

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

Rule Change Intent

In an effort to increase the pool of licensed Stewards and Technical Delegates (TDs) and to provide individuals interested in becoming stewards and TDs with officiating experience, the Federation approved the use of Applicant Stewards and Applicant TDs (subject to completion of certain requirements and training including Safe Sport, background check, and educational modules) to officiate at USEF Lite Competitions. This also helps USEF Lite competition organizers, who are often working with limited resources, offset the cost of hiring a steward or TD and provides them with a larger pool of eligible individuals who are in closer proximity to their competition. Since performing Federation measurements takes specialized training and additional certification (even for already licensed Steward and TDs), it would not be prudent to mandate the requirement for measurement cards at USEF Lite competitions for those classes limited by size of horse or pony. Many participants at USEF Lite competitions are not interested in using the competitions for purposes of earning points or qualification, but even if they are using USEF Lite competitions for eligibility for a USEF licensed championship or final, they would have to have possession of a valid Federation measurement card in order to be able to enter and compete at said championship or final, so those individuals will still have to be compliant with the measurement rules.

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Linked Rules	Comments
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Committee Actions	
American Saddlebred	<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/27/2023
Andalusian/Lusitano	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action 12/12/2023
Arabian	<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 12/14/2023
Carriage Pleasure Driving	<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/29/2023
Competition Management	<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Disapproval 01/08/2024 <b>Draft 1: The committee felt that this would undermine the measurement process. A pony's history will be compromised if it competes in the wrong height in Lite and moves to a Regular competition where measurement is required for height restricted classes and it changes height section.</b>
Connemara	<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 12/13/2023
Dressage	<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Disapproval 12/01/2023 <b>Draft 1: For any competition offering classes that are limited by size, it is inappropriate to not require proof of animal's height and creates a very dangerous precedent.</b>
Driving	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action
Friesian	<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/28/2023
Hackney	<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/21/2023
Licensed Officials	<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/28/2023
Morgan	<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/28/2023

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/18/2023

National Show Horse

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/29/2023

Paso Fino

Draft 1: No Action 12/19/2023

Roadster

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/15/2023

Saddle Seat Eq

Draft 1: No Action 11/20/2023

Shetland

Draft 1: No Action 12/14/2023

USDF

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/18/2023

Draft 1: Allowing a competition to hold height restricted classes without requiring the entered horse or pony to have verification of their height is an extremely bad precedent to set. Competitions must require a basic standard of verification if they are allowed to offer height restricted classes and if it is too onerous for them to do so, they can choose not to offer such classes.

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/07/2023

Draft 1: This rule change undermines/cheapens the license and training of stewards. It also undermines the measurement system. How will a pony's history be addressed if they compete in the wrong height in life and then move to the recognized environment when the measurement will be required. There is a method in place to prove measurement and people trained to measure. They should be used. Measurement needs to be administered by a qualified steward fully able to fulfill a steward's responsibility.

Welsh

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/12/2023

Draft 1: The committee felt that this rule change may be confusing to exhibitors as WPSCA sections do require measurement cards. The committee feels that this exception should be stated explicitly within the language of the rule.

Western Committee

Draft 1: No Action 12/20/2023

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/27/2023

## SUBCHAPTER 3-B COMPETITION CLASSIFICATION

### GR310 Restrictions on Local Competitions

[...]

7. Lite. Beginning December 1, 2022, Lite Competitions are a subtype of Local Licenses and are to be conducted in accordance with the General Chapters and applicable breed/discipline Chapter, except as stated otherwise below (Exception: Open Dressage classes are not permitted to be held at Lite Competitions):

[...]

#### **7. Measurement**

***a. A Federation measurement card or form is not required for entry into Lite classes restricted by the height of the horse or pony. However, horses and ponies must be within the correct height range when competing in classes restricted by height.***

### AR162 Height of Obstacles

1. Regular Hunter Divisions/Classes to be determined as follows (Note: any class offered at an AHA approved show that does not specifically adhere to the following nomenclature and specifications will be considered an unrated class):

[...]

