



UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION, INC.

The following rule changes were approved by the Board of Directors on January 12, 2012 or January 14, 2012 and are **effective immediately**.

The following rule changes will be incorporated into the USEF 2012 Rule Book. ***Bold/italic*** format indicates new text. ~~Strikethrough~~ indicates deleted text.

BYLAWS

Bylaw 307 Vacancies and Removals [PART III - GOVERNANCE Subpart A - Board of Directors] 357-11 effective immediately:

Section 2. Removal . Any director, whose removal for cause is sought shall first be afforded an opportunity for a hearing conducted in accordance with the provisions of Bylaw 701. Removal for failure to pay dues shall not be deemed removal for "cause" and shall occur as provided in Bylaw 205. Notwithstanding any provision in these bylaws to the contrary, if any organization having proportional or direct representation on the Board fails to affiliate and pay required fees as an Affiliated Association of the Federation and be subject to all responsibilities and privileges of affiliation, such failure shall constitute cause for the removal of the Directors then serving on the Federation Board representing such association or corporation and for the suspension of the election of any new Directors to such positions. If a Director misses two consecutive Board Meetings of the Federation for any reason, the Director and the President shall be so advised in writing by the Recording Secretary of the Board. If an Athlete Director misses ~~two~~ **three** consecutive meetings of the Board of Directors for any reason, the Athlete Director and the Chairman of the AAC shall be so advised in writing by the Recording Secretary of the Board, and the AAC Chairman in turn shall notify in writing the Secretary of the Corporation that said Athlete Director's seat shall be deemed vacant. The Chairman of the AAC shall also inform in writing the Eligible Athlete who continues to meet USOC Requirements in the discipline where the vacancy occurs who received the next highest vote total in that Athlete Director's election and who accepts such position that he or she shall complete the remainder of the term of such Athlete Director position and until his or her successor is elected. Any Director other than an Athlete Director who misses two consecutive Annual Meetings without being excused in advance by the President may be removed by the Executive Committee. For the purposes of the foregoing the meetings held during the annual meeting shall be counted as one meeting and shall be considered missed only if all are missed.

Bylaw 332 – Responsibilities of Officers. [Part III Governance, Subpart D - Officers] 453-11 effective immediately:

Section 1. President

The President shall be the chairman and preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee and shall be an ex officio member of each Working Group and all committees and task forces, except **the Ethics Committee**, the Nominating Committee, the Athlete Nominating Committee, the Athletes' Advisory Committee, and the High Performance Eligible Athlete committees. ~~and the Certification Committee.~~ **The President shall not appoint himself nor be elected nor serve as chairman of any committee except the Board of Directors and Executive Committee.** The President may at any time call a meeting of the Voting Members, the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee or Working Groups and shall do so at the request of the appropriate number of Directors as set forth in these bylaws. The President shall appoint a recording Secretary.

Bylaw 411 - Athlete Representation on the Board of Directors, Executive Committee and Designated Committees [PART IV - ATHLETES Subpart B - Athlete Representation on the Board of Directors and Committees] 358-11 effective immediately:

Section 3 Attendance. If an Athlete Director misses ~~three~~ **two** consecutive meetings of the Board for any reason, or if an Athlete Director who is a member of the Executive Committee misses three consecutive meetings of the Executive Committee for any reason, the Athlete Director and the Chairman of the AAC shall be so advised in writing by the Recording Secretary of the Board, and the AAC Chairman in turn shall notify in writing the Secretary of the Corporation that said Athlete Director's seat shall be deemed to have been vacated and the provisions of Section 2 of this Bylaw shall apply. For the purposes of the foregoing, the meetings held during the annual meeting shall be counted as one meeting and shall be considered missed only if all are missed.

CHAPTER 10 – LICENSED OFFICIALS

GR1036 Special Duties of a Technical Delegate. [CH 10 LICENSED OFFICIALS, Subchapter 10-H Regulations Governing Officials] **212-11 effective 1/15/12:**

j. At Vaulting Competitions, to monitor the horse use rule (VA105) and make sure that horses are not used more than the maximum units allowed.

k. Driving Technical Delegates: To ensure the Motorized Vehicle Notice is posted at the Event.

