

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2019	9/4/2018	

Proposed Change

EQ104 Horse Welfare [CHAPTER EQ-2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]

EQ103 Eligibility to Compete

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[new section]

EQ 104 Horse Welfare (see also GR839)**1. The following acts are prohibited:**

- a. *Riding an exhausted horse.*
- b. *Excessive pressuring of a tired horse.*
- c. *Riding or lunging an obviously lame horse.*
- d. *Excessive use of a whip on any horse in a stall, aisle, schooling area, competition ring or elsewhere on the competition grounds. The use of a whip must be for a good reason, done at the appropriate time, in the proper place and with appropriate restraint. Excessive whipping will not be tolerated.*
- e. *Any striking of the horse's head (on the poll or forward of the poll) shall be deemed excessive.*
- f. *Repeated jerking on the reins and sawing on the bit unless applied to an unruly horse that is jeopardizing his own safety or the safety of his rider.*
- g. *Improper use of the bit resulting in bleeding, broken skin or broken mucous membrane.*
- h. *Excessive use of the spurs or spurring resulting in broken and bleeding skin.*
- i. *Rapping the legs of a horse with the butt end of a riding crop or other implement.*
- j. *Use of any substance to induce temporary heat causing hyper-sensitization.*
- k. *Poling. See GR844*
- l. *Use of a wire or chain in conjunction with any schooling jumps.*
- m. *Use of electronic shock devices in schooling or showing.*
- n. *Use of shackles, hock hobbles and similar devices, with the exception of kicking chains while the horse is in the stall or in transport. This does not prohibit the use of rubber or plastic exercising devices.*
- o. *Showing a horse with hypersensitive, raw or bleeding sores around the cornets, pasterns, legs or body.*
- p. *Use of laser beam devices anywhere on the competition grounds, except in an exhibition or if required in class specifications. (Exception: Lasers used in a therapeutic manner).*
- q. *Withholding of feed or water for prolonged periods.*
- r. *Letting blood from a horse for other than diagnostic purposes.*
- s. *Inhumane treatment of a horse in a stall, aisle, schooling area, competition ring or elsewhere on the competition grounds, by any person.*

2. Regular and local competitions. Competitors 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 division, additional penalties including disqualification from the balance of the competition may be imposed. 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 Federation for such action as may be deemed appropriate to the particular circumstances.

EQ104 **EQ105** Position

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[renumber remaining sections accordingly]

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Rule Change Intent

This rule change is proposed to provide focus on the commitment to the protection and welfare of our equine athletes, and specifically those horses

competing in the Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation sections.

Linked Rules	Comments
Web: horse welfare	
Committee Actions	
Council - Intl Discipline	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Jumper	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
National Hunter Committee	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
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Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments