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Rule Change Intent

In rule change #179-23 (effective 12/1/24), athlete change of intent was accidentally removed from runouts. The proposed adds back the language from the 2024 rulebook, as athletes should be allowed to change their mind without being penalized. To provide clarity for athletes and licensed officials, "Missed Marker" is being moved to section 2. "Disobediences", so it is contemplated with the other types of disobediences (refusals and runouts). Additionally, under missed marker "shoulder" is being updated to align with the FEI rule, as was the intent of the rule change. The update clarifies that in order to clear an obstacle, points of both shoulders must pass between the Obstacle markers, not just one shoulder.

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2. DISOBEDIENCES (REFUSALS, and RUN-OUTS, and MISSED MARKER).

a. Refusals.

1. At Obstacles or elements with height exceeding 30 cm, a Horse is considered to have refused if it stops in front of the Obstacle to be jumped.
2. At all other Obstacles 30 cm or less in height, a stop followed immediately by a standing jump must not be penalized. If the halt is sustained or in any way prolonged, it is considered a refusal. The Horse may step sideways but if it steps back, even with one foot, it is considered a refusal.
3. A second refusal is considered any attempt by the Athlete to reattempt the Obstacle or element without success or if the Horse is represented at the Obstacle after stepping back, stopping, or step backs again.

b. Runouts. A Horse is considered to have run-out if, having been presented at an Obstacle on the course, it avoids it in a way that the head, neck, and point of either shoulder fail to pass between the Obstacle markers or the hindquarters do not jump the height of the solid part of the Obstacle. Continuing on course without representing will incur Elimination. ***An Athlete is permitted to change their mind as to where they jump an Obstacle or element at any time without penalty for a run-out, including because of a mistake at a previous Obstacle or element.***

c. ***MISSED MARKER. To clear an Obstacle, the Horse's head, neck, and points of both shoulders must pass between the Obstacle markers. If the marker is dislodged, the hindquarters must jump the height of the solid part of the Obstacle. If the Obstacle is not navigated as described a 15-point penalty must be assessed.***

d. At an Obstacle composed of several elements (e.g., A, B Obstacle), a Horse may be Disobedient and refuse or run-out twice in all before being Eliminated.

~~5. MISSED MARKER. To clear an Obstacle, the Horse's head, neck, and shoulder must pass between the Obstacle markers. If the marker is dislodged, the hindquarters must jump the height of the solid part of the Obstacle. If the Obstacle is not navigated as described a 15-point penalty must be assessed.~~

~~6.~~ 5. ADDITIONAL ATTEMPTS AT OBSTACLES COMPOSED OF SEVERAL ELEMENTS.

- a. It is permitted, but not required, after a Disobedience at an Obstacle composed of several elements for an Athlete to retake any element already jumped in order to complete the negotiation of the Obstacle. The Athlete may be penalized for any additional fault even if it is at an element previously jumped successfully.
- b. After a Disobedience, when necessary to negotiate the next Obstacle, it is permitted

for an Athlete to pass through markers in the wrong direction.

~~7.~~ **6. WILLFUL DELAY.** An Athlete is considered to have willfully delayed their finish if, between the last fence and the finish line, the Horse halts, walks, circles, or serpentines. The Athlete may be penalized for a Disobedience at the discretion of the Ground Jury.

~~8.~~ **7. RULE INTERPRETATION.** If rule clarification is necessary for the judging of an Obstacle, the Technical Delegate, as directed by the Ground Jury, must provide the clarification and sketch, if necessary. This information must be shared with Athletes at the briefing or as soon as possible.