

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2018	12/15/2017	

## Proposed Change

**GR837 & GR844 Schooling [CHAPTER 8-E SCHOOLING]**

## GR844 Poling

**Manual poling, or the use of offsets, is prohibited on competition grounds.**

1. If a Licensed Competition allows manual poling and the relevant state laws do not prohibit such practices, it must be done in the designated schooling areas. Manual poling is prohibited for all horses competing in Jumper classes at Regular Competitions. Horses found to be in violation of these rules by the Competition Steward or other Federation official shall be eliminated/disqualified from competing within the upcoming 24-hour period and shall forfeit all entry fees for such competition. In addition after consultation between Competition Management, the Steward, or other official involved, and a senior judge in the Jumper division additional penalties including disqualification from the balance of the competition may be imposed. Exception: Eventing Division (see EV111.2); Jumpers (see JP103.1).

2. Single poles of bamboo only (not rattan or any other material) must be used, and may not be filled with sand or any other foreign substance. They may be taped to prevent splitting but they may not be wired, contain tacks or have a diameter of over 2" at the large end. Pole must be held by one person only, using either one or two hands. Pole shall not be supported by any other means (i.e., standard, cup, or ring fence). There shall be no ropes, lunge reins or any other devices attached to said poles. Exhibitors must furnish their own poles and no other object may be manually employed.

3. Manual poling is permitted at a vertical fence only but a bamboo pole may be used as an off-set bar at either a vertical or spread fence. An off-set bamboo pole is one which is placed at any height behind or in front of the elements of the obstacle itself instead of being placed in the same vertical plane or planes. The length of the "off-set" bamboo pole may not exceed the length of the obstacle's rails. No other form of off-set or false ground line (ground line cannot be behind the vertical plane of the face of the fence or more than 3 feet in front, any trotting rail or placement pole may not be less than 8' to fence) is permitted. The spread fence must be jumped in the right direction.

4. Violators will be automatically penalized by elimination of the horse involved from the class in which it is participating and the next succeeding class in which it is entered. If the violation occurs after the horse has completed its performance in a class or between classes, it will be eliminated from the next two succeeding classes in which it is entered. All such violations must be recorded in the Steward's Report and, if cruelty or abusive behavior is evident, it will be reviewed by the Hearing Committee for such action as may be deemed appropriate to the particular circumstances.

## GR839 Cruelty to and Abuse of a Horse

4. The following acts are included under the words Cruelty and Abuse but are not limited thereto:

- Excessive use of a whip on any horse in a stall, runway, schooling area, competition ring or elsewhere on the competition grounds, before or during a competition, by any person. Except in emergency situations, any striking of the horse's head (on the poll and forward of the poll) with the whip shall be deemed excessive.
- Rapping the legs of a horse with the butt end of a riding crop or other implement.
- Use of any substance to induce temporary heat.
- Manual poling with any object other than a bamboo pole.

## GR837 Hunter

- Schooling areas for hunters must contain adequate hunter-type fences. A trotting fence, a vertical and an oxer are required. See also HU157.
- It is recommended that separate schooling areas be provided for hunters. A separate schooling area and jumps should also be provided for ponies.
- A supervisor of schooling must be appointed for the schooling area designated for hunters if the area is less than 20,000 sq. ft. in size or more than 500 horses are entered in the competition.
- A Steward/schooling supervisor must be present in the schooling area during any Hunter class offering \$10,000 or more in prize money.
- The Steward/schooling supervisor's decision regarding schooling fences, or tack and equipment in the warm-up area is final.

## Proponent Details

## Contact Information

Rule Change Intent

This rule change proposal is linked to several other rule change proposals drafted to unify the schooling rules across the disciplines of jumper, hunter and hunter/jumping seat equitation. Additionally, this rule change will disallow poling and/or the use of offsets any time while on the competition grounds in the interest of horse welfare, to ensure safety, and for the overall benefit of the sport.

Linked Rules	Comments
EQ 108 (192-17), JP 103 (171-17), HU 157 (174-17), GR 844 (214-17)	<b>Web:</b> Schooling Rules

Committee Actions

Competition Management

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/04/2017  
**Draft 2:** No Action

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

Council - Admin & Finance

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Council - Intl Discipline

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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Jumper

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Licensed Officials

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National Hunter Committee

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

Safety

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Steward-Technical Delegate Committee

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USHJA

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