



USA WORKING EQUITATION



YELLOW CARD

A Yellow Card is a warning issued to a competitor for *incorrect behavior* at a USAWE-licensed competition by the competitor and/or by a member of the competitor's *entourage*.

Incorrect behavior refers to actions or conduct that go against the accepted norms, rules, or etiquette of the event. It can include anything that disrupts the event; disrespects Licensed Officials, show management, staff, volunteers, or other participants; compromises the welfare of the horses; or creates an unsafe environment.

Entourage is defined to mean the competitor's parent, spouse or partner, family member, coach, trainer, groom, crew, or other person directly connected with the competitor and includes the owner(s) of the competitor's horse.

Only a Judge, Technical Delegate, or Show Manager may issue a Yellow Card. An infraction witnessed by a member of the show staff, e.g., the Gate or Paddock Steward, must be brought to the TD for action.

The original copy of the signed Yellow Card is given to the competitor at the competition either in person or by any other suitable means, including by posting on the door of the stall where the competitor's horse is kept. A signature must be obtained if possible. If the competitor has left the showgrounds, the Yellow Card will be delivered by certified mail, return receipt requested, to their last known address within 14 days of the event.

The TD must send a copy of the Yellow Card to the Competitions committee (competitions@usawe.org).

Incorrect Behavior

Bullying or Harassment: Any form of bullying, harassment, or intimidation directed toward Licensed Officials, show management, staff, volunteers, or fellow participants, whether riders, trainers, or support staff, is inappropriate and unacceptable.

Neglecting Horse Welfare: Failure to provide proper care for horses, including inadequate feeding and/or watering. This is not only considered abuse but can also result in health issues and compromised performance.

Unsportsmanlike Conduct: Engaging in unsportsmanlike conduct, such as cheating, sabotaging competitors, or attempting to manipulate results, in a manner that undermines the integrity of the competition.

Violating Safety Rules: Ignoring safety protocols, such as lunging or riding recklessly in a warm-up arena, refusing to leave a warm-up area when directed by show staff or Licensed Official, or failing to reasonably control horses in the area outside of the competition arena or stabling area, that can put riders, horses, and others at risk.

Inhumane Training Methods: Using abusive or inhumane training techniques that cause physical or emotional harm to the horse in a manner that is generally accepted as unethical and inappropriate.

Ignoring Show Officials: Unreasonably disregarding the instructions or decisions of show officials in a manner that can disrupt the smooth running of the event.

Public Intoxication or Drug Use: Intoxication or drug use, legal or illegal, that endangers or disrupts the participant, horses, or fellow participants in the events. Any drug or alcohol use, legal or illegal, that violates the requirements and rules of the facility where the event is being held.

Disruptive Spectator Behavior: Shouting, using offensive language, or engaging in aggressive or intimidating behavior towards show management, participants, officials, or other spectators that creates a negative atmosphere at the horse show.



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Date		Reporting Official	
Event Name			
License No.		Location	

Competitor:		USAWE Member No.	
Horse's Name		Horse's Recorded No.	

Issued to: Competitor Member of Competitor's Entourage

Offense: *Check all that apply:*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Neglecting Horse Welfare
<input type="checkbox"/>	Violating Safety Rules
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ignoring Show Officials
<input type="checkbox"/>	Disruptive Spectator Behavior

<input type="checkbox"/>	Unsportsmanlike Conduct
<input type="checkbox"/>	Inhumane Training Methods
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Intoxication or Drug Use
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bullying or Harassment

<input type="checkbox"/>	Other
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Detail of offense(s): *(use additional sheets if necessary)*

Signature of Official _____

Signature of Competitor _____

If unable to obtain the competitor's signature, a copy will be sent to the competitor's registered address via certified mail.

The competitor is entitled to appeal the issuance of this Yellow Card. The appeal must be in writing, signed, accompanied by a fee of \$150 made payable to USAWE, and mailed to 5006 Forsythe Place, Boulder, CO 80303 within 7 calendar days of the conclusion of the competition.