

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

Rule Change Intent

In an effort to improve member experience and processing times, the Federation is moving away from paper applications and replacing them with online applications. This rule change is intended to remove the paper forms related to drug and medication administration from the rulebook. These forms are available electronically. As the forms are submitted electronically, the timing of submission has been adjusted to prior to the first time the horse competes.

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Linked Rules

Committee Actions	Comments
American Saddlebred	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/27/2023	
Andalusian/Lusitano	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/12/2023	
Arabian	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/14/2023	
Carriage Pleasure Driving	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/29/2023	
Competition Management	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 01/08/2024	
Connemara	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/13/2023	
Dressage	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/01/2023	
Driving	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval	
Endurance	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/16/2023	
Eventing	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/28/2023	
Friesian	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/28/2023	
Hackney	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/21/2023	
Licensed Officials	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/15/2023	
Morgan	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/28/2023	

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/18/2023

Draft 1: The National Hunter Committee agrees with the intent of this proposal and would approve of this rule change if language about the procedure to process a hard copy form, if necessary, were added back into the language.

National Show Horse

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/29/2023

Paso Fino

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/19/2023

Roadster

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/15/2023

Saddle Seat Eq

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/20/2023

Shetland

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/14/2023

USDF

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/18/2023

Draft 1: While USDF is not opposed in principle to the requirement that all Drugs and Meds forms be filed electronically, we do not believe that such a requirement should be put into place until such time as the system is modified to allow non-standard/evolving treatments, such as Shockwave Therapy, to be added.

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/07/2023

Veterinary

Western Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/20/2023

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/27/2023

GR411 Conditions For Therapeutic Administrations of Prohibited Substances

1. A horse and/or pony exhibiting at a Licensed Competition pursuant to the Therapeutic Substance Provisions that receives any medication which contains a prohibited substance is not eligible for competition unless all of the following requirements have been met and the facts are furnished in writing on a timely-submitted official Equine Drugs and Medications Report Form online. ***A form is timely-submitted when the electronic form is submitted following administration and before the horse competes (See (i) for paper forms):***

[...]

i. Equine Drugs and Medications Report Form filed ***following administration and prior to the horse competing.*** ~~with the Steward/Technical Delegate or Designated Competition Office Representative within one hour after administration or one hour after the Steward/Technical Delegate or Designated Competition Office Representative returns to duty if administration is at a time other than during competition hours.~~ If an online form cannot be submitted due to lack of internet or phone service, a paper form may be submitted. This option may only be used when submitting the online form is impossible. ***The form must be filed with the Steward/Technical Delegate or Designated Competition Office Representative within one hour after administration. If administration occurred outside of competition hours, the form must be filed within one hour after the Steward/Technical Delegate or Designated Competition Office Representative returns to duty if administration took place at a time other than during competition hours.***

GR 414 Prohibited Practices

2. The above exceptions are permitted only when (i) the substance is administered by a licensed veterinarian and no less than 6 hours prior to competing; and (ii) the "Trainer" as defined under General Rule 404 properly files, or causes to be properly filed, an Equine Drugs and Medications Report Form ***following administration and prior to the horse competing*** ~~with the Steward/Technical Delegate or competition office representative within one hour after the administration of the substance or one hour after the Steward/Technical Delegate or competition office representative returns to duty if the administration occurs at a time outside competition hours. The Steward/Technical Delegate or competition office representative shall sign and record the time of receipt on the Equine Drugs and Medications Report Form.~~

[...]

4. Shockwave Therapy may only be administered by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian. If sedation is required for Shockwave Therapy, only sedation performed by a licensed veterinarian and administered at the same time as the Shockwave Therapy will be considered therapeutic and GR411 will apply. No sedation associated with Shockwave Therapy will be considered therapeutic if administered within 24 hours prior to competition. No horse may be treated with Shockwave Therapy within the 3 days preceding competition with the following exception:

a. Shockwave Therapy may be administered by a licensed veterinarian within the 3 day prohibited period, but no closer than 12 hours prior to competing, and is limited to application to the back and dorsal pelvis areas. No Shockwave Therapy is permitted within the 12 hours prior to competing. This exception is permitted only when the "Trainer" as defined under GR404

properly files, or causes to be properly filed, an Equine Drugs and Medications Report Form ***after administration and prior to the horse competing. If an online form cannot be submitted due to lack of internet or phone service, a paper form may be submitted. The form must be filed*** with the Steward/Technical Delegate or competition office representative within one hour after the administration of Shockwave Therapy. ***If administration occurred outside of competition hours, the form must be filed within*** ~~or~~ one hour after the Steward/Technical Delegate or competition office representative returns to duty if the administration occurs at a time outside competition hours. The Steward/Technical Delegate or competition office representative shall sign and record the time of receipt on the Equine Drugs and Medications Report Form.