



UNITED STATES DRESSAGE FEDERATION™

USDF USEF “Draft” Rule Change Proposals

The following “draft” rule change proposals to USEF rules were presented to the USDF Executive Board for review. These were approved for submission to USEF.

USDF would like your feedback on these “draft” rule change proposals by December 31, 2019:

DR 133 Dressage Seat Equitation

1.h ~~Back~~ **Two** numbers (*min. 3” x 5”*) must be provided to Equitation riders and they must be positioned **on each side of the saddle pad** to be clearly visible at all times.

Proposed Effective Date: 12/1/2020

Intent: This change would allow judges to be able to more quickly identify riders.

Proponent: USDF Dressage Seat Equitation Task Force

SUBCHAPTER DR-2 DRESSAGE SPORT HORSE BREEDING

DR203 Definitions. Change to read:

7. Gelding—A gelded male horse of any age. Geldings are not eligible to compete in Dressage Breeding Stock In Hand classes. Geldings four years old and older are eligible to compete only in Group, Materiale, Dressage Suitability and Individual Breed classes. ***Four year old geldings are also eligible to compete in the Four Year Old Prospect classes.*** Other in-hand classes for mature geldings are not permitted.

10. Dressage Sport Horse Prospect - A category of in-hand classes that can be held for Young Horses (fillies, colts, and gelding up to three years of age) ***and Four-Year-Old Prospects (mares, stallions and geldings at four years of age).***

DR204 Classes. Change to read and renumber:

1. Dressage Sport Horse Prospect In Hand classes may be held for Young Horses: fillies, colts, and geldings in any age groups three years old and under, ***and Four-Year-Old Prospects: mares, stallions and geldings at four years of age.*** Dressage Breeding Stock In Hand classes may be held for Mature Horses: mares and stallions, age groups four years old and older. Any of the following classes may be included or combined at the discretion of Competition Management with the exception that in sport horse or breeding classes (in-hand), horses of one sex shall not be judged against those of the opposite sex except in specified Group classes, Championship classes or special classes for single breeds (Individual Breed Classes),

ponies or amateur or junior/young rider handlers. Colts and geldings may be shown together.

2. The following classes may be offered and may vary at the discretion of Competition Management:
 - a. In-Hand Classes (Prize List must specify Sport Horse Prospect or Breeding Stock). **The following Sport Horse Prospect classes may be offered:** Fillies of current calendar year with or without dam (fillies only to be judged); Colts of current calendar year with or without dam (colts only to be judged); Yearling fillies; Yearling colts; Yearling geldings; Two-year-old fillies; Two-year-old colts; Two-year-old geldings; Three-year-old fillies; Three-year-old colts; Three-year-old geldings; **Four-year-old mares; Four-year-old stallions; Four-year-old geldings.** The following **Breeding Stock classes may be offered and** may be divided by age, except suitable to become a broodmare: Four-year-old and older maiden mares; Four-year-old and older broodmares (yeld) without foals; Four-year-old and older broodmares with foals at foot (Mare only to be judged);
 - d. Materiale Classes may be offered in the following categories: Three-year-old Fillies, Three-year-old Colts and Geldings, Four and Five-year old Mares, and Four- and Five-year-old Stallions and Geldings. Separate classes may be held for Four-year-olds and Five-year-olds at the discretion of Competition Management. Classes for fillies and mares may not be combined with classes for colts, geldings or stallions, except in Materiale Championships classes. Horses will be evaluated according to the criteria listed on the "USDF Materiale Class" Scoresheet, and classes must be conducted according to the USDF "Procedures to Host USDF Materiale Classes". Horses or ponies may not be required to show in any in-hand, group or under saddle class in order to compete in a Materiale Class.
 - e. Individual Breed Classes (i.e., special classes for single breeds) may be offered for horses of the same breed or breed registry. Eligibility requirements for these classes must be listed in the prize list. Horses of the opposite sex may be shown together. USDF Sport Horse Prospect scoresheets must be used in all IBC classes **and Four-Year-Old Dressage Prospect In-Hand classes.**

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Intent of Proposal: Incorporate USDF Four-Year-Old Prospect classes

Proponent: USDF Sport Horse Committee