

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2021	9/1/2020	

Rule Change Intent

Competitive opportunity and growth potential are of vital importance to our sport. USHJA is examining the processes that form our competition calendar and determine the competitive environment. As a first step, we are proposing changes to the mileage exemption process.

Mileage exemptions are an integral part of the USEF's calendaring process. As such, the process needs to be strong, transparent, and consistent.

This rule change proposal does the following:

1. Defines the role of the USEF's CEO as related to the mileage exemption processes
2. Defines how the Affiliate representative is selected for mileage exemption panels
3. Creates a new randomized process for the formation of the mileage exemption panels
4. Institutes training for all mileage panelists
5. Specifies that both the Internal Review Panel and the Mileage Exemption Panel will be given the same documentation to aid in the review of a mileage exemption request
6. Creates a process for writing and publishing a majority and minority opinion after the mileage review process is finished

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Linked Rules	Comments
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Committee Actions

GR315 Mileage Exemption

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f. Within 15 calendar days of receipt of a completed Mileage Exemption Response Form from Priority Date Holder(s) objecting to the request, or the expiration of the 21 day response period if no completed Mileage Exemption Response Form is submitted, the Federation will notify the applicable Recognized Breed/Discipline Affiliate and provide all documentation received in the process from any party, **including any and all documentation reviewed by the IRP**. The applicable Recognized Breed/Discipline Affiliate has 30 calendar days from notification from the Federation to submit to the Federation Competitions Department, a recommendation to approve or disapprove the exemption request accompanied by a detailed explanation based on the considerations enumerated in paragraph 3 above. If the Federation learns that an individual with a conflict of interest was present when an Affiliate considers its recommendation under this Chapter, then such recommendation will be not be considered by the Federation panel.

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j. The Federation Mileage Exemption Panel consists of the Federation Chief Executive Officer or his designee **(the CEO/designee serves as the chair of the panel and may only vote to break a tie); three Senior Active Members from the Mileage Exemption Panel pool one of whom must have management experience and a Senior Active Member who participated in the determination of the Affiliate and who will be appointed by the Affiliate**.

Together this Panel shall consider all materials received from all parties related to the request, the recommendation of the Recognized Affiliate, the recommendation of the Eventing Sport Committee when required for eventing competitions, the comments of the Internal Review Panel, and the considerations in GR315.3.

Upon completion of its review, the Federation Mileage Exemption Panel shall determine whether it is in the best interest of the sport to either deny or grant the approval and under what terms and conditions such approval shall be given. **An explanatory document(s) must be written and distributed to all parties and must be published on the Federation website, explaining the deliberations and findings of the panel. In the event the final decision is not unanimous, a dissenting document must also be written, distributed to all parties, and published on the Federation website.**

- 1. The Federation Mileage Exemption Panel pool will consist of 20 (min 20/max 30) trained and experienced Senior Active Members, who are acceptable to the Federation and to any applicable Affiliate, and who will be required to undergo Mileage Panel Training before serving on any panel. Panel members will be selected randomly for each Mileage Panel. MEP Pool training will be the responsibility of the Affiliate with support from Federation staff. MEP Pool members must be appointed or reappointed jointly by the Federation and the Affiliate and must complete the training course annually.**

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