

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2025	8/28/2024	

Rule Change Intent

There has been an increased use of artificial materials in the schooling/exercise/warm-up arenas at hunter competitions, including lattices. There have been reported instances of these materials exceeding fence heights of the poles on standards, creating a potential safety hazard for horses and riders. In addition, these materials are expandable, meaning the areas which open could cause a horse to get their hooves caught. It has also been shared that wire is being used to wrap ivy and other greenery around the lattice, creating an additional safety concern. The National Hunter Committee recommends prohibiting these materials in the schooling/exercise/warm-up arenas in the interest of safety.

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Linked Rules	Comments
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Appendix A. USEF Hunter Schooling Rules

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22. The use of materials which proves dangerous is forbidden, *this includes but is not limited to lattices.*

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