



UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION, INC.

The following rule changes were approved by the Board of Directors on January 14, 2012 and **come into effect on 2/1/12 or 4/1/12.**

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

CHAPTER 1 – DEFINITIONS AND GOVERNANCE

GR 120 Exhibition (Class or Demonstration) [Chapter 1: Definitions and Governance, Subchapter 1-A Definitions]
355-11 effective 2/1/12:

1.e. At Federation licensed ***Dressage***, Hunter, Jumper or Hunter/Jumper competitions, only one exhibition or demonstration class may be held per licensed competition day ***and the results of such classes cannot be counted for Federation or Federation affiliate awards.***

CHAPTER 8 – CONDUCT OF LICENSED COMPETITIONS

GR801 Dress. [Chapter 8 Conduct of Licensed Competitions. Subchapter 8-A Attire and Equipment] **214-11 effective 4/1/12:**

2. It is compulsory for ~~riders~~ **all persons at Federation licensed hunter, jumper or hunter/jumper competitions in all Hunter, Jumper and Hunt Seat Equitation classes, when mounted anywhere on the competition grounds, to wear properly fastened protective headgear which meets or exceeds ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. It must be properly fitted with harness secured.** ~~And~~ **It is compulsory for riders in** Paso Fino classes, both open and breed restricted including Hunter Hack, where jumping is required and when jumping anywhere on the competition grounds to wear properly fastened protective headgear which meets or exceeds ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. It must be properly fitted with harness secured. A Show Committee must bar riders without protective headgear from entering the ring for classes in which protective headgear is required and may bar any entry or person from entering the ring if not suitably presented to appear before an audience.
3. Except as may otherwise be mandated by local law, ~~all juniors riding in Hunter, Jumper and Hunter Seat Equitation sections, and~~ all sub-juniors riding in the Paso Fino division, while riding anywhere on the competition grounds, must wear properly fitting protective headgear which meets or exceeds ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. Harness must be secured and properly fitted. Any rider violating this rule at any time must immediately be prohibited from further riding until such headgear is properly in place.
7. Except as may otherwise be mandated by local law, the Federation strongly encourages all riders, while riding anywhere on the competition grounds, to wear protective headgear with harness secured which passes or surpasses ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. **(Exception hunter, jumper, or hunter/jumper competitions refer to GR801.2)** It is the responsibility of the rider, or the parent or guardian or trainer of the junior exhibitor to see to it that the headgear worn complies with appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian use, and is properly fitted and in good condition, and the Federation, Show Committee, and Licensed Officials are not responsible for checking headgear worn for such compliance.
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GR 830 Time Schedule [8 Conduct of Licensed Competitions, Subchapter 8-D Scheduling during Competition] **354-11 effective date 2/1/12:**

5. None of the above applies to Dressage. For Dressage Competitions, the following conditions apply: (1) Rides may be rescheduled up to one hour earlier or later than announced in the official schedule if each competitor is individually notified at least two hours prior to his/her rescheduled ride time. Rides within a class may be rescheduled in a different order. (2) Ride times or classes may not be changed more than one hour from the time announced in the official schedule unless 12 hours notice of such change is given to each exhibitor and judge affected or each exhibitor affected consents in writing to the change. Public address announcements, **schedule changes posted on the show grounds or internet, and statements published in the prize list or entry documents** do not meet the notification requirements of this rule.
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GR839 Cruelty to and Abuse of a Horse. [CH 8 CONDUCT OF LICENSED COMPETITIONS, Subchapter 8-F Welfare of the Horse] **213-11 effective 2/1/12:**

4. The following acts are included under the words Cruelty and Abuse but are not limited thereto:
- a. 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.
 - b. Rapping the legs of a horse with the butt end of a riding crop or other implement.
 - c. Use of any substance to induce temporary heat.
 - d. Manual poling with any object other than a bamboo pole.
 - e. Use of a wire or chain in conjunction with any schooling jump.
 - f. Use of electric device in schooling or showing.

- g. Use of shackles, hock hobbles and similar devices (not to be construed as rubber or elastic exercising devices).
- h. Showing a horse with raw or bleeding sores around the coronets, pasterns or legs.
- i. 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.
- j. Withholding of feed and water for prolonged periods.
- k. Letting blood from a horse for other than diagnostic purposes.
- l. Inhumane treatment of a horse in a stall, runway, schooling area, competition ring or elsewhere on the competition grounds, by any person.
- m. 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.)**

5. Any action(s) against a horse by a competitor or an exhibitor, which are deemed excessive by a 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, 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.

CHAPTER 10 – LICENSED OFFICIALS

GR 1004 General [Chapter 10 Licensed Officials, Subchapter 10-B General Rules and Fees] **361-11 effective 2/1/12:**

7. Judges licensed by the FEI are eligible to officiate in Federation Licensed Competitions in the division in which they are internationally licensed (except in Vaulting.) **However, foreign FEI 2* Dressage Judges are eligible to judge only through the Prix St. Georges level.**

GR 1011 Guest Judge [Chapter 10 Licensed Officials, Subchapter 10-C Classifications-Judges] **356-11 effective 2/1/12:**

6. An FEI licensed judge does not need a Guest card to judge at any level at a Federation Licensed Competition in the discipline for which he/she is licensed by the FEI. **However, foreign FEI 2* Dressage Judges are eligible to judge only through the Prix St. Georges level.**

9. A retired, foreign FEI Dressage judge is eligible for an unlimited number of guest cards to officiate in dressage **at the level at which he is eligible.**

GR1043 Arabian Judges. (Chapter 10 Licensed Officials, Subchapter 10-I License Applications, enrollment, promotion, and maintenance.) **111-11 effective 4/1/12:**

~~4. Arabian judges who do not adjudicate at any Licensed Arabian Competitions within the first three years after obtaining a license or for any three-year period thereafter, will not be eligible to renew their license.~~

GR1045 Combined Driving Judges [Chapter 10 Licensed Officials, Subchapter 10- I License Applications, enrollment, promotion, and maintenance] **385-11 effective 4/1/12:**

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b. have successfully completed a training program planned by the Federation and/or ADS, **or**
c. have competed internationally as a driver for at least five (5) years, completed at least five (5) International Competitions, must have apprentice judged at least three (3) times and received positive evaluations at least three (3) times at three (3) Advanced Level competitions under three (3) different judges.

GR1047 Combined Driving and Carriage Pleasure Driving Technical Delegate [Chapter 10 Licensed Officials, Subchapter 10- I License Applications, enrollment, promotion, and maintenance] **386-11 effective 4/1/12:**

b. have successfully completed a training program planned by the Federation and ADS, **or**

c. have competed internationally as a driver at least five (5) years and completed at least five (5) international Competitions, must have apprentice TD'd at least three (3) times and received positive evaluations at least three (3) Advanced Level competitions under three (3) different Technical Delegates.

GR1058 Hackney Judges [Chapter 10 Licensed Officials, Subchapter 10-I License Applications, Enrollment, Promotion, and Maintenance] **285-11 effective 4/1/12:**

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~~7. Judges holding a Hackney license must officiate in the Hackney division at a Federation Licensed Competition at least once every five years.~~

~~a. If a judge does not officiate in any division (in the Hackney, Roadster, Saddlebred or Saddle Seat Equitation divisions) in which he/she is licensed within a five-year period, he/she must re-apply for all licenses.~~

~~b. If a judge maintains at least one division license within this section but fails to meet the minimum judging requirements of other divisions within this section, he may maintain the license(s) by learner judging a minimum of 10 classes (except for Saddle Seat Equitation, Hackney and Roadster Division where the minimum shall be 5 classes) in that division, provided he has officiated within five years at least one competition in this section.~~

GR1070 Roadster Judges. [Chapter 10 Licensed Officials, Subchapter 10-I License Applications, Enrollment, Promotion, and Maintenance] **288-11 effective 4/1/12:**

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~~6. Roadster judges must officiate at a Federation Licensed Competition at least once every five years.~~

~~a. If a judge does not officiate in any division (in the Hackney, Roadster, Saddlebred or Saddle Seat Equitation divisions) in which he/she is licensed within a five-year period, he/she must re-apply for all licenses.~~

~~b. If a judge maintains at least one division license within this section (6a above) but fails to meet the minimum judging requirements of other divisions within this section, he/she may maintain the Roadster license by learner judging a minimum of 5 classes in the Roadster division, provided he/she has officiated within five years at least one competition in this section.~~

GR1071 Saddlebred Judges [Chapter 10 Licensed Officials, Subchapter 10-I License Applications] **329-11 effective 4/1/12:**

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~~5. Saddlebred judges must officiate at a Federation Licensed Competition at least once every five years.~~

~~a. If a judge does not officiate in any division (in the Hackney, Roadster, Saddlebred or Saddle Seat Equitation divisions) in which he/she is licensed within a five-year period, he/she must re-apply for all licenses.~~

~~b. If a judge maintains at least one division license within this section (5a above) but fails to meet the minimum judging requirements of other divisions within this section, he/she may maintain the Saddlebred license by learner judging a minimum of ten classes in the Saddlebred division, provided he/she has officiated within five years at least one competition in this section.~~

GR1072 Saddle Seat Equitation Judges. [Chapter 10 Licensed Officials, Subchapter 10-I, License Applications, Enrollment, Promotion, and Maintenance] **282-11 effective 4/1/12:**

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~~5. Saddle Seat Equitation judges must officiate at a Federation Licensed Competition at least once every five years.~~

~~a. If also licensed in a Federation breed division, officiating experience for the Saddle Seat Equitation license may be fulfilled by adjudicating the Saddle Seat Equitation section at an "A" rated breed competition.~~

~~b. If a judge does not officiate in any division (in the Hackney, Roadster, Saddlebred or Saddle Seat Equitation divisions) in which he/she is licensed within a five-year period, he/she must re-apply for all licenses.~~

~~c. If a judge maintains at least one division license within this section (5b above) but fails to meet the minimum judging requirements of other divisions within this section, he/she may maintain the Saddle Seat Equitation license by learner judging a minimum of five classes in the Saddle Seat Equitation division, provided he/she has officiated within five years at least one competition in this section.~~

GR1074 Shetland Pony Judges . [Chapter 10 - Licensed Officials, Subchapter 10-H Regulations] **450-11 effective 4/1/12:**

1. No application will be considered unless and until 10 forms which actually evaluate the applicant per division are returned from USEF members, five of which must be from relevant licensed judges, stewards, technical delegates or committee members. *BOD 1/23/11 Effective 12/1/11*

2. All applicants applying for enrollment as a USEF licensed judge must have fulfilled all **American Shetland Pony Club** (ASPC) requirements for licensure according to GR1074 and have attended an ASPC/USEF judge's clinic within three years prior to enrollment. Applicant must receive an 85% or better on the USEF exam on general rules, responsibilities and Shetland Division and submit a report documenting ASPC **Judging** experience.

3. Applicants for enrollment will not be considered unless they are licensed by the ~~American Shetland Pony Club~~ **ASPC** as a Modern and Classic "R", are an ASPC and Federation member in good standing and have attended a ASPC/Federation clinic within three years preceding application.

4. Shetland judges do not have to meet officiating requirements to maintain this license.

5. Judges licensed in the Shetland Division and all persons applying for re-enrollment must meet requirements in ~~GR1074 in 4~~ listed herein and receive a passing score of 85% or better on ~~the~~ USEF exam on general rules, responsibilities and Shetland Division and have attended ASPC/USEF judges clinic within three years prior to re-enrollment.

6. In order to renew ~~this a Federation~~ license, USEF Shetland judges must hold a current ASPC Modern and Classic "R" judges card, be a current member of ASPC and USEF in good standing, have attended a ASPC/USEF clinic

within the past three years and must receive a score of 85% or better on the USEF exam on general rules, responsibilities and the Shetland Division.

7. No applicant will be considered for promotion unless he has adjudicated in at least two Licensed Competitions during the past five years in the Shetland division, verified by stewards' reports.

8. ~~This exam for renewing Shetland judges will be administered every three years effective 12/1/12.~~ **The exam must be administered to all licensed Shetland judges during the 2013 competition year and every three years thereafter.**

GR1077 Welsh Pony Judges [Chapter 10 Licensed Officials, Subchapter 10-I License Application, enrollment, promotion, and maintenance] **239-11 effective 4/1/12:**

1. In the Welsh Pony Division, ~~new~~ **all** applicants must have had experience breeding, training or showing Welsh ponies. ~~Any applicants not meeting the above requirements must instead~~ **and must** be recommended by the Welsh Pony and Cob Society of America, Inc. (WPCSA).

2. Applicants must complete three full days of learner judging in the Welsh division at a minimum of three Federation Licensed Competitions under a minimum of three separate Registered Welsh judges.

a. Registered Hunter Judges may complete three full days of judging in the Welsh Division at a minimum of three Federation Licensed Competitions per GR1004.6 to fulfill their learner judging requirements.)

b. Current WPCSA judges must complete a minimum of one full day of learner judging in the Welsh Division.

c. Applicant must receive 10 recommendations, three of which must come from members of the Federation Welsh Committee.

CHAPTER 11 – FEDERATION RECORDS AND AWARDS

GR1129 Friesian. [Chapter 11. Federation Records and Awards. Subchapter 11-F Award Sections] **073-11 effective 4/1/12:**

2. Point Tabulation. See GR1113-GR1119.

a. Points for all eligible classes (See GR1129.3-GR1129.7) at Local **and Friesian**, ~~A, B, and C~~ rated competitions will be awarded according to the following chart:

3. National and Regional awards will be given in the following categories through 6th place:

[...]

d. Friesian Western - To include all points earned in Western Pleasure, e.g., ~~and Western Trail~~, all classifications of those classes (Open, Amateur, Owner to Ride), all rider age-groups (adult and junior exhibitors), all horse genders, and all horse age groups.

[...]

g. Friesian Specialty Horse - One award category, based on the total number of points from Costume (Fantasy, Period, & Armor), English Show Hack, Liberty, Tandem riding, English **and Western** Trail, Drive and Ride, Drive, Ride and Jump, ~~and~~ all Walk/Trot Classes (not to include Junior equitation classes or Lead line) and **any rated Friesian class not mentioned in any previous category within this rule.**

[...]

k. Part-bred Friesian Western - To include all points earned in Western Pleasure, e.g., ~~and Western Trail~~, all classifications of those classes (Open, and amateur, Owner to Ride) all rider age groups (adult and junior exhibitors), all horse genders, and all horse age groups.

