		on page?	Current rule	new submission	reason		
1	gaming	76	western games	For individual gaming events lane lines 30 feet apart will extend the length of the the arena from the wall at the starting area past the timer to the wall at the end of the arena, this area is referred to as their lane. Once a rider has entered their lane if their horse crosses on of the lane lines with all 4 feet prior to completing the course they will be given a no time.	We have had several issues each season with riders going across the arena nearly running into rakers or equipment. Currently it is up to the judge to guess weather a rider left their lane and crossed whatever imaginary line that each judge uses. This rule will make a clear definitive lane to help remove the guessing by the judges and in my experience help the riders keep their horses in their own lane.		
2	gaming	58	New Rule	A chalk line will be placed in down the center of the arena from the end of the arena to the start of the course separating the two courses. If all 4 feet of the horse cross the center chalk line the rider will receive a no time.	In larger arenas that have 2 Canadian flags courses set up the judge uses there own imaginary line to determine if a rider is off course. This imaginary line varies from judge to judge so an athlete is at the mercy or the judge if they swing wide on the course. This will eliminate this and give all riders the same fair course while making judging easier and straight forward.		
3	gaming	80	b. Stepping on or across the start/finish line while turning the pole nearest the start/finish line will result in a “no time”, even if the timer continues to run. Tails do not count.	This rule should be removed. The only place this rule is in existence is WHASET	This rule should be removed. The only place this rule is in existence is WHASET. The timers work just fine, there is no judge watching the line to see if the horse steps under the timer at and other game show, so why do we have this rule?		
4	performance	34	Not addressed. Should be placed under Patterns E.	It will be understood that an intermediate gate is acceptable anywhere it says jog or trot on patterns. This is to allow for gaited horses that can not trot.	Athletes should not be penalized because they ride a breed of horse that can not trot or jog, there is not room on many patterns to list "intermediate gate" but placing it in the rule book will prevent a judge from penalizing an athlete for performing an intermediate gate instead of a jog or trot.		
5	performance	31 - C - a	Solid color western style pants or jeans or english breeches or jodhpurs	a. Saddle seat pants may have pinstripes	Pinstripes are standard for saddle seat pants as they are usually part of a suit. As standard western and hunt seat pants are used we should stay consistant with all disciplines.		
6	performance	69 - IHOR - E - a/ 73 - Versatility - D - a.	no chalk line on a timer line, rule was removed last year, so it isn't referenced in the rule book except in the new rules taking effect in 2021	(IHOR) a. Chalk line will be used under the timer line. (Versatility) a. Start line will be chalked under timer line with the exception of the timed event lane.	The rule proposal that removed the chalk line last year was the only place it was referenced, so it removed it for the performance events as well. However, the proposal's intent was just to remove it for the gaming events. It's difficult for athletes to see where the rider leaves the course and the next athlete enters the course, the original rule proposal last year did reference only timed non cattle events. But instead the rule has been enforced through performance as well.		
7	performance	57 - E - c.	The only bit permitted is the snaffle bit. All snaffle bits must be smooth.	c. Further definition of a snaffle bit: bit where both reins and headstall attach to one ring on the bit (with the exception of the hanging cheek snaffle). No edges on the mouthpiece, no chain or curb strap may be used.	This gray area has been exploited by many, causing officials to spend valuable time searching the USEF rule book for clarification		
8	performance	Stock Seat 61-B-b./ Reining 63-D-b. / Trail 64-B-a-ii / Working Rancher 65-B-b.	no discrimination against any standard western bit	Standard western bit is classified as having a curb chain or strap and a shank to create leverage	This needs to be clarified		
9	performance	Stock Seat 61-B	Not addressed	c. Required equipment. Reins used: romel or split reins	This needs to be clarified		
10	performance	Reining 63-D-b.	Not addressed	b. Required equipment. Reins used: romel or split reins	This needs to be clarified		
11	performance	pgs: Dressage 57, Hunt Seat 58, Over Fences 60, Stock Seat 61, Reining 63, Trail 64, Working Rancher 65	missing from required equipment: dressage, hunt seat, over fences, stock, saddle seat, reining, working rancher, trail	Bridle needs to be added to required equipment	item missing from required list for listed disciplines, we list saddle and bit but don't list bridle.		

12	performance	70-D	working pairs: arena should be fairly close in size to a small drssage arena	D. Working Pairs: Arena Set up: letter cones A & C (centered at each end) should be placed 6' outside standard dressage short court at appropriate court measurements for corresponding letters. Letters M, H, F, K should move .9m (3') closer to corresponding corners of court, but stay same distance from court fence. This would make the working pairs court 43.7m x 21m. Diagram will be provided.	Measurement of cones should be clear and consistant. 6' outside court on the ends is only 4.5' farther than the cones were placed for dressage. .5m (1'6") on the sides is the recommended measurement. Even USEF is vague on cone placement and judges will often move the cones as they have a viewing preference based on the size of the cones and letters. Working pairs is based on a dressage pas de deux similar to a musical frestyle test. This is only done in a large court 20x60 meters instead of the 20x40 meter short court that WAHSET uses for dressage. Removing the court also creates an unsafe element for districts that use letter stakes instead of cones. Placing the end letters exactly 6' outside of the court creates a more consistant and safer environment for all athletes across the state and the event as a whole.		
13	performance	not in book	not in book	Add to the Hunter Over Fences section that breakaway jump cups shall be used on rear rail of an Oxer. USEF approved mechanical breakaway cups are highly recommended but unsharpened #2 pencil can be used if necessary.	Adding wording for breakaway jump cups in the rule book and what types are recommended and where they should be used.		
14	policy	31-B-b.	One solid color, long sleeve polo shirt, which may contain:	remove the word "may". New wording: b. Must contain Athletes number and school name or logo. May also contain: School logo, (instead of name, if school has one), one american flag 2"x3"	Athletes should wear their teams official uniform with school name and logo		
15	policy	32-F-a.	G. only exhibitors with a number may ride in warm up areas and show arenas	a. When not competing athlete must have a number on their person whenever they are around their horse. Number must be visible from across the arena, at least 3" in height, must be in the form of a permanent number visible on their person or printed number pinned to jacket, tape is not allowed.	A small piece of tape with the 1/2" number rubbed off is not an acceptable way to follow this rule		
				Housekeeping corrections			
			1	figure 8, flash or dropped noseband	add back in		
			2	Martingale	add back in		
			3	move hackamore from optional equip to prohibited	add back in		
			4	add: chinks, protective boots/wraps, noseband and tiedown	add back in		
			5	correct typos, repeated equipment1	ok		