

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2024	8/23/2023	Referred 6/17/2024

Rule Change Intent

With mules now permitted to compete at USEF and USHJA jumper competitions, hunter and hunter equitation horses competing at the same shows are automatically in a position to stall, school, and be around mules participating in jumper classes. Dressage has incorporated mules into their sport for 20yrs and has set a precedent for successful subjective scoring of mules and horses in the same classes. With mules having the same capabilities as horses over fences as well as on the flat, there is little reason not to allow them to compete equally against one another in the hunter and equitation rings just as they do in the jumper and dressage rings. Not to mention that expanding participation for mules encourages growth within the sport, especially at the lower levels.

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Linked Rules	Comments
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- Committee Actions
- Council - Natl Breed & Discipline
 - Driving
 - Friesian
 - National Hunter Committee
 - National Show Horse
 - Natl Breed & Disciplines Council - Advisory
 - USDF
 - USHJA

GR127 Horse

1. The term "horse" as used in these rules denotes either a horse or pony.
2. In all levels of all Federation licensed Driving and Endurance Competitions and in the case of any other Federation Rule as it relates to the Driving or Endurance disciplines as the context permits it, the term "horse" shall also include a mule. See DC Annex 9, EN102.1.
3. Mules are also eligible to compete in ***hunter, hunter and jumper seat equitation***, jumper, and dressage classes with the exception of the following dressage classes:
 - a. USEF Championships, USEF qualifying and selection trials, and observation classes;
 - b. any other classes designated as qualifying or selection classes for international or international high performance competition, and championships where such participation is prohibited in the championship selection procedures. See DR119.1.

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Rule Change Intent

In an effort to protect the health and well-being of all horses at a licensed competition, any equine on competition grounds with a temperature over 101.5°F shall be reported to competition management or the official/competition veterinarian. The competition veterinarian will determine if the febrile equine needs to be moved to isolation. Isolation and further treatment of the febrile horse will assist in the prevention of disease agent spread to other horses on competition grounds. Reporting febrile equines and their treatment to the Federation will further aid in the overall efforts in protecting the health of our equine athletes.

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Linked Rules	Comments
GR 845 (076-23)	

- Committee Actions
- American Saddlebred
- Andalusian/Lusitano
- Arabian
- Carriage Pleasure Driving
- Competition Management
- Connemara
- Council - Intl Discipline
- Council - Member Services
- Council - Natl Breed & Discipline
- Dressage
- Driving
- Endurance
- Eventing
- Friesian

Hackney

Human and Equine, Safety & Welfare

Jumper

Licensed Officials

Morgan

National Hunter Committee

National Show Horse

Natl Breed & Disciplines Council - Advisory

Paso Fino

Roadster

Saddle Seat Eq

Shetland

USDF

USEA

USHJA

Vaulting

Veterinary

Welsh

Western Committee

Western Dressage

SUBCHAPTER 8-H EQUINE HEALTH AND ISOLATION

GR 873 Mandatory Reporting of Febrile Horses

- 1. The trainer, as defined by Federation rules, or the owner if the trainer is unavailable, or the rider if the trainer and owner are both unavailable, shall notify the competition veterinarian and Competition Management as soon as possible but no later than two hours after detection of any febrile horse or pony. A febrile horse or pony is one with a temperature above 101.5 °F. If a febrile horse or pony is detected outside of competition hours or before the competition begins, notification must occur as soon as possible but no later than two hours after the competition begins.*
- 2. ~~The competition veterinarian~~ Competition Management must report to the Steward/Technical Delegate and Competition Management as soon as possible but no later than 2 hours after notification.*
- 3. The competition veterinarian must determine if isolation and/or further treatment or testing of the febrile horse or pony is appropriate.*
- 4. Febrile horses and ponies are required to be reported to the Federation's Equine Health and Biosecurity Veterinarian. See GR874*.*

*GR874 is contained with Tracking 83-23