



June 5, 2024

Mr. Britt McCormick, President
United States Hunter Jumper Association
3860 Cigar Lane
Lexington, KY 40511

Via email:

Dear Mr. McCormick:

Thank you for submitting your request for a Presidential Modification to GR1306.2.b and GR1306.2.d.i on behalf of the United States Hunter Jumper Association. A Presidential Modification is granted in cases of extraordinary, special circumstances. When measured against that criterion, it has been determined that your request does meet the standard for a Presidential Modification and therefore is approved.

As a result, effective December 1, 2024, rules GR1306.2.b and GR1306.2.d.i will be modified as outlined in the attached document for the 2025 competition year. As a condition of this approval, communication to the entire hunter/jumper community, including those who might be affected by this modification will be issued by the Federation promptly to ensure awareness of the modification.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Federation office.

Sincerely,

Thomas F. X. O'Mara
President

cc: William J. Moroney, CEO
Terri Dolan, Director, USEF National Breeds & Disciplines
Jennifer Day, USEF Hunter Programs Manager
Jennifer Haydon, USEF Show Jumping National Programs Director

Attachment

GR1306 Professional/Amateur Status

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2. Remuneration. Amateurs are permitted to accept remuneration for the following activities:

a. Accept remuneration for barn duties on or off competition grounds. Barn duties include but are not limited to grooming, tacking and un-tacking, bathing, clipping, lunging, braiding, and stall and tack cleaning.

b. In the American Saddlebred, Saddle Seat Equitation, Morgan, Arabian, Andalusian/Lusitano, **Hunter, Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation, Jumper**, National Show Horse, Paso Fino, and Western Divisions, an amateur is permitted to accept remuneration for teaching riding lessons under the following conditions:

i. The amateur must register with USEF prior to performing any instruction.

ii. Total lesson time cannot exceed 20 hours per calendar week.

iii. Lessons must be given under the oversight of a USEF Competing Member in good standing who is designated as a Professional.

iv. Lessons cannot be conducted at a competition, including Federation Licensed Competitions and non-licensed competitions.

v. Student must be a beginner who has not competed and is not competing at any level of competition, and lessons must not exceed the basic beginner level.

vi. Teacher must maintain a log of all lessons. Log must include lesson date, lesson time and name of student.

vii. A USEF Competing Member designated as a Professional must review the teacher's log and verify its accuracy. viii. The teacher and professional are responsible and accountable for compliance with this rule.

ix. USEF may request proof of compliance and refusal to provide such proof constitutes a violation of the rule.

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3. Other Permitted activities by Amateurs. An Amateur is permitted to do the following:

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d. Serve as an intern for college credit or course requirements at an accredited institution provided one has never held professional status with the Federation or any other equestrian National Federation. In addition, one may accept reimbursement for expenses without profit, as prescribed by the educational institution's program, for the internship. At the request of the Federation, an Amateur shall provide certification from the accredited educational institution under whose auspices a student is pursuing an internship that they are undertaking the internship to meet course or degree requirements.

i. In the Hackney, Roadster, American Saddlebred, Saddle Seat Equitation, Morgan, Andalusian/Lusitano, Friesian, Arabian, **Hunter, Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation, Jumper**, and National Show Horse Divisions, college students may also accept a stipend (maximum value of the Federal minimum wage rate) and reimbursement of expenses during the internship served under the above paragraph.

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