

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD
REGARDING 2024 COMPETITION CALENDAR IN CALIFORNIA
(2023-01)**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (the “Federation Board”) empowered its Chief Executive Officer to contemporaneously review all Hunter, Jumper, and Hunter/Jumper Licensed Competitions in California occurring in the 2023 competition year, i.e. December 1, 2022 – November 30, 2023, and populate the calendar in the 2023 competition year following said review in accordance with the 2023 California Hunter, Jumper, Hunter/Jumper Calendar Policies and Procedures.

WHEREAS, the 2023 Hunter, Jumper, and Hunter/Jumper licensure process for Licensed Competitions occurring in California was successful and therefore, it is the desire of the Federation to undergo a similar process for the first trimester of the 2024 competition year in California.

WHEREAS, the Federation Board wishes to empower its Chief Executive Officer to contemporaneously review all Hunter, Jumper, and Hunter/Jumper Licensed Competitions in California occurring in the first trimester of the 2024 competition year, i.e. December 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024, and populate the calendar in the first trimester of the 2024 competition year following said review.

WHEREAS, prior to 2023, the California Hunter, Jumper, Hunter/Jumper competition licensure process has faced complications due to (i) the unique geography of California in regards to the application of the mileage rule; (ii) scarcity of competition venues and the high cost of land on which to develop equestrian competition venues resulting in a high concentration of equestrian competition venues within close proximity to one another, often within the mileage boundary of one another; (iii) the limited ability for new organizers to enter the marketplace and stunted diversity in the competition calendar; and (iv) the fact that existing organizers do not fully offer what is required in order to develop horse and human athletes.

WHEREAS, a singular review of all relevant Hunter, Jumper, and Hunter/Jumper competitions taking place within California from December 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024, will provide the Federation the most universal consideration of the competition landscape in that region.

WHEREAS, Chapter 3 of the Federation’s General Rules govern the licensure of Federation Competitions and relevant mileage restrictions and Priority Date Holder status, including GR302 – License Application Policies and Procedures; GR314 – Mileage; and GR315 – Mileage Exemption.

WHEREAS, in order to contemporaneously consider all Mileage Exemption Requests and License Renewal requests for Hunter, Jumper, and Hunter/Jumper Licensed Competitions taking place within California from December 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024, certain portions of GR302 must be modified, including the following:

1. Amending GR302.1.d as follows: Holding of License Applications. License applications for competitions unable to be approved for any reason, excluding mileage conflicts and competitions that are awarded through a bid process, will be sent written notification by the Competitions Department and held for a period of 30 calendar days from the date of that notification to allow the competition in question to submit the information required, seek alternative dates, or make other license modifications. At the end of the 30-day period, if the

application has not been completed or the 30-day period has not been extended by the Competition Licensing Department following the submission of a written request, the application will be considered to have been withdrawn and the dues will be refunded less a withdrawal fee pursuant. **Exception: License renewals and new applications without mileage conflict for 2024 competitions in the first trimester in California will be held no later than September 1, 2023.**

WHEREAS, in order to contemporaneously consider all Mileage Exemption Requests for Hunter, Jumper, and Hunter/Jumper Licensed Competitions taking place within California from December 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024, certain portions of GR315 must be modified, including the following:

1. Amending GR315.3.b as follows: "If the Priority Date Holder(s) does not agree to the exemption request, then the Applicant shall submit the Mileage Exemption Request Form to the Federation ~~in accordance with these rules~~. The Applicant shall submit the Mileage Exemption Request Form, fully completed, to the Federation **by no later than June 1, 2023** ~~no earlier than 360 calendar days and no later than 180 calendar days before the start date of the proposed competition~~. The fully completed Mileage Exemption Request Form must be accompanied with the non-refundable application fee. A mileage exemption request will not be accepted unless the Mileage Exemption Request Form is fully completed and the application fee is paid in full. Within 21 days of acceptance of a properly submitted request and application fee, the Federation will notify the Applicant and the Priority Date Holder(s) that the request is being processed. The notification will include a copy of the submitted Mileage Exemption Request Form and a Mileage Exemption Response Form for the Priority Date Holder(s) to complete. The Priority Date Holder(s) has 10 calendar days from the date of the Notification letter to submit to the Federation, with a copy to the Applicant, a fully completed Mileage Exemption Response Form. The Priority Date Holder(s) must provide written comments explaining the basis for their objection to the mileage exemption request, based on the criteria listed in paragraph 2 above."
2. Amending GR315.3.c as follows: In the case of mileage exemption renewal requests where an agreement has been reached with the affected competition(s), the following applies: ~~Upon~~ **Within 15 calendar days** of receipt of a completed Mileage Exemption Response Form and the terms and conditions of an agreement, **submitted to the Federation by no later than June 1, 2023**, if such agreement was reached between the affected parties, the request will be reviewed by the Federation and a determination will be made whether to grant the renewal request **by no later than September 1, 2023**.
3. Amending GR315.3.d as follows: In the case of first time mileage exemption requests or renewal requests where an agreement could not be reached with the affected competition(s) or the affected competition(s) failed to timely respond **within 10 days**, the following applies: ~~Within 10 calendar days of receipt of a completed Mileage Exemption Response Form from Priority Date Holder(s) objecting to the request, or the expiration of the 10 day response period if no completed Mileage Exemption Response Form is submitted~~, the Federation will notify the applicable Recognized Breed/Discipline Affiliate and provide all documentation received in the process from any party. Within the time prescribed by the Federation, the applicable Recognized Breed/Discipline Affiliate is invited to submit written feedback for consideration by the Federation in reaching a decision whether to approve or disapprove the request, including specific feedback on the criteria listed in paragraph 2 above. If the Federation learns that an individual with a conflict of interest was present when an Affiliate considers its recommendation under this Chapter, then such recommendation will not be considered by the Federation.

4. Amending GR315.8 as follows: The Federation will provide a written decision to the Applicant and Priority Date Holder(s) **by no later than September 1, 2023.**

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Federation Board, effective immediately, empowers its Chief Executive Officer to contemporaneously review all Mileage Exemption Requests and License Renewal Requests for Hunter, Jumper, and Hunter/Jumper Licensed Competitions in California occurring within the first trimester of the 2024 competition year and approves the following modifications to GR302 and GR315, specifically for the purpose of considering said Mileage Exemption Requests and License Renewal Requests.

1. **GR302.1.d.** Holding of License Applications. License applications for competitions unable to be approved for any reason, excluding mileage conflicts and competitions that are awarded through a bid process, will be sent written notification by the Competitions Department and held for a period of 30 calendar days from the date of that notification to allow the competition in question to submit the information required, seek alternative dates, or make other license modifications. At the end of the 30-day period, if the application has not been completed or the 30-day period has not been extended by the Competition Licensing Department following the submission of a written request, the application will be considered to have been withdrawn and the dues will be refunded less a withdrawal fee pursuant. Exception: License renewals and new applications without mileage conflicts for 2024 competitions in the first trimester in California will be held no later than September 1, 2023.
2. **GR315.3.b:** If the Priority Date Holder(s) does not agree to the exemption request, then the Applicant shall submit the Mileage Exemption Request Form to the Federation. The Applicant shall submit the Mileage Exemption Request Form, fully completed, to the Federation by no later than June 1, 2023. The fully completed Mileage Exemption Request Form must be accompanied with the non-refundable application fee. A mileage exemption request will not be accepted unless the Mileage Exemption Request Form is fully completed and the application fee is paid in full. Within 21 days of acceptance of a properly submitted request and application fee, the Federation will notify the Applicant and the Priority Date Holder(s) that the request is being processed. The notification will include a copy of the submitted Mileage Exemption Request Form and a Mileage Exemption Response Form for the Priority Date Holder(s) to complete. The Priority Date Holder(s) has 10 calendar days from the date of the Notification letter to submit to the Federation, with a copy to the Applicant, a fully completed Mileage Exemption Response Form. The Priority Date Holder(s) must provide written comments explaining the basis for their objection to the mileage exemption request, based on the criteria listed in paragraph 2 above.
3. **GR315.3.c:** In the case of mileage exemption renewal requests where an agreement has been reached with the affected competition(s), the following applies: Upon receipt of a completed Mileage Exemption Response Form and the terms and conditions of an agreement, submitted to the Federation by no later than June 1, 2023, if such agreement was reached between the affected parties, the request will be reviewed by the Federation and a determination will be made whether to grant the renewal request by no later than September 1, 2023.
4. **GR315.3.d:** In the case of first time mileage exemption requests or renewal requests where an agreement could not be reached with the affected competition(s) or the affected competition(s) failed to timely respond within 10 days, the following applies: The Federation will notify the applicable Recognized Breed/Discipline Affiliate and provide all documentation received in the process from any party. Within the time prescribed by the Federation, the applicable Recognized Breed/Discipline Affiliate is invited to submit written feedback for consideration by the Federation in reaching a decision whether to approve or disapprove the request, including specific feedback on the criteria listed in paragraph 2 above. If the

Federation learns that an individual with a conflict of interest was present when an Affiliate considers its recommendation under this Chapter, then such recommendation will not be considered by the Federation.

5. **GR315.8:** The Federation will provide a written decision to the Applicant and Priority Date Holder(s) by no later than September 1, 2023.

Any departure from these modifications must be approved by the Federation Board.

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution presented to and adopted by the Federation's Board of Directors at a Meeting duly called and held in person at the 2023 Annual Meeting on the 14th day of January, 2023, at which a quorum was present and voted, and that such resolution is duly recorded in the minutes.

Recording Secretary:



Karen Adams