

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2018	1/29/2018	Referred 1/29/2018

Proposed Change

**GR1302 Duties** [CHAPTER 13-A Responsibilities]

GR1302 Duties

1. Every exhibitor, rider, driver, handler and trainer or his/her agent(s) must sign an entry blank (see GR404 and GR908.2). In the case of a rider, driver or handler under 18, his/her parent or guardian, or if not available, the trainer, must sign an entry blank on the minor's behalf.

**2. In order to participate in any non-FEI Federation Licensed Competition, any Professional, as defined by the Federation rules, shall (i) successfully complete a Federation-approved Safe Sport training, and (ii) complete a Federation-approved concussion training.**

(Renumber accordingly)

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Rule Change Intent

In an effort to further educate the Federation's coaches and trainers, this rule is being proposed to require professionals, acting as coaches and trainers, to successfully complete several important Federation components. This rule proposal will require that all professionals complete a criminal background check and Safe Sport training. Additionally, all professionals will be required to complete a Federation-approved concussion training and a test on Equine Drugs and Medications basics. Professionals serving as coach or trainer for their minor children will be exempt from the requirements laid out in the rule.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> Professionals - Participation Requirements

Committee Actions

American Saddlebred

<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Disapproval 11/27/2017	<b>Draft 1:</b> Without a licensing process or certification it would be very difficult to monitor and enforce. Might encourage more competitions to not be licensed with USE.
<b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 3:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 3:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 4:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 4:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 5:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 5:</b> No Comments

Andalusian/Lusitano

<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Disapproval 11/02/2017	<b>Draft 1:</b> This rule change will decrease participation at licensed competitions and severely limit amateur participation.
<b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 3:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 3:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 4:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 4:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 5:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 5:</b> No Comments

Arabian

<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Disapproval 11/15/2017	<b>Draft 1:</b> The committee feels the idea is good, but would be difficult to enforce and more time is need to determine how it would be enforceable. This rule change would also limit participation from amateurs. The idea of concussion training is good, but what are the legal ramifications? These individuals should have a working knowledge of Drugs and medications.
<b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 3:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 3:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 4:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 4:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 5:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 5:</b> No Comments

### Athletes Advisory

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action  
Draft 4: No Action  
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments  
Draft 4: No Comments  
Draft 5: No Comments

### Breeds/Disciplines

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action  
Draft 4: No Action  
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments  
Draft 4: No Comments  
Draft 5: No Comments

### Carriage Pleasure Driving

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/09/2017  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action  
Draft 4: No Action  
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: Agrees with the concept but feels this is an opportunity work with the affiliate to develop these programs. Committee is okay with professionals completing these requirements but the current language would severely affect amateurs.  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments  
Draft 4: No Comments  
Draft 5: No Comments

### Competition Management

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/04/2017  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action  
Draft 4: No Action  
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: The committee believes this should go through the affiliate certification program  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments  
Draft 4: No Comments  
Draft 5: No Comments

### Connemara

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/25/2017  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action  
Draft 4: No Action  
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: The Connemara group does not have as many "professional" trainers as many of the larger groups, and this rule could prove to be a burden on smaller trainers. There needs to be clearer language for an amateur signing the entry blank for him/herself.  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments  
Draft 4: No Comments  
Draft 5: No Comments

### Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 01/08/2018  
Draft 3: No Action  
Draft 4: No Action  
Draft 5: Referred 02/27/2018

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: The 12/1/2018 effective date not sufficiently address the "at the horse show" issue.  
Draft 3: No Comments  
Draft 4: No Comments  
Draft 5: No new drafts of this proposed rule change have been received. The Council therefore recommends that the Board refer this to the Mid-Year Board Meeting.

### Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/21/2017  
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 01/10/2018  
Draft 3: No Action  
Draft 4: No Action  
Draft 5: Referred 02/20/2018

Draft 1: Impractical to comply with at a competition.  
Draft 2: The Council approves the principles of the rule in theory but believes the implementation of this rule would be too difficult. There are concerns that the USEF does not yet have a system in place to track non-USEF members (i.e. foreign Athletes, Chefs d'Equipe, Coaches, Veterinarians, Grooms, etc.). Also, can the USEF require foreigners to complete this training when competing in FEI events?  
Draft 3: No Comments  
Draft 4: No Comments  
Draft 5: Recommend the BOD to refer to the Mid-Year Meeting in June.

### Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 01/04/2018  
Draft 3: No Action  
Draft 4: No Action  
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: The wording for this rule is preferred over GR1302 Tracking#041-17. However, it has still not been sold as a benefit to the members and it would be difficult to enforce.  
Draft 3: No Comments  
Draft 4: No Comments  
Draft 5: No Comments

### Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/04/2017  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action  
Draft 4: No Action  
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: We support the philosophy behind this rule change proposal. However, as written, this would be impractical and impossible to comply with at a competition. Additionally, as written, this would apply to foreign competitors who are competing as well.  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments  
Draft 4: No Comments  
Draft 5: No Comments

### Driving

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 12/20/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action  
**Draft 4:** No Action  
**Draft 5:** No Action

**Draft 1:** The DSC strongly disagrees with this rule as a REQUIREMENT, but instead suggests that the Safe Sport Policy be offered as a member BENEFIT. i.e. Trainers may opt to take the training & the background check, and upon doing so would earn a "star" or certification for their membership. Therefore, other members could benefit from knowing their Trainer is certified under the Safe Sport Policy. Making this a requirement would be ENTIRELY too difficult to enforce & would also be a hardship on many trainers who don't operate as a professional business & simply have a few clients. DSC suggests to offer the Safe Sport Policy as a benefit rather than requirement.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments  
**Draft 4:** No Comments  
**Draft 5:** No Comments