[...]

n. Part-bred Friesian Specialty Horse - One award category, based on the total number of points from Costume (Fantasy, Period, & Armor), English Show Hack, Liberty, Tandem riding, English **and Western** Trail, Drive and Ride, Drive, Ride and Jump, ~~and~~ all Walk/Trot Classes not to include Junior equitation classes or Lead line **and any rated Part-bred Friesian class not mentioned in any previous category within this rule.**

GR1129 Friesian [Chapter 11 Federation Records and Awards. Subchapter 11-F Awards Section] **242-11 effective 4/1/12:**

3. National and Regional awards will be given in the following categories through 6th place:

e. Friesian Driving - To include all points earned in all types of driving classes (Show Driving, **Fine Harness, Country Pleasure Driving**, Reinsmanship, Working, Turnout, Pleasure, and Sjees) all hitches (tandem, random, unicorn, single, pair, and four-in-hand), Obstacle (Timed, Pick Your Route, Gambler's Choice) all horse genders, all horse age groups, all classifications of those classes (open and amateur exhibitors) and all driver age groups (adult and junior exhibitor).

l. Part-bred Friesian Driving - To include all points earned in all types of driving classes (Show Driving, **Fine Harness, Country Pleasure Driving**, Reinsmanship, Working, Turnout, Pleasure, and Sjees) all hitches (tandem, random, unicorn, single, pair, and four-in-hand), Obstacle (Timed, Pick Your Route, Gambler's Choice) all horse genders, all horse age groups, all classifications of those classes (open and amateur exhibitors) and all driver age groups (adult and junior exhibitors).

CHAPTER 12 - COMPETITION OFFICIALS, EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS

GR1211 Appointment of Officials and Employees [Chapter 12 Competition Officials, Employees, and Volunteers, Subchapter 12-C Duties of Competition Management in General] **283-11 effective 4/1/12:**

7. Farrier

a. Every competition ~~which~~ **that** offers a division or section with an "A" rating must have a farrier qualified in those divisions or sections **on competition grounds and** available during all performances (Exception: "A" rated Welsh competitions).

b. Competitions restricted to Morgans, Hackneys, Roadsters, Saddlebreds or National Show Horses must have a qualified farrier on competition grounds and available during all performances.

~~b.c. A farrier must be on the grounds or on call at **all other** competitions. only offering "B" Hunter sections or at competitions offering only Western divisions. Other competitions should have a farrier available at all times.~~

CHAPTER 13 – COMPETITION PARTICIPANTS AND ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS

GR1304 Regulations Governing Showing Under Judges, Stewards and Technical Delegates. See also GR107 for definition of Client. (Chapter 13 Competition Participants and Associated Individuals, Subchapter 13A Responsibilities): **149-11 effective 4/1/12:**

Refer solely to GR1304.16 for rules pertaining to showing under judges in the Reining Division. **Refer solely to GR1304.21-26 for regulations and restrictions for Hunter/Jumper/Hunter Seat Equitation Judges and Category 1 Stewards. See also GR1038, GR107, and GR301.** Refer to GR1304.22 for rules pertaining to competing under Organizing Committees, Officials: Stewards, Ground Jurors, Veterinary Judges and Technical Delegates in the Endurance Division. See also GR1037 for restrictions on Judges.

1. An exhibitor, coach or trainer may not serve as a judge, steward or technical delegate at any competition in which he/she exhibits, whether or not the classes are conducted under Federation rules. ~~Except Jumpers per GR1304.18 and .19.~~ See also GR1037.1. ~~Exception: Hunter/Jumper competitions with a special competition rating held in conjunction with a USEF licensed competition (see GR301.2).~~ A licensed judge may officiate at the special competition, provided he/she is not or does not have a client participating in the special competition.

2. No member of a judge's family, nor any cohabitant, companion, domestic partner, housemate, or member of a judge's household nor any of the judge's clients, employers or employees or employers of a member of the judge's family may compete as trainer, coach, exhibitor, rider, driver, handler, owner, lessor or lessee in any division, or Dressage class (Arabian, Morgan and Hunter divisions in any competition) unless the relationship is terminated 30 days prior to the competition. ~~Except Hunters and Jumpers per GR1304.18 and .19.~~ For purposes of this rule included as employers are any individuals, corporations, partnerships, foundations, trusts or non-profit organizations and shareholders owning five or more percent of the stock of any corporation which employs the judge or a member of the judge's family, and any officers, directors and partners of any corporation or partnership and officers, directors or trustees of any trust or foundation or non-profit organization which employs the judge or a member of the judge's family. The hiring of a judge to officiate at Licensed Competitions shall not constitute employment for purposes of this rule.

3. No judge's trainer nor any of the judge's trainer's clients may compete as trainer, coach, exhibitor, rider, driver, handler, owner, lessor or lessee in any Division or Dressage class (Arabian, Morgan and Hunter divisions in any competition) unless the relationship is terminated 30 days prior to the competition.

4. No horses trained by a member of the judge's family may compete in any division or Dressage ~~or Jumper class~~ unless the client/trainer relationship is terminated 30 days prior to the competition. Stud fees, retiree board and broodmare board excluded. Exception: Saddlebred and Hackney classes where requirements that nominations or qualifying be accomplished in advance of the competition (i.e. Futurities, Sweepstakes, Classics, etc.) and the Roadster USTA Classic class, a judge may be substituted in that class for the officially appointed judge who has a conflict. Such substitution shall not affect the restrictions referred to in GR1304.2-.4 on the substituted judge

5. No horse that has been sold (Saddlebred division or leased) by a judge or by his/her employer within a period of three months (Morgan, Paso Fino and ~~Hunter/Jumper 30 days~~) prior to the competition may be shown before that judge.

6. No horse that has been trained by a judge within the period of 30 days (Saddlebred, Hackney and Roadster Divisions, 90 days) prior to the competition may be shown before that judge.

7. No one may show before a judge who has received or has contracted to receive any remuneration for the sale, purchase or lease of any horse to or from, or for the account of the exhibitor within a period of 30 days (Welsh Division 90 days) prior to the competition unless the sale or purchase has been made and fully consummated at public auction. ~~Exception: In hunter and jumper competitions, restrictions on competing are to apply to the specific horse that has been sold, purchased or leased, the purchaser or lessee and all horses owned or leased by said owner/lessee.~~

8. No one may show before a judge who boards, shows or trains any horse under the exhibitor's ownership or lease, within a period of 30 days prior to the competition. Stud fees, retiree board and broodmare board excluded.

9. No one may show before a judge who has remunerated the exhibitor for the board or training of any horse for competition purposes within a period of 30 days prior to the competition. Stud fees, retiree board and broodmare board excluded.

10. No one may show before a judge from whom he has leased a horse unless the lease terminated 90 days (Morgan, Paso Fino and Hunter/Jumper 30 days) prior to the competition. ~~Exception: In Hunter and Jumper competitions restrictions on competing apply only to the specific horse that has been leased.~~

11. No rider may compete in an Equitation class before a judge with whom his or her parent, guardian or instructor has had any financial transaction in connection with the sale, lease, board or training of a horse within 30 days of the competition unless the sale or purchase has been made at public auction.

12. No rider may compete in an Equitation or Dressage class before a judge by whom he has been instructed, coached or tutored with or without pay within 30 days of the day of the competition. The conducting of clinics or assistance in group activities such as Pony Clubs, unless private instruction is given, will not be considered as instruction, coaching or tutoring. Exception: Carriage Pleasure Driving - A judge may officiate over entries (competitors and/or animals) who attended group clinics at the competition if the clinic is open to all competitors and animals entered, the clinic is advertised and available to all possible entrants, and during the clinic the judge does not drive any animal that is entered in the competition.

13. No one shall approach a judge with regard to a decision unless he first obtains permission from the Show Committee, steward or technical delegate who shall arrange an appointment with the judge at a proper time and place. No exhibitor has the right to inspect the judge's cards without the judge's permission.

14. No member of a steward or technical delegate's family, nor any cohabitant, companion, domestic partner, housemate, or member of a steward or technical delegate's household, nor any of the steward or technical delegate's clients may take part as a trainer, coach, lessor, lessee, exhibitor, rider, driver, handler or vaulter at a competition where the steward or technical delegate is officiating. Technical Delegates and Stewards may not officiate unless the client relationship is terminated at least 30 days prior to the competition.

15. If a horse is presented to a judge by a person the judge knows is ineligible to compete under these rules, the judge may advise the ring steward that he/she believes the entry to be ineligible and request that the entry be excused, or the judge may proceed to judge the entry and file a charge under Chapter 6, alleging a violation of this Rule. If a judge has any doubt as to the eligibility of any entry, he/she should judge the entry and file a charge alleging the violation.

16. In the Reining Horse division, a horse may not be shown under a judge if that judge has been owner, trainer or agent of that horse within the previous 90 days, or if said horse is ridden by a member of his/her family or by an employee of said judge. If such a horse is entered in a competition, its entry fee shall be refunded and it is not to be exhibited. A judge may not show to another judge whom he/she has judged or judged with within five days nor may he/she judge another judge under whom he/she has shown or judged with within five days. Volunteer NRHA judges utilized for equipment inspection are excluded from the five day requirement.

17. Competition Restrictions on Judges:

a. A judge may not be an owner of any interest in a horse (including but not limited to syndicate and partnership shares) ~~(except Jumpers per GR1304.18 and .19).~~

b. A judge may not be a trainer, coach, exhibitor, rider, driver, halter handler, steward, technical delegate, lessor, lessee or manager at any Federation Licensed Competition at which he/she is officiating, including unrated classes.

Exceptions:

~~(1) A judge may compete as a rider in Jumper classes offering \$25,000 or more in which he does not officiate;~~

~~(2) 1) in the Eventing division and in the Dressage division, except for Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes, horses may be shown Hors de Concours in classes where the owner is not officiating. (See GR1038.1)~~

~~(3) Hunter/Jumper competitions with a special competition rating held in conjunction with a USEF licensed competition (see GR301.2). A licensed judge may officiate at the special competition, provided he/she is not or does not have a client or family member participating in the special competition. BOD 1/17/10 Effective 12/1/10~~

~~18. No member of a jumper judge's family nor a horse in which the jumper judge has an interest may compete in a class in which that jumper judge is officiating. Notwithstanding the foregoing, such family member or such horse may compete in the Hunter or Equitation divisions or in other jumper classes at the same competition. See GR1038.~~

~~19. A member of the family of a Hunter or Hunter Seat Equitation Judge or a horse in which that Hunter or Hunter Seat Equitation Judge has an interest may compete in jumper classes at the same competition. See GR1038.~~

~~20. For Federation National Hunter, Hunter Pony, Hunter Seat Equitation and Jumper Championships and Finals, no horse or rider that has been trained by a judge or a judge's employee(s) and/or agents within the period of 60 days prior to the competition and 30 days after the competition may show before that judge.~~

24. **18.** A steward or technical delegate cannot own or operate any business (i.e. tack shop, braiding business, etc.) at the same competition where he/she is officiating.

~~22.~~ **19.** In the Endurance Division, the other subdivisions in this Rule are applicable unless they conflict or create an ambiguity when read in conjunction with this subdivision. In that case and at all times involving competing within the Endurance Division, the following rule applies:

a. A Veterinary Judge may not examine horses in competition in which he/she has an ownership interest, are owned by his/her nuclear family members or his/her spouse or children, are owned by his/her cohabitants or significant others or other persons within his/her household, or are owned by a client from whom he/she received 10% or more of his/her gross income or income benefit in the current or prior year or for whom he/she performed work on this horse in the past 30 days;

b. A Technical Delegate, Ground Juror or Steward may not involve him/herself in objections, complaints or other formal disputes involving horses in which he/she has an ownership interest or which are owned under any of the other examples listed above for Veterinary Judges;

c. Extended or nuclear family or household cohabitants or significant others or horses owned by him/her or members of the event Organizing Committee will be allowed to compete in said event, but such relationships should be disclosed in posted announcements at the event or orally at the pre-ride briefing; and,

d. These exceptions do not inhibit or prevent a competitor or other authorized person from asserting such conflict of interest or other issues relating to bias for scrutiny and consideration at the event. However, any such complaint or objection must be raised pursuant to applicable rules or regulations for the event and in a timely manner or they are deemed waived. This Rule is intended to set parameters to allow a Veterinary Judge, Steward, Ground Juror and Technical Delegate to perform his/her duties at rides and should be construed in all cases to provide that flexibility.

23. **20.** The provisions of sections 2-.22 **19** of this rule notwithstanding, an Eventing Judge or Combined Driving Judge may officiate on the Ground Jury of an Eventing or Combined Driving competition when a competitor(s) or horse(s) listed in those sections is/are entered, under the following restrictions

a. The Judge must notify the Technical Delegate and the Organizer of the conflict prior to the start of competition. If the conflict is discovered after the start of competition the competitor(s) or horse(s) must either withdraw from competition or participate Hors de Concours (H.C.).

b. The Judge may not judge the Dressage test of the affected competitor(s) or horse(s).

c. If an Inquiry or Protest is lodged from the Section in which the affected competitor(s) or horse(s) is/are competing, the Judge must excuse himself from the process and the Technical Delegate will assume the role of the Ground Jury.

d. There are no restrictions on a Judge if a competitor(s) or horse(s) listed in GR1304.2-.22 participates in the Competition H.C.

