

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2024	8/21/2023	

Rule Change Intent

The Licensed Officials Department has received questions regarding the interpretation of the mileage and day restriction conflict of interest rule for Hunter and Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation Judges. This rule is intended to clarify how the restriction is implemented in relation to Federation licensed rated hunter and hunter/jumper competitions.

As proposed, this rule would allow Hunter Judges to officiate back-to-back weeks within a 125 radial miles so long as they do not officiate the same section when the section is rated the same.

In the following examples, Week 1 and Week 2 are within 125 radial miles and 20-days of each other. Please note that sections at Hunter competitions are no longer referred to as "A" or "AA" rated. As defined in GR312, certain hunter sections and classes will hold the same rating of the competition (Premier, National, or Regional).

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Linked Rules	Comments

Committee Actions

Intent Guide:

Hunter Judges		
Week 1	Week 2	Permitted or Not Permitted?
Officiate the Premier 3'6" Performance Hunter section	Officiate the National 3'6" Performance Hunter section	Permitted
Officiate the Premier 3'6" Performance Hunter section	Officiate the Premier 3'6" Performance Hunter section	Not permitted (same section with same rating)
Officiate the Premier 3'3" Performance Hunter section	Officiate the National 3'6" Performance Hunter section	Permitted
Officiate the Premier Performance Hunter section	Officiate the Premier Regular Pony Hunter section	Permitted
Officiate the Premier Performance Hunter section	Officiate the Regional Performance Hunter section	Permitted
Officiate the Premier rated International Hunter Derby class	Officiate the National rated National Hunter Derby class	Permitted
Officiate the Premier rated International Hunter Derby class	Officiate the Premier rated International Hunter Derby class	Not permitted (same Derby class with same rating)
Officiate the National rated International Hunter Derby class	Officiate the Regional rated National Hunter Derby class	Permitted

Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation Judges		
Week 1	Week 2	Permitted or Not Permitted?
Officiate the USEF Hunter Seat Medal class at a Premier rated competition	Officiate the USEF Hunter Seat Medal class at a National rated competition	Not permitted (same class)
Officiate the ASPCA Horsemanship class at a Premier rated competition	Officiate the USEF Hunter Seat Medal class at a Premier rated competition	Permitted
Officiate the USEF Hunter Seat Medal class at a Premier rated competition	Officiate the USEF Hunter Seat Medal class at a Regional rated competition	Not permitted (same class)

Rule Change Proposal:

GR 1039.3

~~3. A judge may not officiate more than one time within 125 radial miles during any 20 day period in the following circumstances:~~

- ~~a. In any one of the following classes at Premier and National rated competitions: ASPCA Horsemanship, Washington International Horse Show Equitation, USEF Show Jumping Talent Search, or the USEF Hunter Seat Medal at Premier or National rated competitions~~
- ~~b. In the same "A", Premier, or National rated section (Exception: Federation Licensed Special Competitions).~~
- ~~c. In the Andalusian/Lusitano, Arabian, Friesian, Hackney, Morgan, National Show Horse, Roadster, or American Saddlebred division or section.~~

3. Within 125 radial miles during any 20-day period:

a. Hunter Judges are:

- i. Prohibited from officiating the same section at the same rating.**
- ii. Prohibited from officiating the same USHJA Hunter Derby class (Pony, National, or International) at the same rating.**
- iii. Exception: Hunter Judges officiating at Federation Licensed Special Competitions are not restricted by this rule.**

b. Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation Judges are:

- i. Prohibited from officiating the same ASPCA Horsemanship, Washington International Horse Show Equitation, USEF Show Jumping Talent Search, or USEF Hunter Seat Medal class. Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation Judges may officiate different classes more than once during that period.**

c. Judge are prohibited from officiating more than once in the Andalusian/Lusitano, Arabian, Friesian, Hackney, Morgan, National Show Horse, Roadster, or American Saddlebred division.

d. Judges are prohibited from officiating more than once in the same "A" rated section.