AL - ANDALUSIAN/LUSITANO DIVISION

AL101 Eligibility to Compete (CHAPTER AL - ANDALUSIAN /LUSITANO DIVISION, Subchapter AL-1 General Qualifications) **227-11 effective immediately:**

19. Electronic communication devices used for purposes of coaching exhibitors during a competition shall be prohibited in all classes in the Andalusian/Lusitano Division. Exhibitors with a permanent hearing impairment are permitted to use an electronic communication device upon submission of a written certification from a treating medical professional's office certifying the permanent hearing impairment and certifying the requirement of an electronic communication device. The certifying medical certification must be provided to the competition Steward within a reasonable time prior to competing who shall attach a copy to the Steward report.

20. An exhibitor with a disability (other than hearing), will be provided reasonable accommodation upon submission of a written certification from a treating medical professional's office certifying the disability and identifying the accommodation necessary for the exhibitor to compete safely. The medical certification must be provided to the competition Steward within a reasonable time prior to competing who shall attach a copy to the Steward report.

AL103 Shoeing. [Chapter AL. Andalusian/Lusitano Division] **038-11 effective immediately:**

1. Any machine made (keg) or handmade shoe made of magnetic steel, mild steel or aluminum is allowed. No part of the shoe may exceed the dimensions of 3/8" thick by 1 1/8" wide (nail heads and/or toe clips are not considered when measuring the shoe). The shoe may be of any type and configuration except in the case of a bar shoe, the bar may not extend below the ground surface of the shoe.

2. Maximum length of toe including pad is 4 3/4".

3. For purebred and Half Andalusian horses the use of any pad on a hoof is prohibited. The overall length of the toe measurement, including any shoe, (see GR510) shall not exceed the maximum toe length of 4 3/4". The introduction of a foreign material between the shoe and hoof is strictly prohibited.

4. At the discretion of a judge or a steward officiating at a licensed Andalusian Competition, or at the request of the Show Committee (See GR1201), inspection (including measuring the shoe, presence of a pad, and measurement of hoof length) may be required. Shoes ~~and pads, if present,~~ cast after entering or before exiting the arena in any class shall be inspected.

a. A random inspection of horses at all National, Regional and qualifying shows ~~(wearing pads)~~ may be required. Said inspection shall be performed by a licensed steward or judge designated by the Show Committee (The Show Committee may, at its discretion designate more than one licensed official to perform inspections). Any trainer, exhibitor and/or agent of a horse subject to the inspection each may request to be present and heard while said inspection is being performed by said licensed official(s). Prior to any dis-qualification and/or other penalties imposed on a horse at a competition, the inspecting officials shall make reasonable efforts to notify and have present the owner(s), and trainer(s) of said horse, or agent(s) at the inspection.

The inspecting officials shall take possession of any shoe, ~~and/or pad~~ and measure the shoe with a USEF approved shoe gauge. Measurement of hoof length shall be made in accordance with GR510. In the event that the inspecting officials find a violation of the shoe measurement, hoof length, and/or pad presence the horse shall be disqualified for the entire competition, and the owner shall be required to forfeit all prize money, sweepstakes, futurity and trophies, entry fees, ribbons and points won at said competition by said horse. Additionally, if any forbidden foreign material is found **on the hoof between the pad and/or shoe, or pad and hoof, within the pad, and /or the pad composition is in violation,** the steward shall file a charge against the trainer(s) and/or owners with the Federation Hearing Committee in accordance with the General Rules. The trainer and/or owner of a horse found to be shod with any forbidden material as described is subject to whatever penalty or penalties are assessed through the charge process.

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CHAPTER CP – CARRIAGE PLEASURE DRIVING DIVISION

CP103 Use of Whip. [CH-CP CARRIAGE PLEASURE DRIVING DIVISION Subchapter CP-2 The Driver] **195-11 effective immediately:**

1. An appropriate driving A **driving** whip must be carried, in hand, at all times while driving. **A driver not in compliance may be eliminated or disqualified.**
2. The thong on the whip **should** ~~must~~ be ~~and~~ long enough to reach the shoulder of the farthest horse. A driver not in compliance with the above **may** ~~shall~~ be ~~severely~~ penalized.

CP108 General [CH CP CARRIAGE PLEASURE DRIVING, Subchapter CP-4 The Horse] **198-11 effective immediately:**

6. "Hors de Concours" An entry designated as "Hors de Concours"(HC) participates with the approval of the organizer. An HC entry is a non-competing entry, subject to all Federation rules, and is not eligible for awards, placings, or points in any class or championship. For the purpose of class entry totals affecting driver or horse Maiden, Novice or Limit status, HC entries do not count.

CP112 Style of Harness [CH CP CARRIAGE PLEASURE DRIVING DIVISION, Subchapter CP- 5 The Harness] **196-11 effective immediately:**

10. **Check reins and martingales (except false martingales), and overchecks** are prohibited in ~~Driven Dressage and Obstacle classes for all carriages.~~ Failure to comply will incur elimination. ~~Sidechecks are optional. In pleasure driving other classes (turnout, working and reinsmanship) overchecks~~ **check reins and martingales** may be appropriate for certain vehicles. See Turnout and Appointments Appendix A.

CP113 Bits [CH CP CARRIAGE PLEASURE DRIVING DIVISION, Subchapter CP- 5 The Harness] **199-11 effective immediately:**

~~Snaffle bits and other types of traditional driving bits are allowed. Bits may be covered with rubber or leather. Burr, gag, and twisted wire bits are not permitted.~~

CP118 Driver's Responsibility. [CH CP CARRIAGE PLEASURE DRIVING DIVISION, Subchapter CP-7 General Rules For Pleasure Competitions] **200-11 effective immediately:**

1. It is the responsibility of the driver to see that he and all attendants and passengers are appropriately attired for the class in question and that the horses are properly presented.
2. Excessive use of the voice, shouting or whistling to the horse may be penalized at the judge's discretion. The driver should strive to control the horse's movements with a discrete use of vocal aids.
3. The driver must be prepared to enter the ring or obstacle course area when his/her class is called. After a reasonable wait, management may announce that a time limit will be invoked as per GR831.2. When the appropriate time has elapsed, the gate or course will be closed and any entry not in the ring or at the course start will be excluded from the class. Management may give permission for the class to be held for an entry which requires an equipment change.
4. In the case of an accident or equipment failure which necessitates repair or readjustment all grooms or passengers carried on the vehicle must dismount the vehicle. They should not remount until the problem has been corrected or the turnout deemed fit to continue. The exception would be in the case of a minor adjustment (i.e. trace down) and only the necessary groom need be put down. Appropriate penalties will be assessed according to class specifications.
5. The driver should always be the first person to enter the vehicle and the last to leave. Passengers must never be left on the vehicle while the driver is dismounted unless the passenger has taken control of the reins.

6. Whenever fully harnessed to a vehicle, and while being harnessed to a vehicle, a horse must wear a bridle with reins attached to the bit. The reins must pass through the saddle terrets. (Exception: Once a horse is fully harnessed to a vehicle, one rein at a time may be adjusted; horses in multiple hitches must have at least one rein attached to the bit on the bridle while being harnessed to a vehicle).

~~7-6.~~ All entries are expected to conform to the spirit and intent of the USEF general rules for safety. It is the responsibility of each driver to ensure that harness and vehicle are in good repair, structurally sound, and safe for competition conditions. Turnouts without braking mechanisms (such as breeching, brakes, or tug stops with wrap girths) may be restricted from certain classes for safety reasons. Entries may not be allowed to start any class with an unsafe turnout. The judge must eliminate an unsafe entry from any class. Repeated offenses may incur disqualification.

~~8 7.~~ No turnout should rely solely on a groom or other attendant standing on the ground to control the horse/ horses with the exception of hitching and/or unhitching. If a driver dismounts for any reason other than to make minor adjustments to harness, carriage, or to unhitch, the reins should be given to a driver seated on the vehicle.

~~9 8.~~ Drivers should strive to maintain a safe distance from other vehicles both during the competition, in the warm up area and parking areas.

~~10 9.~~ The Federation neither encourages nor discourages dogs accompanying an entry. Unless allowed by class rules, dogs are not allowed to run alongside, behind, or under the vehicle during competition. (Exception: CP138 Carriage Dog Class) In no circumstances may a dog be tied or in any way attached to the vehicle.

