

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
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Rule Change Intent

The conflict of interest rules for apprentices should mirror the current conflict of interest rules for licensed officials. For example, Judge licensed official applicants should not apprentice classes where a conflicted individual is participating, whereas Steward, Technical Delegate, Certified Schooling Supervisor, and Course Designer licensed official applicants should not apprentice at competitions where a conflicted individual is participating. In addition, clarification should be added that apprentices should not have other duties at the competition, such as acting as the Manager, Secretary, Vet, etc. Although this has been a best practice suggested by the Licensed Officials Department, those restrictions should be included within these rules as well.

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Linked Rules	Comments
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Committee Actions

GR1006 Apprentice

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5. Conflict of Interest

- a. Individuals ~~may~~ **must** not apprentice, ***shadow judge, sit-in, etc.*** with a family member, cohabitant, companion, domestic partner, housemate, member of the household, client, employer, or employee. ~~Any violation of this rule will lead to the apprenticing experience not counting towards licensing requirements. Apprenticing experience completed in violation of this rule will be considered an extra apprentice experience.~~
- b. An individual shall not apprentice at a Federation licensed competition where a family member, cohabitant, companion, domestic partner, housemate, member of the household, client, employer or employee is competing. ~~Any violation of this rule will lead to the apprenticing experience not counting towards licensing requirements. Apprenticing experience completed in violation of this rule will be considered an extra apprentice experience.~~ ***Judge applicants must not apprentice in any classes where a family member, cohabitant, companion, domestic partner, housemate, member of the household, client, employer, or employee is competing.***
- c. ***Steward, Technical Delegate, Certified Schooling Supervisor, or Course Designer applicants must not apprentice at a Federation licensed competition where a family member, cohabitant, companion, domestic partner, housemate, member of the household, client, employer, or employee is competing.***
- d. An individual cannot compete in the same competition at which they apprentice, ***shadow judge, sit-in, etc.***
- e. ***Apprentices are not permitted to act as Competition Staff, Manager, Secretary, Directors, Officers, Chairman of the Show Committee, or Veterinarian at the same competition.***
- f. ***Any violation of this rule will lead to the apprenticing experience not counting towards licensing requirements. Apprenticing experience completed in violation of this rule will be considered an extra apprentice experience. In relation to this rule, the term apprenticing also applies to shadowing, observing, and the like.***