

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
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Extraordinary Change Reason

Cruelty and abuse rules should be expanded for the safety and welfare of horses.

Rule Change Intent

When an animal has an injury to its side(s) as a result of spurs and causes raw or bleeding sores, this should be considered cruelty and abuse. Currently, the rules only state that competing with raw or bleeding sores around the coronets, pasterns, or legs is considered cruelty and abuse. A raw or bleeding sore as a result of spurs can be harmful to an animal and should be included within the applicable rules.

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Linked Rules

Comments

GR838 Cruelty to and Abuse of a Horse

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5. Any action(s) against a horse by **any person a competitor**, which are deemed excessive by a Federation judge, Federation steward, technical delegate, or competition veterinarian, in the competition ring or anywhere on the competition grounds **or evidence of action(s) described above on a horse on competition grounds** may be punished by official warning or elimination ~~which may be deemed appropriate by the Show Committee~~. Such action(s) could include, but are not limited to excessive **or inappropriate** use of **equipment, including but not limited to** the whip or spurs. **Evidence may include raw, bleeding, or irritated skin, or welts consistent with excessive use or inappropriate use of equipment.**