21. When you are officiating as a Judge in the Hunter or Hunter Seat Equitation divisions:

a) **You may not be a competitor, coach, trainer, rider, handler, lessor, lessee, or manager at the same competition. However, you may compete as a rider in jumper classes of \$25,000 or more that you are not judging.**

b) **You may not have any ownership interest in a horse (including but not limited to syndicate and partnership shares) competing in the Hunter or Hunter Seat Equitation Divisions. However, such horse may compete in Jumper classes at the same competition.**

c) **A member of your family may compete in Jumper classes at the same competition.**

22. When you are officiating as a Judge in the Hunter or Hunter Seat Equitation divisions, none of the following may compete as a trainer, coach, competitor, rider, owner, handler, lessor or lessee in either the Hunter or the Hunter Seat Equitation divisions at that competition, unless the relationship is terminated, or the transaction is completed, at least 30 days prior to the competition:

a) **A member of your family.**

b) **A member of your household or housemate.**

c) **A cohabitant, companion, or domestic partner.**

d) **An employee.**

e) **A client.**

- f) *Your trainer.*
 - g) *A client of your trainer.*
 - h) *An entity that employs you or a member of your family, which includes individuals, corporations, partnerships, foundations, trusts, non-profit organizations, and any shareholder owning five or more percent of the stock, if any.*
 - i) *A horse trained or shown by you or by a member of your family.*
 - j) *A horse sold by you or by your employer.*
 - k) *A person for whom you have or are scheduled to receive any remuneration involving a horse sale or purchase (unless at public auction), lease or board (stud fees, retiree or broodmare board excluded).*
23. *When you are officiating as a Judge in the Jumper division at a competition:*
- a) *No member of your family may compete in a Jumper class you are judging. However, said family member may compete in jumper classes you are not judging, as well as in the Hunter and Hunter Seat Equitation Divisions.*
 - b) *No horse in which you have any ownership interest may compete in a Jumper class you are judging. However, said horse may compete in jumper classes you are not judging, as well as in the Hunter and Hunter Seat Equitation Divisions.*
 - c) *You may compete as a rider in jumper classes of \$25,000 or more that you are not judging.*
24. *When you are officiating as a Hunter or Hunter Seat Equitation Judge at a "special" competition as described in GR301.2, that is also held in conjunction with a licensed competition:*
- a) *You may not compete as a competitor, coach, or trainer in the "special" competition. However, you may compete as a competitor, coach, or trainer in the non-special part of the competition.*
 - b) *You may not have a client compete in the "special" competition. However, you may have a client compete in the non-special part of the competition.*
25. *When you are officiating as a Category 1 (C1) Steward at a competition:*
- a) *You may not be a competitor, coach, rider, handler, lessor, lessee, trainer, or manager at the same competition.*
 - b) *You cannot own or operate any business (i.e. tack shop, braiding business, etc.) at the same competition.*
 - c) *None of the following may compete as a trainer, coach, competitor, rider, owner, handler, lessor or lessee at that competition, unless the relationship is terminated at least 30 days prior to the competition:*
 - 1) *A member of your family.*
 - 2) *A member of your household or housemate.*
 - 3) *A cohabitant, companion, or domestic partner.*
 - 4) *An employee.*
 - 5) *A client.*
 - 6) *Your trainer.*
 - 7) *A client of your trainer.*
 - 8) *An entity that employs you or a member of your family, which includes individuals, corporations, partnerships, foundations, trusts, non-profit organizations, and any shareholder owning five or more percent of the stock, if any.*
 - 9) *A horse trained by you or by a member of your family.*
 - 10) *A horse sold by you or by your employer.*
 - 11) *A person for whom you have or are scheduled to receive any remuneration involving a horse sale, purchase, (unless at public auction), lease, or board (stud fees, retiree or broodmare board excluded).*
 - 12)
26. *Other Hunter/Jumper Regulations and Restrictions:*
- a) *If a judge believes (but is not certain) that a horse or person presented to him is ineligible to compete under these rules, the entry should be judged, an investigation should occur and, if substantiated, the judge should file a charge alleging the violation.*
 - b) *Sixty days prior to the first day of a competition through 30 days after the last competition day, no horse or rider that has been trained by a judge or a judge's employee or agent may show before a judge officiating at any of the following competitions:*
 - 1) *National Junior Hunter Finals.*
 - 2) *National Pony Hunter Finals.*
 - 3) *All USEF Hunter Seat Equitation Medal Finals (USEF Jr. Medal, ASPCA, USEF Pony)*
 - c) *No one shall approach a judge with regard to a decision unless he first obtains permission from the Management or the Steward, who shall arrange an appointment with the judge at a proper time and place.*

- d) *No competitor has the right to inspect a judge's card without the judge's permission.*
 - e) *No rider may compete in an equitation class before a judge by whom he has been instructed, coached, or tutored (with or without pay) within 30 days of the competition. Conducting clinics or assistance in group activities such as Pony Clubs, unless private instruction is given, will not be considered as instruction, coaching, or tutoring.*
 - f) *No rider may compete in an Equitation class before a judge with whom his parent, guardian, or instructor has had any financial transaction in connection with the sale, lease, board, or training of a horse within 30 days of the competition unless the sale or purchase was made at public auction.*
 - g) *The hiring of a judge to officiate does not constitute employment under this rule.*
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GR1306 Amateur Status [Chapter 13. Competition Participants and Association Individuals, Subchapter 13-B Amateurs and Professionals] **330-11 effective 4/1/12:**

[...]

2. The following activities do not affect the amateur status of a person who is otherwise qualified:

[...]

g. Any person who is serving an internship for college credit through his/her respective, accredited college program, and who has never held professional status, can accept reimbursement for expenses without profit.

In the Hackney, Roadster, Saddlebred, Saddle Seat Equitation, Morgan, Andalusian/Lusitano, Friesian, Arabian, and National Show Horse Divisions: College students may also accept a stipend during the internship or when fulfilling course requirements, as outlined by the educational institution's program. Such individuals may be asked to provide certification from the institution of said requirements.

AR101 Eligibility to Compete. [Chapter AR. Arabian Division. Subchapter AR-1 General Qualifications] **153-11**
effective 2/1/12:

7. Ginger, Capsaicin and Other Irritants.

a. No horse may compete in a class in the Arabian or Half Arabian/Anglo Arabian Division with any chemical or other irritant of any kind present on its anus, vulva, rectal area or vaginal area, regardless of the origin of the irritant and whether it was applied or its presence resulted from dietary, environmental or unknown origins, and whether the horse's tail carriage was affected by its presence.

b. The trainer (see GR146 and GR404), owners, and their agents, of a horse entered to compete in a class in the Arabian and Half Arabian/Anglo Arabian Division are insurers of the horse's condition and compliance with this Rule, and accordingly they are responsible and accountable for safeguarding the horse and controlling its diet and environment prior to, during and following the class, and at the time of the sampling provided for below, so as to prevent exposure to a chemical or other irritant of any kind, regardless of its origin, whether exposure was intentional, and whether the horse's tail carriage was affected by its presence. These individuals/entities are subject to charges of rule violation should the sampling and testing provided for below be positive for the presence of a chemical or irritant of any kind.

c. Any trainer, owner, agent or other person who administers, attempts to administer, instructs, aids, conspires with another to administer, or employs anyone who administers or attempts to administer a chemical or other irritant of any kind onto the anus, vulva, rectal area or vaginal area of a horse entered to compete in a class in the Arabian or Half Arabian/Anglo Arabian Division shall be subject to penalties as provided for in f. below.

d. ~~Competition management is authorized~~ **The Federation may cause the** at its own expense, to collection of swab samples and have tested substances present on the anus, vulva, rectal area or vaginal area of horses following their exit from the ring, in connection with a class in the Arabian or Half Arabian/Anglo Arabian Division as follows:

(1) ~~competition management may~~ **the Federation shall** choose all horses in such a class to be sampled, or may select one or more placings from the class for sampling, or may select some of the horses from such a class for sampling. In making such selections, ~~competition management~~ **the Federation will act on the advice of the Federation Drugs & Medications Administrator** and may act on the request of **competition management and/or** a judge of the class but is not required to do so;

(2) **after notification by the Federation that swab sampling will occur**, that competition management shall appoint only a licensed veterinarian or veterinarians to supervise the sampling, who may utilize technicians working under direct supervision of the veterinarian(s);

(3) **that this veterinarian/veterinarian(s) work under the Federation Drugs & Medications Administrator's direction for these duties;**

(4) competition management shall **ensure that the appointed veterinarian coordinates with the Federation Drugs & Medication Administrator to** implement the chain of custody required by the laboratory for identifying the horse from which each sample was taken;

(5) competition management **shall ensure that the appointed veterinarian is authorized to follows the instructions of the Federation Drugs & Medication Administrator by forwarding and forwards** the samples for testing to the Iowa State University Laboratory or another comparable laboratory acceptable to **the Federation USEF**, and shall implement the chain of custody required by the laboratory for transporting the samples to and from the laboratory and while at the laboratory.

(6) **All results will be reported to the Federation Drugs & Medication Administrator only.**

e. The trainer, owner, and their agents of a horse competing in a class in the Arabian and Half Arabian/Anglo Arabian Division must submit to the above sample collections performed by representatives of competition management, and they must do so with no unnecessary delays. They must cooperate with the sample collection personnel as defined above exhibiting polite attitude and actions toward them and must assist them by helping to restrain the horse properly during the sample collection(s);

f. ~~In the event the laboratory reports to the competition management the presence of a chemical or other irritant of any kind in a horse's sample, competition management shall forward to USEF the original copies of the laboratory report, the analytical data, and the documented chain of custody for identifying the horse from which the sample was collected and identifying the laboratory results as being from that horse's sample.~~

g. ~~Upon receipt of the above documents, USEF shall review those documents, relevant competition and Federation records, and shall determine whether this evidence serves as a basis for charges of rule violation against the horse's trainer, owner, and/or their agents, pursuant to Chapters 6 and 7. Any charges issued shall be heard and determined by the Federation's Hearing Committee pursuant to the procedures specified in Chapters 6 and 7;~~

h. ~~f.~~ In the event the Hearing Committee determines a violation has occurred, the trainer, owner and/or their agents each shall be subject to any and all penalties imposed by the Hearing Committee at its discretion pursuant to

Chapters 6 and 7, including suspensions, fines, and the revocation and redistribution of winnings, notice or notices of which shall be published in Equestrian magazine. The suggested minimum penalty for a first offense is the revocation of all the horse's winnings in connection with the entire competition in question, and a suspension of 60 days with a fine of \$ ~~2500~~1000. Subsequent violations of this Article by any of the above individuals/entities shall be subject to such greater penalties as determined at the discretion of the Hearing Committee.

CHAPTER CO – CONNEMARA DIVISION

CO103 Showing [Chapter CO Connemara Division, Subchapter CO-1 General Qualifications] **290-11 effective 4/1/12:**

2. Entries may be shown as native ponies or as appropriate to their performance section. Braiding and shoeing are optional. No Connemara may be shown with excessively long toes. ~~No artificial devices may be used.~~ Connemaras are not to stand in a stretched position.

DR 120 Dress [Chapter DR Dressage Division, Subchapter DR-I Dressage Governing Rules] **367-11**
effective 2/1/12:

6. One whip no longer than 47.2 inches (120 cm), including lash may be carried in all classes except USEF/USDF Championships, USEF National Dressage Championships, USEF High Performance Championships, USEF High Performance qualifying and selection trials, and observation classes. (Exception: Competitors riding sidesaddle may carry a whip no longer than 47.2 inches (120 cm), including lash, in USEF/USDF Championships.) One whip no longer than 47.2 inches (120 cm), including lash may be carried in all qualifying classes (including NAYRC and NAJC) unless such use is otherwise prohibited by FEI or Federation rules or selection procedures for the classes. ***However, when a whip is permitted for FEI Pony Tests, the maximum length is 100 cm (1 meter).*** An adjustable-length whip may not be carried by a mounted rider.

DR121 Saddlery and Equipment. [Chapter DR Dressage Division, Subchapter DR-I Dressage Governing Rules]
341-11 effective 2/1/12:

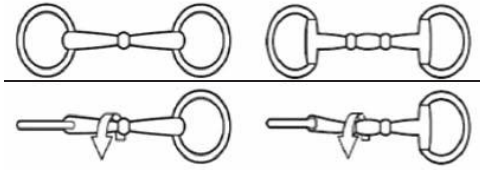
10. The following whips are permitted for schooling only: One whip no longer than 47.2 inches (120 cm), including lash, may be carried by the rider when mounted. One lungeing whip is permitted only when lungeing. There is no restriction on the length of whip permitted for working a horse in hand. One whip no longer than 47.2 inches (120 cm) including lash may be carried in all classes except USEF/USDF Championships, USEF National Dressage Championships, USEF High Performance Championships, USEF High Performance qualifying and selection trials, and observation classes. (Exception: Competitors riding sidesaddle may carry a whip no longer than 47.2 inches (120 cm), including lash, in USEF/USDF Championships.) One whip no longer than 47.2 inches (120 cm), including lash may be carried in all qualifying classes (including NAYRC and NAJC) unless such use is otherwise prohibited by FEI or Federation rules or selection procedures for the classes. ***However, when a whip is permitted for FEI Pony Tests, the maximum length is 100 cm (1 meter).*** An adjustable-length whip may not be carried by a mounted rider.

DR 121 Saddlery and Equipment [Chapter DR Dressage Division, Subchapter DR-I Dressage Governing Rules]
342-11 effective 2/1/12:

14. The following rules apply exclusively to USEF High Performance qualifying and selection trials, and observation classes.
- Upon arrival on the showground, only the rider when riding, walking, leading or lungeing a horse (lunge whip allowed) is allowed to carry a whip (maximum 120 cm) anywhere on the showground. The groom may also walk, lead and lunge a horse as above. Other parties are allowed to carry a whip, provided it is not in connection with the training of the horse. Under no circumstance is it allowed to school the horses in the stables.
 - The whip must be dropped before entering the space around the competition arena or the rider will be penalized for an error (see DR122.5*h i*).
 - ~~The following bits are permitted for use either as a snaffle or bridoon: (Snaffle or bridoon with rotating middle piece)~~



Snaffle or bridoon rotary bit with rotating middle piece.

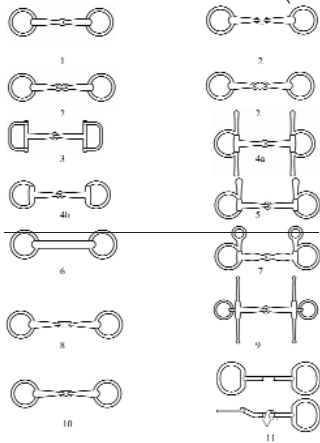


DR 121 Saddlery and Equipment [Chapter DR Dressage Division, Subchapter DR-I Dressage Governing Rules] **364-11 effective 2/1/12:**

Figure 1. Bits Permitted in Dressage.