CP120 Groom/Passenger. [CH CP CARRIAGE PLEASURE DRIVING DIVISION, Subchapter CP-7 General Rules for Pleasure Competitions] **203-11 effective immediately:**

~~4. Grooms~~ **No one** may not stand behind the driver **unless the vehicle does not provide seating beside or behind the driver.** ~~If the vehicle does not permit the groom to sit behind the driver, permission must be obtained to allow the groom to sit beside the driver in obstacle classes.~~

CP122 Withdraw [CH CP CARRIAGE PLEASURE DRIVING DIVISION, Subchapter CP-7 General Rules for Pleasure Competitions] **204-11 effective immediately (add new and renumber):**

- 1. An entry may withdraw from the competition and is ineligible to compete in the remaining classes at that competition.**

CP122 Description of Gaits [CH CP CARRIAGE PLEASURE DRIVING DIVISION, Subchapter CP-8 Clarification of Gaits] **201-11 effective immediately:**

6. REIN BACK: Rein back is defined as a backward movement in which the legs are raised and set down simultaneously in diagonal pairs with the hind legs remaining well in line. To be performed in two parts: a) The horse must move backward at least four steps in an unhurried manner with head flexed and straight, pushing the carriage back evenly in a straight line. The driver should use quiet aids and light contact. b) Move forward willingly to former position using the same quiet aids. c) Road Coaches and Park Drags should **must not** be asked to back **in the show ring.**

12. In pleasure classes for Draft Equines, gaits may be limited to walk, slow trot, and working trot at the discretion of the organizer as published in their Omnibus /Prize List.

CP123 Judge's Decision. [CH CP CARRIAGE PLEASURE DRIVING DIVISION, Subchapter CP-7 General Rules for Pleasure Competitions] **205-11 effective immediately (add new and renumber):**

1. Judges' decisions representing their individual preferences are non-protestable. Inquiries concerning irregularities or incidents during the competition and the outcome of pleasure classes for technical reasons may be made at any time during the competition. Objections must be made to the Technical Delegate no more than one hour after the posting of class results.

CP123 Divisions Based on the Horse. [CH CP CARRIAGE PLEASURE DRIVING DIVISION, Subchapter CP-13 Class Specifications - Obstacle Driving] **202-11 effective immediately:**

1. Configuration of turnout being shown (i.e. Single, Pair, Tandem, Unicorn, and Four-in-Hand). If entries warrant, singles may be split into two and four wheel sections.
 2. Horses over 14.2 hands in height will be classified as horses; those 14.2 hands and under will be classified as a pony. (**Exception: A registered horse of a breed permitting horses to be 14.2 hands or under -e.g., Arabian, Morgan, Quarter Horse may show in either division but only one size division at the same competition [i.e. pony or horse]**)
 3. The pony **classes or** divisions may be combined or divided. Combinations of divisions must be clearly explained in the prize list. Suggested pony divisions, not combined, are as follows:
 - a. Small pony: not exceeding 12.2 hands (50"/127cm)
 - b. Large pony: over 12.2 hands (50"/127cm); not exceeding 14.2 hands (58"/147.32cm)
 4. **Very Small Equines (VSE)- not to exceed** those under 99 cm (9.3 hands /39"). ~~will be classified as VSE (Very Small Equine).~~
 5. **Draft Equine-Draft Equine classes or divisions may be divided. Suggested divisions:**
 - a. **Draft Pony: 14.2 hands and under; approximate weight less than 1200 pounds;**
 - b. **Draft Small: over 14.2-16.2 hands; approximate weight 1200-1600 pounds;**
 - c. **Draft Large: over 16.2 hands; approximate weight greater than 1600 pounds.**
 6. **Classes or divisions offered for donkeys and/or mules may be divided by size.**
 - 7.4. The minimum age for a horse to compete is three (3) years of age (CP108.1). In multiple turnouts, the restrictions are to be applied considering the age of the youngest horse. It is encouraged that three (3) year old horses be restricted to maiden, novice or limit classes and not be allowed to cross enter into the other divisions. See GR102.
 - 8.5. A multiple turnout must be shown in the classes or division which accommodates the tallest horse or pony.
 - 9.6. Restrictions must be clearly stated in the prize list.
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CP125 Divisions Based on Experience. [CH CP CARRIAGE PLEASURE DRIVING DIVISION, Subchapter CP-9 Divisions] **206-11 effective immediately:**

