

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2018	12/20/2017	

Proposed Change

**GR843 - Mandatory Reporting and Cooperation of Horse/Pony Collapse** [CHAPTER 8-F Welfare of the Horse]

**GR843 Mandatory Reporting and Cooperation of Horse/Pony Collapse**

This rule applies to collapses of horses/ponies. For purposes of this rule, a “collapse” is defined as a fall to the ground with no apparent cause at any time from when entries arrive at the venue until departure from the venue. Other falls are not considered to be a collapse and are defined in GR122 and specified division rules. Refer to GR1034.6 for reporting requirements for all other falls and accidents.

1. The trainer as defined in GR 404, or the owner if the trainer is unavailable, or the rider if the trainer and owner are both unavailable, shall notify the Steward/Technical Delegate as soon as possible but no later than three hours after such occurrence of any collapse of a horse or pony. When a collapse occurs outside of competition hours or before the competition begins, notification must occur as soon as possible but no later than three hours after the Steward/TD reports to the show or returns to duty.
2. The Steward/TD shall report to Competition Management and the Federation within one hour of notification of a collapse.
3. In addition to the duties set forth in GR 1034.3, the Steward/TD shall file an Accident/Injury/Equine Collapse Report Form or Equine Fatality Report Form with the Federation within 24 hours of notification, except in exceptional circumstances such as no internet access at the venue.
4. The Federation, at its expense, may appoint a veterinarian to inspect the horse or pony that has collapsed and provide a full report to the Federation. Refusal to submit an animal for examination by an authorized veterinarian after due notification shall constitute a violation of this rule.
5. Any horse or pony that collapses at a licensed or endorsed competition is subject to drug and medication testing in accordance with Chapter 4 of these rules. In the absence of a Federation testing veterinarian, a veterinarian appointed under paragraph 4 (above) or the official competition veterinarian is authorized to collect and submit fluid samples in accordance with these rules.
6. The rider, owner, and trainer as defined in GR 404 shall cooperate with the Federation as to any investigation it undertakes with respect to a collapse or death of a horse/pony. This includes providing information requested by the Federation within 10 days of the request.

**7. Any horse/pony that collapses is prohibited from competing for 72 hours after said collapse. Exception: Upon examination by a veterinarian and submission of a statement by the veterinarian certifying the horse/pony's fitness to compete, a horse/pony that collapses is permitted to return to competition 24 hours after said collapse.**

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Rule Change Intent

Currently, there are no rules governing the return to competition of a horse or pony that collapses. It is in the best interest of horses/ponies to not return to competition for the 24 hour period following the collapse.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> Horse/Pony Collapse

Committee Actions

American Saddlebred

<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/27/2017	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
<b>Draft 2:</b> Recommends Approval 12/21/2017	<b>Draft 2: No Comments</b>

Andalusian/Lusitano

<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/02/2017	<b>Draft 1: No Comments</b>
<b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 2: No Comments</b>

Arabian

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/15/2017  
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: The committee approves of the rule and intent, but would like to see an additional vet exam prior to returning to play.  
Draft 2: No Comments

Breeds/Disciplines

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments

Carriage Pleasure Driving

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

Draft 1: We approve of this rule and concept, but would like an additional vet check prior to returning to competition. Like language to include "minimum 24 hours"  
Draft 2: No Comments

Competition Management

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

Draft 1: The committee feels the language needs some further clarification and additional language requiring a vet check.  
Draft 2: No Comments

Connemara

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/25/2017  
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: We approve this rule and concept, but would also like to see language that includes a veterinary exam and approval for the horse/pony to return to play.  
Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments

Dressage

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

Draft 1: Recommend language for a vet exam versus the 24 hours. Also recommend that proponents of tracking #272 and #271 work together for one rule change proposal.  
Draft 2: No Comments

Driving

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/20/2017

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments

Endurance

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments

English Pleasure

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments

Eventing

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/07/2017  
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: The Eventing Sport Committee recommend that a request be made to combine tracking #'s 271-17 & 272-17.  
Draft 2: No Comments

Friesian

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/14/2017  
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: Would like to see an additional vet check prior to returning to competition.  
Draft 2: No Comments

Governance

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments

Hackney

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/20/2017  
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments

Jumper

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/28/2017  
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: JSC approves but thinks stronger language could be included to require the official competition vet to exam the horse prior to returning to play and this only after a minimum of 24 hrs.  
Draft 2: No Comments

Morgan

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/21/2017  
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: We approve this rule and concept, but would like to see language that includes an additional vet check prior to returning to competition. Also feels the horses trainer and owner should be involved.  
Draft 2: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/06/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** The committee is in favor with the intent of this rule change but we feel the language needs some further clarification: 1. Who is responsible for reporting the collapse and ensuring the horse or pony does not compete for 24 hours? 2. What happens if a horse arrives on the competition grounds prior to the start of the competitions (i.e. schooling day) and collapses when there is no steward available? 3. Is the withdrawal period based on the start time of the class that the horse/pony is entering? Would it not be easier to withdraw for the entire competition day rather than a 24 hour period. We are concerned that somebody competing a horse/pony at the very end of the 24 hour period could just move down in the order and get around the rule.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

National Show Horse

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/13/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** Would like to see an additional vet check prior to returning to play.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

Paso Fino

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 10/30/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

Reining

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

Roadster

**Draft 1:** No Action 11/21/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

Saddle Seat Eq

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

**Draft 1:** Committee approved the concept however, it was felt this should be approved on a case by case basis with the decision from the Official Veterinarian at the competition.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

Safety

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

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

Shetland

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/01/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

Steward-Technical Delegate Committee

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/29/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

USHJA

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/14/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** USHJA is voting to approve this proposal, but also wanted to provide comment to indicate it suggests the Federation consider amending the language to lengthen the amount of time a horse/pony is prohibited from competing after a collapse from 24 hours to "the remainder of the competition." Although the proposal as presented strengthens the current rule with respect to horse/pony welfare, lengthening the time frame of restriction from competition would better protect the horse/pony involved.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

Vaulting

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

Veterinary

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

Welsh

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 10/25/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

Western Committee

**Draft 1:** No Action 11/21/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** No Comments

Western Dressage

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/07/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action

**Draft 1:** We approve of this rule; but would like to see an additional vet check prior to returning to competition.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments