

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
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Rule Change Intent

In order to ensure proper reporting and coverage at Federation licensed competitions, the number of required Stewards, Technical Delegates, and Certified Schooling Supervisors should be aligned and updated to be based on the previous year's horse count.

During the 2019-2022 competition years:

# of Unique Horses Entered	Competition Years/Number of Competitions				Range of # of rings running simultaneously accross all years
	2019	2020	2021	2022	
2501-3000	3	5	3	11	11-14
2001-2500	9	5	9	1	12-13
1501-2000	2	2	4	6	2-14
1001-1500	25	21	27	24	1-13
501-1000	100	73	105	120	1-12
251-500	254	208	255	259	1-8
1-250	1914	1053	1754	1703	1-7

Note: Carriage Pleasure, Combined Driving, Eventing, Endurance, and Vaulting competitions did not report on the number of competition rings used simultaneously during these years, so those competitions are not included in the last column.

In order for Stewards and TDs to properly complete their duties, the number of officials required during a competition should align with the number of horses present and competition rings. As the number of horses or competition rings increase, the number of instances where a Steward or TD is needed also increases.

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Linked Rules	Comments
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Committee Actions

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

**Draft 3:** Recommends Approval 05/15/2023

Council - Intl Discipline

**Draft 3:** Recommends Disapproval 06/06/2023 **Draft 3: The IDC disapproved as written but looks forward to the Errata Sheet that will be provided to the BOD to consider during the Mid-Year Meeting.**

**Draft 3:** Recommends Disapproval

**Draft 3:** While the Council agrees with the intent and the majority of the proposed rule change, it feels that requiring a competition in its first year of operation to have one steward or TD for every two competition rings (regardless of the number of horses entered) is too restrictive, especially in instances of smaller competitions. The Council feels that first-year competitions should be considered on a case-by-case basis and would approve this rule change proposal if GR1211.4.f were reworded as follows: "Unless otherwise approved by the Federation, a competition in its first year of operation must have at least one applicable Steward to Technical Delegate for every two competitions rings being used simultaneously regardless of the number of horses entered."

## GR1033 Stewards and Technical Delegates

- ~~5. Except in Hawaii and Alaska, no C2 Steward may officiate for more than three consecutive years at the same competition or at more than three consecutive competitions run by the same Licensee.~~
6. Except in Hawaii and Alaska, no ~~C1~~ **Steward or Technical Delegate** may officiate for more than three consecutive competitions run by the same Licensee. **For the purposes of this rule, multiple, consecutive day Dressage Competitions that are run by the same Licensee and held within a six-day period will be counted as one competition.**
- ~~7. Except in Hawaii, no Technical Delegate may officiate for more than two consecutive years at the same competition or at more than two consecutive competitions run by the same Licensee. In Alaska, no dressage Technical Delegate may officiate more than three consecutive years at the same competition, but are not otherwise restricted from officiating at consecutive competitions run by the same Licensee. For the purposes of this rule, multiple, consecutive day Dressage Competitions held within a six day period will be counted as one competition, if they are run by the same Licensee.~~
- ~~8. A Driving Technical Delegate shall not serve in that capacity at the same Combined Driving Event, Driving Trial, Driven Dressage Show, or Pleasure Driving Show more than three consecutive years.~~
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- ~~10. No Steward or Technical Delegate may officiate at more than one competition at the same time. Exception: Federation Licensed Special Competitions excluding dressage.~~

