

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2019	12/13/2018	

Proposed Change

GR839.5 Cruelty to and Abuse of a Horse [CHAPTER 8-F WELFARE OF THE HORSE]

GR839 Cruelty to and Abuse of a Horse

[...]

5. Any action(s) against a horse by a competitor or an exhibitor, which are deemed excessive by a Federation judge,

~~Federation steward, technical delegate or competition veterinarian, in the competition ring or anywhere on the competition grounds may be punished by official warning, elimination, or other sanctions which may be deemed appropriate by the Show Committee. Such action(s) could include, but are not limited to excessive use of the whip or spurs. Competitors and exhibitors have the right to contest any action taken pursuant to GR839.5 by filing a protest or grievance pursuant to Chapter 6 of the Rules for hearing and determination by the Hearing Committee.~~

A Federation Judge, Federation Steward, Technical Delegate, or competition veterinarian may issue an official warning, elimination, or other sanctions deemed appropriate by the Show Committee to any person who takes excessive or abusive action against a horse anywhere on the competition grounds. Such excessive or abusive action(s) may include but are not limited to, excessive use of whip or spurs, or use of tack/equipment in an abusive or inhumane manner. Exhibitors have the right to contest any action taken by officials pursuant to GR839.5 by filing a protest or grievance pursuant to Chapter 6 of the Rules for hearing and determination by the Hearing Committee. For the purposes of this rule, the term "soring" is defined by the Horse Protection Act, 15 U.S.C. §1821.

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Rule Change Intent

The intent of this rule is to protect the welfare of the horse by empowering and encouraging USEF officials to discipline a competitor, trainer, or owner for abusive and inhumane tack and equipment used at competition. As written Licensed Officials do not feel they have explicit authority to sanction those individuals who have acted in an excessive or abusive manner.

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: cruelty and abuse of a horse

Committee Actions

ADS	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Action	Draft 3: No Comments
AHA	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Action	Draft 3: No Comments
AHHS	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Action	Draft 3: No Comments
American Saddlebred	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/14/2018	Draft 1: Committee supports the intent of this proposed rule change however believes this is in need of further clarification to insure the officials would be supported by Show Management and USEF.
Draft 2: No Action	Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Action	Draft 3: No Comments

AMHA

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

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

Andalusian/Lusitano

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/29/2018
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

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

Arabian

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

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

ARHPA

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

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

ASHA

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

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

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

Competition Management

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

Draft 1: Having the Judge and the TD would conflict with Dressage rules and the TD cannot currently eliminate someone
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Connemara

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

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: Dressage rules prohibit a judge from eliminating outside the competition ring. TDs can only recommend elimination. We appreciate intent, but the proposal creates problems with other current rules and the current rule is better.
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: Recommends Disapproval 11/29/2018
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: The committee agreed with the intent of the rule but would like to suggest the verbiage of "any individual" for who can be held responsible for the excessive or abusive action taken against a horse.
Draft 3: No Comments

Hackney

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

Draft 1: The committee approves the concept but this proposed rule change needs clarification. The committee would be more comfortable with assurances of support of officials from USEF and competition management.
Draft 2: The committee felt the rule does not address support or protection for the official from USEF should the accused file any sort of legal action.
Draft 3: No Comments

Hearing Committee

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

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

IFSHA

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

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

Jumper

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

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

Licensed Officials

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/12/2018
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/04/2018
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: The LOC agrees with the rule change proposal intent. However, the Committee was concerned about the protections of officials if an exhibitor exercised their rights to file a protest or grievance against the action taken by official. Specifically, will an official be represented by the Federation?
Draft 3: No Comments

Morgan

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/25/2018
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/29/2018
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Concern was raised there would be no legal protection from USEF for official if the accused filed counterclaims or fought the action of the official .
Draft 2: The committee's concern from draft one is still relevant. Concern was raised there would be no legal protection from USEF for the official if the accused filed counterclaims or fought the action of the official .
Draft 3: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

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

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: The committee agreed with the intent of the rule but was not in favor of the addition of the term "groom" which is not defined in the USEF rule book therefore it could be open for interpretation making it hard to enforce.
Draft 3: No Comments

NSH

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

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
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

PFHA

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

Draft 1: Committee approves concept of this proposed rule change but feels it needs clarification. Committee would like assurance that USEF and competition management would support officials when these issues arise.
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 but questions the support of the USEF and competition management. Committee would assurances that officials not be liable in a court of law.
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

UPHA

Draft 1: No Action
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

USDF

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

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

USEA

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: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
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

WDAA

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

Draft 1: No Comments
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: Committee recommends approval
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/30/2018
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/05/2018
Draft 3: No Action

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