All bits (in A and B below) must be smooth and with a solid surface. Twisted, wire and roller bits are prohibited. A bushing or coupling is permitted as the center link in a double jointed snaffle, however, the surface of the center piece must be solid with no moveable parts. The mouthpiece of a snaffle may be shaped in a slight curve, but ported snaffles are prohibited. A bridoon is defined as a snaffle bit used together with a curb bit to form a double bridle. Bits (including curb and/or bridoon bits of a double bridle) must be made of metal or rigid plastic and may be covered with rubber (in manufactured state); flexible rubber bits are not permitted, except as noted below, under A. The diameter of the snaffle or bridoon mouthpiece must be minimum 10 mm diameter at rings or cheeks of the mouthpiece (exception: for ponies, the diameter may be less than 10 mm). The diameter of the curb mouthpiece must be minimum 12 mm at the cheeks of the mouthpiece. Snaffles used in Young Horse classes must have a minimum diameter of 14 mm. Any bit combining any mouthpiece pictured in Figure 1A with any cheekpiece pictured in Figure 1A is permitted. Type of bit should not vary from those pictured below except where specified, and bits should be attached only as pictured in diagram. NOTE: FEI Level riders may warm up only in a double bridle (with both bit and/or bridoon made of metal or rigid plastic) or metal or rigid plastic snaffles pictured under B. In both cases, bits may be covered with rubber (in manufactured state) and flexible rubber bits are not permitted. A cavesson, dropped, crossed or flash noseband is allowed when a snaffle bridle is used in warmup or competition, except as prohibited for some tests.

A. PERMITTED SNAFFLES* (Must be used in Training-Second Level Tests. Optional in Third and Fourth Level Tests.)



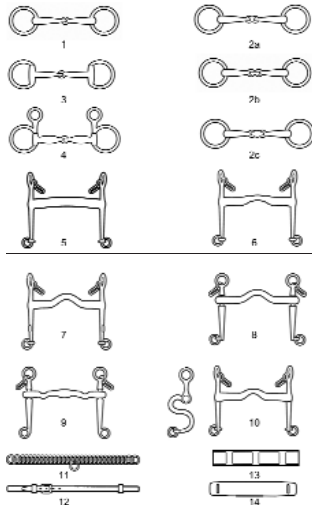
*Any of the above may be made with a rubber, plastic or leather covering, but the bit may not

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| 1. Ordinary snaffle with single-jointed mouthpiece. | 6. Unjointed snaffle (Mullen-mouth). |
| 2. Ordinary snaffle with double-jointed mouthpiece. | 7. Snaffle with cheeks. (Hanging or drop cheek; Baucher). This may be a D-ring or other ordinary snaffle as pictured in Nos. 1-6. |
| 3. Racing snaffle (D-ring). | 8. Dr. Bristol. |
| 4. Snaffle. A) with cheeks, with or without keepers. | 9. Fulmer. |
| B) without cheeks (Egg-butt). | 10. French snaffle. |
| 5. Snaffle with upper or lower cheeks. | 11. Snaffle with rotating mouthpiece. |

be modified by adding latex or other material. Bits with mouthpieces made of synthetic material are permitted, provided that the contours of the bit conform to the contours of one of the bits pictured above. Flexible rubber or synthetic mouthpieces are permitted.

B. PERMITTED BRIDOOON, CURB AND SNAFFLE BITS (Must be used in FEI Level Tests. Optional in Third and Fourth Level Tests) (Reprinted from the FEI Rules for Dressage Events, 2003 edition)

1. Various double bridle bits



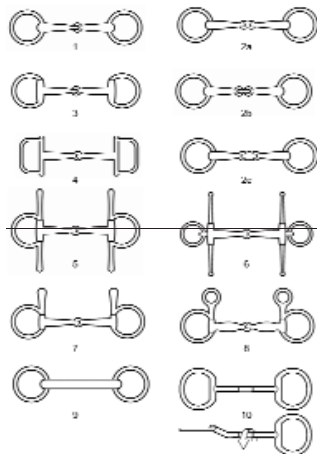
Bridoons:

- 1. Loose ring bridoon bit.
 - 2. a.b.c. Bridoon bit with jointed mouthpiece where the middle piece should be rounded. (Note: A Dr. Bristol bit is not permitted.) Eggbutt sides are also allowed.
 - 3. Egg-butt bridoon bit.
 - 4. Bridoon bit with hanging cheeks.
- Curbs:**
- 5. Half-moon curb bit.
 - 6. & 7. Curb bit with straight cheeks and port.

8. Curb bit with port & sliding mouthpiece (Weymouth)

- A curb bit with rotating lever arm is also allowed.
- 9. Variation of bits Nos. 6, 7 & 8.
 - 10. Curb bit with S-curved cheeks.
 - 11. Curb chain (metal or leather or a combination).
 - 12. Lip strap.
 - 13. Leather cover for curb chain.
 - 14. Rubber cover for curb chain.

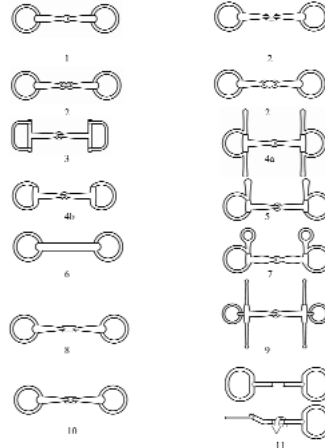
2. Various snaffle bridle bits:



- 1. Loose ring snaffle.
- 2. a.b.c. Snaffle with jointed mouthpiece where middle piece should be rounded.
- 3. Egg-butt snaffle.
- 4. Racing snaffle (D-ring).
- 5. Egg-butt snaffle with cheeks.
- 6. Loose ring snaffle with cheeks (Fulmer).
- 7. Snaffle with upper cheeks only.

- 8. Hanging cheek snaffle.
- 9. Straight bar snaffle. Permitted also with mullen-mouth and with eggbutt rings.
- 10. Snaffle with rotating mouthpiece.

A. PERMITTED SNAFFLES* (Bits pictured and described below are required for all tests and classes at Second Level and below and optional in Third and Fourth Level Tests.) (*Revise illustration*)



12.



1. Ordinary snaffle with single-jointed mouthpiece.

2. Delete this example of ordinary snaffle with double-jointed mouthpiece. (Delete example at top of second column and replace with a different illustration)

3. Racing snaffle (D-ring).

4. Snaffle. A) with cheeks, with or without keepers.

B) without cheeks (Egg-butt).

5. Snaffle with upper or lower cheeks.

6. Unjointed snaffle (Mullen-mouth).

7. Snaffle with cheeks. (Hanging or drop cheek; *Baucher*). This may be a D-ring or other ordinary snaffle as pictured in Nos. 1-6.

8. (Delete example of Dr. Bristol)

9. Fulmer.

10. French snaffle.

11. Snaffle with rotating mouthpiece (*Myler Level 1 and Level 2*).

12. Snaffle with rotating middle piece. (Add illustration.)

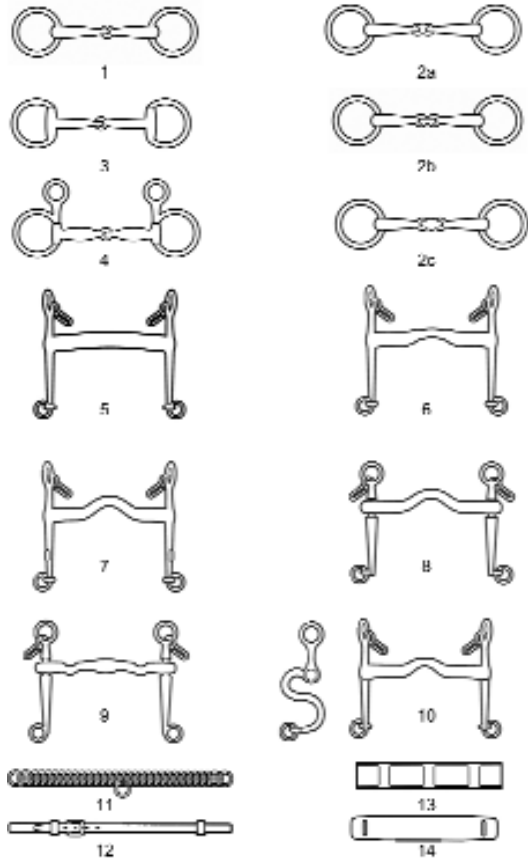
13. Add illustration of Happy Mouth with roller.

*Snaffle bits must be smooth with a solid surface. Twisted and wire and roller bits are prohibited. A mouthpiece with more than one rolling part is prohibited. Bits may be made with a rubber or plastic or leather covering, but the bit may not be modified by adding latex or other material. Bits with mouthpieces made of synthetic material are permitted, provided that the contours of the bit conform to the contours of one of the bits pictured above. Flexible rubber or synthetic mouthpieces are permitted. A double jointed bit or snaffle with rotating mouthpiece may be shaped to allow tongue relief. The maximum height of the deviation is 30mm from the lower part of tongue side to the highest part of the deviation. The widest part of the deviation must be where the mouthpiece contacts the tongue and must have a minimum width of 30 mm. (See illustration below.) The mouthpiece of a jointed or unjointed snaffle may be shaped in a slight curve within the dimensions specified above, but other ported snaffles are prohibited. The mouthpiece of a snaffle may have up to two joints. A bushing or coupling is permitted as the center link in a double jointed snaffle, however, the surface of the center piece must be solid with no moveable parts, except as pictured above. The center link may be tilted in a different orientation from the mouthpiece but must have rounded edges. The diameter of the snaffle mouthpiece must be minimum 10 mm diameter at rings or cheeks of the mouthpiece (exception: for ponies, the diameter may be less than 10 mm). Any bit combining a mouthpiece with any cheekpiece pictured above is permitted. The type of bit should not vary from those pictured above except where specified, and bits should be attached only as pictured in diagram. A cavesson, dropped, crossed or flash noseband is allowed when a snaffle bridle is used in warmup or competition, except as prohibited for some tests.

* INSERT ILLUSTRATION showing how tongue-relief mouthpiece dimensions are measured.]

B. PERMITTED BRIDOOON, CURB AND SNAFFLE BITS* (Bits pictured and described below (under #1 and 2 below) are required for FEI Level Tests. Bits pictured and described under #1 below are optional in Third and Fourth Level Tests)

- 1. Double bridle (Bridoon and Curb) bits (*REPLACE ILLUSTRATION WITH NEW FEI ILLUSTRATION*)



Bridoons:

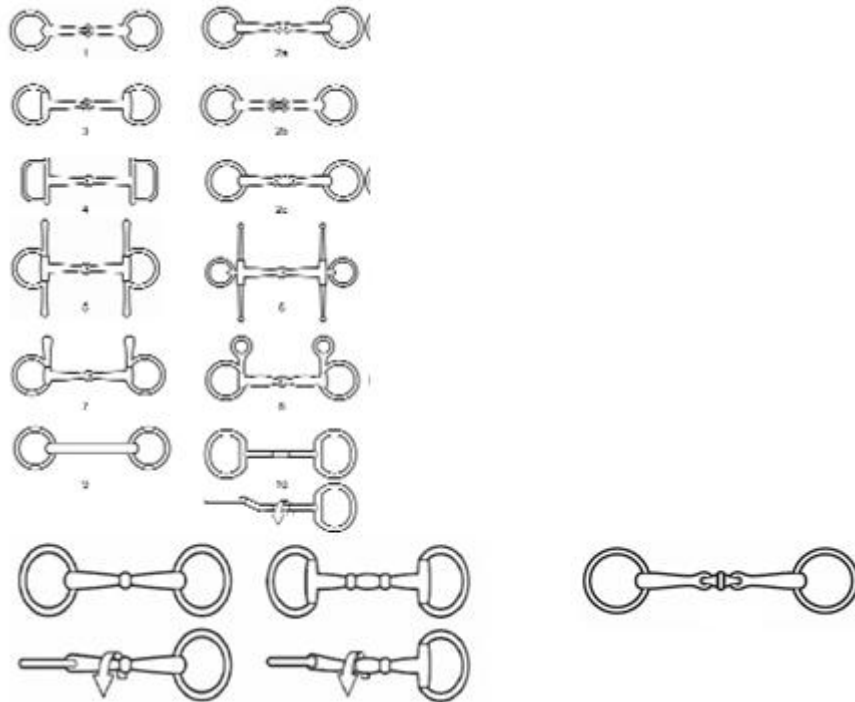
1. Loose ring bridoon bit.
2. *a,b,c*. Bridoon bit with jointed mouthpiece where the middle piece should be rounded, (Note: A Dr. Bristol bit is not permitted.) Eggbutt sides are also allowed.
3. Egg-butt bridoon bit.
4. Bridoon bit with hanging cheeks.
5. Snaffle with rotating middle piece (add illustration)
6. Snaffle or bridoon rotary bit with rotating middle piece (add illustration)

Curbs:

5. Half-moon curb bit.
6. & 7. Curb bit with straight cheeks and port.
8. Curb bit with port & sliding mouthpiece (Weymouth)
- A curb bit with rotating lever arm is also allowed.
9. Variation of bits Nos. 6, 7 & 8.
10. Curb bit with S-curved cheeks.
11. Curb chain (metal or leather or a combination).
12. Lip strap.
13. Leather cover for curb chain.
14. Rubber cover for curb chain.