### Endurance

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action  
**Draft 4:** No Action  
**Draft 5:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments  
**Draft 4:** No Comments  
**Draft 5:** No Comments

### English Pleasure

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action  
**Draft 4:** No Action  
**Draft 5:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments  
**Draft 4:** No Comments  
**Draft 5:** No Comments

### Eventing

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/07/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action  
**Draft 4:** No Action  
**Draft 5:** No Action

**Draft 1:** The Eventing Sport Committee is concerned with the implementation and administration of this rule as worded. The ESC is also concerned with the inclusion of "Professionals" in the list of those subject to the provisions of this rule is overreaching.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments  
**Draft 4:** No Comments  
**Draft 5:** No Comments

### Friesian

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/14/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action  
**Draft 4:** No Action  
**Draft 5:** No Action

**Draft 1:** It is a good idea, but complicates paperwork, is difficult to verify and would but a finical burden on shows and competitors. This needs to be required for everyone, including parents, or none.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments  
**Draft 4:** No Comments  
**Draft 5:** No Comments

### Governance

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action  
**Draft 4:** No Action  
**Draft 5:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments  
**Draft 4:** No Comments  
**Draft 5:** No Comments

### Hackney

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/20/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action  
**Draft 4:** No Action  
**Draft 5:** No Action

**Draft 1:** Agrees with concept but this rule would be difficult to enforce. Committee believes this would discourage competitors from competing at licensed competitions  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments  
**Draft 4:** No Comments  
**Draft 5:** No Comments

### Jumper

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/28/2017  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 01/08/2018  
**Draft 3:** No Action  
**Draft 4:** No Action  
**Draft 5:** No Action

**Draft 1:** JSC in principle supports this rule however, has concerns about the implementation. Do we have training modules developed for concussion training and Equine D&M?  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments  
**Draft 4:** No Comments  
**Draft 5:** No Comments

### Morgan

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/21/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action  
**Draft 4:** No Action  
**Draft 5:** No Action

**Draft 1:** Would be difficult for show staff to verify and limit participation from amateurs.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments  
**Draft 4:** No Comments  
**Draft 5:** No Comments

National Hunter Committee

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 01/03/2018  
**Draft 3:** No Action  
**Draft 4:** No Action  
**Draft 5:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** The committee is concerned with the enforcement of this rule as well as the validity of the current Safe Sport training in the horse show industry. We feel the horse show industry is so vastly different from other sports and warrants it's own training module.  
**Draft 3:** No Comments  
**Draft 4:** No Comments  
**Draft 5:** No Comments

National Show Horse

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/13/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action  
**Draft 4:** No Action  
**Draft 5:** No Action

**Draft 1:** This rule change would be hard to enforce and difficult for competitions to verify.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments  
**Draft 4:** No Comments  
**Draft 5:** No Comments

Paso Fino

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 10/30/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action  
**Draft 4:** No Action  
**Draft 5:** No Action

**Draft 1:** The committee feels this would be difficult to implement. The language is unclear as to how this would apply to individuals who sign the entry blank as a trainer, but are not considered a professional.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments  
**Draft 4:** No Comments  
**Draft 5:** No Comments

Reining

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action  
**Draft 4:** No Action  
**Draft 5:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments  
**Draft 4:** No Comments  
**Draft 5:** No Comments

Roadster

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/21/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action  
**Draft 4:** No Action  
**Draft 5:** No Action

**Draft 1:** Difficult to monitor and enforce. Would have a negative affect on membership.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments  
**Draft 4:** No Comments  
**Draft 5:** No Comments

Saddle Seat Eq

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/20/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action  
**Draft 4:** No Action  
**Draft 5:** No Action

**Draft 1:** Approved the concept however, this rule would be difficult to enforce.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments  
**Draft 4:** No Comments  
**Draft 5:** No Comments

Safety

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/21/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action  
**Draft 4:** No Action  
**Draft 5:** No Action

**Draft 1:** The Committee recommends approval of this rule but notes that a system of implementation will be needed to educate the membership.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments  
**Draft 4:** No Comments  
**Draft 5:** No Comments

Shetland

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/01/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action  
**Draft 4:** No Action  
**Draft 5:** No Action

**Draft 1:** A good idea, but this rule change would be difficult to enforce and verify at licensed competitions.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments  
**Draft 4:** No Comments  
**Draft 5:** No Comments

USHJA

**Draft 1:** Referred 12/14/2017  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 01/02/2018  
**Draft 3:** No Action  
**Draft 4:** No Action  
**Draft 5:** No Action

**Draft 1:** Referred to January USHJA Board Meeting  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments  
**Draft 4:** No Comments  
**Draft 5:** No Comments

Vaulting

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action  
**Draft 4:** No Action  
**Draft 5:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments  
**Draft 4:** No Comments  
**Draft 5:** No Comments

Welsh

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 10/25/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action  
**Draft 4:** No Action  
**Draft 5:** No Action

**Draft 1:** The intent of this rule is good, but not practical for the Welsh group. We do not have many professional trainers as compared to larger groups, and this may cause a financial hardship on those who sign the entry blank as such. There is concern that this may turn smaller groups like the Welsh away from licensing with USEF.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments  
**Draft 4:** No Comments  
**Draft 5:** No Comments

Western Committee

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/21/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action  
**Draft 4:** No Action  
**Draft 5:** No Action

**Draft 1:** Difficult to monitor and enforce unless Trainers were licensed or certified.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments  
**Draft 4:** No Comments  
**Draft 5:** No Comments

Western Dressage

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/07/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action  
**Draft 4:** No Action  
**Draft 5:** No Action

**Draft 1:** Too difficult to enforce. If USHJA feels this is necessary for their trainers and coaches it should be added to the relevant chapters.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments  
**Draft 4:** No Comments  
**Draft 5:** No Comments