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## PREAMBLE

The present Rules for Jumping Events (**hereinafter the "Jumping –Rules"**) are effective on 1st January **2011**. As from this date, with the exception of the Memorandum for international Jumping Events and of the Manual for FEI Stewards, all other texts covering the same matter (other editions, and all other official documents) issued previously are superseded.

Although these Jumping Rules set out the detailed rules of the FEI for international Jumping Events, they must be read in conjunction with the Statutes, the General Regulations (**GRs**), and the **Veterinary Regulations (VRs), and all other FEI Rules and Regulations**.

~~It is not possible to provide for every conceivable eventuality in these Rules. If there is no rule to deal specifically with a particular circumstance, or if the nearest interpretation of the pertinent rule would result in an obvious injustice, it is the duty of those responsible to make a decision based on common sense and fair play, using all technical assistance available including official video recordings (an official video recording is considered to be a recording made by a TV network or a video company hired by the organising committee) thus reflecting as closely as possible the intention of these Rules and of the General Regulations.~~

**Every eventuality cannot be provided for in these Jumping Rules. In any unforeseen or exceptional circumstances, it is the duty of the appropriate person or body to make a decision in a sporting spirit, by approaching as near as possible the intention of the Jumping Rules and of the GRs. Should there remain any omissions in the Jumping Rules, such omission shall be interpreted in a manner compatible to the fullest extent with the other provisions of these Jumping Rules, other rules and regulations of the FEI, and sporting spirit.**

**In these Jumping Rules, the use of the masculine form shall be interpreted also to ~~refer to~~ include the feminine form.**

**Any terms with a capitalized letter are defined in the Jumping Rules, in the GRs or in the Statutes.**

**Note: Alterations to the rules following the ~~2009–2010~~ FEI General Assembly are marked in **red bold print** with a vertical line on the left side of the paragraph. Close attention must be paid to the fact that some text has been deleted (indicated by a strikethrough), **some provisions moved to different articles** and some new articles have been created.**

# RULES FOR JUMPING EVENTS

## CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION

### ARTICLE 200 GENERAL

1. A Jumping Competition is one (1) in which the combination of Horse and Athlete is tested under various conditions over a course of obstacles. It is a test intended to demonstrate the Horse's freedom, its energy, its skill, its speed and its obedience in Jumping and the Athlete's horsemanship.
2. If an Athlete makes certain Faults such as knocking down an obstacle, refusing, exceeding the time allowed, etc. he incurs Penalties. The winner of the Competition is the Athlete who incurs the least number of Penalties, completes the course in the fastest time or gains the highest number of points, depending on the type of Competition.
3. It is not intended to standardise Jumping Competitions, since variety provides a precious element of interest for Athletes and spectators alike, which must be preserved at all costs.
4. ~~Other Competitions or variations to the special Competitions may be authorised by the Secretary General in consultation with the Chairman of the Jumping Committee, provided their conditions comply with the requirements set forth in the GRs and the Jumping Rules. Detailed conditions of each Competition must be set out clearly in the schedule and in the programme of the Event. OCs are not permitted to organise Competitions unless the FEI has approved the conditions according to which these Competitions may be run. OCs wishing to organise Events or international Competitions for five (5)-year-old Horses must apply for permission to the FEI through their National Federation (hereinafter "NF"). The conditions according to which these Competitions may be run must be approved by the FEI in writing.~~
5. Competitions must be fair for all Athletes. **To achieve this objective, the use of all technical assistance available including official video-recordings (an official video recording is considered to be a recording made by a TV network or a video company hired by the OC) is permitted.** ~~It is, therefore, essential that strict and detailed Jumping Rules are established to regulate them. Competitions. For this reason the rules, which follow must be respected, except when the FEI has authorised certain relaxations which are justified by local conditions.~~
6. The use of similar sounding words in English and in French, which do not have exactly the same meaning can easily cause confusion.

For the sake of consistency in the Jumping Rules, the following terms in English and in French will be taken to have the same meaning:

Disobediences      Désobéissances

Faults      Fautes

Penalty (points)      Pénalité (points de pénalités)

Score      Résultat

(Note: The term "Penalties" (instead of "Faults") is used throughout the English text of the Jumping Rules as this term is used in the Rules of the other FEI Disciplines. The term "Fault" is used to cover all incidents during a round that ~~are liable~~ **will incur** Penalties).

## 7. Age of Horses

7.1. Horses entered for Olympic Games and FEI World Championships must be at least nine (9) years of age. Horses entered in Regional Games, FEI Continental Championships and FEI World Cup™ Finals must be at least eight (8) years of age. Horses entered for CSIO 3\* – 5\* Events and CSI 3\* – 5\* Events must be at least seven (7) years of age. However, Competitions limited to the participation of six (6) year old Horses may be held at these Events. Horses entered for CSIO 1\* / 2\* and CSI 1 / 2\* Events must be at least six (6) years of age.

## 7.2. Age of Horses – Northern and Southern Hemispheres

### 7.2.1. National Events

Horses from the Southern Hemisphere competing in the Northern Hemisphere should be permitted to take part in Competitions for Horses one (1) year younger, as their official birth date is 1 August. Horses from the Northern Hemisphere competing in the Southern Hemisphere should be permitted to take part in Competitions for Horses one (1) year older, as their official birth date is 1 January.

### 7.2.2. International Competitions for Young Horses (five (5)/six (6)/seven (7) year olds)

Horses aged six (6) to eight (8) years old from the Southern Hemisphere competing in international Young Horse Competitions in the Northern Hemisphere for five (5), six (6) and seven (7) year old Horses will be permitted to take part in Competitions for Horses one (1) year younger as their official birth date is 1 August (e.g. an eight (8) year old Horse from the Southern Hemisphere will compete in the seven (7) year old Category in the Northern Hemisphere). Five (5) and six (6) year old Horses from the Northern Hemisphere competing in international Young Horse Competitions in the Southern Hemisphere for six (6) and seven (7) year old Horses will be permitted to take part in Competitions for Horses one (1) year older as their official birth date is 1 January (e.g. a five (5) year old Horse from the Northern Hemisphere will compete in the six (6) year old Category in the Southern Hemisphere).

8. The maximum height of obstacles in the first round of any Competition which takes place within the frame of an Event classified according to Article 102.6 of the GRs as CSI 1\* cannot exceed one meter forty (1.40 m), whilst, if the Event is classified as a CSI 2\*, the respective height cannot exceed one meter forty

five (1.45 m). The above does not apply for Six (6) Bar and Puissance Competitions.

## 9. Expenses

### 9.1. Chefs d'Equipe, Team Veterinarians, Athletes, Grooms and Horses

9.1.1. OCs of FEI World and FEI Continental Championships for Seniors are responsible for meeting the costs for accommodation and meals from one (1) day before the Horse inspection until one (1) day after the Event and for travelling Expenses of Chefs d'Equipe, team Veterinarians, Athletes and Horses belonging to the official Teams and of their grooms, from the frontier of the host ~~country~~ **NF**, or the point of arrival in the host ~~country~~ **NF**, to the place of the Event, including the cost of loading on and unloading from a ship or aircraft, of quarantine as well as customs duties in the host ~~country~~ **NF**. The same applies for the return journey. OCs of CSIOs are responsible for meeting the costs for accommodation and meals from one (1) day before the first official Competition until one (1) day after the Event for Chefs d'Equipe, Athletes and Horses belonging to the official Teams and of their grooms. Reimbursement of travelling expenses is not obligatory for CSIOs.

9.1.2. The same conditions may be offered, in whole or in part, to any individual Athletes entered in addition to the official Teams.

9.1.3. For expenses at other FEI Championships, FEI World Cup™ Finals and **Olympic and Regional** Games see the specific rules for these Events.

9.1.4. OCs are under no obligation to meet any of these expenses beyond the time limits published in the schedule, or to meet any travelling or accommodation expenses of any other persons who may be associated with the official Teams.

9.1.5. If not otherwise specified in the FEI Rules and Regulations, the scale of expenses for the travel and accommodation of Athletes and grooms and the stabling and fodder for the Horses must be published in the schedule and must cover the reasonable cost of accommodation and meals.

### 9.2. Officials

9.2.1. The NFs and OCs shall meet the travelling, accommodation and meals Expenses of all Officials according to the GRs and/or Jumping Rules.

9.2.2. FEI appointed Officials whose Expenses are to be paid by the OC shall be appointed with the agreement of the OC.

9.2.3. A per diem allowance must be offered to Judges and Appeal Committee members at Events (recommended minimum amount one hundred Euros -€ 100- per day).

## CHAPTER II ARENAS AND SCHOOLING AREAS

### ARTICLE 201 ARENA

The arena must be enclosed. While a Horse is in the arena during a Competition, all entrances and exits must be physically closed.

An indoor Competition arena must have minimum size of one thousand two hundred square meters (1'200 m<sup>2</sup>) with a minimum width on the short side of twenty meters (20 m). An outdoor Competition arena must have a minimum size of four thousand square meters (4'000 m<sup>2</sup>) with a minimum width on the short side of fifty meters (50 m). An exception to this rule may be granted by the FEI Jumping Department.

## **ARTICLE 202      ACCESS TO THE ARENA AND PRACTICE OBSTACLE**

1. Athletes on foot may only be admitted once to the arena before each Competition and this includes Competitions with jump-off(s). Entry into the arena will be prohibited by means of a notice "Arena Closed" placed at the entrance or conspicuously in the middle of the arena. Permission to enter the arena will be given by the Ground Jury ringing the bell and by displaying a notice "Arena Open". An announcement must also be made over the public address system. However, in Competitions over two (2) rounds with different courses, Athletes may inspect the course before the second round.
2. The OC of an indoor Event where facilities for exercising are severely limited, may, with the agreement of the Ground Jury, give special permission for the arena to be used for exercising at specified times.
3. If the schooling (exercise) area(s) are inadequate or cannot be used, a practice obstacle which is not part of the course must be placed in the arena. In all other circumstances facultative or practice obstacles are not allowed in any Competition.
4. The obstacle must be a spread obstacle not exceeding one meter forty (1.40 m) in height and one meter sixty (1.60 m) in spread or a vertical obstacle not exceeding one meter forty (1.40 m) in height, provided with red and white flags and should not be numbered. These dimensions may not be altered during the course of the Competition. Only two (2) attempts at this obstacle are allowed. Jumping or attempting to jump this practice obstacle more than twice entails a fine in addition to the possible disqualification (see Articles 241.2.3. and 242.1.5. of the Jumping Rules).

Jumping the practice obstacle in the wrong direction may incur disqualification (see Article 241.2.78. of the Jumping Rules).

The Athlete is allowed ninety (90) seconds maximum to make these attempts, counted from the time the Ground Jury rings the bell.

A knock down, refusal or run out count as an attempt. If there is a refusal at the first attempt with a knock down or displacing of the obstacle, this obstacle is to be reset and the Athlete is allowed to make a second and final attempt. The time taken to reset the obstacle is neutralised.

The Ground Jury must give the signal to start the round after the Athlete has made his attempt(s) or after ninety (90) seconds. After the sound of the bell, the Athlete who has attempted only once, is allowed the second attempt but he must cross the starting line in the correct direction within the forty five (45) seconds; failure to do so will start the time of the round (see Article 203.1.2. of the Jumping Rules).

5. Athletes may not jump or attempt to jump any obstacle in the arena during a parade before the Competition. Failure to comply with this paragraph may incur disqualification (see Article 241.2.4. of the Jumping Rules).
6. A prize winner may only jump an obstacle for the benefit of the press with the permission of the Ground Jury, provided it does not form part of a subsequent round. This practice should not be encouraged.

## ARTICLE 203      BELL

1. The bell is used to communicate with the Athletes. One (1) of the members of the Ground Jury is in charge of the bell and responsible for its use. The bell is used:
  - 1.1. to give permission to the Athletes to enter the arena when the course is ready for their inspection (see Article 202.1. of the Jumping Rules) and to signal that the inspection time is over;
  - 1.2. to give the signal to start and to activate a forty five (45) seconds countdown shown in the time equipment in the scoreboard or in another display beside the arena.

The forty five (45) seconds countdown sets the time that the Athlete can spare before commencing his round. The Ground Jury has the right to interrupt the forty five (45)-seconds countdown if unforeseen circumstances occur. **Incidents such as, but not limited to, Disobediences, and falls, etc.,** occurring between the signal to start and the moment the Athlete crosses the starting line in the correct direction, are not penalized.

After the bell has rung, crossing the starting line in the correct direction for a second time before jumping the first obstacle is counted as a Disobedience.

~~However, under special circumstances,~~ the Ground Jury **in its discretion if the situation so warrants** has the right not to activate the start or to cancel the starting procedure, give a new signal to start and restart the countdown

- 1.3. to stop an Athlete for any reason or following an unforeseen incident and to signal to him to continue his round after an interruption (see Article 233 of the Jumping Rules);
- 1.4. to indicate the Athlete that an obstacle knocked down following a Disobedience has been replaced (see Article 233 of the Jumping Rules);
- 1.5. to indicate by prolonged and repeated ringing that the Athlete has been eliminated.

2. If the Athlete does not obey the signal to stop, he may be eliminated at the discretion of the Ground Jury (see Article 240.4.5. of the Jumping Rules) except where specifically provided for under Article 233.2. of the Jumping Rules.
3. If, after an interruption, the Athlete restarts and jumps or attempts to jump without waiting for the bell to ring, he will be eliminated (see Article 240.3.14. of the Jumping Rules).

## **ARTICLE 204 COURSE AND MEASURING**

1. The Ground Jury must walk the course to inspect the obstacles before the start of the Competition. The course is the track, which the mounted Athlete must follow when competing from passing the start in the correct direction up to the finish. The length must be measured accurately to the nearest metre taking account, particularly on the turns, the normal line to be followed by the Horse. This normal line must pass through the middle of the obstacle.
2. In FEI Championship Competitions, Olympic Games, FEI Nations Cups and FEI Grand Prix, the President of the Ground Jury or his ~~deputy~~ **designee** must ensure that the Course Designer has properly measured the course. In exceptional cases, the Ground Jury may alter the time, if the conditions as mentioned in Article 204.3. of the Jumping Rules apply.
3. Once the Competition has started only the Ground Jury in consultation with the Course Designer, and the Technical Delegate if present, may decide that a gross error has been committed in the measurement of the course. This may be done after the third Athlete, having completed the course without a fall or Disobedience or any other interruption and before the next Athlete has started. In this case, the Ground Jury has the option to alter the time allowed. The Score of the Athletes who have jumped the course before the time was altered will then be adjusted accordingly.
4. If the condition of the footing becomes bad, the Ground Jury may alter the speed provided for in the schedule, before the start of the first Athlete of the Competition.
5. The total length of the course in metres may never exceed the number of obstacles in the Competition multiplied by sixty (60).
6. The starting and finishing lines may not be more than fifteen (15) meters or less than six (6) meters from the first and last obstacle. These two (2) lines must each be marked with an entirely red flag on the right and an entirely white flag on the left. The start line and finish line must also be marked with markers with the letters S (= Start) and F (= Finish).
7. The round starts when the Athlete crosses for the first time in the correct direction the starting line after the bell has been rung.
8. The time awarded to the Athlete starts running either upon crossing the starting line or upon expiration of the forty fifth (45<sup>th</sup>) second of the countdown mentioned in Article 203.1.2. of the Jumping Rules, whichever occurs first.



## ARTICLE 205 COURSE PLAN

1. A plan showing accurately all the details of the course must be posted as close as possible to the entrance of the arena, at least half an hour before the beginning of each Competition. An identical copy must be given to the Ground Jury.
2. The obstacles are numbered consecutively in the order in which they must be jumped, ~~except in certain special Competitions~~ **unless otherwise specified.**
3. Combination obstacles carry only a single number. This number may be repeated at each element for the benefit of the Ground Jury and Athletes. In this case, distinguishing letters will be added (for example: 8A, 8B, 8C, etc.).
4. The plan must indicate the following:
  - 4.1. the position of the starting and finishing lines. During a round, unless otherwise indicated, these may be re-crossed without Penalty;
  - 4.2. the relative position, type (spread or vertical obstacle, triple bar) numbering and lettering of obstacles;
  - 4.3. any compulsory turning points marked by a white flag on the left side and a red flag on the right;
  - 4.4. the track to be followed by Athletes marked either by a continuous line (in which case it must be followed precisely) or by a series of arrows showing the direction in which each obstacle must be jumped (in which case the Athlete is free to choose his own track). Should there be a compulsory section in an otherwise unrestricted course, both methods must be used on the same plan;
  - 4.5. the table of Penalties to be used;
  - 4.6. the time allowed and time limit, if any; or the fixed time ~~in certain special Competitions~~ **if applicable**;
  - 4.7. the obstacles, the length, the time allowed and the time limit for the jump-offs;
  - 4.8. the combinations considered as completely closed or as partially closed (see Article 214 of the Jumping Rules);
  - 4.9. all decisions and/or modifications made by the Ground Jury in regard to the course.

## ARTICLE 206 ALTERATIONS TO THE COURSE

1. Should force of circumstances make it necessary to alter the plan of the course after it has been posted up, the change may only be made after agreement of the Ground Jury. In this case the Chefs d'Equipe and all individual Athletes must be advised of the alterations.
2. Once the Competition has begun, its conditions may not be altered and the course or its obstacles may not be changed. If it becomes necessary to

interrupt the Competition (because of a storm or bad light, etc.) it must subsequently be continued using the same obstacles and course and as far as possible under the same conditions and at the exact point where it was interrupted. However, for the FEI Nations Cup, Article 264.3.6. of the Jumping Rules applies.

3. Notwithstanding paragraph 2, an obstacle may be re-sited during a round, or between rounds of a Competition, if in the opinion of the Ground Jury a deterioration in the state of the going or other special circumstances necessitates such action. Obstacles, which cannot be re-sited, such as water jumps, ditches or permanent obstacles, must be taken out of the course. If an obstacle has been taken out of the course during a round, the Scores of all previous Athletes penalised during this round at that obstacle must be adjusted by cancelling jumping Penalties and time corrections incurred thereat. All eliminations and time Penalties already incurred will stand.
4. If necessary, a new time allowed and time limit shall be fixed for the course as altered under paragraph 3.

## **ARTICLE 207            FLAGS**

1. Completely red flags and completely white flags must be used to mark the following details of the course:
  - 1.1. the starting line; it is obligatory to place also a marker S (see Article 204.6. of the Jumping Rules);
  - 1.2. the limits of the obstacles; the flags may be attached to any part of the wings of the obstacles. They may also stand independently. One (1) red flag and one (1) white flag must be placed at vertical obstacles and at least two (2) red and two (2) white flags to define the limits of spread obstacles. They must also be used to mark the limits of the obstacles provided in the schooling (exercise) areas (Article 244 of the Jumping Rules) or of the practice obstacle in the arena (Article 202.3. of the Jumping Rules); in the schooling (exercise) area it is also allowed to use wings/uprights with a red or white top, instead of flags;
  - 1.3. compulsory turning points;
  - 1.4. the finishing line; it is obligatory to place also a marker F (Article 204.6 of the Jumping Rules);
2. At the obstacles, the starting and finishing lines and at the compulsory turning points, the Athlete must pass between the flags (red on his right and white on his left). Flag poles defining the limits of the landing side of the water jump must be made of material that cannot shatter or splinter and must bend when hit; flags must have no sharp points or corners.
3. If an Athlete passes the flags on the wrong side, he must retrace his steps and pass them on the correct side before continuing his round. If he does not correct this mistake, he will be eliminated (see Article 220.3. of the Jumping Rules ).

4. Knocking down a flag anywhere in the arena does not incur a Penalty. If a flag marking the limits of an obstacle or compulsory turning point or the finishing line has been knocked down following a Disobedience / resistance, (without passing these lines) or as a result of unforeseen circumstances, the flag will not be replaced immediately; the Athlete must continue his round and the obstacle /compulsory turning point will be judged as if the flag was in its original place. The flag must be replaced before the next Athlete will be given the signal to start.
5. However, if a flag defining the limits of the water jump or of a natural obstacle has been knocked down following a Disobedience or as a result of unforeseen circumstances and in all cases where the nature of the obstacle is changed by knocking down the flag, (see Article 211.8. of the Jumping Rules) the Ground Jury will interrupt the round of the Athlete. The clock must be stopped while the flag is replaced and a time correction of six (6) seconds will be applied in accordance with the procedure provided for in Article 232 of the Jumping Rules.
6. In certain Competitions, the starting and finishing lines may be crossed in both directions. In this case the lines must be provided with four (4) flags; a red and a white flag at each end of these lines.

## CHAPTER III OBSTACLES

### ARTICLE 208 GENERAL

1. The obstacles must be inviting in their overall shape and appearance, varied and match their surroundings. Both the obstacles themselves and their constituent parts must be such that they can be knocked down, while not being so light that they fall at the slightest touch or so heavy that they may cause Horses to fall or be injured.
2. The obstacles must not be unsporting and they must not cause an unpleasant surprise to any Athletes.

A sponsored obstacle is any obstacle inside the flags of which there is advertising material or a sponsors product or representation of a product. If advertising material or product on the wing of an obstacle is more than zero point five square meters (0'5 m<sup>2</sup>)., the obstacle is also considered to be a sponsored obstacle. No more than thirty percent (30%), rounded up to the next whole number of the efforts may be sponsored obstacles.

This present rule applies for FEI World and FEI Continental Championships and FEI World Cup™ Final. The Technical Delegate must approve the design and construction of all obstacles with regard to safety and technical suitability.

In agreement with the Chairman of the Jumping Committee, ~~FEI Sports Director, FEI Commercial Director and the Manager of the Jumping Department~~ **FEI Director Jumping**, the number of sponsored efforts may be increased up to fifty percent (50%).

3. Under no circumstances, except in Puissance, in Power and Skill Competitions or in a High Jump Record may any obstacle exceed one meter seventy (1.70 m) in height. Spread obstacles must not exceed two meters (2 m) in spread with the exception of triple bars which may have a maximum spread of two meters twenty (2.20 m). This applies also in the case of one (1) or of several jump-offs. The water jump may not exceed four meters fifty (4.50 m) in spread including the take off element.
4. Poles and other parts of the obstacles are held up by supports (cups). The pole must be able to roll on its support; in this case the support must have a depth of eighteen millimetres (18 mm) minimum and a depth of thirty millimetres (30 mm) maximum. For planks, balustrades, barriers, gates, etc. the diameter of the supports must be more open or even flat.
5. The limits on the height and spread of obstacles set forth by these Jumping Rules and in the definite schedules must be observed with the greatest care. However, if it should happen that a maximum dimension has been marginally exceeded as a result of the material used for construction and/or by the position of the obstacle on the ground, the maximum dimensions set forth will not be considered as having been exceeded, but the permitted tolerance is five centimetres (5 cm) maximum in height and ten centimetres (10 cm) in width.
6. The approximate dimensions of obstacles in Competitions other than those, which are specially set forth in the Jumping Rules, must be stipulated in the schedule.

## **ARTICLE 209            VERTICAL OBSTACLE**

An obstacle whatever its construction can only be called vertical when all the parts of which it is composed are positioned in the same vertical plane on the take-off side without any rail, hedge, bank or ditch in front of it.

## **ARTICLE 210            SPREAD OBSTACLE**

A spread obstacle is an obstacle, which is built in such a manner that it requires an effort both in spread and in height. FEI-approved safety cups must be used as support for the back pole of spread obstacles and in case of a triple-bar to support the centre and back poles of the obstacle. Safety cups must also be used in the exercise area.

It is the responsibility of the Foreign Judge or the Technical Delegate to establish through the OC before the Event commences whether the safety cups in use have been officially approved by the FEI. However the OC will also be required to inform the Foreign Judge or the Technical Delegate before the Event begins whether the safety cups in use have been supplied by an approved manufacturer. The name of the company which supplies the FEI approved safety cups, to be used at the Event, will be mentioned in the schedule.

## **ARTICLE 211            WATER JUMP**

1. For an obstacle to be called a water jump it must have no obstacle in front, in the middle nor behind the water. The water must have a minimum spread of two meters fifty (2.50 m) and must be dug in if the jumping spread is more than three meters twenty (3.20 m).
2. A take-off element (brush, small wall), with a minimum height of forty centimetres (40 cm) and a maximum height of fifty centimetres (50 cm), must be erected on the take-off side. The width of the front of the water jump, which may include (floral) decorations, must be at least thirty percent (30%) more than the length.
3. At Olympic and Regional Games, FEI Championships, CSIOs and CSIs, and FEI World Cup™ Finals the landing side of the water jump must be defined by a lath, at least six centimetres (6 cm) in width and not exceeding eight centimetres (8 cm), covered with a bed of contrasting coloured plasticine (i.e. white plasticine if grass footing coloured plasticine if sand), about one centimetre (1 cm) thick. This plasticine must be replaced each time a Horse touches it. Several spare laths must be provided together with extra plasticine so that a lath, which has been marked by a Horse, may be replaced at any time. The lath must be placed at the edge of the water, properly fixed to the ground.
4. If the bottom of the water jump is made of concrete or hard material, it should be covered with a softer material such as a coconut or rubber mat.
5. It is a Fault at the water jump:
  - 5.1. when a Horse puts one (1) or several feet on the lath defining the limit of the water jump. It is a Fault when the foot or the shoe or the fetlock joint or boot touches the lath and leaves an impression;
  - 5.2. when a Horse touches the water with one (1) or several feet.
6. Striking, knocking down, or displacing the brush or take-off element is not a Fault.
7. If one (1) of the four (4) flags is knocked down or displaced it is for the water jump Judge to decide whether or not there has been a run-out depending on which side of the flag the Horse has passed. If the decision is a run-out the bell will be rung and the clock stopped while the flag, which has been knocked down or displaced is put back and six (6) seconds will be added in accordance with Article 232 of the Jumping Rules.
8. The decision of the water jump Judge is final. For this reason he must be a member of the Ground Jury.
9. The water jump Judge must register the identification number of Horses penalised at the water jump and the reason for the Penalties.
10. Only a vertical obstacle of not more than one meter fifty (1.50 m) in height having any number of poles but with the use of FEI approved safety cups can be placed over a water jump. The vertical obstacle must not be placed further than two meters (2m) from the front of this obstacle. This obstacle is judged as a spread-~~spread~~ **vertical** obstacle and not as a water jump. For this reason **it is not**

**necessary to use** a lath or other arrangement may not be used to define its limits. **If a lath is used it is to be considered a visual aid only; Penalties will not be incurred for any imprints on the lath. The same applies if the take-off element is displaced.**

11. If water is used under, in front of or behind an obstacle (a so-called "Liverpool") the total width of the obstacle (incl. the water) may not exceed two meters (2 m).

## **ARTICLE 212 COMBINATION OBSTACLES**

1. Double, treble or higher combinations mean a group of two (2) or more obstacles, with distances between the elements of seven meters (7 m) minimum and twelve meters (12 m) maximum (except for Hunting or Speed and Handiness Competitions judged under Table C and for permanent fixed obstacles where the distance may be less than seven meters -7 m-) which require two (2) or more successive efforts. The distance is measured from the base of the obstacle on the landing side to the base of the next obstacle on the take-off side.
2. In combinations, each element of the group must be jumped separately and consecutively, without circling around any element. Faults committed at any element of a combination are penalised separately.
3. When there is a refusal, run-out, the Athlete must retake all the elements unless it is a closed combination or partially closed combination (see Article 214 of the Jumping Rules) or a six (6) bar or obstacles-in-line Competition.
4. Penalties for Faults made at each element and during different attempts, are counted separately and added together.
5. In a combination obstacle a triple bar may only be used as the first element.

## **ARTICLE 213 BANKS, MOUNDS, AND RAMPS**

1. With exception of Article 213.2. of the Jumping Rules, banks, mounds, ramps and sunken roads irrespective of whether they include any sort of obstacle and in whatever direction they should be taken, are to be regarded as combination obstacles (see Article 212 of the Jumping Rules).
2. A bank or mound without an obstacle or only with one (1) or several poles over it may be jumped in one (1) effort. This method of jumping the obstacle incurs no Penalty.
3. No banks, mounds, sunken roads, talus, slopes or ramps, except table banks not exceeding one (1) meter in height, may be used at indoor Events.

## **ARTICLE 214      CLOSED COMBINATIONS, PARTIALLY CLOSED      &      PARTIALLY      OPEN COMBINATIONS**

1. A combination is considered to be completely closed, if the sides, which surround it, can only be surmounted by jumping.
2. A closed combination may be in the form of an in-and-out, sheep pen, (square or hexagonal) or any similar obstacle considered as a closed combination by decision of the Ground Jury. A combination is considered as partially open and partially closed if one (1) part of this combination is open and the other closed. In the event of a refusal, run-out, the following procedure applies (see Article 219 of the Jumping Rules):
  - 2.1. if the Disobedience occurred in the closed part, the Athlete must jump out in the direction of the course;
  - 2.2. if the Disobedience occurred in the open part, the Athlete must take the whole obstacle again. Failure to do so incurs elimination (see Article 240.3.15. of the Jumping Rules).

In the event of a Disobedience with a knock down and/or displacing of the obstacle at any part, a time correction of six (6) seconds must apply. If, once inside the enclosure, the Horse refuses the Athlete must jump out in the direction of the course. The six (6) seconds Penalty is added to the time when the clock is restarted and the Athlete resumes his round.
3. The Ground Jury must decide before the Competition whether the combination is to be considered as closed or partially closed. This decision must be shown on the plan of the course.
4. If a combination is not mentioned on the plan of the course as closed or partially closed, it must be considered as an open combination and judged as such.

## **ARTICLE 215      ALTERNATIVE OBSTACLES AND JOKER**

1. When in a Competition two (2) obstacles of the course carry the same number, the Athlete has the choice of jumping either one (1) of the obstacles:
  - 1.1. if there is a refusal or run-out without a knock-down or displacing of the obstacle, at his next attempt the Athlete is not obliged to jump the obstacle at which the refusal or run-out occurred. He may jump the obstacle of his choice;
  - 1.2. if there is a refusal or run-out with a knock-down or displacing of the obstacle, he may only restart his round when the obstacle knocked down or displaced has been replaced and when the Ground Jury gives him the signal to start. He may then jump the obstacle of his choice.
2. Red and white flags must be placed at each of the elements of this alternative obstacle.

3. The Joker is a difficult obstacle, but must not be unsporting. It may only be used in an Accumulator Competition or in a Top Score Competition.

## **CHAPTER IV PENALTIES DURING A ROUND**

### **ARTICLE 216 PENALTIES**

During a round, Penalties are incurred for:

1. Knocking down an obstacle (see Article 217 of the Jumping Rules) and a foot in the water or any imprint on the lath defining the limits of the water jump on the landing side;
2. A Disobedience (see Article 219 of the Jumping Rules);
3. A deviation from the course (see Article 220 of the Jumping Rules);
4. A fall of a Horse and/or Athlete (see Article 224 of the Jumping Rules);
5. Unauthorised assistance (see Article 225 of the Jumping Rules);
6. Exceeding the time allowed or the time limit (see Articles 227 and 228 of the Jumping Rules).

### **ARTICLE 217 KNOCK DOWN**

1. An obstacle is considered to have been knocked down when, through a mistake of the Horse or Athlete:
  - 1.1. the whole or any upper part of the same vertical plane of it falls, even if the part which falls is arrested in its fall by any other part of the obstacle (see Article 218.1. of the Jumping Rules);
  - 1.2. at least one (1) of its ends no longer rests on any part of its support.
2. Touches and displacements of any part of an obstacle or its flags, in whatever direction, while in the act of jumping, do not count as a knock down. If in doubt the Ground Jury should decide in favour of the Athlete. The knock down or displacement of an obstacle and/or a flag as a result of a Disobedience is penalised as a refusal only.

In the event of the displacement of any part of an obstacle, (except the flags), as a result of a Disobedience, the bell will be rung and the clock stopped while the displacement is re-adjusted. This does not count as a knock down and is only penalised as a Disobedience and corrected by time in accordance with Article 232 of the Jumping Rules.

3. Penalties for knocking down an obstacle are those provided for under Tables A and C (see Articles 236 and 239 of the Jumping Rules).



4. If any part of an obstacle, which has been knocked down is likely to impede an Athlete in jumping another obstacle, the bell must be rung and the clock stopped while this part is picked up and the way is cleared.
5. If an Athlete jumps an obstacle correctly which has been improperly rebuilt, he incurs no Penalty; but if he knocks down this obstacle he will be penalised in accordance with the table in use for the Competition.

## **ARTICLE 218            VERTICAL AND SPREAD OBSTACLES**

1. When a vertical obstacle or part of an obstacle comprises two (2) or several parts placed one (1) above the other and positioned in the same vertical plane, only the fall of the top part is penalised.
2. When a spread obstacle which requires only one (1) effort comprises parts which are not positioned in the same vertical plane, the fall of one (1) or several top parts only counts as one Fault whatever the number and position of the parts which have fallen. Trees, hedges etc. used as filling are not liable for Penalties.

## **ARTICLE 219            DISOBEDIENCES**

1. The following are considered as Disobediences and are penalised as such (see Articles 236 and 239 of the Jumping Rules):
  - 1.1. a refusal;
  - 1.2. a run-out;
  - 1.3. a resistance;
  - 1.4. a more or less regular circle or group of circles no matter where they occur on the course or for whatever reason. It is also a Disobedience to circle around the last obstacle jumped unless the track of the course so requires.
2. Notwithstanding the above, the following is not considered to be a Disobedience:
  - 2.1 circling for up to forty five (45) seconds after a run-out or a refusal (no matter if the obstacle has to be rebuilt or not) to get into position to jump an obstacle.

## **ARTICLE 220            DEVIATION FROM THE COURSE**

1. It is a deviation from the course when the Athlete:
  - 1.1. does not follow the course as set out on the published plan;
  - 1.2. does not cross the starting line or the finishing line between the flags in the correct direction (see Articles 240.3.6. and 240.3.17. of the Jumping Rules);
  - 1.3. omits a compulsory turning point (see Article 240.3.7. of the Jumping Rules);

- 1.4. does not jump the obstacles in the order or in the direction indicated, except in certain special Competitions (see Articles 240.3.10. and 240.3.11. of the Jumping Rules);
- 1.5. jumps or attempts to jump an obstacle which does not form part of the course or omits an obstacle. Obstacles not included in the course should be crossed but failure to do so by the arena party will not preclude the elimination of an Athlete for jumping an obstacle not forming part of the course.
2. An uncorrected deviation from the course incurs elimination (see Articles 240.3.6.-11. and 240.3.17.).

## **ARTICLE 221            REFUSAL**

1. It is a refusal when a Horse halts in front of an obstacle, which it must jump whether or not the Horse knocks it down or displaces it.
2. Stopping in front of a compulsory turning point or an obstacle without moving backwards and without knocking it down followed immediately by a standing jump is not penalised.
3. If the halt is prolonged, if the Horse steps back, either voluntarily or not, even a single pace, it counts as a refusal.
4. If a Horse slides through an obstacle, the Judge in charge of the bell must decide immediately if it is to count as a refusal or as an obstacle knocked down. If he decides that it is a refusal the bell is rung at once and the Athlete must be ready to attempt the obstacle again as soon as it has been rebuilt (see Articles 232 and 233 of the Jumping Rules).
- 4.1. If the Judge decides that it is not a refusal, the bell is not rung and the Athlete must continue his round. He is then penalised as for an obstacle knocked down.
- 4.2. If the bell has been rung and the Athlete jumps other elements of the combination in his stride, it does not entail elimination or any further Penalty should he knock down this element of the combination.

## **ARTICLE 222            RUN-OUT**

1. It is a run-out when the Horse escapes the control of its Athlete and avoids an obstacle, which it has to jump or a compulsory turning point, which it has to pass.
2. When a Horse jumps an obstacle between two (2) red flags or between two (2) white flags the obstacle has not been jumped correctly, the Athlete is penalised as for a run-out and he must jump the obstacle again correctly.
3. It is considered to be a run out and is penalised as such for a Horse or any part of a Horse to go past the extended line of an obstacle to be jumped, or of an element of a combination, or of the finishing line or of a compulsory turning point.

