

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
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Rule Change Intent

The intent is to establish a non-measuring and measuring "r" TD license. Stewards already have this option and Dressage "r" TDs should also be considered for this. After the initial TD training, there are no longer live onsite educational oportunites for pony meaurment review. 3 year testings after never measuring a pony are doomed to initial failure and cause anxiety and stress. Now that there are penalites for incorrect Dressage pony measurements, only those "r" TDs who routinely measure ponies or those desiring to measure ponies should have a measuring certification. All "R" TDs should be mandated to hold this certification.

USEF has discontinued live pony measurement clinics in favor of 3-year testing protocol. After the initial TD clinic, there are no opportunities for a hands on review. Most "r" TDs will not have measured any ponies within their 3 year certification. To require pony measuring without a live refresher course and just a testing is unfair and does not improve the ability for confidence in measuring. With the addition of penalties for any TD whose measurement is not correct, it is time to have only "R" and those "r" TDs who feel confident in pony measurement to have this certification. There should be a non-measuring and measuring "r" TD license.

Having "R" and those "r" Dressage TDs who frequently measure dressage ponies being separately certified and responsible should reduce any chance for an incorrect measurement. Most "r" TDs may never measure a pony or at best have very limited experience. Having the same option as Stewards for a measuring and non-measuring license will alleviate the stress for those TDs who do not routinely measure ponies.

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Linked Rules	Comments
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Committee Actions

3. Measurement Officials

a. Measurements must be conducted by an eligible Dressage Technical Delegate who is certified by the Federation ***and possesses the Dressage pony measurement credential*** to conduct Dressage pony measurements and is officiating at the competition, as well as the Competition Veterinarian.