft 3:** Recommends Approval 01/02/2017

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** Needs to identify the timeline for when the correction is made. Does not specifically address clerical errors. It also affects many other rules that need to be considered.  
**Draft 3:** \*\*213-16 was approved by Board as presented, but the group still feels that the RCP needs additional work to clarify its intent by clearly defining the "end of competition." Additionally, the group feels that the rule needs additional work to correct the circular reference created in point 18 when it refers out to GR109.

### Council - Admin & Finance

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 12/21/2016  
**Draft 3:** Recommends Approval 01/12/2017

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

**GR808.2 Tracking #214-16 Draft #1 Approved**

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2017	8/31/2016	Approved 1/14/2017

Proposed Change

**GR808 Awarding Championships** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 8-B COMPETITION AWARDS, HONORS, AND PRIZES]

2. In the Hunter divisions, Championships must be awarded on points. In the Morgan and Welsh Pony divisions, Championships may be awarded on points or held as performance classes. (See JP110.2 for Jumper Championships *and EQ106 for Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation Championships*)

[...]

6. In Hunter *and Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation* sections only the first six ribbons in each class are counted regardless of the number offered. Ribbons have the same value even if less than the specified six places are awarded due to lack of entries. First Place...10 points, Second Place...6 points, Third Place...4 points, Fourth Place...2 points, Fifth Place...1 point, Sixth Place...1/2 point.

Proponent Details	Contact Information
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Rule Change Intent

To define how Championships awarded based on points are calculated for the Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation division.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> championships

Committee Actions	
Competition Management	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
USHJA	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 12/15/2016	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
Council - Admin & Finance	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 12/21/2016	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 12/19/2016	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments

**GR202 Tracking #216-16 Draft #1 Approved**

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2017	8/31/2016	Approved 1/14/2017

Proposed Change

**GR202 Membership Requirements** [CHAPTER 2-A Memberships]

GR202.2 Membership Requirements:

All Life, Senior Active and Junior Active Members of the Federation must designate a primary breed/discipline affiliation upon joining or ~~must do so annually upon renewing~~. A member will be deemed to continue his or her primary designation unless prior to the record date (November 30 of each year) ~~such the Life Member notifies the Federation in writing of a change~~. This shall be considered the member's affiliation for the purpose of allocating Voting Director seats as provided in Bylaw 211.

GR1307 Amateur Status:

3. There is no fee for amateur status for Senior Active or Life Members. ~~Such status will expire on November 30th.~~ **A member will be deemed to continue his amateur status unless the member notifies the Federation in writing of a change.**

Proponent Details	Contact Information
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Rule Change Intent

The Federation is moving to automatic membership renewals that will renew on an anniversary date not at the start of a new competition year. This rule change is necessary to reflect this change as it effects primary breed/discipline affiliation.

Linked Rules	Comments
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GR 201 (404-16)

**Staff:** IT: Estimate 10 hours of work  
**Web:** membership

Committee Actions

Andalusian/Lusitano

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/03/2016

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Arabian

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/03/2016

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Morgan

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/01/2016

**Draft 1:** PRC language is fine but the Intent is troubling

National Hunter Committee

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/21/2016

**Draft 1:** We approve of this change but have strong reservations about automatic renewals and anniversary date memberships.

Paso Fino

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 10/26/2016

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Shetland

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/21/2016

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Connemara

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/18/2016

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Friesian

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 10/25/2016

**Draft 1:** No Comments

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 10/25/2016

**Draft 1:** No Comments

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 10/25/2016

**Draft 1:** No Comments

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

Proposed Change

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

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

**Associated changes to the rulebook:**

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

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

Proponent Details	Contact Information
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Rule Change Intent

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

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> Isolation protocol

Committee Actions

Andalusian/Lusitano

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

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

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

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

## Dressage

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

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

## Driving

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

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

## Endurance

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

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

## Eventing

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

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

## Hackney

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

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

## Legal Review

**Draft 1:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments

## Morgan

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

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

## National Hunter Committee

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

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

### National Show Horse

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

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

### Paso Fino

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

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

### Roadster

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

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

### Saddle Seat Eq

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

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

### American Saddlebred

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

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

### Shetland

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

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

### Competition Management

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

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

### Vaulting

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

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

### Veterinary

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

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

### Connemara

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

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

Western Committee

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

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

Reining

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

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

Friesian

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

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

Jumper

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

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

USHJA

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

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

ParaEquestrian

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

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

Carriage Pleasure Driving

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

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

Steward-Technical Delegate Committee

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

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

Welsh

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

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

Western Dressage

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

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

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Proposed Change

**JP118 Sections/Classes Restricted to Children, Adult Amateur Riders, or Ponies** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER JP-3 SECTION SPECIFICATIONS ]

4. Pony Jumper: ...

a. ~~Riders. Pony Jumpers may not be ridden by an adult in any section at the same competition.~~

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Rule Change Intent

This restriction was copied from the hunter ponies and is unnecessary for jumpers. No other jumper section is this restrictive.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> classes restricted to children, adult amateurs or ponies

Committee Actions	
USHJA	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 12/15/2016	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
Council - Intl Discipline	
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Proposed Change

**JP117 Sections/Classes Restricted to Junior, Amateur/Owner, or Young Riders [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER JP-3 SECTION SPECIFICATIONS ]**

5. Combined Sections. ...

a. Dividing of Combined Sections/**Classes**. After the prize list is published, if entries so warrant this section may be split into separate sections. Any **class** section with fifteen or more Junior Jumper entries and fifteen or more Amateur Owner Jumper entries ~~at the beginning of the first class~~ must be divided, and the prize money must be doubled. **Exception: Special Classes i.e. Combined Classics or the highest prize money class of the section.**

Proponent Details	Contact Information
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Rule Change Intent

Many jumpers don't jump every day, especially in the high sections and as a result, the number of entries in a given section of classes can vary throughout a week of competition. Therefore, it would be more equitable for competitors and managers to base the reason for splitting a combined class on the number in the individual classes rather than the number in the first class of a section.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> classes restricted to junior, amateur owner or young riders

Committee Actions

USHJA

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 12/15/2016

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

Council - Intl Discipline

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 12/22/2016

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

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Proposed Change

JP116 Sections/Classes Restricted by Age of Horse [CHAPTER JP-3 SECTION SPECIFICATIONS]

- [...]
3. Course Guidelines  
a. General for all ages:  
[...]  
**6. Certificate of Compliance: A course plan showing the actual heights and spreads of all the fences, signed by the Course Designer and the Senior Judge, must be given to the Senior Steward no later than the conclusion of competition on the same day the class is held to include with his report to the Federation. See JP103.5.**
- [...]
4. Five-Year-Old Jumper:  
[...]
- b. Courses to be set at 1.00 m to 1.15 m. After July 1st courses ~~may~~ **must** be set ~~at up to~~ **at** 1.20 m. Speed of 350 ~~325~~ m/m.
5. Six-Year-Old Jumper:  
a. Classes may be scored under Table II, (all clears staying equal); or Table II Section 1 or 2a, b, ~~or c~~ **or d**.  
b. Courses to be set at 1.20 m to 1.25 m. After July 1st, courses ~~may~~ **must** be set ~~up to~~ **at** 1.30 m. Speed of 350 m/m.
6. Seven Year-Old Jumper:  
a. Courses may be scored under Table II, Section 1 or 2 **a, b, or d**.  
b. Courses to be set at 1.30 m to 1.35 m.

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

To ensure the integrity of the Young Jumper classes by creating a standard fence height for Five-Year-Old Jumper courses set after July 1st and creating a requirement for a certificate of compliance to document that the rules and standards of the classes are upheld and courses are set to specification.

Linked Rules

Comments

**Web:** five year old jumper

Committee Actions

Licensed Officials

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/12/2016  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** Recommends Approval 01/02/2017

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

Jumper

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 12/05/2016  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 12/13/2016  
**Draft 3:** Recommends Approval 12/13/2016

**Draft 1: For the 5yo, the change is from "may" to "must" but this should also be included in the 6 yo, or only be included in the 6 yo. Also, for all the age group fence heights, please add a reference to JP 122.5 (60% fences must be at required height and other 40% within a 5cm variance).**  
**Draft 2: No Comments**  
**Draft 3: No Comments**

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Proposed Change

**JP117 Sections/Classes Restricted to Junior, Amateur/Owner, or Young Riders [CHAPTER JP-3 SECTION SPECIFICATIONS]**

[Linked to GR1113 Jumper HOTY Points]

JP117 Sections/Classes Restricted to Junior, Amateur/Owner, **Amateur** or Young Riders

[add new .2 and renumber as necessary]

**2. Amateur Jumper: A horse that is ridden by an Amateur. Classes are restricted to riders who are no longer eligible to compete as junior exhibitors.**

*(For Amateur rules please see GR1306)*

**b. Dividing Classes. Sections may be offered divided by either specific height or age of rider.**

**c. Level of Difficulty. 1.40/1.45m Amateur classes will have courses set at either 1.40m (4'7") or 1.45 m (4'9'). The maximum height for the first class of this section, and for any classes in which time is the deciding factor in the initial round, is 1.40 m (4'7"). Note: Only Amateur classes set at either 1.40m or 1.45m will be pointed toward HOTY awards in the 1.40/1.45m Amateur category.**

**1.30/1.35m Amateur classes will have courses set at either 1.30m (4'3") or 1.35m (4'5"). All Amateur classes set at either 1.30m or 1.35m will be pointed towards HOTY awards in the 1.30/1.35m Amateur category.**

**1.20/1.25m Amateur classes will have courses set at either 1.20m (3'11") or 1.25m (4'1"). All Amateur classes at either 1.20m or 1.25m will be pointed toward the 1.20m/1.25m Amateur category for purposes of HOTY awards.**

**Local competitions - no minimum course requirements and no points towards National Horse of the Year awards.**

[...]

3. If a competition divides Junior, or Amateur Owner **or Amateur** classes into three sections (1.20/1.25m, 1.30/1.35m and 1.40/1.45m), the basic height specifications of each class will determine which HOTY category the class will be pointed towards. Young Rider Jumper: A horse ridden by a young rider under the rules of the Federation. Individuals are eligible as Young Riders from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 16 until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 21.

5. Combined Sections. A section or sections combining Amateur Owner, Juniors, Amateur, and/or Young Riders may be offered.

a. Dividing of Combined Sections. After the prize list is published, if entries so warrant this section may be split into separate sections. Any section with fifteen or more Junior Jumper entries and fifteen or more Amateur Owner Jumper **or Amateur** entries at the beginning of the first class must be divided, and the prize money must be doubled.

b. Combining of Sections. If Junior, and Amateur Owner **and Amateur** sections are offered separately in the prize list, the sections may be combined if there are eight or less entries in either section.

6. Restrictions

a. Any competitor that competes in an FEI Championship for Seniors (i.e. World Equestrian Games, Olympic Games, Pan-American Games, World Cup Finals) is ineligible to compete in any Junior, ~~and/or~~ Amateur Owner **and/or Amateur** Jumper class with the same horse for a period of one year.

b. Any competitor that competes in a CSI4\* or above, a CSI-W or CSIO is ineligible to compete in a Junior, ~~and/or~~ Amateur Owner **and/or Amateur** Jumper class at that same competition.

**If this rule is approved, "Amateur" will be inserted into JP: 108.3, 113.3, 120.4, 1.50.10c, 150.11, and 152.2.**

Proponent Details

Contact Information

Rule Change Intent

To allow amateurs, regardless of whether they own the horse they are riding, to compete at a nationally recognized high level. If this rule is approved, "Amateur" will be inserted into JP: 108.3, 113.3, 120.4, 1.50.10c, 150.11, and 152.2.

Linked Rules

Comments

**Staff:** IT: With GR1133, estimate 10 hours of work  
**Web:** amateur jumper

Committee Actions

Jumper

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/05/2016  
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**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

USHJA

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

Council - Admin & Finance

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

Council - Intl Discipline

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

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Proposed Change

**HU 189 Hunter Breeding** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-12- HUNTER & PONY HUNTER BREEDING]

HU185 [New HU188] General

1. Classes will only accumulate Federation Horse of the Year Points from January 1 to November 30 of the current show year (see GR1115). (Exception: Pony Hunter Breeding will accumulate Zone Horse of the Year points.)
2. Classes must be offered as printed in the prize list. Classes may not be combined however they may be split if the number of entries warrant.
3. Ribbons in all classes must be presented to the winners while in the ring.
4. Each entry will have only one handler per class. The same handler will present the horse in all phases of the class including the jog.
5. **A competition may not offer more than one hunter breeding division to count for National or Zone HOTY Awards and one pony hunter breeding division to count for Zone HOTY awards.**
6. **Additional classes and championships may be offered but will not count towards National or Zone Horse Of The Year Awards. The prize list must clearly state which classes count for Horse of the Year Awards.**

HU186 [New HU189] Hunter Breeding

2. Class Specifications

a. Breeding classes are judged on conformation, way of moving, quality, substance, soundness and suitability to become or in the case of sires and dams apparent ability to produce or beget hunters. Possible inheritable conformational defects are only to be considered in the case of sires and dams or prospective sires and dams. Horses are to be judged for conformation before being walked and/or trotted. Broodmares and weanlings are to walk. Yearlings, Two year-olds and Three year-olds are to walk and trot. Horses that are not sound are ineligible for an award. Entries should be lined up in the order of preference before the ribbons are pinned. ~~A competition may not offer more than 2 hunter breeding divisions to count for HOTY awards for any one competition. Each division must be judged by a different judge(s). The judge(s) from one section may not confer with the judge(s) from the other section until the judging is completed, exception learner judges. Learner judges may only accompany judge(s) in one section. Judges will only be in the ring when judging their division. Each division must be held separately. If available, separate areas are preferred. Additional classes and championships may be offered but will not count towards Horse of the Year points. The prize list must clearly state which classes count for Horse of the Year points.~~

[...]

~~3. Conduct. A competition may not offer more than two Hunter Breeding divisions to count for HOTY awards at any one competition. Each division must be judged by a different judge or judges, with neither judge conferring with the other concerning the judging until the divisions are completed. The prize list must clearly state which classes count for Federation points. Additional classes and division championships may be offered but will not count for Federation points.~~

HU190 Pony Hunter Breeding and USHJA Pony Breeding Championship

[...]

~~4. Conduct. A Competition may not offer more than two Pony Hunter Breeding divisions to count for HOTY Zone awards at any one competition. Each division must be judged by a different judge or judges, with neither judge conferring with the other concerning the judging until the divisions are completed and the cards are turned in. The prize list must clearly state which classes count for Federation Zone points. Additional classes and division championships may be offered but will not count for Federation Zone points.~~

5. Class Specifications.

a. Breeding classes are judged on conformation, way of moving, quality, substance, soundness and suitability to become Pony Hunters. Transmissible unsoundness is only to be considered in the case of sires and dam or prospective sires and dams. Ponies are to be judged for conformation before being walked and/or jogged. Broodmares and weanlings are to walk. Yearlings, Two year-olds and Three year-olds are to walk and jog. Ponies that are not sound are ineligible for an award. If the section has only one judge and thus one set of points, **the entries should be lined up in order of preference before the ribbons are pinned.** If this is a two-judge section, with two sets of points, the entries are not lined up in the order of preference until both judges have turned in their cards. The announcer or ringmaster will line up Judge #1's entries in his/her order of preference before awarding the ribbons. After the entries have been pinned for the first judge, Judge #2's entries will line up in his/her order of preference before the awarding of ribbons.

