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Rule Change Intent

To align with the approved GR838 rule change.

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Linked Rules	Comments
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Committee Actions

EV112 Abuse of Horses **Unethical Treatment of the Horse**

1. ~~ABUSE~~ **Unethical Treatment (see GR838)**. Any act or series of actions that, in the opinion of the Ground Jury, or in its absence the Technical Delegate, can clearly and without doubt be defined as ~~abuse~~ **Unethical Treatment of the Horses** must be penalized by Disqualification. Such acts include, but are not limited to:

- a. Riding an exhausted Horse;
- b. Excessive pressing of a tired Horse;
- c. Excessive use of whip and/or spurs, and/or bit;
- d. Riding an obviously lame Horse.

6. **REPORTING**. Licensed Officials must report instances of ~~abuse~~ **Unethical Treatment of the Horse** immediately to the Ground Jury, supported by statements from witnesses, if possible.

7. **GROUND JURY**. If ~~abuse~~ **Unethical Treatment of the Horse** is reported, the Ground Jury must evaluate the evidence to determine if Disqualification is appropriate. If a member of the Ground Jury observes the ~~abuse~~ **Unethical Treatment of the Horse**, they must disqualify the Athlete. There is no appeal against a Ground Jury's decision in a case of ~~abuse~~ **Unethical Treatment of the Horse**. The Ground Jury, the Technical Delegate, and the Course Designer for the Event, when present solely in their role as Course Designer, have the authority to stop an Athlete on the Cross-Country course for ~~abuse~~ **Unethical Treatment of the Horse**.