1. Stallions are prohibited in all maiden, novice and limit driver classes.
 2. Maiden - ~~not having won~~ **entries are ineligible for Maiden classes after winning** a first place ribbon in an approved ADS and/ or USEF **Carriage Pleasure Driving** competition. ~~Maiden horse and Maiden Driver classes may be offered.~~
 3. Novice - **entries are ineligible for Novice classes after winning at least one first place ribbon in each of three approved ADS and/or USEF Carriage Pleasure Driving competitions** ~~not having won three first place ribbons in an approved ADS and/or USEF driving competition.~~
 4. Limit- **entries are ineligible for Limit classes after winning six first place ribbons which must include at least one first place ribbon from each of three approved ADS and/or USEF Carriage Pleasure Driving competitions** . ~~not having won six first place ribbons in any approved ADS and/or USEF driving competitions. Limit horse and Limit Driver classes may be offered.~~
 5. Open- open to all drivers as defined in CP102 and to all horses as defined in CP108.
 6. ~~Ribbons won~~ **Wins** in ADS or USEF Carriage Pleasure classes of less than 3 entries are not to ~~affect~~ driver or horse status.
 7. **Maiden, Novice or Limit status is effective as of the closing date of entries for any particular Carriage Pleasure Driving Competition.**
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CP127 Championships [CH CP CARRIAGE PLEASURE DRIVING DIVISION, Subchapter CP-9 Divisions] **208-11 effective immediately:**

6. **If an Overall Championship is awarded, the highest point total of all entries will be the Overall Champion.**
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CP149 Disobedience. [CH CP CARRIAGE PLEASURE DRIVING DIVISION, Subchapter CP -13 Class Specifications - Obstacle Driving] **210-11 effective immediately:**

Disobediences are penalized as stated in the individual class specifications. They are defined as follows:

1. A run-out comprises evading ~~or passing~~ an obstacle to be driven or the start/finish **markers** ~~line~~.

3. A circle is any form of a circle which causes the driver to cross the original track between two consecutive obstacles except to retake an obstacle after a refusal or run-out.

CP154 Specialty Time Competitions. [CH CP CARRIAGE PLEASURE DRIVING DIVISION, Subchapter CP-13 Class Specifications - Obstacle Driving] **209-11 effective immediately:**

1. Scurry Obstacle

c. Refusals **and** run-outs ~~and circling~~ will not be penalized.

CP154 Specialty Time Competitions. [CH CP CARRIAGE PLEASURE DRIVING DIVISION, Subchapter CP-13 Class Specifications - Obstacle Driving] **207-11 effective immediately:**

2. Obstacle Driving-Pick Your Route

b. Typically obstacles in this type of class are not measured for each entry, but are set at ~~2.5 meters or~~ **80 inches (200cm)** ~~8'3"~~ at the start of the competition, and only reset in the event of a knockdown.

e. Penalties (as they differ from those in CP153):

(1) Knocking down or dislodging obstacle 5 seconds

~~(2) Driving through an obstacle again 10 seconds each time~~

~~(23)~~ Missing an obstacle Elimination

~~(34)~~ Failure to carry a whip (CP103.2) Elimination

~~(45)~~ Use of a tie down or overcheck Elimination

~~(56)~~ Breakage of harness or vehicle Elimination

~~(67)~~ Outside assistance Elimination

~~(78)~~ Overturned vehicle Elimination

~~(89)~~ Groom (s) dismounting (cumulative over course)

(a) 1st incident 5 seconds

(b) 2nd incident 10 seconds

(c) 3rd incident Elimination

CP155 High Point Competitions [CH CP CARRIAGE PLEASURE DRIVING DIVISION, Subchapter CP-13 Class Specifications - Obstacle Driving] **211-11 effective immediately:**

3. Obstacle Driving - Gambler's Choice

f. ~~In this class the circling rule does not apply.~~ If a horse should refuse or run out at an obstacle without disturbing it, the driver may elect not to attempt it and may drive to another obstacle without penalty. The obstacle may be attempted later, and if correctly driven, the appropriate points will be recorded.

Appendix E [Chapter CP – Carriage Pleasure Driving] **197-11 effective immediately:**

Super Reinmanship #1

1. Enter at the Working Trot, at **Marker # 1** circle left **approximately** 20 meters.

2. ~~Proceed on the centerline to Cone~~ **Working Trot to Marker #2**, circle right **approximately** 20 meters

3. Halt **with the (rear) axle** at ~~Marker Cone #2~~, stand immobile for 5 seconds., ~~Rein~~ back 4 steps, **walk forward until the rear axle is even with Marker #2.**

4. **Develop a Slow Trot, continue to rail, track left to Marker #3 and continue a Slow Trot on diagonal to Marker #4.** ~~Walk forward and transition to a Slow Trot. At the rail, track left. At Cone #3, track across the diagonal.~~

