



Process to Relieve a Suspended Horse from Suspension

When an individual is placed on suspension, any horse or horses, owned by him or her, shown in any name of his or hers, or for his or her credit or reputation, whether such interest was held at the time of the violation or acquired thereafter, will be placed on suspension for the same time period. For purposes of suspension, the term 'owned by him or her' is defined in [Chapter 1, GR140.1](#).

The Hearing Committee has the authority to remove the suspension of a horse(s) if it is demonstrated to its satisfaction that a sale or transfer was made by a suspended individual, partnership, or corporation in such a way as to be a bona fide transaction and not with the intention of relieving the suspended owner of penalty. The Hearing Committee understands that between the time of the violation and the time a suspension is served, the individual may have legitimately sold or leased horse(s) under his/her ownership. The Suspension Relief Process allows new owners or lessees the opportunity to demonstrate to the Hearing Committee that they acquired the horse(s) through a bona fide transaction and therefore the horse(s) should not be placed on or should be removed from suspension.

Required Documents:

1. A letter from the New Owner or Lessee requesting that the horse be removed from suspension or if the suspension has not yet occurred a request to keep the horse in good standing. This letter should include details on how the horse was purchased as well as details on the relationship (or lack thereof) between the suspended individual and the New Owner or Lessee.
2. A bona fide Bill of Sale if the horse has been sold. If the horse is being leased a copy of the signed lease must be submitted.
3. Proof of payment if the horse has been sold, this would include the front/back of a cancelled check; wire transfer information; or bank records verifying the payment. If the horse is being leased proof that the payment terms of the lease are being fulfilled.
4. Verification that a transfer of ownership is recorded with the Federation, if the horse was sold. If a transfer of ownership has not been completed, then the proper applications and fees ([USEF Horse Services Applications](#)) must be submitted with the request. If the horse is being leased, the lease must be officially recorded with the Federation such that our records will indicate the Lessee as the owner for the term of the lease. *Please be advised that if the suspension term continues after the end date of the lease, the horse would be placed on suspension the following day unless a new request for relief is sought.*

In order to request relief for a suspended horse, please forward the above documents to the Regulation Department at the contact information listed below.

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