***Curb chain hooks can be fixed or not fixed.**

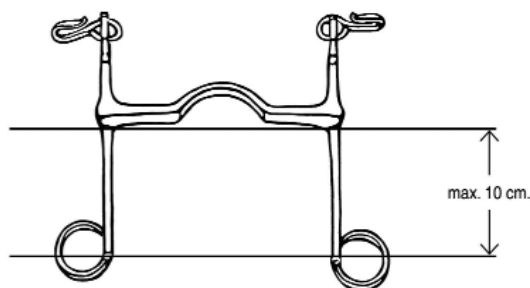
2. Snaffle bridle bits. (REPLACE ILLUSTRATION WITH NEW FEI ILLUSTRATION)



1. Loose ring snaffle.
2. a.b.c. Snaffle with jointed mouthpiece where middle piece should be rounded.
3. Egg-butt snaffle.
4. Racing snaffle (D-ring).
5. Egg-butt snaffle with cheeks.
6. Loose ring snaffle with cheeks (Fulmer).
7. Snaffle with upper cheeks only.
8. Hanging cheek snaffle.
9. Straight bar snaffle. Permitted also with mullen mouth and with eggbutt rings.
10. Snaffle with rotating mouthpiece.
11. Snaffle with rotating middle piece (add illustration)
12. Snaffle or bridoon rotary bit with rotating middle piece (add illustration)

*Only Bits pictured under B1 or B2 are permitted required in FEI Level Tests. Bits must be smooth with a solid surface. A bridoon is defined as a snaffle bit used together with a curb bit to form a double bridle. Bits (including curb and/or bridoon bits of a double bridle) must be made of metal or rigid plastic and may be covered with rubber (in manufactured state); flexible rubber bits are not permitted. **The lever arm of the curb bit is limited to ten centimetres (10 cm) (length below the mouth piece). The upper cheek must not be longer than the lower cheek.** The diameter of the snaffle or bridoon mouthpiece must be minimum 10 mm diameter at the rings or cheeks of the mouthpiece (exception: for ponies, the diameter may be less than 10 mm). The diameter of the curb mouthpiece must be minimum 12 mm at the cheeks of the mouthpiece. Snaffles used in Young Horse classes must have a minimum diameter of 14 mm. The type of bit should not vary from those pictured below except where specified, and bits should be attached only as pictured in diagram. FEI Level riders horses may be warmed up only in a double bridle (with both bit and/or bridoon made of metal or rigid plastic) or a metal or rigid plastic snaffles pictured under B. A cavesson, dropped, crossed or flash noseband is allowed when a snaffle bridle is used in warmup or competition, except as prohibited for some tests. **Curb chain hooks can be fixed or not fixed.**

Note: For FEI tests ridden at national competitions, a plain snaffle bridle or simple double bridle may be used, as described in DR121.2-.3. However, for USEF High Performance qualifying and championship classes, USEF Young Adult qualifying and championship classes, USEF Junior qualifying and championship classes, USEF Young Rider qualifying and championship classes, and NAJYRC qualifying classes, a double bridle is mandatory.



(Correct illustration to make both sides of shank even (the same length))

Figure 2. Correct bit measurement. The lever arm of the curb bit must not exceed 10 cm. (length below the mouthpiece). If the curb has a sliding mouthpiece, the lever arm of the curb bit below the mouthpiece must not measure more than 10 cm. when the mouthpiece is at the uppermost position.

DR 122 Execution and Judging of Tests [Chapter DR Dressage Division, Subchapter DR-I Dressage Governing Rule] **348-11 effective 2/1/12:**

7. Judging a test.

f. In the case of a fall of horse and/or rider the competitor will be eliminated. ***A competitor is considered to have fallen when he is separated from his horse in such a way as to necessitate remounting or vaulting into the saddle. A horse is considered to have fallen when at the same time both its shoulder and quarters have touched the ground.***

DR 124 Elimination [Chapter DR Dressage Division, Subchapter DR-I Dressage Governing Rules] **371-11 effective 2/1/12:**

1. *p. Fall of horse and/or rider (DR122.7(f));*

DR126 Requirements for Dressage Competition Management. [Chapter DR Dressage Division, Subchapter DR-I Dressage Governing Rules] **374-11 effective date 2/1/12:**

1. b. Competition Schedule.

(1) A tentative class schedule must be included in the prize list.

(2) Organizers must prepare a time schedule including all rides. If possible, competitors should be notified of their riding times prior to arrival at the competition.

(3) The time schedule must be posted in a conspicuous place by noon the day before the competition. Ride times may not be changed after noon the day before the start of the entire competition, except in compliance with GR830.5. ~~(Effective 4/1/09)~~ Competitions may reserve the right to fill a competitor's subsequent ride times if that competitor fails to notify the competition secretary of his/her intention to scratch (i.e. is a "no show").

(4) Dressage classes must be run in their entirety and rides may only be scheduled out of sequence to allow a reasonable interval between two or more horses entered by the same rider in the same class ***or in different classes.*** Also, when preparing a time schedule consideration must be given to riders entered in more than one class or riding more than one horse.

(5) At least 50 minutes must be scheduled between start times for a rider's tests on different horses unless he/she has agreed, in writing, to a shorter interval between tests. Time intervals should be allowed between rides for judge's breaks and awards presentations.

DR 126 Requirements for Dressage Competition Management [Chapter DR Dressage Division, Subchapter DR-I Dressage Governing Rule] **369-11 effective 2/1/12:**

1.f. Arena Specifications.

(6) Except for the letter "A", the letters outside the enclosure should be placed about 0.5 meters from the fence and clearly marked. So that the judges can note the exact point on the track opposite each letter, it is compulsory to place a marker on the fence itself, level with and in addition to the letter concerned. ***It is not permitted to place the letters***

on the arena fence, however, one-sided (flat) letters may be placed on the wall of an indoor arena when such an arena is permitted under(7) through (9) below. The letter A should be placed at least five meters away from the arena.

(7) No publicity is permitted anywhere on the arena fence. It is permissible to decorate the letters with flowers or greenery to enhance the appearance of the arena, however, letters must be visible from all sides at Level 3-5 competitions.

DR 126 Requirements for Dressage Competition Management [Chapter DR Dressage Division, Subchapter DR-I Dressage Governing Rules] **376-11 effective 2/1/12:**

1.f. Arena Specifications.

(10) **A modified arena is one that is not exactly 20x60 meters or 20x40 meters, as required for the particular level and test.** Use of a modified arena is permitted only for Level 1-2 competitions and only when the dimensions of the arena to be used are clearly specified in the prize list. **When a modified arena is used, it** ~~The arena~~ must not be shortened more than five meters **in length or more than two meters in width.**

DR 126 Requirements for Dressage Competition Management [Chapter DR Dressage Division, Subchapter DR-I Dressage Governing Rules] **368-11 effective 2/1/12:**

2. a. Categories and Criteria.

(3) Specific criteria for each competition level are listed in the Dressage Levels chart (**see DR126.3**) ~~posted on the USEF website.~~ The chart indicates which criteria may be at a lower level for eligible classes at a Level 3, Level 4 or Level 5 competition.

DR126 Requirements for Dressage Competition Management [Chapter DR Dressage Division, Subchapter DR-I Dressage Governing Rules] **344-11 effective 2/1/12:**

2. b. Management, Officials and Staff.

(1) The manager of a Level 3, Level 4 or Level 5 Dressage Competition must be eligible according to the criteria listed in DR126 and listed in the Dressage Levels chart (**see DR126.3**) ~~posted on the USEF website.~~

(2) The secretary of a Level 3, Level 4 or Level 5 Dressage Competition must be eligible according to the criteria listed in DR126 and listed in the Dressage Levels chart ~~posted on the USEF website.~~ Specific duties of Dressage Competition Management are listed in the Dressage Levels chart (**see DR126.3**) ~~posted on the USEF website.~~

(3) Specific requirements for staff and officials for Dressage Competitions are listed in the Dressage Levels chart (**see DR126.3**) ~~posted on the USEF website.~~

c. Facilities, Equipment, Services and Amenities.

(1) Additional requirements for Dressage Competitions regarding facilities, services and amenities are listed in the Dressage Levels chart (**see DR126.3**) ~~posted on the USEF website.~~

DR 126 Requirements for Dressage Competition Management [Chapter DR Dressage Division, Subchapter DR-I Dressage Governing Rule] **366-11 effective 2/1/12:**

3. Dressage Levels Chart (INSERT BELOW)

Dressage Levels

(for USEF Dressage Competitions or Regular or Local Competitions with Open Dressage Classes per USEF GR308.2e)

(DSHB classes can be held with any Level. Shows offering only DSHB can choose Level 1 or Level 2 criteria.)
Criteria at competition Levels 3-5 are highlighted in yellow below that can be held at a lower level, if competition advertises classes held at a lower level.

Criteria for Existing or New Competitions

	<u>Level 5</u>	<u>Level 4</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 1</u>
<u>Criteria</u>	CDIs/ CPEDIs USEF HP Selection Trials (I1– GP, ParaEquestrian) National Championship	Regional Championships, HP (I1) and other competitions that (choose to) meet the criteria as required or as approved by USEF (and USDF when required), upon application	Developing Program Qualifiers (JR/YR/YA, YH & DH) and other competitions that (choose to) meet the criteria as required or as approved by USEF (and USDF when required), upon application	Other licensed Dressage shows	“Introduction” to Licensed Competitions
Classes of a lower level	Optional national classes – standards for national classes must be at Level 3 or higher. Prize list must list classes conducted under lower level criteria and list specific modifications.	Required for HP and RC classes – lower level classes optional. Standards for any other classes must be at Level 3 or higher. Prize list must list classes conducted under lower level criteria and list specific modifications.	Required for Developing prog qualifiers– lower level classes optional. Standards for other classes must be at Level 2 or higher. Prize list must list classes conducted under lower level criteria and list specific modifications.	n/a	n/a
Opportunity Classes *no freestyles & all USEF rules apply	N/A (Cannot offer)	N/A (Cannot offer)	Two tests and only two classes per day at Training Level	Two tests and only two classes per level per day at First Level and below.	Two tests and only two classes per level per day at 2ndLevel/below
Length of competition	Three or more days minimum – may be two or more consecutive competitions	Three or more days minimum– may be two or more consecutive competitions	Two or more days minimum – each day may be separate competition	One or more days	One day only.
Number of horses	No limit	No limit	No limit	No limit, except must offer stabling if 150 or more horses	Limited to 75 horses.
Footing and arena type	<u>Per FEI rules/ Nat'l Championship rules. Minimum of one “main” arena. All rings must have safe fencing with no plastic chains in any ring. Good all weather footing that</u>	Minimum of one “main” arena. All rings must have safe fencing with no plastic chains in any ring . Good all weather footing that stands up to climate; good depth, consistent quality – no grass rings permitted at any dressage class .	Minimum of one “main” arena. All rings must have safe fencing with no plastic chains in any ring . Good footing that can stand up to climate – no grass rings permitted at any dressage class .	Can use Plastic chain rings and grass competition rings permitted for any class.	Can use Plastic chain rings and grass competition rings permitted for any class.

	<u>stands up to climate and inclement weather: good depth, consistent quality- no grass rings permitted at any dressage class</u>				
Arena Modifications (Competition arena that is less than 20x60 or 20x40 meters)	Not permitted for FEI-recognized classes. (except per special FEI permission) Not permitted for national classes.	Not permitted for classes at any dressage level.	Not permitted for classes at any dressage level.	Permitted except for Regional Championships qualifying classes and freestyles per DR126.	Permitted except for Regional Championships qualifying classes and freestyles per DR126.
<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Level 5</u> CDIs/ <i>CPEDIs</i> USEF HP Selection Trials (I1– GP, ParaEquestrian) National Championship	<u>Level 4</u> Regional Championships, HP (I1) and other competitions that (choose to) meet the criteria <i>as required or as approved by USEF (and USDF when required), upon application</i>	<u>Level 3</u> Developing Program Qualifiers (JR/YR/YA, YH & DH) and other competitions that (choose to) meet the criteria <i>as required or as approved by USEF (and USDF when required), upon application</i>	<u>Level 2</u> Other licensed Dressage shows	<u>Level 1</u> “Introduction” to Licensed Competitions
Warmup: size, number, footing	<u>Per FEI rules/ Nat'l Championship rules. No designated grass warmup for classes at</u>	Minimum size of standard arena, <u>similar footing to main arena. No designated grass warmup for classes</u>	Minimum size of standard arena, <u>similar footing to main arena</u> – no grass competition rings <u>at any level and no</u>	Warmup must be provided but no minimum specs	Warmup must be provided but no minimum specs

	<i>any dressage level.</i>	<i>at any dressage level.</i>	<i>designated grass warmup for Level 3 classes.</i>		
Lungeing and Exercise areas	Must have separate designated exercise areas if three or more rings. Must have sep designated lungeing area	Must have separate designated lungeing area. Separate warmup required for championship entries	Must have sep designated lungeing area or lungeing not permitted in area with riders	Lungeing not permitted in area with riders	Lungeing not permitted in area with riders
Footing maintenance	History of good footing maintenance esp in inclement weather; maintenance once/hour. maintenance required at least twice daily for lower level classes	History of good footing maintenance esp in inclement weather; maintenance minimum three times/daily. Maintenance required at least twice daily for lower level classes	History of good footing maintenance, maintenance required at least twice daily.	Ring maintenance required minimum once daily.	No min requirements
Equipment for maintenance: dragging/ watering	Must have appropriate maintenance equipment for all types of footing at the competition. Watering equipment strongly recommended	Must have appropriate maintenance equipment for all types of footing at the competition. Watering equipment strongly recommended	Equipment for ring maintenance required.	Equipment for ring maintenance required.	No min requirements
Stabling (Minimum specifications apply to both on-site and off-site stabling)	Required on grounds. Minimum 3m x 3m (9.8' square). Safe, accommodate stallions No trailer in for CDI, Selection or Championship classes.	Required on grounds. Minimum 3mx3m rec; 9'x9' req. Safe, accommodate stallions No trailer in for Champ. entries	Required on grounds. Minimum 3mx3m rec; 9'x9' req. Safe, accommodate stallions	Stabling required if more than 150 horses. If offered must be per USEF rules	Stabling optional. If offered must be per USEF rules
Show office	Adequate space, internet access onsite or offsite and phone access	Adequate space, internet access onsite or offsite and phone access	Adequate space, internet access onsite or offsite and phone access	No min requirements except phone access required	No min requirements ex phone access required
Facilities (electric, water, manure disposal, restrooms)	Water availability, lighting, electric plugs convenient to stalls, stall doors provided. Sufficient number of restrooms	Water availability, lighting, electric plugs convenient to stalls, stall doors provided. Sufficient number of restrooms	Water availability, lighting, electric plugs convenient to stalls, stall doors provided. Sufficient number of restrooms	Min per current USEF rules. Min one restroom required	No min ex. per current USEF rules. Min one restroom required.