5. At ~~Cone~~ **Marker #4**, ~~proceed at the~~ **develop a Working Walk. continue to the** ~~At the rail, T~~ track right **to Marker #5.**

6. At ~~cone~~ **Marker #5**, develop the Strong Trot **and continue on the rail to Marker #6.**

7. At ~~cone~~ **Marker #6**, Halt and Salute.

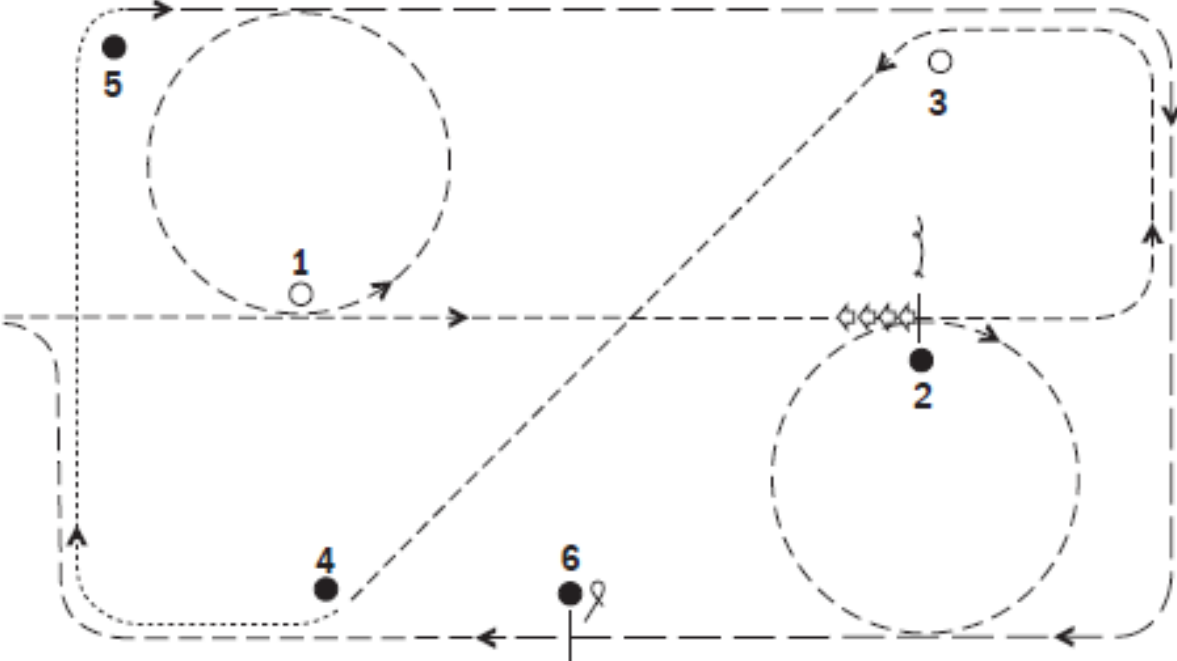
8. Leave the arena at the Working Trot.

9. **Overall Impression of the turnout on the condition and fit of the harness and vehicle, neatness of attire.**

10. **General Impression of the driver on posture, relaxation, confidence and effectiveness.**

Each element will receive a numerical score of 0-10. Perfect Score=100. Scale of marks: 10-Excellent, 9-Very Good, 8-Good, 7-Fairly Good, 6-Satisfactory, 5-Marginal, 4-Insufficient, 3-Fairly Bad, 2-Bad, 1-Very Bad, 0-Not Executed.

NOTE: This test is designed for a 40m X 80m dressage arena. Organizers may adjust the test accordingly for different size and shape arenas.



EQ111 Class Routine. [Chapter EQ - Equitation Division, Subchapter EQ - 2 Hunter Seat Equitation Section] **457-11 effective immediately:**