Proponent Details

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Rule Change Intent

To limit the number of Hunter Breeding sections a competition may offer, that will count toward the HOTY rankings.

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: National or Zone HOTY awards

Committee Actions

National Hunter Committee

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Draft 2: No Comments

Competition Management

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Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments

USHJA

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Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Proposed Change

**HU110 [New HU108] Adult Amateur** [CHAPTER HU-1 DEFINITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY]

[Linked to EQ103.4 Adults on Ponies]

HU110 [New HU108] Adult Amateur

1. [...]

f. Ponies may be ridden by adults, however ponies shown by adults at a Licensed Competition cannot be shown by juniors at the same competition **in rated pony hunter sections (i.e. Children's Hunter Pony, Green Pony Hunter, Regular Pony Hunter), a WIHS Pony Equitation, or a U.S. Pony Medal class.** (Exception: when competing at a multi-breed/discipline competition, a pony may be shown in the breed restricted hunter section by an adult and then also shown by a junior rider in hunter **or equitation** classes restricted to ponies). **See also HU110.11.**

[...]

HU108 [NewHU110] Pony Hunter

[...]

6. Ponies shown by a junior **in rated pony hunter sections (i.e. Children's Hunter Pony, Green Pony Hunter, Regular Pony Hunter)** cannot be shown by an adult at the same competition, except in breeding classes in-hand and in accordance with HU108. **See also HU110.11**

[...]

11. Ponies shown by adults at a Licensed Competition cannot compete in any rated Pony Hunter sections **(i.e. Children's Hunter Pony, Green Pony Hunter, Regular Pony Hunter)** at the same competition with a junior rider. (Exception: when competing at a multi-breed/discipline competition, a pony may be shown in the breed restricted hunter section by an adult and then also shown by a junior rider in ~~the open Pony Hunter section~~ **hunter or equitation classes restricted to ponies**). **See also EQ103.4.**

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Rule Change Intent

To further define when adults may not ride ponies at competitions in order to ensure a level playing field for junior exhibitors in rated Pony Hunter sections.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> ponies

Committee Actions	
National Hunter Committee	
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USHJA	
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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
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Proposed Change

**HU 111 Junior & Children's Hunters [CHAPTER HU-1 DEFINITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY]**

HU111 Junior Hunter 3'3" and 3'6" & Children's Hunters

1. Riders must not have reached their 18th birthday (See GR127).
2. **Children's Hunter Classes must be held in accordance with applicable USHJA Zone Specifications (see HU111.15)**
2. 3. Ponies may not be entered in Junior Hunter classes if Pony Hunter classes are offered at the same competition. If fence heights are changed to accommodate ponies in Children's Hunter classes, measurement cards in accordance with HU171 are required for all entries.
4. **Junior Hunter 3'3". Open to junior riders. Riders may not cross-enter into any class at 3'6" or higher in the Hunter division, higher than 3'9" in the Equitation division or higher than 1.20m in the Jumper division at the same competition. Horses entered in the Junior Hunter 3'3" section may not cross-enter into the Junior Hunter 3'6" section at the same competition.**
3. If the Junior Hunter sections are divided by height of animal, they must be divided into Large and Small. "A" rated Junior Hunter 3'6" sections at Premier rated competitions must be offered as four sections (large/younger, large/older, small/ younger, small/older). Junior Hunter 3'3" may be offered as one section or may be offered as divided by size of horse and/or age of rider. Junior Hunter 3'3" may not be offered unless Junior Hunter 3'6" is also offered.
4. If there are six (6) or more entries in each divided section, the divided sections must be held separately. If there are fewer than six (6) entries in any sections divided by age and/or height of animal, those sections must be combined with other sections. If there is a minimum of twelve (12) entries once any sections have been combined, the newly combined section must be re-divided using one of the options listed in HU118. Management may determine a cutoff time for entering before redividing any section(s).
5. **All horses showing in the Junior Hunter Section at Regular Competitions must have a Federation measurement card.**
  - a. **A large Junior Hunter is over 16 hands.**
  - b. **A small Junior Hunter is 16.0 hands and under.**
5. 6. If the Junior Hunter section is split by height of animal, the horse may be shown over fences by different riders as long as they are from the same age group.
6. 7. If an under saddle class is divided by age and a rider has two or more horses entered, all riders must be juniors but need not be eligible by age.
7. 8. Horses cannot be entered in more than one age section of the same class.
8. At Premier, National, Regional I or Regional II rated competitions if there are fewer than three (3) entries in the Amateur Owner 3'3", the Amateur Owner 3'6", the Junior Hunter 3'3" or the Junior Hunter 3'6" sections, competition management may choose to combine the sections. The competition management may choose to combine the sections as necessary, based on the sections with the lightest entries. If sections are combined, the horses must jump the respective height of the original section entered. In addition, while the sections can be combined if entries warrant, in order for Horse of the Year points to count they must be offered separately in the prize list.
9. All horses showing in the Junior Hunter Section at Regular Competitions must have a Federation measurement card.
  - a. A large Junior Hunter is over 16 hands.
  - b. A small Junior Hunter is 16.0 hands and under.
10. 9. In "A" rated Junior Hunter sections divided by age of rider only, no exhibitor may ride more than two (2) large and two (2) small Junior Hunters in any section.
14. 10. In "A" rated Junior Hunter sections offered by the height of horse, an exhibitor may not ride more than two (2) horses in any section. If sections offered by height of horse are combined, an exhibitor may not ride more than two (2) large and two (2) small junior hunters in the combined section.
12. 11. In "A" rated Junior Hunter sections divided by height of horse and age of rider an exhibitor may not ride more than two (2) horses in each section.
13. 12. In "B" and "C" rated and Local Junior Hunter sections, no exhibitor may ride more than three (3) horses in a class.
14. Junior Hunter 3'3". Open to junior riders. Riders may not cross enter into any class at 3'6" or higher in the hunter division, higher than 3'9" in the equitation division or higher than 1.20m in the jumper division at the same competition. Horses entered in the Junior Hunter 3'3" section may not cross enter into the Children's Hunter section at the same competition. Horses entered in Junior Hunter 3'3" sections may not cross enter into Junior Hunter 3'6" sections at the same competition. When the Junior Hunter 3'3" is offered as one section, no exhibitor may ride more than three (3) horses in the section.
15. 14. Children's Hunter

SUBCHAPTER HU-2 DIVISIONS OF SECTIONS OR CLASSES

HU118 Junior Hunter (3'3" and 3'6") & Children's Hunter Sections

1. When divided, sections must be split using one of the following options (Children's Hunter sections must be split in accordance with applicable Zone Specifications):
  - a. By age of rider (age must be given on entry blank);
  - b. By height of horse;
  - c. Floating Split (See HU112 for definition of Floating Split.);
  - d. California Split (See HU112 for definition of California Split.)
2. If there are 50 or more entries in the section at the beginning of the first class it must be divided by (a-d) above and the prize money must be doubled. A section with less than 30 entries cannot be divided.
3. If there are 50 or more entries remaining in a section after it has been divided, the section must be redivided and the prize money must be doubled. Once a section has been redivided it may be divided further if management so desires.
4. **If the Junior Hunter sections are divided by height of animal, they must be divided into Large and Small. "A" rated Junior Hunter 3'6" sections at Premier rated competitions must be offered as four sections (large/younger, large/older, small/ younger, small/older). "A" rated Junior Hunter 3'3" sections at Premier rated competitions must be offered as two sections (large/small or younger/older). Junior Hunter 3'3" may not be offered unless Junior Hunter 3'6" is also offered.**
5. **If there are six (6) or more entries in each divided section, the divided sections must be held separately. If there are fewer than six (6) entries in any sections divided by age and/or height of animal, those sections must be combined with other sections. If there is a minimum of twelve (12) entries once any sections have been combined, the newly combined section must be re-divided using one of the options listed in HU118. Management may determine a cut off time for entering before redividing any section(s).**
6. **At Premier, National, Regional I or Regional II rated competitions if there are fewer than three (3) entries in the Amateur Owner 3'3", the Amateur Owner 3'6", the Junior Hunter 3'3" or the Junior Hunter 3'6" sections, Competition Management may choose to combine the sections. The Competition Management may choose to combine the sections as necessary, based on the sections with the lightest entries. If sections are combined, the horses must jump the respective height of the original section entered. In addition, while the sections can be combined if entries warrant, in order for Horse of the Year points to count they must be offered separately in the prize list.**

4. 7. It is recommended that when competitions anticipate 50 horses or more this section be divided by (a) or (b) above when prize list is prepared.

**HU119 Rated Section Requirements for Junior Hunters 3'3" and 3'6"**

1. "A" Rated 3'6" Junior Hunter Sections. At least two sections must be offered in the prize list (*large/small or older/younger*). ~~Four (4) or five (5) classes are required in each section with a minimum of \$500 prize money offered in each section. See GR312.6 for number of required classes and prize money.~~ At Premier rated competitions, four 3'6" Junior Hunter sections must be offered in the prize list (*large younger, large older, small younger, small older*). (HU111.3).
2. **"A" Rated 3'3" Junior Hunter Sections.** Junior Hunter 3'3" may not be offered unless Junior Hunter 3'6" is also offered. ~~Junior Hunter 3'3" may be offered as one section or may be offered as divided by size of horse and/or age of rider. See GR312.6 for number of required classes and prize money. At least two sections must be offered in the prize list. At Premier rated competitions, four 3'3" Junior Hunter sections must be offered in the prize list (large/small or older/younger).~~
3. Management may elect to offer four (4) classes in "A" rated sections. If four (4) classes are offered at a multiple day competition, no more than two (2) classes may be held on one day and no more than 50% of the prize money may be offered on one day.
4. "B" Rated Sections. **See GR312.6.** ~~Three (3) or four (4) classes are required in each section with a minimum of \$100 in each section.~~
5. "C" rated Sections. **See GR312.6.** No prize money is required.
6. Except for Medal classes, Junior Hunter over fences classes and Equitation classes over fences may be combined and held concurrently if separate judges officiate. Flat classes cannot be combined.

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Rule Change Intent

The Junior Hunter 3'3" section has quickly gained popularity since its addition to the rule book. The intent of this rule change is to modify the combining and dividing requirements for the Junior Hunter 3'3" section so that they match the combining and dividing rules for the Junior Hunter 3'6" section.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Staff:</b> IT: Estimate 5 hours of work <b>Web:</b> Junior Hunter

Committee Actions

National Hunter Committee	
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Competition Management	
<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
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USHJA	
<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Approval 12/15/2016	<b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
Council - Admin & Finance	
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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
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Proposed Change

HU172 REQUIRED MEASUREMENTS [CHAPTER HU-10 MEASUREMENT]

1. A horse or pony must be measured each competition year until it reaches the age of eight. Horses and ponies that are seven years and under will be issued a Temporary Measurement card designating the year measured. Horses and ponies that are eight years of age and over will be issued a Standard Measurement card which does not need to be renewed. **Exception: Horses that measure 16.2 hands or over will receive a standard measurement card regardless of age.** Horses and ponies may not be measured by the same steward for their Standard Measurement Card and the card preceding the Standard Measurement card. The Federation will invalidate a Standard Measurement card that does not comply with this rule.

a. Those horses and ponies that are measured (and for which a valid measurement form is received by the Federation office) in the month of December immediately preceding the calendar year in which they turn eight years of age will be issued a Standard Measurement card that does not have to be renewed.

b. For ponies, with the exception of ponies under eight years old, once a pony is issued a Standard Measurement card, a new card will not be issued unless the height of the pony is protested and upheld, or unless an appeal is made and the remeasurement results in the pony moving to a section other than that indicated on its current measurement card.

c. For horses, with the exception of horses under eight years old, once a horse is issued a Standard Measurement card, a new card will not be issued unless the height of the horse is protested and upheld, or unless an appeal is made and the remeasurement results in the horse moving to a section other than that indicated on its current measurement card.

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Rule Change Intent

To separate horse measurement requirements from those of ponies and set the age at which a horse may be issued a standard measurement card at 6 years of age.

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: measurements

Committee Actions

Licensed Officials

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/12/2016  
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/02/2017

Draft 1: **The Committee believes this is too difficult to implement. The age for a standard measurement card should be the same for horses and ponies. Those that are right on the edge of pony vs. horse will have challenges.**  
Draft 2: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

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Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/03/2017

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/15/2016

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/21/2016

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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## Proposed Change

**HJ208 Horse Entry numbers exceed five hundred (500) and/or Duration of Competition or Series of Competitions Exceeds Twenty-One (21) days without a break of five (5) consecutive calendar days** [CHAPTER HJ-2 Rating and Horse Entry Number]

HJ208 Horse Entry Numbers Exceed Five Hundred *the Previous Year Based on Drug Fees Paid* and/or Duration of Competition or Series of Competitions Exceeds Twenty-One Days Without a Break

When minimum Horse Entry Numbers exceed five hundred (500) *the previous year based on drug fees paid* and/or licensed series of competitions *under the same licensee* are scheduled for a period of twenty-one (21) days or more without a break of at least five (5) consecutive calendar days, additional HJS must be met for exercise and lunge requirements. These HJS apply to all rated or combinations of rated competitions without regard to the fact that the rating may be different.

When the number of horse entries and days of competition are as described herein, the following HJS requirements are in lieu of existing exercise and lunge requirements set forth as HJS for rating: Premier, National, Regional I or Regional II.

1. For ~~Outdoor competitions,~~ When the above conditions set forth in HJ208 exist, *the following minimum requirements must be met for exercise and lunge areas on both competition and non-competitions days.* an exercise area of at least 24,000 square feet must be available for at least eight (8) contiguous hours within each calendar day between the hours of sunrise and sunset. This area is required to be available on both days when competitions are scheduled and during non-competition days when there are less than five (5) consecutive calendar days of break without scheduled competitions.

**Required Exercise/Lunge area**

**45,000 square feet**

**Additional 10,000 square feet** For each increment of 100 horses. Up to a maximum total area requirement of 135,000 square feet.

**a. A minimum of one (1) lunge area of at least 20,000 square feet not being used at the time as competition rings, schooling areas and/or exercise areas must be available during competition hours between the hours of sunrise and sunset. This area is considered part of the total area required for the exercise/lunge area.**

**b. The exercise area must be available for at least five (5) contiguous hours within each calendar day between the hours of sunrise and sunset. The exercise area schedule (if area is not always available) must be posted in the horse show office prior to the first day of competition. This area is required to be available on both competition days and during non-competition days when there are less than five (5) consecutive calendar days of break without scheduled competitions.**

2. For ~~Indoor competitions,~~ When the above conditions set forth in HJ208 exist, *the following minimum requirements must be met for exercise and lunge areas on both competition and non-competitions days.* an exercise area of at least 18,000 square feet must be available for at least two (2) periods of four (4) contiguous hours between 5:00 am and 12 midnight, and lighted as specified in HJ102.6. This exercise area period is required to be available on days when competitions are scheduled and during non-competition days at least eight (8) contiguous hours between 5:00 am and 12:00 midnight when there are less than five (5) consecutive calendar days without scheduled competitions. Exercise areas must be lighted as specified in HJ102.6.

