

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2024	2/1/2024	

Rule Change Intent

January 1, 2023, FEI updated their definition of Adult Amateur in the Dressage Rulebook. To keep USEF rules consistent with FEI rules, a change of the USEF Adult Amateur definition is warranted. FEI Dressage Rules (page 64) – Annex 3 – Amateurs Article 2 – CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION 2. Amateur’s license - Eligibility The Athlete must possess a valid Amateur’s license granted by their NF. The Amateur’s license must be renewed by the NF every year. The NFs are responsible for verifying all the data provided by the Athlete. An Amateur’s license can only be granted by NFs to the Athlete who has signed a statement that the Athlete does not earn most of his/hers income from within the sport such as giving riding lessons, training Horses for third parties, professional Horse dealing/breeding, doesn’t hold any valid riding instructor/trainer license and did not get an education as a professional rider/trainer less than 5 years ago and is no longer working as such, etc. The buying and selling of Horses, as well as receiving prize money in cash, are not forbidden providing they do not constitute the Athlete’s main source of income. An Amateur’s license cannot be granted or can be suspended in the following cases: - The Athlete participated in international non-Amateur Grand Prix Competitions in Grand Prix or Grand Prix Special with a result of 68% and over more than twice in the last year. The rider is not eligible to get an Amateur’s license for 5 (five) years from the date when the second result was earned. - The Athlete participated in FEI Senior Continental Championships on Grand Prix level, World Championships, World Cup Finals, Olympic Games in the discipline of Dressage within the last 5 years.

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Linked Rules	Comments

Committee Actions	
Dressage	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/01/2023	Draft 1: Needs further discussion after input from affected parties.
Morgan	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/28/2023	Draft 1: The committee feels this would prohibit amateurs from competing at the highest level of competition.
USDF	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/18/2023	Draft 1: This RCP raises some interesting points that merit consideration but needs additional and broader consideration by stakeholders.

DR 119 Participation in Dressage Competitions

3. For purposes of competition in the Dressage Division: Individuals are eligible as Juniors until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 18. Individuals are eligible as Young Riders from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 16 until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 21. Competitors shall compete as Adults from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 22. Individuals possessing current amateur certification are only eligible as Adult Amateurs from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach age 22.

Amateur status is not granted or will be suspended in the following cases:

- 1. The Athlete participated in International non-Amateur Grand Prix Competitions with a rating of 3* or higher and earned two scores of 68% or more in the ~~in~~ Grand Prix or Grand Prix Special with a result of 68% and over more than twice in the last year while competing in those international events. The rider is not eligible to receive Amateur status for 5 (five) years from the date when the second result was earned.*
- 2. The Athlete participated in FEI Senior Continental Championships on Grand Prix level, World Championships, World Cup Finals, Olympic Games in the discipline of Dressage within the last 5 (five) years.*