k. 14.2 hands and under Working Hunter Over Fences - Open - 2'6" - must have a Federation measurement card or a Federation valid measurement form issued by the Federation in accordance with AR159.4. **Exception: ~~In Lite Competitions. (see GR310.7)~~ A Federation measurement card or form is not required for entry into Lite classes restricted by the height of the horse or pony. However, horses and ponies must be within the correct height range when competing in classes restricted by height.**

l. 14.2 hands and under Working Hunter JTR, AATR, ATR, AOTR - 2'3" - must have a Federation measurement card or a valid Federation measurement form issued by the Federation in accordance with AR159.4. **Exception: ~~In Lite Competitions. (see GR310.7)~~ A Federation measurement card or form is not required for entry into Lite classes restricted by the height of the horse or pony. However, horses and ponies must be within the correct height range when competing in classes restricted by height.**

m. 14.2 hand and under Green Hunter over Fences - Open - 2'3" - must have a Federation/EC measurement card or a valid Federation measurement form issued by the Federation in accordance with AR159.4. **Exception: ~~In Lite Competitions. (see GR310.7)~~ A Federation measurement card or form is not required for entry into Lite classes restricted by the height of the horse or pony. However, horses and ponies must be within the correct height range when competing in classes restricted by height.**

Horses never to have been shown over fences at Federation licensed Arabian competitions...

### CO103 Showing

[...]

***6. A Federation measurement card or form is not required for entry into Lite classes restricted by the height of the horse or pony. However, horses and ponies must be within the correct height range when competing in classes restricted by height.***

#### CP114 Classification by Size

[...]

**7. A Federation measurement card or form is not required for entry into Lite classes restricted by the height of the horse or pony. However, horses and ponies must be within the correct height range when competing in classes restricted by height.**

#### FR105 Purebred Friesian

1. Purebred Friesians should be black, sun fading is permissible. Mares and geldings that are overall colored as chestnut or brown are permissible, though not desirable, and shall be penalized accordingly. Stallions that are overall colored as chestnut or brown shall be severely penalized. A small star on the forehead and obvious injury spots due to blanket or equipment rubs are permissible.
2. Height; the desired height for a mature purebred Friesian will range between 15.1 (equal to 155 cm)—17.3 (equal to 180 cm) hands. Deviation from the desired height shall not be penalized. **A Federation measurement card or form is not required for entry into Lite classes restricted by the height of the horse or pony. However, horses and ponies must be within the correct height range when competing in classes restricted by height.**
3. Horse should display feathering that is age appropriate. Lack of feathering shall not be penalized.

#### FR106 Part Bred Friesian

1. No color preferences are given, nor should deviation from Purebred color standards be penalized. Part Bred Friesians may come in various colors. Obvious injury spots due to blanket or equipment rubs are possible.
2. The overall presentation conformation should be correct and appealing to the judge.
3. Height; the mature Part Bred Friesian may vary without penalty. **A Federation measurement card or form is not required for entry into Lite classes restricted by the height of the horse or pony. However, horses and ponies must be within the correct height range when competing in classes restricted by height.**
4. Feathering is not required; lack of feathering should not be penalized.

#### HJ127 General

1. Horses or ponies competing in any division, section or class where height is a requirement must be measured. Measurements will be conducted in accordance with Subchapter HJ-7 Measurement. **Exception: Lite competitions (see GR310.7)**
2. Competition Management is required to check measurement cards for horses or ponies showing in divisions, sections, or classes where height is a requirement. **Exception: Lite competitions (See GR310.7).** Management shall not provide a back number to an animal entered in such sections unless the exhibitor or their agent is in possession of:
  - a. the original or a copy of a measurement card issued by the Federation.
  - b. a copy of a valid measurement form.

#### HK103 Height

[...]

2. Ponies shown in the Harness Pony and Roadster Pony sections must possess a current measurement card or valid measurement form issued by the Federation. (See GR502). **Exception: In Lite Competitions. (see GR310.7) A Federation measurement card or form is not required for entry into Lite classes restricted by the height of the horse or pony. However, horses and ponies must be within the correct height range when competing in classes**



*restricted by height.*

#### HK134 General

[...]

3. Ponies may not be shown in a Roadster performance class unless the owner possesses a current measurement card or valid measurement form issued by the Federation or Management can confirm the measurement electronically with the Federation (see General Rules, GR502).