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Level 5</u> CDIs/ <i>CPEDIs</i> USEF HP Selection Trials (I1– GP, ParaEquestrian) National Championship	<u>Level 4</u> Regional Championships, HP (I1) and other competitions that (choose to) meet the criteria <i>as required or as approved by USEF (and USDF when required), upon application</i>	<u>Level 3</u> Developing Program Qualifiers (JR/YR/YA, YH & DH) and other competitions that (choose to) meet the criteria <i>as required or as approved by USEF (and USDF when required), upon application</i>	<u>Level 2</u> Other licensed Dressage shows	<u>Level 1</u> “Introduction” to Licensed Competitions
Communication	Announcer & good quality sound system req. Announcements heard through facility (incl stabling, warmup & arena/office area) Radio/cell communication w/all staff req	Announcer & sound system req. Announcements heard through facility (including stabling, warmup & arena/office area) Radio/cell communication w/all staff req	Sound system and radio/cell communication w/all staff req	Radio/cell communication w/all staff req	No min requirements
Staff	Announcer, stable mgr, awards coordinator, official's hospitality, vol coordinator req. + history of adequate staffing. Vet, EMT and farrier must be on grounds, photographer req & videographer recommended.	Announcer, stable mgr, awards coordinator, official's hospitality, vol coordinator req. + history of adequate staffing. Vet, EMT and farrier must be on grounds, photographer req & videographer recommended..	No min requirements except per current USEF rules.	No min requirements except per current USEF rules.	No min requirements except per current USEF rules.
Feed, hay, bedding availability	Adequate supply and availability required. On-site availability req for bedding only.	Adequate supply and availability required. On-site availability req for bedding only.	No min requirements except per current USEF rules.	No min requirements except per current USEF rules.	N/A

Security – nightwatch	Required	Required	Recommended	Optional	N/A
Parking for competitors, trailers and spectators	Available and organized	Available and organized	Available	Available	Available
Judges, rating and number per class	Per FEI rules/ Nat'l Championship rules	3 FEI judges required per HP rules. RC classes per Regional Championships rules	Minimum of 2 "S" Judges	No min requirements except per current USEF rules.	No min requirements except per current USEF rules.
TD	One or more "R" TD required per DR125 and FEI Steward	One or more "R" TD required per DR125	One or more per DR125	One or more per DR125	"R" or "r" DTD
Awards and ceremonies	Prizes req. per FEI rules	Prizes req. per USDF rules	No min requirements	No min requirements	No min requirements
Concessions	*Complete service required from 1 hour before competition until end *Selection of hot/cold items & beverages all meals during show hours	*Complete service required from 1 hour before competition until end *Selection of hot/cold items & beverages all meals during show hours	Food/ beverages required from 1 hour before competition until end	Food and beverages required – limited hours permitted	Optional
<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Level 5</u> CDIs/ <i>CPEDIs</i> USEF HP Selection Trials (I1– GP, ParaEquestrian) National Championship	<u>Level 4</u> Regional Championships, HP (I1) and other competitions that (choose to) meet the criteria <u>as required or as approved by USEF (and USDF when required), upon</u>	<u>Level 3</u> Developing Program Qualifiers (JR/YR/YA, YH & DH) and other competitions that (choose to) meet the criteria <u>as required or as approved by USEF (and USDF when required), upon</u>	<u>Level 2</u> Other licensed Dressage shows	<u>Level 1</u> "Introduction" to Licensed Competitions

		<u>application</u>	<u>application</u>		
Prize money	Per FEI rules/ Nat'l Championship rules	Required for Championship classes	optional	optional	Not permitted
Prize list and entry process	Online – complete listing of officials	Online – complete listing of officials	No min requirements except per current USEF rules.	No min requirements except per current USEF rules.	No min requirements except per current USEF rules.
Management	Minimum 5 years experience of both mgr and secy at USEF/USDF Dressage Competitions + apprentice at CDI	Minimum 3 years experience of both mgr and secy at USEF/USDF Dressage Competitions w/three or more rings or 200 or more horses	Minimum of 2 years experience or 4 shows prior to Nov 30 of year prior to application for both mgr and secy at USEF/USDF Dressage Comps	Experience not required	Experience not required
Manager and Secretary	separate individuals during competition. One or more full-time asst secretaries required	separate individuals during competition. One or more full-time asst secretaries required	separate individuals during competition	No req. One person may do both during comp.	No req. One person may do both during comp.
Scoring	Per FEI rules/ Nat'l Championship rules. Electronic scoreboard/ scoring rec. Announcement of provisional scores required	Class results must be posted within one hour of final ride in class	Class results of qualifying classes must be posted within one hour of final ride in class	Prompt posting but no min. requirements	Prompt posting but no min. requirements
RC qualifying classes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Year end awards scores	Yes	Yes	Yes – except for Opportunity classes	Yes – except for Opportunity classes	Yes – except for Opportunity classes
Drug rules	FEI/ Per Nat'l Championship rules	USEF	USEF	USEF	USEF
Spectator services	Required: seating at main rings, other services	required: seating at main rings	Recommended but not required	Optional	optional
Designated Competitors and Officials Feedback	Required from designated Rider and Judge	Required from designated Rider and Judge	Required from designated Rider and Judge	Required from designated Rider and Judge	Required from designated Rider and Judge
Application Approval Process	USEF	USDF regions and USDF Oversight Committee; USEF committees for HP	USDF and USEF	Jointly USDF recognized and USEF licensed	Jointly USDF recognized and USEF licensed

Computer software	Proven to produce all required FEI, USEF and USDF reports and track competition entries	Proven to produce all required USEF and USDF reports and track competition entries	Proven to produce all required USEF and USDF reports and track competition entries	No min requirements. Electronic results req. per USEF/USDF rules.	Optional. Electronic results optional.
Competitor amenities	Special events and trade fair strongly recommended	Special events and trade fair strongly recommended	Optional	Optional	Optional
Show program	required	required	required	Optional	Optional

DR127 USEF/USDF Qualifying and Championship Classes and Federation USEF/USDF National Championships for Dressage. [Chapter DR Dressage Division, Subchapter DR-I Dressage Governing Rules] **343-11 effective 2/1/12:**

4. Qualifying classes may be offered **only** at Level 1 through Level 5 Dressage Competitions. Qualifying classes may not be offered in **Regular Competitions or in** breed-restricted classes **of any Federation competition**. Qualifying classes may be offered at Training through Grand Prix levels, including USDF and FEI Freestyles, and must be the highest or single test of the level or included in a USDF-approved list of classes....

DR128 USEF National Championships. [Chapter DR Dressage Division, Subchapter DR-I Dressage Governing Rules] **345-11 effective 2/1/12:**

1. Special rules for USEF National Championship program qualifying and championship classes are listed in the Selection Procedures for each program. These documents are updated annually and posted on the USEF website.

2. For USEF qualifying for Pony Riders, Juniors, Young Riders and Brentina Cup (Young Adults), at no time during the competition, may any horse entered in a USEF Qualifying class be ridden by anyone other than the athlete entered in that class on that horse, under penalty of disqualification from the class for USEF championship qualifying purposes. For USEF championships for Pony Riders, Juniors, Young Riders and Brentina Cup (Young Adults), at no time during the competition, may any horse entered in a USEF Championship class be ridden by anyone other than the athlete entered in that class on that horse under penalty of elimination from the USEF championships. Exception: grooms riding on a loose rein. For purposes of this rule, the competition starts when horse and athlete arrive on the show grounds. This rule also applies for NAJYRC and USEF High Performance (HP) qualifying competitions and classes.

DR128 Musical Freestyle Ride [Chapter DR Dressage Division, Subchapter DR-I Dressage Governing Rules] **373-11 effective 2/1/12:**

6. Music

a. Music is mandatory. It is the responsibility of the competitor to select the appropriate music for the ride and present to competition management a compact disc (CD) recording, ~~recorded in MP3 format~~, to be given to the announcer at least two (2) hours prior to the start of the class.

DR 132 Dressage Seat Equitation [Chapter DR Dressage Division, Subchapter DR-I Dressage Governing Rules] **372-11 effective 2/1/12:**

2. Dressage Seat Medal Program

g. Championship Rules.

(3) Two Federation Registered (R) or Senior (S) judges will officiate together in each

Semi-Finals class, using the same scribes and the same class score sheet. ~~They must consult prior to arriving at scores.~~ Three Federation Registered (R) or Senior (S) judges will officiate together, as above, in each Finals class. **Judges should evaluate riders separately from different positions in the ring and then all judges must consult together prior to arriving at final scores. Finals class judges must be approved by the Federation Dressage Committee.**

DR203 Definitions. [Chapter DR Dressage Division, Subchapter DR-2 Sport Horse Breeding] **365-11 effective 2/1/12:**

3. Yeld mare-A female horse, four years old or older, which has **previously been bred but** ~~never been bred (maiden), or which~~ is not currently bred or nursing.

DR 204 Classes [Chapter DR Dressage Division, Subchapter DR-2 Sport Horse Breeding] **351-11 effective 2/1/12:**

1. Dressage Sport Horse Prospect In Hand classes may be held for Young Horses: fillies, colts, and geldings in any age groups three years old and under. Dressage Breeding Stock In Hand classes may be held for Mature Horses: mares and stallions, age groups four years old and older. Any of the following classes may be included or combined at the discretion of Competition Management with the exception that in sport horse or breeding classes (in-hand), horses of one sex shall not be judged against those of the opposite sex except in specified Group classes, Championship classes or special classes for single breeds (Individual Breed Classes), **ponies** or amateur or junior/young rider handlers. Colts and geldings may be shown together.

DR 204 Classes [Chapter DR Dressage Division, Subchapter DR-2 Sport Horse Breeding] **350-11 effective 2/1/12:**

2.d. Dressage/Sport Horse Under Saddle Classes. Horses entered in the following classes are not required to have shown in any in-hand or group classes. Classes for the same sex may be combined at the discretion of the management: Three-year-old fillies; Three-year-old colts and geldings; Four-year-old and older mares; Four-year-old and older stallions **and geldings**; Suitable to Become a Dressage Horse may also be offered as per DR131. Horses are placed and no actual scores are awarded for Suitable to Become a Dressage Horse classes.

DR204 Classes. [Chapter DR Dressage Division, Subchapter DR-2 Sport Horse Breeding] **349-11 effective 2/1/12:**

2. The following classes may be offered and may vary at the discretion of Competition Management:
h. Pony classes are limited to animals not over 148 centimeters without shoes, or 149 centimeters with shoes and otherwise in compliance with DR134. Entries in pony classes open to animals under age three must present evidence that sire and/or dam (either or both) are registered with a pony breed or have USEF Pony Measurement Certificates. **Ponies of the opposite sex may be shown together. (See DR204.1)**

CHAPTER EQ – EQUITATION DIVISION

EQ118 Requirements for Specific Classes. [Chapter EQ - Equitation Division, Subchapter EQ-3 Saddle Seat Equitation] **279-11 effective 4/1/12:**

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14. USEF SADDLE SEAT MEDAL CLASS (17 & Under and Adult/Amateur).

[...]

c. USEF SADDLE SEAT ADULT AMATEUR MEDAL CLASS. Open to Senior Active Amateur Members of the Federation. Application for membership can be made directly to the Federation or the exhibitor can join prior to the class through the competition office. ~~All ribbon winners~~ **A rider must have shown and been judged in order to** qualify for the USEF Adult Amateur Medal Final. A win does not eliminate the rider from further competition in this class for the remainder of the qualifying season. The winner will receive a Silver Medal. Two or more individual tests of the top four competitors are required. Tests 1-13 and 15-16. Judging is based 50% on railwork and 50% on individual workout. If there are more than 15 entries at the beginning of this class, it must be split and run as two separate classes. The same workout is required for both classes.

d. USEF SADDLE SEAT ADULT AMATEUR MEDAL FINAL. To be eligible, the rider must have **shown and been judged** placed in an official USEF Saddle Seat Adult Amateur Medal Class. Entries must be worked on the rail in ~~groups of 15 or less~~ and all contestants are required to perform a posted individual workout. ~~If the class consists of 12 entries or less it shall be held in a single phase. If there are 13 or more entries~~ **The class (if necessary) shall may** be run in two phases, a preliminary and a final. If only a single phase is held, final judging is based on 50% railwork and 50% individual workout. The number of riders to be selected for a final phase (if necessary) shall be at the judges' discretion and shall be based on preliminary railwork 50% and preliminary workout 50%. The final phase will be conducted in the same manner as the preliminary, except a different individual workout must be used. Each rider in the final phase must execute a posted individual workout. A rider's performance in the preliminary has equal consideration as the performance in the final phase. If a rider is called back for the final phase, the judge's opinion rests on a 25-25-25-25 analysis of the preliminary railwork, preliminary workout, final railwork, and final workout. The preliminary shall also serve as an elimination for the final phase. Winners of the Saddle Seat Adult Amateur Medal Final will be eliminated from further competition in Saddle Seat Adult Amateur Medal classes after two (2) consecutive or non-consecutive wins of the Final.