**Required Exercise/Lunge area**

**30,000 square feet**

**Additional 10,000 square feet** For each increment of 100 horses

**a. The exercise area and lunge area must be available for at least two (2) periods of two (2) contiguous hours between 5:00 am and 12:00 midnight, and lighted as specified in HJ101.6. This exercise area period is required to be available on days when competitions are scheduled and during non-competition days at least eight (8) contiguous hours between 5:00 am and 12:00 midnight when there are less than five (5) consecutive calendar days without scheduled competitions. Exercise areas must be lighted as specified in HJ101.6.**

3. For outdoor or indoor competitions, when the above conditions set forth in HJ208 exist, a minimum of one (1) lunge area of at least 15,000 square feet not being used at the time as competition rings, schooling areas and/or exercise areas must be available for at least eight (8) contiguous hours within each calendar day between the hours of 6:00 am and 10 pm within each calendar day and lighted as specified in HJ102.6 when there are less than five (5) consecutive calendar days without scheduled competitions.

4. Currently there are no Rated competitions (held only in indoor rings) consisting of at least five hundred (500) entries and being held over twenty-one (21) consecutive days. Therefore, no additional requirements have been considered for such an event.

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## Rule Change Intent

The Competition Standards Committee recommends this Rule Change Proposal to ensure the safety and welfare of horses and riders at competitions where a large number of horses will be competing by requiring an adequate amount of space to safely and properly exercise horses on the competition grounds. It is the intent of this committee to continue to provide consistency in the quality of the facilities hosting USEF licensed competitions.

## Linked Rules

## Comments

**Web:** exercise/lunge area

## Committee Actions

## National Hunter Committee

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## Competition Management

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## Jumper

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## USHJA

**Draft 1:** No Action**Draft 1:** No Comments**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 12/15/2016**Draft 2:** No Comments

## Council - Admin &amp; Finance

**Draft 1:** No Action**Draft 1:** No Comments**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 12/21/2016**Draft 2:** No Comments

## Council - Natl Breed &amp; Discipline

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## Council - Intl Discipline

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Proposed Change

**EQ105 Appointments** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ-2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]

EQ105 Appointments

- [...]
5. Tack.
    - a. In Hunter Seat Equitation, snaffles, pelhams and full bridles, all with cavesson nose bands, are required. Judges may penalize, but may not eliminate, a horse or pony that competes in a snaffle, pelham or full bridle that is unconventional. Judges must eliminate a horse or pony that competes in an illegal bit or a noseband other than a cavesson. Illegal bits include, but are not limited to, two rings, three rings, gags (other than the hunter gag), et cetera. Illegal nosebands include, but are not limited to, drop, flash and figure eight nosebands.
    - b. In Jumping Seat equitation, snaffles, pelhams, full bridles, gags, two ring or three ring bits are required. Judges may penalize, but may not eliminate, a horse or pony that competes in a snaffle, pelham, or full bridle that is unconventional. Judges must eliminate a horse or pony that competes in an illegal bit or noseband. Legal nosebands include leather cavesson, flash and figure eight. Illegal nosebands include but are not limited to drop nosebands.
    - c. Boots and conservative colored bandages are permitted **on the legs only**. **An entry will be eliminated for competing with a belly band, or a wrap or bandage anywhere other than the horse's legs.** Type of saddle is optional. Martingales are permitted in classes over obstacles and in the jumping phase of classes requiring both jumping and flat work. Martingales are not permitted on the flat in any class or phase unless class specifications allow their use. Changing of bits between phases is permissible.
    - d. **Use of a nose net on a horse is permitted.**
- [...]
8. ~~A rider will be eliminated for competing with a tail wrap.~~

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Rule Change Intent

To prevent the use of belly bands and other types of bandages used anywhere other than on the legs.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> appointments

Committee Actions

National Hunter Committee

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USHJA

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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Proposed Change

**EQ103.4 ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE** [CHAPTER EQ-2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]

[Linked to HU108.1.f\_Adults on Ponies]

EQ103 Eligibility to Compete

1. [...]

4. Adults can ride ponies in Adult Hunter Seat Equitation classes, suitability to count; however, these ponies cannot cross-enter into **any** the rated Regular and Green Pony Hunter sections (*i.e., Children's Hunter Pony, Green Pony Hunter, Regular Pony Hunter*), or in *WIHS Pony Equitation* or *U.S. Pony Medal classes held* at the same competition. **See also HU110.11.**

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Rule Change Intent

To further define when adults may not ride ponies at competitions in order to ensure a level playing field for junior exhibitors in rated Pony Hunter sections.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> eligibility to compete

Committee Actions	
National Hunter Committee	
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USHJA	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 12/15/2016	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
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Proposed Change

HJ400 Limiting Entries at Hunter/Jumper Competitions [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HJ-4 LIMITING ENTRIES]

**SUBCHAPTER HJ-4 LIMITING ENTRIES**

**HJ400 Limiting Entries at Hunter/Jumper Competitions**

1.A Federation member in good standing has the right to enter any Federation licensed Hunter, Jumper, and/or Hunter/Jumper competition and any division, section, or class for which he and his horse meet the eligibility requirements. (Exception: Management may refuse entries per GR914.)

a.Entries may be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis per GR907.1.

b.For competitions restricting entries in the Hunter division based on winnings, see HU196

c.For competitions restricting entries in Jumper sections, see JP114.

2.Management may collect a mandatory membership fee for a particular class or events which are part of a league or series. Collection of a mandatory Participation fee for the entire competition must follow GR1210.13.

3.If a competition wishes to limit entries into a class or section that is part of a League or Series, it must award the qualifying classes to licensed competitions on an equal basis or apply to the Federation Board of Directors for approval to set requirements to hold qualifying classes.

4.National and Zone HOTY points will not be awarded to any class or section with restricted entries. (Exception: Competitions approved by the Federation Board of Directors per the process below.)

5.Any Licensed Competition wishing to have HOTY points awarded for a class or section where entries are restricted must submit an application to the Federation Board of Directors at least ninety (90) days prior to the start of the competition where entries are restricted. If the class or section is part of a League or Series the application must be submitted at least ninety (90) days prior to the start of the qualifying period for the League or Series. The Federation Board of Directors will consider these requests with input from the USHJA, the relevant Council, and the relevant discipline committee.

6.The foregoing provisions do not apply to Federation or USHJA National Championships, qualifying events for Federation or USHJA National Championships, and any other events with selection criteria approved by the Federation Board of Directors.

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Rule Change Intent

To move requirements for limiting entries at Hunter/Jumper competitions to the HJ Chapter and to amend the requirements for Hunter/Jumper Competitions to limit entries. With the new process, only competitions that limit qualifying classes to a particular management or competitions who wish to award HOTY points for the classes with limited entries will need to apply to the Federation BOD for approval.

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: limiting entries

Committee Actions

National Hunter Committee	
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Draft 3: No Action	Draft 3: No Comments
Competition Management	
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Draft 3: No Action	Draft 3: No Comments
Jumper	
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## Proposed Change

**GR1012 Learner Judge- Apprentice**[CHAPTER 10-C Classifications-Judges]

[In addition to this rule change all references to 'Learner' will be removed from the rule book and replaced with 'apprentice'.]

GR1012-Learner Judge **Apprentices**

1. An Learner judge **Apprentice** is *shall be* a Senior Active Member *who is at least* 21 years of age or over, to whom the Federation may grant permission, upon the request of a Licensed Competition and the for that competition only, to accompany a licensed judge official in the ring. Certain breeds/disciplines require learner judging to be with a Registered (R) judge. Exception: Hunter, Hunter Seat Equitation, Jumper and Hunter Breeding are not required to submit an application, pre-approval or payment. **Information on apprenticing procedure for each license is located in the respective requirement documents provided by the Federation. An Apprentice shall request approval prior to apprenticing from the Licensed Competition first followed by approval by the licensed official with whom he will be apprenticing.**

2. Permission will not be granted for more than one Learner to be in a ring at any one time. **Apprenticing restrictions at competitions.**

a. **Apprenticing is limited to one Apprentice per ring. Exception: Dressage, Western Dressage, and Eventing.**

b. **Licensed officials are limited to one Apprentice at any one time. Exception: Dressage and Western Dressage Group Apprenticing.** Vaulting, Eventing **Cross-Country and Jumping Tests** and Western Dressage excepted. More than one Learner Judge may accompany a Registered judge in the Hunter, Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation, Hunter Breeding, and/or Jumper divisions, with permission of competition management and the judge.

3. e. Learner Judging **Apprenticing** in Opportunity or Exhibition classes does not count toward licensing requirements. **Exception: Dressage Opportunity classes.**

4. 2. The Licensed Competition may request additional specific information about an individual's experience before accepting him as an **Apprentice** learner judge.

5. 3. There is no limit to the number of times a person may **apprentice** be granted a Learner judge's card. **When apprenticing as a judge, He an Apprentice** should use a scorecard to evaluate the various entries (if applicable), but a **Apprentices** Learner judge has no authority as to the merits of the competitors **work under the direction of the licensed official with whom they are apprenticing, but do not possess any authority.**

6. In order for any apprenticeship experience to count towards an application, the respective **Apprentice Evaluation Form must be submitted to the Licensed Officials Department directly from the licensed official with whom the Apprentice worked.**

7. **Apprentice Cards**

a. **The following breeds/disciplines require an Apprentice Judge Card Application, including processing fee, to be pre-approved by the Federation:**

1. **Andalusian/Lusitano**
2. **Arabian**
3. **Connemara**
4. **Friesian**
5. **Morgan**
6. **National Show Horse**
7. **Paso Fino**
8. **Reining**
9. **American Saddlebred**
10. **Saddle Seat Equitation**
11. **Roadster**
12. **Hackney**
13. **Shetland**
14. **Welsh**
15. **Western**

b. The fee is not refundable.

c. 4. The **Apprentice Judge Card** application must be made on the official form provided **by the Federation** for that purpose and must be accompanied by the required fee. After contacting the competition manager for permission, the individual wishing to officiate as a **An Apprentice** learner judge must obtain consent **permission** from **the Licensed Competition first followed by approval by the licensed** that **official** judge with whom he or she would **will** be officiating. 1. **The Competition Manager must attest** The statement on the form that the competition holds itself responsible that the individual applied for **applicant** is familiar with the Federation rules and is capable to observe as requested must be signed by the competition manager.

d. **An approved application is limited to that Licensed Competition and must be submitted prior to the start date of the competition to receive credit.** 2. Completed Learner Judge Card Applications must be received in the Federation Office at least 14 days prior to the start of competition. Learner applications received prior to the show, but less than 14 days prior, will receive no credit.

8. The remaining breeds/disciplines do not require an Apprentice Judge Card Application and simply require pre-approval from the Licensed Competition and the licensed official with whom the applicant intends to apprentice.

9. 4. Conflict of Interest

a. An individual cannot **shall not apprentice** learner judge in a licensed competition where a family member, cohabitant, companion, domestic partner, housemate, member of the learner judge's household, client, employer or employee is competing. **Any violation of this rule will lead to the apprenticing experience not counting towards licensing requirements. Apprenticing experience completed in violation of this rule will be considered an extra apprentice experience.**

b. An individual cannot compete in the same competition at which they apprentice.

c. An individual is allowed to apprentice learner judge with a family member, cohabitant, companion, domestic partner, housemate, member of the Apprentice's learner judge's household, client, employer or employee but that apprentice learner judge experience cannot be counted towards the minimum required experiences. It must be considered an extra apprentice learner judge experience.

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Rule Change Intent

To merge the terminology of 'learner' and 'apprenticing' to one term, Apprentice. Having separate terminologies for essentially the same role has been confusing to both applicants and officials. There is still a group of applicants who must be pre-approved to apprentice, so the rule is re-organized to address the breed/disciplines that must be pre-approved and those that do not require pre-approval. Committee members also felt that the official's responsibility to the competitors is paramount. Thus, no matter how experienced the official, they should only take on one apprentice at a time. The exceptions currently are for Dressage, Vaulting, Eventing and Western Dressage.

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: learner - apprentice

Committee Actions

Andalusian/Lusitano

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/03/2016	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Action	Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Action	Draft 4: No Comments

Arabian

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/03/2016	Draft 1: define what the changes are- which fees/procedures apply
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Action	Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Action	Draft 4: No Comments

Dressage

Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/01/2016	Draft 2: Recommend amending under section 1, third line, to clarify that apprenticing can be with a Registered 'R' AND/OR a Senior 'S' Judge.
Draft 3: Recommends Disapproval 12/15/2016	Draft 3: Recommend amending under section 1, third line, to clarify that apprenticing can be with a Registered 'R' AND/OR a Senior 'S' Judge.
Draft 4: Recommends Approval 01/06/2017	Draft 4: No Comments

Eventing

Draft 4: Recommends Approval 01/06/2017	Draft 4: No Comments
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Morgan

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/01/2016	Draft 1: There needs to be a summary of changes side by side to compare differences; currently there are difference regarding fees, procedures and structure. How will the differences be resolved?
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Action	Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Action	Draft 4: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 3: Recommends Approval 12/13/2016	Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Action	Draft 4: No Comments

Paso Fino

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Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Action	Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Action	Draft 4: No Comments

Shetland

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/21/2016  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action  
**Draft 4:** No Action

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

Friesian

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 10/25/2016  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action  
**Draft 4:** No Action

**Draft 1:** This needs further definition; need to provide more information; learner pays fee; apprentice- not. Procedures are different- which will apply?  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments  
**Draft 4:** No Comments

USHJA

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** Recommends Approval 12/15/2016  
**Draft 4:** No Action

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

Carriage Pleasure Driving

**Draft 1:** No Action 10/26/2016  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action  
**Draft 4:** No Action

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

NSH

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/03/2016  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action  
**Draft 4:** No Action

**Draft 1:** Need more details  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments  
**Draft 4:** No Comments

Western Dressage

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 10/25/2016  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action  
**Draft 4:** No Action

**Draft 1:** How does this impact the individuals- learner pays fee; apprentice, not. Procedures are different which will be applied?  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments  
**Draft 4:** No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action 12/21/2016  
**Draft 4:** Recommends Approval 01/12/2017

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

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 4:** Recommends Approval 01/12/2017

**Draft 4:** No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** Recommends Disapproval 12/22/2016  
**Draft 4:** Recommends Approval 01/12/2017

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** Dressage uses the term "apprentice" in their rules and procedures and this change will create confusion. LOC and Dressage Committees need to talk.  
**Draft 4:** No Comments

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Proposed Change

**GR1015 & GR1016** [CHAPTER 10-D Classifications-Stewards]

GR1015 Recorded Steward

1. A Recorded (r) Category 1 or Category 2 steward is an individual so classified by the Licensed Officials Committee.
2. A Recorded 'r' Category 1 ~~or Category 2~~ steward may not officiate alone in any "A" rated division or section ~~in any National, Premier, or Special Event~~ or in a Jumper division at competitions above Jumper Level 2 rating. **A minimum of one Registered 'R' C1 Steward must officiate.**
3. **If a Licensed Competition requests in writing that the Federation grant a Special Steward's card for that particular competition and provided the Federation approves the issuance of such card, a Recorded Category 1 steward may officiate alone in a National competition. (See Special Steward Rules in Chapter 10).**
4. ~~3.~~ A Recorded 'r' Category 2 steward may officiate alone in any **of the specialized Divisions and Sections covered by Category 2 stewards as outlined in Subchapter 10-D-General Rules.** ~~Arabian, Morgan, Friesian, Andalusian/Lusitano or National Show Horse division or section.~~ Exception: Regional and National Arabian, Morgan, Andalusian/Lusitano and Friesian competitions and National Show Horse Finals must have **a minimum of one Registered 'R' Stewards officiating their events. the entire event.**
5. A Recorded Category 2 steward may officiate alone in Hackney, Roadster, American Saddlebred, Western Dressage and Shetland divisions or sections without a Special Steward's card.
6. ~~The A Recorded Category 2 steward may, however, officiate alone in an National or Premier [SK1] Event "A" rated division or section if the competition requests in writing that the Federation grant a Special Steward's card for that particular competition and provided the Federation approves the issuance of such card.~~

