

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2025	7/2/2024	

Rule Change Intent

At recent events horses have been allowed to compete with open but nonbleeding sores on their sides. This rule will better define what is acceptable and what is not when in compitiion. It is unacceptable for horse to be allowed to compete with open sores whether bleeding or not. If we want to keep our Social License fo Operate this rule must go forward.

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Linked Rules	Comments
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Committee Actions

## EQ 104 Horse Welfare (see also GR839)

1. The following acts are prohibited:
  - a. Riding an exhausted horse.
  - b. Lunging a visibly exhausted horse.
  - c. Excessive pressuring of a tired horse.
  - d. Riding or lunging an obviously lame horse.
  - e. Chasing a horse with a whip or other inappropriate use of the whip.
  - f. Appendages and attachments are prohibited, including but not limited to bags and flags.
  - g. Excessive and/or disruptive crackling of the whip.
  - h. Excessive use of a whip on any horse in a stall, aisle, schooling area, competition ring or elsewhere on the competition grounds. The use of a whip must be for a good reason, done at the appropriate time, in the proper place and with appropriate restraint. Excessive whipping will not be tolerated.
  - i. Any striking of the horse's head (on the poll or forward of the poll) shall be deemed excessive.
  - j. Repeated jerking on the reins and sawing on the bit unless applied to an unruly horse that is jeopardizing its own safety or the safety of its rider.
  - k. Improper use of the bit resulting in bleeding, broken skin or broken mucous membrane.
  - l. Excessive use of the spurs or spurring resulting in broken ~~and~~ **or** bleeding skin.