## **ARTICLE 223      RESISTANCE**

1. It is a resistance when the Horse refuses to go forward, makes a halt for any reason, makes one (1) or several more or less regular or complete half turns, rears or steps back for whatever reason.
2. It is equally a resistance when the Athlete stops his Horse at any moment and for any reason, except in the event of an incorrectly rebuilt obstacle or to indicate unforeseen circumstances to the Ground Jury (see Article 233.3.2. of the Jumping Rules). A resistance is penalised as for a refusal except in the circumstances set out in Article 240.3.3. of the Jumping Rules.

## **ARTICLE 224      FALLS**

1. An Athlete is considered to have fallen when, either voluntarily or involuntarily, he is separated from his Horse, which has not fallen, in such a way that he touches the ground or finds it necessary, in order to get back into the saddle, to use some form of support or outside assistance.  
  
If it is not clear that the Athlete has used some form of support or outside assistance to prevent his fall, the benefit of doubt must be given to the Athlete.
2. A Horse is considered to have fallen when the shoulder and quarters have touched the ground or the obstacle and the ground.

## **ARTICLE 225      UNAUTHORISED ASSISTANCE**

1. Any physical intervention by a third party between the crossing of the starting line in the correct direction and the crossing of the finishing line after jumping the last obstacle, whether solicited or not, with the object of helping the Athlete or his Horse is considered to be unauthorised assistance.
2. In certain exceptional cases, the Ground Jury may authorise the Athlete to enter the arena on foot or with the help of another person, without this being considered as unauthorised assistance.
3. Any help given to a mounted Athlete to adjust his saddlery or bridle or to hand him a whip while mounted during the round will incur elimination. To hand a mounted Athlete his headgear and/or spectacles during his round is not considered to be unauthorised assistance (see Article 240.3.20. of the Jumping Rules).

## **CHAPTER V      TIME AND SPEED**

### **ARTICLE 226      TIME OF THE ROUND**

1. The time of a round, recorded in seconds and in hundredths of a second, is the time taken by an Athlete to complete the round, plus the time correction (see Article 232 of the Jumping Rules) if any.
2. It starts at the precise moment when the mounted Athlete passes the starting line in the correct direction providing the starting signal has been given, or at the moment forty five (45) seconds countdown expires. It extends to the moment when the mounted Athlete crosses the finishing line in the correct direction, after having jumped the last obstacle.
3. A display board beside the arena, clearly visible for the Athlete, must show the forty five (45) seconds countdown.

## **ARTICLE 227      TIME ALLOWED**

The time allowed for a round in each Competition is determined in relation to the length of the course and the speeds set forth under Article 234 and Annex III of the Jumping Rules.

## **ARTICLE 228      TIME LIMIT**

The time limit is equal to twice the time allowed for all Competitions in which a time allowed has been set forth.

## **ARTICLE 229      RECORDING THE TIME**

1. Each Competition at an Event must be timed by the same system or by means of the same type of timing equipment. Automatic equipment is compulsory for all Olympic and Regional Games, FEI Championships, FEI World Cup™ Finals, CSIOs and CSIs. The timekeeper is required to record the number of the Horse and the time taken to complete his round.
2. Three stopwatches, which can be stopped and restarted without the hand returning to zero (o), must be provided. Two(2) digital watches are required in case the automatic timing breaks down and another watch to measure the time taken to start after the bell has been rung for Disobediences, interruptions, the time taken between two (2) consecutive obstacles and the time limit for a resistance. The President or a member of the Ground Jury must have a digital stopwatch.
3. In any Competition where the time is taken by stopwatches, the time is to be registered in seconds and in hundredths of a second. If two (2) timekeepers are used, only the time of one (1) will be taken into account, the time of the second timekeeper will be used as a back up.
4. In case of a breakdown of the automatic timing equipment, the time of any Athlete affected by the breakdown shall be determined by a stopwatch in hundredths of a second (for details see the Memorandum for International Jumping Events).

A video recording may never be used to establish the time of an Athlete's round.

5. If the crossing of the starting and/or finishing line by the Athlete cannot be clearly judged from the Ground Jury box, one (1) or two (2) persons, one (1) at the starting line and one (1) at the finishing line, with a flag, must be placed at both of these lines to signal the crossing of the Athlete. The time taken by the Athlete to complete the round is to be registered at the Ground Jury box.

## **ARTICLE 230      INTERRUPTED TIME**

1. While the clock is stopped, the Athlete remains free to move around until the ringing of the bell gives him permission to start again.

The clock is restarted when the Athlete reaches the place where the clock was stopped. Exception, in the case of a Disobedience with a knock-down Article 232 of the Jumping Rules applies.

2. The responsibility for starting and stopping the clock rests solely with the Judge in charge of the bell. The timing equipment must be such that this procedure can be followed. The timekeeper may not be made responsible for this function.
3. The automatic time keeping should not only register the time ridden by the Athletes but also the time, including time corrections, if any.

## **ARTICLE 231      DISOBEDIENCES DURING INTERRUPTED TIME**

1. The time of a round is interrupted only under the provisions of Articles 232 and 233 of the Jumping Rules. The clock is not stopped in the event of a deviation from the course, a run-out or a refusal.
2. Disobediences are not penalised during interrupted time, except for the 2<sup>nd</sup> refusal following a refusal with a knock-down.
3. The provisions concerning elimination remain in force during interrupted time.

## **ARTICLE 232      TIME CORRECTIONS**

If, as the result of a Disobedience, an Athlete displaces or knocks down any obstacle or a flag defining the limits of the water jump, of a natural obstacle or in all cases where the nature of the obstacle is changed by knocking down the flag, the bell is rung and the clock is stopped until the obstacle has been rebuilt. When the obstacle has been rebuilt the bell is rung to indicate that the course is ready and that the Athlete can continue the round. The Athlete is penalised for a refusal and a time correction of six (6) seconds is added to the time taken by the Athlete to complete his round. The clock is restarted at the moment when the Horse leaves the ground at the obstacle where the refusal occurred. If a Disobedience with the knock-down occurs at the second or subsequent part of a

combination the clock is restarted when the Horse leaves the ground at the first element of the combination.

## **ARTICLE 233            STOPPING DURING THE ROUND**

1. In the event of an Athlete not being able to continue his round for any reason or unforeseen circumstance, the bell should be rung to stop the Athlete. As soon as it is evident that the Athlete is stopping, the clock will be stopped. As soon as the course is ready again, the bell will be rung, and the clock will be restarted when the Athlete reaches the precise place where the clock was stopped.
2. If the Athlete does not stop when the bell is rung, he continues at his own risk, and the clock should not be stopped. The Ground Jury must decide whether the Athlete is to be eliminated for ignoring the order to stop, or whether, under the circumstances, he should be allowed to continue. If the Athlete is not eliminated, and is allowed to continue his round, the Scores obtained at the obstacles preceding and following the order to stop will count whether they are good or bad.
3. If the Athlete stops voluntarily to signal to the Ground Jury that the obstacle to be jumped is wrongly built or if due to unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of the Athlete, he is prevented from continuing his round under normal circumstances, the clock must be stopped immediately.
- 3.1. If the dimensions are correct and the obstacle in question has been properly built or if the so-called unforeseen circumstances are not accepted as such by the Ground Jury, the Athlete will be penalised as for stopping during the round (see Article 223.1. of the Jumping Rules) and the time of his round will be increased by six (6) seconds.
- 3.2. if the obstacle or part of the obstacle needs to be rebuilt or if the unforeseen circumstances are accepted as such by the Ground Jury, the Athlete is not penalised. The time of the interruption must be deducted and the clock stopped until the moment when the Athlete takes up his track at the point where he stopped. Any delay incurred by the Athlete must be taken into consideration and an appropriate number of seconds deducted from his recorded time.

## **ARTICLE 234            SPEED**

1. The speeds for international Competitions are as follows:
  - 1.1. Three hundred fifty meters (350 m) per minute minimum and four hundred meters (400 m) per minute maximum. In indoor arenas the speed may be reduced to three hundred twenty five meters (325 m) per minute.
  - 1.2. Puissance / Power and Skill Competitions: no minimum speed required.
  - 1.3. Grand Prix: three hundred seventy five meters (375 m) per minute minimum and four hundred meters (400 m). per minute maximum outdoors and three hundred fifty meters (350 m) per minute indoors.

- 1.4. FEI Nations Cup: four hundred meters (400 m) per minute for 5\* and 4\* FEI Nations Cup Competitions outdoors; three hundred seventy five meters (375 m) per minute for 3\* FEI Nations Cup Competitions outdoors, three hundred fifty meters (350 m) per minute for 2\* and 1\* FEI Nations Cup Competitions and also for all indoor FEI Nations Cup Competitions.

## CHAPTER VI            TABLES OF PENALTIES

### ARTICLE 235            FAULTS

1.        Faults made between the starting line and the finishing line must be taken into consideration. This includes Faults made at any obstacle of the course, even if the upper element of the obstacle falls from one (1) or both of its end supports after the finish line has been crossed but before the Athlete leaves the arena. Definition of Faults according to Articles 217 and 218 of the Jumping Rules.
2.        Disobediences committed during the time when the round is interrupted (see Article 231.3. of the Jumping Rules) are not penalised.
3.        Disobediences, falls, etc., occurring between the signal to start and the moment the Athlete crosses the starting line in the correct direction, are not penalised.

### ARTICLE 236            TABLE A

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| 1.        Faults are penalised in Penalty points or by elimination according to the tables set out in this Chapter. |  |
| (i) First Disobedience  | <b>4 Penalties</b>   |
| (ii) Obstacle knocked down while jumping  | <b>4 Penalties</b>   |
| (iii) One (1) or more feet in the water jump or any imprint on the lath defining its limits on the landing side     | <b>4 Penalties</b>   |
| (iv) First fall of Horse or Athlete or both in all Competitions   | <b>Elimination</b>   |
| (v) Second Disobedience or other infringement laid down under Article 240 of the Jumping Rules                      | <b>Elimination</b>   |
| (vi) Exceeding the time limit   | <b>Elimination</b>   |
| (vii) Exceeding the time allowed in the first and second rounds and jump-offs not against the clock                 | <b>1     Penalty     point<br/>for     every four (4)<br/>seconds commenced</b>          |
| (viii) Exceeding the time allowed in a jump-off against the clock   | <b>1     Penalty     for     each<br/>                         second             or</b> |

**commenced  
fraction of a second**

2. Penalties for the Disobediences accumulate not just at the same obstacle, but throughout the entire round.

## **ARTICLE 237        SCORES UNDER TABLE A**

Adding the Penalties for Faults at the obstacles and the time Penalties, gives the Score obtained by the Athlete for his round. Time may be taken into consideration to separate equality for first place and/or following places according to the conditions set forth for the Competition.

## **ARTICLE 238        METHODS OF DETERMINING THE SCORES UNDER TABLE A**

### **1.        Competitions not against the clock**

- 1.1. The Athletes with equality of Penalties share the prizes. Depending on the conditions of the schedule, there may be one (1) or two (2) jump-offs not against the clock for those with equality of Penalties for first place.
- 1.2. A Competition not against the clock with a time allowed but in the event of equality of Penalties for first place there will be one (1) jump-off against the clock. Other Athletes are placed according to their Penalties in the first round.
- 1.3. A Competition not against the clock with a time allowed but in the event of equality of Penalties for first place, there will be a first jump-off not against the clock and, in the event of further equality of Penalties for first place, there will be a second jump-off against the clock. Other Athletes are placed according to their Penalties in the first jump-off and if necessary in the first round.

### **2.        Competitions against the clock**

- 2.1. Athletes with equality of Penalties for any place are placed in accordance with the time taken to complete the round. In the event of equality of Penalties and time for first place, there may be a jump-off over a shortened course over obstacles, which may be increased in height and/or spread in accordance with the provisions of the schedule.
- 2.2. A Competition against the clock, but in the event of equality of Penalties for first place, there will be one (1) jump-off against the clock. Other Athletes are placed according to their Penalties and time in the first round. For minor Competitions (see GRs) the jump-off may be run according to table C, if thus provided in the schedule.
- 2.3. A Competition against the clock as for 2.2, but if, in the first jump-off against the clock there are Athletes with equal Penalties for first place, there will be a second jump-off against the clock. Other Athletes are placed according to their Penalties and time in the first jump-off and if necessary according to their Penalties and time in the first round.



3. In all Competitions when the placing are determined against the clock, in the event of equality of Penalties and time for first place, a jump-off may take place, over a shortened course over obstacles which may be increased in height and/or in spread, depending on the provisions of the schedule. If no provision for a jump-off is set forth in the schedule, it is considered that the Competition will be run with no jump-off (see Article 245.6. of the Jumping Rules).
4. If in a jump-off against the clock two (2) or more Athletes obtain exactly the same Score, a second jump-off may not take place. The Athletes are then placed equal.
5. In no circumstances may the number of jump-offs in the same Competition under paragraph 1.1 and 2.1 above exceed two (2).

ARTICLE 239

TABLE C

1. Faults under Table C are penalised in seconds which are added to the time taken by the Athlete to complete his round or by elimination.
2. Penalties under Table C

Obstacle knocked down while jumping, one or more feet in the water jump or on the lath defining its limits on the landing side;	<b>4 seconds (3 seconds for two- phase Competitions, knock-out Competitions and for any jump-off under table C)</b>
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An exception to the rules for competitions run under Table C may be permitted by the FEI Jumping Director allowing indoor Competitions to be run with two (2) seconds added for a knock down.

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| (i) First Disobedience  | <b>None</b>                            |
| (ii) First Disobedience, with a knock down and/or displacing of an obstacle                       | <b>time correction six (6) seconds</b> |
| (iii) Second Disobedience or other infringement set forth under Article 240<br><del>or both</del> | <b>Elimination</b>                     |
| (iv) First fall of Horse or Athlete or both in all Competitions                                   | <b>Elimination</b>                     |

3. There is no time allowed under Table C. **Is applicable** only a time limit of:
  - (i) Three (3) minutes, if the length of the course is more than six hundred meters (600 m).
  - (ii) Two (2) minutes, if the length of the course is less than six hundred meters (600 m).

~~is applicable.~~

Exceeding the time limit

**Elimination**

4. Scores under Table C

Adding, the time of the round (including the seconds for time correction if any), plus four (4) seconds for each obstacle knocked down (three -3- seconds during a jump-off or the second phase of a two -2- phase Competition), gives the Score obtained, in seconds, by the Athlete for his round.

5. Athletes wishing to school in speed Competitions under table A or C, must inform the OC before the Competition commences. Those wishing to school will start first in the Competition. Athletes not complying with the above may be eliminated at the discretion of the Ground Jury (see Article 240.4.4. of the Jumping Rules).

6. In the event of equality for first place, the Athletes will be placed equal first, unless there is specific provision for a jump-off in the schedule of the Event.

## **CHAPTER VII ELIMINATIONS, DISQUALIFICATIONS, FINES**

### **ARTICLE 240 ELIMINATIONS**

1. ~~Unless otherwise specified in the Rules, or in the conditions for the Competitions~~ ~~competitions, e~~ Elimination means that the Athlete, ~~and the Horse(s), and/or a combination of both~~ in question may not continue in the current Competition.

2. The Athlete has the right to jump one (1) single obstacle, after retiring or after being eliminated, providing that obstacle is part of the course of the current Competition. This however does not apply to elimination resulting from a fall.

3. ~~The following paragraphs lay down the reasons for which Athletes are eliminated in all jumping Competitions~~ ~~competitions; t~~ The Ground Jury in the following cases must apply **enforce** elimination **under the following circumstances:**

3.1. jumping or attempting to jump an obstacle in the arena before the start of the round except for the practice obstacle(s) authorised by the Ground Jury (see Article 202.3. of the Jumping Rules);

3.2. starting before the signal is given and jumping the first obstacle of the course (see Articles 202.5. and 203.1.2. of the Jumping Rules);

3.3. taking more than forty five (45) seconds to jump the first obstacle after the time of the round has started, except all cases relating to circumstances beyond the influence of the Athlete (see Article 203.1.2. of the Jumping Rules);

3.4. a Horse resisting for forty five (45) consecutive seconds during the round (see Article 223.2. of the Jumping Rules);

- 3.5. taking more than forty five (45) seconds to jump the next obstacle, or to jump the last obstacle and cross the finishing line.
- 3.6. jumping the first obstacle while omitting to cross the starting line between the flags in the correct direction (see Article 220.1.2. of the Jumping Rules)
- 3.7. omitting a compulsory turning point or not following the track indicated by a continuous line on the course plan, precisely;
- 3.8. attempting to or jumping an obstacle which does not form part of the course during the round (see Article 220.1.5. of the Jumping Rules);
- 3.9. omitting to jump an obstacle of the course (see Article 220.1.5. of the Jumping Rules) or after a run-out or a refusal, failing to attempt to jump again the obstacle where the Fault was committed.
- 3.10. jumping an obstacle in the wrong order (see Article 220.1.4. of the Jumping Rules);
- 3.11. jumping an obstacle in the wrong direction (see Article 220.1.4. of the Jumping Rules);
- 3.12. exceeding the time limit (see Articles 236 and 239 of the Jumping Rules);
- 3.13. following a refusal jumping or attempting to jump an obstacle which has been knocked down, before it has been rebuilt;
- 3.14. jumping or attempting to jump an obstacle after an interruption without waiting for the bell (see Article 203.3. of the Jumping Rules);
- 3.15. not jumping all the elements of a combination again after a refusal or run-out (see Article 212.3. of the Jumping Rules), except in the case of the closed part of a combination (see Article 214 of the Jumping Rules);
- 3.16. not taking each element of a combination separately and consecutively (see Article 212.2. of the Jumping Rules);
- 3.17. not crossing the finishing line between the flags mounted in the correct direction, after having jumped the last obstacle (except in certain special Competitions) before leaving the arena (see Article 226.2. of the Jumping Rules);
- 3.18. Athlete and/or Horse leaving the arena without permission of the Ground Jury, including prior to starting;
- 3.19. a loose Horse leaving the arena before the end of the round, including prior to starting;
- 3.20. accepting while mounted any object whatever during a round except headgear and/or spectacles.
- 3.21. using a whip of more than seventy five centimetres (75 cm) in length or weighted at the end, in the arena, the exercise and schooling areas or elsewhere on or in the immediate proximity of the showground. No substitute

for a whip may be carried. (For exception to this article refer to Article 257.2.2. of the Jumping Rules);

- 3.22. an accident to an Athlete or to a Horse which prevents him from completing the Competition (see Article 258 of the Jumping Rules);
  - 3.23. not leaving a closed combination in the right direction or displacing a closed combination;
  - 3.24. second Disobedience during the course of a round (see Articles 236 and 239 of the Jumping Rules);
  - 3.25. fall of Athlete or Horse during the round (see Articles 224, 236 and 239 of the Jumping Rules);
  - 3.26. if the Ground Jury feels that for any reason Horse or Athlete is unfit to continue in Competition.
- 4. Elimination is left to the discretion of the Ground Jury in the following cases:
    - 4.1. not entering the arena when the Athlete's name and/or number is called;
    - 4.2. not entering the arena mounted or not leaving the arena mounted;
    - 4.3. all physical unauthorised assistance, except for paragraph 3.20 above;
    - 4.4. schooling a Horse in speed Competitions under table A or C, without informing the OC in advance;
    - 4.5. not stopping when the bell is rung during the round (see Articles 203.2. and 233.2. of the Jumping Rules).

## ARTICLE 241      DISQUALIFICATIONS

- 1. Disqualification means that ~~an~~**the** Athlete, ~~and his~~**the** Horse(**s**) ~~or horses,~~  
**and/or a combination of both** may take no further part in a Competition or in any other Competition of the Event.
- 2. The Ground Jury may disqualify an Athlete, **the Horse and/or the combination of both from a Competition and/or any other Competition of the Event** in the following cases:
  - 2.1. entering the arena on foot once the Competition has started;
  - 2.2. exercising Horses in the arena or jumping or attempting to jump an obstacle without the permission of the Ground Jury (see Articles 202.2., 5. and 6. of the Jumping Rules);
  - 2.3. jumping or attempting to jump the practice obstacle in the arena more times than authorised (see Articles 202.4., 242.1.5. and 262.1.9. of the Jumping Rules);
  - 2.4. jumping or attempting to jump any obstacle in the arena or an obstacle forming part of a subsequent Competition (see Article 202.5. of the Jumping Rules);

- 2.5. retiring, before a jump-off, without permission of the Ground Jury or without valid reason;
- ~~2.6. Rapping Horses (see Article 243.3 of the Jumping Rules)~~ **(moved to Art. 243)**
- 2.67. exercising Horses during the course of an Event over obstacles different from those provided by the OC (see Articles 242.1.4. and 244 of the Jumping Rules);
- 2.78. jumping in the wrong direction the obstacles in the exercise and schooling areas (see Article 244 of the Jumping Rules) and the practice obstacle, if any, in the arena (see Article 202.4. of the Jumping Rules);
- 2.89. all cases of abuse and/or ill treatment of Horses reported by a member of the Ground Jury, by a member of the Appeal Committee or by a steward;
- ~~2.10. all cases laid down in if authorized by the VRs, or any other FEI Rules and Regulations;~~ **(moved to Art. 243)**
- 2.911 Horses bleeding on the flank(s), in the mouth or nose or marks indicating excessive use of spurs or of the whip anywhere on the Horse (in minor cases of blood in the mouth, such as where a Horse appears to have bitten its tongue or lip, Officials may authorize the rinsing or wiping of the mouth and allow the rider to continue; any further evidence of blood in the mouth will result in disqualification.);
- 2.1012 non-registered Athletes and Horses will be disqualified (refer to GRs Article. 113).

## ARTICLE 242 FINES AND YELLOW WARNING CARDS

- 1. The **President of the Ground Jury, the President of the Appeal Committee and the Chief Steward** ~~is~~ **are** authorised to issue a yellow warning card and in addition **the Ground Jury may** impose fines in accordance with the ~~GRs~~ **General Regulations** in the following cases:
  - 1.1. an Athlete who has been eliminated or at the end of his round does not leave the arena without delay;
  - 1.2. an Athlete who has been eliminated, or who retires and who makes more than one (1) attempt to jump a single obstacle or jumps it in the wrong direction before leaving the arena;
  - 1.3. an Athlete who jumps one (1) or several obstacles which are part of the course after passing the finishing line or jumps an obstacle without the permission of the Ground Jury for the press (see Article 202.6. of the Jumping Rules);
  - 1.4. an Athlete who uses in the exercise and in the schooling areas obstacles different from those provided by the OC (see Articles 241.2.67. and 244 of the Jumping Rules);
  - 1.5. an Athlete who jumps or attempts to jump the practice obstacle placed in the arena more times than allowed (see Articles 202.4., 241.2.3. and 262.1.9. of the Jumping Rules);

- 1.6. an Athlete who does not salute the Ground Jury or the official personalities on entering the arena (see Article 256.2.1. of the Jumping Rules);
- 1.7. failure to display the identification number in case of repeated offence (see Article 252.5. of the Jumping Rules);
- 1.8. an Athlete who disrespects the advertising rules (see also GRs) or does not comply with the rules set forth under Article 256.1.8. of the Jumping Rules;
- 1.9. an Athlete who disrespects the directives of the OC ;
- 1.10. an Athlete who touches an obstacle to the effect of changing it;
- 1.11. an Athlete who does not follow orders of Officials or shows incorrect behaviour towards Event Officials or any other party connected with the Event (other Athlete, FEI employee or representative, journalist, public, etc.);
- 1.12. an Athlete who repeats offences after a warning;
- 1.13. an Athlete who disrespects the rules regarding dress and saddlery;
- ~~1.14. Abuse of Horses in any form (rapping, hypersensitisation or desensitisation of limbs, banned schooling methods, excessive use of whip or spurs, etc).~~ **(moved to Art. 243)**
2. All fines imposed by the President of the Ground Jury, **the President of the Appeal Committee** are invoiced to the NF concerned by the FEI-secretariat and are paid to the FEI.
3. Yellow Warning Cards  
Refer to GRs.

## **ARTICLE 243      ~~ABUSE IN TRAINING OF HORSES~~ (SEE ALSO ART. 142 GRs)**

1. All forms of cruel, inhumane or abusive treatment of Horses, including, but not limited to the various forms of rapping, are strictly forbidden in all exercise and schooling areas as well as elsewhere on the grounds of the Events (see Articles ~~241.2.6., 241.2.89. and 241.2.10.~~ of the Jumping Rules).  
  
**Any act or series of actions that in the opinion of the Ground Jury can be defined as abuse of a Horse shall be penalized according to the General Regulations with one or more of the following penalties:**
  - (i)      **yellow warning card (see also 242.1 and GRs Art. 142;**
  - (ii)     **elimination;**
  - (iii)    **fine;**
  - (iv)    **disqualification.**
- 2.

The term "rapping" is construed to include all of the artificial techniques intended to induce the Horse to jump higher or more carefully in Competitions. It is not practical to list every possible means of rapping, but in general it consists of the Athlete and/or dismounted assistants, for whose behaviour the Athlete is responsible either hitting the Horse's legs manually with something (no matter with what or by whom) or deliberately causing the Horse to hit something itself, whether by building obstacles too large and/or too wide, setting false ground lines, placing trotting poles or the elements of a combination at a false distance, intentionally pulling or pushing the Horse into an obstacle or otherwise making it difficult or impossible for the Horse to negotiate the practice obstacle without hitting it.

3. It is forbidden to jump unauthorised obstacles or to rap a Horse in any way and in any place on the grounds of the Event or to leave the grounds of the Event for any purpose during the period of the Event.
4. In the case of rapping or any other abusive schooling practice within the period of jurisdiction of the Ground Jury, the Athlete and the Horse concerned will be disqualified from all Competitions for at least twenty-four (24) hours. In addition, the Ground Jury can take any further action it deems appropriate to the particular circumstances.

**5. Excessive use of the whip**

- **The whip cannot be used to vent an Athlete's temper. Such use is always excessive;**
- **The whip is not to be used after elimination or after a Horse has jumped the last fence on a course;**
- **The whip is never to be used overhand, (for example a whip in the right hand being used on the left flank). The use of a whip on a Horse's head is always excessive use;**
- **A Horse should never be hit more than three (3) times for any one (1) incident. If a Horse's skin is broken, it is considered excessive use of the whip;**

**An Athlete identified as misusing or excessively using the whip will be disqualified and may be fined at the discretion of the Ground Jury.**

**6. Rapping Horses (See Paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 above);**

**7. All cases ~~laid down in~~ if authorized by the VRs, or any other FEI Rules and Regulations;**

**8. ~~1.14.~~ Abuse of Horses in any form (rapping, hypersensitisation or desensitisation of limbs, banned schooling methods, excessive use of whip or spurs, etc).**

## **ARTICLE 244                      EXERCISE AND SCHOOLING AREAS AND PRACTICE OBSTACLES**

## 1. The Exercise and Schooling Areas

The OC must provide at least one (1) exercise or schooling area sufficiently large for good training conditions. There must be a minimum of one (1) vertical and one (1) spread obstacle. The ground has to be in good shape. When there are many Athletes and sufficient space, additional obstacles should be provided. All obstacles must be constructed in the usual manner and provided with red and white flags. However the flags may be replaced by tape or paint in order to provide a white and a red top to the wings or uprights.

Where space permits and the number of Athletes is large, a separate schooling area may be designated.

## 2. Practice Obstacles

The use of obstacle material not provided by the OC is forbidden under Penalty of disqualification and/or fine (see Articles 241.2.7~~6~~ and 242.1.4. of the Jumping Rules). Practice obstacles may only be jumped in the direction for which they are flagged. No part of the practice obstacles may be held by anyone.

- 2.1. Ground lines may be placed directly underneath the first part of an obstacle or up to one metre (1 m) away on the take-off side. If there is a ground-line in front of the obstacle, a ground-line may be used behind the obstacle at an equal distance up to max. one metre (1 m).
- 2.2. If crossed poles are used as the top part of an obstacle, they must be able to fall individually. The top end of the poles must be in a cup. There can be a horizontal top pole behind the crossed poles, which must be at least twenty centimetres (20 cm) higher than the height of the place, where the poles cross each other.
- 2.3. The top poles of an obstacle must always be in cups at both ends. If the pole is resting on the edge of a cup it must be on the far edge and never on the near edge.
- 2.4. Obstacles in the practice arena may not exceed in height and width ten centimetres (10 cm) more than the maximum height and width of the obstacles of the Competition in progress, that is if the maximum height of obstacles during that Competition is one meter forty (1.40 m) or less. If the obstacle height of the Competition in progress is greater than one meter forty (1.40 m), the obstacles in the practice arena may not exceed one meter eighty (1.80 m) in width and one meter sixty (1.60 m) in height.
- 2.5 Walking poles are not allowed.
- 2.6 The OC may provide material to simulate a water ditch.

## 3. Gymnastic Training

- 3.1. Athletes may train their Horses in gymnastic exercises using trotting poles on the ground and spacing poles, but obstacles used for this purpose may not exceed one meter thirty (1.30 m) in height and one meter sixty (1.60 m) in spread. Athletes using such obstacles must not offend the rules against rapping (see Article 243 of the Jumping Rules).



- 3.2. Gymnastic Poles: if there is enough space trotting poles may be used and placed not closer than two meters fifty (2.50 m) to a vertical obstacle not exceeding one meter thirty (1.30 m) in height. A trotting pole not closer than two meters fifty (2.50 m) when the obstacle is jumped at the trot or three meters (3.00 m) if at the canter on the landing side may be used.
- 3.3. Exercising and Training: whenever possible provision should be made for Athletes to exercise and train in the presence of a steward for several hours in the morning. Athletes may change obstacles providing Articles 244.2., 244.3. and 244.4. of the Jumping Rules are not contravened.
4. Combinations are permitted as long as there is enough space and if they are built with correct distances. The OC must provide the material.

When training areas are crowded Athletes may only use single obstacles.

5. Stewarding – Boot and Bandage Control (see also Article 257.2.3. of the Jumping Rules)

The schooling area(s) (warming up ring) must always be supervised by a steward when in use.

It is obligatory to carry out boot and bandage control on all Horses taking part in the Grand Prix, FEI Nations Cup Competition, and during the Competition with the highest prize money at each Event. It is recommended that boot and bandage control be carried out during other Competitions. Refer to the **VRs and to the** Jumping Stewards Manual for the ~~procedure for~~ boot and bandage control **procedure**.

## CHAPTER VIII JUMP-OFFS

### ARTICLE 245 GENERAL

1. Only Athletes who are in equal first place after one (1) or several preliminary rounds of the same Competition may take part in a jump-off. Athletes must start the same Horse in the jump-off as in the initial round.
2. In principle a jump-off must take place under the same rules and table as the original Competition and the rules for jump-offs in that type of Competition. However the jump off from a minor table A Competition may be judged under table C, providing it is specified in the schedule. In any case all jump offs must be held immediately after the original round(s) of the Competition.
3. If specified in the schedule the OC may decide that Athletes, who have completed their preliminary round without Penalties, must proceed to the jump-off immediately following their preliminary round. In this case, the bell must be rung again to signal the Athlete to start the jump-off course, **during which the forty-five (45) second rule set forth in Article 203.1.2. above applies.** ~~The rules as mentioned in article 203.1.2. are applicable.~~ Athletes qualified for the jump-off are not allowed to leave the arena between their preliminary round and the jump-off. This type of jump-off is only allowed for Competitions under

table A, according to Articles 238.1.2. and 238.2.2. and is not authorised for a Grand Prix Competition or for the Competition with the highest prize money.

4. Unless otherwise set forth in these Jumping Rules (Power and Skill Competitions) no Competition may involve more than two (2) jump-offs.
5. The order of starting in the jump-off(s) must remain the same as the order of starting fixed for the original round, except where otherwise specified in the schedule or the Jumping Rules.

Horses which lose a shoe prior to starting in the initial round of a one (1) round Competition with a jump-off will be given a later starting position. In a jump-off a Horse that loses a shoe prior to starting will be given a new starting place three (3) positions later. If the Horse in question has not had its shoe replaced by this time it will be left to the discretion of the Ground Jury to decide whether the Horse in question should receive a later starting place or be eliminated.

6. In the event of equality of Score for the first place, a jump-off may take place according to the provisions of the schedule. If no provision for a jump-off is set forth in the schedule, it will be considered that the Competition is run with no jump-off.

## **ARTICLE 246            OBSTACLES, DISTANCE**

1. The obstacles in the jump-off(s) may only be increased in height and/or spread (partially or totally), without exceeding the limits set forth in Article 208.3. of the Jumping Rules, if the Athletes sharing first place have completed the previous round without jumping Penalties.
2. If the original course includes combination(s) the jump off(s) must also include at least one (1) combination.
3. The number of obstacles in a jump-off may be reduced to a minimum of six (6) (combinations count as one -1- obstacle).
4. The shape, the type and the colour of the obstacles for a jump-off may not be altered, but it is permitted to leave out one (1) or more of the elements of a combination obstacle. If the combination obstacle is a treble or a quadruple, the centre element(s) only may not be omitted.
5. The order of the obstacles for a jump-off may be altered, compared to the original course.
6. In a jump-off, the distance between the elements of a combination obstacle may never be altered.
7. A maximum of two (2) additional single obstacles may be added to the course of a jump-off. Both obstacles must be on the course during the course inspection. These obstacles may consist of two (2) spread or two (2) vertical obstacles or one (1) spread and one (1) vertical. It must be clearly indicated both on the course plan and at the obstacle itself, whether the vertical(s) may be jumped from either side or just from one (1) side.

## **ARTICLE 247                    ELIMINATION OR WITHDRAWAL FROM A JUMP-OFF**

1. An Athlete who is eliminated in a jump-off will be placed last of the Athletes who have completed the jump-off.
2. An Athlete, who with the permission of the Ground Jury withdraws from a jump-off, must always be placed after an Athlete eliminated or who retires for a valid reason on the course. Athletes, who retire for no valid reason or who have themselves eliminated on purpose are placed equal with Athletes, who have withdrawn from the same jump-off.
3. If before a deciding jump-off, two (2) or more Athletes decline to take part in the jump-off, the Ground Jury will decide whether this refusal can be accepted or must be rejected. If the Ground Jury accepts the refusal, the OC will award the trophy by lot and the prize money will be added together and shared equally between the Athletes. If the Ground Jury's instruction to continue is not followed by Athletes, no trophy will be awarded and the Athletes will each only receive the prize money and the lowest placing for which they would have jumped-off.

## **CHAPTER IX                    PLACING**

### **ARTICLE 248                    INDIVIDUAL    PLACING    AND    PRIZE GIVING**

1. The placing of an individual Athlete is decided according to the table in use and the instructions of the general programme for the Competition or amendments noted on the course plan.
2. Any Athlete who has no chance of being placed may, at the discretion of the Ground Jury, be stopped at any time during his round.
3. Athletes who are unable to complete the first round of a Competition have no right to any prize, except in certain special Competitions.
4. Prize winners of qualifying Competitions retain the prizes they have won even if they decline to take part in the final Competition for which they have qualified.
5. Prize winners must take part in the prize giving ceremony and should do so with the placed Horses. The Ground Jury, however, for safety reasons, may make exceptions. If a prize winner fails, without plausible excuse, to take part at the prize giving ceremony, the Ground Jury, at its discretion, may decide to withhold his prize. Therefore, the OC must publish in the schedule and programme the number of prize winners required to take part in the ceremony. If the schedule or programme does not indicate the number that must be present, then all Athletes and Horses placed must attend the prize-giving ceremony.

6. With the exception of Horse rugs presented by sponsors of Competitions, rugs may not be worn at prize-giving ceremonies. The Ground Jury, under special circumstance, may however decide to relax this rule.

## CHAPTER X ATHLETES AND HORSES

### ARTICLE 249 INVITATIONS TO CSIOS

1. The official invitation sent to the NF must be extended to an official team comprising a Chef d'Equipe, a minimum of four (4) and a maximum of six (6) Athletes, a minimum of eight (8) and a maximum of fifteen (15) Horses and one (1) groom per Athlete.

If OCs invite teams consisting of four (4) Athletes and eight (8) Horses the total number of invited foreign Athletes cannot be less than the number invited the previous year.

Three (3) official teams at least (including that of the host ~~nation~~**NF**) must participate for the Event to be considered as a CSIO.

