

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2025	12/18/2024	

Rule Change Intent

The current rule regarding the wearing of numbers does not cover all instances and is limited in scope. This wording requires numbers to be worn and visible whenever the horse or pony is outside of their stall or away from their trailer, in the event of non-stabled horses. The identification of all horses is imperative for safety, horse welfare and biosecurity issues.

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Linked Rules Comments

HJ 106 Riding and Lunging Areas.

1. Riding or lunging may not occur in a riding or lunging area that has been closed for use. Lunging is not permitted in the same area in which horses are being ridden; riding is not permitted in the same area in which horses are being lunged. The prize list must specify the dimensions of each riding and lunging area at the facility.

2. **Show numbers must be worn at all times and visible when the horse is out from its stall, or, in the case of haul-ins, out of the trailer.**

(renumber accordingly)

2.3. Definitions

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c. **Schooling Area or Warm-up Area:** A designated area on the competition grounds in which horses are being prepared to compete. A schooling area is required to be designated with signage and on the facility map for each competition ring, and located in close proximity to the competition ring it serves. ~~All horses in the schooling area or warm-up area must have its show number attached to the horse or the individual riding or handling.~~ Any horse without its correct number will be asked to leave the area. Premier competitions must offer a separate schooling area for hunters, jumpers and ponies if running concurrently. At all other ratings, it is recommended that separate schooling arenas be provided for hunters. A separate schooling area and jumps should also be provided for ponies. Schooling areas must be available one hour prior to the start of the first scheduled class until the end of the last scheduled class in the competition ring for which the schooling area is designated. When utilizing an indoor ring as a competition ring, the competition may use schooling breaks between sections within the competition schedule for each day to comply with this Standards requirement. Schooling areas for hunters must contain adequate standards, jump cups and hunter-type rails to make a minimum of a trotting fence, a vertical and an oxer. See also HU Appendix A.

d. **Exercise Area:** A designated area on the competition grounds in which horses at the competition may be exercised, or lessons may be held, both on the flat and over fences. ~~All horses in the exercise area must have its show number attached to the horse or the individual exercising.~~ Any horse without its correct number will be asked to leave the area.

e. **Lunging area:** An area designated on the competition grounds that is used to safely lunge horses on the flat only. ~~All horses being lunged in the designated lunging area, or anywhere else on show grounds, must have its show number attached to the horse or the individual lunging.~~ Any horse without its correct number will be asked to leave the area.