

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2018	1/3/2018	

Proposed Change

**HU132.9 General** [CHAPTER HU-5 Judging]

[Linked to USHJA RCP to GR1214.1]

HU132 General

1. All classes must be judged on performance and soundness and when indicated, conformation, suitability or manners.  
[...]

7. In the event of elimination, the horse must exit the ring immediately.

8. Obstacle Not Properly Set. If a competitor jumps an obstacle that has not been reset, or has been reset improperly, due to it being downed by a previous competitor, the weather, or some other factor, the competitor receives no penalty. However, if the competitor knocks down the obstacle he will be penalized accordingly.

**9. Results Record. Competitors in an over fences class shall have the following reasons recorded as applicable on the official show results as follows:**

**a. Did Not Compete (DNC) indicates that the competitor failed to enter the arena for the class. Riders can also scratch from classes, including in the A-rated sections. The competitor will not receive a refund but each horse's respective record will show that the horse did not compete in the scratched classes.**

**b. Did Not Place (DNP): All other competitors that competed but did not place in the ribbons or earn a different recording will be recorded as Did Not Place.**

**c. Judges are encouraged to mark their cards with (RT) for competitors who entered the arena but voluntarily retired before completing the course; (EL) for competitors that were eliminated; and (OC) for competitors that did not adhere to the course as documented and were subsequently eliminated.**

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Rule Change Intent

The purpose of this addition to the rulebook is to provide the hunter discipline with better and more precise data resulting in more accurate horse and rider reports that can be used more definitively in guiding the trajectory of programs and championships. Better data on horse reports means more accurate information available to buyers and breeders, while programs like the Trainers Certification Program rely on rider reports to evaluate the levels proficiency of applicants.

While this would require some additional effort from show staff, the long term goals of superior data would improve the sport. More firmly maximizing use of the scratch features in the software should mitigate some of the extra last minute changes. A number of judges already record the more infrequent occurrences that happen during rounds and Did Not Place is already calculated. The mechanism to scratch out of classes within the sections (specifically A rated sections that are entered as a whole) is already available. This rule would make it a priority to shift the culture of riders not bothering to scratch from A rated sections and increase the reliability of the data.

Linked Rules	Comments
GR 1214 (347-17)	<b>Staff:</b> Information Technology - 5 hours to make the changes to results integration programs to handle and record values. <b>Web:</b> Results Reporting

Committee Actions	
Competition Management	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Disapproval 12/04/2017 <b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> The committee believes the DNP or Did Not Place is all that should be used. <b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
Council - Admin & Finance	
<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action <b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments <b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action <b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments <b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
National Hunter Committee	
<b>Draft 1:</b> No Action <b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments <b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments

**Draft 1:** Referred 12/14/2017

**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 01/02/2018

**Draft 1:** Referred to January USHJA Board Meeting

**Draft 2:** No Comments