If less than five (5) ~~NF~~**sations** have entered teams for a CSIO the invitation can be extended to include two (2) teams per ~~nation~~**NF** (including the ~~home~~**host** team). Before the start of the Event, at the latest at the technical meeting, each ~~NF~~**nation** with two teams must decide which team competes for FEI Nations Cups points.

2. CSIO Events in Europe

If ten (10) or more teams are invited (~~host~~ **home**-team included), the OC may invite foreign individual Athletes in accordance with Article 249.5. of the Jumping Rules.

If eight (8) or nine (9) teams are invited (~~host~~ **home**-team included), only three (3) foreign individual Athletes (maximum) may be invited.

If seven (7) or less teams are invited (~~host~~ **home**-team included), no foreign individual Athletes may be invited.

3. CSIO Events in North America

If five (5) or more teams are invited (~~host~~ **home**-team included), foreign individual Athletes may be invited in accordance with Article 249.5. of the Jumping Rules. If four (4) teams are invited (home team included), only a maximum of two (2) foreign individual Athletes may be invited. If there are less than four (4) teams invited (~~host~~ **home**-team included), no foreign individual Athletes may be invited.

4. In a side letter accompanying draft schedules, each OC will be required to mention the names of ~~nations~~**NFs** to be invited, plus the names of at least three (3) reserve ~~nations~~**NFs**, in case any of those invited cannot accept the invitation. Upon receipt of a refusal, the OC must contact immediately one (1) of the ~~nations~~**NFs** on the reserve list. It is recommended that each OC uses

double entry dates for nominated entries, in case invited NFs drop out. It is recommended that major CSIO Events having difficulties in selecting teams to be invited, should give first preference to the top eight (8) teams on the FEI Nations Cup standings list.

5. One (1) or two (2) individual Athletes in addition to those belonging to the teams or to NFs which cannot send a complete team may be invited under the same conditions as the official teams. No personal invitations are allowed for individuals at CSIO Events.
6. The number of individual Athletes of the host ~~nation~~-NF allowed to compete in CSIOs is determined by the table in Annex II of these Jumping Rules.
7. CSIO Events with a 5\* / 4\* FEI Nations Cup, must at least invite seven (7) foreign teams. Only in very exceptional circumstances and with the express permission of the FEI Secretary General, may ~~less~~**fewer** foreign teams be invited.
8. The FEI has the right to nominate one (1) of the foreign teams to be invited by the OC as a wild card.

## ARTICLE 250 INVITATIONS TO CSIS

For CSIs, it is the responsibility of the OC with the approval of its NF to lay down in the schedule and the invitation, the number of individual Athletes and Horses to be invited.

## ARTICLE 251 ENTRIES

All Athletes and Horses must be registered with the FEI before they can be permitted to take part in International Events, with the exception of the FEI World Challenge Competitions (see also GRs 113).

1. The number of Horses that may be entered for an Event must be in accordance with the schedule and the Jumping Rules.
2. All Athletes invited or nominated for an International Event can only be entered by their NF. It is the NF's responsibility to ensure that Athletes are of the required age for the Event in which they are entered. All foreign Athletes selected by their NF, in accordance with the Jumping Rules and as specified in the schedule, must be accepted by the OC. OCs may not accept any other entries other than those received from NFs.
3. NFs are responsible for selecting and entering qualified Horses. This includes the fitness and capability of the Horses to participate in the Competitions for which they are entered. It is the NF's responsibility to ensure that Horses are of the required age for the Event in which they are entered.
4. The number of teams and individual Athletes allowed to be entered to take part is set forth in the Jumping Rules.

5. NFs may only enter Athletes for FEI World Championships and Olympic Games who are qualified under conditions decided by the Jumping Committee and approved by the Bureau and, where appropriate, the IOC.
6. If NFs enter more Athletes and Horses than the number allowed in the official team, the Chef d'Equipe must designate the Athletes and Horses selected for the official team at the latest following the first Horse inspection.
7. Under no circumstances may the OC limit the number of entries of eligible Athletes or teams for a FEI Championship. The Bureau may limit the number of entries if deemed necessary.
8. Entries for FEI Senior Championships and Games must be made following the compulsory three (3) phases outlined under paragraph 8.1, 8.2 and 8.3 below. For other Events up to and including CSIOs paragraph 8.2 is optional but other deadlines may be requested by the NF/OC in the schedule.
  - 8.1. Entries in principle

Must reach the OC at least eight (8) weeks before the Event is due to begin. Entry in principle means that an NF has the definite intention of sending Athletes to participate in the Event and must state whether the intention is to send only individuals, only a team or a team and individuals. In the absence of a satisfactory explanation, NFs having made entries in principle and not represented by Athletes may be fined.
  - 8.2. Nominated entries

Must reach the OC at least four (4) weeks before the Event is due to begin and must include a list of the names of Athletes and Horses from which the definite entries and any substitutions will be chosen and state the number of Athletes and Horses which the NF intends to send. The nominated entries consist of twice the number of Athletes' names as indicated on the definite entries.

Once the nominated entries have been sent in, NFs may send fewer Athletes and/or Horses but never more than the number of nominated entries. NFs which are not represented after having made nominated entries and whose excuse is not acceptable to the OC shall be reported by the OC to the Secretary General for consideration by the FEI Tribunal.
  - 8.3. Definite entries

Must be received by the OC by the date mentioned in the schedule and at the latest four (4) days preceding the beginning of the Event. These represent the final selection of Athletes and Horses that will travel to the Event. The definite entries may not exceed the number listed and must be chosen from the list of names on the nominated entries. Following receipt of the definite entries, substitutions of Horses and/or Athletes may only be made with the express permission of the OC. The OC must print in the schedule the latest date for substitution of Horse (s) and Athlete(s), which may not be later than the day of the Horse inspection.

9. Entry forms must include the name/names, breed, sex, age, colour, country of birth, present nationality and passport number of Horse and, where appropriate, qualifications.

The Athlete's year of birth must also be included.

10. Should an NF send more Athletes and/or Horses than shown in the nominated entry the OC is not obliged to accommodate them or to allow them to participate in that Event even if the Jumping Rules and schedule would allow such participation.
11. At an Event, an Athlete may withdraw any or all his Horses from a Competition, but he may not add a Horse not previously entered for that Competition without the approval of the OC and the Ground Jury.
12. Where an NF has made a nominated entry of a team and finds that it will be unable to send a team, it must immediately inform the OC.
13. Teams or individual Athletes who have been definitely entered by their NFs at any Event and fail to take part without valid excuse must be reported by the Foreign Judge/Technical Delegate to the FEI Secretary General for consideration by the FEI Tribunal. In the absence of a satisfactory explanation, NFs having made entries in principle and having not been represented by Athletes may be fined. Competing at another Event staged at the same time does not constitute a valid excuse for failure to participate at an Event. However **and notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the GRs**, if a definitely entered CSI-Athlete is selected to replace a CSIO-Athlete (unable to compete for a valid reason) on the same weekend, this late nomination will be considered a valid excuse for failure to participate in the originally foreseen CSI.
14. An NF cannot make definite entries for the same Athlete to more than one (1) OC on the same weekend on Penalty of disqualification of such Athlete from the Event where he eventually participates unless **and notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the GRs** both OC concerned have given their agreement (Exception see Article 251.13. of the Jumping Rules).
15. Withdrawals after the date of definite entries or no-shows will be liable to reimburse the OC for the financial loss incurred by the OC (i.e. stabling and hotel Expenses) as a result of late withdrawal or no-show.
16. A National Jumping Competition (CSN) which allows more than fifteen (15) foreign Athletes from more than four (4) different NFs to take part is automatically considered to be a CSI with all the implications that this entails, in accordance with the FEI Rules and Regulations.

## ARTICLE 252      STARTING ORDER

1. The draw for the starting order.
  - 1.1. Championships/CSIO – Team and Individuals

1.1.1 A draw will first take place to determine the order of starting of the individual Athletes entered in addition to teams, regardless of their nationality.

1.1.2. A second draw will then take place to decide the order in which the Nations, which have entered teams, will start. Each Chef d'Equipe will then fix the order in which he wishes his team Athletes to start in the order of the Nations. These Athletes will be inserted in sequence in the remaining spaces between the individual Athletes.

1.1.3. If an individual Athlete has more than one (1) Horse taking part in a Competition, the Ground Jury will adjust the starting order in such a manner that if possible an interval of at least ten (10) Athletes is provided between these individual Horses.

1.1.4. If a Chef d'Equipe decides to change the Athletes and Horses after the starting order has been published, it is possible that one (1) Athlete must ride two (2) Horses too close together. In this case the Chef d'Equipe must inform the Ground Jury or the Secretariat-OC at least one (1) hour before the start of the Competition. The Ground Jury may then alter the starting order as far as this Athlete only is concerned.

2. In CSIOs and CSIs, there must be a draw for the order of starting of the Athletes. When doing so the nationality of the Athletes must be considered so as not to allow two (2) Athletes of the same foreign nation-NF to start consecutively. If it happens that one (1) or more Athletes have to ride two (2) Horses too close together, the Ground Jury on its own authority or on request may alter the order of starting as far as these Athletes only are concerned.

3 The starting order may not be drawn in alphabetical order of the names of the Athletes or of the Horses.

4. For team Competitions, a separate draw must take place each time.

5. Each Horse keeps the same identification number provided by the OC on arrival, throughout the Event.

It is compulsory that the Horse always wears this number whenever it leaves the stables, so that all officials including the Stewards may identify it. Failure to display this identification number clearly incurs first a warning and, in the case of repeated offence, a fine imposed on the Athlete by the Ground Jury or the Appeal Committee (see Article 242.1.7. of the Jumping Rules).

6. Rotating the starting order in individual Competitions

Rotation is mandatory, ~~the system of rotation is optional~~ **but the system of rotation to be applied is at the discretion of the OC**. In order to achieve the rotation of the starting order in the individual Competitions included in the programme, it is recommended that the procedure as set forth under Annex VI of the Jumping Rules be followed.

7. Order of starting in Grand Prix Competitions

The title "Grand Prix" may only be used once during an Event; the order of start in all Grand Prix Competitions is determined by a separate draw.



If there is a special ranking for the best Athlete or the best combination Athlete/Horse at the Event, the ranking in reverse order before the Grand Prix can be used as the order of starting.

The OC may also divide Athletes into three (3) groups. There must be a draw to establish the starting order in each group. The top Athletes on the FEI computer list are permitted to start in the last group. The President of the Ground Jury must be present during the draw.

The method to be used must be mentioned in the schedule.

## ARTICLE 253 DECLARATION OF STARTERS

At CSIOs, on the day before the first Competition, the Chefs d'Equipe will designate in writing to the ~~Secretariat-OC~~ the members of their team (Athletes and Horses) and the names of individuals Athletes together with the names of their Horses (see Article 249 of the Jumping Rules). In the event of accident or illness preventing an Athlete and/or his Horse being declared as a starter in the team, Chefs d'Equipe may substitute for him/them from among the individuals Athletes (if there are any), one (1) hour at the latest before the start of the first Competition of the Event. An Athlete or a team Horse, which has been substituted, may not start as an individual. At all Events, Chefs d'Equipe (CSIOs) or individual Athletes (CSIOs, CSIs) will declare to the ~~Secretariat-OC~~ at a time fixed by the OC the starters for the next day's Competitions.

## ARTICLE 254 PARTICIPATION AND NUMBER OF HORSES

1. The schedule must specify the number of Horses allowed for each Athlete at CSIOs and CSIs but this number must be limited to a maximum of three (3). At Events where several CSIs of different categories are organised on the same weekend the number of Horses per Athlete must be limited to three (3) per Category. This does not apply to CSI Events held at the same venue over several consecutive weekends. If the schedule includes a Puissance Competition and/or special Competitions for six (6) and/or seven (7)-year-old Horses and/or for stallions, the schedule may allow an additional Horse for each of these Competitions. Participation of these additional Horses is limited to these Competitions only.
2. At CSIOs the Chefs d'Equipe have the right to make changes to the Horses belonging only to the official team throughout the duration of the Event, on condition that each Athlete rides the maximum number of Horses as specified in Article 254.1. of the Jumping Rules. A change made in this manner is irreversible.
3. Changing Horses by individuals at CSIOs and CSIs is allowed only if they belong to the same ~~nation~~ **NF**, and conform to the number of Horses each individual Athlete is allowed to ride during the Event in accordance with the provisions of the schedule. A change made in this manner is irreversible.

4. At CSIOs each Athlete may ride only one Horse in the Grand Prix or, if there is no Grand Prix, in the Competition with the highest prize money. If there is a Grand Prix Competition and another Competition with the same prize money as the Grand Prix or with higher prize money, the Athlete may ride only one (1) Horse in each of these Competitions, except when this Competition is a Derby.
5. This **above paragraph** also applies at CSIs. However, if in the Grand Prix or in similar Competitions listed in paragraph 4 above, there are thirty (30) Athletes or less entered, the OC may allow each Athlete to ride two (2) Horses in the Competition concerned, provided that the total number of starters does not exceed the maximum allowed for the Grand Prix or Competition in question.

## **ARTICLE 255 JUNIORS AND YOUNG RIDERS**

1. **Subject to the exclusions mentioned in paragraphs 2 and 3 below,** Athletes may take part in certain Competitions for Seniors from the year in which they reach their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday with the express permission of their NF.
2. A Junior and/or Pony Rider may never ride in a Junior or Pony Competition and in a Senior Competition at the same Event.
3. Before the year in which they reach their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday (see Young Riders and Junior Annex) Athletes may not take part in a FEI Nations Cup, a Grand Prix, a FEI World Cup™ Competition, a Power and Skill Competition, a Derby, and the Competition with the highest prize money if this is not one (1) of the Competitions listed. Junior Athletes may participate in Grand Prix Competitions at CSI\* and CSI\*\* Events, provided that they have reached their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday.

## **ARTICLE 256 DRESS AND SALUTE**

1. Dress
  - 1.1. Athletes are required to wear correct dress when appearing before spectators and are required to dress in accordance with paragraph 1.5. and 1.6. of this Article when they are competing or during the presentation of prizes.
  - 1.2. When inspecting the course, dress must be neat and tidy. In any case, riding boots, white breeches, a white or lightly coloured shirt and a white tie must be worn. In all cases the collar and cuffs must be white.
  - 1.3. In bad weather, the Ground Jury may allow the wearing of a greatcoat or waterproof. In very warm weather, the Ground Jury may allow Athletes to ride without a jacket.
  - 1.4. It is compulsory for anyone jumping a Horse to wear a properly fastened hard hat with three (3) points retention harness, including members of the armed services, police, gendarmerie, members of military establishments and national studs. This is strongly recommended also for anyone working a Horse in the exercise and schooling areas or anywhere on the showground. Notwithstanding the above, protective headgear, secured by a three (3) points retention

harness, is compulsory for Juniors, Children, **Pony Riders** and is recommended for Young Riders, at all times when mounted.

- 1.5. Civilians are required to wear the uniform or dress approved by their NF, a red coat or a black coat, white or light fawn breeches, black boots or black top boots. A white tie, or choker, or a hunting stock and a white or lightly coloured shirt must be worn. Shirts may have long or short sleeves and must have a white collar and white cuffs. If a jacket is not worn shirts must have sleeves, either short or long sleeves are permitted.
- 1.6. Subject to the provisions of Article 256.3. of the Jumping Rules civilians are allowed to wear the logo of their sponsor vertically in the middle of their hard hat. Said logo must not be longer than twenty five centimetres (25 cm) and wider than five centimetres (5 cm).
- 1.7. Members of the armed services, police and gendarmerie, members and employees of military establishments and of national studs may wear civil or service dress.
- 1.8. At the discretion of the Ground Jury, Athletes who are improperly dressed may be refused permission to take part in the Competition.
- 1.9. Only the NF-official jacket may be worn by Athletes in FEI Nations Cup Competitions, at FEI Regional, Continental and World Championships and during the Competitions at Olympic and Regional Games. Black, red, navy and green jackets with collars of the same colour cannot be registered.

Team member jackets must be the same colour. Athletes not complying with this rule will be fined with one thousand Swiss Francs (CHF 1,000.00). In addition, the Athlete will be requested to leave the arena and will not be permitted to return until the jacket complies with the rules for participation.

- 1.10. Disputes about colours are to be referred to the FEI Secretary General whose decision is final.

## 2. Salute

- 2.1. In all Competitions that take place in an arena under the jurisdiction of a Ground Jury, each Athlete must salute the President of the Ground Jury as a matter of courtesy, unless the President gives other instructions. The Ground Jury may refuse to start an Athlete who has not saluted. The Ground Jury may also fine the Athlete (see Article 242.1.6. of the Jumping Rules). For special reasons the Ground Jury, in consultation with the OC, may decide whether or not Athletes are required to salute prior to the commencement of each Competition. The OC in agreement with the President of the Ground Jury must instruct the Athletes to salute Heads of State when present, and may do so if there is a special guest occupying the official box.
- 2.2. Athletes should salute during a march past parade, presentation of prizes and during the playing of anthems.
- 2.3. For special reasons the Ground Jury can decide that the salute is not necessary.

2.4. Male Athletes are not required to remove their hat when saluting. Raising the whip or lowering the head will be considered as saluting.

### 3. Advertising and Publicity on Athletes and Horses

3.1. At all Events, except Regional and Olympic Games under the patronage of the IOC (see Olympic Regulations for Equestrian Events at Olympic Games), Athletes may wear the identification (name and/or logo) of the manufacturer of clothing and equipment or as an alternative that of a sponsor as outlined below:

#### 3.1.1. Identification of the Manufacturer

3.1.1.1. While present in the Competition area and during the prize-giving ceremonies **names or logos identifying a non-sponsoring** ~~the identification of the~~ manufacturer of the clothing and equipment may appear only once per item **of clothing and equipment** and ~~may appear solely~~ on a surface area not exceeding **three square centimetres (3cm<sup>2</sup>-) (maximum on centimeters -1 cm- high, maximum three centimeters -3 cm- wide)** for clothing and equipment.

3.1.1.2. ~~If the manufacturer of clothing and equipment act as sponsors, the provisions of paragraph 3.2 of this article apply.~~

#### 3.1.2. Identification of Sponsors

3.1.2.1. While present in the Competition area and during the prize-giving ceremonies the name and/or logo of the individual's **Athlete's** sponsor(s) may appear on a surface area not exceeding:

a) two hundred square **centimetres (200 cm<sup>2</sup>) (maximum ten centimeters - 10 cm- high, maximum twenty centimeters -20 cm- wide)** on each side of the saddle cloth;

b) eight hundred square **centimetres (80cm<sup>2</sup>) (maximum ten centimeters - 10 cm- high, maximum eight centimeters -8 cm- wide)** on each of the two **(2)** sides of jackets or top garments at the height of breast pockets;

c) sixteen square **centimetres (16 cm<sup>2</sup>) (maximum two centimeters - 2 cm- high, maximum eight centimeters -8 cm- long)** on both sides of the shirt collar;

d) seventy five square **centimetres (75 cm<sup>2</sup>) -(maximum seven centimeters and a half -7.5 cm- high, maximum ten centimeters -10 cm- wide)** for the logo on fly bonnets.

3.1.2.1.1. **Notwithstanding the above, OCs of FEI Championships may prohibit such names and logos in the schedule, with the exception of the names and logos of the team sponsors and/or of the NF sponsor(s) under the limitations as set forth in** ~~OCs of FEI Championships may state in the schedule that such logos are not permitted, with the exception of the names and logos of the team sponsors under the limitations relating to dimensions as outlined in paragraph 256.3.1.2.1 above.~~

3.1.2.1.2. **Notwithstanding the above, OCs of CIOs may prohibit such names and logos in the schedule for Nations Cup classes, with the exception of**

**the names and logos of the team sponsors and/or of the NF sponsor(s) under the limitations as set forth in** ~~OCs of CSIOs may state in the schedule that such logos are not permitted in Nations Cup Competitions, with the exception of the names and logos of the team sponsors under the limitations relating to dimensions as outlined in paragraph 256.3.1.2.1 above.~~

- 3.1.2.2. **The OC may display the name and/or logo of a Competition and/or Event sponsor(s) on members of the OC crew present in the competition area and on numbers present on front and back of the bibs worn by Athletes during the Cross-Country tests of Eventing and Endurance Events, as well as on stable rugs when they are in the Competition area and during the prize-giving ceremonies at all FEI Events. The size of name and/or logo on Athlete's number shall not exceed 100 cm<sup>2</sup>.** ~~The OC may display the name and/or logo of a Competition and/or Event sponsor(s) on members of the arena party and on the numbers worn by Athletes and on stable rugs while present in the Competition area and during the prize giving ceremonies at all FEI Events. The size of name and/or logo on the Athlete's number shall not exceed 100cm<sup>2</sup>.~~

- 3.2. **Unless otherwise specified in this Article, no advertisement or publicity is permitted on any Athlete, Official, Horse, or riding equipment while present in any Competition area or during the performance. However, Athletes inspecting the course may wear the logo of their sponsor, their team sponsor(s), and/or of their NF's sponsor(s) and/or their nationality within a frame not exceeding four hundred square centimeters (400 cm<sup>2</sup>) (maximum twenty centimeters -20 cm- long, maximum twenty centimeters -20 cm- wide) on the front and back of their top garments and within a frame not exceeding fifty square centimeters (50 cm<sup>2</sup>) (maximum five centimeters - 5 cm- high, maximum ten centimeters -10 cm- wide) on head gear.**

~~No advertisement or publicity other than logos defined in paragraph 3.1 above may be displayed on any Athlete, Official or Horse while present in the Competition area and during the performance. However, Athletes inspecting the course may wear the logo of their sponsor within a frame not exceeding 400cm<sup>2</sup> on the front and back of their top garments and with a frame not exceeding 50cm<sup>2</sup> on head gear.~~

- 3.3. **Advertising may appear on obstacles, fences and on the sides of the arena provided any applicable broadcast, internet, or similar law or agreement permits such advertising.** ~~Advertising may appear on obstacles and on the sides of the arena provided the TV agreement allows for it. Specifications for sponsored obstacles are covered under Article 208.2 of the Jumping Rules.~~

- 3.4. **Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the FEI, f** ~~For the purpose of this article, the Competition area shall include all areas where the Athlete is being judged or his Horse is undergoing a Horse/veterinary inspection. It shall not include collecting rings.~~

## **ARTICLE 257 SADDLERY**

1. In the Competition arena:
    - 1.1 Blinkers are forbidden.
    - 1.2 Only unrestricted running martingales are allowed. Standing martingales are permitted for Horses in Children's Horse Competitions.
    - 1.3 There are no restrictions on bits. However, the Ground Jury has the right, based on veterinary advice, to forbid the use of a bit that may cause injury to the Horse.  
 Reins must be attached to the bit(s) or directly to the bridle. Gags and hackamores are allowed.
    - 1.4 Sheepskin may be used on each cheek piece of the bridle providing the sheepskin does not exceed three centimetres (3 cm) in diameter measured from the Horse's face.
    - 1.5 The use of a tongue-strap is forbidden.
    - 1.6 Draw reins (running reins) are forbidden in the Competition arena except during prize giving ceremonies and march-past parades.
  2. Anywhere within the grounds of the Event (restricted area) under control of the OC
    - 2.1 In the interests of safety, the stirrup iron and the stirrup leather (this also applies to safety stirrups) must hang freely from the bar of the saddle and the outside of the flap. The Athlete must not directly or indirectly tie any part of his body to the saddle.
    - 2.2 Athletes are allowed to use a dressage whip when working on the flat but are strictly forbidden to use or carry a whip which is weighed down at the end at any time, or to carry or use one which is more than seventy five centimetres (75 cm) in length in the arena, exercise or schooling areas when riding over poles or any obstacle. No substitute for a whip may be carried. Failure to comply with this paragraph will incur elimination (see Article 240.3.21. of the Jumping Rules).
- 2.2.1 Excessive use of the whip (moved to Art. 243)**
- ~~The whip cannot be used to vent a rider's temper. Such use is always excessive;~~
  - ~~The whip is not to be used after elimination or after a horse has jumped the last fence on a course;~~
  - ~~The whip is never to be used overhand, (for example a whip in the right hand being used on the left flank. The use of a whip on a horse's head is always excessive use;~~
  - ~~A horse should never be hit more than three times for any one incident. If a horse's skin is broken, it is considered excessive use of the whip.~~
  - ~~An Athlete identified as misusing or excessively using the whip will be disqualified and may be fined at the discretion of the Ground Jury (see Art. 241.2.9 and 242.1.14).~~

2.3 The total maximum weight of equipment allowed to be added to a Horse's leg, front or hind (single or multiple boots, fetlock rings etc), is five hundred grams (500g) (shoe excluded). Failure to comply with this paragraph will incur disqualification (see Article ~~241.2.9~~**241.2.8** of the Jumping Rules).

2.4 For all Young Horse Competitions (five (5), six (6), seven (7) and eight (8) year old Horses) at international Jumping Events: All hind leg protections must have a maximum interior length of sixteen centimeters (16 cm) and minimum exterior width of five centimeters (5 cm).

The following criteria must be respected:

The inside of the protection must be smooth; the fixations must be non-elastic Velcro; no hooks or straps may be used;

The rounded rigid part of the protection must be placed around the inside of the fetlock;

No additional elements may be used in conjunction with the protection.

3. Advertising and Publicity on Saddlery and Equipment

The requirements set forth in Article 256.3. of the Jumping Rules apply with regard to restrictions on advertising and publicity on saddlery and equipment.

## **ARTICLE 258      ACCIDENTS**

In the event of an accident preventing either the Athlete or a Horse from finishing, both are eliminated. If, despite the accident, the Athlete completes the round but does not leave the arena mounted, he does not incur elimination.

# CHAPTER XI      OFFICIALS

## ARTICLE 259      OFFICIALS

### 1.      Ground Jury

1. EVENTS	Number of Judges	President Ground Jury	Members	Additional Members	President of Competition	Water Jump Judge	Foreign Judge
	Minimum	Minimum Qualification	Minimum Qualification	Minimum Qualification	Minimum Qualification	Minimum Qualification	Minimum Qualification
Olympic Games / World Championship	(**) President + (**) 3	Official International <b>Compulsory from foreign nation</b>	Min. 2 Official International	International	Official International	International	Official International
Regional Games / Continental Championship Seniors / World Cup Final	(**) President + (**) 3	Official International <b>Compulsory from foreign nation</b>	Min. 2 International	International	International	International	Official International
Other Championships / CSIOs	President + 3	International <b>Preferably from host nation</b>	Min. 2 International	National	International	National	International
CSI 5, 4 and 3 star Events	President + 2 (*)	International <b>Preferably from host nation</b>	Min. 2 International	National	International	National	International <b>5*/4* appointed by FEI</b>
CSI 2 star event / CSI-Y/J / Ch/V/	President + 2 (*)	International <b>Preferably from host nation</b>	Min. 1 International Candidate	National	International Candidate	National	International Candidate
CSI 1 star event / CSI-Y/J / Ch/V Cat. B	President + 2 (*)	International Candidate <b>Preferably from host nation</b>	Min. National		National	National	Recommended International Candidate

(\*) Add one (1) Judge for the water jump (if there is one (1)) or more if there is a large number of Competitions per day.

(\*\*) Appointed by FEI.

Each Competition is to be judged by a group of three (3) Judges.

**IMPORTANT: The number of judges mentioned is a minimum and must be adapted to the number of Competitions per day.**



## 2. Control of Schedule and Foreign Judge's Report to FEI

<b>Events</b>	<b>Control of Schedule by</b>	<b>Report to FEI within fourteen (14) days of Event</b>
Olympic Games World Championship	FEI	President of Ground Jury
Regional Games Cont. Champ. Seniors World Cup Final Other Championships	FEI	President of Ground Jury
CSI01* to 5*	FEI	Foreign Judge(**)
CSI5* to 3*	FEI	Foreign Judge(**)
CSI2*	Foreign Judge(*) + NF	Foreign Judge
CSI-Y/J/Ch/V/ Cat. A; CSI-P	FEI	Foreign Judge
CSI1*/CSI-Y/J/ Ch/V Cat. B	Foreign Judge(*) + NF or President of Ground Jury	Foreign Judge or President of Ground Jury

(\*) send remarks to OC, copy to FEI and NF of OC

(\*\*) appointed by the FEI

## 3. Appeal Committee

The composition of the Appeal Committee and the appointment of the President and members of this Committee must be in accordance with the GRs. An Appeal Committee is optional at CSI1\*, 2\* and 3\* Events and all CSI Events for Veterans, Young Riders, Juniors, Pony Riders and Children.

## 4. Veterinary Commission and Veterinary Delegate

4.1. The composition of the Veterinary Commission, which is compulsory for Olympic and Regional Games, FEI Championships, the FEI World Cup™ Final and CSIOs

and the appointment of the President and members must be in accordance with the VRs.

4.2 At CSIs a Veterinarian to be regarded as the Veterinary Delegate appointed by the OC, is required in accordance with the VRs.

5. Course Designer and Technical Delegate

5.1. Course Designer

5.1.1. In Regional Games, FEI Continental and FEI Regional Championships and FEI World Cup™ Finals, the Course Designer must be selected from the FEI list of International Course Designers and appointed **by the relevant NF/OC** with the agreement of the FEI.

5.1.2. The Course Designer for the Olympic Games and FEI World Championship must be an Official International Course Designer and appointed with the agreement of the FEI.

5.1.3. In CSIOs and CSI3\*, 4\* and 5\*, the Course Designer is appointed by the OC and must be selected from the FEI list of International Course Designers.

5.1.4. The Course Designer for CSI1\* and 2\* may be selected from the FEI list of International or International Candidate Course Designers.

5.1.5. A Course Designer may not act as Course Designer at the same Event where one (1) or more of his immediate relatives are competing.

5.2. Technical Delegate

5.2.1 For Regional Games, FEI Regional and FEI Continental Championships and FEI World Cup™ Final, a Foreign Technical Delegate, selected from the FEI list of International Course Designers and appointed by the Jumping Committee of the FEI, is compulsory.

5.2.2. The Technical Delegate for the Olympic Games and the FEI World Championship must be an Official International Course Designer and must be appointed by the FEI.

5.2.3. A Technical Delegate (Foreign or National), preferably selected from the FEI list of Judges and Course Designers, may be appointed by the OC of CSIOs and CSIs.

6. Stewards

The schooling area(s) and warming-up area(s) must always be supervised. One (1) steward at least must always be present whenever the area(s) are in use, to ensure that the rules are observed. A Chief Steward must be appointed for every international Event. For international Events in Groups I and II, he must be selected from the FEI list of stewards. For the following international Events held outside Groups I, II and North America, the chief steward must have at least the status as indicated below:

(i) CSIO, CSI, FEI Championship for Juniors, Young Riders and Children: National Judge or National Course Designer

(ii) **Olympic and Regional** Games, Senior FEI Continental, FEI Regional and FEI World Championships, FEI World Cup™ Finals: International Judge or Candidate International Judge or International Course Designer or Candidate International Course Designer.

7. Conflict of Interest

A substantial appearance of a conflict of interest exists whenever others may reasonably infer from the given circumstances that a conflict exists. A conflict of interest is defined as any personal, professional or financial relationship, including relationships of family members (immediate family), that could influence or be perceived to influence objectivity when representing or conducting business or other dealings for or on behalf of the FEI.

Conflicts must be avoided whenever practicable. However, conflicts may be linked to experience and expertise that is necessary to qualify Officials, the specific balance between conflict and expertise shall be ~~regulated by the relevant Sport Rules.~~ **determined by the FEI.**

## CHAPTER XII COMPETITIONS

### ARTICLE 260 GENERAL

1. There are many different Jumping Competitions for both individuals and teams. The following provisions cover the types of Competitions, which are mostly used at international Events.
2. OCs may provide for new types of Competitions, but any Competition covered by this Chapter must be run strictly according to these Jumping Rules.

### ARTICLE 261 NORMAL COMPETITIONS AND GRAND PRIX COMPETITIONS

1. Normal and Grand Prix Competitions (the latter must be explicitly designated in the schedule) are those in which performance over obstacles is the principle factor although speed may be introduced to separate equality for first place by a first jump-off or by a maximum of two (2) jump-offs.
2. These Competitions are judged under Table A against or not against the clock, but always with a time allowed.
3. The course is built primarily to test the ability of the Horse over the obstacles. The number of obstacles, their type, their height and spread, within the set forth limits, are the responsibility of OCs.
4. If qualification conditions for Athlete/ Horse are scheduled for the Grand Prix at a CSIO, it is compulsory that the formula given in Annex IV of these Jumping Rules is referred to.

If qualification conditions for Athlete/ Horse are scheduled for the Grand Prix Competition at a CSIO or a CSI, it is compulsory that all qualifying Competitions are run under Table A against the clock or under Table A with one (1) or two (2) jump-offs.

5. Grand Prix Competitions must be conducted in accordance with one (1) of the following formulas:
  - 5.1. over one round with one (1) or two (2) jump-offs, the first or the second jump-off against the clock, or both against the clock; or
  - 5.2. over two (2) rounds (identical or different) with one (1) eventual jump-off against the clock; or
  - 5.3. over two (2) rounds, with the second round against the clock.
- 5.4 At FEI Nations Cup Top League Events the Grand Prix Competition must be judged according to one (1) of the following formulae:
  - 5.4.1. Article 238.2.2. of the Jumping Rules: one (1)- round against the clock with one -1- jump-off against the clock or
  - 5.4.2. Article 273.3.3. of the Jumping Rules: two (2) rounds; or
  - 5.4.3. Article 273.3.1. of the Jumping Rules: two (2) rounds and one (1) jump-off).

The number of efforts in the first round must be limited to fifteen (15) and to nine (9) in the second round.

## **ARTICLE 262            POWER AND SKILL COMPETITIONS**

1. General
  - 1.1. The aim of these Competitions is to demonstrate the ability of the Horse to jump a limited number of large obstacles.
  - 1.2. In the event of equality for first place, there must be successive jump-offs.
  - 1.3. The obstacles of the jump-offs must always be the same shape, the same type and the same colour as in the initial round.
  - 1.4. If, at the end of the third jump-off, there is no single winner, the Ground Jury may stop the Competition. After the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) jump-off, the Ground Jury must stop the Competition. The Athletes left in the Competition are placed equal.
  - 1.5. If, after the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) jump-off, the Athletes do not wish to continue, the Ground Jury must stop the Competition.
  - 1.6. There cannot be a fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) jump-off if Athletes have not had a faultless round in the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) jump-off.
  - 1.7. Time is never a deciding factor in the event of equality of Penalties. There is no time allowed and no time limit.
  - 1.8. These Competitions are judged under Table A not against the clock.

1.9. Only when it is not possible for Athletes to school in the practice arena, a practice obstacle must be placed in the arena. A facultative obstacle is not allowed.

1.10. If the dimensions of the arena and the number of Athletes permit it, the Ground Jury may decide that the Athletes still in the Competition may remain in the arena after the first (1<sup>st</sup>) or second (2<sup>nd</sup>) jump-off.

## 2. Puissance

2.1. The initial round will comprise from four (4) to six (6) single obstacles of which at least one (1) must be a vertical obstacle. The first (1<sup>st</sup>) obstacle must be at least one meter forty (1.40 m) in height, two (2) obstacles from one meter sixty (1.60 m) to one meter seventy (1.70 m) and one (1) wall or vertical obstacle, which may vary from one meter and seventy (1.70 m) to one meter eighty (1.80 m) in height. All combination obstacles, water jumps, ditches and natural obstacles are forbidden.

It is permissible to use a wall with a sloping face on the take-off side (maximum slope of thirty centimetres -30 cm- offset at the base).

2.2. A vertical obstacle instead of a wall may be used, in which case, planks with a pole on top may be used as a substitute.

2.3. In the event of equality for first place, there must be successive jump-offs over two (2) obstacles, which must be a wall or a vertical obstacle and a spread obstacle (see Article 246.1. of the Jumping Rules).

2.4. In the jump-offs, both obstacles must be increased regularly in height and the spread obstacle also in spread. The vertical obstacle or wall may be increased in height only if Athletes equal for first place have not been penalised in the preceding round (see Article 246.1. of the Jumping Rules).

## 3. Six Bar Competition

3.1. In this Competition, six (6) vertical obstacles are placed in a straight line about eleven meters (11 m) apart from each other. They must be identically constructed and composed only of poles of the same type. The number of obstacles may be reduced depending on the size of the arena.