GR1016 Special Steward

1. A Special Category 1 ~~or Category 2~~ steward is an individual already enrolled as a Recorded 'r' Category 1 ~~or Category 2~~ steward, to whom the Licensed Officials Department **has shall granted** permission to officiate as a Registered 'R' steward **at a National competition** in an 'A' rated division or section ~~and/or Arabian, National Show Horse, Morgan, Andalusian/Lusitano and Friesian divisions or sections.~~ Exception: Regional and National Arabian, Morgan, Andalusian/Lusitano, and Friesian competitions, and National Show Horse Finals cannot use Special Stewards.
  - a. Such permission, which is not transferable, shall be granted upon request of a particular Licensed Competition for that competition only.
  - b. The application must be made on the official form provided for that purpose and be accompanied by the required fee. The statement on the form that the competition holds itself responsible that the individual applied for is familiar with the Federation rules and is capable to officiate as requested, must be signed by the competition manager. Application must be received in the Federation office at least 21 days prior to the competition.
  - c. Special cards will not be issued to any one whose application for re-enrollment, promotion or change of status has been denied by the Licensed Officials Committee for the respective license applied for.
  - d. Authority to act as a Special Steward will not be granted to any person more than twice in a lifetime, in a particular division without the approval of the Licensed Officials Committee Chairmen or their designee, and any two members of the Licensed Officials Committee.
  - e. In cases where the special applications are received prior to the competition, but less than 21 days prior, the competition will be fined \$50.
  - f. If management disputes that the application was not timely filed or that the above fine is not properly owing, it may appeal in writing to the Federation within 30 days of management's receipt of the Federation's notice offline, specifying the grounds for the appeal. The Federation's CEO or his designee, a special committee appointed by the president or the Hearing Committee will consider the appeal and may waive a part or all of the fine upon a finding of good cause why the application was not timely filed and/or a finding that extreme hardship results from the automatic penalty.
  - g. It is the responsibility of competition management to assure the eligibility of all stewards.
2. **Special Steward Cards for Category 2 stewards are prohibited; a Registered Category 2 steward must officiate as required per the Recorded Steward rules in Chapter 10.**
3. ~~Special cards for A-rated competitions (divisions and sections) and/or Arabian or National Show Horse division or sections will only be considered for Recorded Category 1 or Category 2 stewards of the same Category. Exception: Arabian Regional and National competitions cannot use Special Stewards.~~

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Rule Change Intent

GR1015 To update the rule that a 'r' recorded steward cannot officiate at any National, Premier or Special Competition rather than at an 'A' rated division or section. In addition, a 'clean-up' of the C2 language was needed now that the rating system has been removed from Breed competitions. The only time a 'R' C2 Steward is actually required is for Regional and National Arabian, Morgan, Andalusian/Lusitano, Friesian and National Show Horse Finals. It is felt that for these events a minimum of a 'R' C2 Steward must officiate; therefore no Special Steward cards will be allowed.

GR1016 To clean up the language to clarify that Special Steward cards now based off of competition rating rather than division/section ratings. In addition, clarifying that Special Steward cards are prohibited for C2 stewards.

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: steward

## Committee Actions

### Andalusian/Lusitano

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/03/2016

**Draft 1:** No Comments

### Arabian

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/03/2016

**Draft 1:** No Comments

### Breeds/Disciplines

**Draft 1:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments

### Dressage

**Draft 1:** No Action 12/01/2016

**Draft 1:** No Comments

### Hackney

**Draft 1:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments

### Morgan

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/01/2016

**Draft 1:** No Comments

### National Hunter Committee

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/21/2016

**Draft 1:** No Comments

### Paso Fino

**Draft 1:** No Action 11/22/2016

**Draft 1:** No Comments

### Saddle Seat Eq

**Draft 1:** No Action 11/28/2016

**Draft 1:** No Comments

### American Saddlebred

**Draft 1:** No Action 11/15/2016

**Draft 1:** No Comments

### Shetland

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/21/2016

**Draft 1:** No Comments

### Competition Management

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/19/2016

**Draft 1:** No Comments

### Connemara

**Draft 1:** No Action 11/18/2016

**Draft 1:** No Comments

### Friesian

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 10/25/2016

**Draft 1:** No Comments

### USHJA

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/15/2016

**Draft 1:** No Comments

### Welsh

**Draft 1:** No Action 11/17/2016

**Draft 1:** No Comments

### NSH

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/03/2016

**Draft 1:** No Comments

### Western Dressage

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 10/25/2016

**Draft 1:** No Comments

### Council - Admin & Finance

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/21/2016

**Draft 1:** No Comments

### Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/19/2016

**Draft 1:** No Comments

### Council - Intl Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/22/2016

**Draft 1:** No Comments

**GR1033.10 Tracking #341-16 Draft #2 Approved**

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Rule Clarification	12/1/2017	10/3/2016	Approved 11/7/2016

**Proposed Change**

**GR1033** [CHAPTER 10-H Regulations Governing Officials]

GR1033.10. It shall be the prerogative of the Licensee to designate a particular system of judging and to post judges' cards and a complete order of placement for public inspection. Judges accepting an invitation to officiate must recognize the Licensee's prerogative. Unless the Licensee designates a particular system of judging when an invitation is issued, a judge is not required to use a particular system of judging.

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**Rule Change Intent**

To clarify that it is not the Licensee's prerogative whether or not to post judge's cards, rather the judge must allow permission. This is to maintain consistency with GR1304 which states, "...No exhibitor has the right to inspect the judge's cards without the judge's permission."

Linked Rules	Comments
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**Web:** judges' cards

**Committee Actions**

**Council - Natl Breed & Discipline**

**Draft 1:** No Action

**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 10/03/2016

**Draft 1: No Comments**

**Draft 2: No Comments**

**Council - Intl Discipline**

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 09/27/2016

**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1: No Comments**

**Draft 2: No Comments**

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2017	1/2/2017	Approved 1/14/2017

## Proposed Change

**GR844 Mandatory Necropsy** [CHAPTER 8-F Welfare of the Horse]

*This rule applies to fatalities of horses/ponies. For purposes of this rule, a "fatality" is defined as a death by any means including euthanasia at any time from when entries arrive at the venue until departure from the venue or a death by any means including euthanasia at any time occurring as a result of any fatal injury or illness sustained during a Licensed Competition or after a Licensed Competition where such fatal injury or illness is related to the horse's participation in the Licensed Competition.*

- The trainer, as defined by Federation rules, or the owner if the trainer is unavailable, or the rider if the trainer and owner are both unavailable, shall notify the Steward/Technical Delegate as soon as possible but no later than one hour after such occurrence of any fatality of a horse or pony. When a fatality occurs outside of competition hours or before the competition begins, notification must occur as soon as possible but no later than one hour after the Steward/TD reports to the show or returns to duty.*
- The Steward/TD shall report to Competition Management and the Federation as soon as possible but no later than 24 hours after the incident.*
- If a Federation appointed testing veterinarian is not available, at the Federation's cost, the Steward/TD shall ensure that the appointed Competition Veterinarian collects urine and blood samples at the earliest opportunity and submits the samples for analysis to the Federation's laboratory.*
- In addition to the duties set forth in GR 1034, the Steward/Technical Delegate shall file an Equine Fatality Report Form with the Federation within 24 hours of notification, except in exceptional circumstances such as no internet access at the venue.*
- Competition Management must identify prior to the start of the competition the nearest Veterinary Pathology laboratory to facilitate a rapid and accurate post-mortem.*
- A gross post mortem examination must be carried out in all incidents of euthanasia or fatality, except where the nearest Veterinary Pathology laboratory is further than 200 miles from where the equine fatality or euthanasia occurred. If a horse is uninsured or a post mortem is not required by the owner's insurance, the Federation will cover the cost of the gross post mortem and transport costs to the appropriate veterinary facility, up to a maximum in total of \$1,000.00, unless a greater amount is pre-approved by the Federation should the circumstances warrant. If the Federation covers the cost of the post mortem and the relevant post mortem report is provided to the owner's insurance, the Federation will only be responsible for half of the cost of the post mortem up to a maximum in total of \$500.00. If a post mortem is required by the owner's insurance, at no cost to the Federation, the horse's owner shall provide the Federation a copy of the post mortem report within 24 hours of receipt of such report.*
- In certain circumstances, as approved by the Chief Administrator of the Federation's Equine Drugs and Medications Program, who may be contacted at 1-800-633-2472, a necropsy may not be warranted.*
- The Federation Chief Administrator of Equine Drugs and Medications Program must be consulted by the horse's owner and in prior agreement for any further diagnostic investigations, such as histopathology, unless required by the owner's insurance. Within 12 hours of the horse leaving competition grounds, Competition Management shall provide the Federation Equine Drugs and Medications Program with the contact details of the applicable Veterinary Pathology laboratory.*
- The owner shall provide the preliminary and final reports of any post mortem to the Federation Equine Drugs and Medications Program within 24 hours of the pathologist completing their report or the owner's receipt of the report, but no later than 7 days after the Horse's death.*
- The cause of death and, if relevant, the method of euthanasia should be included in the Post Mortem Report.*
- The Competition and/or treating veterinarian shall submit all information regarding any substance(s) administered to the horse prior to or during competition and before or during death or euthanasia using the Equine Drugs and Medications Report Form to the Federation Equine Drugs and Medications Program within 12 hours.*

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## Rule Change Intent

In the tragic event that a horse encounters a fatal incident while at a Licensed Competition, it is imperative that the Federation be able to gather information about that horse, which could lead to saving other horses from a similar fate.

Currently, the Federation does not have a necropsy requirement for horses that die while at a Licensed Competition. However, in requiring a necropsy and having access to the results of necropsies, the Federation will be able to gather critical information regarding the horse fatalities that occur at Licensed Competitions. This information would be used for research on the health and safety of horses.

The following information is intended to provide Committees and Federation members with the necessary background and addresses the requirements of the proposed necropsy rule change.

Introduction: The Federation is dedicated to maintaining a safe competition environment for all our members and their horses. The Federation is committed to the welfare of the horse.

Currently, the Federation does not have a necropsy requirement for equine fatalities that occur at Licensed Competitions. However, in requiring a necropsy and having access to the results of necropsies, the Federation will be able to gather critical information regarding the horse fatalities that occur at Licensed Competitions. This information would be used primarily to conduct research on the health and safety of horses. This requirement will also lead to the implementation of safety mechanisms that protect the horse and rider at all Licensed Competitions.

Q&A:

- Is the Federation aware of what an emotional time this can be for an owner? Absolutely. The Federation recognizes that the loss of an equine companion is devastating. The supporters of this rule have all experienced the loss of their horse. However, this rule change proposal is for the greater good of all competing horses.

- What if there is no veterinary pathology lab within 200 miles? This rule change proposal only applies when there is a lab within 200 miles. A list of available veterinary pathology laboratories will be provided to Competition Management and available on the Federation's website.
- Who will pay for samples to be drawn from a deceased horse? The Federation will cover all costs of drawing samples by using a testing veterinarian or covering the costs of a Competition Veterinarian.
- What costs associated with the necropsy and transportation will the Federation cover? If your horse is uninsured, the Federation will cover the cost of the required necropsy up to \$1,000. If the cost of a necropsy exceeds \$1,000, the Federation will cover the excess cost only in the event that the cost has been pre-approved by the Federation. If the horse is insured and a copy of the necropsy report is provided to the insurance company, the Federation will only cover half of the cost of a necropsy, up to \$500. If your insurance company requires a necropsy be performed on your horse, the Federation will not cover the costs of a necropsy.
- What are the additional burdens on Licensed Officials? This proposed rule change places no new responsibilities on Licensed Officials.
- Will this rule be a burden on Competition Management? No. We share a common goal with Competition Management that is to provide the safest environment possible to competitors. By working together, the Federation and Competition Management will be able to improve the safety and welfare of horses and riders.
- Is this rule change manageable? Yes. As evidenced by the FEI and USEA's similar policies regarding necropsies, the Federation is confident that this rule change will have a positive effect on future competitions and will lead to further improvements of horse welfare.

Timeline under proposed rule change:

- The trainer, owner, or rider must report the fatality to the Steward/TD as soon as possible but no later than one hour after the fatality.
- Steward/TD must report fatality to Competition Management and the Federation as soon as possible but no later than 24 hours after incident.
- Steward/TD must file an Equine Fatality Report Form with the Federation no later than 24 hours after incident, except in exceptional circumstances.
- Competition Management must ensure that samples are collected and sent to the Federation for testing at the earliest opportunity.
- Competition Management must give the Federation the contact information for the Veterinary Pathology laboratory within 12 hours of the horse leaving the grounds.
- Competition and/or treating veterinarian must provide the Equine Drugs and Medications Program with a complete list of all substances administered to the horse within 12 hours.
- the horse's owner must provide the Federation with a copy of the post mortem report within 24 hours of receiving it, but no later than 7 days after the fatality.

Linked Rules	Comments
<b>Web: horse fatality</b>	
<b>Committee Actions</b>	
<b>Andalusian/Lusitano</b>	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Disapproval 11/03/2016 <b>Draft 2:</b> No Action <b>Draft 3:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> Committee disagrees with leaving the owner out of the say in this decision. Committee disagrees with adding this responsibility to competition management and is concerned with the additional financial responsibility beyond what is covered by the Federation. <b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments <b>Draft 3:</b> No Comments
<b>Arabian</b>	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Disapproval 11/03/2016 <b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Disapproval 11/03/2016 <b>Draft 3:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> Too expensive <b>Draft 2:</b> Too expensive <b>Draft 3:</b> No Comments
<b>Breeds/Disciplines</b>	
<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action <b>Draft 2:</b> No Action <b>Draft 3:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments <b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments <b>Draft 3:</b> No Comments
<b>Equine Drugs &amp; Medications</b>	
<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action <b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Approval 11/22/2016 <b>Draft 3:</b> Recommends Approval 01/11/2017	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments <b>Draft 2:</b> The Committee understands the emotionally charged issue this rule raises with owners, but it's important to gather as much information as possible. <b>Draft 3:</b> No Comments
<b>Dressage</b>	
<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action <b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Approval 12/01/2016 <b>Draft 3:</b> Recommends Approval 01/03/2017	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments <b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments <b>Draft 3:</b> No Comments
<b>Eventing</b>	
<b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Approval 12/10/2016 <b>Draft 3:</b> Recommends Approval 01/04/2017	<b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments <b>Draft 3:</b> No Comments
<b>Hackney</b>	
<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action <b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Disapproval 11/29/2016 <b>Draft 3:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments <b>Draft 2:</b> Committee feels this is overregulation; USEF should not be conducting research at the expense of the owners. A necropsy should not be mandatory for a horse with an obvious cause of death. Not all horses are insured and this would be a huge expense. Committee is fine with taking a blood and urine samples for all types of death. <b>Draft 3:</b> No Comments
<b>Licensed Officials</b>	
<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action <b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Approval 12/12/2016 <b>Draft 3:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments <b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments <b>Draft 3:</b> No Comments

Morgan

Draft 1: No Action 11/01/2016  
Draft 2: No Action  
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: Recommends Approval 12/13/2016  
Draft 3: Recommends Disapproval 01/03/2017

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: Needs to identify when the rule becomes active at a competition and clarify what is meant by the phrase "after a licensed competition where such fatal injury or illness is related to the horse's participation in the Licensed Competition"