## GR1040 Conflicts of Interest and Restrictions – Stewards and Technical Delegates (See also GR107 and GR1304)

1. The following persons at a given competition are ineligible to serve as Stewards and Technical Delegates: the president, chairman, other Show Committee officers, competition secretary, manager or other competition officials or employees, judges or exhibitors at that competition.
2. No Steward or Technical Delegate may officiate in any competition in which any member of his family or any of his clients is judging.
3. No Steward or Technical Delegate may officiate at a competition if he or any member of his family has any relationship with the competition which constitutes a conflict of interest with the Steward's or Technical Delegate's duties under these rules. No member of the Steward's or Technical Delegate's family (as defined in GR123) may serve as a Federation Licensed Official, Competition Licensee, Competition Manager or Competition Secretary at the competition where the steward or technical delegate is officiating.
4. No member of a Steward's or Technical Delegate's family, nor any of the Steward's or Technical Delegate's clients, may take part as a trainer, coach, lessor, lessee, exhibitor, rider, driver, handler or vaulter at a competition where the Steward or Technical Delegate is officiating, including unrated classes.
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6. Stewards and Technical Delegates are not to be used as Competition Staff, a Competition Official (Directors, Officers, Chairman of the Show Committee, Manager, Secretary, Judge, Veterinarian, and Course Designer), FEI Official, or in any other paid position not related to their proper duties at Licensed Competitions where they are officiating with the following exceptions:
- At a competition where more than one Steward or Technical Delegate is officiating, and after a Steward or Technical Delegate has entirely completed his duties for the day at that Licensed Competition, he may officiate as a Certified Schooling Supervisor if the Steward or Technical Delegate is licensed as a Certified Schooling Supervisor. At no time may a competition have less than the requisite number of Stewards and Technical Delegates as required under GR1211 and other applicable rules.
    - A C1 Steward may use their C1 Steward's License to act as a Certified Schooling Supervisor. C1 Steward's acting as a Certified Schooling Supervisor are not subject to the restrictions in GR1039 or GR1040.1-.4,**

**since they are not acting as one of the required official Competition Stewards.**

- b. C2 Stewards who are also licensed as Dressage Technical Delegates may serve in both roles at Licensed Breed Restricted Competitions offering Open Dressage classes. When a dually licensed C2 Steward/Dressage Technical Delegate is officiating, the Open Dressage classes must be their sole responsibility until those classes are complete. If there are additional non-Open Dressage classes occurring at the same time as the Open Dressage classes, a separate Dressage Technical Delegate must officiate for the Open Dressage classes.
  - ~~c. Eventing and Driving Technical Delegates holding Federation and FEI Technical Delegate licensure may serve in both roles at dually licensed FEI/Federation Eventing and Driving Competitions.~~
  - ~~d. Federation Vaulting Technical Delegates and FEI Vaulting Stewards holding both licenses may serve in both roles at dually licensed FEI/Federation Vaulting Competitions.~~
  - e. Federation Combined Driving Technical Delegates and FEI Driving Stewards holding both licenses may serve in both roles at dually licensed FEI/Federation Driving Competitions.**
7. ~~At dually licensed FEI/Federation Dressage, Driving, Eventing, Jumping, and/or Vaulting competitions:~~
- ~~a. Dressage, Para Dressage, Driving, Eventing, and Vaulting Technical Delegates also holding licensure as a FEI Steward for Dressage, Para Dressage, Driving, Eventing, and Vaulting are prohibited from serving in both roles on the same day(s) as Dressage, Para Dressage, Driving, Eventing, and Vaulting Technical Delegates and FEI Stewards. (DR125.6).~~
  - ~~b. C1 Stewards also holding FEI Jumping Steward licensure are prohibited from serving in both roles.~~

GR1211 Appointment of Officials and Employees

4. Stewards and Technical Delegates

[...]

- b. If required to officiate, a Dressage Technical Delegate must be present and officiate for all Dressage classes held on the day(s) which they are in attendance. If no other classes except Dressage are held on a licensed day of a Breed-Restricted Competition, a Steward does not need to be present in addition to the Dressage Technical Delegate.
- c. If a competition finds it necessary to substitute a steward or technical delegate for one who is officially designated in the prize list and/or catalogue and who is unable to serve due to circumstances beyond his control, the restrictions of GR1304.14 and/or GR1304.25 shall be non-effective.
- d. Competitions are urged to engage a steward for each ring when classes are held simultaneously and to select individuals who are well versed in the divisions being offered.
- e. Competitions are required to obtain the necessary Stewards or Technical Delegates in accordance with the restrictions below:**

		Number of Previous Year's Unique Horse Entries					
		0-250	251-500	501-1,000	1,001-1,500	1,501-2,000	2,001 or more
# of competition rings used simultaneously	1-3	1	1	2	3	4	4
	4-7	1	2	3	4	4	5
	8 or more	2	2	4	4	5	5