3.2. All the obstacles may be kept at the same height, for example one meter twenty (1.20 m), or at progressive heights, for example one meter ten (1.10 m), one meter twenty (1.20 m), one meter and thirty (1.30 m), one meter forty (1.40 m), one meter fifty (1.50 m), one meter sixty (1.60 m), or the first two (2) at one meter twenty (1.20 m), the next two (2) at one meter and thirty (1.30 m) and so on.

3.3. In the event of a refusal or a run-out, the Athlete must restart the course at the obstacle where the Fault was made.

3.4. The first jump-off must take place over the six (6) obstacles which must be raised unless the Athletes who are equal for first place have been penalised in

the first round. After the first jump-off, the number of obstacles may be reduced to four (4) but the distance between them must be kept at about eleven meters (11 m) as required initially (the lower obstacles should be withdrawn).

## **ARTICLE 263            HUNTING COMPETITION OR SPEED AND HANDINESS COMPETITION**

1. The aim of these Competitions is to demonstrate the Horse 's obedience, handiness and speed.
2. These Competitions are judged under Table C (see Article 239 of the Jumping Rules).
3. Courses must be twisting, with obstacles very varied (alternative obstacles allowed, giving the Athlete the opportunity to shorten his track, but by taking a more difficult obstacle).

Competitions over certain natural obstacles such as banks, slopes, ditches, etc. are called Hunting Competitions and must be so named in the schedule. All other Competitions (of this type) are called Speed and Handiness Competitions.

4. No fixed track to be followed is set forth on the plan. The plan must only be marked with a series of arrows showing the direction in which each obstacle must be jumped.
5. Compulsory turning points are included only if absolutely necessary.

## **ARTICLE 264            FEI NATIONS CUP**

1. Organisation

The FEI Nations Cup (also referred as "NC") is the official international team Competition. Its object is to compare the merit of Athletes and Horses from different NFs under the following conditions:

- 1.1 A FEI Nations Cup may only be organised on the occasion of a CSIO. In principle, the European CSIO season is reserved for outdoor Events only, **unless otherwise agreed by the Chairman of the Jumping Committee together with the FEI Secretary General, in exceptional circumstances.**  
~~The Chairman of the Jumping Committee together with the FEI Secretary General, in exceptional circumstances may relax this rule.~~
- 1.2. At least three (3) NFs must take part in this Competition for it to be recognised as a FEI Nations Cup.
- 1.3. If, for any reason, this Competition is organised under another name, the words "FEI Nations Cup" must be added as a subtitle.
- 1.4. It is the only Competition in which official teams represent NFs and to preserve its special character, there must be no individual placing.

- 1.5. The total prize money must be at least equal to fifty percent (50%) of the amount provided for the Grand Prix Competition or for the Competition with the highest prize money unless the FEI Secretary General gives his approval for a modification to this formula.

Prize money must be awarded to all teams participating in the second round.

- 1.6. The Competition takes place over two (2) rounds, over the same course during the course of the same day.
- 1.7. The FEI Nations Cup is judged under Table A not against the clock with a time allowed in both rounds.

2. Different categories of FEI Nations Cup Competitions

According to the total amount of prize money for the Event, a 5\*, 4\*, 3\*, 2\* or 1\* **CSIO** can be held.

3. Obstacles and other technical requirements

The number and dimensions of the obstacles and the length of the course must be within the following limits:

	<b>5* NC</b>	<b>4* NC</b>	<b>3* NC</b>	<b>2* NC</b>	<b>1* NC</b>
<b>Number of obstacles</b>	12	12	12	12	12
<b>Min./max. Height (metres)</b>	1.30/1.60	1.30/1.50	1.20/1.45	1.10/1.35	1.00/1.20
<b>At least 2 vertical obstacles with a height of (metres)</b>	1.60	1.50	1.45	1.35	1.20
<b>At least six other obstacles with a height of (metres)</b>	1.50	1.45	1.40	1.30	1.10
<b>At least 2 spread obstacles with a minimum height/ spread of (metres)</b>	1.50/1.70	1.45/1.60	1.40/1.50	1.30/1.50	1.20/1.40

<b>Max. spread (metres)</b>	2.00	1.90	1.80	1.70	1.50
<b>Max. spread of triple bar (metres)</b>	2.20	2.10	2.00	1.90	1.70
<b>Min./max. spread of the water jump (metres)</b>	4.00/4.20	3.80/4.00	3.50/3.70	3.20/3.50	2.70/3.00
<b>Min./max. length of the course (metres)</b>	500/700	500/700	500/700	500/700	500/700
<b>Speed outdoor (m/min.)</b>	400	400	375	350	350
<b>Speed indoor (m/min.)</b>	350	350	350	350	350

- 3.2. The course must include a water jump (optional in indoor arenas, where the spread may be less than indicated above). Only in very exceptional circumstances and with the express permission of the FEI Secretary General it may be omitted. The measurements for the water jump given above include the take-off element.
- 3.3. No combination obstacle may require more than three (3) jumping efforts , except in the case of permanent obstacles, banks, mounds or slopes at outdoor Events.
- 3.4. The course must include at least one (1) double or one (1) treble combination, but not more than three (3) doubles or one (1) double and one (1) treble combination.
- 3.5. The length of the course in indoor arenas may be less than indicated above.
- 3.6. If the Ground Jury decides before the first or the second round that the course has been rendered impracticable as a result of unforeseen circumstances, it may direct that the dimensions of some obstacles be reduced or that they be moved slightly and/or that the required speed is reduced. In consultation with the



Course Designer, the Ground Jury may also direct that the dimensions of some obstacles be increased for the second round, if it is deemed that the course of the first round was too easy.

#### 4. Athletes

- 4.1. A full FEI Nations Cup team comprises four (4) Athletes each riding the same Horse throughout the Competition. All members of each team must take part in the first round, except as stated in paragraph 4.2 below and in paragraph 7.2.
- 4.2. If a team, comprising four (4) Athletes, cannot improve its placing in the first or second round after its third Athlete has completed his course, the fourth Athlete may be withdrawn.

#### 5. Participation

Participation in FEI Nations Cup Competitions is subject to the following conditions:

- 5.1. The Athletes and Horses are chosen from the official team, declared by the Chef d'Equipe before the first Competition. The Chef d'Equipe will, on the day preceding the Nations Cup, declare the four (4) Athletes and Horses, including their starting order;
- 5.2. When a team can only provide three (3) Athletes and three (3) Horses, its Chef d'Equipe must start his three (3) Athletes and Horses;
- 5.3. Except in circumstances beyond control recognised as such by the Ground Jury, participation in this Competition is compulsory for all NFs officially represented by at least three (3) Athletes, failing which a team, which abstains or withdraws will be deprived of all prize money won during the whole Event. In addition, they will lose all right to travelling and living expenses;
- 5.4. When three (3) or more Athletes of the same nationality from a NF which is not officially represented have been entered as individuals, they must make up a team for the FEI Nations Cup unless their NF has informed the OC seven (7) days before the Event that these Athletes may not take part in the FEI Nations Cup. In this case, the OC has the right to refuse the entries of these Athletes as individuals;
- 5.5. In the event of an accident or illness to an Athlete and/or Horse, between the submission of the declaration and one (1) hour before the start of the Competition, the Athlete and/or Horse may on production of a certificate from an officially recognised medical doctor and/or with the permission of the Veterinary Commission and after approval by the Ground Jury be replaced by another Athlete and/or Horse entered with the definite entries for the official team (see Article 253 of the Jumping Rules). In the event of substitution, the starting order remains unchanged.

If all NFs are permitted to enter individuals in addition to team members, substitution of an individual Athlete onto a team is permitted in the case of illness or accident where the maximum number of team members allowed to participate is four (4).

6. Order of starting

- 6.1. The starting order of the teams in the first round is determined by a draw in the presence of the Ground Jury and the Chefs d'Equipe. The draw will take place at a time fixed by the OC in agreement with the Ground Jury.
- 6.2. All the number ones start first in succession, then all the number twos and so on. The Chefs d'Equipe of teams comprising only three (3) Athletes may choose in which of the three (3) positions out of four (4) they will start their Athletes.
- 6.3. The starting order of the teams in the second round will be in the reverse order of the total Penalties in the first round of the best three (3) Athletes in each team. In case of equality of Penalties the teams will retain the starting order of the first round.
- 6.4. The Athletes in each team start in the same order as in the first round.

7. Number of teams and Athletes in the second round

The number of teams and Athletes in the second round of the different FEI Nations Cup Competitions as mentioned in paragraph 2 above, is fixed as follows:

7.1. 5\* FEI Nations Cup

The best six (6) teams after the first round take part in the second round with four (4) Athletes per team, except otherwise provided in paragraph 4.2 and 5.2 above.

Those teams equal on Penalties for sixth place will be separated by the total times of the three (3) best Athletes of each team in the first round.

The OC must decide during the draw for the FEI Nations Cup whether the home team will return for the second round as seventh team, if it is not qualified among the six (6) teams eligible to take part. The home team will only be permitted to return for the second round, if there is a difference of not more than eight (8) Penalties between the home team and the last qualified team for the second round.

7.2. 4\*. 3\*, 2\* and 1\* FEI Nations Cup

The best eight (8) teams after the first round take part in the second round with three (3) Athletes per team. The Chef d'Equipe will determine which three (3) Athletes of his team will participate in the second round.

Those teams equal on Penalties for eighth place will be separated by the total times of the three (3) best Athletes of each team in the first round.

The OC must decide during the draw for the FEI Nations Cup whether the home team will return for the second round as ninth team, if it is not qualified among the eight teams eligible to take part. The home team will only be permitted to return for the second round, if there is a difference of not more than eight (8) Penalties between the home team and the last qualified team for the second round.

If only three (3) or four (4) teams participate in a 4\*, 3\*, 2\* or 1\* FEI Nations Cup, all four (4) Athletes take part in the second round.

## 8. Elimination and retirement

- 8.1. If two (2) or more Athletes of a team, participating with four (4) Athletes in the first or second round, are eliminated or retire, the whole team is eliminated.
- 8.2. If one (1) Athlete of a team, participating with three (3) Athletes in the first or second round, is eliminated or retires, the whole team is eliminated.
- 8.3. If a team is qualified to take part in the second round, an Athlete eliminated in the first round may start in the second round.
- 8.4. A team, which is qualified to take part in the second round, may only withdraw from the second round with permission of the Ground Jury. In this case the team will not receive prize money. It will not be replaced by another team.

## 9. Placing and classification

Classification of the teams not taking part in the second round is based on the total Penalties of the three (3) best Athletes of each team in the first round. Teams with equality of Penalties are placed equal.

### 9.2. Placing of teams after the second round is decided as follows:

#### 9.2.1. 5\* FEI Nations Cup

The total Penalties of the best three (3) Athletes per team in the first round are added to the total Penalties of the best three (3) Athletes per team in the second round.

#### 9.2.2. 4\*, 3\*, 2\* and 1\* FEI Nations Cup

The total Penalties of the best three (3) Athletes per team in the first round are added to the total Penalties of the three (3) Athletes per team in the second round.

If all four (4) Athletes take part in the second round (see paragraph 7.2, last sentence), the placing is decided as for a 5\* FEI Nations Cup.

- 9.2.3. In case of equality of Penalties for the first place, there will be a jump-off in which one (1) Athlete per team will participate. The Chef d'Equipe determines which member of his team will participate in the jump-off. Any one (1) of the four (4) team members can take part in the jump-off.

The jump-off takes place against the clock over a minimum of six (6) obstacles.

In case of equality of Penalties and time after the jump-off, the teams concerned will be placed equal first.

Teams with equality of total Penalties for other places are placed equal.

## 10. FEI Nations Cup at other Events

- 10.1. If a FEI Nations Cup is organised at other Events, such as CSIOY, CSIOJ or CSIOP, the ~~rules~~ **provisions** mentioned above for a 5\* FEI Nations Cup apply.

For the measurements of the obstacles and the course those given in the relevant FEI Rules and Regulations are applicable.

- 10.2. However, in case of equality of Penalties for the first place, there will be a jump-off in which all team Athletes may take part. The jump-off takes place against the clock over a minimum of six (6) obstacles.
- 10.3. The Score in this jump-off is obtained by adding the Penalties incurred by the three (3) best Athletes in each team, but in the event of further equality of Penalties, the times of these three (3) Athletes in the jump-off added together will decide the winning team.
- 10.4. Teams with equality of total Penalties for other places are placed equal.

## **ARTICLE 265      OTHER TEAM COMPETITIONS**

### **1.      Sponsor Team Competitions**

A Sponsor Team Competition must consist of three (3) or four (4) Athletes and be run according to the provisions set forth in the schedule. Sponsor Team Competitions may not be arranged at CSIOs or CSI-W Events or FEI Championships.

Sponsor Team Competitions can be arranged either as separate Competitions or within a Competition also with an individual classification. Team Athletes participating in this type of Competition must be listed in the starting list for this Competition only by name and team rather than by name and NF. In order to take part in FEI Events Sponsored Teams must be registered with the FEI in accordance with Annex XI.

### **2.      Other Team Competitions**

Other Competitions for teams may be organised, according to the conditions in the schedule. However, they may never be called FEI Nations Cup Competition or Commercial Team Competition. Sponsor Team Competitions cannot use any of the FEI Nations Cup formula. There can be no reference to representation of a nation.

## **ARTICLE 266      FAULT-AND-OUT COMPETITION**

1. This Competition takes place against the clock over medium sized obstacles each with its own number. Combination obstacles are not allowed. The round finishes at the first Fault committed of whatever nature (obstacle knocked down, any Disobedience, fall, etc.).

When an obstacle is knocked down or when the fixed time is reached, the bell is rung. The Athlete must then jump the next obstacle and the clock is stopped at the moment when the Horse's forefeet touch the ground, but no points are given for the obstacle jumped after the bell has rung.

2. In this Competition bonus points are awarded: two (2) points for an obstacle jumped correctly and one (1) point for an obstacle knocked down.

3. When the Fault, which ends the round, is other than a knock down, such as Disobedience, a fall or when the Athlete does not jump the obstacle over which the clock must be stopped, the bell is rung. The Athlete is then placed last of those who have obtained the same number of points.
4. The winner of the Competition is the Athlete who obtains the greatest number of points. In the event of equality, the Athletes' times are taken into consideration and the Athlete with the fastest time will be declared the winner.
5. A Fault-and-Out Competition may be organised in two (2) ways:
  - 5.1 Over a set number of obstacles:
 

When the Competition takes place over a maximum number of obstacles and the Athlete has jumped the last obstacle, the clock is stopped at the moment when the Athlete crosses the finishing line.

In the event of equality of points and time for first place only, there must be a Fault-and-Out jump-off over a limited number of obstacles.
  - 5.2 With a fixed time of sixty (60) to ninety (90) seconds (forty five -45- in indoor arenas):
 

The Athlete takes the greatest number of obstacles in the fixed time and restarts the course if the fixed time has not yet been reached.

If the fixed time is reached at the moment when the Horse is already taking off this obstacle counts whether it is knocked down or not. Time is taken at the following obstacle, at the moment when the Horse's forefeet touch the ground on landing. If there is an equality of Penalties and time, Athletes are placed equal.

## **ARTICLE 267            HIT-AND-HURRY COMPETITION**

1. In this Competition, instead of being eliminated at the first Fault, the Athlete gets two (2) points for an obstacle correctly jumped and one (1) point for an obstacle knocked down. Combination obstacles are not allowed.
2. This Competition takes place with a fixed time of sixty (60) to ninety (90) seconds (forty five -45- seconds indoors). Disobediences are penalised by the time lost by the Athlete, but two (2) Disobediences and the first fall stop the Athlete. In this case, the Athlete will be placed last of the Athletes who have obtained the same number of points.
3. The winner of the Competition will be the Athlete who at the end of the fixed time has acquired the greatest number of points in the fastest time.
4. When the fixed time is reached, the bell is rung. The Athlete must then jump the next obstacle and the clock is stopped at the moment when the Horse's forefeet reach the ground, but he is given no points for the obstacle jumped after the bell has rung.

5. If the fixed time is reached at the moment when the Horse is already taking off, this obstacle, whether it is knocked down or not, counts. The Athlete's time is taken at the next obstacle as in paragraph 4.  
  
If an Athlete has a Disobedience and displaces or knocks down an obstacle, the fixed time must be decreased by six (6) seconds and the bell must be rung accordingly.
6. When the Athlete does not jump at the first attempt the obstacle at which the clock should be stopped, the round is ended. The Athlete is then placed last of those who have obtained the same number of points.

## **ARTICLE 268            RELAY COMPETITIONS**

1. General
  - 1.1. These Competitions are for teams of two (2) or three (3) Athletes. The team members enter the arena together.
  - 1.2. The course shown on the plan must be completed consecutively according to the number of team members.
  - 1.3. The Athlete going through the starting line must jump the first obstacle and the Athlete jumping the last obstacle must also cross the finishing line in order to stop the clock. If an Athlete crosses the finishing line after another Athlete has jumped the penultimate obstacle, the team is eliminated.
  - 1.4. The time of the round is taken from the moment when the first Athlete crosses the starting line until the last member of the team passes the finishing line.
  - 1.5. The time allowed is based on the speed for the Competition and the length of the course multiplied by the number of team members.
  - 1.6. If, during the round, Disobediences with knock down are committed, the time corrections must be added to the time taken to complete the round (see Article 232 of the Jumping Rules).
  - 1.7. The elimination of a team member incurs the elimination of the whole team.
  - 1.8. The second Disobedience by any team member or a fall by an Athlete/ Horse eliminates the whole team.
  - 1.9. The team is eliminated if, in changing over, the Athlete takes off to jump an obstacle before the forefeet of the Horse of his team member have reached the ground.
2. Relay Competitions are run as follows:
  - 2.1. Normal Relays
    - 2.1.1. In these Competitions the first Athlete jumps his round and having taken the last obstacle the next Athlete starts his round and so on.
    - 2.1.2. As soon as the Horses' forefeet of his team member jumping the last obstacle have reached the ground, the next Athlete may jump his first obstacle.

2.1.3. These Competitions are run under Table C.

## 2.2. Fault-and-Out Relays

Fault-and-Out Relays take place according to the provisions set forth for the Fault-and-Out Competition under Article 266 of the Jumping Rules either over a maximum number of obstacles to be jumped by the whole team or with a fixed total time during which the whole team must jump the greatest number of obstacles.

### 2.2.1. Over a maximum number of obstacles

2.2.1.1. The change over, indicated by a sound of the bell, is compulsory when each Athlete has completed his round or when an Athlete commits a Fault, except at the last obstacle. His team member must then take over respectively at the first obstacle or at the next obstacle where a knockdown has occurred or at the obstacle where Disobedience has been committed.

2.2.1.2. If the last team member has completed his round with no Penalty or if he knocks down the last obstacle of the course, his round ends at the finishing line and the clock must be stopped at this moment.

2.2.1.3. When the last Athlete knocks down an obstacle of the course, other than the last one (1), the bell is rung and the Athlete must then jump the next obstacle to allow his time to be recorded. When this Athlete, for any other reason, does not jump the obstacle at which the clock must be stopped, the whole team is placed last of those who have obtained the same number of points and have their time recorded.

2.2.1.4. In this Competition bonus points are awarded: two (2) points for an obstacle jumped correctly and one (1) point for an obstacle knocked down. One (1) point is deducted for the first Disobedience, two (2) points for the following Disobedience committed by each of the second or the third team member depending on the number of Athletes in the team. One (1) point is deducted for each commenced second exceeding the time allowed.

2.2.1.5. The classification is reached according to the highest number of points obtained by the team and the fastest time.

### 2.2.2. With a fixed total time

2.2.2.1. In this case, the above provisions under paragraphs 1.1, 1.3, 1.4. and 1.5. must be applied.

2.2.2.2. Each team has forty five (45) (minimum) to ninety (90) (maximum) seconds multiplied by the number of team members.

2.2.2.3. The team takes the greatest number of obstacles in the fixed time and the first team member restarts the course if the fixed time has not yet been reached.

2.2.2.4. If the last Athlete knocks down the last obstacle of his round, he must jump the first obstacle of the course to allow the time to be recorded.

- 2.2.2.5. If, during the round a Disobedience with a knock down is committed, the six (6) seconds time correction is deducted from the fixed time
- 2.3. Fault-and-Out Successive Relays
- These Competitions take place according to the same rules as for the Fault-and-Out Relays over a maximum number of obstacles. However, the Athletes take over from each other after each Fault until the course has been completed by as many times as the number of members in each team.
- 2.4. Fault-and-Out Optional Relays
- 2.4.1. In these Competitions the Athletes may take over as they like in the Competition but a change over is compulsory, indicated by a sound of the bell, when each Athlete has completed his course or at the point where a Fault is committed.
- 2.4.2. Optional relays are run under Table C.

## **ARTICLE 269            ACCUMULATOR COMPETITION**

1. This Competition takes place over six (6), eight (8) or ten (10) obstacles with an increasing difficulty. Combination obstacles are not allowed. The increasing difficulty is not solely due to the height and spread of the obstacles, but also to the difficulty of the track.
2. Bonus points are awarded as follows: one (1) point for obstacle number one (1) not knocked down, two (2) points for number (2), three (3) points for number three (3), etc. with a total of twenty one (21), thirty six (36) or fifty five (55) points. No point is awarded for an obstacle knocked down. Faults other than knock-downs are penalised as for Table A.
3. This Competition may take place either with the first round against the clock and a jump-off in case of equality of Penalties for first place following the initial round or not against the clock with a jump-off or directly against the clock. In case of a jump-off there will be a minimum of six (6) obstacles, which may be increased in height and/or spread. The obstacles in the jump-off must be jumped in the same order as in the first round and retain their respective points allotted in the first round.
4. If the Competition takes place not against the clock with a jump-off, Athletes not qualified for the jump-off are placed according to their points obtained in the first round, disregarding the time. If the Competition takes place with the first round against the clock and a jump-off, Athletes not qualified for the jump-off are placed according to Penalties and time obtained in the first round.
5. For the last obstacle of the course, an alternative obstacle may be provided, of which one (1) element may be designated the Joker. The Joker must be more difficult than the alternative obstacle and carry double points. If the Joker is knocked down, these points must be deducted from the total points obtained so far by the Athlete.



- 5.1 **As an option, the Joker may be placed after the finish line, in which case it is not part of the main course and the following formula must be used:** ~~If the provisions of Article 270.12.2. of the Jumping Rules are applied to the Accumulator Competition, the following formula is to be used: The Joker is not part of the main course.~~ After the Athlete has crossed the finish line his time is recorded and he has twenty (20) seconds in which to attempt the Joker once should he so choose. If the Joker is correctly jumped, the Athlete earns double points of the last obstacle of the main course. If the Joker is knocked down (Article 217.1. of the Jumping Rules), these double points must be deducted from the total points obtained so far by the Athlete.

## **ARTICLE 270 TOP SCORE COMPETITION**

1. In this Competition, a certain number of obstacles are set up in the arena. Each obstacle carries from ten (10) to hundred twenty (120) points according to its difficulty. Combination obstacles are not allowed.
2. The obstacles must be built so that they can be jumped in both directions.
3. The points allocated to the obstacles may be repeated at the discretion of the Course Designer. If it is not possible to place twelve (12) obstacles in the arena, it is up to him to delete the obstacles he wishes.
4. The Athlete is credited with the number of points carried by each obstacle that he has jumped correctly. No points are awarded for an obstacle knocked down.
5. Each Athlete has forty five 45 (minimum) to ninety (90) seconds (maximum). During this time, he may jump all the obstacles he wishes in any order and in any direction. He may cross the starting line in either direction. The starting line must be provided with four (4) flags; a red and a white flag at each end of the line.
6. Ringing the bell declares the end of the round. The Athlete must then cross the finishing line in one (1) direction or the other to allow his time to be recorded. If he does not cross the finishing line, he is placed last of the Athletes with the same number of points. The finishing line must be provided with four (4) flags; a red and a white flag at each end of the line.
7. If the fixed time is reached at the moment when the Horse is already taking off, this obstacle counts if it is correctly jumped.
8. Any obstacle knocked down during a round will not be rebuilt; if it is jumped again, no points will be credited to the Athlete. The same applies for knocking down an obstacle in Disobedience or for displacing a lower part positioned in the same vertical plane. In the case of a Disobedience without a knock-down, the Athlete may jump that obstacle or continue to the next obstacle.
9. Each obstacle may be jumped twice. The act, voluntarily or not, of jumping an obstacle for the third time or of passing between the flags of an obstacle already knocked down does not incur elimination. However, the Athlete does not score the points allotted to this obstacle.

10. All Disobediences are penalised by the time lost by the Athlete; for the Penalty relating to falls, refer to Article 240.3.25. of the Jumping Rules.
11. The Athlete who has obtained the highest number of points will be declared the winner. In the event of equality of points, the fastest time taken between the starting line and the finishing line will decide. In the event of equality of points and time for first place, there will be a jump-off according to the same formula with a fixed time of forty (40) seconds.
12. There are two options for using a Joker:
  - 12.1. An obstacle may be provided as part of the course, duly marked by flags and titled "Joker". The Joker may be jumped twice; two hundred points (200) points are awarded each time this obstacle is jumped correctly, but if it is knocked down, two hundred points (200) points must be deducted from the total points obtained so far by the Athlete.
  - 12.2. The Joker is not part of the main course. After the fixed time has expired, the bell is rung to end the Athlete's round. The Athlete must cross the finishing line to have his time recorded he then has twenty (20) seconds in which to attempt the Joker once. Two hundred (200) points are awarded if this obstacle is jumped correctly, but if it is knocked down two hundred (200) points must be deducted from the total points obtained by the Athlete. ~~Also applicable to Article 269 of the Jumping Rules (Accumulator).~~
13. If by ringing the bell, a Joker is required to be jumped within twenty (20) seconds after the fixed time has expired and after the Athlete has crossed the finishing line, only one (1) attempt is allowed.

## **ARTICLE 271 TAKE-YOUR-OWN-LINE COMPETITION**

1. In this Competition the obstacles may be jumped only once in the order chosen by the Athlete. Any Athlete who does not jump all the obstacles is eliminated. Combination obstacles are not allowed.
2. Athletes may cross the starting line and finishing line in either direction. The lines must be provided with four (4) flags; a red and a white flag at each end of these lines.  
  
Obstacles may be jumped in either direction, unless otherwise directed on the course plan.
3. This Competition takes place without a laid down speed, under Table C.
4. If the Athlete has not completed his course within one hundred twenty (120) seconds after the time of his round has started, he will be eliminated.
5. All Disobediences are penalised by the time lost by the Athlete.
6. If there is a refusal or run-out with a knock-down or displacement of the obstacle, the Athlete may only restart his round when the obstacle knocked down or displaced has been replaced and when the Ground Jury gives him the signal to start.

He may then jump the obstacle of his choice. In this case six (6) seconds for time correction (see Article 232 of the Jumping Rules) will be added to the time of the round.

## **ARTICLE 272                      KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION**

1. This Competition takes place by pairs of Athletes against each other. The Athletes must have qualified as a result of a separate Competition in the programme or of a preliminary qualifying round, either judged under Table A against the clock, or under Table C.
2. The two (2) Athletes will compete against each other simultaneously over two (2) identical courses. Combination obstacles are not allowed.

If one (1) Athlete enters the other Athlete's course and as a result interferes with that Athlete, the Athlete responsible for the interference will be eliminated.
3. The winners of each eliminating round are qualified to compete in groups of two (2) in the next eliminating round and so on until the two (2) finalists meet each other to decide the winner of the Competition.
4. In this Competition, each Athlete may only ride one (1) Horse in the eliminating rounds, chosen from his Horses, which have qualified in the preliminary qualifying round or the qualifying Competition. If an Athlete finds that his opponent has withdrawn from any round, the Athlete remaining in the Competition must complete the round in question alone.
5. If there are Athletes placed equal for the last place in the qualifying Competition or in the preliminary qualifying round, there must be a jump-off against the clock.
6. The eliminating rounds, in which two (2) Athletes take part, are run without time if judged under Table A. Each Fault made of whatever nature (knock down, refusal, run out) is penalized by one (1) point. Notwithstanding the above, in the case of a refusal with or without a knock-down the Athlete will continue his round without jumping that obstacle or waiting until it has been rebuilt. If the round is judged under table A the Athlete is penalized by one (1) point. An Athlete passing an obstacle without attempting to jump it will be eliminated. If the Competition is run under table C, three (3) seconds will be added to his time in this case.

Any infringement of the provisions of Article 240 of the Jumping Rules incurs elimination from the Competition.
7. If the Competition is run under table C, each Fault is penalised by three (3) seconds.
8. The Athlete who gets the least number of points and who in the event of equality of points has passed the finishing line first will be qualified for the next round and so on until the two (2) finalists meet to decide the winner. Athletes defeated in the corresponding rounds are placed equal.

9. A member of the Ground Jury must be stationed at the starting line to give the starting signal and another at the finishing line to decide which Athlete crosses this line first.
10. If, at the end of the eliminating round, there is a dead heat between two (2) Athletes, the round must be started again.
11. If the Competition is run under table C, there must be an independent time-keeping installation for each Athlete.
12. The starting order in the eliminating rounds will be decided according to the table printed in Annex V of the Jumping Rules (sixteen -16- or eight -8- according to the conditions of the schedule).

## **ARTICLE 273                      COMPETITION OVER TWO (2) ROUNDS**

1. This Competition comprises, with the same speed, two (2) courses, identical or different, either in track or in number of obstacles or in the dimensions of the obstacles. Each Athlete must participate with the same Horse. Athletes, who have been eliminated or who have retired during the first round, may not take part in the second round and may not be placed.
2. All the Athletes have to take part in the first round. The following go forward to the second round according to the conditions of the schedule:
  - 2.1 either all Athletes;
  - 2.2. or a limited number of Athletes (at least twenty five percent -25%- and in any case, even it is not mentioned in the schedule, all clear rounds) in accordance with their placing in the first round (Penalties and time or Penalties only, according to the conditions of the schedule).
3. The manner of judging this Competition must be specified in the schedule in accordance with one (1) of the following formulas:

<b>First Round</b>	<b>Second Round</b>		<b>Jump-Off</b>
<u>Table A</u>	<u>Table A</u>	<u>Starting order</u>	<u>Starting order</u>
3.1. Against the clock	Not against the clock	Reverser order of penalties and time in the 1 <sup>st</sup> round	Same as 2 <sup>nd</sup> round
3.2. Not against the clock	Not against the clock	Reverse order of penalties in the 1 <sup>st</sup> round: Athletes retain their drawn order in case of quality of penalties	Same as 2 <sup>nd</sup> round

3.3. against the clock or Not against the clock	against the clock	Reverse order of penalties and possibly time in the 1 <sup>st</sup> round	No jump-off
3.4. against the clock	against the clock	Reverser order of penalties and time in 1 <sup>st</sup> round	Same as 2 <sup>nd</sup> round

#### 4. Placing

- 4.1. Athletes will be placed according to the Penalties and time in the jump-off. The remaining Athletes will be placed according to aggregate Penalties over both rounds and the time incurred in the first round.
- 4.2. Athletes will be placed according to the Penalties and time in the jump-off. The remaining Athletes will be placed according to aggregate Penalties over both rounds.
- 4.3. Athletes will be placed according to aggregate Penalties over both rounds and the time incurred in the second round.
- 4.4. Athletes will be placed according to the Penalties and time in the jump-off. The remaining Athletes will be placed according to aggregate Penalties over both rounds and the time incurred in the second round.

## ARTICLE 274 COMPETITION IN TWO (2) PHASES

1. This Competition comprises two (2) phases run without interruption, each at an identical or different speed, the finishing line for the first phase being identical with the starting line for the second phase.
2. The first phase is a course of seven (7) to nine (9) obstacles with or without combinations. The second phase takes place over four (4) to six (6) obstacles, which may include one (1) combination.
3. Athletes penalised in the first phase are halted by ringing the bell after they have jumped the last obstacle or when the time allowed for the first phase has been exceeded, after crossing the finishing line of the first phase. They must stop after crossing the first finishing line.
4. Athletes not penalised in the first phase continue the course, which finishes, after crossing the second finishing line.
5. The manner of judging this Competition must be specified in the schedule in accordance with one (1) of the following formulas:

First phase	Second phase	Placing
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5.1. Table A Not against the clock	Table A Not against the clock	According to the penalties in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase and, if necessary, to the penalties in the 1 <sup>st</sup> Phase.
5.2. Table A Not against the clock	Table A Against the clock	According to the penalties and time in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase and, if necessary, to the penalties in the 1 <sup>st</sup> Phase.
5.3. Table A Against the clock	Table A Against the clock	According to the penalties and time in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase and, if necessary, to the penalties and time in the 1 <sup>st</sup> Phase.
5.4. Table A Not against the clock	Table C	According to the total time (Table C) of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase and, if necessary, to the penalties in the 1 <sup>st</sup> Phase.
5.5. Table A Against the clock	Table C	According to the total time (Table C) of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase and, if necessary, to the penalties and time in the 1 <sup>st</sup> Phase.

6. Athletes stopped after the first phase may only be placed after Athletes who have taken part in both phases.
7. In the event of equality for first place, the tied Athletes will be placed equal first.

## **ARTICLE 275      COMPETITION    IN    GROUPS    WITH WINNING ROUND**

1. In this Competition the Athletes are divided into groups. They can either be divided by draw, according to the results of a qualifying Competition or according to a recent FEI Ranking list, to be specified in the schedule.
2. The way, in which the Athletes are divided among the groups, and how the starting order within the groups is determined, must be specified in the schedule.
3. First all Athletes in the first group start, then all Athletes in the second group and so on.
4. The best Athlete of each group qualifies for the winning round.
5. The OC may stipulate in the schedule that a limited number of Athletes, who have not obtained the best result in their group, but who are the next best of all Athletes, also qualify for the winning round.
6. All Athletes in the winning round start with zero (0) Penalties.

7. Athletes in the winning round will retain their starting order of the first round or, if so stipulated in the schedule, they will start in reverse order of the results (Penalties and time) in the first round.
8. The first round and the winning round are judged under Table A against the clock.
9. This Competition may not be used for the Grand Prix or for the Competition with the highest prize money or as a qualifying Competition for another Competition.
10. All Athletes participating in the winning round must receive prize money.
11. If an Athlete qualified for the winning round does not start in this round, he will not be replaced.

## **ARTICLE 276            COMPETITION WITH WINNING ROUND**

1. Competition with two (2) rounds and winning round
  - 1.1. In this Competition the best sixteen (16) Athletes of the first round qualify for the second round, in which they start in reverse order of the results (Penalties and time) of the first round.
  - 1.2. The best eight (8) Athletes according to the total Penalties and time of both rounds or of the second round only, participate in the winning round.
  - 1.3. The course of the second round may be different from that of the first round.
  - 1.4. The course of the winning round must be a shortened course over obstacles of the first and/or second round.
  - 1.5. The starting order in the winning round is in reverse order of total Penalties and time over both rounds or of the second round only, according to the conditions of the schedule.
  - 1.6. In the winning round all Athletes start with zero (0) Penalties.
  - 1.7. All three (3) rounds are judged under Table A against the clock. For exceeding the time allowed in the winning round Athletes are penalised with one (1) Penalty point for every four (4) seconds commenced
  - 1.8. This Competition may not be used for the Grand Prix or for the Competition with the highest prize money or as a qualifying Competition for another Competition .
  - 1.9. If an Athlete qualified for the winning round does not start in this round, he will not be replaced.
2. Competition with one (1) round and winning round (winning round: Athletes start with zero -0- Penalties)
  - 2.1. In this Competition the best ten (10) Athletes (at least twenty five percent - 25%- and in any case all clear rounds) of the first round qualify for the winning

round, in which they start in reverse order of the results (Penalties and time) of the first round.

- 2.2. In the winning round all Athletes start with zero (0) Penalties
- 2.3. Both rounds are judged under Table A against the clock. For exceeding the time allowed in the winning round Athletes are penalised with one (1) Penalty point for every four (4) seconds commenced.
- 2.4. This Competition may not be used for the Grand Prix or for the Competition with the highest prize money or as a qualifying Competition for another Competition.
2. 5. If an Athlete qualified for the winning round does not start in this round, he will not be replaced.

