

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

Rule Change Intent

Stewards would like more definitive parameters on when it's appropriate to arrange an appointment for a competitor to meet with the judge(s). Coordinating a meeting at the conclusion of the horse's rounds, and the classes the horses competed in that day, is preferable and encouraged. Having this procedure more detailed is beneficial for Stewards, who are the go-between for judges and competitors.

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Linked Rules	Comments
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Committee Actions

American Saddlebred	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/27/2023	Draft 1: The committee feels that this could influence future classes at the competition. The committee might be in favor if the wording was updated to state that judges are not required to meet with competitors.

Andalusian/Lusitano	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/12/2023	Draft 1: The committee would approve of this rule if it was changed to the horse must be done competing for the competition, not just the day.

Arabian	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/14/2023	Draft 1: The committee feels that a meeting with the judge should not take place until after the horse and exhibitor are done competing at the show and that the rule needs to list that a judge is not required to meet with exhibitors.

Carriage Pleasure Driving	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/29/2023	Draft 1: The committee would approve of this rule change if it specified that the meeting would take place at the finish of the competition.

Competition Management	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 01/08/2024	Draft 1: Committee felt that there is no need to change this rule.

Connemara	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/13/2023	Draft 1: The committee feels that the rule as currently written is sufficient as it allows for flexibility as conditions vary widely across different breeds and disciplines.

Dressage	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/01/2023	Draft 1: The first sentence should remain as originally written. Additionally, the added sentence in this proposal is unnecessary and does not work for all breeds and disciplines

Driving	
Draft 1: No Action	

Eventing	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/28/2023	

Friesian	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/28/2023	Draft 1: The committee would approve of this rule change if it included more details and specified that the meeting would take place at the finish of the competition for the both the horse and the rider.

Hackney	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/21/2023	Draft 1: The committee feels that the current system for requesting a meeting with a judge is sufficient. They don't experience issues with this within their breed.

Jumper

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/24/2023

Draft 1: The JSC would approve if an exception was added for JP 144.2 in the sentence regarding having the meeting take place after the horse has finished competing for the day. JP 144.2 refers to having the meeting take place as soon as feasible. Wording for JP 144.2 is as follows: 2. Scoring Irregularities. Possible violations, such as judges' or time-keepers' incorrect application of class conditions, etc., must be reviewed, as soon as feasible, by a committee consisting of the judges, Federation steward, a representative of management and the exhibitors directly concerned, and every effort should be made to find a mutually satisfactory solution.

Licensed Officials

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/19/2023

Morgan

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/28/2023

Draft 1: The committee feels that this rule change would create an unfair advantage to those exhibitors meeting with the judge before the completion of the competition and think it is crucial to not allow meetings with the judge until the end of the entire competition.

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/18/2023

National Show Horse

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/29/2023

Draft 1: The committee would approve of this rule change if it specified that the meeting would take place at the finish of the competition for both the horse and the rider.

Paso Fino

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/19/2023

Roadster

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/15/2023

Draft 1: The committee feels strongly that language should be included to state that judges are not required to meet with exhibitors.

Saddle Seat Eq

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/20/2023

Draft 1: The committee would be in favor if additional language were added to state that judges are not required to meet with exhibitors.

Shetland

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/14/2023

Draft 1: The committee would approve the rule if it was changed to the exhibitor is done competing at the competition.

USDF

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/18/2023

Draft 1: As written, this RCP would not work for Dressage, as it might be entirely appropriate for such a meeting to take place after a competitor has completed showing before the judge involved but still competing in front of another judge. We believe that the current rule is sufficient and works well.

USEA

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/10/2023

USHJA

Welsh

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/12/2023

Western Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/20/2023

Draft 1: The committee would approve of this rule change if it specified that the meeting would take place at the finish of the competition for the particular entry. The committee feels that the rule change as proposed provides an unfair playing field and the potential for a perception of bias.

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/27/2023

Draft 1: The committee would approve of this rule change if it included more details and specified that the meeting arrangements are set-up in agreeance with the judge. Also, that is preferable for the meeting to take place at the finish of the competition for the specific horse and rider pair.

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8. No one shall approach a judge with regard to a decision unless they first obtain permission from the Steward, or Technical Delegate who shall arrange an appointment with the judge ~~at a proper time and place~~. The Steward or Technical Delegate shall *arrange the meeting and* be present for the meeting. *The meeting must take place after the horse involved in the matter has finished competing for the day.* No exhibitor has the right to inspect the judge's cards without the judge's permission. **See also JP144.2.**