Paso Fino

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/27/2016  
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 11/22/2016  
Draft 3: No Action

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

Roadster

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/21/2016  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Committee believes that this should not be mandatory when death occurs from an issue that is obviously not a welfare issue.  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments

Saddle Seat Eq

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/28/2016  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: Feel a necropsy should not be mandatory in all cases. There should be strong implications there is a welfare issue for a mandatory necropsy. This would be a major expense for a horse that is not insured.  
Draft 3: No Comments

American Saddlebred

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/15/2016  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Committee is concerned with making this mandatory for all types of death. If a horse dies or is euthanized from an issue that is obviously not a welfare issue a necropsy should not be required. The committee does not have an issue with taking blood and urine samples from all types of deaths.  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments

Shetland

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/21/2016  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Many scenarios where death would not be a result of a welfare issue and this requirement would be difficult for a distraught owner.  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments

Competition Management

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/19/2016  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: Needs to identify when the rule becomes active at a competition, clarify what is meant by the phrase "after a Licensed Competition where such fatal injury or illness is related to the horse's participation in the Licensed Competition.", and amend point 5 to state "identify" vs "make arrangements"  
Draft 3: No Comments

Veterinary

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 11/22/2016  
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 01/11/2017

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: The Committee feels strongly that there needs to be an educational approach to the membership regarding this rule if it passes. It is a very emotional topic, and one that the Federation is very sensitive to. However, the information that may be obtained could be very beneficial to other horses and warrants this rule change.  
Draft 3: No Comments

Connemara

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/18/2016  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: This is difficult to implement, especially for rural competitions.  
Draft 3: No Comments

Western Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/08/2016  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Concerned with making this mandatory. An owner (particularly youth) should not be subjected to more trauma and expense by requiring their horse to have a necropsy if it dies from old age or something that is obviously not a welfare issue. Would be fine with requiring mandatory blood and fluid samples be taken from any horse dying on competition grounds. Recommend necropsy be done on a case by case basis if welfare issues or abuse is suspected by the veterinarian. If there are obvious signs of abuse recommend the owner have to pay the full cost. If there are not obvious signs of abuse recommend USEF pay the full cost.  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments

HP - Dressage

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

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

HP - Eventing

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

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

HP - Jumping

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 Disapproval 10/25/2016  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Heavy emotional stress already for exhibitor. Who pays the additional costs?  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/15/2016  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: Needs to identify when the rule becomes active at a competition, clarify what is meant by the phrase "after a Licensed Competition where such fatal injury or illness is related to the horse's participation in the Licensed Competition.", and amend point 5 to state "identify" vs "make arrangements"  
Draft 3: No Comments

Carriage Pleasure Driving

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/26/2016  
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  
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/17/2016  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: In favor of the idea, but will cover additional costs? What if the death is obvious such as a severely broken limb?  
Draft 3: No Comments

NSH

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/03/2016  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Too expensive  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/25/2016  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Need more information regarding costs, locations, etc.  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/21/2016  
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 01/12/2017

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

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 01/04/2017

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

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: No Action 12/22/2016  
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 01/04/2017

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: All agree in principle, but feel competition management should only have to identify places to get a necropsy done, that there should be a limit on the back end for deaths after the competition (3 days suggested) and since the Steward typically interacts with the USEF, they should be responsible for getting the samples taken at the competition.  
Draft 3: No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2017	1/4/2017	Approved 1/14/2017

## Proposed Change

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

1. Cruelty to or the abuse of a horse **present on the grounds of any Licensed Competition** by any person at a Licensed Competition is forbidden, constitutes a violation under Chapter 7, and renders the offender subject to penalty. The Show Committee, **or Competition Management in the absence of a Show Committee**, must bar violators from further participation for the remainder of the competition. It is the duty of the competition officials and any properly constituted humane organization to report to the Federation any person who indulges in this practice for such further action as may be deemed appropriate.
2. **Any person or trainer, as defined by Federation rules, who presents for competition a horse that exhibits signs of recent cruelty or abuse will be subject to penalty under this rule.**
3. The Federation or the Judge, Steward, or TD may appoint a veterinarian to inspect any animal in **on competition grounds or entered to compete**. Refusal to submit an animal for examination by an authorized veterinarian after due notification shall constitute a violation.
4. ~~Show Committees are encouraged to contact the American Humane Association, 1400 16th Street NW, Suite 360, Washington DC 20036, which will provide experienced humane inspectors to work with them in eliminating cruel practices.~~
4. 5. The following acts are included under the words Cruelty and Abuse but are not limited thereto:
- Excessive use of a whip on any horse in a stall, runway, schooling area, competition ring or elsewhere on the competition grounds, before or during a competition, by any person. Except in emergency situations, any striking of the horse's head (on the poll and forward of the poll) with the whip shall be deemed excessive.
  - Any evidence of cruel or abusive training techniques.**
  - Rapping the legs of a horse with the butt end of a riding crop or other implement.
  - Use of any substance **or method** to induce temporary heat.
  - Manual poling with any object ~~other than a bamboo pole.~~
  - Use of a wire or chain in conjunction with any schooling jump.
  - Use of electric device in schooling or showing.
  - Use of shackles, hock hobbles and similar devices (not to be construed as rubber or elastic exercising devices).
  - Showing a horse with raw or bleeding sores around the coronets, pasterns or legs.
  - Use of any explosive (e.g., fire crackers, torpedoes, fire extinguishers except in case of fire, etc.) or laser beam devices anywhere on the competition grounds, except in an exhibition or if required in class specifications.
  - Withholding of feed and water for prolonged periods.
  - Letting blood from a horse for other than diagnostic purposes.
  - Inhumane treatment of a horse in a stall, runway, schooling area, competition ring or elsewhere on the competition grounds, by any person.
  - Use of any object that prevents the horse's ability to close his mouth. (Exception: use of an oral speculum by a veterinarian or equine dentist to provide legitimate dental/oral medical care.)
  - Soring and/or the use of an action device on any limb of a Tennessee Walking Horse, Racking Horse, or Spotted Saddle Horse (each a breed not recognized by the Federation) in any class at a Federation Licensed Competition is prohibited. An action device is defined by the USDA as any boot, collar, chain, roller, or other device that encircles or is placed upon the lower extremity of the leg of a horse in such a manner that it can rotate around the leg or slide up and down the leg so as to cause friction or strike the hoof, coronet band, fetlock joint or pastern of the horse. (Protective bell boots or heel boots are specifically excluded from this definition). The use of a weighted shoe, pad, wedge, in conjunction with a hoof band or other device or material (commonly referred to as a performance package) placed on, inserted in, or attached to any limb of a Tennessee Walking Horse, a Racking Horse, or Spotted Saddle Horse (each a breed not recognized by the Federation) constructed to artificially alter the gait of such a horse, and which are not protective or therapeutic in nature, ~~in classes~~ at a Federation Licensed Competition is prohibited.
  - Soring of any horse, including but not limited to the application of caustic chemicals to a horse's legs or hooves, in order to cause pain and/or affect a horse's performance, and/or used as a training technique.**
5. ~~6.~~ Any action(s) against a horse by a competitor or an exhibitor, which are deemed excessive by a **Federation** judge, Federation steward, technical delegate or competition veterinarian, in the competition ring or anywhere on the competition grounds may be punished by official warning, elimination, or other sanctions which may be deemed appropriate by the Show Committee. Such action(s) could include, but are not limited to excessive use of the whip, ~~or spurs, or bamboo poles.~~ Competitors and exhibitors have the right to contest any action taken pursuant to GR839.5 by filing a protest or grievance pursuant to Chapter 6 of the Rules for hearing and determination by the Hearing Committee.

**For purposes of this rule, the term "soring" is defined by the Horse Protection Act, 15 U.S.C. §1821.**

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## Rule Change Intent

Since its inception, the Federation has been committed to the promotion of fair competition across all its breeds and disciplines. Any kind of abuse or cruelty to a horse goes against the Federation's Mission and Core Values.

As the sport grows, it is imperative that the Federation's rules are amended to guarantee that the Federation stays ahead of the abusive or cruel practices. We need to ensure that horses are not entered to compete or presented at a Federation Licensed Competition in a condition that evidences improper training practices were used in preparation for the competition or abuse that may have been inflicted prior to the competition.

Linked Rules	Comments
<b>Web: cruelty</b>	
<b>Committee Actions</b>	
<b>Andalusian/Lusitano</b>	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/03/2016 <b>Draft 2:</b> No Action <b>Draft 3:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> Committee approves concept but would like language to specify this only pertains to evidence of recent abuse, not old scars. <b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments <b>Draft 3:</b> No Comments
<b>Arabian</b>	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Disapproval 11/03/2016 <b>Draft 2:</b> No Action <b>Draft 3:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> Language too broad; needs more work; too much left to the individual <b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments <b>Draft 3:</b> No Comments
<b>Breeds/Disciplines</b>	
<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action <b>Draft 2:</b> No Action <b>Draft 3:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments <b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments <b>Draft 3:</b> No Comments
<b>Equine Drugs &amp; Medications</b>	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/22/2016 <b>Draft 2:</b> No Action <b>Draft 3:</b> Recommends Approval 01/11/2017	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments <b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments <b>Draft 3:</b> No Comments
<b>Dressage</b>	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Disapproval 12/01/2016 <b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Approval 01/03/2017 <b>Draft 3:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> Under section "1.", the reference to "after a hearing before the show committee" needs to be deleted. We believe this rule, as currently written, will make it more difficult and discourage shows from eliminating for cruelty. We need to amend the rule to reflect what really occurs in competition. <b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments <b>Draft 3:</b> No Comments
<b>Eventing</b>	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/08/2016 <b>Draft 2:</b> No Action <b>Draft 3:</b> Recommends Approval 01/04/2017	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments <b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments <b>Draft 3:</b> No Comments
<b>Hackney</b>	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Disapproval 11/29/2016 <b>Draft 2:</b> No Action <b>Draft 3:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> Support the concept of this proposal and agree with many of the points. However, committee feels a show committee is not capable of holding a hearing about horse welfare. <b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments <b>Draft 3:</b> No Comments
<b>Licensed Officials</b>	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Disapproval 11/30/2016 <b>Draft 2:</b> No Action <b>Draft 3:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> The committee is in favor of the concept however, it is difficult to define 'cruel' and 'abusive'. The proposal is too broad, there are concerns with the show committee having the authority. What is a hearing before a show committee? <b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments <b>Draft 3:</b> No Comments
<b>Morgan</b>	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Disapproval 11/01/2016 <b>Draft 2:</b> No Action <b>Draft 3:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> .2= Too Broad; .7 who makes the determination?- also too broad; 9. define " method"- not a good term; 21. Define "soreing" also what is meant by "including but not limited to". While the committee supports the concept, these comments are too open ended and needed to be better defined so that there is no opportunity for misinterpretation. <b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments <b>Draft 3:</b> No Comments
<b>National Hunter Committee</b>	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/21/2016 <b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Approval 01/03/2017 <b>Draft 3:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> We are in favor of this rule but have questions about specific details i.e: -not all shows have show committees -signs of recent abuse vs. old abuse -not clear about kicking chains vs. hobbles <b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments <b>Draft 3:</b> No Comments
<b>Paso Fino</b>	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 10/26/2016 <b>Draft 2:</b> No Action <b>Draft 3:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments <b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments <b>Draft 3:</b> No Comments

Roadster

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/21/2016  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Agree with the concept but feel how it's implemented and decided needs further discussion. Committee agrees with the American Saddlebred committee's concerns.  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments

Saddle Seat Eq

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/28/2016  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Agree with concept. However, a show committee is often made up of volunteers who may not be experienced horse people. Committee feels the show committee is not qualified to make this decision it should be the call of the vet an another USEF official.  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments

American Saddlebred

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/15/2016  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Committee agrees with the concept but has several concerns. Not all competitions have a show committee; if they do they may not be horse people with the knowledge needed to conduct a hearing on horse welfare. Will the show committee be protected, if they do act? Suggest that the vet makes the determination if a horse shows signs of cruelty or abuse. The USEF Official, such as the Steward, then may then bar from competing all horses in the care of the individual that is of concern. Points 1-3 should be reorganized in order of how steps should occur.  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments

Shetland

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/21/2016  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action

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

Competition Management

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/19/2016  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Needs work on the language and ability for management to make decision or delegate to show committee  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments

Veterinary

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/22/2016  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 01/11/2017

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

Connemara

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/18/2016  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action

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

Western Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/08/2016  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action

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

HP - Dressage

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

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

HP - Eventing

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

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

HP - Jumping

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 10/25/2016  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action

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

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/15/2016  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: #1: Needs to include the ability for management to make the decision or delegate it to the show committee. #9: Is this necessary with the inclusion of 21 #10: Strike through "with any object other than a bamboo pole."  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments

Carriage Pleasure Driving

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/26/2016  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action

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

Welsh

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/17/2016  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action

**Draft 1:** Agree with the intent of the rule, however the language is too broad. Interpretations of cruelty can vary person to person.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

NSH

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/03/2016  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action

**Draft 1:** Too broad; needs more work  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

Western Dressage

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 10/25/2016  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action

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

Council - Admin & Finance

**Draft 1:** No Action 12/21/2016  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** Recommends Approval 01/12/2017

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

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 01/04/2017  
**Draft 3:** Recommends Approval 01/04/2017

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** The Council approved this rule change with the amendments to keep "Manual poling with any object" and remove "or bamboo poles".  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

**Draft 1:** No Action 12/22/2016  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** Recommends Approval 01/04/2017

**Draft 1:** Needs to be amended to take into account that not all competitions have a show committee and even if they do, reality is that competition management makes these decisions with the Steward.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2017	1/2/2017	Approved 1/14/2017

Proposed Change

**GR843 Mandatory Reporting and Cooperation of Horse/Pony Collapse** [CHAPTER 8-F Welfare of the Horse]

This rule applies to collapses of horses/ponies. For purposes of this rule, a “collapse” is defined as a fall to the ground with no apparent cause at any time from when entries arrive at the venue until departure from the venue. Other falls are not considered to be a collapse and are defined in GR122 and specified division rules. Refer to GR1034.4 for reporting requirements for all other falls and accidents.

1. The trainer as defined in GR 404, or the owner if the trainer is unavailable, or the rider if the trainer and owner are both unavailable, shall notify the Steward/Technical Delegate as soon as possible but no later than three hours after such occurrence of any collapse of a horse or pony. When a collapse occurs outside of competition hours or before the competition begins, notification must occur as soon as possible but no later than three hours after the Steward/TD reports to the show or returns to duty.
2. The Steward/TD shall report to Competition Management and the Federation within one hour of notification of a collapse.
3. In addition to the duties set forth in GR 1034.4, the Steward/TD shall file an Accident/Injury/Equine Collapse Report Form or Equine Fatality Report Form with the Federation within 24 hours of notification, except in exceptional circumstances such as no internet access at the venue.
4. The Federation, at its expense, may appoint a veterinarian to inspect the horse or pony that has collapsed and provide a full report to the Federation. Refusal to submit an animal for examination by an authorized veterinarian after due notification shall constitute a violation of this rule.
5. **The Steward/TD shall ensure that** Any horse or pony that collapses at a licensed or endorsed competition is subject to drug and medication testing in accordance with Chapter 4 of these rules. In the absence of a Federation testing veterinarian, a veterinarian appointed under paragraph 4 (above) or the official competition veterinarian is authorized to collect and submit fluid samples in accordance with these rules.
6. The rider, owner, and trainer as defined in GR 404 shall cooperate with the Federation as to any investigation it undertakes with respect to a collapse or death of a horse/pony. This includes providing information requested by the Federation within 10 days of the request.

