



February 14, 2025

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Sent via email: bmoroney@usef.org

Dear Bill:

Thank you for submitting your request for a Presidential Modification to the application of GR1004.2 and GR1304. A Presidential Modification is granted in cases of extraordinary, special circumstances. When measured against that criterion, it has been determined that your request meets the standard for a Presidential Modification and therefore is approved.

As a result, the officiating rules for Academy classes will be modified as outlined in the attached document for the 2025 and 2026 competition years and until such time as a standard rule change proposal can be proposed to officially amend these officiating rules.

Please feel free to contact the Federation office if you need further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas F. X. O'Mara'.

Thomas F. X. O'Mara
President

Attachment: Modified rule references, GR1004.2 and GR1304

cc: Alina Brazzil, Licensed Officials Director
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Modification to GR1004 and GR1304

GR1004 General

2. ~~With the exception of those who have been issued Guest and/or Special Cards (see GR1005, GR1011, GR1015, GR1024, and GR1025)~~ Only licensed officials in good standing may officiate at Licensed Competitions in those divisions covered by the rules and specifications of the current Rulebook.

Exceptions to this rule include specific Exhibition classes, Academy classes, Guest Cards, and Special Cards, see below.

- a. Unless stated otherwise, judges for Exhibition classes for Breed, hunter, jumper, or Western are not required to be licensed by the Federation nor is the competition required to obtain a guest card for the judge.
- b. ***Academy Classes - Except for Federation licensed Dressage competitions, an individual may officiate in Academy classes held at a USEF licensed competition without a current USEF judge's license under the following conditions:***
 - a. ***The individual must be a Federation Senior Competing Member in good standing.***
 - b. ***The Competition Manager is responsible for ensuring the individual has knowledge of equestrian sport and the rules associated with officiating in Academy Classes.***
 - c. ***The Competition Manager must report the name and contact information of the individual(s) who officiates Academy classes to the Federation with the post competition results.***
 - d. ***The individual, any of their family members, their clients or employees, clients of the individual's trainer, or the individual's horse, cannot compete in the Academy Classes at a competition where they are officiating in Academy Classes.***
- c. ***Guest Cards and Special Cards – see GR1005, GR1011, GR1015, GR1024, and GR1025 for applicable restrictions and eligibility.***

GR1304 Regulations Governing Showing Under Judges, Stewards, and Technical Delegates

1. See also GR1039, GR1040, GR1041, and GR107. ***See GR1004 for conflict of interest restrictions for individuals officiating Academy classes.***