***Exception: ~~In Lite Competitions. (see GR310.7)~~ A Federation measurement card or form is not required for entry into Lite classes restricted by the height of the horse or pony. However, horses and ponies must be within the correct height range when competing in classes restricted by height.***

#### MO102 Type and Conformation

1. The Morgan's form and movement in its distinctive gaits is the result of selective breeding and good training. A Morgan is distinctive for its stamina and vigor, personality and eagerness and strong natural way of moving. The head is made up of a straight or slightly dished face; large prominent eyes set wide apart; short and shapely ears set rather wide apart and carried alertly; small muzzle with firm lips and large nostrils; wellrounded jowls. In body conformation the Morgan gives the appearance of a very strong powerful horse with great shoulder angulation and depth, short back, broad loins, croup long and well-muscled and with tail attached high and carried gracefully and straight. Head is carried proudly and neck slightly arched meeting the head at a well defined throttle. Legs are straight and sound with short cannons, flat bone, medium length pasterns and an appearance of overall substance with refinement. The Morgan ranges from 14.1 to 15.2 with occasional entries over and under. ***A Federation measurement card or form is not required for entry into Lite classes restricted by the height of the horse or pony. However, horses and ponies must be within the correct height range when competing in classes restricted by height.***

#### NS106 Division of Classes

1. Classes may be divided according to:

- a. Sex or age of horse.
- b. Height—15.2 hands and under; over 15.2 hands. ***A Federation measurement card or form is not required for entry into Lite classes restricted by the height of the horse or pony. However, horses and ponies must be within the correct height range when competing in classes restricted by height.***
- c. Sex or Age of rider.
- d. With or without Championships.

#### NS147 Classes Offered and Specifications

1. Quality, animation and expression are paramount. Classes may be divided according to:

- a. Sex—Mares, Stallions/Geldings.
- b. Height—over 14.2 hands and not exceeding 15 hands; 15.2 hands and under; over 15.2 hands. ***A Federation measurement card or form is not required for entry into Lite classes restricted by the height of the horse or pony. However, horses and ponies must be within the correct height range when competing in classes restricted by height.***

#### RD101 Eligibility

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2. Roadster Ponies: Registration is not required for ponies competing in the Roadster division. Ponies may not be shown in a performance class unless the owner possesses a current Measurement Card or valid Measurement Form issued by the Federation (see GR502).

**Exception:** ~~In Lite Competitions. (see GR310.7) A Federation measurement card or form is not required for entry into Lite classes restricted by the height of the horse or pony. However, horses and ponies must be within the correct height range when competing in classes restricted by height.~~

All Roadster Ponies must be re-measured and issued new measurement cards prior to competing in licensed competitions for the year 2004 and beyond.

#### SB145 Division of Classes

1. Classes may be divided according to:

- a. Sex or age of horse.
- b. Height—over 15.2 hands; 15.2 hands and under; 14.2 hands and under. Entries 14.2 hands and under must possess a valid measurement card or form, the measurement to be done as per SB204.3. **Exception:** ~~In Lite Competitions. (see GR310.7) A Federation measurement card or form is not required for entry into Lite classes restricted by the height of the horse or pony. However, horses and ponies must be within the correct height range when competing in classes restricted by height.~~

#### SB204 Eligibility

1. Ponies must be ridden by Junior Exhibitors; therefore, manners are paramount and the ponies should have agreeable attitudes.

2. American Saddlebred-type Pony classes are restricted to mares and geldings 14.2 hands and under (see SB204.3c). The owner must possess a current USEF Measurement Card or a valid measurement form issued by the Federation. See GR502. **Exception:** ~~In Lite Competitions. (see GR310.7) A Federation measurement card or form is not required for entry into Lite classes restricted by the height of the horse or pony. However, horses and ponies must be within the correct height range when competing in classes restricted by height.~~

#### SP107 Height

2. A pony shall not be shown in a Performance class unless the owner is in possession of a current ASPC or Federation Measurement Card or valid measurement form issued by ASPC or the Federation or Management can confirm the measurement electronically with the Federation. (See GR502.) **Exception:** ~~Lite competitions (See GR310.7).~~

#### WL102 Height

2. Management shall not permit an animal to be shown in any Welsh performance class at a Federation Licensed Competition unless the person presenting the animal is in possession of one of the following:

- a. A measurement card issued by the Federation bearing the date of August 15, 1993 or thereafter; **Exception:** ~~Lite competitions (See GR310.7);~~ or
- b. Certified measurement card applied for prior to December 1, 1987; **Exception:** ~~Lite competitions (See GR310.7);~~ or
- c. A copy of a valid measurement form. Competition management may, at its discretion, confirm

any of the foregoing information electronically with the Federation Office. *Exception: Lite competitions (See GR310.7).*

d. A copy of a valid permanent measurement card issued by WPCSA or two copies of a temporary measurement card issued by WPCSA.