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Rule Change Intent

The current rule leaves open the responsibility of submitting a collapsed horse to drug and medication testing. The change would place the responsibility on Competition Management to ensure horses are subject to testing.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> horse collapse

Committee Actions

Andalusian/Lusitano	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Disapproval 11/03/2016 <b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1: Committee disagrees with placing this responsibility on management.</b> <b>Draft 2: No Comments</b>
Arabian	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Disapproval 11/03/2016 <b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1: Remove Competition Management and replace with "The owner of the horse or pony that collapses..."</b> <b>Draft 2: No Comments</b>
Equine Drugs & Medications	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/22/2016 <b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Approval 01/11/2017	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b> <b>Draft 2: No Comments</b>
Eventing	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/08/2016 <b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Approval 01/04/2017	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b> <b>Draft 2: No Comments</b>

Licensed Officials

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/30/2016  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** The Committee does not feel that competition management should be held responsible.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

Morgan

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/01/2016  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

National Hunter Committee

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/21/2016  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 01/03/2017

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

Paso Fino

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 10/26/2016  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

Shetland

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/21/2016  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** Committee feels this responsibility should fall to the steward.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

Competition Management

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 12/19/2016  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** competition management should not be responsible  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

Veterinary

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/22/2016  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 01/11/2017

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

Connemara

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/18/2016  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

Friesian

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 10/25/2016  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

USHJA

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/15/2016  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

Carriage Pleasure Driving

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 10/26/2016  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

Welsh

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/17/2016  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** The responsibility should not be placed on competition management. This should fall under the steward's purview. Would also suggest language that a veterinarian should clear a horse before it returns to the competition ring.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

NSH

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/03/2016  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** Should be Steward's responsibility not Manager  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

Western Dressage

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 10/25/2016  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

Council - Admin & Finance

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 12/21/2016  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 01/12/2017

**Draft 1:** Should not be the responsibility of Competition Management. Possibly a responsibility of the Steward/TD should  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 01/04/2017

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

Council - Intl Discipline

**Draft 1:** No Action 12/22/2016  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 01/04/2017

**Draft 1:** Everyone feels that this is the duty of the competition Steward and not management and Stewards attending these meetings agree with this premise.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2017	9/9/2016	Approved 1/14/2017

Proposed Change

**GR1133 Jumpers** [CHAPTER 11-F AWARD SECTIONS]

[Linked to JP117 Amateur Jumper Section]

[...]

3. The Junior Jumper, Amateur Owner Jumper, **Amateur**, U25 and Young Rider Jumper Horse of the Year Awards will be based on one point for every dollar won in their classification at Regular Competitions.

5. Award Categories. National awards will be given in the following categories: Low Junior, Junior, Low Amateur Owner, Amateur Owner, **Amateur**, Open, Pony, YOUNG RIDERS. Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be given by USHJA in the following categories (see JP118 for Zone specifications): LOW JUNIOR, JUNIOR, CHILDREN'S, ADULT, LOW AMATEUR OWNER, AMATEUR OWNER, **Amateur**, PONY, YOUNG RIDERS, U25 and Thoroughbred Jumper.

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Rule Change Intent

If the JP117 Amateur Jumper Section rule passes, this would add a HOTY Category for the new Amateur section.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Staff:</b> IT: With JP117 rule change, estimate 10 hours of work <b>Web:</b> jumpers

Committee Actions	
Jumper	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 12/05/2016	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
USHJA	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 12/15/2016	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
Ad Hoc - Awards	
<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
Council - Admin & Finance	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 12/21/2016	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
Council - Intl Discipline	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 12/22/2016	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2017	1/3/2017	Approved 1/14/2017

Proposed Change

**GR1058 Hunter Judges** [CHAPTER 10-I LICENSE APPLICATIONS, ENROLLMENT, PROMOTION, AND MAINTENANCE]

[...]

6. Recorded judges must attend a Federation/USHJA judges' clinic at least once every ~~two~~ **three** years.

**GR1058 Hunter Judges**

7. Registered judges must attend a Federation/USHJA judges' clinic at least once every ~~four~~ **five** years.

**GR1059 Hunter Breeding Judges**

7. Hunter Breeding Judges must attend a Federation/USHJA Hunter Breeding judges' clinic at least once every ~~four~~ **five** years

**GR1060 Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation Judges**

5. Recorded judges must attend a Federation/USHJA judges' clinic at least once every ~~two~~ **three** years.

6. Registered judges must attend a Federation/USHJA judges' clinic at least once every ~~four~~ **five** years.

**GR1062 Jumper Judges**

8. Recorded ("R") jumper judges must attend a Federation/USHJA Jumper Clinic at least once every ~~two~~ **three** years.

9. Registered ("R") jumper judges must attend a Federation/USHJA Jumper Clinic at least once every ~~four~~ **five** years.

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Rule Change Intent

To reduce licensing maintenance requirements for Recorded judges, while maintaining rigorous standards.

Linked Rules	Comments
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Web: hunter judges

Committee Actions

Licensed Officials

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/12/2016  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** Recommends Disapproval 01/02/2017

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** Recommend going back to USHJA to ask them to include Hunter Breeding (5 year interval between clinics, not 4), and if too late, submit it as an EO

National Hunter Committee

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/21/2016  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** Recommends Approval 01/03/2017

**Draft 1:** The Hunter and Equitation licenses should match the requirements for the Jumper license.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

USHJA

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 12/15/2016  
**Draft 3:** No Action

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

Council - Admin & Finance

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** No Action 12/21/2016  
**Draft 3:** Recommends Approval 01/12/2017

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

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 12/19/2016  
**Draft 3:** Recommends Approval 01/04/2017

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

**GR915.1 Tracking #368-16 Draft #1 Approved**

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2017	9/9/2016	Approved 1/14/2017

Proposed Change

**GR915 Limiting Entries** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 9-C SUBMISSION, ACCEPTANCE, AND REFUSAL OF ENTRIES]

*For Hunter and Jumper competitions see HJ400.*

1. Management can limit the number of horses entered by an owner and the number of horses ridden by a rider.
2. Any competition that sets restrictive criteria for accepting entries and/or offers classes or events which are part of a league, series or other ranking or award system must do so by meeting the applicable requirements described below:

[...]

Proponent Details

USHJA

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Rule Change Intent

To move requirements for limiting entries at Hunter/Jumper competitions to the HJ Chapter.

Linked Rules

Comments

**Web:** limiting entries

Committee Actions

National Hunter Committee

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/21/2016

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Jumper

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/05/2016

**Draft 1:** No Comments

USHJA

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 01/02/2017

**Draft 1:** Relates to HJ400

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 01/04/2017

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/22/2016

**Draft 1:** No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2017	12/1/2016	Approved 1/14/2017

Proposed Change

**GR1061 Hunter, Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation Course Designers [CHAPTER 10-I License Applications, Enrollment, Promotion, Maintenance ]**

GR1061 Hunter, Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation Course Designers

1. ~~Hunter Course Designer Apprentice Program: To enroll in the Hunter Course Designer Apprentice Program, the following requirements must be met:~~
  - a. ~~Must have verifiable experience designing hunter/equitation courses at USEF Regional I, Regional II, Local and non-rated competitions~~
  - b. ~~Submit application for enrollment, along with appropriate fees, into the Program~~
  - c. ~~The USEF Licensed Officials Committee will review the application and approve or decline for the Program, with input from the USHJA Course Designer's Task Force considered. The application may be reviewed either by a sub-committee, composed of a minimum of three members of the Licensed Officials Committee, or at a full meeting of the Committee~~
2. ~~Recorded 'r' status: To be eligible to apply for licensing as a Recorded 'r' Hunter Course Designer the following requirements must be met within two years after being approved into the Hunter Course Designer Apprentice Program:~~
  - a. ~~The Apprentice must work at all competition days at a minimum of four USEF-licensed National or Premier rated competitions assisting at least three different "R" Hunter Course Designers at three different locations within two years from the date of approval. Permission to apprentice must be obtained in advance from the Competition Managers and course designers~~
  - b. ~~At the beginning of each competition, the Apprentice must present the course designer with an evaluation form, which the course designer will complete and submit directly to the USEF following the competition~~
  - c. ~~Attend a Federation/USHJA Hunter Course Design Clinic~~
    1. ~~d. No application will be considered unless and until 10 evaluations are returned from members of the USEF/USHJA, five of which must come from relevant comparable discipline licensed judges, stewards, course designers or committee members~~
    2. ~~3-Registered 'R' status: To be eligible for promotion to a Registered 'R' status, the individual must:~~
      - e. ~~Hold a Recorded 'r' Hunter Course Designer's license for at least two years (24 months) Have served as the official Hunter Course Designer of record at a minimum of five National or three Premier horse shows during or within the previous two years Hunter~~
      - f. ~~No application will be considered unless and until 10 evaluations are returned from members of the USEF/USHJA, five of which must come from relevant comparable discipline licensed judges, stewards, course designers or committee members~~
2. **Applicants must complete the current requirements of the respective license and type for which they are applying. Information on application procedure and the current programs are available from the Federation and are located on the Federation website.**
4. **3.To maintain his/her license, a 'r' *recorded* Hunter Course Designer must attend a Federation/USHJA Hunter Course Designer's clinic at least once every three years and a 'R' *Registered* Hunter Course Designer must attend a Federation/USHJA Hunter Course Designer's Clinic at least once every five years.**
4. **'r' *recorded* Hunter Course Designers will be required to officiate at six licensed competitions every three years in order to renew their license. 'R' *Registered* Hunter Course Designers will be required to officiate at nine licensed competitions every three years in order to renew their license. This is a rolling schedule and the three years resets each December 1st (the beginning of the USEF competition year.). If officiating maintenance requirements are not met, the official may request an officiating extension.**
5. All applicants and licensed Hunter, **Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation** Course Designers must be a Senior Active **member** in good standing of the United States Hunter Jumper Association, Inc.

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## Rule Change Intent

The USHJA Officials Committee is developing a Mentor program for Hunter, Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation Course Designers as an initiative to expedite qualified applicants through the licensing process. Upon reviewing the current rule for the license, it was realized that licensing policies and procedures for the regular track program are all listed within the rule. In order to promote consistency throughout Chapter 10, it is recommended that policies and procedures are removed from the rules and reside solely in the requirement packets. This in effect will enable the respective committees to make recommendations/approve changes to requirements and programs in a more efficient manner, i.e. requirement packets can be approved by Committees more efficiently than in the current rule change process. This precedent has already been set in various other licenses e.g. Dressage, Eventing and Western Dressage.

### Linked Rules

### Comments

**Web:** course designers

## Committee Actions

### National Hunter Committee

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### Jumper

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### USHJA

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Proposed Change

**GR1009 Recorded Judge** [CHAPTER 10-C CLASSIFICATIONS – JUDGES]

GR1009 Recorded Judge

- [...]
2. The following divisions have specific limitations for 'r' recorded judges.
- [...]
- d. Hunter - A 'r' recorded judge may not officiate alone or independently in a 'AA' or 'A' division or section;
- e. Hunter Seat Equitation - A 'r' recorded judge may not officiate alone or independently in a ~~Federation Hunter/ Jumping Seat Medal Class at a National or Premier Rated Hunter competition.~~ **any of the following Hunter/Jumping Seat Medal classes at a National or Premier rated Hunter competition: USEF Show Jumping Talent Search class, US Hunter Seat Medal Class, US Pony Medal Class, ASPCA Horsemanship class, WIHS Equitation, WIHS Pony Equitation, National PHA Medal class, USHJA Jumping Seat Equitation class.**
- f. Jumper - A 'r' recorded judge may not officiate alone or independently in a Jumper class offering more than \$2,500;

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Rule Change Intent

To specify which Hunter/Jumping Seat Medal classes an 'r' recorded judge may not officiate alone or independently.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> recorded judge

Committee Actions

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Council - Admin & Finance	
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## Proposed Change

**GR837 Hunter** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 8-E SCHOOLING]

## GR837 Hunter

1. Schooling areas for hunters must contain adequate hunter-type fences. A trotting fence, a vertical and an oxer are required. See also HU154.
2. It is recommended that separate schooling areas be provided for hunters. A separate schooling area and jumps should also be provided for ponies.
3. A supervisor of schooling must be appointed for the schooling area designated for hunters if the area is less than 20,000 sq. ft. in size or more than 500 horses are entered in the competition.

**4. Management is responsible for providing a Category 1 Steward or Certified Schooling Supervisor to supervise schooling in the Hunter schooling area.** ~~A Steward/schooling supervisor must be present in the schooling area during any Hunter class offering \$10,000 or more in prize money.~~

4. 5. The **Category 1 Steward's or Certified Schooling Supervisor's** decision regarding schooling fences, or tack and equipment in the warm-up area is final.

## GR1064 Certified Jumper Schooling Supervisor

1. No application will be considered unless and until a minimum of a total of 10 evaluations from current Category I Stewards, Jumper Judges, FEI Stewards for Jumping, FEI Jumping Judges, or Eligible Athletes as defined by USEF, are received.
2. Applicants must be 21 years of age or older, must be Senior Active Members of USEF, and must also demonstrate experience in the Jumper **and Hunter** Division within the past three years.
3. Applicants must complete the Certified Jumper Schooling Supervisor Training Program of the USEF Jumper Committee approved by the USEF Licensed Officials Committee prior to submitting their application. Information on the application procedure and the Training Program (which consists of a training session and apprenticeships) is available on the USEF website [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org) and also from the USEF Office.
4. Maintenance of Status - To maintain Certification, Schooling Supervisors must officiate at a minimum of four competitions and attend a Training Session every four years.
5. FEI Stewards for Jumping are eligible to serve as Certified Jumper Schooling Supervisors.

**All additional references to Certified Jumper Schooling Supervisor within this rule book will be changed to Certified Schooling Supervisor. All currently licensed Certified Jumper Schooling Supervisors will be automatically reclassified as Certified Schooling Supervisors.**

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## Rule Change Intent

The Officials Committee recommends this Rule Change Proposal to ensure fairness of play in hunter classes, especially those offering \$10,000 in prize money or more, by requiring that certain schooling areas be supervised by a licensed official. If passed, all references to "Certified Jumper Schooling Supervisor" with the USEF Rule Book will be changed to "Certified Schooling Supervisor," and all currently licensed Certified Jumper Schooling Supervisors will be automatically reclassified as "Certified Schooling Supervisors."

## Linked Rules

Web: hunter

## Comments

Committee Actions

Arabian

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National Hunter Committee

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Competition Management

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Jumper

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## Proposed Change

## Subchapter 8-G Safety Preparedness and Reporting [CHAPTER GR845-849]

## Subchapter 8-G Safety Preparedness and Reporting

GR845 Accident Preparedness Plan  
 GR846 Safety Coordinator  
 GR847 Use of Qualified Medical Personnel  
 GR848 Accidents Involving Competitors  
 GR859 Mandatory Reporting of Horse/Pony Collapse

## GR845 Accident Preparedness Plan

1. All competitions must have in place, prior to the start of the competition, an accident preparedness plan. In addition, all competitions must have in place an isolation protocol for horses.
2. Competition management is responsible for ensuring that all appropriate competition officials and competition staff are advised of the accident preparedness plan and isolation protocol for horses, and that they are distributed accordingly.
3. The accident preparedness plan and protocol must be given to the Steward or Technical Delegate prior to the start of the competition.
4. The Steward or Technical Delegate shall submit a copy of the accident preparedness plan and protocol to the Federation along with his/her Steward or Technical Delegate report.
5. At a minimum, the accident preparedness plan must include:
  - a. Emergency call/radio priority protocol;
  - b. List of emergency telephone numbers and directions to the competition that can be relayed to offsite responders; and
  - c. Name and contact information of the Safety Coordinator.