EQ118 Requirements for Specific Classes. [Chapter EQ - Equitation Division, Subchapter EQ-3 Saddle Seat Equitation] **280-11 effective 4/1/12:**

17. UPHA CHALLENGE CUP QUALIFYING CLASSES.

[...]

b. CHAMPIONSHIP ELIGIBILITY. Residency requirements pertain only to UPHA Challenge Cup Chapter Championships. Rider must compete within the Chapter in which they reside (residence to be determined by the legal voting residence of the rider's parent or guardian). The first four places in qualifying classes are eligible to compete in the Chapter Championships. Chapter Championships are optional. All UPHA Challenge Cup winners, and the first and second place winners in the Chapter Championships, are eligible for the UPHA National or Junior Challenge Cup Championships (specific qualifying procedures for the Walk/Trot, Adult, Morgan, National Show Horse and Pleasure Challenge Cup Championships are contained under their respective headings). The qualifying season for all National and Junior Championships closes ~~two (2) weeks~~ **seven (7) days** prior to the beginning of the competition at which the Championship will be held. At that time, the qualifying season for the following year will begin. All UPHA National Challenge Cup Championship winners are ineligible for further competition in UPHA Challenge Cup classes. The Junior Challenge Cup Championship winner may compete for the National Championship in a succeeding year, but is ineligible for further competition in Junior Challenge Cup classes. When entering Chapter, National or Junior Challenge Cup Championships, riders must indicate on the entry form the competition and location at which they qualified. With the inception of the 13 & Under Junior Challenge Cup Championships, the National, Morgan, Arabian Breeds, and Pleasure Challenge Cup Championships will remain 17 & under classes (as opposed to Senior, or 14-17 championships) in order to accommodate under age winners of the Junior Challenge Cup Championship in a succeeding year. Any rider regardless of age, who is qualified has the option of showing in the National Championship but a 13 & under rider may not show in both the Junior and National.

CHAPTER FR – FRIESIAN AND PART-BRED FRIESIAN DIVISION

FR107 General. [CHAPTER FR - FRIESIAN AND PART-BRED FRIESIAN, Subchapter FR-2 In Hand] **225-11** effective 4/1/12:

11. Handlers & Whip Runners: Two people are allowed per horse. One ~~shall~~ **must** be designated a handler, the other a whip runner. Each person may carry a whip (and/or the whip runner may carry one standard lunge whip). At no time may whips have any additional equipment attached to them (i.e. plastic bags, etc.). Use of bags and cans inside the arena is prohibited, and shall result in immediate dismissal from the arena. Treats are permissible in the arena. ***In amateur classes, the handler must be an amateur.***

SUBCHAPTER FR- 12 COUNTRY PLEASURE DRIVING [CH FR FRIESIAN AND PART-BRED FRIESIAN] **190-11** effective 4/1/12:

FR155 General.

- 1. It is imperative that the horse give the distinct impression of being a pleasure to drive and display a pleasurable attitude. To this end, all gaits must be performed with willingness and obvious ease, cadence, balance and smoothness.***
 - 2. Excessive knee action must be penalized.***
 - 3. Excessive speed must be penalized.***
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SUBCHAPTER FR- 12 COUNTRY PLEASURE DRIVING [CH FRIESIAN AND PART-BRED FRIESIAN] **189-11** effective 4/1/12:

FR156 Appointments.

Horses are to be shown in show harness. Bridle with blinkers, overcheck (with separate overcheck bit) or sidecheck, snaffle bit (straight or jointed) or any traditional driving bit, to a two-wheeled show vehicle, suitable to the horse. Traditional Carriage Driving vehicles are permitted. Burr, gags, and twisted wire bits are not allowed.

SUBCHAPTER FR- 12 COUNTRY PLEASURE DRIVING [CH FR FRIESIAN AND PART-BRED FRIESIAN] **191-11** effective 4/1/12:

FR157 Qualifying Gaits.

- 1. Walk - A four-beat gait, brisk, true, and flat-footed with good reach.***
 - 2. Normal Trot - A two-beat gait, to be performed at medium speed with moderate collection. The normal trot must be mannerly, cadenced, balanced and free-moving.***
 - 3. Strong Trot - This is a stronger trot, performed with a lengthened stride, powerful and reaching, at a rate of speed which may vary between horses since each horse should attain his own strong trot in harmony with his own maximum natural stride. The horse must not be strung out behind. The horse should show moderate collection without exaggeratedly high action in front. He must present a willing attitude while maintaining form. The strong trot must be mannerly, cadenced, balanced and free-moving.***
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SUBCHAPTER FR- 12 COUNTRY PLEASURE DRIVING [CH FR FRIESIAN AND PART-BRED FRIESIAN] **188-11** effective 4/1/12:

FR158 Country Pleasure Driving Class Specifications.

- 1. OPEN, MAIDEN, NOVICE, LIMIT, STALLION, MARE and GELDING classes are to be judged on attitude, manners, performance, type, quality and conformation. To be shown at the walk, normal trot and strong trot.***
 - 2. AMATEUR, AMATEUR OWNER, LADIES, GENTLEMEN and JUNIOR EXHIBITOR classes are to be judged on manners, performance, type, attitude, quality and conformation. To be shown at the walk, normal trot and strong trot.***
 - 3. JUNIOR HORSE classes are to be judged on quality, type, attitude, performance, conformation and manners. To be shown at the walk and normal trot.***
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CHAPTER HU – HUNTER DIVISION

HU127 Attire. [Chapter HU. Hunter Division. Subchapter HU-4. Attire, Tack and Equipment] **220-11 effective 4/1/12:**

1. Formal Attire. Riders are required to wear scarlet or dark coats; white shirts with white stock; white, buff or canary breeches and protective headgear. See GR801.2 All Hunter and Hunt Seat Equitation riders must wear protective headgear while jumping in accordance with General Rules, GR801.2. In classes restricted to junior exhibitors protective headgear must be worn in accordance with GR801. Members of the Armed Services or the Police may wear the Service Dress Uniform.

HU129 Ladies Side Saddle Attire. [Chapter HU. Hunter Division. Subchapter HU 4. Attire Tack and Equipment] **223-11 effective 4/1/12:**

1. Hat: ~~Black Hunting Silk Hat at least 4" high without adornments for under saddle classes. Protective headgear may be worn without penalty in the under saddle class (See GR801). Protective headgear meeting or exceeding the requirements in GR801.2 must be worn in over fences classes. See GR801.2~~

HU145 Ladies Side Saddle Classes. [Chapter HU - Hunter Division, Subchapter HU-6 Class Specifications] **262-11 effective 4/1/12:**

2. Under Saddle: To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring in formal hunting attire with appointments. See HU129-HU130. ~~Under Saddle class must be held as the first class of this section. If the Under Saddle class is not scheduled as the first class of the section, the schedule must allow at least two hours to prepare before the start.~~ To be judged on performance and soundness with emphasis on manners 75%; formal hunting attire, appointments and general overall appearance of horse and rider 25%. Judges should give particular consideration to quality, condition and cleanliness of tack. Mane and tail must be braided, (Exception: roached manes or pulled tails). Judges must line up exhibitors in order of preference before checking appointments.

HU146 Hunter Classics. [Chapter HU - Hunter Division, Subchapter HU-6 Class Specifications] **260-11 effective 4/1/12:**

3. All Hunter Classics must be conducted as a two round class. **A handy hunter round may not be used as part of a Hunter Classic.** A Hunter Classic may be conducted as a separate two round class or a designated hunter class of the specified Hunter section may be counted as the first round of the Hunter Classic. However, the second round may not be another designated class in the Hunter section, but must be held as a separate round. If a designated class is used as a first round, each round shall count 50%.

HU188 General. [Chapter HU- Hunter Division, Subchapter HU13 USHJA International Hunter Derby and USHJA National Hunter Classic] **249-11 effective 6/1/12:**

1. Classes included in the member event series to be determined annually by USHJA.
2. ~~Derbys Classics~~ Derbies may only be offered at USEF licensed "AA" competitions and competitions with special status.
3. 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.**
4. Bonus points will be awarded to each horse's respective section as declared at the time of entry except horses ridden by juniors or amateurs will be awarded points in their respective sections. The point structure will be as follows:

	Round #1	Round #2	Overall Top <u>12-20</u>
1st	150 50	150 50	300 200
2nd	140 40	140 40	275 160
3rd	130 35	130 35	250 140
4th	120 30	120 30	225 120

5th	140 25	140 25	200 100
6th	400 20	400 20	175 80
7th	90 15	90 15	150 60
8th	80 10	80 10	140 40
9th	70 7	70 7	130 28
10th	60 5	60 5	120 20
11th	50 3	50 3	110 12
12th	40 2	40 2	100 8
13th	35	35	90
14th	30	30	80
15th	25	25	70
16th	20	20	60
17th	15	15	50
18th	10	10	40
19th	10	10	30
20th	5	5	20

5. Prize Money must be distributed as follows: 30% for 1st, 22% for 2nd, ~~15~~ **13** % for 3rd, ~~10~~ **8** % for 4th, 6% for 5th, 5% for 6th, 4% for 7th, 3% for 8th, ~~3%~~ **for and** 9th, 2% for 10th, **11th and 12th**.

6. Riders, owners, and trainers must be current ~~active~~ **Active** members of USEF and USHJA before the start of the class. Horses must be recorded with the Federation and registered with USHJA.

7. Horses competing in this class must have an active recording to be eligible for Horse of the Year points (GR1110).

8. The prize money offered in this class does not count to determine the overall rating the competition. Exception: "AA" rated competitions offering \$25,000 or more in prize money.

9. Each class must have two sets of two judges, two of which must be a "R." A team of judges may include one "R" and one "r" judge.

10. Points - USHJA International Hunter Derby Finals

	Round #1	Round #2	Round #3	Overall Top-12
1st	150	200	250	400
2nd	140	175	225	350
3rd	130	150	200	325
4th	120	125	175	300
5th	110	100	150	275
6th	100	90	125	250
7th	90	80	100	225
8th	80	70	90	200
9th	70	60	80	175
10th	60	50	70	150
11th	50	40	60	140
12th	40	30	50	130

	Round #1	Round #2	Overall
1st	150	200	400
2nd	140	175 185	350 370
3rd	130	150 170	325 340
4th	120	120 155	300 310
5th	110	110 140	275 280
6th	100	100 125	250
7th	90	90 110	225 220
8th	80	80 100	200
9th	70	70 90	175 180
10th	60	65 80	150 160
11th	55	60 70	140
12th	50	55 60	130 120
13 th	45	50	120 100
14 th	40	45	110 90
15 th	35	40	100 80
16 th	30	35	90 70
17 th	25	30	80 60
18 th	20	25	70 50
19 th	15	20	60 40
20 th	10	15	50 30

CHAPTER MO – MORGAN HORSE DIVISION

MO145 General. [CH MO MORGAN HORSE DIVISION, Subchapter MO-10 Morgan Working Hunter Section] **194-11 effective 4/1/12:**

1. Open to Morgan stallions, mares and geldings. Stallions are prohibited in Ladies and Junior Exhibitor classes. Morgan Working Hunters may be any size.
2. Morgan Working Hunters are to be judged on an even hunting pace, manners, smooth and calm jumping style, and the ability to accommodate hunting type conditions. Manners are especially emphasized in Amateur, Jr. Exhibitor, and Ladies classes. Horses must be serviceably sound and all horses being considered for an award over obstacles must be jogged for soundness with the rider dismounted.
3. Morgan Working Hunter horses should stand with all four legs perpendicular to the ground in the line-up.
4. Horses may be asked to back.
5. ***In order to be eligible to accrue points for the Horse of the Year awards program, classes entered must be conducted as set forth in Subchapter MO-10 Morgan Working Hunter.***

MO146 Appointments. [CH-MO MORGAN HORSE DIVISION Subchapter MO-10 Morgan Working Hunter Section] **163-11 effective 4/1/12:**

1. Saddles must be forward seat with or without a shaped pad with a leather or leather look a-like girth, which may be cut out at the elbows, or a lonsdale, balding or string girth.
2. A breastplate is optional.
3. Martingales are optional over fences but are prohibited in Under Saddle classes, Hack and tie-breaking Under Saddle classes.
4. Bridles may be rolled or flat leather; browbands and cavessons may be of plain leather, flat, braided, raised or rolled.
5. Reins may be braided, laced or plain when used with a snaffle, pelham or hunting double bridle.
6. Bridles should be plain traditional hunting style, with biting to include snaffles or pelhams. If a full bridle (curb and bridoon) is used, the bridoon is thicker than in an English Pleasure full bridle. Excessive length of the curb shank shall be penalized. Plain cavesson nosebands are recommended. A judge may penalize for non-conventional types of bits and nosebands. Competitors may be refused an award unless they return for jogging soundness in the same bridle in which they performed.
7. Ladies' side saddles may be used, but care must be used to ensure that they are safe and fitted correctly. See HU130.

MO147 Attire. [CH MO MORGAN HORSE DIVISION, Subchapter MO-10 Morgan Working Hunter Section] **193-11 effective 4/1/12:**

1. Informal Attire. Solid or conservative plaid hunter style jacket with buttons of the same or contrasting color (not brass). Soft hue or rust breeches worn with tall boots. Soft hue or rust jodhpurs worn with jodhpur boots and garters (fastened below the knee and appropriate for young riders but not inappropriate for any age). Dark hunting caps, hunting bowlers with or without hat guards or protective headgear for adults but Jr. Exhibitors must wear protective headgear per GR801. ***All riders must wear protective headgear while jumping anywhere on the competition grounds in accordance with GR801.*** Conservative stock choker or four in hand tie with any color shirt. Gloves, hunting crop or short workman like bat optional. Unrowelled spurs with straps optional.
 2. Formal Attire.
 - a. Ladies: Black, dark blue or charcoal hunter shadbelly with matching buttons. Buff or canary breeches. Hunting top hat with optional hat guard for adults but Jr. Exhibitors must wear protective headgear per General Rules, GR801. ***All riders must wear protective headgear while jumping anywhere on the competition grounds in accordance with GR801.*** Canary vest or vest points, tall black hunt boots and gloves of black, buff or string. Whip with hunt thong or hunt bat optional. Unrowelled spurs with straps optional.
 - b. Men: Black, navy or charcoal hunter style jacket with matching buttons. Conservative four in hand tie or white stock tie. Buff or canary breeches. Black hunt boots. Dark hunting cap, bowler or protective headgear for adults but Jr. Exhibitors must wear protective headgear per GR801. ***All riders must wear protective headgear while jumping anywhere on the competition grounds in accordance with GR801.***
 3. Ladies' side saddle attire should comply with HU129.
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MO149 Courses—[CH MO MORGAN HORSE DIVISION, Subchapter MO 10 Morgan Working Hunter] **164-11** effective 4/1/12:

1. Judges are encouraged to utilize courses designed to be suitable for local conditions and the horses competing. Heights that are stated in the prize list must never be exceeded and may be less than stated height.
2. Solid, sturdy obstacles are necessary and care must always be used in the placement, design and the flow of the course. Ground lines are crucial and the obstacles should simulate those found in the hunting field—post and rails, brush, stone and brick walls, white board fences, and gates, coops, oxers, etc. Targets and striped rails are not appropriate, but can often be redecorated or camouflaged to achieve a hunter style course.
3. Horses must execute at least eight jumping attempts, and any number of fences, jumped multiple times, will suffice. A change of direction is recommended in all classes.
4. Course diagrams must be posted at least one hour prior to the class. Fences should be numbered and the direction to be taken must be noted. If courtesy circles are to be restricted by a mandatory line, that line must be clearly marked on the course diagram and a marker must be on the course.

