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Mr. James L. Nichols  
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Dear Mr. Nichols:

Thank you for submitting your request for a Presidential Modification to the application of RD107.2 on behalf of the American Road Horse & Pony Association. A Presidential Modification is granted in cases of extraordinary, special circumstances. When measured against that criterion, it has been determined that your request meets the standard for a Presidential Modification and therefore is approved.

As a result, the rule will be modified as outlined in the attached document for the remainder of the 2024 competition year. As a condition of this approval, communication to the entire community of equestrians, organizers and officials that would be impacted by this modification must be done immediately and competitions must post the modification in the show office and other conspicuous areas while this modification is in effect.

Please feel free to contact the Federation office if you need further assistance.

Sincerely,

Thomas F. X. O'Mara  
President

cc: William J. Moroney, USEF CEO  
Terri Dolan, Director of National Breeds & Non-FEI Disciplines Sport  
Emily McSweeney, Assistant Director of National Breeds & Disciplines Sport

Attachment

## RD107 Appointments

1. Harness.
  - a. Blinkers of square pattern, snaffle bit and attached overcheck-rein (check bit optional); breast collar with straight-flaps, with traces made round with flat ends; (for pairs, collars of the English pattern are used); martingale are required. Breechings must be used in all Wagon classes. Protective boots on front feet are allowed.
  - b. In Roadster Horse to Bike and Roadster Horse to Wagon classes (not Roadster Pony classes) the overcheck must remain attached to the water hook until class is tied. In the event that the check breaks or comes off, the entry must use a timeout in accordance with GR833 to reattach the check. If the check breaks or comes off a second time the horse must not be allowed to continue performing unchecked and must be excused from the ring by the judge(s). If a horse is excused under these circumstances they will be qualified for the championship in accordance with GR809.3.
2. Vehicles. ~~Roadsters shall be shown to a Bike, Road Wagon or Buggy of Caffrey style. All vehicles should be of good appearance and stability. Horse Bikes must be of standard size of at least 48" width with a double seat.~~ **Roadster horse and Roadster ponies must be shown to a bike, road wagon, or buggy of Caffrey style. All vehicles should be of good appearance and stability. Horse bikes must be a standard size of at least 44" wide with a double seat of a minimum of 28". Pony bikes must be a standard size of at least 40" wide with a double seat of a minimum of 20".** If the judge deems the vehicle to be unsafe, the entry must be excused from the ring by the judge(s). If the entry is excused under these circumstances they will be qualified for the championship in accordance with the procedure outlined in GR809.3 Performance Championships. In order to compete in the championship, the vehicle must be compliant with the rules.