

| Rule Change Type | Effective Date | Draft Received | Board Action |
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| Standard | 12/1/2019 | 3/1/2018 | |

Proposed Change

GR1304 Regulations Governing Showing Under Judges, Stewards and [CHAPTER 13 Competition Participants and Associated Individuals 13-A Responsibilities]

25. When you are officiating as a Category 1 (C1) Steward *or as a Certified Jumper Schooling Supervisor* at a competition:
- a. You may not be a competitor, coach, rider, handler, lessor, lessee, trainer, or manager at the same competition.
 - b. You cannot own or operate any business (i.e. tack shop, braiding business, etc.) at the same competition.
 - c. None of the following may compete as a trainer, coach, competitor, rider, owner, handler, lessor or lessee at that competition, unless the relationship is terminated at least 30 days prior to the competition:
 - 1. A member of your family.
 - 2. A member of your household or housemate.
 - 3. A cohabitant, companion, or domestic partner.
 - 4. An employee.
 - 5. A client.
 - 6. Your trainer.
 - 7. A client of your trainer.
 - 8. An entity that employs you or a member of your family, which includes individuals, corporations, partnerships, foundations, trusts, non-profit organizations, and any shareholder owning five or more percent of the stock, if any.
 - 9. A horse trained by you or by a member of your family.
 - 10. A horse sold by you or by your employer.
 - 11. A person for whom you have or are scheduled to receive any remuneration involving a horse sale, purchase, (unless at public auction), lease, or board (stud fees, retiree or broodmare board excluded).

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Rule Change Intent

In requesting an extraordinary rule change to be effective 04-01-18, the intent is to hold a licensed Certified Jumper Schooling Supervisor to the same standards and ethical expectations as all other licensed officials. By allowing a CJSS to operate without restrictions on their behavior during and immediately prior to officiating at a horse show is subjecting competitors to possible gross unfairness and a show of bias on the part of the CJSS. For all licensed officials, specific rules are in place to prevent favoritism and insure fairness to all competitors, however, for the CJSS these specifications are not in place. The first example is a licensed CJSS who operates a business, nightly, during horse shows, doing therapy on horses to prepare them for showing. Said licensed CJSS works for the horse show during the day. Witnesses have seen this CJSS accepting checks from competitors while working ringside at the jumper schooling area. It is very common for this CJSS to engage in friendly banter with clients when they are schooling under said CJSS's supervision in the schooling ring, thus reinforcing the feeling of unfairness. Technically, this CJSS is not breaking any rules, however this behavior is inciting a feeling of impropriety. A second example is a trainer that holds a CJSS license. This CJSS is a trainer and a CJSS at the same horse show. This too creates the feeling of impropriety with competitors. If a rule is not expedited this behavior will be continued, causing the feeling of bias and unfairness to competitors, horses, and owners showing under said CJSS. This lack of regulation for the CJSS also opens the door for optional issues to arise in the future. As stated on the USEF website: " The USEF Rulebook is designed to delineate boundaries that create an environment for fair and honest competition within which equestrians can enjoy competing safely, with integrity and respect."

| Linked Rules | Comments |
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| | Legal: not certified as an EO - changed to standard Web: certified jumper schooling supervisor |

| Committee Actions | |
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| Competition Management | |
| Draft 1: No Action | Draft 1: No Comments |
| Council - Admin & Finance | |
| Draft 1: No Action | Draft 1: No Comments |
| Council - Intl Discipline | |
| Draft 1: No Action | Draft 1: No Comments |

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Jumper

Draft 1: No Action

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Licensed Officials

Draft 1: No Action

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National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: No Action

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