## Rule Change Intent

The current process of recording a measurement of a leased horse or pony requires that lessor is an active member of the Federation. However, without being clearly stated in the rules, leasees are often not provided with notice of this requirement. This proposed rule change will add the requirement into the rulebook and provide leasees with advance notice of the requirement before obtaining an official measurement.

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**Linked Rules**

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**Comments**

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**Committee Actions**
1. The Federation encourages all lessors of horses competing in Federation competitions to register the lease with the Federation. A recorded horse must be shown under a lessee’s ownership provided an official lease is registered with the Federation.

2. For points to count with respect to any recorded horse at a Federation competition, such agreement or lease registration form (provided by the Federation) and fees must be received by the Federation office on or before the first day of such competition. The lessee becomes the bona fide owner of the horse for the period of the lease (except for Owner classes) for Federation award purposes. The horse must be entered in the ownership of the lessee and must be shown in accordance with GR1110.

3. To be official, a certified copy of a lease agreement or a lease registration form must be submitted and registered with the Federation and must be accompanied by the required fee. The Horse Lease Form which lists the fee can be found at www.usef.org. Either document must contain a start and end date and be signed by the lessee and the lessor. If a lease is not renewed within 30 days of its expiration, a later renewal will require an additional fee. The lease registration with the Federation will then be effective the day the renewal is received by our office.

4. A written statement of termination must be submitted signed by the lessee and the lessor if the lease is terminated before the end date stated in the lease registration form.

5. The Federation does not accept agent signatures.

6. For measurement purposes, the lessor must be an active Federation competing member in good standing at the time of measurement.