

TIME-OUTS FIELD GUIDE

DEFINITION

- A time-out is a suspension of judging which may be requested by a competitor or directed by the judge(s)
- Except in classes which prohibit a time-out, a competitor is entitled to request **one time-out** in order to make obvious adjustments, repair broken equipment, rectify a similar condition, or to replace a shoe.

Note: Unless indicated differently in the following chart, the USEF and EC rules on time outs are the same.

	USEF	EC
Definition (see above)	AR108	B1306
Timing The Steward or Judge is responsible for timing unless an official timer is present.	AR108.1f	B1306 1D
Start time if a horse casts a shoe USEF: time starts (after measuring and/or gauging has concluded, if applicable) when the farrier or their assistant touches the shoe or the horse. EC: timing is to commence when the farrier places a hand on the horse's leg.	AR108.1d	B1306 1C
Start time for any other time out. Time will be taken from the moment the announcement of a time-out is made.	AR108.1c	B1306 1B
Time allowed to find throw shoe and/or pad No more than three minutes will be allotted to find a shoe; if the shoe is not found, the exhibitor	AR108.1d	B1306

	USEF	EC
may elect to continue or withdraw		
Horse removed from ring for shoeing The steward or judge shall accompany and remain with the horse until it is returned to the ring or excused from the class	AR108.1d	B1306 1C
Attendants permitted Two attendants are permitted in the ring to assist a competitor during their time-out.	AR108.1e	B1306 1D
Total time allowed USEF: not to exceed 5 minutes in aggregate. EC: total of 7 minutes	AR108.1a	B13061A
Total time exceeded USEF: Penalty for exceeding allowed timeout is to be excused. EC: The competitor may proceed as is or be eliminated <i>Note: Although not expressly stated in the rules, common practice is to allow the exhibitor to continue in the class "as-is" unless safety of horse or rider/driver/ handler would be compromised.</i>	AR108.1b	B1306 1D
Competitors not involved in a time-out. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May make minor adjustments that can be performed <u>with the assistance of one attendant</u> and not be charged with a time-out. 	AR108.1g	B1306 1 E

	<i>USEF</i>	<i>EC</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minor adjustments do not include replacing shoes. 		
<p>Judge may call time-out At any time the judge(s) considers it necessary they may call for a time-out. Said time-out may be charged to a competitor that, in the judge’s opinion, is responsible for the suspension of judging as long as the competitor is so informed by the judge prior to calling the class back to order.</p>	AR108.1h	B1306 1F
<p>Rider’s chin strap in over-fences classes. The rider may stop, re-fasten the chin strap and continue their round without penalty or elimination</p>	AR108.2c	G102 #7
<p>Time-outs NOT allowed: USEF: Dressage division including Dressage Seat Equitation, Working Hunter, Jumper, Reining Seat Equitation, Horsemanship, Western Seat Equitation, Reining, Trail, Reined Cow Horse, Working Cow, Cutting, all Ranch classes with a pattern, Western Dressage, and Western Riding. Also not permitted in Walk-Trot/Jog classes that require a pattern.</p>	AR108.2a-h	B1306 1A

GENERAL PROCEDURES - USEF & EC

- When a judge calls a time out and assigns the time out to the exhibitor that necessitated the judge’s action, the information is relayed by the ringmaster to the announcer who then announces that a time out was assigned to the specific entry number.
- In a multi-judge system, it is acceptable for any of the judges to call a timeout when not doing so endangers the exhibitor in question or other exhibitors. Ideally, the call judge makes the initial call.
- Acceptable reasons to request a time out do not include “to catch my breath” unless it is truly a situation of safety such as an asthma attack.