## **ARTICLE 277            DERBY**

1. A Derby Competition takes place over a distance of at least one thousand meters (1000 m) and not more than one thousand three hundred meters (1300 m) over a course comprising at least fifty percent (50%) of the efforts over natural obstacles and must be run in one (1) round only and with one (1) jump-off if so stipulated in the schedule.
2. It may be judged under Table A or Table C. If judged under table C there is no time allowed just a time limit. The time limit may be increased at the discretion of the Ground Jury if the length of the course exceeds the requirements for establishing the time limit as set forth in Article 239.3. of the Jumping Rules
3. Even if this Competition carries the best prize money of the show, each Athlete is allowed to ride a maximum of three (3) Horses according to the conditions of the schedule.

## **ARTICLE 278            COMPETITION OVER COMBINATIONS**

1. The course must consist of six (6) obstacles; a single obstacle as first obstacle and five (5) combinations. At least one (1) obstacle must be a treble combination.
2. The Competition may be judged under Table A or Table C.
3. If there is a jump-off, according to the conditions of the schedule, the jump-off course must comprise six (6) obstacles. It must include a double, a treble and four (4) single obstacles, or three (3) doubles and three (3) singles. To achieve this, some elements of the combination obstacles for the first round must be removed.
4. The provisions of Article 204.5. of the Jumping Rules do not apply to this Competition. However, the length of the course may not exceed six hundred meters (600 m).



## **ARTICLE 279           EVENTS   AND   COMPETITIONS   WITH BORROWED HORSES**

International Events or Competitions may be organised with Horses borrowed by the host NF with the approval of the FEI Secretary General .

In such cases, the following conditions apply:

1. The OC will make available the necessary number of Horses (maximum three - 3- per Athlete).
2. At least twenty four (24) hours before the start of the first Competition a fair draw of the borrowed Horses for each team or individual Athletes has to take place. Unless otherwise stated in the schedule and approved by the FEI Secretary General the Horses for the host ~~nation~~ **NF** will be drawn first.
3. The draw must take place in front of the Chefs d'Equipe or a representative of each team, the Athletes, the President or a Member of the Ground Jury and the President of the Veterinary Commission or the Veterinary Delegate. The Horses must be present and properly identified and must wear the bridle normally used. This same bridle must be used throughout the whole Event unless the permission to change is given by the owner.
4. The OC should provide a reasonable number of reserve Horses to be used in case any Horse is found incapacitated by the Veterinary Delegate or in case of apparent complete incompatibility between one (1) of the Athletes and his Horse, as stated by the Ground Jury.
5. The schedule must establish clearly the conditions under which the Horses are borrowed and drawn and the Competitions are run. If alterations to the conditions under paragraph 1 to 4 are foreseen, they have to be approved by the FEI Secretary General .
6. FEI passports shall not be required, provided that only national Horses take part, which can be positively identified with a document accepted by the FEI.

## **CHAPTER XIII   VETERINARY INSPECTIONS AND EXAMINATIONS, MEDICATION CONTROL AND PASSPORTS OF HORSES**

### **ARTICLE 280           VETERINARY   EXAMINATIONS,   HORSE INSPECTIONS**

The Horse Inspections and Veterinary Examinations must be conducted in accordance with the VRs and as set forth in Annex VII of the Jumping Rules.

## ARTICLE 281      MEDICATION CONTROL OF HORSES

The Medication Control of Horses must be conducted in accordance with the GRs and the VRs, **the Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations and any other applicable FEI Rules or Regulations.**

## ARTICLE 282      PASSPORTS OF HORSES

1. Every Horse entered for any Competition at CSNs, CSI 1\*/2\*, CSI-Ch (Cat. A+B) **and CSI-P Events** in a ~~foreign~~ country **other than the country of the Horse's nationality**, and all Horses entered for CSI3\* and CSI-Y/J/ V Cat. A., **CSI 3\*/4\*/5\* Events**, CSIOs, FEI Championships, Regional and Olympic Games, whether at home or ~~in foreign countries~~ **away from the country of its nationality**, must have an official valid FEI passport, or a national passport approved by the FEI, accompanied by an FEI Recognition Card, as a means of identification and to establish ownership.
2. Horses taking part in CSNs and CSI 1\*/2\*, CSI-Y/J//V Cat. B, CSI-Ch (Cat. A+B) **and CSI-P Events** in their ~~own~~ country **of nationality** are not required to have such a passport as is mentioned in paragraph 1. All such Horses must be properly registered and identifiable by diagram. Unless there is no national requirement for equine influenza vaccination in the host country and in the country of origin all Horses must have a valid vaccination certificate.

## ANNEX I

## FEI BADGES OF HONOUR

1. FEI Badges of Honour for Jumping will be awarded to those Athletes who have completed the first round of a FEI Nations Cup, the team and/or Individual Competition at the Olympic Games and the World and Senior Continental team and/or Individual Championships for Seniors, without retiring or being eliminated on the following scale:
  - (i) A Gold Badge for completing forty (40) FEI Nations Cup Competitions.
  - (ii) A Silver Badge for completing twenty (20) FEI Nations Cup Competitions.
  - (iii) A Bronze Badge for completing ten (10) FEI Nations Cup Competitions.
2. All count as five (5) FEI Nations Cup Competitions:
  - (i) the team and/or Individual Competition at the Olympic Games.
  - (ii) the team and/or Individual FEI World Championship.
  - (iii) the team and/or Individual FEI Continental Championship.
  - (iv) the team and/or Individual Competition at the Pan-American Games**
  - (v) the team and/or Individual Competition at the Asian Games**

ANNEX II

NUMBER OF HOME INDIVIDUAL  
ATHLETES AUTHORISED TO TAKE  
PART IN CSIOS

(Article 249.2., 3., 5., 6., 7. & 8. of the Jumping Rules)

Number of FOREIGN Athletes (team + Individuals)	Max. number of individuals from the <del>home</del> <b>host nation</b> <del>NF</del> in addition to its national team	Max. number of Athletes in the Official Teams
to 20	30	6
21 to 30	24	6
31 and more	18	6

ANNEX III

CALCULATION OF TIME ALLOWED

Speed : 300m/minute

Tens	m	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90
Units											
Hundreds	1	20"	22"	24"	26"	28"	30"	32"	34"	36"	38"
	2	40"	42"	44"	46"	48"	50"	52"	54"	56"	58"
	3	60"	62"	64"	66"	68"	70"	72"	74"	76"	78"
	4	80"	82"	84"	86"	88"	90"	92"	94"	96"	98"
	5	100"	102"	104"	106"	108"	110"	112"	114"	116"	118"
	6	120"	122"	124"	126"	128"	130"	132"	134"	136"	138"
	7	140"	142"	144"	146"	148"	150"	152"	154"	156"	158"
	8	160"	162"	164"	166"	168"	170"	172"	174"	176"	178"
	9	180"	182"	184"	186"	188"	190"	192"	194"	196"	198"

Speed : 325m/minute

Tens	m	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90
Units											
Hundreds	1	19"	21"	23"	24"	26"	28"	30"	32"	34"	36"
	2	37"	39"	41"	43"	45"	47"	48"	50"	52"	54"
	3	56"	58"	60"	61"	63"	65"	67"	69"	71"	72"
	4	74"	76"	78"	80"	82"	84"	85"	87"	89"	91"

5	93"	95"	96"	98"	100"	102"	104"	106"	108"	109"	
6	111"	113"	115"	117"	119"	120"	122"	124"	126"	128"	
7	130"	132"	133"	135"	137"	139"	141"	143"	144"	146"	
8	148"	150"	152"	154"	156"	157"	159"	161"	163"	165"	
9	167"	169"	168"	170"	172"	174"	176"	178"	180"	181"	183"

### Speed : 350 m/minute

Tens	m	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90
Units											
Hundreds	<b>1</b>	18"	19"	21"	23"	24"	26"	28"	30"	31"	33"
	<b>2</b>	35"	36"	38"	40"	42"	43"	45"	47"	48"	50"
	<b>3</b>	52"	54"	55"	57"	59"	60"	62"	64"	66"	67"
	<b>4</b>	69"	71"	72"	74"	76"	78"	79"	81"	83"	84"
	<b>5</b>	86"	88"	90"	91"	93"	95"	96"	98"	100"	102"
	<b>6</b>	103"	105"	107"	108"	110"	112"	114"	115"	117"	119"
	<b>7</b>	120"	122"	124"	126"	127"	129"	131"	132"	134"	136"
	<b>8</b>	138"	139"	141"	143"	144"	146"	148"	150"	151"	153"
	<b>9</b>	155"	156"	158"	160"	162"	163"	165"	167"	168"	170"

**Speed : 375 m/minute**

Tens	m	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90
Units											
Hundreds	1	16"	18"	20"	21"	23"	24"	26"	28"	29"	31"
	2	32"	34"	36"	37"	39"	40"	42"	44"	45"	47"
	3	48"	50"	52"	53"	55"	56"	58"	60"	61"	63"
	4	64"	66"	68"	69"	71"	72"	74"	76"	77"	79"
	5	80"	82"	84"	85"	87"	88"	90"	92"	93"	95"
	6	96"	98"	100"	101"	103"	104"	106"	108"	109"	111"
	7	112"	114"	116"	117"	119"	120"	122"	124"	125"	127"
	8	128"	130"	132"	133"	135"	136"	138"	140"	141"	143"
	9	144"	146"	148"	149"	151"	152"	154"	156"	157"	159"

**Speed : 400 m/minute**

Tens	m	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90
Units											
Hundreds	1	15"	17"	18"	20"	21"	23"	24"	26"	27"	29"
	2	30"	32"	33"	35"	36"	38"	39"	41"	42"	44"
	3	45"	47"	48"	50"	51"	53"	54"	56"	57"	59"
	4	60"	62"	63"	65"	66"	68"	69"	71"	72"	74"
	5	75"	77"	78"	80"	81"	83"	84"	86"	87"	89"

<b>6</b>	90"	92"	93"	95"	96"	98"	99"	101"	102"	104"
<b>7</b>	105"	107"	108"	110"	111"	113"	114"	116"	117"	119"
<b>8</b>	120"	122"	123"	125"	126"	128"	129"	131"	132"	134"
<b>9</b>	135"	137"	138"	140"	141"	143"	144"	146"	147"	149"

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## **ANNEX IV**

# **QUALIFICATION FOR THE GRAND PRIX COMPETITION AT CSIO EVENTS (ARTICLE 261.4 OF THE JUMPING RULES)**

The following are automatically qualified for the Grand Prix at CSIOs, if present as official team members or individual:

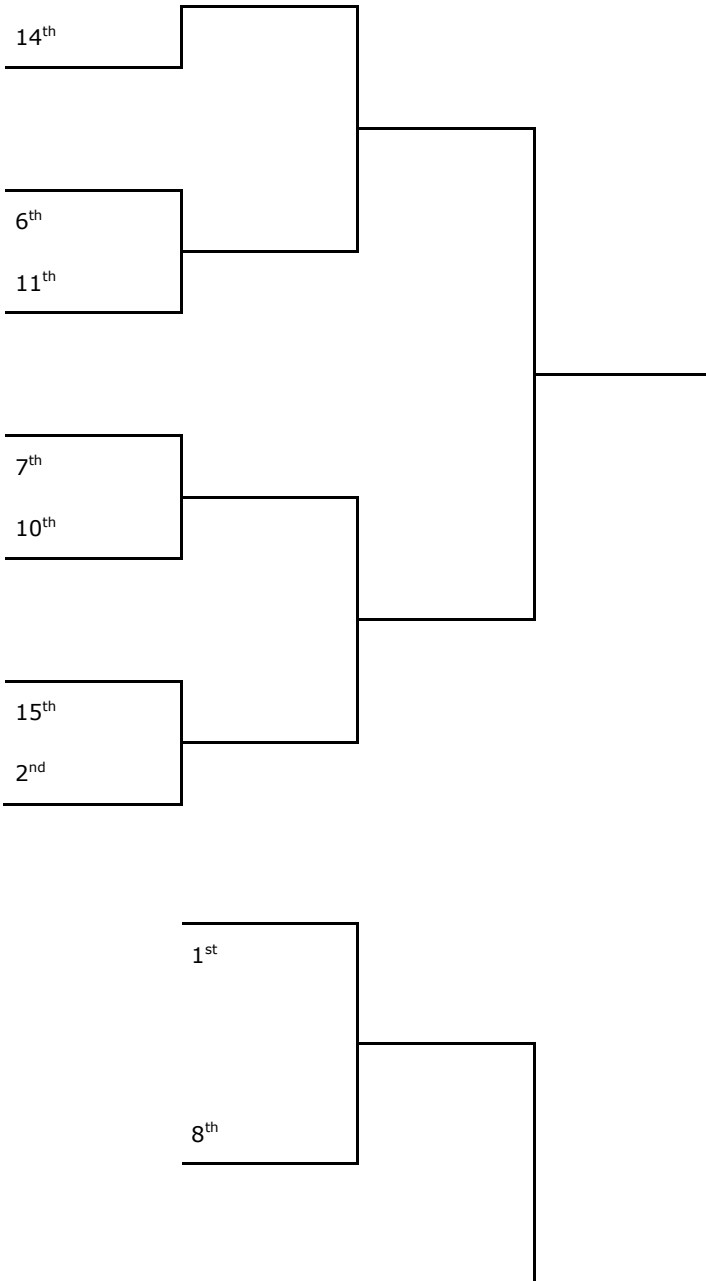
- (i) The individual medal winners (Athletes) of the last Olympic and Pan American Games, of the last FEI World and FEI Continental Championships and the first placed Athlete/Horse combination in the last FEI World Cup™ Final.
- (ii) Eligible to participate in Grand Prix Competitions at 5\* CSIO Events are the winners (Athlete/Horse combination) of the Grand Prix at any 5\* CSIO Event during the previous twelve (12) months.
- (iii) Eligible to participate in Grand Prix Competitions at 4\* CSIO Events are the winners (Athlete/Horse combinations) of the Grand Prix at any 4\* or 5\* FEI Nations Cup CSIO Event during the previous twelve (12) months.

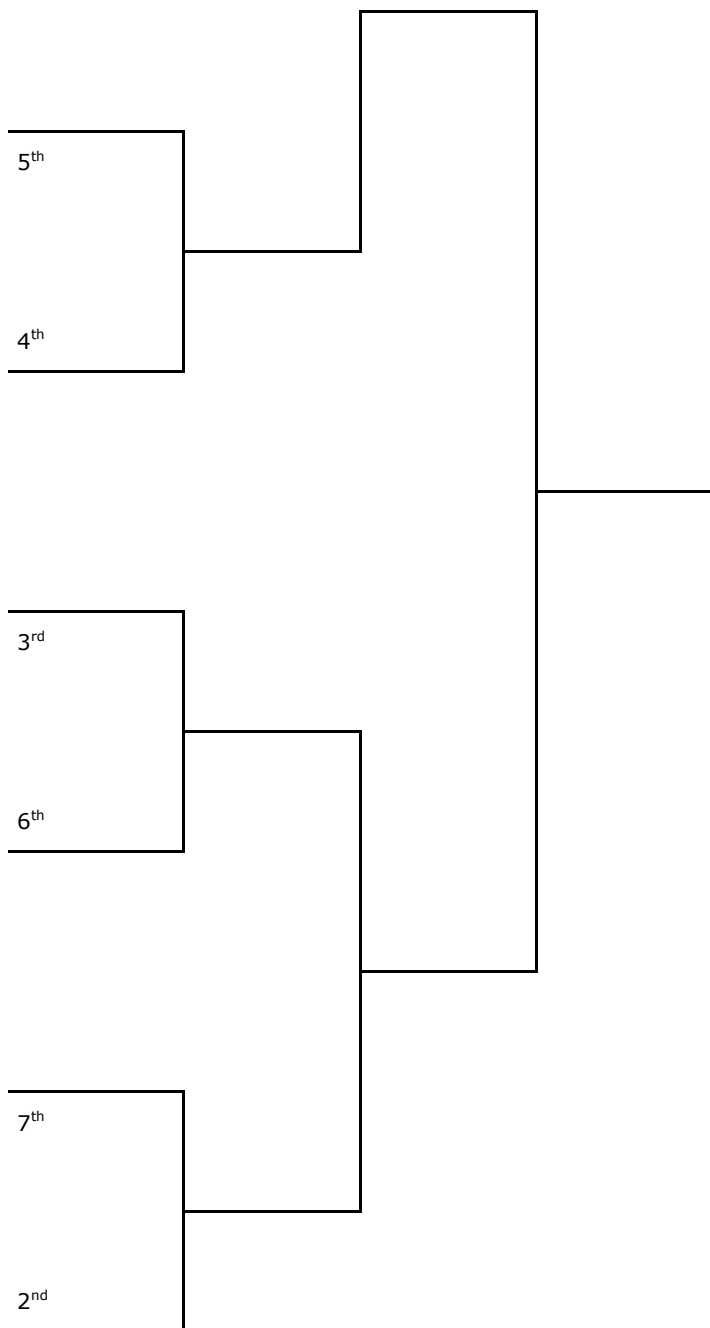
ANNEX V

KNOCK OUT COMPETITION (SEE ARTICLE 272 OF THE JUMPING RULES)

Order of starting in the qualifying rounds (in accordance with the qualification course)







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## **ANNEX VI**

### **ROTATING THE STARTING ORDER IN INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS**

1. At Events where the Athletes are allowed to ride two (2) or three (3) Horses in individual Competitions, the following procedure is acceptable to achieve rotation of the starting order in the individual Competitions included in the programme:
  - 1.1. if the schedule provides that the same Horse is allowed to take part in more than one (1) individual Competition per day and throughout the Event, the number of Horses must be divided by the number of individual Competitions;
  - 1.2. if the schedule provides that the same Horse is allowed to take part in only one (1) Competition per day and throughout the Event, the number of Horses must be divided by the number of days on which individual Competitions take place.
2. At Events where the schedule provides that Athletes are allowed to ride only one (1) Horse in each individual Competition, the Athletes are drawn and their Horses carry successive numbers:

First Athlete:           1, 2, 3 (number of his Horses)

Second Athlete:       4, 5

The rotation follows the same procedure as in paragraph 1., but in this case the number of Athletes must be divided by the number of individual Competitions or by the number of days on which individual Competitions take place.

# **ANNEX VII                      VETERINARY                      EXAMINATIONS, HORSE                      INSPECTIONS                      AND PASSPORT CONTROLS**

~~(Interpretation to Veterinary Regulations VRs Article 1011 with alterations as mentioned herein.)~~

**The veterinary examinations , horse inspections and passport controls are regulated by the VRs or any other applicable FEI Rules and Regulations.**

## **1. Examination on arrival**

On arrival, or as soon as practicable following arrival, each Horse must be examined by the Veterinary Delegate, or Deputy, to establish the general state of health, identity and vaccination status of the Horse. This examination is specifically aimed at detection of contagious conditions and should preferably be carried out before the horse enters the event stables.

The Examination should be conducted as follows, bearing in mind that the Horses should proceed to their stables as quickly as possible and with the minimum inconvenience to all concerned:

- 1.1. Briefly check the identity of the Horse by comparison with the identification page in its passport.
- 1.2. Check that the vaccination requirements, currently in force, are in order and that all other details in the passport are correctly completed. The paper work involved in the passport control relating to vaccinations can also be dealt with at a later stage.
- 1.3. Check the age of the Horse, if the Event or any Competition is limited to of a specific age.
- 1.4. Carry out a clinical examination to ensure that the Horse is not suffering from any infectious or contagious disease. It should be stressed that an examination for soundness is not part of the procedure.

Any significant passport irregularities in the above should be drawn to the attention of the President of the Appeal Committee and the President of the Ground Jury, before the first inspection. The President of the Appeal Committee must deal with such irregularities before the is allowed to compete.

## **2. Horse Inspection**

This must be carried out not later than the afternoon of the day preceding the first Competition. Chefs d'Equipe and/or Persons Responsible should arrange a specific time for their Horses to be inspected within the time specified in the programme. This should be available and ready at the Secretary's Office at least two (2) days before the first Competition, to avoid unnecessary delay for all concerned.

At FEI World Cup™ Finals, FEI World and Senior FEI Continental Championships and Olympic Games, a second Horse inspection will be scheduled prior to the start of the final Competition.

~~The Horse inspection must be carried out by the Inspection Panel (Veterinary Commission / Delegate and Ground Jury). In a doubtful case, the Panel may direct that the Horse be referred to an officially supervised holding box for a further examination by the Examining Veterinarian. The Horse returns for a re-inspection by the Panel immediately after the last Horse has been inspected, or at a suitable break. The Examining Veterinarian reports findings to the Inspection Panel. In the event of a disagreement, the President of the Ground Jury will make the decision, which will be announced immediately.~~

~~Re inspection of Horses referred to the holding box is permitted the day after the Horse inspection.~~

~~Prior to this the Ground Jury, Veterinary Commission/Delegate and the Examining Veterinarian must confer about the Horses listed for re inspection. The procedure for re inspection will consist of a brief clinical examination before walking and trotting the Horse in front of the Inspection Panel. If a Horse is accepted at the re inspection it may be required to undergo immediate medication control testing.~~

~~If a Horse is clearly unfit to compete and no member of the Ground Jury is able to be present at the inspection, the Veterinary Delegate may recommend that the President of the Ground Jury eliminates the Horse without further re-inspection provided the Horse has been examined in the holding box.~~

~~The protocol for the Horse inspection is conducted as follows:~~

- 2.1. Each Horse must be presented in either a snaffle or double bridle. Any other harness or equipment, i.e. rugs, bandages, etc. must be removed. No exception to this can be allowed.
- 2.2. No Horse may be presented with its identity concealed in any manner by the application of paint or dye.
- ~~2.3. The inspection must take place on a firm, level and clean non-slip surface.~~
- ~~2.4. The Horse is initially observed, by the veterinary member of the Panel, for any obvious sign of injury or disease. Eventual remarks should be recorded.~~
- ~~2.5. The Horse is then walked and trotted for any obvious signs of lameness or unfitness.~~
- 2.6.3 Chefs d'Equipe must be present with their team Horses in addition to their grooms and/or their Athletes.
- 2.7.4 Persons Responsible (Athletes) must be present with individual Horses, in addition to their grooms.
- 2.8.5 Athletes must present their own Horse (s) at the Horse inspection. The President of the Ground Jury may relax this rule for an Athlete if requested to do so by the Chef d'Equipe or the Athlete.



It is emphasised that this is not a detailed veterinary examination (see also Veterinary Regulations Article 1011) and it should be completed as quickly as possible.

### 3. Ground Jury, Appeal Committee and Veterinary Commission Liaison

#### 3.1. Ground Jury

##### 3.1.1. Responsibilities of Veterinary Commission (~~see Article. 1009 of the VRs~~)

~~The Veterinary Commission shall report to the Ground Jury (if appropriate before the first Final Horse iInspection) or Appeal Committee on all matters other than those of a purely technical veterinary nature.~~

##### 3.1.2. Veterinary ~~e~~Examinations, Horse ~~i~~Inspections ~~(and Passport Controls (Art. 142 137 + Article. 1011 VRs)).~~

~~The Veterinary Commission shall report to the Ground Jury any **Horses** considered to be unfit at either the ~~e~~Examination on arrival or at the inspection. If continuing participation is to be considered, such **Horses** must be re-inspected by the Ground Jury together with the Veterinary Commission before they are allowed to compete. The President of the Ground Jury must also be informed of any **Horses**, which have been refused permission to compete by the Appeal Committee.~~

##### 3.1.3. Selection of Horses to be Sampled for Medication Control (**see Article 1016 of VRs**)

~~The President of the Ground Jury together with the Veterinary Commission/Delegate and the **Medical CControl Programme (MCP)** Testing Veterinarian, if present, are responsible for the random selection of **Horses** to be sampled during the **Eventevent**.~~

~~In addition to **Horses** selected at random, the President of the Ground Jury together with the Veterinary Commission/Delegate and MCP Testing Veterinarian, may decide to select specific **Horses** for sampling. The selection of specific **Horses** may be made at any time during the **Eventevent**.~~

At FEI World Cup™ Finals, World and Senior Continental Championships and Olympic Games, sufficient Horses must normally be sampled to ensure that the following samples are available for analysis:

- in all Final Competitions for Individuals, the first three (3) placed Horses;
- in Final Jumping Competitions for Teams, one (1) Horse from among all the Horses in each of the first three (3) placed teams;

##### 3.1.4. Abuse (Art 143-142)

##### **see Article 142 GRs**

~~Any case of alleged abuse of horses must be immediately reported to the Ground Jury.~~

#### 3.2. Appeal Committee

##### 3.2.1. Responsibilities of Veterinary Commission (~~see Article Art 1009 of VRs~~)

~~The Veterinary Commission shall report to the Appeal Committee (if present) on all matters other than of a purely technical veterinary nature.~~

~~3.2.2. Veterinary Examinations, Horse Inspections and **PP**Passport **e**Controls (Art. 137 + Art. 1011)~~

~~**see Article 137 GRs:**~~

~~The Veterinary Commission shall report to the President of the Appeal Committee details of any significant passport irregularities as soon as practical, following the Examination on arrival. These matters should be dealt with, in accordance with guidelines issued by the FEI, before the horse is allowed to compete.~~

~~If the Ground Jury does not act on a recommendation of the Veterinary Commission not to allow a horse to compete the circumstances must be reported to the Appeal Committee.~~

~~3.2.3. Procedure for Sampling (**see Article Art. 1019 of VRs**)~~

~~A refusal, or wilful obstruction by any person to submit a **Horse** for sampling must be reported immediately to the Appeal Committee.~~

## **ANNEX VIII QUALIFICATION PROCEDURE FOR OLYMPIC GAMES, FEI WORLD AND FEI CONTINENTAL JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

1. NFs must declare in writing to the FEI by a fixed date their intention to enter a team or individuals. Except for the Olympic Games Athletes and Horses are not required to qualify as combinations.
2. **For the Olympic Games, Athletes/Horses must achieve the minimum eligibility requirements between 1st January of the year preceding the Olympic Games until the closing date for nominated entries, or a date established by the FEI. Refer to the FEI Regulations for Equestrian Events at Olympic Games.**

~~Athletes and horses who have had not more than eight penalties in the team competition (1st or 2nd round) at the European or World Championships or Pan American Games or Olympic Games or other Continental Championships for Seniors approved by the FEI Jumping Committee, are qualified for the Olympic Games, World and Continental Championships. Those athletes and horses that have completed the third competition at the World Championship, or the Individual Final at the European Championship or Pan American Games or Olympic Games or other Continental Championships for Seniors approved by the FEI Jumping Committee, are also qualified for the Olympic Games, World and Continental Championships.~~

~~Athletes and horses which have completed the first round of two FEI World Cup™ qualifying competitions at selected outdoor FEI World Cup™ events with not more than a total score of zero penalties are qualified for the Olympic Games, World and Continental Championships.~~

3. ~~For the World Championship and Olympic Games Athletes and Horses can qualify according to any one **(1)** of the following paragraphs **those who**~~

achieve the results according to any of the following paragraphs will obtain a Certificate of Capability:

- 3.1. **Athletes and Horses with a score of not more than eight (8) penalties in the team Competition (1st or 2nd round) at the last European or World Championships or Pan American Games or Olympic Games or other FEI Continental Championships for Seniors**
- 3.2. **Athletes and Horses that have completed the third Competition at the last World Championship, or the Individual Final at last the European Championship or Pan American Games or Olympic Games or other FEI Continental Championships for Seniors.**
- 3.3. **Athletes and Horses with a score of zero (0) penalties in the first round of two (2) FEI World Cup™ qualifying Competitions at selected outdoor FEI World Cup™ Events.**
- 3.4. **Athletes and Horses must have completed with a score of zero (0) penalties in the first round of two (2) Grand Prix Competitions at selected CSI3\* outdoor Events with a score of zero penalties.**
- 3.52. **Athletes and Horses must have completed with a score of not more than four (4) penalties in the first round of a Grand Prix Competition at a CSI4\* outdoor Event with a score of not more than four (4) penalties.**
- 3.36. **Athletes and Horses must have completed with a score of not more than eight (8) penalties in the first round of a Grand Prix Competition at a CSI5\* outdoor Event with a score of not more than eight (8) penalties.**
- 3.47. **Athletes and Horses must have completed with a score of not more than four (4) Penalties in the first round or zero (0) Penalties in the first or second round of a FEI Nations Cup Competition at a selected CSIO outdoor Event with a score of not more than four (4) penalties in the first round or zero (0) penalties in the second round, or must have completed with a score of not more than four (4) Penalties in the first round of the Grand Prix Competition at the same Event competition with a score of not more than four (4) penalties, provided the courses of these Competitions are built according to the dimensions specifications set forth in Article. 264.3. for 4\* Nations Cup Competitions 6 below. The course plans of these Competitions must be sent to the FEI for approval prior to the Event.**
- 3.58. **Athletes and Horses must have completed with a score of not more than eight (8) penalties the first or second round of a FEI Nations Cup Competition at a CSI05\* outdoor Event with a score of not more than eight (8) penalties, or must have completed with a score of not more than eight (8) penalties in the first round of the Grand Prix Competition at the same Event competition with a score of not more than eight (8) penalties.**
4. **For the FEI Continental Championship Athletes and Horses can qualify according to any one (1) of the following paragraphs those who achieve the results according to any of the following paragraphs will obtain a Certificate of Capability:**

- 4.1. **Athletes and Horses with a score of not more than eight (8) Penalties in the team Competition (1st or 2nd round) at the last European or World Championships or Pan American Games or Olympic Games or other FEI Continental Championships for Seniors**
- 4.2. **Athletes and Horses that have completed the third Competition at the last World Championship, or the Individual Final at last the European Championship or Pan American Games or Olympic Games or other FEI Continental Championships for Seniors.**
- 4.3. **Athletes and Horses ~~which have completed~~ with a score of zero (0) Penalties in the first round of two (2) FEI World Cup™ qualifying Competitions at selected outdoor FEI World Cup™ Events. ~~with not more than a total score of zero (0) penalties are qualified for the Olympic Games, World and Continental Championships.~~**
- 4.1.4. Athletes and Horses must have completed the first round of a Grand Prix **Competition** at a selected CSI3\* **outdoor Event** with a Score of zero **(0)** Penalties.
- 4.2.5. Athletes and Horses must have completed the first round of a Grand Prix Competition at a CSI4\* or a CSI5\* outdoor Event with a Score of not more than eight (8) Penalties.
- 4.3.6. Athletes and Horses ~~must have completed~~ **with a score of not more than four (4) Penalties in** the first or second round of a **FEI Nations Cup Competition** ~~competition at a selected CSIO- out-door Event with a score of not more than four (4) penalties, or must have completed~~ **with a score of not more than four (4) Penalties in** the first round of the Grand Prix **Competition** ~~with a score of not more than four (4) penalties, provided the courses of these Competitions are built according to the dimensions set forth in Article 6 264.3. of the Jumping Rules for 4\* Nations Cup Competitions below.~~ The course plans of these Competitions must be sent to the FEI **for approval prior to the Event.**
- 4.7.4. Athletes and Horses ~~must have completed~~ **with a score of not more than eight (8) Penalties in** the first or second round of a FEI Nations Cup **Competition** at a CSI05\* **outdoor Event** ~~with a score of not more than eight (8) penalties, or must have completed~~ **with a score of not more than eight (8) Penalties in** the first round of the Grand Prix Competition **at the same Event.** ~~with a score of not more than eight (8) penalties.~~
5. **For CSI and CSIO Events mentioned above,** selection will be made from **Events** which take place from the 1st January the year preceding the **Event Games or Championship** until the closing date for nominated entries, or a date to be fixed by the FEI. A list of Events will be published ~~in-by~~ the FEI **Bulletin** in the year preceding the **Olympic Games or FEI Championship.**
6. Selected **FEI Nations Cup,** Grand Prix Competitions and FEI World Cup™ qualifying Competitions must meet the following specifications: consist of at least twelve (12) obstacles which may vary in height between one meter forty

(1.40 m) and one meter sixty (1.60 m). There must be a water-jump of three meters fifty (3.50 m) including the take-off element. The spread obstacles must have spreads of between one meter fifty (1.50 m) to two meters (2.00 m) (two meters twenty -2.20 m- for the triple bar). At least two (2) straight obstacles must be provided with a minimum height of one meter sixty (1.60 m).

7. NFs unable to send complete teams to any of the CSIOs will be allowed to enter individuals who will be allowed to compete "*hors concours*" in the FEI Nations Cup Competition.
8. If a NF finds it impossible for its Athletes to qualify as above, it should request the FEI to send a ~~F~~foreign **assessing D**delegate at the expense of the NF to assess the level of performance, at a special **qualifying Competition** consisting of one **(1)**round with the dimensions as set forth on a course plan provided by the FEI. Athletes/Horses scoring eight (8) Penalties or less in this round will be considered to be qualified. The ~~FEI F~~foreign **assessing D**delegate, appointed by the Jumping Committee, will advise the NF and the FEI on the granting of Certificates of Capability. If by misfortune an Athlete/Horse combination has more than eight (8) Penalties but shows a very good performance otherwise over the course, the foreign assessing delegate can let him **this combination** repeat a similar course. But in no case can an Athlete qualify if he has scored more than eight (8) Penalties in the second round.
9. At FEI Nations Cup and CSI3\*/4\*/5\* Grand Prix Competitions the Foreign Judge ~~who will be~~ **is** responsible for ensuring that the course is built to the required dimensions ~~carries out the qualification~~ **and will confirm in his report to the FEI that the minimum requirements for obtaining Certificates of Capability have been achieved.**
10. Certificates of Capability must be received by the FEI for Athletes and Horses not later than the date fixed for nominated entries or date fixed by the FEI. Athletes and Horses for whom Certificates of Capability have not been received will not be allowed to start.
11. Any and all "*hors concours*" participation provided for directly or indirectly in the present Annex and/or in any special Rules of the Jumping Discipline are in compliance with the permissible exceptions as per Article 117.5 of the GRs.
12. The report of the assessing Foreign Delegate must be sent to the **FEI** Secretary General who in turn will send a copy to the Chair of the Jumping Committee. The NFs of the qualified Horses and Athletes will be informed by the FEI immediately after the qualification is given.

# **ANNEX IX                      RULES FOR YOUNG RIDERS AND JUNIORS**

## **CHAPTER I                      INTRODUCTION**

### **ARTICLE 1                      GENERAL**

Young Rider and Junior participation is an important element in the development of the Equestrian Sport in the world.

The objective of the following Annex is to standardise types of Events and Competitions for Young Riders and Juniors throughout the world, taking into account specific problems applying exclusively to Young Riders and Juniors.

### **ARTICLE 2                      PRIORITY OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS**

The Jumping Events for Young Riders or Juniors are held in general under the same Rules as those set forth for the Jumping Events for Seniors.

In all matters not covered by the present Annex, the Statutes, the GRs, the VRs, the Jumping Rules **and all other relevant FEI Rules and Regulations** shall apply.

### **ARTICLE 3                      DEFINITION OF A YOUNG RIDER AND A JUNIOR**

1. A person may compete as a Young Rider from the beginning of the calendar year in which he reaches the age of sixteen (16) until the end of the calendar year in which he reaches the age of twenty one (21).
2. A person may compete as a Junior from the beginning of the calendar year in which he reaches the age of fourteen (14) until the end of the year in which he reaches the age of eighteen (18).
3. No Young Rider or Junior, up to the age of eighteen (18) may be classified as professional.

## **CHAPTER II                      INTERNATIONAL EVENTS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **ARTICLE 4                      INTERNATIONAL EVENTS (SEE ARTICLE 102 GRS)**

1. The following types of Jumping Events for Young Riders and Juniors are established: International Events Category A and B (CSIY and CSIJ Cat. A respectively CSIY and CSIJ Cat. B), Official International Events (CSIOY or CSIOJ) and Championships.
2. No CSIY or CSIJ Cat. A Event may be organised in the two (2) weeks preceding a Championship or CSIO for Young Riders and Juniors respectively, without the specific permission of the OC of this Championship or of this CSIO and without the agreement of the Secretary General of the FEI.
3. CSIY or CSIJ Cat. A Events
  - 3.1. A CSIY or CSIJ Cat. A Event is an International Event open to individual Athletes from the host ~~country~~**NF** and from an unrestricted number of foreign ~~countries~~**NFs**.
  - 3.2. No limit on prize money to be offered.
  - 3.3. Maximum height one meter fifty (1.50 m), with a proportional spread between one meter fifty (1.50 m) and one meter eighty (1.80 m) for Young Riders.
  - 3.4. Maximum height one meter forty (1.40 m) with a proportional spread between one meter forty (1.40 m) and one meter seventy (1.70 m) for Juniors.

