

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2019	12/14/2018	

Proposed Change

**GR1034 Stewards and Technical Delegates** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 10-H REGULATIONS GOVERNING OFFICIALS]

GR1034 Stewards and Technical Delegates

1. The following are required responsibilities and duties of Stewards and Technical Delegates:

a. Safeguard the welfare of the horse **against violations of the Federation's Drugs and Medications rules, any of the Federation's prohibited practices, and instances of abuse as defined in GR839.**

b. Protect the interests of: ~~competitors, judges and Competition Management.~~

**1. Competitors by ensuring a safe and fair competition environment by consistently applying the Rules of the Federation; and**

**2. Competition Management and judges by being available for rule interpretations and serving as a liaison between Licensed Officials, Competition Management, and the Federation.**

c. When ~~they~~ **a Steward or Technical Delegate** becomes aware of a potential violation of ~~USEF~~ **Federation** rules, without waiting for a protest, **he shall** investigate and notify the appropriate individual or official, and, if not rectified, issue a yellow warning card (GR1035), and/or file a charge (GR604). **At the conclusion of the investigation, if a Steward or Technical Delegates determines a charge may not be appropriate, all information surrounding the potential violation must be included in the Report.**

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Rule Change Intent

Stewards and Technical Delegates in the field have requested further clarification and direction as to the meaning of GR1034. This rule change is intended to provide guidance as to the meaning of safeguarding the welfare of the horse by including examples that may indicate abuse. Additionally, this rule change provides some information of how stewards and TDs are expected to ensure that the interests of competitors, other licensed officials, and competition management are protected. Finally, this rule change reminds stewards and TDs that all potential rule violations must be reported to the Federation, even if the event does not immediately warrant a charge, in the opinion of the Licensed Official.

Linked Rules	Comments
	<b>Web:</b> steward and technical delegate responsibilities

Committee Actions

American Saddlebred	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 11/14/2018	<b>Draft 1:</b> Committee suggests deleted the word "enjoyable" and adding the word "fair" as a substitute in point 1
<b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 3:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 3:</b> No Comments
Andalusian/Lusitano	
<b>Draft 1:</b> Recommends Approval 10/29/2018	<b>Draft 1:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 2:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 2:</b> No Comments
<b>Draft 3:</b> No Action	<b>Draft 3:</b> No Comments

Arabian

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/30/2018  
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/06/2018  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: The committee agreed with the intent of the rule but feel that some of the points would be hard to determine; for example water consumption depends on each horse. Concern was also raised that this would be hard for the Stewards to enforce, that they cannot properly monitor these specific areas on top of their other responsibilities.  
Draft 2: The committee's concerns from draft one are still relevant. The committee agreed with the intent of the rule but feel that some of the points would be hard to determine; for example water consumption depends on each horse. Concern was also raised that this would be hard for the Stewards to enforce, that they cannot properly monitor these specific areas on top of their other responsibilities. The committee also stated that this rule is now placing more responsibility on the Steward/TD to determine if a charge needs to be filed rather than reporting the issue and allowing USEF to make that decision which in that case would only make the Steward/TD a witness rather than the person filing the charge.  
Draft 3: No Comments

Breeds/Disciplines

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments

Carriage Pleasure Driving

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/12/2018  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Approves the concept but suggests changing "enjoyable" to "fair" in point 1 and committee would approve.  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments

Competition Management

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/08/2018  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments

Connemara

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/08/2018  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Agree with the concept, but they are not able to guarantee an "enjoyable" experience. Would be inclined to approve if the "enjoyable" was changed to "fair".  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments

Dressage

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/29/2018  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: Good effort but needs more work and measurable content.  
Draft 3: No Comments

Driving

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments

Endurance

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments

English Pleasure

Draft 1: No Action  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments

Eventing

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/13/2018  
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/08/2018  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments

Friesian

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/25/2018  
Draft 2: No Action  
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments  
Draft 2: No Comments  
Draft 3: No Comments

### Hackney

**Draft 1:** No Action 10/31/2018  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 12/06/2018  
**Draft 3:** No Action

**Draft 1:** Committee voted to abstain concerning action for this rule  
**Draft 2:** The committee is concerned that the officials (Stewards and Technical Delegates) would not receive sufficient support from Competition Management or USEF should violations come to a hearing.  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

### Jumper

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/13/2018  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action

**Draft 1:** JSC would approve if the word "enjoyable" was replaced with "fair".  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

### Morgan

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 10/25/2018  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action

**Draft 1:** Concern was raised that the verbiage "enjoyable", cannot be measured.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

### National Hunter Committee

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 10/22/2018  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action

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

### National Show Horse

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/02/2018  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 12/10/2018  
**Draft 3:** No Action

**Draft 1:** Concern was raised verbiage such as "obviously lame" is subjective; the committee was in agreement with the intent of the rule change but recommend verbiage that is less opinion based.  
**Draft 2:** Concern was raised that this draft still contains verbiage that is subjective; the committee was in agreement with the intent of the rule change but recommend verbiage that is less opinion based. Concern was also raised for the legal protection of the Steward/Technical Delegate if the accused were to take legal actions against them after a charge has been filed. It was also stated the subjective language would be hard to defend in court.  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

### Paso Fino

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 10/30/2018  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action

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

### Reining

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

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

### Roadster

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/12/2018  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action

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

### Saddle Seat Eq

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/13/2018  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action

**Draft 1:** Committee approves the intent of this proposed rule change but does not believe that officials would have significant support from USEF and competition management. The committee suggests replacing "enjoyable" with "fair" in point b.1.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

### Shetland

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 10/23/2018  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action

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

### US Saddle Seat World Cup

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

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

### USA Reining

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

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

### USHJA

**Draft 1:** No Action  
**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 12/13/2018  
**Draft 3:** No Action

**Draft 1:** No Comments  
**Draft 2:** o USHJA is in favor of protecting horse welfare and agrees with concept. In GR1034.1.a would approve if GR839 was referenced instead of listing specific actions  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

### Vaulting

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

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

Welsh

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/08/2018  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action

**Draft 1:** The concept is good, but many of these features are not enforceable or measureable.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

Western Committee

**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 11/06/2018  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action

**Draft 1:** While approving this rule the committee is concerned that the Officials need support from Competition Management and the USEF for enforcement of this rule and that support may not be forthcoming.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments

Western Dressage

**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 10/30/2018  
**Draft 2:** No Action  
**Draft 3:** No Action

**Draft 1:** Concern was raised with the term "enjoyable", this is subjective wording. All other aspects were agreed with.  
**Draft 2:** No Comments  
**Draft 3:** No Comments