

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Extraordinary	12/1/2023	8/25/2023	Approved 11/13/2023

Extraordinary Change Reason

The ability for the Federation to consider prize money offerings in excess of \$500 has been in place via a Presidential Modification since its effective date of May 2, 2023. This has provided competition organizers who operate smaller competitions with more incentive to license or to continue to license their competitions with USEF. It is important that this proposed rule change be considered to allow the process to continue following the expiration of the Presidential Modification.

Rule Change Intent

The prize money cap for Local Competitions has been at \$500 for 41 years (since 1982), however, the cost of living and the value of incentives have increased significantly in that time. In many cases, total prize money and the total value of in-kind gifts awarded at non-USEF licensed competitions exceed this \$500 threshold. Additionally, there are competitions that have wanted to be a part of the USEF environment at the Local or USEF Lite level, but since many of those competitions have traditionally offered moderate prize money totals in excess of \$500, they have not been allowed to do so. A Presidential Modification was issued in May of 2023 to allow the Federation to consider prize money and in-kind gift value in excess of \$500 for a single competition while still taking into consideration that the Local license is reserved for smaller and more "entry-level" competitions. This proposal is submitted to allow the Federation to continue to provide consideration for competition organizers to offer moderately higher prize money amounts and to allow Local competitions to remain relevant in today's competition environment.

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Linked Rules	Comments
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SUBCHAPTER 3-B COMPETITION CLASSIFICATION

GR310 Restrictions on Local Competitions

1. ***Unless otherwise approved by the Federation no later than 60 days prior to the start of the competition***, the total cash prizes shall not exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00), except Open Western Division (see GR310.5), 100% sweepstakes, and Reining Competitions; not including value of trophies offered. For Hunter and/or Jumper Lite competitions, the value of any in-kind gifts and awards shall count toward the total amount of prize money offered and, ***unless otherwise approved by the Federation no later than 60 days prior to the start of the competition***, cannot exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) total for the competition.
2. The designation Local Competition must be stated on the cover of the prize list.
3. The Federation and applicable Federation Recognized Affiliate Association non-member/Show Pass fee will not apply.
4. Local Competitions benefit from all the general rules of the Federation and must abide by applicable division rules unless class specifications are printed otherwise in the prize list.
5. Western Division competitions may retain Local Competition status regardless of the amount of prize money offered.
6. Hunter Division competitions or competitions restricted to Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation must obtain a Regular Competition License or a Lite competition license. Competitions offering any Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation Medal classes with a National Year-End Final are not eligible for Lite competition status and must obtain a Regular competition license.