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REVISION SUMMARY

Revision	Date	Summary of Change
0	1 Dec 2016	Original Issue
1	1 Dec 2017	
2	1 Dec 2018	
3	1 Dec 2019	
4	1 Dec 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preface: Eliminated option of print version of Rule Change Proposal Form. Change proposals must be submitted electronically.</li> <li>• 1.5: Horse requirements are clarified to include schooling rides as well as competing horses.</li> <li>• 1.7d: Two youth can share the same horse if competing in L1.</li> <li>• 2.5. 4.9: Redacted to eliminate reference to two national organizations.</li> <li>• 3.20i: Scorer may not compete in a competition in which he/she scores tests.</li> <li>• 4.8.3: Clarified handling ties for Cattle trial.</li> <li>• 6.5: Competitors may not school on an EOH or Speed course at any time.</li> <li>• 8.4: Riders. may compete as individuals in the Cattle trial.</li> <li>• 8.6: Updated list of DQs to include team member's horse crossing into the herd zone as described in 8.4, Trial Execution.</li> <li>• 8.7: Specified scoring for individual scoring vs. team scoring in Cattle trial. Clarified handling ties.</li> <li>• App A, L1 test: Clarified movements 4 thru 6.</li> <li>• App B, 4b, 5b, 6b, 7b, 8b, 10b, 11b, 20b: Added L2/L3 riders to ask permission to move on when dropping a part of an obstacle (to be consistent with 6.6).</li> <li>• App B, 8b: Added requirement for when pole that cup is placed on is knocked down (to be consistent with 10b and 11b)</li> <li>• App B, 10a: Dimensions specified are for outer rails.</li> <li>• App B, 13b: Clarified execution of Double Slalom.</li> <li>• App B, 15a: Eliminated higher jump option for L7.</li> <li>• App B, 20b, c: Clarified execution and assessment criteria for Move Sack.</li> <li>• App C: New Cattle Trial Individual Scoresheet and Team Scoresheet. Modified Final Competition Placement form for Teams.</li> <li>• App F: Protest Form redesignated as Appendix F.</li> </ul>
4.1	16 Jun 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3.7: Veterinarian can be on call for all licensed competitions. Veterinarian must be on site to perform inspections for championship shows.</li> <li>• 3.19: Farrier can be on call for all licensed competitions.</li> </ul>



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Riders are obliged to register correctly under penalty of not being allowed to compete at the competition, must comply with the Rules, and accept all of the decisions of the Jury, Technical Delegate, Paddock Officers, and the Appeals Committee.

Riders have a right of inquiry, protest, and appeal on the issues covered by these rules as defined in Section 4.9.

### **3.6 Trainers and Handlers**

Trainers are defined as persons who give lessons or technical advice to the competitor and/or instruct the horse or rider/horse in question. Handlers are defined as persons who assist in caring for and preparing the horse at a competition.

Each rider is entitled to bring a Handler and a Trainer who may be present in the zones adjacent to the arena (stall area and paddock), provided that they are properly identified and have signed a liability release. During course walks, the Trainer may accompany the Rider. Riders under 18 years of age may be accompanied during the course walk by a parent or other representative if a Trainer is not present.

Trainers and Handlers may not, under any circumstances, speak to the Judges or officers during the performance of the trials.

### **3.7 Veterinarian**

**For all licensed competitions, it is recommended that a licensed Veterinarian be on site. If not present at the site of a competition, a licensed Veterinarian must be on call. For championship competitions, a licensed Veterinarian must be on site to perform the veterinary inspection regulated under Section 4.3.**

The Veterinarian is responsible for the well-being of horses during the trials. Upon detecting a clinical problem with a horse, the Veterinarian must inform the President of the Jury and/or the Technical Delegate. Any horse withdrawn or disqualified from the trial for a clinical problem may only re-enter the arena with the authorization of the Veterinarian.

### **3.8 Paddock Steward**

The Paddock Steward coordinates the competitors' entrance into the arena based on their entry order.

The Paddock Steward inspects each competitor before and after the trial, verifying that equipment, tack, and attire are in accordance with Rules requirements. Competitors with inappropriate equipment/attire will be given the opportunity to correct the deficiency and will be placed at the end of the scheduled ride order. Final authorization of the tack, attire, and condition of the horse is the duty of the Judge and/or Technical Delegate. The responsibility for correct attire and equipment rests with the competitor. Any bit inspection must be conducted using a new pair of disposable gloves for each horse. When communicable disease is a concern,

### 3.17 Emergency Medical Personnel

Emergency Medical Personnel are recommended onsite at all A-rated and championship competitions. An on-call number must be posted for B-rated competitions.

### 3.18 Foul Line Judge

In the Cattle trial, a Judge is placed at the foul line with an unobstructed view of the entire line to identify riders and/or cattle that cross the line inappropriately. The Foul Line Judge is the official timekeeper. A backup timer must be present. Backup time is only used if the Foul Line Judge's timer fails; the times are not averaged.

### 3.19 Farrier

A Farrier is recommended to be on site during all licensed competitions. If not present on site, a Farrier is required to be on call.

### 3.20 Conflict of Interest Restrictions

- a. Show Manager. The Show Manager may not compete in any A-rated show or above that he/she is managing. Show Managers may compete in B-rated shows with the following provisions:
  - They must designate a surrogate to resolve any issues that may arise during the time they are competing.
  - They cannot serve on the Protests Committee to resolve any competition disputes that arise.
  - They cannot be involved in course design. If they receive a course design map in the course of show preparation, they must make that map available immediately to all competitors.
- b. Judge. A Judge may not compete at any competition in which he/she is judging. A horse owned or leased by a Judge may not compete in any competition under that Judge.

The following individuals may not compete under a Judge:

- A person with whom the Judge has a close personal relationship (e.g., family member, domestic partner, business partner, etc.).
- A trainer, coach, or student of a Judge within 30 days of the competition. Conducting clinics or providing assistance in group activities, unless private instruction is given, is not considered instruction.
- An employer or employee of a Judge.
- Anyone who has purchased a horse from or sold a horse to a Judge within 90 days of the competition.
- Anyone who has leased a horse to/from a Judge within 90 days of the competition.

A Judge must notify show management of any conflict(s) of interest that may arise.