All other requirements as per the rules for CSI\*\* Events for Seniors.

Strictly unofficial team Competitions, which may never be described as "FEI Nations Cup", may be organised in these Events and must be limited to four (4) Athletes per team.
4. CSIY or CSIJ Cat. B Events
  - 4.1. A CSIY or CSIJ Cat. B is an International Event open to individual Athletes from the host ~~country~~**NF** and from an unrestricted number of foreign ~~countries~~**NFs**.
  - 4.2. No prize money may be offered.
  - 4.3. Maximum height one meter fifty (1.50 m), with a proportional spread between one meter fifty (1.50 m) and one meter eighty (1.80 m) for Young Riders.

Maximum height one meter forty (1.40 m) with a proportional spread between one meter forty (1.40 m) and one meter seventy (1.70 m) for Juniors

  - 4.4.. All other requirements as per rules for CSI-1\* Event for Seniors.
  - 4.5. Strictly unofficial team Competitions, which may never be described as "Nations Cup", may be organised in these Events and must be limited to four (4) Athletes per team.
5. Official International Events (CSIOY and CSIOJ) (See Article 103 GRs)
  - 5.1. A CSIO is an International Event open to three (3) or more ~~countries~~**NFs** represented by teams.
  - 5.2. It must include the official Competitions for teams and individuals as set forth in the Jumping Rules.



- 5.3. A CSIO Event to which ~~countries~~**NFs** are invited to participate in accordance with Article ~~4-5~~ (FEI Championships) must include the official Competitions as outlined under ~~Article 4-~~ **paragraph 5.2. above.**
- 5.4. A CSIO Event to which ~~countries~~**NFs** are invited to participate in accordance with Article 249 of the Jumping Rules must provide in the schedule an official team Competition and a final individual Competition. These Competitions must be run in accordance with the specific rules for the relevant Competitions as set forth in these Jumping Rules. Other Competitions must be organised during the days of the CSIO to provide a complete programme for the Event. The dimensions of obstacles must not exceed those set forth for FEI Championships.
- 5.5. For each Category not more than two (2) CSIO may be run during one (1) year in the same country, one (1) indoor and one (1) outdoor.
- 5.6. A CSIOY or CSIOJ may, at the discretion of the Secretary General of the FEI, be allowed into the calendar during the year of the Event, provided it does not interfere with any International Event for Young Riders or Juniors already inserted in the calendar.
6. International Events with borrowed Horses
  - 6.1. By agreement of the FEI Secretary General and the ~~Chairman~~ of the FEI Jumping Committee, CSIJ and CSIJ s may be organised in Jumping using Horses provided by the OC.
  - 6.2. The rules for borrowed Horses as outlined in Article 111 GRs and **Art. 4.4. of Annex XVI** ~~Children's Rules~~ must be applied.
7. Combined Competitions
 

If combined Competitions (for both Juniors and Young Riders) are organized the provisions in relation to obstacle dimensions for Junior Competitions apply or the course is raised for Young Riders.

## ARTICLE 5 FEI CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. All FEI Jumping Championships for Young Riders or Juniors have the status of a CSIO. At FEI Championships Athletes may only take part as nationals of their native ~~country~~ **nation** (see also **Article 119** GRs).
2. Each year, FEI Continental and FEI Regional Championships should be promoted and organised in Jumping.
3. FEI Championships may be organised by Continents or Regions. In the case of Regions, the territorial scope must be previously approved by the FEI.
4. Each year, the FEI invites or authorises an NF to organise Individual and team FEI Championships in their respective Continents or Regions.
5. The FEI Championships must be organised in strict accordance with the GRs, the Jumping Rules, the present Annex, and as specified herein. Only one (1) team per NF may be entered.

6. NFs wishing to organise a FEI Championship must apply ~~by not later than 1st October, two (2) years before the FEI Championship is due to take place, so that the allocation can be decided by the Bureau on the advice of the Technical Committee prior to the annual General Assembly~~ **as set forth in the GRs.**
7. In principle, FEI Championships can only be held if at least four (4) ~~nations~~ **NFs** are represented, except outside Europe where they may be held with any number of regional teams from at least two (2) ~~countries~~ **NFs** (including the host ~~nation~~ **NF**). A ~~nation~~ **NF**, which withdraws after the closing date for the entries and before the start of the FEI Championship, is, however, considered as represented.
8. The FEI Championships must be restricted to all ~~nations~~ **NFs** included in the Continent or Region concerned. However, entries from NFs outside the Continent or Region in which the FEI Championship is held can be accepted or rejected by the Jumping Committee in agreement with the Jumping Rules. Acceptance of NF entries by the Jumping Committee from outside Europe will depend on whether sufficient space is available at the Event in question. ~~Such Athletes~~ **from NFs outside Europe in FEI European Championships** will neither be entitled to receive titles or medals.
9. An NF taking part in a FEI Championship outside of its Continent or Region will not have the right to organise the next FEI Championship **in its Continent or Region.**
10. FEI Championships must be held at some time during a long school holiday.
11. FEI Championships must be held outdoors unless weather conditions require the Event to be held indoors.
12. No entry fee or starting fee may be charged unless cash prizes are awarded.

## **CHAPTER III ELIGIBILITY AT INTERNATIONAL EVENTS AND FEI CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **ARTICLE 6 GENERAL**

1. At Regional and Olympic Games, Young Riders and Juniors may take part in Jumping from the year in which they reach their 18th birthday.
2. Young Riders and Juniors may take part with Horses whose owner is of a different nationality from themselves in all Events except in Olympic Games.
3. The limitations and conditions imposed by the GRs regarding Athletes visiting foreign ~~countries~~ **NFs** shall apply.
4. The participation of a Young Rider or a Junior in a FEI Championship in one (1) Discipline for Young Riders, respectively Juniors, does not exclude the same Athlete on another Horse from participating in a FEI Championship for Seniors in another Discipline, if he has reached the appropriate age.

5. Once an Athlete has taken part in a FEI Championship for Young Riders in Jumping, he can no longer go back to a FEI Championship for Juniors in Jumping.
6. Once an Athlete has taken part in a FEI Championship for Seniors or in Regional and/or Olympic Games in Jumping, he can no longer go back to a FEI Championship for Young Riders or Juniors in Jumping.
7. Certificates of Capability for FEI European Young Rider and Juniors Jumping Championships.

Only those Athletes and Horses competing internationally and likely to be able to complete the FEI Championship may be entered. NFs must send to the FEI a Certificate of Capability to this effect (see GRs).

This Certificate of Capability must include a record of the results obtained in Competitions satisfying the requirements as set forth in the Jumping Rules.

The procedure for qualification, set forth hereunder, must be strictly followed.

Upon arrival at the FEI Championship, Chefs d'Equipe can exchange Athletes and Horses at will, whether originally qualified as combinations or not. After the first Championship Competition, no further changes are permitted.

For the FEI European Young Rider and Juniors Championships Athletes and Horses can qualify according to any one (1) of the following paragraphs:

- 7.1. Athletes and Horses must have completed the first round of a Grand Prix Competition at a selected CSI-1\* or CSI-2\* outdoor Event with a Score of not more than eight (8) Penalties.  
~~NB:—~~Only Juniors having reached their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday are authorised to participate in the Grand Prix at CSI-1\* and CSI-2\* Events;
- 7.2. Athletes and Horses must have completed the first round of a Grand Prix Competition at a selected CSI-3\* or CSI-4\* outdoor Event with a Score of not more than eight (8) Penalties;  
~~NB:—~~Athletes must at least reach the age of eighteen (18) years in the year of these Events to be authorised to participate in the Grand Prix at CSI-3\* and CSI-4\* Events;
- 7.3. Athletes and Horses must have completed the first round of a Grand Prix Competition in their own Category at a CSIOY/J outdoor Event with a Score of not more than four (4) Penalties.
- 7.4. Athletes and Horses must have completed the first or second round of a FEI Nations Cup Competition in their own Category at a selected CSIOY/J outdoor Event with a Score of not more than four (4) Penalties, or must have completed the first round of the Grand Prix Competition of their own Category with a Score of not more than four (4) Penalties.

If a NF finds it impossible for its Athletes to qualify as above, it should request the FEI to send a foreign **assessing** delegate at the expense of the NF to assess the level of performance, at a special Competition consisting of one (1) round

with the dimensions as set forth on a course plan provided by the FEI. Athletes/Horses scoring eight (8) Penalties or less in this round will be considered to be qualified. The foreign **assessing** delegate, appointed by the Jumping Committee, will advise the NF and the FEI on the granting of Certificates of Capability. If **due to unforeseen circumstances** ~~by misfortune~~ an Athlete/Horse combination has more than eight (8) Penalties but shows a very good performance otherwise over the course, the foreign **assessing** delegate can let him repeat a similar course. But in no case can an Athlete qualify if he has scored more than eight (8) Penalties over this course.

Selection will be made from Events which take place from the 1st January the year preceding the Event until the closing date for nominated entries, or a date to be fixed by the FEI. A list of Events will be published on the FEI website in the year preceding the FEI Championship and in the year of the Championship.

## **ARTICLE 7                      SENIOR EVENTS      AND      OTHER FEI CHAMPIONSHIPS**

1. From the year in which they reach their 16th birthday, Young Riders and Juniors may take part in certain international Competitions for Seniors with the express permission of their NF.
2. A Junior or Pony Rider may never ride in a Competition, for Junior/Pony Riders and also in a Competition for Seniors at the same Event.
3. Juniors, Young Riders and Pony Riders may not compete in Championships for Juniors, Young Riders, Pony Riders and/or Seniors in the same Discipline in the same year.

## **CHAPTER IV                      OTHER SPECIFICATIONS**

### **ARTICLE 8                      EXPENSES AND PRIVILEGES**

1. Events
  - 1.1. OCs of Events open to Young Riders or Juniors are free to offer and negotiate financial and accommodation assistance, either in hotels or youth hostels, or with private families, with the NFs of the invited Athletes. The GRs do not apply to these Events but may serve as a basis for negotiation by the OCs.
2. Championships And CSIOs
  - 2.1. NFs are responsible for the travelling expenses of their Chefs d'Equipe, Athletes, grooms and Horses to and from the location of these Championships and CSIO Events.
  - 2.2. For the OCs, the same applies as under paragraph 1 but with the following minimum:
    - (i) Stabling and fodder for the Horses.

In principle stabling and fodder are free of charge, but it is left to the decision of the OC if they wish to charge a reasonable fee. If charged, it must be stated in the schedule. The following must be respected:

- (ii) possibility for the grooms to stay in the immediate vicinity of the stables.
- (iii) one (1) main meal, preferably in the evening for Athletes and Chefs d'Equipe (either on the show grounds or elsewhere);
- (iv) if accommodation is not offered free of charge, then suitable accommodation should be arranged or recommended and prices for same quoted in the schedule.
- (v) Article 132.1 GRs (owners of Horses) to apply.
- (vi) Agent and Veterinary fees for entering and leaving the frontier of the organising country and/or the show grounds to be arranged and paid by the OC.

2.3. The GRs apply in the case of Officials.

- 3. All privileges are to be awarded from one (1) day before the CSIO and FEI Championship until one (1) day after.
- 4. The Chefs d'Equipe are responsible for the behaviour of their teams and/or individuals throughout the Event. They and their NF are responsible for any damages that occur. If the Athletes are not lodged in private homes the Chefs d'Equipe must stay with their teams and/or individuals.
- 5. The Appeal Committee has the authority to assess any costs for damages. According to the FEI legal system, the **Ground Jury and/or the** Appeal Committee may impose a fine and has the right to disqualify the team and/or individuals for unacceptable behaviour at any stage throughout the Event.

## **ARTICLE 9                      PRIZES**

- 1. Prize money and/or prizes in kind must be awarded in Young Rider and Junior Events.
- 2. In all Events except FEI Championships, one (1) rosette and a prize in kind or a souvenir, if prize money is not given, must be awarded for each commenced four (4) Athletes with a minimum of five (5) prizes. It is recommended that stable plaques are awarded to the first four (4) individuals.
- 3. In FEI Championships, the following minimum number of awards must be presented:
  - 3.1. In the Farewell Competition, prize money and/or prizes in kind, plaques and rosettes at a rate of one (1) prize for each commenced four (4) Athletes with a minimum of five (5) prizes.
  - 3.2. In the team FEI Championship, FEI medals are awarded (see GRs 104.2.2.4.). The FEI trophy will be presented at the General Assembly to the winning NF. In addition, prize money and/or prizes in kind, plaques and rosettes at a rate of

one (1) prize for each of the Athletes in the teams taking the first four (4) places.

- 3.3. In the Individual FEI Championship, FEI medals are awarded (see GRs 104.2.2.4). In addition, prize money and/or prizes in kind, plaques and rosettes at a rate of one (1) prize for each commenced four (4) Athletes with a minimum of five (5) prizes are awarded.
- 3.4. At FEI Championships, the prize-giving ceremony should be given great importance and should be held in the arena with the Athletes mounted.
- 3.5. The OC should present all Chefs d'Equipe and Athletes with a souvenir or a plaque.
- 3.6. OCs should award as many extra prizes as possible, for example:
  - 3.6.1. Athletes with the best style (possible division as 3.6.2. and 3.6.3. below);
  - 3.6.2. best girl Athletes;
  - 3.6.3. best boy Athletes;
  - 3.6.4. sportsmanship.

## **ARTICLE 10                      SCHOOLING OF HORSES**

Under penalty of disqualification, it is not permitted for an Athlete's Horse to be schooled by anyone else other than the Athlete himself mounted in the saddle, in or outside the town where an Event or a FEI Championship is held, as from 18.00 hours on the day preceding the commencement of the first Competition of an Event or a FEI Championship until the conclusion of the whole Event or FEI Championship. However, lungeing, work in hand, etc. by someone other than the Athlete, under the supervision of the stewards, are permitted.

## **ARTICLE 11                      TECHNICAL DELEGATE**

In addition to the responsibilities imposed by the GRs, a Technical Delegate at FEI Championships and at International Events (if a Technical Delegate is appointed), will have the responsibility and the authority to check that all facilities are adequate, that the behaviour of participants is correct and that social and educational functions are conducted with the utmost care, always bearing in mind the welfare of the participants and the development of the best spirit of sportsmanship and fair play.

## **ARTICLE 12                      SCHEDULE**

1. The OC must prepare a schedule, which must include the following information:
  - 1.1. Type of Event.
  - 1.2. Description of individual Competitions.

- 1.3. Prizes, trophies to be awarded.
- 1.4. Height, spread of jumps.
- 1.5. Types of jumps included.
- 1.6. List of Judges, Technical Delegates, Course Designers, etc.
- 1.7. Programme of Competitions.
- 1.8. Programme of social Events.
- 1.9. Lodging of Chefs d'Equipe and Athletes which may be in hotel or with private families.
- 1.10. Arrangements for parents, including a list of hotels where parents can reserve directly and not through the OC.
- 1.11. Accommodation for grooms.
- 1.12. Stabling of Horses.
- 1.13. Local transportation arrangements.
- 1.14. Arrival and departure dates, outside, which no expenses will be paid.
- 1.15. Other useful information including passport and visa requirements, climate, type of clothes needed, etc.
2. For FEI Championships, CSIO and CSI Cat. A Events for Young Riders and Juniors, the draft schedule must be sent to the FEI for approval at least sixteen (16) weeks before the Event takes place.
3. For CSI Cat. B Events for Young Riders and Juniors, the draft schedule must be approved by NF. Copies of the approved schedule must be sent to the FEI at least four (4) weeks before the Event.
4. Several copies of this schedule should be sent to all NFs at least eight (8) weeks before the start of the Event or FEI Championship.
5. For further information on schedules OC should refer to the FEI ~~skeleton~~-draft schedule.

## **CHAPTER V      FEI      CONTINENTAL      AND      FEI REGIONAL      CHAMPIONSHIPS      AND CSIOS**

### **ARTICLE 13      ENTRIES**

1. After the approval of the Secretary General of the FEI, the schedule, together with the invitation, is sent to the appropriate NFs of the Continent or Region by the **host** NF of the ~~host~~ country.
2. Teams

- 2.1. Each NF may enter one (1) team of not more than five (5) Athletes and five (5) Horses. However, outside of Europe, the NFs concerned may determine the number of teams and the regional basis for team representation (see Article 5.7. of this Annex). The OC must extend its invitation to a Chef d'Equipe who will be given the same privileges as the Athletes. No reserve Horse may be brought to this FEI Championship.
- 2.2. These five (5) Athletes and five (5) Horses are allowed to take part in the team Competition and individual Competitions of the FEI Championship.
- 2.3. For CSIO Events the OC has the choice of using one (1) of the following formulas:
  - 2.3.1. As per Article 13.2.1 and Article 13.2.2 of this Annex;
  - 2.3.2. As per Article 249.1. of the Jumping Rules.
3. Individuals instead of teams
 

An NF, which cannot send a team, may enter one (1) or two (2) individual Athletes with one (1) Horse each.
- 3.1. NFs are entitled to send one (1) groom for each two (2) Horses with a maximum of two (2) grooms per team.
- 3.2. Entries shall be made in three (3) phases in accordance with the GRs.
- 3.3. The ~~Jumping Committee~~ **FEI Bureau** decides whether or not the FEI Championship is organised as an Open FEI Championship or as a non-Open FEI Championship. If the FEI Championship is declared to be an Open FEI Championship, teams and individuals from ~~countries~~ **NFs** outside the Continent or Region in which the FEI Championship is held, compete for FEI Championship medals and titles under the same conditions as teams and individuals from the host Continent or Region.
- 3.4. It is left to the OCs discretion to accept, with the agreement of the Jumping Committee, entries for non-Open FEI Championships of teams and/or individuals from ~~countries~~ **NFs** outside the Continent or Region in which the FEI Championship is held.

## ARTICLE 14 DECLARATION OF STARTERS

1. The Chefs d'Equipe must declare the composition of their team (four -4- Athletes / Horses) to the ~~Secretariat~~ **OC** in writing, before 18.00 hours, on the day preceding the team Competition.
2. The fifth pair Athlete / Horse may only be eligible to start as a member of the team in case of an accident or illness either to one (1) of the four (4) team Athletes or to one (1) of the four (4) Horses, provided the Chef d'Equipe obtains the approval of the Ground Jury.
3. If the FEI Championship is held during a CSI the OC may allow the Athletes participating in the FEI Championship to take part with different Competitions in the Competitions of the CSI (Article 7 above). The Horses to be ridden in the



FEI Championship must, however, be declared before arrival at the Event and cannot be substituted.

## **ARTICLE 15                      QUALIFICATIONS**

1.        Horses
  - 1.1.     Horses must be seven (7) years of age or older.
  - 1.2.     A FEI Championship for Juniors is open to Horses which have not competed in a FEI Nations Cup or Grand Prix in a CSIO for Seniors during the current year.
  - 1.3.     They may not have competed previously in any Competition for Seniors during the Event at which the FEI Championship is being held.
2.        Athletes
  - 2.1.     A FEI Championship for Young Riders is open to Athletes from the beginning of the year in which they reach the age of sixteen (16) until the end of the year in which they reach the age of twenty one (21).
  - 2.2.     A Junior, from the beginning of the year in which he reaches the age of sixteen (16) until the end of the year in which he reaches the age of eighteen (18) may take part in the FEI Championship for Young Riders, but he may not take part in both the FEI Championship for Young Riders and in the FEI Championship for Juniors during the same year and in the same Discipline (see Article 6.5 of this Annex).
  - 2.3.     A Junior, from the year in which he reaches the age of eighteen (18), may take part in the FEI Continental and FEI World Jumping Championships for Seniors, but he is not allowed to take part in FEI Championships for Juniors, Young Riders and/or Seniors in the same year. However, a Junior, from the year in which he reaches his 16th birthday, may take part in the same year in both the FEI Jumping Championship for Juniors and in certain international Competitions for Seniors on the occasion of a CSIO and a CSI (see Article 255 of the Jumping Rules).
  - 2.4.     A Junior who, from the year in which he reaches the age of eighteen (18), has taken part in a FEI Continental or FEI World Jumping Championship for Seniors will no longer be eligible to compete as a Junior.
  - 2.5.     A Young Rider, from the beginning of the year in which he reaches the age of 18 until the end of the year in which he reaches the age of twenty one (21) may take part in the FEI Championship for Seniors, but he may not take part in both the FEI Championship for Seniors and in the FEI Championship for Young Riders during the same year in the same Discipline (see Article 6.6 of this Annex)

## **ARTICLE 16                      COMPETITIONS**

1.        One (1) of the two (2) following formulas must be used:

**Formula A**

**Formula B**

### **First day**

Training session                      Training session  
First qualifying Competition

### **Second day**

First qualifying Competition                      Team FEI Championship

### **Third day**

Team FEI Championship                      Rest day (or the second day may be used as rest day instead)

### **Fourth day**

Farewell Competition                      Farewell Competition  
Individual Final Competition                      Individual Final Competition

- 1.1. For the North American combined FEI Championships for Juniors and Young Riders, OCs may use the following Formula C instead of Formula A or B above:

#### **Formula C**

First Day:                      Training Session  
Second Day:                      First Competition (Teams and Individuals)  
Third Day:                      Second Competition (Team Final, 2<sup>nd</sup> Individual)  
Fourth Day:                      Compulsory Rest Day  
Fifth Day:                      Third Competition (Individual Final)

#### **2. Training Session**

The OC provide a training period in the main arena with a course consisting of approximately eight (8) obstacles including a combination.

Each Athlete is permitted a maximum of ninety (90) seconds per Horse. Dress is informal: boots, breeches, shirt and a hard hat must be worn.

The public may not be charged to enter and prizes of any kind may not be offered.

#### **3. First Qualifying Competition for the individual FEI Championship open to all Athletes.**

##### **3.1. Starting Order in the first Qualifying Competition.**

There will be a draw for the starting order of the Athletes, regardless of their nationality.

##### **3.2. Young Riders**

This Competition is run over a Table A course judged under Table C (see Articles 239 and 263 of the Jumping Rules) without a jump-off in the event of equality for the first place.

The Scores obtained by each Athlete will be converted into points by multiplying the time of each Athlete by the coefficient zero point fifty (0.50); the Score must be correct to two (2) decimal places. The second decimal place will be rounded up to .005 and rounded down from .004.

The Athlete with the lowest number of points after this conversion will be given zero (0) Penalties, the other Athletes being credited with the number of Penalties representing the difference in points between each of them and the leading Athlete.

If an Athlete is eliminated or does not complete his round for any reason, he will be awarded the same number of Penalties as that incurred by the Athlete who has been the most severely penalised, plus twenty (20) Penalties. If the Athlete concerned has himself received the highest number of Penalties before being eliminated or retiring, twenty (20) Penalties will be added to his Score. Adding the twenty (20) Penalties is done after the time-difference has been converted into Penalties.

### 3.3. Juniors

Table A against the clock without a jump-off in the Event of equality for the first place (see Article 238.2.1. of the Jumping Rules).

If an Athlete has been eliminated or has retired, he shall be penalised with twenty (20) points more than the Athlete with the highest number of Penalties.

## 4. Team Championship - (also second qualifying Competition for the Individual FEI Championship)

### 4.1. This Competition is run over two (2) rounds according to Table A not against the clock with a jump-off against the clock in case of equality for 1st, 2nd and/or 3rd place.

This Competition to be open only to Athletes and Horses which have taken part in the first qualifying Competition (paragraph 3 above), the team classification only affecting the members of the teams who have declared to start.

### 4.2. Starting Order in the Team Competition.

Starting order in the team Competition will be according to a draw in the first round. In the second round the order of starting will be according to the reverse order of Penalties incurred in the first round.

In the second round individual Athletes will start before the teams.

In the case of individuals or teams with equal Penalties, the same starting order will be retained as in the first round.

The starting order in the possible jump-off will revert to the starting order in the second round.

If two (2) jump-offs are required, the jump-off for the third place shall precede the jump-off for the second and first places.

The second round is open only to the ten (10) best teams in the first Competition and those teams placed *ex aequo* for tenth place.

Before the ten (10) best placed teams and those placed *ex aequo* for the tenth place begin their second round, all individuals and team members not qualified for the second round may take part in a second round qualifier for the third Competition. There must be a break of at least thirty (30) minutes between the second round qualifier and the second round of the team Competition.

- 4.2.1 For the North American combined FEI Championships for Juniors and Young Riders, the following applies:

The second round of the team Competition is open only to the six (6) best placed teams and those teams placed *ex aequo* for the sixth place following the first round of the team Competition.

## 5. Farewell Competition

OCs must provide one (1) individual Farewell Competition for those who are not qualified to participate in the individual Final of the FEI Championship.

This Competition is judged under Table A against the clock with one jump-off against the clock. (see Article 238.2.2. of the Jumping Rules).

## 6. Individual Final Competition

### 6.1. Running

This Competition consists of two (2) rounds A and B judged under Table A not against the clock with a jump-off against the clock in case of equality for the 1st, 2nd and/or 3rd place (see Article 273.3.2. of the Jumping Rules).

Qualified to participate are the top sixty percent (60%) of the Athletes (including those placed equal for last place) according to the cumulative Penalties over the first and the second qualifying Competitions. The number of Athletes permitted to participate must not be less than fifteen (15) and not more than thirty (30).

They must have taken part in the first qualifying Competition (completed or not) and have completed the second Competition (without having been eliminated or without retiring). If, for any reason, one (1) or more of the qualified Athletes are unable to start, they will not be replaced by followers.

All Athletes who complete Round A go forward to Round B. The Penalties in the two (2) rounds are added.

The Athletes will be invited to inspect the course of Round B.

- 6.1.1 For the North American combined FEI Championships for Juniors and Young Riders, the following applies:

Qualified to participate in the first round of the Individual Final are the twenty five (25) best placed Athletes (including those placed *ex aequo* for 25<sup>th</sup> place) of each Category according to the cumulative Penalties of the first and second qualifying Competitions.

Qualified to participate in the second round of the individual Final are the fifteen (15) best placed Athletes (including those placed *ex aequo* for 15<sup>th</sup> place) of each Category.

6.2. Starting Order

The starting order for Round A will follow the reverse order of Penalties incurred in the first and second qualifying Competitions of the FEI Championship. In the event of equality of Penalties for any placing, the result of the first qualifying Competition will be the deciding factor for the starting order. The lowest placed qualified Athlete will therefore start first.

The starting order for Round B will follow the reverse order of the Penalties incurred in the first and second qualifying Competitions as well as Round A. The Athlete with the greatest number of Penalties will start first, the Athlete with the least Penalties will start last. In the event of Athletes with equal Penalties, the result of the first qualifying Competition will be the deciding factor for the starting order.

**ARTICLE 17                      OBSTACLES AND COURSES**

1.        First qualifying Competition

*Obstacles and other technical requirements*

	<b>Young Riders</b>	<b>Juniors</b>
Number of obstacles	12-14	12-14
Maximum height	1.45 m	1.35 m
Spread	1.50 to 1.70 m	1.40 to 1.60 m
Maximum spread of the		
water jump (not compulsory)	4.00 m	3.70 m
Minimum/maximum length		
of the course	500/600 m	500/600 m
Speed	375 m/min.	375 m/min.
Table	C A	

2.        Team Competition

*Obstacles and other technical requirements*

	<b>Young Riders</b>	<b>Juniors</b>
Number of obstacles	12-14	12-14
Maximum height	1.50 m	1.40 m

Maximum spread 1.80 m 1.70 m

At least 8 obstacles

(including two verticals) with

a minimum height of 1.40 m 1.30 m

Spread of the

water jump (compulsory) 4.20 m 3.50 to 4.00 m

Minimum/maximum length

of the course 500/600 m 500/600 m

Speed 400 m/min. 375 m/min.

The course must comprise 1 double and 1 treble combination or 3 doubles.

### 3. Individual Final Competition

*Obstacles and other technical requirements*

<b>Young Riders</b>	<b>Juniors</b>
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Number of obstacles	
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Round A 10-12	10-12
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Round B 8-10	8-10
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Maximum height	1.50 m 1.40 m
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Maximum spread	1.80 m 1.70 m
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Maximum spread of	
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triple bar	2.00 m 2.00 m
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Spread of the water jump	
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(compulsory)	4.20 m 3.50 to 4.00 m
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Minimum/maximum length	
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of the course	
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Round A 500/600 m	500/600 m
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Round B 450/550 m	450/550 m
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Speed 400 m/min.	375 m/min.
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The course of Round A must comprise one (1) double and one (1) treble combination or three (3) doubles. The course of Round B must comprise one (1) double or one (1) treble combination.

Round B must be different from Round A.

### 4. Jump-off

In the case of a jump-off, either for team classification or for the individual classification, a reduced course over six (6) obstacles, which may be raised (to a maximum of one meter fifty (1.50 m) for Juniors and/or widened.

#### 5. Farewell Competition

The obstacles for the Farewell Competition must have a height of approximately one meter forty (1.40 m) for Young Riders and one meter thirty (1.30 m) for Juniors with a proportional spread between one meter forty (1.40 m) and one meter sixty (1.60 m).

## ARTICLE 18 TEAM CLASSIFICATION

1. The team classification is decided by adding the Penalties incurred by the best three (3) Athletes of each team in each of the two (2) rounds of the team Championship. For those teams not qualified for the 2<sup>nd</sup> round the results of the best three (3) Athletes per team in the 1<sup>st</sup> round count.
2. Team Athletes not completing the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> round receive twenty (20) Penalties more than the worst placed team Athlete who has finished that particular round.
3. In the case of equality of Penalties between the teams for first, second and/or third place, a jump-off against the clock is compulsory in which all team Athletes participate (see Article 17.4 of this Annex).
4. If two (2) jump-offs are required, the jump-off for the third place shall precede the jump-off for the second and the first place.
5. The classification in this jump-off is obtained by adding the Penalties and the times incurred by the best three (3) Athletes in each team. In case of further equality of Penalties and time, the teams will be placed equal.
6. The other teams will be placed according to their added Penalties in the two (2) rounds. Those with equal Penalties are placed equal.
7. In addition to the team classification there will be an individual classification with prizes for the team Competition. Athletes with equality of Penalties are placed equal.
8. Teams taking part in a non-Open FEI Championship from ~~countries~~ **NFs** outside the Continent or Region in which the FEI Championship is held, may participate in the team Competition, but will not receive a team classification. They may receive prizes for the individual classification in the team Competition (see Article 18.7 of this Annex).

## ARTICLE 19 INDIVIDUAL CLASSIFICATION

1. The individual placing is determined for each Athlete by the addition of Penalties incurred in the first qualifying Competition, the two (2) rounds of the second qualifying Competition (disregarding the Penalties incurred in a possible jump-off) and the two (2) rounds of the third Competition.

2. In case of equality of Penalties for the first, second and/or third place, a jump-off against the clock is compulsory (see Article 17.4 of this Annex).
3. If two (2) jump-offs are required, the jump-off for the third place shall precede the jump-off for the second and the first place.
4. Athletes taking part in non-Open FEI Championships from ~~countries~~ **NFs** outside the Continent or Region in which the Championship is held may participate in the Final Individual competition if qualified, but are not allowed to take part in the jump-off for Individual medal placing. Their penalties from Rounds A and B are added to give them their classification in the competition.
5. Two classifications for the Individual Final competition must be provided; one for the Individual Medal winners; and another for all Athletes taking part in this competition. For the latter classification only the results from Rounds A and B count. Athletes with equality of penalties are placed equal.

## **ARTICLE 20 SADDLERY AND DRESS**

The rules regarding saddlery and dress must be strictly applied in accordance with the Rules for Jumping Events (Article 256 and 257).

## **ARTICLE 21 GROUND JURY**

The FEI, **in consultation with the** Jumping Committee and in accordance with the GRs and the Jumping Rules must appoint the President of the Ground Jury. The ~~Organising Committee~~ **NF/OC** appoints the Members of the Ground Jury in accordance with the GRs.

## **ARTICLE 22 TECHNICAL DELEGATE**

The FEI, **in consultation with the** Jumping Committee and in accordance with the GRs and the Jumping Rules must appoint the Technical Delegate.

## **ARTICLE 23 VETERINARY COMMISSION**

The composition of the Veterinary Commission and the appointment of the President and Members must comply with the requirements of the VRs.

## **ARTICLE 24 APPEAL COMMITTEE**

The composition of the Appeal Committee and the appointment of the President and Members must comply with the requirements of the GRs. An Appeal Committee is not obligatory for CSI Events.

## **ARTICLE 25 PRIZES AND SOUVENIRS**



The allocation of prizes and souvenirs must comply with the requirements set forth in Article 9 of this Annex.

## **ARTICLE 26 MISCELLANEOUS**

In all circumstances not covered by the present Annex, the Ground Jury, being guided by the GRs and the Jumping Rules, will take such decisions as they consider will best produce a fair classification for the FEI Championship.

## ANNEX X

## VETERAN ATHLETES

### CHAPTER I

### ATHLETES

#### ARTICLE V1

#### GENERAL

The objective of the following set of Rules is to standardise types of Events and Competitions for Athletes throughout the world taking into account specific problems applying exclusively to Athletes.

*Except for the following specific Rules, the Jumping Rules will apply.*

#### ARTICLE V2

#### DEFINITION OF A VETERAN ATHLETE

The following may compete as Veteran Athletes:

1. Ladies from the year in which they reach their 45<sup>th</sup> birthday and gentlemen from the year in which they reach their 49<sup>th</sup> birthday. Athletes may not have participated in jumping Competitions for senior Athletes at CSI-2\* Events and upwards in the current year.
2. Veteran Competitions are open to Athletes who, in the current year, have not taken part in any Competition in the initial round with the height of obstacles exceeding one meter thirty (1.30 m).
3. Each Athlete must be in possession of a valid licence of his NF.
4. Upon entering Athletes for International Events, NFs automatically certify that entries are correct and that participants meet the above requirements.

#### ARTICLE V3

#### INTERNATIONAL EVENTS (SEE ARTICLE 102 GRS)

The following Events may be organised for Athletes: CSIs Cat. A and B and CSIOs.

1. CSIV Cat. A Events
  - 1.1. A CSIV Cat. A Event is an international Event open to individual Athletes from the host country **NF** and from an unrestricted number of foreign countries **NFs**.
  - 1.2. No limit on prize money offered.
  - 1.3. All other requirement as per rules for CSI-2\* Event for Seniors.
2. CSIV Cat. B Events

- 2.1. A CSIV Cat. B is an international Event open to individual Athletes from the host ~~country-NF~~ and from an unrestricted number of foreign ~~countries~~**NFs**. Athletes living abroad may compete at CSIV Cat. B Events for the host ~~country-NF~~ at Events held in the host ~~country~~**NF**.
- 2.2. No prize money.
- 2.3. All other requirements as per rules for CSI-1\*Event for Seniors.

## **ARTICLE ~~V4~~ OBSTACLES AND COURSES**

Courses for Veteran Athletes consist of eight (8) to twelve (12) obstacles. Obstacles have a minimum height of one meter ten (1.10 m) and a maximum height of one meter twenty (1.20 m) in the first round. Spread obstacles have a width in proportion to their height of one meter twenty (1.20 m) to one meter thirty (1.30 m). Speed: three hundred fifty meters (350 m) per minute.

## **CHAPTER II CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS**

### **ARTICLE ~~V5~~ ORGANISATION**

1. Every two (2) years, the team and individual FEI Continental Championship may be organised under the authority of the FEI according to the following principles:
  - 1.1. A NF will not normally be authorised to organise two (2) consecutive FEI Continental Championships.
  - 1.2. This FEI Championship must be organised in full agreement with the GRs, the Jumping Rules (~~Part One~~) and the present Annex.
  - 1.3. This FEI Championship must be held outdoors.
2. The FEI Championship may be held together with a CSI but not as part of a CSIO. If the FEI Championship is held on its own, the programme for the FEI Championship must provide also for Competitions open to Athletes entered in the FEI Championship riding Horses which are not taking part in the FEI Championship. The programme for each day may include one (1) or two (2) Competitions. Each Horses may only compete in one (1) Competition per day. The conditions for these Competitions must be presented to the Secretary General of the FEI for approval.
3. If the FEI Championship is held together with a CSI, the training session on the first day is only open to Athletes of the FEI Championship. For Athletes of the CSI, separate Competitions may be organised. From the second day on, the Athletes may be mixed.

