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# POINTS OF EMPHASIS

The Standards and Rules Committee of the ASHA invites the particular consideration and attention of all competitors, officials, and managements to the following United States Equestrian Federation rules (paraphrased). Please publicize and post this bulletin in an appropriate public area. We thank you for your cooperation.

## USEF Rule Reference Description

- GR 801.4** Any exhibitor may wear protective headgear (ASTM/SEI) and/or a protective safety vest, specifically designed for use in equestrian sport in any division or class without penalty from the judge.
- GR 839** Cruelty to or the abuse of a horse by any person at a Licensed Competition is forbidden, constitutes a violation under Chapter 7, and renders the offender subject to penalty. The following acts are included under the words Cruelty and Abuse but are not limited thereto: Use of shackles, hock hobbles and similar devices (not to be construed as rubber or elastic exercising devices).
- GR 840 & SB 103.9** Attention Getting Devices. Attention getting devices &/or other noisemakers (including but not limited to tape measures, blow horns, altered bamboo poles, explosives, etc.) are not allowed in and around the make up/ schooling/warm-up and competition rings during scheduled competition sessions. Use of explosives and fire extinguishers by or for exhibitors/competitors (except in the case of fire) is not allowed on competition grounds at any time.
- GR 1210.18** Competitions are to ensure that Federation Member Reports and Judge Evaluation Forms are publicly displayed and available for Federation members during the entire competition and to ensure that an announcement is made via the competition's public address system at least once each session, pertaining to the availability of said forms.
- SB 102.2/105** Horses with extremely low backs must be severely penalized in all stripped performance classes, harness classes, and in-hand classes.
- SB 103.3** Horses may be shown with unset tails in any class without penalty.
- SB 103.4** All horses shall be worked both ways of the ring at all required gaits as directed by the judge(s). Workouts will be judged as a separate class, and horses must be tied for placings... All horses chosen for a workout must be worked both ways of the ring at any or all gaits listed in the class specifications... An exhibitor is entitled to request only one five minute time out per class including workout. (See SB 103.4 & GR 833)
- SB 103.5-6** A judge must order from the ring any unruly horse or one whose actions threaten to endanger the rider, driver, handler, other exhibitors or their entries. A judge must order from the ring any rider, driver, or handler who exhibits inappropriate or dangerous behavior or whose actions would in any way threaten the safety of any exhibitor, their entries or the safety of class officials.
- SB 105** In a stripped class, when manners are paramount (i.e. Ladies, Junior Exhibitors, Amateurs, and Owners), riders must remount and return to the line up before the judges will be allowed to turn in their cards.
- SB 107.1** When line-up is called, exhibitors are to continue around the ring in a clockwise direction to bring their entries to the line.



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