- i. Competition Management is permitted to obtain more than the minimum number of Stewards or Technical Delegates required above.
- ii. For any competitions holding the eventing division, when the cross-country phase is running, it will count as one competition ring, regardless of the number of levels offered. In addition, each dressage and show jumping ring will be counted as a competition ring. Additional Eventing TD requirements contained in EV153 are intended to be in addition to the minimum TD requirements contained in the above chart.**
- iii. Competitions that host regionals, championships, or finals that occur on a rotating schedule, and create a significant change in horse entry numbers, may request a waiver to the Federation to utilize the horse entry count from the year prior to the regional, championship, or final. The waiver must be requested with the competition license renewal.**
- iv. Exception: At the Paso Fino Grand National Championship at least two C2 Stewards must officiate. See PF155 for additional restrictions.**
- f. Unless otherwise approved by the Federation, a competition in its first year of operation must have at least one**

**applicable Steward or Technical Delegate for every two competition rings being used simultaneously regardless of the number of horses entered.**

**g. The maximum number of competition rings being used simultaneously at any point during the competition will be counted for the purposes of GR1211. If the number of competition rings being used simultaneously changes within a competition day, competition management is permitted to adjust the number of Stewards and/or TDs in accordance with the chart in GR1211/4 and any other applicable rules.**

[renumber accordingly]

e. With the exception of Hunter/Jumper competitions (see GR1211.3e), competitions using more than three performance areas simultaneously must have at least two stewards on duty. Dressage arenas do not count as a performance area. If more than six performance areas are used simultaneously, at least three stewards must be on duty.

f. A Federation licensed Hunter/Jumper competition must appoint C1 Stewards as follows:

1. When one to four performance areas are in use simultaneously, at least one Steward must be on duty.
2. When five to eight performance areas are in use simultaneously, at least two Stewards must be on duty.
3. When nine or more performance areas are used simultaneously, at least three Stewards must be on duty.
4. A competition using four performance areas simultaneously that had more than 500 horses competing the previous year must have two Stewards on duty.
5. A competition in its first year of operation must have two Stewards on duty if four to eight performance areas are in use simultaneously.
6. When more than one steward is required, the licensed Stewards must designate one as the Senior Steward for that competition and must notify competition management.

g. For each competition day that a Dressage Competition schedules 300 or more rides (including Dressage and DSHB entries), the competition must have at least two Dressage Technical Delegates on duty. When only one competition ring is in session, only one Dressage Technical Delegate need be present on the grounds. Dressage Competitions holding both a national competition and a CDI must have a separate Dressage Technical Delegate in addition to the FEI Chief Dressage Steward.

h. At all competitions using more than one competition ring, management must provide a hand-held communication device (i.e. walkie-talkie or cell phone) to at least one **each** steward or technical delegate.

i. A Paso Fino competition with more than 175 Paso Fino horses competing based on the previous competition entry numbers, determined by the amount of Federation fees paid to the Federation, shall be required to have at least two stewards.

## HU Appendix A. USEF Hunter Schooling Rules

### 5. Duties of Certified Schooling Supervisors (see also GR1031)

- a. The Certified Schooling Supervisor's or official competition Steward's decision regarding schooling rules in the warm-up/schooling area is final.
- b. Competition Management is responsible for providing a Category 1 Steward or Certified Schooling Supervisor to supervise schooling in the Hunter schooling area during any Hunter class offering \$10,000 or more in prize money.
- c. Within the thirty minutes prior to the scheduled start of the class, any schooling over obstacles by an entry in a class of \$10,000 or more, or any USHJA National Hunter Derby or USHJA International Hunter Derby must be done in a designated area, supervised by a C1 Steward or Certified Schooling Supervisor.