## GR846 Safety Coordinator

1. All Licensed Competitions must appoint a Safety Coordinator, who shall oversee the establishment and coordination of medical and veterinary services. 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.

## GR847 Use of Qualified Medical Personnel

1. Qualified medical personnel with no other duties and with appropriate medical equipment, as required by their certifying State or EMS Region, must be present during all scheduled performances at all competitions and during all paid scheduled schooling sessions over fences, including 1 day prior to the start of the competition, if applicable,
  - a. Qualified medical personnel is a currently certified or licensed EMT, or Paramedic, Certified First Responder, or a Physician or Nurse trained in pre-hospital trauma care and currently certified or licensed in their profession under applicable law where the competition is held. (Exception: Eventing - see EV113.5).
  - b. A Physician or Nurse trained in pre-hospital trauma care is a Physician or Nurse who is currently certified in Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS), Basic Trauma Life Support (BTLS), Pre-hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS), or who has First Responder or comparable certification. Comparable certification requires review and written approval in advance by the Safety Committee. (Exception: Eventing - see EV113.5)
  - c. It is strongly recommended that EMTs and/or Paramedics be used to fill this position. Medical personnel must not exceed the scope of their practice.
  - d. All medical personnel must be readily identifiable, available, and mobile.
  - e. Unless prohibited by Federal, State or local law, this person must furnish the Steward(s) or TD(s) with a copy of his/her report(s), or assist these officials with documenting any findings and treatment for all injuries sustained in competition or on the competition grounds.
2. An ambulance must be on the competition grounds or on call during all scheduled performances at all competitions and during all paid scheduled schooling sessions over fences, including 1 day prior to the start of the competition, if applicable.
3. Required Number of Qualified Medical Personnel
  - a. Competitions using more than three performance areas simultaneously must have at least one additional person who is CPR-certified to assist the medical personnel of record for that competition. The additional person may have other duties related to the competition provided they can be immediately available to respond to an emergency. This person must be identified to officials and staff. Dressage arenas do not count as performance areas.
    1. If more than six performance areas are used simultaneously there must be at least two additional people who are CPR-certified to assist the medical personnel of record for that competition.
    2. Hunter and Jumper competitions using four or more rings simultaneously must have at least 2 Qualified Medical Personnel present during all performance sessions.

#### GR 848 Accidents Involving Competitors

1. This rule pertains to accidents involving competitors at Federation-Licensed or endorsed competitions.
2. For all competitors evaluated pursuant to this rule, the Steward or Technical Delegate shall submit a properly completed Accident/Injury Form to the Federation Director of Competitions with their Steward or TD Report, unless otherwise noted below.
3. **Fatalities and Serious Injuries.** In the event of a human fatality or serious injury, the Steward or Technical Delegate shall notify the Safety Coordinator, competition management, and the Federation immediately, or as soon as practicable. Within 24 hours, except in exceptional circumstances, the Steward or Technical Delegate shall submit a completed Accident/Injury Report form to the Federation.
4. **Unconsciousness/Concussion.**
  - a. In the event of a fall/accident where the competitor is apparently concussed or unconscious, he/she is precluded from competing until evaluated by qualified medical personnel, as defined in GR848.a. If the competitor refuses to be evaluated, he is disqualified from the competition and must follow the Return to Competition guidelines in accordance with the rules.
  - b. A Time-Out may be called in accordance with applicable division rules.
  - c. If qualified medical personnel suspect that a competitor has sustained unconsciousness or a concussion, he/she must be precluded from competing until cleared to compete in accordance with the Return to Competition rules.
  - d. The competition Steward or TD shall notify Competition Management and the Safety Coordinator of the fall/accident as soon as practicable.
  - e. For all competitors evaluated pursuant to this section, the Steward or Technical Delegate shall submit a properly completed Accident/Injury Form, and, if applicable, any corresponding signed release to the Federation Director of Competitions within 24 hours of the fall/accident, except in exceptional circumstances.
5. **Medical Suspension.** Any competitor who is determined ineligible to compete under any of the preceding paragraphs will be placed on the Federation Medical Suspension List that will be posted on the Federation's website.
6. **Return to Competition.** In the event that a competitor is determined ineligible to compete under one of the preceding paragraphs, the competitor shall submit to the Federation, a signed release, which includes criteria established by the Federation from time to time, completed by a licensed physician in order to be eligible to once again compete in Federation-Licensed or endorsed competitions.
7. **Refusal of Entry.** Any competitor on the Federation Medical Suspension List is responsible for not competing in any further Federation Licensed or endorsed competition until he is removed from the medical suspension list. Competitions management shall refuse entries of any competitor who is on the Federation Medical Suspension List, unless he submits to the Federation a properly signed release in accordance with the Return to Competition rules. Competition Management is responsible for checking the Medical Suspension List prior to accepting entries.
  - a. **Substitution.** Notwithstanding any other provisions of the rules herein, if an entry is accepted prior to the time the competitor was added to the Federation Medical Suspension List, a substitute competitor may be named.
  - b. **Refund.** Notwithstanding any other provisions of the rules herein, for any competitor who appears on the Federation Medical Suspension List, a Federation-Licensed or endorsed competition shall refund the entry fees and Jumper nominating fee, if applicable, less office fees, if applicable. Stabling fees may not be refunded, unless the stabling is filled.

#### GR 849 Mandatory Reporting of Horse/Pony Collapse

1. **Definitions.** For purposes of this rule, a "collapse" is defined as a fall to the ground with no apparent cause at any time from when entries arrive at the venue until departure from the venue. Other falls are not considered to be a collapse and are defined in GR122 and specified division rules. Refer to GR849 for reporting requirements for all other falls and accidents.
2. The trainer as defined in GR 404, or the owner if the trainer is unavailable, or the rider if the trainer and owner are both unavailable, shall notify the Steward/Technical Delegate as soon as possible but no later than three hours after such occurrence of any collapse of a horse or pony. When a collapse occurs outside of competition hours or before the competition begins, notification must occur as soon as possible but no later than three hours after the Steward/TD reports to the show or returns to duty.
3. The Steward/TD shall report to Competition Management and the Federation within one hour of notification of a collapse.
4. In addition to the duties set forth in GR 1034.6, the Steward/TD shall submit an Accident/Injury/Equine Collapse Report Form to the Federation within 24 hours of notification, except in exceptional circumstances.
5. The Federation, at its expense, may appoint a veterinarian to inspect the horse or pony that has collapsed and provide a full report to the Federation. Refusal to submit an animal for examination by an authorized veterinarian after due notification shall constitute a violation of this rule.
6. Any horse or pony that collapses at a licensed or endorsed competition is subject to drug and medication testing in accordance with Chapter 4 of these rules. In the absence of a Federation testing veterinarian, a veterinarian appointed under paragraph 4 for the official competition veterinarian is authorized to collect and submit fluid samples in accordance with these rules.
7. The rider, owner, and trainer as defined in GR 404 shall cooperate with the Federation as to any investigation it undertakes with respect to a collapse or death of a horse/pony. This includes providing information requested by the Federation within 10 days of the request.
8. **Equine fatalities.** In the event of an equine fatality during a Licensed Competition, the competition Steward or Technical Delegate shall immediately notify the Federation and Competition Management, or as soon as practicable. Within 24 hours, the Steward or Technical Delegate shall submit a completed Equine Fatality Report form to the Federation.
9. For all other equine injuries or accidents not otherwise covered by this rule, the Steward or TD shall submit an Accident/Injury/Equine Collapse Report Form with the Steward or TD Report.

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##### GR843 Mandatory Reporting and Cooperation of Horse/Pony Collapse

This rule applies to collapses of horses/ponies. For purposes of this rule, a "collapse" is defined as a fall to the ground with no apparent cause at any time from when entries arrive at the venue until departure from the venue. Other falls are not considered to be a collapse and are defined in GR122 and specified division rules. Refer to GR1034.4 (should be GR1034.6) for reporting requirements for all other falls and accidents.

1. The trainer as defined in GR 404, or the owner if the trainer is unavailable, or the rider if the trainer and owner are both unavailable, shall notify the Steward/Technical Delegate as soon as possible but no later than three hours after such occurrence of any collapse of a horse or pony. When a collapse occurs outside of competition hours or before the competition begins, notification must occur as soon as possible but no later than three hours after the Steward/TD reports to the show or returns to duty.
2. The Steward/TD shall report to Competition Management and the Federation within one hour of notification of a collapse.
3. In addition to the duties set forth in GR1034.4 (should be GR1034.6), the Steward/TD shall file an Accident/Injury/Equine Collapse Report Form or Equine Fatality Report Form with the Federation within 24 hours of notification, except in exceptional circumstances such as no internet access at the venue.
4. The Federation, at its expense, may appoint a veterinarian to inspect the horse or pony that has collapsed and provide a full report to the Federation. Refusal to submit an animal for examination by an authorized veterinarian after due notification shall constitute a violation of this rule.
5. Any horse or pony that collapses at a licensed or endorsed competition is subject to drug and medication testing in accordance with Chapter 4 of these rules. In the absence of a Federation testing veterinarian, a veterinarian appointed under paragraph 4 (above) or the official competition veterinarian is authorized to collect and submit fluid samples in accordance with these rules.
6. The rider, owner, and trainer as defined in GR 404 shall cooperate with the Federation as to any investigation it undertakes with respect to a collapse or death of a horse/pony. This includes providing information requested by the Federation within 10 days of the request.

##### GR1316 Accidents Involving Competitors

1. This rule pertains to accidents involving competitors at Federation-Licensed or endorsed competitions.
2. In the event of a fall/accident where the competitor is apparently unconscious or concussed, he/she is precluded from competing until evaluated by qualified medical personnel as defined in GR1211.5. If the competitor refuses to be evaluated, he is disqualified from the competition.
4. **Unconsciousness/Concussion.** If qualified medical personnel determines that a competitor has sustained unconsciousness or a concussion, he/she must be precluded from competing until cleared to compete under paragraph 6 below.
5. **Medical Suspension.** Any competitor who is determined ineligible to compete under any of the preceding paragraphs will be placed on the Federation

Medical Suspension List that will be posted on the Federation's website.

6. Return to Competition. In the event that a competitor is determined ineligible to compete under one of the preceding paragraphs, the competitor shall submit to the Federation, a signed release, which includes criteria established by the Federation from time to time, completed by a licensed physician in order to be eligible to once again compete in Federation-Licensed or endorsed competitions.

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

8. Refusal of Entry. Competitions shall refuse entries of any competitor who is on the Federation Medical Suspension list unless he submits to the Federation a properly signed release as described in paragraph 6 above. Any competitor on the Federation Medical Suspension List is responsible for not competing in any further Federation-Licensed or endorsed competition until they are removed from the medical suspension list.

9. Substitution. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the rules herein, if an entry is accepted prior to the time the competitor was added to the Federation Medical Suspension List, a substitute competitor may be named.

10. Refund. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the rules herein, for any competitor who appears on the Federation Medical Suspension List, a Federation-Licensed or endorsed competition shall refund the entry fees and Jumper nominating fee, if applicable, less office fee. BOD 1/16/16 Effective 4/1/16

#### GR1211.5. Qualified Medical Personnel.

a) Qualified medical personnel with no other duties and with appropriate medical equipment, as required by their certifying State or EMS Region, must be present during all scheduled performances at all competitions and during all paid scheduled schooling sessions over fences, including one (1) day prior to the start of the competition if applicable, and during all scheduled performances.

1. Qualified medical personnel is a currently certified or licensed EMT, or Paramedic, Certified First Responder, or a Physician or Nurse trained in pre-hospital trauma care and currently certified or licensed in their profession under applicable law where the competition is held. (Exception: Eventing – see EV113.5).

2. A Physician or Nurse trained in pre-hospital trauma care is a Physician or Nurse who is currently certified in Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS), Basic Trauma Life Support (BTLs), Pre-hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS), or who has First Responder or comparable certification. Comparable certification requires review and written approval in advance by the Safety Committee. (Exception: Eventing – see EV113.5)

3. It is strongly recommended that EMTs and/or Paramedics be used to fill this position. Medical personnel must not exceed the scope of their practice.

4. A fine of \$750 per day will be imposed on Licensed Competitions failing to comply with this rule.

5. All medical personnel must be readily identifiable and the area where they are available must be designated and readily accessible.

6. Unless prohibited by Federal, State or local law, this person must furnish the Steward(s) or TD(s) with a copy of his/her report(s), or assist these officials with documenting any findings and treatment for all injuries sustained in competition or on the competition grounds.

b. Competitions using more than three performance areas simultaneously must have at least one additional person who is CPR-certified to assist the medical personnel of record for that competition. The additional person may have other duties related to the competition provided they can be immediately available to respond to an emergency. This person must be identified to officials and staff. Dressage arenas do not count as performance areas. If more than six performance areas are used simultaneously there must be at least two additional people who are CPR-certified to assist the medical personnel of record for that competition. Hunter and Jumper competitions using four or more rings simultaneously must have, in addition to the qualified medical personnel of record, one additional person who is at least First Responder certified present during all performance sessions.

c. An operational telephone and/or other emergency call priority system must be provided by the competition. Management must post in the office and by the telephone and/or the emergency call equipment, emergency telephone numbers plus directions to the competition which could be quickly relayed to the off site responder.

d. Additionally, during the time period as defined above, an ambulance must be on the competition grounds or on call.

e. All competitions must have in place prior to the start of the competition, an accident preparedness plan and in conjunction with the plan make the necessary arrangements for an ambulance to be on the grounds or on call.

1. Competition management is responsible for ensuring that all competition officials and competition staff are advised of the accident preparedness plan and that it is distributed accordingly.

2. Said plan shall be given to the Steward or Technical Delegate prior to the start of the competition.

3. The Steward or Technical Delegate shall submit a copy of said plan to the Federation along with his/her Steward or Technical Delegate report.

4. A fine of \$750 per day will be imposed on Licensed Competitions failing to either have an ambulance on the grounds or on call.

#### GR1211.6. Safety Coordinator

a. All Licensed Competitions must appoint a Safety Coordinator, who shall oversee the establishment and coordination of medical and veterinary services. This person may have other roles or duties in relation to the competition except:

1. The Safety Coordinator may not serve as Judge at the competition.

2. The Safety Coordinator may not compete as a rider, driver, vaulter, longeur, or handler at the competition.

b. Duties of the Safety Coordinator. The Safety Coordinator shall:

1. Oversee provisions for the safety and welfare of exhibitors, horses and spectators.

2. Oversee the implementation of the Accident Preparedness Plan (GR1211.5).

3. Hold a meeting with Competition Management and Medical Personnel to ensure that parties are aware of the requirements of the Accident Preparedness Plan.

4. Provide Medical Personnel with a map of the competition grounds which includes plans for vehicle access to competition/warm-up areas and stabling.

5. Have his name and contact information posted along with the required emergency information at the competition.

#### **Strike and replace rule reference below (with rule that is effective 12-1-2017):**

##### GR1034.3.a Stewards and Technical Delegates

2. Accident/Injury Report Forms on the official form provided by the Federation (details of injuries relating to both humans and equines) EXCEPTION: In the event of a fatality, the Federation or weekend on-call number must be notified as soon as possible but not later than 24 hours after the incident *in accordance with GR848*.

3. Each competition's Accident Preparedness Plan as provided for in GR1211.5e *GR845*.

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## Rule Change Intent

Currently, safety preparedness and reporting requirements are spread across four chapters in the Rule Book. The primary goal of this new subchapter is to consolidate the rules into one, easy to locate and read subchapter. This will allow competition managers, licensed officials, and members to more easily locate safety preparedness and reporting requirements.

Substantive changes to existing language includes:

- GR 846.1.a = Safety Coordinator may not serve as a Licensed Official, except as a Course Designer;

- GR 846.2.c = competition management and medical personnel will communicate prior to the start of competition regarding the accident preparedness plan;
- GR 847.3.a.2 = the change to "2 Qualified Medical Personnel" is a clarification that reflects the existing language
- GR 848 = reconciles the current reporting standards, rules, and importance of timely information for fatalities and unconsciousness/concussion injuries
- GR 849 = clarifies current duties under existing rule GR 843.3

Please Note: informational materials regarding Isolation Protocol, as approved by the Board of Directors on 6/20/16, will be distributed in 2017.

Linked Rules	Comments
<b>Web: safety preparedness</b>	
<b>Committee Actions</b>	
<b>Andalusian/Lusitano</b>	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/03/2016 <b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments <b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
<b>Arabian</b>	
<b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Approval 11/03/2016	<b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
<b>Eventing</b>	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/08/2016 <b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Approval 12/10/2016	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments <b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
<b>Licensed Officials</b>	
<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action <b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Approval 12/12/2016	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments <b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
<b>Morgan</b>	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/01/2016 <b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments <b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
<b>National Hunter Committee</b>	
<b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Approval 11/21/2016	<b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
<b>Paso Fino</b>	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 10/26/2016 <b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Approval 11/22/2016	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments <b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
<b>Shetland</b>	
<b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Approval 11/21/2016	<b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
<b>Connemara</b>	
<b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Approval 11/18/2016	<b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
<b>Friesian</b>	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 10/25/2016 <b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> If applies only to H/J rings <b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
<b>USHJA</b>	
<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action <b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Approval 12/15/2016	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments <b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
<b>Carriage Pleasure Driving</b>	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 10/26/2016 <b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments <b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
<b>Welsh</b>	
<b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Approval 11/17/2016	<b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
<b>NSH</b>	
<b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Approval 11/03/2016	<b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
<b>Western Dressage</b>	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 10/25/2016 <b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> Verify that WD arenas are included with Dressage arenas <b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
<b>Council - Admin &amp; Finance</b>	
<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action <b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Approval 12/21/2016	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments <b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
<b>Council - Natl Breed &amp; Discipline</b>	
<b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Approval 12/19/2016	<b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments

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Standard	12/1/2017	12/1/2016	Approved 1/14/2017

## Proposed Change

**GR1063 Jumper Course Designer** [CHAPTER 10-I License Applications, Enrollment, Promotion, Maintenance & EV-6 Rules for Officials]

GR1062 Jumper Course Designer

1. No application will be considered unless and until ten questionnaires **evaluations** are returned from members of the Federation, two of which must come from members of the Federation Jumper Committee.

2. Prerequisites for Recorded ("r") status program:

~~a. Applicants must have assisted as a Jumper Course Designer at a minimum of three Rating 1 or higher licensed Jumper competitions, under a minimum of two different Jumper Course Designers within the current year and/or previous three years.~~

~~1. Experience can be with a Federation "R" Jumper Course Designer or a current FEI Level 2\*, 3\*, or 4\* Jumper Course Designer.~~

~~2. Each Applicant must receive verification in writing from the Course Designer that, at each competition, the Applicant has assisted with all aspects of course design and building throughout two or more days of competition.~~

~~b. Exemption from the requirements in 1065.2a will be given for any Applicant who has served as the Jumper Course Designer of record (listed in the prize list) at a minimum of 5 licensed Rating 1 or higher competitions within the previous 3 years.~~

3. Requirements to obtain Recorded 'r' status:

~~a. Upon receiving verification from the USEF Licensed Officials Department that the prerequisites listed above have been completed, the Applicant will apply to a Federation "R" or current FEI Level 2\*, 3\*, or 4\* Jumper Course Designer and the Competition Manager for permission to work as an apprentice course designer.~~

~~b. The Applicant must work at a minimum of three USEF Licensed Rating 1 or higher Jumper competitions, with a minimum of three days at each, under the supervision of a minimum of two different Federation "R" or current FEI Level 2\*, 3\*, or 4\* Jumper Course Designers within the previous three years. These Course Designers will certify whether or not they believe that the applicant has demonstrated the knowledge necessary to design suitable courses and be issued an 'r' license by the Federation.~~

~~c. Preceding application but within the current or previous two years, Applicants will be required to attend a Course Design Clinic (Federation/USHJA or FEI) and must also have taken and recelt ived a passing score on the Federation/USHJA Jumper Judges Examination. The Examination is sent to the Applicant after the application has been received by the Federation/USHJA and upon verification that Recorded ("r") requirements have been completed.~~

~~4. All Applicants for a license, or for promotion, must have attended a Federation/USHJA or FEI Course Design Clinic within the two years prior to application. Attendance at an FEI Course Design Clinic, with the Course Director's recommendation for the promotion of the applicant, must be documented prior to submission of any application to the FEI, for either licensing or promotion.~~

**2. Applicants must complete the current requirements of the respective license and type for which they are applying. Information on application procedure and the current programs are available from the Federation and are located on the Federation website.**

**3 5. All licensed Course Designers will be required to attend a Course Design Clinic (Federation/USHJA or FEI) every three years to maintain their 'r' recorded license and or five years to maintain their 'R' Registered license. (Exception - "R" Course Designers who also hold their FEI Jumping Course Designer license **must only maintain their clinic requirements as outlined by the FEI**).**

4. 6. All applicants who hold an Equine Canada Jumper Course Design card will be given the same status for The Federation.

5. **The following officiating maintenance requirements will be in place:**

**a. 'r' recorded Jumper Course Designers will be required to officiate at six licensed competitions every**

**three years in order to renew their license.**

**b. 'R' Registered Jumper Course Designers will be required to officiate at nine licensed competitions every**

**three years in order to renew their license.**

c. *Individuals currently licensed as an FEI Jumping Course Designer who officiate at a CSI2\* or higher*

*outside the United States may include these competitions as part of their Federation officiating*

*maintenance requirements.*

d. *Maintenance requirements are on a rolling schedule. The three years resets each December 1st (the*

*beginning of the USEF competition year.).*

e. *If officiating maintenance requirements are not met, the official may request an officiating extension.*

6. ~~7.~~ Any individual currently licensed by the FEI as 3\* or 4\* Course Designer for Show Jumping, with approval of the Federation National Jumper Committee, is eligible to become a "R" USEF Course Designer for Show Jumping without having to apprentice, take a clinic, or exam.

~~8. To be eligible to apply for promotion to 'R' Jumper Course Designer the individual must have:~~

~~a. held a 'r' for two years,~~

~~b. designed courses at a minimum of 8 Level 1 or higher competitions and a minimum of 2 Level 2 or higher competitions, (verified by steward's reports) and~~

~~c. have apprenticed with two FEI Level 3 (I) Course Designers for classes of \$25,000 or more and received their recommendations as to the applicant's knowledge and experience to build competitions at the \$25,000 Level.~~

~~9. To be eligible to apply for enrollment as an FEI Candidate Course Designer, the individual must be a Registered "R" USEF National Course Designer and must have fulfilled the following requirements:~~

~~a. have held a 'R' license for a minimum of 2 years;~~

~~b. have apprenticed with a minimum of two different FEI Level 3 (I) Course Designers for a total of not less than 6 days of competition;~~

~~c. have been the Course Designer (as indicated in the prize list or Stewards Report) for a minimum of three competitions offering a minimum of \$25,000 in prize money conducted at the National Standard or higher.~~

~~d. obtain letters of recommendation from,~~

~~1. a minimum of two different management groups with competitions offered at the International (or FEI) Standard,~~

~~2. two FEI Level 3 (I) Course Designers with whom the applicant has apprenticed, and~~

~~3. a minimum of 3 different High Performance athletes familiar with the applicant's work in National Standard events.~~

~~e. Following approval for the promotion the applicant must be passed for promotion at an official FEI Course Design clinic.~~

7. 40. All **applicants and** licensed **Jumper** Course Designers must be an **Active** ~~current~~ member in good standing of the United States Hunter Jumper Association, Inc.

#### Proponent Details

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#### Rule Change Intent

The USHJA Officials Committee is developing a Mentor program for Jumper Course Designers as an initiative to expedite qualified applicants through the licensing process. Upon reviewing the current rule for the license, it was realized that licensing policies and procedures for the regular track program are all listed within the rule. In order to promote consistency throughout Chapter 10, it is recommended that policies and procedures are removed from the rules and reside solely in the requirement packets. This in effect will enable the respective committees to make recommendations/approve changes to requirements and programs in a more efficient manner, i.e. requirement packets can be approved by Committees more efficiently than in the current rule change process. This precedent has already been set in various other licenses e.g. Dressage, Eventing and Western Dressage.

In addition, FEI licensing requirements were found to be listed. However, FEI licensing requirements are not National purview and therefore should not be listed in the National rules, so these are being removed as well.

#### Linked Rules

#### Comments

**Web:** jumper course designer

Committee Actions

Jumper

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 12/13/2016

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

USHJA

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 12/15/2016

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

Council - Admin & Finance

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 12/21/2016

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

Council - Intl Discipline

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 12/22/2016

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

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Proposed Change

GR202 Membership Requirements [CHAPTER 2-A Memberships]

GR201 Membership Categories

**d. Life Recorded Business/Farm. A Life Recorded Business/Farm is any farm, ranch, syndicate, partnership, corporation, business that attains Life Membership upon a single payment of \$2,500. A Life Recorded Business/Farm shall have all the rights and privileges of membership and be subject to all liabilities and penalties which may be imposed upon Members. They shall be exempt from annual dues.**

**e. Annual Recorded Business/Farm. An Annual Recorded Business/Farm is any farm, ranch, syndicate, partnership, corporation, business that attains Annual Membership through annual dues of \$55.**

GR202 Membership Requirements

4. If a horse(s) is owned by a farm or any other entity, ~~only one principal owner of the farm or entity needs to be a member or pay a Show Pass fee. (To be eligible for Horse of the Year Awards, a farm or any other entity that owns a horse(s) at least one of the horse's owners, either Business/Farm or individual, must also obtain an exhibitor registration pursuant to GR1106.)~~

GR1106 Exhibitor Registration

2. In order for points to count toward Federation Horse of the Year Awards, at least one owner, ~~recorded as such with the Federation, must be a Federation Senior Active, Junior Active, or Life Member~~ **either Business/Farm, or individual, must be a Federation member.**

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Rule Change Intent

This rule change proposal is submitted in an effort to remove confusion of the membership over whether a farm must be "active." Under the proposal, a farm will become a stand alone membership category.

If any farm, ranch, syndicate, partnership, corporation, or business is owned by a Federation Life Member at the time this rule goes into effect, the farm, ranch, syndicate, partnership, corporation, or business will be automatically considered a Life Recorded Business.

Linked Rules Comments

GR 202 (216-16)

**Staff:** IT: Estimate 40 hours of work  
**Web:** farm membership

Committee Actions

Andalusian/Lusitano

**Draft 2:** No Action 11/03/2016  
**Draft 3:** No Action  
**Draft 4:** No Action

**Draft 2:** Committee feels this proposal will not lessen confusion mentioned in intent about farm status.  
**Draft 3:** No Comments  
**Draft 4:** No Comments

Arabian

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/03/2016  
Draft 3: No Action  
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 2: This will be difficult for show secretaries; additionally for them to determine someone's amateur status.  
Draft 3: No Comments  
Draft 4: No Comments

Breeds/Disciplines

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

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

Budget&Finance

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

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

Dressage

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/01/2016  
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 12/15/2016  
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 2: Recommend changing both titles under points 'd' and 'e' to add " /Business "  
Draft 3: No Comments  
Draft 4: No Comments

Hackney

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/29/2016  
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/29/2016  
Draft 3: No Action  
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 2: This is an additional expense. It is also more work for trainers and secretaries to keep track of and look up two memberships.  
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Draft 3: No Comments  
Draft 4: No Comments

Morgan

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/01/2016  
Draft 3: No Action  
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 2: Need more information- who all pays for memberships when also competing- both the farm and the owner rider?  
Draft 3: No Comments  
Draft 4: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/21/2016  
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 12/13/2016  
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 2: Need more information-confusing  
Draft 3: No Comments  
Draft 4: No Comments

Paso Fino

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/22/2016  
Draft 3: No Action  
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: Concerned this increase costs to exhibitors who are interested in HOTY awards.  
Draft 3: No Comments  
Draft 4: No Comments

Roadster

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/21/2016  
Draft 3: No Action  
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 2: Members should not have to pay for two memberships if horse is registered in farm name.  
Draft 3: No Comments  
Draft 4: No Comments

Saddle Seat Eq

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/28/2016  
Draft 3: No Action  
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 2: This would be an extra expense.  
Draft 3: No Comments  
Draft 4: No Comments

American Saddlebred

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/15/2016  
Draft 3: No Action  
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 2: This would increase membership costs to the exhibitor and additional work for the competition secretary. Currently if a horse is owned by a farm, the owner can use their individual membership. The farm does not have to be a member. Therefore, only one membership is required. This change would require a farm membership if the horse is in the ownership of the farm on the registration papers. In addition, the competition secretary would be required to check both the farm membership and the owner membership.  
Draft 3: No Comments  
Draft 4: No Comments

Shetland

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 11/21/2016  
Draft 3: No Action  
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments  
Draft 4: No Comments

Connemara

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/18/2016  
Draft 3: No Action  
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 2: More information is needed on how this would affect members, would they need to have two memberships? What if a farm and its naming rights are sold?  
Draft 3: No Comments  
Draft 4: No Comments

Friesian

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 10/25/2016  
Draft 3: No Action  
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 2: Needs more information- confusing  
Draft 3: No Comments  
Draft 4: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 12/15/2016  
Draft 4: No Action

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

ASHA

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/15/2016  
Draft 3: No Action  
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 2: Creates an extra financial burden. Do not want owners/exhibitors to have to pay for two memberships; one for farm, one for owner/rider.  
Draft 3: No Comments  
Draft 4: No Comments

Carriage Pleasure Driving

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 10/26/2016  
Draft 3: No Action  
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 2: Need more information; confusing; fees?  
Draft 3: No Comments  
Draft 4: No Comments

Welsh

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/17/2016  
Draft 3: No Action  
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 2: More information is needed on how this will affect individuals, especially those who own/show horses owned by a farm or LLC.  
Draft 3: No Comments  
Draft 4: No Comments

NSH

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/03/2016  
Draft 3: No Action  
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 2: Confusing- more information needed  
Draft 3: No Comments  
Draft 4: No Comments

Western Dressage

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 10/25/2016  
Draft 3: No Action  
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 2: Need more information; confusing content  
Draft 3: No Comments  
Draft 4: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 12/21/2016  
Draft 4: No Action

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

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: Recommends Disapproval 12/19/2016  
Draft 4: Recommends Approval 01/12/2017

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: Council noted majority of votes within the National Breeds and Disciplines to deny this rule change due to concern over confusion and increase in cost.  
Draft 4: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 12/22/2016  
Draft 4: Recommends Approval 01/12/2017

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