## ARTICLE V6

## GROUND JURY, FOREIGN TECHNICAL DELEGATE AND COURSE DESIGNER

1. The President of the Ground Jury must be appointed by the OC in accordance with the provisions of the GRs. The President of the Ground Jury appoints the Ground Jury members in consultation with the OC and the FEI.

The President of the Ground Jury and Foreign Judge must be chosen from the list of Official International Judges and the members of the Ground Jury from the list of Official International Judges or International Judges. The President of the Ground Jury may also act as the Foreign Judge.

2. The Foreign Technical Delegate must be appointed by the **FEI, in consultation with the** ~~Jumping Committee of the FEI~~ in accordance with the provisions of the GRs. He must be selected from the list of International Course Designers.
3. The Course Designer must be chosen from the list of International Course Designers.

## ARTICLE V7

## APPEAL COMMITTEE AND VETERINARY DELEGATE

1. An Appeal Committee is optional.
2. A FEI Veterinary Delegate must be appointed by the OC from the FEI list of veterinarians.

## ARTICLE V8

## ENTRIES

1. After approval by the Secretary General of the FEI the invitations for this FEI Championship together with schedules are sent by the **host** ~~National Federation NF~~ of the host nation to all NFs affiliated to the FEI, in the Continent where the FEI Championship is scheduled to take place.

2. Athletes and Horses entered for a FEI Championship on the list of nominated entries (four -4- weeks before the FEI Championship) can be replaced and additions can be made within the limits specified in Article 251.8.2. of the Jumping Rules until the date of definite entries (maximum ten -10- days before the start of the FEI Championship).

In the event of an accident or illness of a Athlete and/or Horse, substantiated by a certificate from an official recognized doctor and/or veterinarian, between the date of definite entries and one (1) hour before the first Horse inspection of the FEI Championship, substitutions of Athletes and/or Horses can be made. Such substitutions must be taken from the updated list of nominated entries and require Ground Jury approval.

3. Teams

A team comprises at least three (3) Athletes and three (3) Horses and at most five (5) Athletes and ten (10) Horses. Each NF may enter a maximum of ten (10) Athletes and twenty (20) Horses with its nominated entries and a maximum of five (5) Athletes and ten (10) Horses with its definite entries. Each NF may only send a maximum of five (5) Athletes and ten (10) Horses to the FEI Championship. Each NF may in addition send a Chef d'Equipe to whom will be accorded the same privileges as the Athletes.

4. Individuals instead of a Team

~~A nation~~**An NF**, which cannot send a full team, may enter one (1) or two (2) individual Athletes with two (2) Horses each.

4.1. Additional Athlete and Horse

The additional Athlete (5th Athlete) and his Horses plus the Horses of team members and individuals not taking part in the FEI Championship Competitions may compete in the non FEI Championship Competitions.

5. FEI South American Championships - Number of teams and individuals

A minimum of three (3) NFs must be represented by teams. A minimum of three (3) teams are required for this Event to be recognised as a FEI Championship. Each NF may not be represented by more than two (2) teams. Athletes and/or Horses may not change from one (1) team to another team during the FEI championship. A maximum of two (2) individual Athletes only are allowed to participate per ~~nation~~**NF**, if the ~~nation~~**NF** in question sends one (1) team to the FEI Championship. If the NF is not represented by a team, two (2) individual Athletes may participate for the NF in question.

## **ARTICLE ~~V9~~                      DECLARATION AND SUBSTITUTION OF STARTERS (TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS)**

1. Declaration

The declaration of starters will take place after the training session, which must be provided on the day preceding the first Competition of the FEI Championship. At a time fixed by the OC, the Chefs d'Equipe will designate in writing the members of their team (three -3- or four -4-) or their individual Athletes and the names of their Horses (a single and same Horse for each Athlete for the three -3- Competitions of the FEI Championship) as starters in the Competitions of the FEI Championship.

2. Substitution

In the event of an accident or illness of a Athlete and/or Horse between the submission of declarations and one (1) hour before the start of the first FEI Championship Competition, the Athlete and/or the Horse may, on production of a certificate from an officially recognised doctor and/or with the permission of the FEI Veterinary Delegate and after approval of the President of the Ground Jury, be replaced by another Athlete and/or Horse formally entered with the definite entries or substituted according to Article V8 of the present Annex.

## **ARTICLE V10      QUALIFICATIONS**

### **1.      Horses**

The Horses must be six (6) years old or more.

### **2.      Athletes**

The FEI Championship is confined to Athletes from the year in which they reach their 45<sup>th</sup> (ladies) and 49<sup>th</sup> (gentlemen) birthday.

### **3.      Certificates of Capability**

Only those Athletes and Horses likely to be able to complete the FEI Championship may be entered.

## **ARTICLE V11      EXPENSES AND PRIVILEGES**

1.      The OC is responsible for the travelling expenses of the President of the Ground Jury.

2.      The OC is responsible for the living and accommodation expenses of the President of the Ground Jury, the Technical Delegate, the members of the Ground Jury and the FEI Veterinary Delegate.

## **ARTICLE V12      TRAINING SESSION**

The day prior to the first official Competition, the OC must provide a training period in the main arena with a course consisting of approximately eight (8) obstacles including a combination.

Each Athlete is permitted a maximum of ninety (90) seconds per Horse.

Dress is informal; boots, breeches, shirt and a hard hat must be worn.

The public may not be charged to enter and prizes of any kind may not be offered.

## **ARTICLE V13      FEI CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITIONS**

The FEI Championship comprises three (3) Competitions, each taking place on a different day. The total Penalties incurred by the three (3) best placed Athletes in the first Competition and in each round of the second Competition count towards the team placing and the total Penalties incurred in each of the first three (3) Competitions count towards the individual placing.

The design and construction of all obstacles with regard to safety and technical suitability must be approved by the Technical Delegate and Course Designer. Should a dispute arise relating to these obstacles, the Technical Delegate has the final decision.

## **ARTICLE 14 FIRST COMPETITION (TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS)**

### **1. Conduct, Table, Speed**

This first Competition is conducted over a big Table A course and judged under Table C (see Articles 239 and 263 of the Jumping Rules) at a speed of three hundred fifty meters (350 m) per minute without a jump-off in the event of equality of time for first place.

### **2. Obstacles, Length of the course**

Twelve (12) to fourteen (14) obstacles, including one (1) double and one (1) treble or three (3) doubles. Height one meter twenty (1.20 m) maximum, a spread in proportion not exceeding one meter thirty (1.30 m) (one meter seventy -1.70 m- for the triple bar). No Water Jump.

Length: five hundred meters (500 m) minimum, six hundred meters (600 m) maximum.

### **3. Participation**

The Athletes and Horses declared as starters for the team and individual FEI Championships are qualified to take part in this first Competition.

### **4. Starting order**

The starting order in this first Competition is drawn in the presence of the Ground Jury, the Technical Delegate and the Chefs d'Equipe, at a time fixed by the President of the Ground Jury in agreement with the OC after the training session. The draw for the starting order for individuals and teams will be conducted in accordance with the procedure set forth in Article 252 of the Jumping Rules. The Chefs d'Equipe of the teams with only three (3) Athletes may choose in which of the three (3) places out of four (4) they will start their Athletes.

### **5. Penalties**

The Scores obtained by each Athlete will be converted into points by multiplying the time of each Athlete by the coefficient zero point fifty (0.50); the Score must be rounded up or down to the second decimal place. The second decimal place will be rounded up from .005 and rounded down from .004.

The Athlete with the lowest number of points after this conversion will be given zero (0) Penalties, the other Athletes being credited with the number of Penalties representing the difference in points between each of them and the leading Athlete.

If a Athlete is eliminated or does not complete his round for any reason, he will be awarded the same number of Penalties as that incurred by the Athlete who has been the most severely penalised, plus twenty (20) Penalties. If the Athlete concerned has himself received the highest number of Penalties before being eliminated or retiring, twenty (20) Penalties will be added to his Score. Adding

the twenty (20) Penalties is done after the time-difference has been converted into Penalties.

## **ARTICLE V15      SECOND COMPETITION (TEAM FINAL, SECOND INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION)**

### **1.      Conduct, Table, Speed**

This second Competition is conducted over two equal rounds run over one (1) or two (2) days under Table A not against the clock and without a jump-off at a speed of three hundred fifty meters (350 m) per minute.

### **2.      Obstacles, Length of the courses**

Twelve (12) to fourteen (14) obstacles, including one(1) double and one (1) treble or three (3) doubles. Height one meter twenty (1.20 m) maximum with a spread in proportion not exceeding one meter thirty (1.30 m) (one meter seventy -1.70 m- for the triple bar). At least two (2) vertical obstacles, which must be one meter twenty five (1.25 m) in height (sloping walls do not count as compulsory vertical obstacles). At least six (6) other obstacles of at least one meter twenty (1.20 m) in height. No Water Jump.

Length: five hundred meters (500 m) minimum, seven hundred meters (700 m) maximum.

After Consultation with the Course Designer, the Ground Jury may decide to move the obstacles sideways following the first round depending on the condition of the footing. The course must be re-measured if there is a change in the length. If the position of any of the obstacles is altered, the Athletes will be permitted to inspect the course before the second round.

### **3.      Participation**

Only the Athletes and Horses, which have taken part in the first Competition, may take part in the second Competition.

#### **3.1.      Individuals**

##### **3.1.1.      The fifty (50) Athletes (such number to be increased if there is equality for the 50th place) having the best Score deriving from the addition of the Scores obtained in the first individual qualifying Competition and Round one (1) of team Competition (second individual qualification Competition) are allowed to participate in the third individual qualification Competition which is the round two (2) of the team Competition.**

##### **3.1.2.      If the Athletes qualified as above under 3.1.1 are not members of a team which has been qualified to participate in round two (2) of the team Competition, said Athletes will compete prior to round two (2) of the team Competition. There will be at least thirty (30) minutes interval between this round and round two (2) of the team Competition.**

#### **3.2.      Teams**



3.2.1. Round two (2) of the team Competition takes place after the 3rd qualifying Competition for individuals. It is open only to the ten (10) best placed teams and those teams equal on Penalties for tenth place after round one (1) of the team Competition.

3.2.2. All teams allowed to compete in round two (2) of the team Competition carry their Penalties forward from the first individual qualifying Competition and round one (1) of the team Competition.

Score obtained in round two (2) by members of teams who are not among the Athletes eligible to compete in the third individual qualifying Competition as mentioned under 3.1.1 above, count only for the classification of their respective teams.

#### 4. Starting order

The starting order in this second Competition will be determined by a new draw in accordance with the same procedure as provided for the first Competition.

##### 4.1. Individuals

4.1.1. The starting order of the individuals qualified to compete as mentioned hereinabove under section 3.1.1 is set according to the reverse order of the aggregate Penalties incurred in the first and the second individual qualifying Competitions. In case of Athletes with equality of Penalties, the Score of the first Competition will decide their starting order.

##### 4.2. Teams

4.2.1. The starting order of the teams qualified to compete in round two (2) of the team Competition is set according to the reverse order of order total Penalties of the best three (3) Athletes per team incurred in the first individual qualifying Competition and of the best three (3) Athletes per team in the round one (1) of the team Competition. Teams with equality of the Penalties retain the starting order of round one (1).

4.2.2. Scores of individuals who are members of any team eligible to participate in round two (2) as provided herein above will count for the classification of their team in the team Competition but also as their personal result in the third qualifying Competition if they are among the Athletes mentioned in paragraph 3.1.1. above.

#### 5. Team Placing

The ten (10) teams and those with equality of Penalties for tenth place receive their placing by adding the Penalties incurred by the best three (3) Athletes in each team in the first Competition and the Penalties incurred by the three (3) best Athletes in each of the two (2) rounds of the second Competition. The team, which has obtained the least number of Penalties will be placed first and declared Continental team champion.

In the event of equality of Penalties between teams for first, second and/or third place, there will be a jump-off against the clock in which all team Athletes may

take part, over six (6) obstacles, which may be increased in height and/or spread at a speed of three hundred fifty meters (350 m) per minute.

The Score in this jump-off is obtained by adding the Penalties incurred by the three best Athletes in each team, but in the event of further equality of Penalties, the times of these three (3) Athletes in the jump-off added together will decide the winning team as well as those placed second or third. The Score of this jump-off is only to determine the placing of the teams and will not count towards the final Scores of the individual Athletes.

If two (2) jump-offs are required, the jump-off for the third place shall precede the jump-off for the first and the second place.

If after the jump-off there is equality of Penalties and time for one (1) of the first three (3) places, the teams concerned will be placed equal.

Teams not qualified for the second round of the team Competition receive their placing by adding the Penalties incurred by the three (3) best Athletes in each team in the first Competition and the Penalties incurred by the three (3) best Athletes in the first round of the team Competition.

#### 6. Rest Day

A rest day must be scheduled between the second and third Competitions.

### **ARTICLE V16 THIRD COMPETITION (INDIVIDUAL FINAL)**

#### 1. Conduct, Table, Speed

This third Competition is conducted over two (2) rounds (A) and (B) each judged under Table A not against the clock with a time allowed at a speed of three hundred fifty meters (350 m) per minute (see Article 238.1.1. of the Jumping Rules).

#### 2. Obstacles, Length of the Courses

##### 2.1 Round A

Ten (10) to twelve (12) obstacles, including one (1) double and one (1) treble or three (3) doubles. Height: one meter twenty (1.20 m) maximum with a spread in proportion, not exceeding one meter thirty (1.30 m) (one meter seventy -1.70 m- for the triple bar). At least two (2) vertical obstacles, which must be one meter twenty five (1.25 m) in height (sloping walls do not count as compulsory vertical obstacles). No Water Jump. Length: five hundred meters (500 m) minimum, six hundred meters (600 m) maximum.

##### 2.2 Round B

A different course from Round A comprising eight (8) to ten (10) obstacles including only one (1) combination (one -1- double or one -1- treble). Height one meter twenty five (1.25 m) maximum with a spread in proportion not exceeding one meter thirty (1.30 m) (one meter seventy -1.70 m- for the triple

bar). At least two (2) vertical obstacles, which must be one meter twenty five (1.25 m) in height (sloping walls do not count as compulsory vertical obstacles).

A water jump may not be included, but an obstacle with water beneath, in front or behind (a so-called "Liverpool") may be included in the course. Length: four hundred meters (400 m) minimum, five hundred meters (500 m) maximum.

### 3. Participation

This third Competition is compulsory for the twenty five (25) best placed Athletes and Horses (including those with equality of Penalties for 25th place) according to the cumulative Penalties over the first and second Competitions or according to the cumulative Penalties over the first Competition and first round of the second Competition as well as the round replacing the second round of the team Competition for individuals and members of teams not qualified for the second round of the team Competition. Athletes must have taken part in the first Competition (completed or not) and have completed the second Competition (without having been eliminated or having retired) or have taken part in the first Competition (completed or not) and have completed the first round of the second Competition as well as the round replacing the second round of the team Competition for individuals and members of teams not qualified for the second round of the team Competition (without having been eliminated or having retired). If for any reason one (1) or more of these twenty five (25) best placed Athletes are unable to start, they will be replaced by Athletes from the reserve list of five (5) Athletes.

### 4. Inspection of Course B

Athletes will be invited to inspect the course for round B at the conclusion of Round A.

### 5. Starting order

- 5.1. The starting order for round A will follow the reverse order of Penalties incurred in the first and second Competitions. For those individuals and members of teams not qualified for the second round of the team Competition the starting order will follow the reverse order of Penalties incurred in the first Competition and the first round of the second Competition as well as the round replacing the second round of the team Competition. In the event of equality of Penalties, the Score of the first Competition will decide the starting order. The 25th qualifier will, therefore, start as number one (1).
- 5.2. The starting order for round B will follow the reverse order of total Penalties incurred in round A of the final Competition, as well as in the first and second Horse. For those individuals and members of teams not qualified for the second round of the team Competition the starting order will follow the reverse order of total Penalties incurred in round A of the final Competition, the first Competition and the first round of the second Competition, as well as the round replacing the second round of the team Competition. The Athlete with the most Penalties will start first, the Athlete with the least Penalties will start last. In the event of Athletes with equality of Penalties, the Score of the first Competition will decide their starting order.

## 6. Individual Placing

The individual placing is determined by adding together for each Athlete the Penalties incurred in the first Competition, as well as the two (2) rounds of the second Competition (disregarding the Penalties incurred in the jump-off if there is one -1-) and the two rounds A and B of the third Competition. For those individuals and members of teams not qualified for the second round of the team Competition their Score in the second round qualifier counts instead of the second round of the team Competition.

The Athlete with the least Penalties will be placed first and declared the Continental champion.

In the event of equality for one (1) of the first three (3) places after round B of the third Competition, there will be a jump-off against the clock at a speed of three hundred fifty meters (350 m) per minute over eight (8) obstacles from the courses of rounds A and B. The Athletes will be invited to inspect the jump-off course.

If two (2) jump-offs are required, the jump-off for the third place shall precede the jump-off for the first place and the second place.

If after the jump-off there is equality of Penalties and time for one (1) of the first three (3) places, Athletes concerned will be placed equal.

## **ARTICLE V17 PRIZES**

1. Prize money will not be offered. Prizes in kind will be awarded after the first Competition to the twelve (12) best Athletes, after the second Competition for teams to the six (6) best teams only and after the third Competition to the best twelve (12) overall placed Athletes.
2. FEI gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to each member of the three (3) best placed teams and to the individuals placed first, second and third.

## ANNEX XI

## SPONSORED TEAMS REGISTRATION

### Sponsored Teams

Corporations or Organizations with the exception of political or religious organizations may sponsor a team consisting of minimum three (3) Athletes to participate in special sponsored team Competitions or in Competitions with an individual classification. Each member of a sponsored team must have a written commercial agreement with the corporation or organization under whose name said team competes.

The schedule issued for any sponsored team Competition will provide the conditions to be applied.

The Sponsored Team Competitions or Commercial Team Competitions, may never be called FEI Nations Cup Competition or run according to any FEI Nations Cup formula.

Team Athletes participating in this type of Competition must be listed for the sponsored team Competition only by name and team, any reference to their ~~nation~~ **NF** being omitted.

Sponsored Team as well as Athlete Tour Team are allowed to participate in any international Competition only if they are registered with the FEI and have paid the annual registration fee, which, for a team including up to four (4) Athletes is ten thousand Swiss Francs (CHF 10.000).

For each additional Athlete per team a fee of one thousand Swiss Francs (CHF 1.000) per year is payable. In the above amount protection of sponsored team jacket is included.

Sponsor Team Competitions may not be included in the program of CSIOs or CSI-W Events or FEI Championships.

# ANNEX XII PROMOTION OF COURSE DESIGNERS

Refer to the Educations System for FEI Course Designers Jumping published on the FEI website.

The existing categories of Course Designers have been modified as follows:

- (i) National Course Designers = Level 1**
- (ii) International Candidate Course Designers = Level 2**
- (iii) International Course Designers = Level 3**
- (iv) Official International Course Designers = Level 4**
- ~~(i) A) Promotion of National Course Designers to the Status of International Candidate Course Designer~~
- ~~(ii) The FEI maintains a list of qualified International Candidate Course Designers.~~
- ~~(iii) 1. The requirements for promotion to International Candidate Course Designer are as follows:~~
- ~~(iv) 1.1. NFs may propose experienced National Course Designers who have had regular practice over a period of at least five years and are in principle under the age of fifty (50).~~
- ~~(v) 1.2. Applicants must have successfully completed an FEI course for International Candidate Course Designers and have been recommended for promotion by the Course Director.~~
- ~~(vi) 1.3. International Candidate Course Designers already promoted without having completed an FEI course, will only remain on the list if they successfully complete an FEI course for International Candidate Course Designers within five (5) years from the date of their promotion (this applies only to Course Designers promoted to international Candidate Course Designer status since 1989).~~
- ~~(vii) 1.4. International Candidates Course Designers will remain on the FEI list only if they show that they have had regular international practice from the time of their promotion and are under the age of sixty (60). Course Designers not practising internationally for more than four (4) years will be removed from the FEI list.~~
- ~~(viii) 1.5. The International Course Designers and Foreign Judges acting at Events will evaluate the performance of all International Candidate Course Designers. Both must sign a special form which accompanies the Foreign Judge's report.~~
- ~~(ix) 1.6. The names of preferably two (2) International or National Events or Competitions run under FEI Rules at which International Candidate or National Course Designers have assisted on a Ground Jury, must also be given.~~
- ~~(x) B) Promotion of International Candidate Course Designers to the Status of International Course Designer~~
- ~~(xi) The FEI maintains a list of qualified International Course Designers. The requirements for promotion to International Course Designer are as follows:~~
- ~~(xii) 1.1. To have attended an FEI course for International Course Designers and to have completed the course examination successfully.~~
- ~~(xiii) 1.2. To have regular international practice and preferably be not older than the age of sixty (60).~~

- ~~(xiv) 1.3. Course Designers, who have been promoted to the status of International Course Designer, without having successfully completed an FEI course for International Course Designers, will only remain on the list if they attend an FEI course for this Category and successfully complete the course examination, within four (4) years from the time of promotion (this applies only to Course Designers promoted to international Candidate Course Designer status since 1989).~~
- ~~(xv) 2. Course Designers who do not show that they have had regular international practice from the time of their promotion will be removed from the list.~~
- ~~(xvi) 3. If an International Course Designer has acted for many years successfully in such a capacity but due to age or health reasons is no longer active, he will remain on the list as retired International Course Designer.~~
- ~~(xvii) 4. Promotion can be made by the Jumping Committee, with the agreement of the NF concerned. For promotion to both of the above categories, Course Designers must submit to the FEI Secretariat, through their NF, a curriculum vitae outlining their experience to date.~~
- ~~(xviii) An International Course Designer may be promoted to the status of Official International Course Designer by the Bureau on the recommendation of the Jumping Committee, which shall be based on extensive experience and demonstrated proficiency as a Course Designer at high level Competitions (CSI05\*, CSI4\* & CSI5\*).~~
- ~~(xix) C) Promotion of International Course Designers to the Status of Official International Course Designer~~
- ~~(xx) 1. The requirements for the promotion to the status of Official International Course Designer are as follows:~~
- ~~(xxi) 1.1 Must have the status of International Course Designer for at least eight (8) years;~~
- ~~(xxii) 1.2 Must have acted as Course Designer at least four (4) times at a CSIO-5\* Event;~~
- ~~(xxiii) 1.3 Must have acted as Course Designer at least eight (8) times at CSI-4\* or CSI-5\* Events;~~
- ~~(xxiv) 1.3 Must have acted as Course Designer at one (1) FEI Continental Championship for Seniors or FEI World Cup™ Final or at one (1) major FEI Regional Championship, such as the Pan American Games;~~
- ~~(xxv) 1.5 Must not be older than sixty five (65) years;~~
- ~~(xxvi) 1.6 Must have acted regularly each year at CSI Events since promotion to International status.~~

## **ANNEX XIII                      PROMOTION OF JUDGES**

### **A) Promotion of National Judges to the Status of International Candidate Judge**

The FEI maintains a list of qualified International Candidate Judges. Only experienced National Judges may be proposed for promotion on an application form supplied by the FEI and signed by the applicant and the President of his NF. These forms must be returned to the FEI ~~Secretary~~ by a date to be indicated by the FEI.

1. The requirements for becoming an International Candidate Judge are as follows:
  - 1.1. To have been proposed by his NF and accepted by the FEI Jumping Committee.
  - 1.2. To have acted regularly as President of the Ground Jury at major National Events (regularity will be in relation to the number of Events held in the country of the candidate in question) and to have acted as a member of a Ground Jury at International Events during the current or preceding year,
  - 1.3. To be able to speak one (1) of the two (2) FEI official languages.
  - 1.4. To have acted once as assistant Course Designer and once as, or assistant to, the Chief Steward during an entire Event run under FEI Rules, preferably International,
  - 1.5. To have qualified at a FEI basic course for International Candidate Judges.
  - 1.6. In principle, to be fifty (50) years or under.
2. Following promotion an International Candidate Judge must be a member of a Ground Jury during at least eight (8) International Events over a four (4) years period.
3. Having fulfilled the above requirements an applicant will be accepted by the FEI Jumping Committee, promoted to the status of International Candidate Judge and listed in the FEI Directory.
4. International Candidate Judges should gain as much experience as possible as members of Ground Juries at International Events or as the President of the Ground Jury at CSI 1\* Events.
5. International Candidate Judges who do not judge at International Events during three (3) consecutive years, without valid reason, will be removed from the FEI list of Judges.

### **B) Promotion of International Candidate Judges to the Status of International Judge**

1. The FEI maintains a list of qualified International Judges, appointed by the Jumping Committee in consultation with the relevant NFs. The requirements for promotion to the status of International Judge are as follows:
  - 1.1. To have acted as International Candidate Judge for at least two (2) years.
  - 1.2. To be able to speak one (1) of the two (2) FEI official languages.



- 1.3. To have acted regularly (regularly will be in relation to the number of Events held in the country of the candidate in question) as President or Member of the Ground Jury at International Events. Preferably, in addition to have acted as President of Appeal Committees, and have acted as Steward at International Jumping Events (or National Events run under FEI Rules).
  - 1.4. To have been favourably assessed by the Foreign Judge in his report form to the FEI (Foreign Judges will report to the FEI on the International Candidate Judge's activities during the International Event. It is the responsibility of the International Candidate Judge to report to the Foreign Judge before the Event, if he wishes to be mentioned in his report).
  - 1.5. International Candidate Judges must attend a course for International Judges and obtain sufficient marks in the course examination before they can be considered for promotion.
  2. Upon the request of the NFs, International Candidate Judges who have fulfilled the above requirements will be promoted to the status of International Judge. If the above requirements have not been fulfilled within four (4) years after promotion, the individual will be removed from the list of Judges.
  3. Only International Judges having attended an FEI seminar for International Judges may act as President of the Ground Jury at CSIO and CSI 5\* to 2\* Events.
  4. Each International Judge must attend an International Judges' course every five (5) years from the time of promotion.
  5. An International Judge may be promoted to the status of Official International Judge by the Bureau on the recommendation of the Jumping Committee, which shall be based on extensive experience and demonstrated proficiency as a Judge at high level Competitions (CSIO 5\*, CSI 5\* and 4\*).
  6. Age of retirement for all Judges is seventy (70) years.
  7. International Judges who do not judge at International Events during three (3) consecutive years, without valid reason, will be removed from the FEI list of Judges.
- C) Promotion of International Judges to the Status of Official International Judge
1. The requirements for the promotion to the status of Official International Judges are as follows :
    - 1.1 Must have the status of International Judge for at least four (4) years;
    - 1.2 Must have acted as the President or Foreign Judge of a Ground Jury at least four (4) times at a CSIO-5\* Event and four (4) times at a CSI-4\* or CSI-5\* Event;
    - 1.3 Must have been a member of the Ground Jury at a FEI Continental Championship or FEI World Cup™ Final;
    - 1.4 Must not be older than sixty five (65) years;

- 1.5 Must have acted as member of the Ground Jury at international Events, regularly each year, since promotion to international status.

### **THE FEI CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE WELFARE OF THE HORSE**

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The FEI requires all those involved in international equestrian sport to adhere to the FEI's Code of Conduct and to acknowledge and accept that at all times the welfare of the Horse must be paramount and must never be subordinated to competitive or commercial influences.

- 1. At all stages during the preparation and training of competition Horses, welfare must take precedence over all other demands.**

##### **a) Good Horses management**

Stabling, feeding and training must be compatible with good Horses management and must not compromise welfare. Any practices which could cause physical or mental suffering, in or out of Competition, will not be tolerated.

##### **b) Training methods**

Horses must only undergo training that matches their physical capabilities and level of maturity for their respective disciplines. They must not be subjected to any training methods which are abusive or cause fear or for which they have not been properly prepared.

##### **c) Farriery and tack**

Foot care and shoeing must be of a high standard. Tack must be designed and fitted to avoid the risk of pain or injury.

##### **d) Transport**

During transportation, Horses must be fully protected against injuries and other health risks. Vehicles must be safe, well ventilated, maintained to a high standard, disinfected regularly and driven by competent staff. Competent handlers must always be available to manage the Horses.

##### **e) Transit**

All journeys must be planned carefully, and Horses allowed regular rest periods with access to food and water in line with current FEI guidelines.

- 2. Horses and competitors must be fit, competent and in good health before they are allowed to compete.**

##### **a) Fitness and competence**

**Participation in competition must be restricted to fit Horses and competitors of proven competence.**

**b) Health status**

**No Horse showing symptoms of disease, lameness or other significant ailments or pre-existing clinical conditions should compete or continue to compete when to do so would compromise its welfare. Veterinary advice must be sought whenever there is any doubt.**

**c) Doping and Medication**

**Abuse of doping and medication is a serious welfare issue and will not be tolerated. After any veterinary treatment, sufficient time must be allowed for full recovery before Competition.**

**d) Surgical procedures**

**Any surgical procedures that threaten a competing Horse's welfare or the safety of other Horses and/or Athletes must not be allowed.**

**e) Pregnant/recently foaled mares**

**Mares must not compete after their fourth month of pregnancy or with foal at foot.**

**f) Misuse of aids**

**Abuse of a Horse using natural riding aids or artificial aids (e.g. whips, spurs, etc.) will not be tolerated.**

**3. Events must not prejudice Horse welfare.**

**a) Competition areas**

**Horses must only be trained and compete on suitable and safe surfaces. All obstacles must be designed with the safety of the Horse in mind.**

**b) Ground surfaces**

**All ground surfaces on which Horses walk, train or compete must be designed and maintained to reduce factors that could lead to injuries. Particular attention must be paid to the preparation, composition and upkeep of surfaces.**

**c) Extreme weather**

**Competitions must not take place in extreme weather conditions if the welfare or safety of the Horse may be compromised. Provision must be made for cooling Horses quickly after competing in hot or humid conditions.**

**d) Stabling at events**

**Stables must be safe, hygienic, comfortable, well ventilated and of sufficient size for the type and disposition of the Horse. Clean, good**

quality and appropriate feed and bedding, fresh drinking water, and washing-down water must always be available.

**e) Fitness to travel**

After competition, a Horse must be fit to travel in accordance with the FEI's guidelines.

- 4. Every effort must be made to ensure that Horses receive proper attention after they have competed and that they are treated humanely when their competition careers are over.**

**a) Veterinary treatment**

Veterinary expertise must always be available at an Event. If a Horse is injured or exhausted during a Competition, the Athlete must dismount and a veterinarian must check the Horse.

**b) Referral centres**

Wherever necessary, the Horse should be collected by ambulance and transported to the nearest relevant treatment centre for further assessment and therapy. Injured Horses must be given full supportive treatment before transport.

**c) Competition injuries**

The incidence of injuries sustained in competition should be monitored.

Ground surface conditions, frequency of Competitions and any other risk factors should be examined carefully to indicate ways to minimise injuries.

**d) Euthanasia**

If injuries are sufficiently severe the Horse may need to be euthanased by a veterinarian as soon as possible on humane grounds and with the sole aim of minimising suffering.

**e) Retirement**

Every effort should be made to ensure that Horses are treated sympathetically and humanely when they retire from competition.

- 5. The FEI urges all those involved in equestrian sport to attain the highest possible levels of education in their areas of expertise relevant to the care and management of the Competition Horse.**

This Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse may be modified from time to time and the views of all are welcomed. Particular attention will be paid to new research findings and the FEI encourages further funding and support for welfare studies.

**The Code is available in English, French, Spanish, German and Arabic.  
The Code is also available on the FEI's website: [www.fei.org](http://www.fei.org)  
The English text shall be the authoritative version for legal purposes.**

~~The Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) expects all those involved in international equestrian sport to adhere to the FEI's Code of Conduct and to acknowledge and accept that at all times the welfare of the hHorse must be paramount and must never be subordinated to competitive or commercial influences.~~

~~At all stages during the preparation and training of competition hHorses, welfare must take precedence over all other demands. This includes good hHorse management, training methods, farriery and tack, and transportation.~~

~~Horses and aAthletes must be fit, competent and in good health before they are allowed to compete. This encompasses medication use, surgical procedures that threaten welfare or safety, pregnancy in mares and the misuse of aids.~~

~~Events must not prejudice hHorse welfare. This involves paying careful attention to the competition areas, ground surfaces, weather conditions, stabling, site safety and fitness of the hHorse for onward travel after the event.~~

~~Every effort must be made to ensure that hHorses receive proper attention after they have competed and that they are treated humanely when their competition careers are over. This covers proper veterinary care, competition injuries, euthanasia and retirement.~~

~~The FEI urges all involved with the sport to attain the highest levels of education in their areas of expertise.~~

~~A full copy of this Code can be obtained from the Fédération Equestre Internationale, Avenue Rumine 37, CH-1000, Lausanne 5, Switzerland. Telephone: +41 21 310 47 47. The Code is available in English & French. The Code is also available on the FEI's website: [www.fei.org](http://www.fei.org)~~

## **ANNEX XV**

## **SPECIAL RULES FOR PONY RIDERS**

### **CHAPTER I**

### **INTRODUCTION**

#### **ARTICLE 1**

#### **GENERAL**

Pony Riders Competitions are an important element in the development of equestrian sport around the world.

The objective of the following set of rules is to standardise Pony Events, taking into consideration specific problems applying to Pony Riding.

#### **ARTICLE 2**

#### **PRIORITY OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS**

In all matters not covered by the present Annex, the GRs, the VRs and the Jumping Rules shall apply.

### **CHAPTER II**

### **DEFINITION OF A PONY RIDER AND OF A PONY**

#### **ARTICLE 3**

#### **PONY COMPETITOR**

1. An Athlete may compete as a Pony Rider from the beginning of the calendar year in which he reaches the age of twelve (12) until the end of the year in which he reaches the age of sixteen (16).
2. No Pony Rider may be classified as a professional.

#### **ARTICLE 4**

#### **DEFINITION OF A PONY**

1. A pony is a small Horse whose height at the withers, having been measured on a smooth level surface, does not exceed one meter forty eight (1.48 m) without shoes or one meter forty nine (1.49 m) with shoes.
2. In any international Events and Championships, Ponies must be at least six (6) years old.

### **CHAPTER III**

### **INTERNATIONAL EVENTS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS**

#### **ARTICLE 5**

#### **INTERNATIONAL EVENTS**

1. The following types of Jumping Events for Pony Riders competing on ponies are established: International Event (CSI-P), Official International Events (CSIO-P) and FEI Championships.
2. No CSI-P or CSIO-P may be organised during the week of the Continental Championships.
3. A CSI-P is an international Event open to individual Athletes from the host country **NF** and from an unrestricted number of foreign countries **NFs**.
- 3.1 CSI-P Events may be categorised as Events on borrowed ponies in which case they must be clearly identified as such i.e. CSI-P (on borrowed ponies).
- 3.2 Strictly unofficial team Competitions, which may not be described as a "FEI Nations Cup", may be organised in these Events.
- 3.3 At least three (3) Jumping Competitions must be open to foreign Athletes and must be held under the FEI Rules.
4. A CSIO-P is an international Event open to three (3) or more countries **NFs** represented by teams.
- 4.1. It must include the official Competitions for teams and individuals as specified in the rules of the appropriate disciplines.
- 4.2. Not more than two (2) CSIO-Ps may be run during one (1) year in the same country, one (1) indoor and one (1) outdoor.
- 4.3. A CSIO-P may, at the discretion of the Secretary General of the FEI, be allowed into the calendar during the year, provided it does not interfere with any international Event for ponies already inserted in the calendar.
- 4.4. The Event is open to one (1) team from the host nation and one (1) from each of the foreign countries **NFs**.
- 4.5. A pony team of any Discipline consists of four (4) Athletes and ponies of which the results of the best three (3) count. A team of three (3) is acceptable.
- 4.6. A CSIO-P and a CSI-P may be held together.
5. International Team Events  
These are possible in accordance with the Jumping Rules (see Article 265.2. of the Jumping Rules).
6. International Events with borrowed ponies (see Article 1116 of GRs).
- 6.1. By agreement of the **FEI** Secretary General, CSI-Ps and CSIO-Ps may be organised using ponies provided by the OC. This is not allowed in the Continental Championships.
- 6.2. The rules for Events with borrowed Horses as outlined in Article 4.3. of the Rules for Children Events must be applied.
7. All entries for Events, including Championships, to which these Rules apply must specify the pony or ponies on which each Athlete is entered and, no Athlete may ride any pony other than the one (1) with which he has been entered.