1. Over Obstacles. The performance begins when the horse enters the ring. Except for refusals jumping faults of the horse are not to be considered unless it is the result of the rider's ability. No rider can be eliminated until ten riders have completed the course, or a number equal to the ribbons being awarded. (Exception: three refusals, fall of horse and/or rider and off course). The following will result in elimination: a) fall of horse and/or rider; b) three cumulative refusals (exceptions: USEF Medal Finals, USEF Pony Medal Finals, Maclay Finals, USEF Talent Search class and the WIHS Equitation Jumper phase, exhibitors will be eliminated after two cumulative refusals); ~~and~~ c) off course; **and d) trotting or cantering through the in-gate or out-gate.** In the event of an elimination, the rider must exit the ring immediately. If elimination occurs during a ride-off, the competitor is placed last of all those chosen for the ride-off, **but placed before any riders not participating (see EQ114).** The following constitute major faults and can be cause for elimination: a) a refusal; b) loss of stirrup; c) trotting while on course when not part of a test; and d) loss of reins. Each competitor may circle once before approaching the first obstacle. He then proceeds around course keeping an even pace throughout. If a refusal occurs in a double or triple, competitors must rejump all obstacles in the combination. Any or all competitors can be called back to perform at a walk, trot and canter or to execute any appropriate tests included in class requirements (see EQ113 and EQ114). In the event that a rail comes down, first score the knockdown within the context of the round. Unless the knock down is caused by a MAJOR rider error, it should not be considered a MAJOR riding fault.

EQ114 Tests From Which Judges Must Choose.[Chapter EQ - Equitation Division, Subchapter EQ - 2 Hunter Seat Equitation Section] **458-11 effective immediately:**

Tests may be performed either collectively or individually but no other tests may be used. Instructions must be publicly announced. A judge may ask riders to re-jump an abbreviated or shortened form of the original course. NOTE: In Hunter Seat Equitation classes, any exhibitor who does not participate in the testing is placed last of those competitors called back to test. Should more than one exhibitor fail to return for testing they will be placed at the judge's discretion. If exhibitors are called back collectively to test, they must remain in the ring until all exhibitors have completed the test. Equitation tests must not have exhibitors trotting or cantering through in-gate or out-gate-; **any exhibitor choosing to trot or canter through the in-gate or out-gate must be eliminated (see EQ111).** Obstacles jumped in an equitation test must have been included in the original course. Jumps must be jumped in the original direction unless otherwise specified.

CHAPTER FR – FRIESIAN DIVISION

FR101 Eligibility to Compete (CHAPTER FR - FRIESIAN DIVISION, Subchapter FR-1 General Qualifications) **224-11** effective immediately:

28. Electronic communication devices used for purposes of coaching exhibitors during a competition shall be prohibited in all classes in the Friesian Division. Exhibitors with a permanent hearing impairment are permitted to use an electronic communication device upon submission of a written certification from a treating medical professional's office certifying the permanent hearing impairment and certifying the requirement of an electronic communication device. The certifying medical certification must be provided to the competition Steward within a reasonable time prior to competing who shall attach a copy to the Steward report.

29. An exhibitor with a disability (other than hearing), will be provided reasonable accommodation upon submission of a written certification from a treating medical professional's office certifying the disability and identifying the accommodation necessary for the exhibitor to compete safely. The medical certification must be provided to the competition Steward within a reasonable time prior to competing who shall attach a copy to the Steward report.

CHAPTER NS – NATIONAL SHOW HORSE DIVISION

NS101 Eligibility to Compete (CHAPTER NS - NATIONAL SHOW HORSE DIVISION, Subchapter NS-1 General Qualifications) **231-11 effective immediately:**

28. Electronic communication devices used for purposes of coaching exhibitors during a competition shall be prohibited in all classes in the National Show Horse Division. Exhibitors with a permanent hearing impairment are permitted to use an electronic communication device upon submission of a written certification from a treating medical professional's office certifying the permanent hearing impairment and certifying the requirement of an electronic communication device. The certifying medical certification must be provided to the competition Steward within a reasonable time prior to competing who shall attach a copy to the Steward report.

29. An exhibitor with a disability (other than hearing), will be provided reasonable accommodation upon submission of a written certification from a treating medical professional's office certifying the disability and identifying the accommodation necessary for the exhibitor to compete safely. The medical certification must be provided to the competition Steward within a reasonable time prior to competing who shall attach a copy to the Steward report.

CHAPTER SP – SHETLAND PONY DIVISION

SP101 Soundness [Chapter SP - Shetland Pony, Subchapter SP-1 Shetland Pony General Qualifications] **447-11**
effective immediately:

As a minimum requirement, all Shetlands must be serviceably sound for competition purposes. Any pony showing evidence of lameness, deformity in feet **or** broken wind ~~or complete loss of sight in either eye~~ shall be refused an award. ***Complete or partial loss of sight in either eye will not be a disqualification if the loss of sight results from traumatic injury. A licensed veterinarian must verify the deltiology of the sight loss as traumatic and such copy must accompany the horse's papers.***