MO149 Courses.

1. **The prize list must specify the fence heights of classes offered which must never exceed the stated height. Course diagrams must be posted at least one hour prior to the class and fences must be numbered and the direction taken noted. If courtesy circles are to be restricted by a mandatory line, the line must be clearly marked on the course diagram and a marker must be on the course.**
2. **Solid, sturdy obstacles are necessary and care must always be used in the placement, design and the flow of the course. Ground lines are crucial and the obstacles should simulate those found in the hunting field—post and rails, brush, stone and brick walls, white board fences, and gates, coops, oxers, etc. Targets and striped rails are not appropriate, but can often be redecorated or camouflaged to achieve a hunter style course. Handy class obstacles should simulate those found in hunt country. There should be at least two changes of direction and a combination.**
For In and Outs, refer to HU 123.
3. **Horses must execute at least eight jumping attempts. Any number of fences, jumped multiple times, will suffice. A change of direction is required in all classes.**
4. **Except in cases of inclement weather, broken equipment, safety reasons or similar emergency, a course must not be altered except by permission of all exhibitors. Management may substitute original obstacles if they are rendered unusable.**

MO150 Height of Obstacles [CH MO - MORGAN HORSE DIVISION, Subchapter MO 10 Morgan Working Hunter Section] **165-11** effective 4/1/12:

The following represent the fence heights of obstacles for Hunter classes:

- a. **Regular classes: 3'-3'3", maximum spread 3' ;**
- b. **Green classes: 2'6" to 2'9", maximum spread 2'6";**
- c. **Adult Amateur, Amateur Owner, Junior Exhibitor, Youth classes: 2'6" to 2'9", maximum spread 2'6";**
- d. **Pre-Green, Low, Modified, Maiden, Novice, Limit and Junior Horse: 2'3" to 2'6", maximum spread 2'3".**

MO150 Morgan Working Hunter Class Specifications—[CH MO MORGAN DIVISION Subchapter MO-10 MORGAN WORKING HUNTER SECTION] **192-11** effective 4/1/12:

1. **Under Saddle**—Horses to be shown at a walk, trot, canter, and hand gallop both ways of the ring. For safety reasons, the judge may limit the number of horses to hand gallop at one time. Excessive speed at the hand gallop should be penalized. Light contact is required and the horse should be responsive, obedient, alert and move freely. Horses should not be eliminated for slight errors.
2. **Hunter Hack**—Horses to be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Horses are then individually asked to jump two fences and gallop one way of the ring. Fences—1'6" to 2'6".
3. **Bridle Path Hack**—Hunter type horse to be shown at a walk, trot canter and hand gallop both ways of the ring. To back easily and stand quietly while rider dismounts and mounts.

Emphasis is placed on actual suitability to purpose.

4. Hunter classes may include, but are not limited to: Regular Working, Amateur/Owner, Adult Amateur, Youth, Jr. Exhibitor, Green, Pre-green, Schooling, Warm-up, Special, Maiden, Novice, Limit, Junior and divisions relating to the sex of the horse or rider, or the size of the horse.

5. Course designers should be encouraged to be conservative with fence heights not to exceed 3'6". If local conditions reveal active working hunters then more serious heights may be utilized but these should be balanced with classes of lesser height. The prize list wording can say "fences not over (given Height)" and this allows a variable fence height to be used. It would be unwise to state a bigger height than you would expect to use, as you would discourage potential exhibitors who might not attend at all.

6. Handy class obstacles should simulate those found in hunt country. There should be at least two changes of direction and a combination. Horses may be asked to lead over an obstacle.

7. Ins and outs should be as described in HU123.

8. Except in cases of inclement weather, broken equipment, for safety reasons or similar emergency, a course must not be altered except by permission of all exhibitors. Management may substitute original obstacles if they are rendered unusable. Exhibitors are encouraged to be as flexible as possible.

MO151. Class specifications

1. Hunter classes may include any of the following: ~~but are not limited to:~~ Regular Working, Amateur/Owner, Adult Amateur, Youth, Jr. Exhibitor, Green, Pre-green, Modified, Low, ~~Schooling, Warm-up, Special,~~ Maiden, Novice, Limit, Junior Horse and divisions relating to the sex of the horse or rider, and/or the size of the horse.

a. Regular Working: open to any horse of any age. To be judged on performance, manners and soundness.

b. Green Working: open to any horse in its first or second year of showing at any licensed competition in over fence classes which are 2'9" or higher. To be judged on performance, manners and soundness.

c. Adult Amateur, Amateur Owner, Junior Exhibitor, Youth: to be judged on performance, manners and soundness.

d. Pre-Green, Low, Modified Maiden, Novice, Limit, and Junior Horse: to be judged on performance, manners, and soundness.

e. Under Saddle - Horses to be shown at a walk, trot, canter, and hand gallop both ways of the ring. For safety reasons, the judge may limit the number of horses to hand gallop at one time. Excessive speed at the hand gallop should be penalized. Light contact is required and the horse should be responsive, obedient, alert and move freely. Horses should not be eliminated for slight errors.

f. Hunter Hack - Horses to be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Horses are then individually asked to jump two fences 1'6" - 2'6" in height and hand gallop one way of the ring.

g. Bridle Path Hack-Hunter type horse to be shown at a walk, trot, canter and hand gallop both ways of the ring. To back easily and stand quietly while rider dismounts and mounts. Emphasis is placed on actual suitability to purpose.

CHAPTER RD – ROADSTER DIVISION

RD110 Roadster Horse to Bike. [Chapter RD - Roadster Division, Subchapter RD-3 Class Specifications] **289-11 effective 4/1/12:**

7. UNITED STATES TROTTING ASSOCIATION ROADSTER CLASSIC. Open to Standardbreds registered with the USTA or SC. In order to be eligible, a copy of the registration papers must accompany the entry and the ownership must be both updated and correct prior to the nomination closing date. Horse cannot have been shown in any Roadster Class prior to the ~~closing~~ **post entry** date of the preceding year's Kentucky State Fair Horse Show. Horse owner must be current member of both the United States Trotting Association (USTA) and the American Road Horse and Pony Association (ARHPA). Horses will be inspected at the competition for proper identification prior to the class. Driver must be a member of the ARHPA. To be shown first at a jog-trot and road gait, then reversed and shown at a jog-trot, road gait and then at speed. To be judged on performance, speed, quality and manners. For complete details on this class contact ARHPA, 177 East 2nd Street, Maysville, KY 41056.

CHAPTER SB – SADDLEBRED HORSE DIVISION

SB104 Appointments [Chapter SB - Saddlebred Horse Division, Subchapter SB-1 General Qualifications] **324-11** effective 4/1/12:

1. Horses shall be shown without artificial appliances (e.g., wired ears) **and nontraditional tack. Anything that alters the intended use of equipment as provided for in the description of appointments for a given class is considered to be an artificial appliance. All artificial appliances other than those permitted are prohibited. Bandages, tail sets, chains or other training devices are prohibited in the competition ring.**
2. Inconspicuously applied hair in mane or tail, a tail brace and mouth controls are permitted. **Exceptions: See Pleasure sections.**
3. In the event a horse has lost the sight in one eye, it must appear to have vision and may be shown with an artificial eye or contact lens. Use of contact lenses or eye prosthesis for any other use than stated is prohibited. **For loss of sight in both eyes see SB103.2**
4. Quarter boots and **bell boots** are permitted in Five-Gaited, Fine Harness and Roadster Classes.
5. In case of inclement weather, the use of polo boots or bandages may be permitted provided competition management publicly announces it before a class. **Extremes of temperature of climatic conditions may modify dress requirements at the judge's discretion.**
6. Any artificial change of color or markings (other than mane or tail) is prohibited.
- ~~7.~~ 7. Electronic communication devices used for purposes of coaching, etc., between competitors and individuals outside the ring shall be prohibited in all classes in the Saddlebred Division. Exempt from this rule are riders and drivers who have been granted a presidential modification in accordance with GR151.

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SB153 Classes Offered and Specifications. [Chapter SB - Saddlebred Horse Division, Subchapter SB-8 English Show Pleasure] **326-11** effective 4/1/12:

1. THREE-GAITED ENGLISH SHOW PLEASURE. Shown at a flat walk, trot and canter. Judged 75% on manners, performance, presence and quality; 25% on total conformation.
 2. **ENGLISH SHOW PLEASURE WALK/TROT. For riders 12 years of age and under. Riders must not have ever been judged in a class at a licensed or non-licensed competition that required a canter. To be shown at a flat walk and trot. Will not be asked to back. Horses must stand quietly in the lineup. Headers will be permitted in the lineup and will be called in by the announcer after the class has lined up and before they are judged. One attendant without whip will be permitted to head each horse during the lineup. To be judged on manners, performance, presence, quality and conformation.**
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SB164 Appointments. [Saddlebred Horse Division, Subchapter SB-9 English Country Pleasure] **325-11** effective 4/1/12:

- Entries must be penalized for incomplete appointments but not necessarily disqualified.
1. ~~Hunter Equipment and Attire:~~ Hunter pleasure horses shall be shown with hunter-style equipment, including a forward or balance seat saddle. **Exception: an appropriate style side saddle is permitted.** ~~and A snaffle bridle,~~ a snaffle **bridle**, pelham with two reins, kimberwicke bits or a full bridle (curb and snaffle). If a full bridle is used, it must be of hunter style and excessive length of curb shank shall be penalized. Breast plates are permissible, but martingales are prohibited.
 2. Attire shall be traditional hunter-style jacket, breeches or hunter jodhpurs, dark hunting cap, derby or protective headgear and appropriate boots. Tall dress or tall field boots are preferred as traditional. Paddock or jodhpur boots with matching half chaps are permitted, although not considered as traditional. A stock, choker or four in hand with any color shirt is correct. Shadbellies are prohibited. **Exception: a side saddle rider may wear a skirt, divided skirt, or apron.**
 3. In all classes, gloves, hunter crop or bat, spurs and appointments are optional. Junior riders shall wear headgear with protective harness attached when mounted.
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CHAPTER WL – WELSH PONY AND COB DIVISION

WL104 Artificial Appliances and Irritants. [Chapter WL Welsh Pony and Cob Division, Subchapter WL-1 Sections A and B General Qualifications] **234-11 effective 4/1/12:**

Any pony wearing ~~tumbuckles~~, equipment or devices other than ~~those~~ permitted in specific classes and any pony showing evidence of the use of ginger or other irritants to produce a higher tail carriage than ~~the natural position~~ shall be disqualified from the class ~~in which it is competing~~.

WL115 General [Chapter WL Welsh Pony and Cob Division, Subchapter WL-3 Sections A and B Performance Classes] **233-11 effective 4/1/12:**

1. Stallions may be shown in Ladies and Junior Exhibitor classes unless the prize list stipulated otherwise.
 2. Classes for adult riders must be offered separately from those for junior riders. In all driving classes, Sections C and D classes, and Half-Welsh classes juniors and adults may compete together. Suitability is to be emphasized in all classes.
 3. Classes are open to stallions, mares and geldings. To be judged 75% on performance, manners and style; 25% on breed type, conformation, quality and finish with emphasis in the order listed under recommended classes unless otherwise specified. Working classes are to be judged 100% on performance.
 4. To be eligible for any Stake class, a pony must have been entered, shown and judged in at least one qualifying class judged under the same specifications.
 5. All performance classes will be divided by height **whenever possible**. Refer to WL102.4.
 6. **A minimum of three classes must be offered in each section. Model classes do not count toward the minimum requirement.**
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WL131 Artificial Appliances and Irritants. [Chapter WL Welsh Pony and Cob Division, Subchapter WL-4 Sections C and D Welsh Cob] **237-11 effective 4/1/12:**

Any Cob wearing ~~tumbuckles~~, equipment or devices other than those permitted in specific classes and any Cob showing evidence of the use of ginger or other irritants to produce a higher tail carriage than the natural position shall be disqualified from the class in which it is competing.

WL139 General. [Chapter WL Welsh Pony and Cob Division, Subchapter WL-6 Section C and D Welsh Cob Performance Classes] **238-11 effective 4/1/12:**

1. The Welsh Cob is strong and proud going and his competition ring training should be aimed at developing his natural and characteristic action to its best expression. Suitability of the Cob and its action for the type of job at hand is essential. Open to Stallions, Mares and Geldings.
 2. To be judged 75% on performance, manners, and style; 25% on breed type, conformation, quality, and finish with emphasis in the order listed under recommended classes unless otherwise specified. Working classes are to be judged 100% on performance. See WPCSA Sanctioned Show Rules-Performance Division. Stallions may be shown in Ladies and Junior Exhibitor classes unless the prize list stipulates otherwise.
 3. To be eligible for any Stake class, a Cob must have been entered, shown and judged in at least one qualifying class judged under the same specifications. When three or more classes are offered in a section, the Championship must be awarded on a point basis, using 5, 3, 2 and 1 values for first through fourth places.
 4. A Model class open to all Welsh Cobs is prohibited. One may be offered, however, in each of the classifications listed below. The Model class must be offered in addition to the required number of classes for the section and will receive half points. To be shown in halter or bridle without quarter boots. To be judged on type, conformation and finish. To be moved on the line. Suitability to be emphasized in all classes.
 5. If separate classes in the Section C and D Welsh Cob division are not offered for Junior and Adult riders, then they may show together. Juniors and Adults may also compete together in driving and Half-Welsh classes.
 6. **A minimum of three classes must be offered in each section. Model classes do not count toward the minimum requirement.**
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