## JP103 Schooling

### 2. Schooling Supervision Requirements

- a. **An individual with a** C1 Steward or Certified Schooling Supervisor **license** must be present in the schooling area during any Jumper class offering \$10,000 to \$24,999 in prize money. **See GR1040.6 for conflict of interest restrictions.**
- b. **An individual with a 'R'** Registered C1 Steward or Certified Schooling Supervisor **license** must be appointed to supervise schooling before and during the classes offering \$25,000 or more in prize money. **See GR1040.6 for conflict of interest restrictions.**
- c. A C1 Steward or Certified Schooling Supervisor is recommended to be present during schooling for Five, Six or Seven Year Old classes.
- d. **A The minimum number of one required** competition Steward(s) must always remain available to attend to

other stewarding duties. (See GR1211.4 and GR1040.6)

e. Management is responsible for providing Certified Schooling Supervisors to supervise schooling for the Jumper warm up area of the ring offering the most prize money during that particular session during scheduled classes and warmups at Jumper Rating **Level 5** or higher competitions. (Exception: Competitions that are exclusively comprised of FEI Jumping classes, where FEI Stewards must be present). This Certified Schooling Supervisor for Jumper Rating 5 or higher competitions cannot be one of the Competition Stewards.

f. For all other Jumper warm-up areas and during scheduled classes and warm-ups, Management is responsible for providing designated individuals to supervise schooling. These individuals must have a clear view of their assigned warm up area.

~~3. Schooling supervisors may be individual contractors at the competition or may be competition stewards. However, a minimum of one competition steward must always remain available to attend to other stewarding duties.~~

~~4. For JP 103.2.a, .b, .c, and .e, a person may use their C1 Steward's License to act as a Certified Schooling Supervisor and that person would not be subject to the restrictions in GR1040, since they are not acting as one of the required official Competition Stewards.~~

5. See GR1033.10 for C1 Steward responsibilities.

#### DR125 Competition Licensing and Officials

~~5. For each competition day that a Dressage Competition schedules 300 or more rides (including Dressage and DSHB entries), the competition must have at least two Dressage Technical Delegates on duty. When only one competition ring is in session, only one Dressage Technical Delegate (DTD) need be present on the grounds. When a competition has more than seven competition rings on any day, at least two Dressage Technical Delegates must be on duty. Three Dressage Technical Delegates are required for an event when a Dressage Competition schedules more than 1200 rides for the event. When a DTD is officiating as a second DTD for only one day of a multi-day competition due to the show scheduling 300 or more rides on that day, this DTD is subject to the restrictions of GR1041.2 and GR1304.~~

~~6. Dressage Competitions holding both a national competition and a CDI must have a separate Dressage Technical Delegate in addition to the FEI Chief Dressage Steward. However, the number of CDI rides is not counted in the number of rides requiring an additional Dressage Technical Delegate.~~

#### DR126

	Level 5 CDIs/CPEDIs USEF HP Selection Trials (I1- GP, ParaEquestrian) National Championship	Level 4 Regional Championships, HP (I1) and other competitions as required or as approved by Federation (and USDF when required), upon application	Level 3 Developing Program Qualifiers (JR/YR/YA, YH & DH) and other competitions as required or as approved by Federation (and USDF when required), upon application	Level 2 Other licensed Dressage shows	Level 1 "Introduction" to Licensed Competitions
TD	<del>One or more "R" TD required per DR125 and FEI Steward (CI's only). See GR1211. At least 'R' TD is required. CDIs/CPEDIs are subject to FEI rules. Additional TDs can be 'R' or 'r'.</del>	<del>At least one "R" TD required per DR125 See GR1211. At least one 'R' TD is required. Additional TDs can be 'R' or 'r'.</del>	<del>One or more per DR125 See GR1211.</del>	<del>One or more per DR125 See GR1211.</del>	<del>"R" or "r" DTD. See GR1211.</del>

#### DC975 Rotation of Officials

~~Rotation of Officials: a Judge/Technical Delegate/Course Designer may not have been the Judge/Technical Delegate/Course Designer at the same event for more than 3 consecutive years without taking at least one year break See GR1033 for rotation requirements for Technical Delegates. A Judge or Course Designer is not permitted to officiate at the same competition for more than three consecutive years.~~ At Short Format Driving Events, DC975

Rotation of Officials does not apply.

## EV158 Technical Delegate Qualifications and Duties

### 2. Duties

d. A Classic Three-Day Event may be held concurrently with other Events. ~~The Technical Delegate may be used for national and international Events held concurrently. The FEI Technical Delegate may be used for the national Event provided they are licensed by the Federation, otherwise a Federation licensed Technical Delegate must be appointed.~~ The same ~~Ground Jury~~ **Judges**, Course Designer, and veterinarian may be used for both Events, provided they are licensed to officiate at the applicable level.