## ARTICLE 6

## ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

## CONTINENTAL

1. Each year, a FEI Continental Championship in Jumping may be organised within each Continent. ~~(Article 106)~~ Jumping, Dressage and Eventing FEI Championships for Pony Riders should be, as far as possible, organised within the same Event.
2. The FEI Championships will, as far as possible, be organised during the long school holidays.
3. The FEI Championships will be held outdoors.
4. The annual FEI Continental Championships are open to all ~~nations~~ **NFs** within the Continent. NFs outside the Continent may be invited if authorised by the Secretary General of the FEI. Any such teams and individuals invited are eligible for prizes but not for medals or title classification.
5. The FEI approves the organisation of CSIO-Ps and FEI Championships. NFs wishing to organise a FEI Championship must apply as set forth in the GRs. ~~by not later than 1st October, 2 years before the Championship is due to take place, so that the allocation can be decided by the Bureau on the advice of the Jumping Committee prior to the annual General Assembly.~~
6. The FEI Championships must be organised in strict accordance with the GRs, the Rules of the Discipline concerned and the present specific Rules.
7. FEI Championships can only be held if at least four (4) **NFs** ~~nations~~ are represented, except outside Europe where they may be held with any number of regional teams from at least two (2) ~~countries~~ **NFs**, including the host ~~nation~~ **NF**. A **NF** ~~nation~~, which withdraws after the closing date for the entries and before the start of the FEI Championship, is, however, considered as represented.
8. Reasonable entry fees may be charged and must be approved by the FEI.
9. Only teams and/or individuals officially entered by their NF may participate.
10. A Pony Rider and/or pony may only compete in one (1) Discipline in any one (1) calendar year at the same Event.

## CHAPTER IV

## ELIGIBILITY AT INTERNATIONAL EVENTS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS

## ARTICLE 7

## GENERAL

1. No Athlete may take part in two (2) FEI Championships in the same Discipline within one (1) calendar year (see Article 124 of GRs).
2. A Pony Rider may compete in Competitions for Juniors and/or Young Riders - if of the appropriate age - without losing his status as a Pony Rider.

3. Athletes of the appropriate age may take part in Competitions and FEI Championships of more than one (1) Category, but only in one (1) age Category and in one (1) Discipline of these FEI Championships in any one (1) calendar year.

## **CHAPTER V                    OTHER SPECIFICATIONS**

### **ARTICLE 8                    EXPENSES AND PRIVILEGES**

#### **1.        Events**

OCs of Events open to Pony Riders are free to offer and negotiate financial and accommodation assistance, either in hotels, or youth hostels or with private families, with the NFs of the invited Athletes. The GRs do not apply to these Events but may serve as a basis for negotiation by the OCs.

#### **2.        FEI Championships and CSIO-Ps**

- 2.1. NFs are responsible for the travelling expenses of their Chefs d'Equipe, Athletes, grooms and ponies to and from the location of these FEI Championships and CSIO-Ps.

- 2.2. For the OCs the same applies as under paragraph 1 but with the following minimum :

- stabling, bedding and fodder for the ponies;
- possibility for the grooms to stay in the immediate vicinity of the stables.

- 2.3. The GRs apply in the case of Officials.

3. All privileges are to be awarded from one (1) day before the Event and the FEI Championships until one (1) day after.

4. Reasonable entry fees may be charged and must be approved by the FEI. A maximum global entry fee is established by the Jumping Committee.

5. The Chefs d'Equipe are responsible for the behaviour of their team and/or individuals throughout the Event. They and their NF are responsible for any damages that occur. If the Athletes are not lodged in private homes the Chefs d'Equipe must stay with their team and/or individuals.

The Appeal Committee has the authority to assess any costs for damages. ~~It~~**The Ground Jury and/or the Appeal Committee** may impose a fine according to FEI legal procedure and has the right to disqualify the team and/or individuals for unacceptable behaviour at any stage throughout the Event.

### **ARTICLE 9                    PRIZES**

1. Prize money may be offered at CSI-Ps but is forbidden at FEI Championships.
2. Article 9 of the Rules for Juniors applies.

## **ARTICLE 10                      SCHOOLING OF PONIES**

1. Under penalty of elimination, it is prohibited for an Athlete's pony to be schooled by anybody mounted in the saddle, other than the Athlete himself in or outside the town where the Event or a FEI Championship is held, as from 18.00 hours on the day preceding the commencement of the first Competition of an Event until the conclusion of the whole Event . However, lunging, work in hand, etc., by someone other than the Athlete, under the supervision of the FEI stewards, is permitted.
2. Ponies may not leave the stables, the Competition area, or the areas supervised by Stewards for any purpose unless authorised by a recognised FEI Official of the Event or a Veterinarian acting in the interest of the health and welfare of the pony.
3. Each pony keeps the same identification number provided by the OC on arrival, throughout the Event. It is compulsory that this number is always worn by the pony whenever it leaves the stables, so that it may be identified by all Officials including the Stewards. Failure to display this identification number clearly incurs first a warning and, in the case of repeated offence, a fine imposed on the Athlete by the Ground Jury or the Appeal Committee.

## **ARTICLE 11                      OFFICIALS**

1. At CSI-P and CSIO-P Events the appointment of Judges must be in accordance with Article 259 of the Jumping Rules as for CSI2\* Events.
2. The OC should be strongly advised to include in the Ground Jury and the Appeal Committee, Officials who have experience of Pony Events.
3. For FEI Continental Championships in Jumping, the President of the Ground Jury, the Technical Delegate and the Foreign Veterinary Delegate must be appointed by the FEI Jumping Department.

For FEI Pony Jumping Championships, a minimum of two (2) Judges of the Ground Jury must be selected from the list of International or Official Jumping Judges. The other Judges can be selected from the list of candidate International Jumping Judges.

4. In Jumping Competitions if there is a water jump, there must be an additional Judge who is a member of the Ground Jury.

At FEI Championships and in the team Competitions and Grand Prix at CSIO-Ps the water jump Judge must be at least a National Judge (see Article 259.1. of the Jumping Rules).

## **ARTICLE 12                      PASSPORTS**

Chapter XIII (see Article 282 of the Jumping Rules).

## **ARTICLE 13                      PONY MEASUREMENT**

1. Annex XVIII of the VRs and Article 137 of the GRs of the FEI apply.
2. All ponies competing at the CH-EU-P will be measured on site before starting the Competition. Random testing at various CSI-Ps may also take place.
3. The FEI definition of a pony is in accordance with Article 4 of the present Annex. Nevertheless, to allow for the fact that FEI pony measurement takes place under Competition conditions ponies measured at Competition must not exceed one meter fifty (1.50 m) without shoes or one meter fifty one (1.51 m) with shoes in order to be permitted to compete.
4. Where FEI pony measurement is to be carried out before the Horse inspection, the period of an Event shall commence with the first pony measurement. Such provision shall prevail over the GRs.

## **ARTICLE 14                      SCHEDULE**

Article 12 of the Rules for Juniors applies.

## **CHAPTER VI                      RULES FOR PONY JUMPING EVENTS AND FEI CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **ARTICLE 15                      GENERAL**

Pony Jumping Events and FEI Championships must be conducted in accordance with the Jumping Rules except where specifically modified below.

### **ARTICLE 16                      OBSTACLES**

1. At FEI Championships and CSIO-Ps the course shall consist of ten (10) to twelve (12) obstacles requiring no more than fifteen (15) efforts. The maximum number of combinations shall be one (1) double and one (1) triple or three (3) doubles.
- 1.1. At other Events courses shall not exceed the above specifications and should, if necessary, be modified according to the standard of the Athletes and ponies taking part.
2. Obstacles must be strong and impressive in appearance. It must be taken into consideration that ponies are lighter in weight than Horses and must be able to effect knock-downs.
3. In FEI Championships the maximum height and spread of obstacles, except in a jump-off, shall be as follows :

- 3.1. In the Consolation Competition dimensions may not exceed the height of one meter twenty five (1.25 m), spread one meter forty (1.40 m) (one meter sixty - 1.60 m- for the triple bars).
- 3.2. In the qualifying Competitions and the team FEI Championship, height one meter thirty (1.30 m), spread one meter forty (1.40 m) (one meter sixty -1.60 m- for the triple bars).
- 3.3. In the individual FEI Championship, height one meter thirty five (1.35 m), spread one meter forty five (1.45 m) (one meter sixty -1.60 m- for the triple bars).
4. At CSIO-Ps the maximum height and spread shall not exceed those specified for similar Competitions at a FEI Championship.
- 4.1. At CSI-P Events, the same maximum dimensions shall apply, but a height of one meter twenty (1.20 m) and a spread of one meter thirty (1.30 m) in the first round are recommended.
- 4.2. At CSI-P Events on borrowed Horses the height of the fences must not exceed 1.20 m.
5. In any jump-off the obstacles may (subject to Article 246.1. of the Jumping Rules) be raised and spread by a maximum of ten centimetres (10 cm) but may never exceed a height of one meter forty (1.40 m) or a spread of one meter fifty (1.50 m) (one meter sixty -1.60 m- for triple bars).
6. The water jump, including the take-off, may not exceed three meters thirty (3.30 m). At Championships and CSIO-P a minimum of three 3 m including take-off is recommended.
7. The minimum distance between the obstacles of a combination is seven meters (7 m), and the maximum distance is eleven meters (11 m).

## **ARTICLE 17                      PRACTICE OBSTACLES**

1. Obstacles in the exercise and warming-up areas may not exceed the dimensions (height and spread) of those to be used in the relevant round of the Competition for which the Athletes are preparing.
2. For Pony Riders schooling over obstacles without reference to a particular Competition the maximum height of one meter thirty five (1.35 m) and spread of one meter forty five (1.45 m) must be observed.

## **ARTICLE 18                      SPEED**

The speed for all Competitions must be three hundred meters (350 m) per minute.

## **ARTICLE 19                      DRESS AND SALUTE**

1. When mounted protective headgear secured by a three (3) point retention harness is compulsory.
2. All Athletes should acknowledge the Ground Jury by an inclination of the head without removing their hats.
3. Dark coat or club uniform coat. White or fawn breeches or jodhpurs with boots. White shirt and tie or hunting stock. Spurs optional but if used only blunt metal spurs no longer than one centimetre five (1.5 cm) are allowed. Maximum length of whip seventy five centimetres (75 cm).

## **ARTICLE 20                      LOSS OF HAT AND UNFASTENED RETENTION HARNESS**

1. An Athlete who loses his hat or whose retention harness becomes unfastened during the course of his round must recover and replace it. He is not penalised for doing so, even if he dismounts, but the clock will not be stopped.
2. An Athlete who jumps or attempts to jump an obstacle or who passes through the finish with a retention harness incorrectly fastened will be eliminated.

## **ARTICLE 21                      INSPECTION OF SADDLERY**

The following applies throughout the Competitions grounds at all times from the time of arrival until the conclusion of the entire Event or championship:

See description of permitted bits under Appendix A below. Reins must be attached to the bit or the connecting strap. Only running unrestricted martingales are allowed. Double bridles, and blinkers are not allowed.

The Ground Jury has the right, based on veterinary advice, to forbid the use of a bit or spurs that may cause injury to the pony.

A steward must be appointed to check the saddlery of each pony before it enters the arena.

## **ARTICLE 22                      FEI                      CONTINENTAL                      JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

1. Entries

After the approval of the Secretary General of the FEI, the schedule, together with the invitation, are sent to the NFs of the appropriate Continent by the **host** ~~NF of the host country~~.

2. Teams

- 2.1. Each NF may enter one (1) team of not more than six (6) Athletes and six (6) ponies from which five (5) Athletes and five (5) ponies are allowed to travel to the FEI Championship and four (4) to start in the team FEI Championship.

- 2.2. The OC must extend its invitation to a Chef d'Equipe who will be given the same privileges as the Athletes.
3. Individuals instead of teams  
An NF which cannot send a complete team may enter one (1) or two (2) individual Athletes with one (1) pony each.
4. NFs are entitled to send one (1) groom for each two (2) ponies with a maximum of two (2) grooms per team.
5. The entries shall be made in three phases in accordance with the GRs.
6. Competitions  
Article 16 of the Rules for Juniors applies.
7. Declaration of Starters and Order of Starting  
Article 16.3.1 of the Rules for Juniors applies.
8. Obstacles and Courses  
Refer to Article 16 above.
9. Jury and Technical Delegate  
The President of the Ground Jury and the Technical Delegate must be appointed by the FEI Jumping Department. Their appointment as well as that of the members of the Ground Jury must comply with the requirements set forth in the GRs.
10. Appeal Committee  
The composition of the Appeal Committee and the appointment of its President and members must comply with the requirements of the GRs.  
An Appeal Committee is not compulsory for CSI-P Events.
11. Veterinary Commission  
The composition of the Veterinary Commission and the appointment of its President and members must comply with the requirements set forth in the VRs.
12. Prizes and Souvenirs  
The allocation of prizes and souvenirs must comply with the requirements set forth in Article 9 of the present Annex.
13. In all circumstances not covered by the present Annex, the Ground Jury, being guided by the GRs of the FEI and the Jumping Rules will give such decisions as they consider will best produce a fair classification for the FEI Championship.
14. Falls  
The first fall of the Athlete or pony eliminates the Athlete from the Competition. This includes FEI Championship Competitions, as well as FEI Nations Cup Competitions. Nevertheless, the Athlete may take part in the second round of

the FEI Nations Cup Competition, providing that the official doctor and the Ground Jury give their approval. The Athlete eliminated is penalised with twenty (20) Penalty points more than the worst placed Athlete in the concerned round.

## **ARTICLE 23                      EVENTS                      OTHER                      THAN                      FEI CHAMPIONSHIPS**

1. CSIO-Ps
  - 1.1. The schedule must include an official team Competition and a Grand Prix according to Article 238 or Article 273.3.1, 3.2 or 3.3 of the Jumping Rules. The OC may, with the permission of the FEI, invite additional Pony Riders of the host nation **NF**.
  - 1.2. Subject to paragraph 2 below, the relevant provisions of Article 22 will apply to CSIO-Ps.
2. CSI-Ps and CSIO-Ps, other than FEI Championships
  - 2.1. Official and unofficial team Competitions, when held, will so far as practicable, be run according to Article 264 of the Jumping Rules.
  - 2.2. There will be no jump-off for first place in team or individual Competitions except, where specified in the Jumping Rules or the schedule.
  - 2.3. OCs should not feel bound to adhere to the programme of Competitions prescribed for a Championship but, subject to paragraph 1.1 above (CSIO-Ps), are encouraged to formulate a schedule which they consider to be the most suitable for the occasion, enjoyable for the Athletes and entertaining for spectators.
  - 2.4. While Competitions under Article 238 of the Jumping Rules should not be neglected, thought should also be given to Competitions under Table C and the special Competitions listed in Articles 265 to 271 of the Jumping Rules, but Competitions under Article 262.2. of the Jumping Rules (Puissance) and Articles 262.3. and 262.4. of the Jumping Rules (Six Bar and Obstacles in Line Competitions) are not permitted.
  - 2.5. Where natural obstacles are available, a Competition entitled "Pony Derby" may be organised on the lines of Article 277 of the Jumping Rules but without a specified length of course. This Competition may be run over one (1) round under Table A or against the clock or under Table A with one (1) round and a jump-off or under Table C-(see Article 277 of the Jumping Rules).
  - 2.6. Article 264.7.2. of the Jumping Rules is not applicable to team Competitions.
  - 2.7. Competitions for boys and girls can be organised, except for a FEI Championship.
3. Falls  
Refer to Article 22.14



## APPENDIX A – Permitted bits & nosebands for Jumping Pony Events.

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*Bits. The following types of bits are allowed. Bits can be made of any material (metal, rubber, plastic, leather...) but must be used in the original manufactured state. Double bridles are not allowed. The minimum diameter of the bit shall be 10mm.*

*All snaffles:        jointed, double jointed or unjointed*

*myler*

*soft twisted*

*All gags: normal snaffle gag, jointed or unjointed*

*NB: No wire, double wire, or chain bits may be used.*

*All pelhams:        jointed, double jointed or unjointed*

*soft twisted*

*Cheeks maximum length 15cm*



*strap for single rein - pelham*

*NB: All pelhams must be used with one single rein. The rein must either be used with a connecting strap or attached to the larger of the two rings of the bit.*

*All Kimberwicks*

*All peassoas:        Maximum 3 rings*

*jointed, double jointed or unjointed*

*Cheeks, maximum length 16cm*

*Hackamore: Cheeks may not exceed 17cm*

*NB: No hackamore may be used in combination with a bit.*

Nosebands. The following nosebands are permitted for Pony Jumping Events:

Nosebands must be flat. Nosebands constructed from materials other than leather are not permitted. A small disc of sheepskin may be used in the intersection of the two leather straps of a crossed noseband.

Dropped noseband



Cavesson noseband



Flash noseband    Crossed noseband



Inspection of Saddlery and any other matter referring to saddlery, see Annex XV Art 21.

# **ANNEX XVI      SPECIAL RULES FOR CHILDREN'S EVENTS**

## **CHAPTER I      INTRODUCTION**

### **ARTICLE 1      GENERAL**

The participation of Children is an important element in the development of equestrian sport throughout the world.

The object of the following set of Rules is to standardise the various types of Events and Competitions for Children worldwide, taking into account specific problems applying exclusively to Children riding Horses.

### **ARTICLE 2      PRIORITY OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS**

In all matters not covered by the present Rules, the GRs, the VRs and the Jumping Rules shall apply.

## **CHAPTER II      ELIGIBILITY**

### **ARTICLE 3      DEFINITION OF CHILDREN**

1. A child may compete as a Children from the beginning of the calendar year in which he reaches the age of twelve (12) until the end of the calendar year in which he reaches the age of fourteen (14).
2. Athletes of the appropriate age may take part in Competitions and FEI Championships of more than one (1) Category, but in each Discipline they may only participate in one (1) FEI Championship in any one (1) calendar year (see Article 124.1. of GRs).
- 2.1 A Children who, during the year he reaches the age of fourteen (14), has taken part in a FEI Continental Jumping Championship for Juniors, will no longer be eligible to compete in a FEI Children's Championship.
3. At Children's Events, Athletes may compete only on Horses. It is not allowed to compete on ponies.

## **CHAPTER III      INTERNATIONAL EVENTS AND FEI CHAMPIONSHIPS**

## ARTICLE 4 TYPE OF EVENTS

1. The following types of Jumping Events for Children competing on Horses are established: International Events (CSI-Ch), Official International Event (CSIO-Ch) and FEI Championships.
2. A CSI-Ch is an international Event open to individual Athletes from the host ~~country~~ **NF** and from an unrestricted number of foreign ~~countries~~ **NFs**.
  - 2.1. International Jumping Events for Children are categorized as follows: CSI-Ch Category A (Events with own Horses) and CSI-Ch Category B (Events with borrowed Horses).
  - 2.2. Strictly unofficial team Competitions, which may not be described as a "FEI Nations Cup", may be organised in these Events and must be limited to three (3)-four(4) Athletes .
3. A CSIO-Ch is an Official International Event open to three (3) or more ~~countries~~ **NFs** represented by teams.
  - 3.1. It must include the official Competitions for teams and individuals as specified in the rules of the appropriate disciplines.
  - 3.2. Not more than two (2) CSIO-Chs may be run during the same year in the same ~~country~~ **NF**, one (1) indoor and one (1) outdoor.
  - 3.3. A CSIO-Ch may, at the discretion of the Secretary General of the FEI, be allowed into the calendar during the year, provided it does not interfere with any International Event for Children already inserted in the calendar.
  - 3.4. These Events are open to one (1) team from the host ~~nation~~ **NF** and one (1) from each of the foreign ~~countries~~ **NFs**.
  - 3.5. A team Competition in any Discipline consists of four (4) Athletes and four (4) Horses, of which the results of the best three (3) count. A team of three (3) is acceptable.
4. International Events with borrowed Horses
  - 4.1. By agreement of the Secretary General **of the FEI**, CSI-Chs and CSIO-Chs may be organised using borrowed Horses provided by the OC.
  - 4.2. FEI Continental Championship cannot be organised with borrowed Horses.
  - 4.3. With the approval of the Secretary General of the -FEI, various formulas may be used by the OC at Events where borrowed Horses are provided, but the recommended formulas are as follows:
    - 4.3.1. Each Athlete of the host NF provides two (2) Horses. A draw is held to match foreign Athletes with host Athletes. Another draw takes place to allocate one (1) of the Horses of the host Athlete to the foreign Athlete. The Athletes of the host ~~country~~ **NF** rides the Horse which has not been allocated to the foreign Athlete.

- 4.3.2. Each Athlete of the host NF provides two (2) Horses. Each foreign Athlete draws a Horse for each of the Athletes from the host ~~country~~ **NF**. The remaining Horses are pooled together and are allocated to the foreign Athletes by means of a draw.
- 4.3.3. A draw takes place to allocate all Horses provided by the OC to Athletes present.
- 4.3.4. Each Athlete of the host ~~country~~ **NF** provides one (1) Horse. A draw takes place to match foreign Athletes with host country Athletes. Each Horse is ridden by a host Competition ~~country~~ **NF Athletes** and by a foreign Athlete. In the first Competition, the host **NF** ~~country~~ Athlete rides his Horse first.
- 4.3.5. The following rules apply to all Competitions with borrowed Horses:
- 4.3.6. Sufficient reserve Horses must only be provided for foreign Children. Horses that are obviously unsuitable for foreign Athletes must be replaced by reserve Horses. Such a substitution may only be done with the approval of the Ground Jury.
- 4.3.7. Each Athlete will be given the opportunity to school the Horse obtained in the draw at least once, during a riding session lasting one (1) hour.
- 4.3.8. Not more than a total of six (6) obstacles may be jumped during any training session. Cross poles are not included in the above number.
- 4.3.9. The OC will establish the Rules governing schooling sessions.
- 4.3.10. Liverpools, dry ditches and natural obstacles such as banks, etc. may not be used.
- 4.3.11. Horses must be allocated at least two (2) days before the first Competition.
- 4.3.12. Horses may only be ridden once daily for a maximum of one (1) hour.
- 4.3.13. The Horse's trainer or any other person, providing he has received the owner's authorisation, may school the Horse during the Event.
- 4.3.14. The Horse must be ridden using the bit which he usually works with and in which he is presented at the time of the draw. The bit may be changed only with the agreement of the owner.
- 4.3.15. Three (3) attempts at jumping an obstacle count as one (1) obstacle jumped. One (1) double or one (1) triple counts as one (1) obstacle.
- 4.3.16. The following and above rules apply for Competitions with borrowed Horses which are run in accordance with paragraph 4.3.4. above, unless otherwise stated below.
- 4.3.17. During the Competition days, the first and second Athletes may jump six (6) obstacles each.
- 4.3.18. The number of obstacles in any course may not exceed eight (8) in total, that is, a maximum of ten (10) efforts. Two (2) doubles or one (1) triple may be used.

- 4.3.19. In the first Competition, Horses must be ridden first by the Athletes of the host **NF**country.
- 4.3.20. If there are not sufficient foreign Athletes to match the number of host **NF**country-Athletes, there will be a draw among foreign Athletes to decide which foreign Athletes will ride the surplus Horses, in order to ensure that all Horses start twice per day.

## ARTICLE 5 ANNUAL FEI CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. Each year, a FEI Continental Championship may be organised within each Continent (see Article 106 of GRs).
2. The FEI Championships will, as far as possible, be organised during the long school holidays.
3. The FEI Championships will be held outdoors.
4. The annual FEI Continental Championships are open to all **NFs**~~nations~~ within the Continent. **NFs** outside the Continent may be invited if authorised by the Secretary General of the FEI. Any such teams and individuals invited are eligible for prizes but not for medals or title classification.
5. The FEI approves the organisation of CSIO-Ch and Championships. **NFs** wishing to organise a FEI Championship must apply **as set forth in the GRs**. ~~by not later than 1<sup>st</sup> October,~~
- ~~2 years before the FEI Championship is due to take place, so that the allocation can be decided by the Bureau on the advice of the Jumping Committee prior to the annual General Assembly.~~
6. The FEI Championships must be organised in strict accordance with the GRs, the Rules of the Discipline concerned and the present specific Rules.
7. FEI Championships can only be held if at least four (4) **NFs**~~nations~~, including the host **NF**~~nation~~, must be represented, except outside Europe where FEI Continental Championships may be held with any number of regional teams from at least two (2) **NFs**~~countries~~, including the host **NF**~~nation~~. The **NFs** of the ~~nations~~ concerned will determine the basis of the regional teams. A **NF**~~nation~~, which withdraws after the closing date for the entries and before the start of the FEI Championship, is, however, considered as represented.
8. Reasonable entry fees may be charged and must be approved by the FEI. A maximum entry fee is established by the Jumping Committee.
9. Only teams and/or individuals officially entered by their NF may participate.
- ~~10. In accordance with Article 124 of the GR in each discipline athletes may only take part in one FEI Championship in any one calendar year.~~

## **CHAPTER IV      ELIGIBILITY AT INTERNATIONAL EVENTS & FEI CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **ARTICLE 6            GENERAL**

1. No Athlete may take part in two (2) FEI Championships in the same Discipline within one (1) calendar year. (GR Art 124)
2. Athletes of the appropriate age may take part in Competitions and FEI Championships of more than one (1) Category, but only in one (1) age Category and in one (1) Discipline of these FEI Championships in any one (1) calendar year.

## **CHAPTER V            OTHER SPECIFICATIONS**

### **ARTICLE 7            EXPENSES AND PRIVILEGES**

1. Events  
OCs of Events open to Athletes , are free to offer and negotiate financial and accommodation assistance, either in hotels, or youth hostels or with private families. The GRs do not apply to these Events but may serve as a basis for negotiation by the OCs.
2. FEI Championships and CSIO-Chs
  - 2.1. NFs are responsible for the travelling expenses of their Chefs d'Equipe, Athletes, grooms and Horses to and from the location of a CSIO-Ch and Championship.
  - 2.2. For the OC the same applies as under paragraph 1 but with the following minimum :
    - stabling and fodder for the Horses,
    - possibility for the grooms to stay in the immediate vicinity of the stables.
  - 2.3. The GRs apply in the case of Officials.
3. All privileges are to be awarded from one (1) day before the Event until one (1) day after.
4. The Chefs d'Equipe are responsible for the behaviour of their teams and individuals throughout the Event. They and their NF are responsible for any damages that occur. If the Athletes are not lodged in private homes, the Chefs d'Equipe must stay with their team and individuals.

The Appeal Committee has the authority to assess any costs for damages. A fine may be imposed according to FEI legal system, the **Ground Jury and/or the** Appeal Committee may impose a fine and has the right to disqualify teams and individuals for unacceptable behaviour at any stage during the Event.

## **ARTICLE 8                      PRIZES**

1. Prize money is not allowed at Events for Children.
2. Article 9 of the Rules for Juniors applies.

## **ARTICLE 9                      HORSES**

1. Schooling

Under penalty of elimination, it is prohibited for a Athlete's Horse to be schooled by anybody mounted in the saddle, other than the Athlete himself, in or outside the town where the Event or a FEI Championship is held, as from 18.00 hours on the day preceding the commencement of the first Competition of an Event or a FEI Championship until the conclusion of the whole Event or FEI Championship. However, lunging, work in hand, etc., by someone other than the Athlete, under the supervision of the FEI stewards, is permitted. The trainer or a person delegated by the trainer with the owner's approval may be permitted to school the Athlete's Horse within the time frame described above during Events for borrowed Horses only.

2. Control

At the discretion of the Ground Jury, a child unable to control his Horse may be forced to retire before the Competition begins or during his rounds and/or from the entire Event with the Horse in question.

3. Identification

Horses must be stabled in the designated stables throughout the entire Event. Failure to do so will entail disqualification.

Each Horse keeps the same identification number throughout the Event as provided by the OC upon arrival. It is compulsory that this number be worn always by the Horse whenever it leaves the stables, so that it may be identified by all Officials including the stewards. Failure to display this identification number incurs first a warning and, in case of a repeated offence, a fine will be imposed on the Athlete by the Ground Jury or the Appeal Committee according to FEI legal procedure.

## **ARTICLE 10                      OFFICIALS**

1. At Category A CSI-Ch Events, the appointment of Judges must be in accordance with Article 259 of the Jumping Rules as for CSI-2\* Events. At Category B CSI-Ch Events, the appointment of Judges must be in accordance with Article 259 of the Jumping Rules as for CSI-1\* Events.
2. The OCs are strongly advised to include in the Ground Jury and the Appeal Committee, Officials who have experience with Competitions for Children.



3. For FEI Continental Championships, the President of the Ground Jury, the Technical Delegate and Foreign Veterinary Delegate must be appointed by the FEI-Jumping Department.

## **ARTICLE 11            PASSPORTS**

Chapter XIII, Article 282 of the Jumping Rules applies.

## **ARTICLE 12            SCHEDULE**

Article 12 of the Rules for Juniors applies.

## **CHAPTER VI            RULES FOR CHILDREN'S JUMPING EVENTS**

### **ARTICLE 13            GENERAL**

Children's Jumping Events and FEI Championships must be conducted in accordance with the Jumping Rules except where specifically modified below.

### **ARTICLE 14            OBSTACLES**

1. No obstacle must exceed 1.20 m in height and 1.40 m in spread, except in case of a jump-off, which must consist of a minimum of six obstacles and a maximum of eight obstacles of which a maximum of four may be raised to 1.30 m.
2. No banks, mounds, water jumps or ramps are allowed.
3. Liverpools are allowed.

### **ARTICLE 15            SPEED**

The speed for Competitions at a CSIO-Ch and FEI Championships must be three hundred fifty meters (350 m) per minute, the speed for other Competitions may be three hundred-three hundred fifty meters (300-350 m) per minute.

### **ARTICLE 16            TABLE "C" COMPETITIONS**

Table "C" Competitions are not allowed.

### **ARTICLE 17            DRESS AND SALUTE**

1. Protective headgear secured by a three (3) points retention harness is compulsory when mounted.
2. All Athletes should acknowledge the Ground Jury by an inclination of the head without removing their hats.
3. Dark coat or club uniform coat, white or fawn breeches or jodhpurs with boots and white shirt and tie or hunting stock are allowed.

## **ARTICLE 18                      SADDLERY**

1. There are no restrictions on saddles.
2. Blinkers are forbidden.
3. Standing and running martingales are allowed.
4. Reins must be attached to the bit or directly to the bridle. Gags and hackamores are allowed.
5. In the interest of safety, the stirrup iron and the stirrup leather (this also applies to safety stirrups) must hang freely from the bar at the saddle and the outside of the flap. There must be no other restrictions or attachments of any kind. The Athlete must not directly or indirectly tie any part of his body to the saddlery.
6. Athletes are forbidden to carry or use a whip more than seventy five centimeters (75 cm) in length or one (1) which is weighed at the end, in the arena, the exercise and schooling areas or anywhere on or in the immediate vicinity of the showground. No substitute for a whip may be carried. Failure to comply with this paragraph will incur elimination.
7. Paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4, refer specifically to the Competition arena.
8. Nosebands must be flat. Nosebands constructed from materials other than leather are not permitted. A small disc of sheepskin may be used in the intersection of the two (2) leather straps of a crossed noseband.

Permitted Nosebands for Children's Events:

Dropped noseband

Cavesson noseband



Flash noseband



Crossed noseband



## CHAPTER VII FEI CONTINENTAL AND FEI REGIONAL JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS

### ARTICLE 19 ENTRIES

1. After the approval of the FEI, the schedule, together with the invitation, are sent to the appropriate NFs of the Continent or Region by the **host** NF ~~of the host country~~.
2. Teams – FEI Championship
  - 2.1. Each NF may enter one (1) team of not more than five (5) Athletes and five (5) Horses. However, outside Europe, NFs concerned may determine the number of teams and the regional basis for team representation (see Article 5.7. of the present Annex). The OC must extend its invitation to a Chef d'Equipe who will be given the same privileges as the Athletes . No reserve Horse may be brought to this Championship.
  - 2.2. All five (5) Athletes and five (5) Horses are allowed to take part in the team and individual Competitions of the FEI Championship in accordance with Article 20.3. of the present Annex.
  - 2.3. For CSIO-Ch Events the OC has the choice of using one of the following formula:
    - as per Articles 19.2.1. above
    - as per Article 249.1. of the Jumping Rules.
3. Individuals instead of Teams – FEI Championships
  - 3.1. An NF which cannot send a team may enter one (1) or two (2) individual Athletes with one (1) Horse each.
4. CSIO-Chs
  - 4.1. For CSIO-Ch Events the OC has the choice of accepting entries in accordance with the following articles:

- as per Article 19.3.1 .above.
- as per Article 249.2. of the Jumping Rules.

5. Holder of the Individual Title – FEI Championship

NFs are not automatically entitled to send the holder of the individual title of the FEI Championship of the preceding year to defend his title.

- 6. NFs are entitled to send one (1) groom for every two (2) Horses with a maximum of two (2) grooms per team to CSIO-Chs and Championships.
- 7. Entries must be made in three (3) phases in accordance with the GRs.
- 8. The FEI Bureau decides whether or not the FEI Championship is organised as an Open FEI Championship or as a Non-Open FEI Championship. If it is an Open FEI Championship, teams and individuals from NFs outside the Continent or Region in which it is held, compete for FEI Championship medals and titles under the same conditions as teams and individuals from the host Continent or Region.
- 9. It is left to the organiser's discretion to accept, with the agreement of the Jumping Committee, entries for Non-Open FEI Championships of teams and/or individuals from NFS outside the Continent or Region in which the FEI Championship is held.

## ARTICLE 20 DECLARATION OF STARTERS

- 1. The Chefs d'Equipe must declare the composition of his team (four -4- Athletes /Horses) to the ~~Show/Event~~ secretary **OC** in writing before 18.00 hours, on the day preceding the team Competition.
- 2. The fifth pair, Athlete /Horse, may only be eligible to start as a member of team in case of an accident or illness either to one (1) of the four (4) team Athletes or to one (1) of the four (4) Horses, provided the Chef d'Equipe obtains the approval of the Ground Jury.
- 3. The fifth pair, Athlete /Horse, may take part in the first and second qualifying Competitions as an individual and in the Individual Final Competition if qualified.

## ARTICLE 21 ELIGIBILITY OF HORSES

- 1. Horses
  - 1.1. Horses must be six (6) years old or over.
  - 1.2. The FEI Championship is open to Horses which have not competed in a FEI Nations Cup or Grand Prix in a CSIO for Seniors during the preceding and/or current year.
  - 1.3. Horses must not have competed in any Competition for Seniors during the Event at which the FEI Championship is being held.

## ARTICLE 22                      COMPETITIONS

### 1.        First Day - Preliminary Competitions

The OC is required to arrange one (1) or two (2) preliminary Competitions, which are optional for the Athletes . These Competitions are run under Table A.

It is recommended that one (1) Competition is open to Athletes who have completed a previous FEI Championship and the other, to those who have never competed in a FEI Championship.

Individual classification according to Faults and time (see Article 238.2.1.).

### 2.        Second Day - Individual FEI Championship - First Qualifying Competition for the Individual FEI Championship

Open to all Athletes .

Table A, against the clock with no jump-off (see Article 238.2.1. of the Jumping Rules).

#### 2.1.     Starting order in the first qualifying Competition.

There will be a draw for the starting order in the first qualifying Competition.

### 3.        Third Day - Team FEI Championship

(Also Second Qualifying Competition for the Individual FEI Championship)

#### 3.1.     This Competition is run in two (2) rounds according to Table A, not against the clock, with a possible jump-off against the clock, in case of equality of first, second and/or third place.

This Competition is open only to those Athletes and Horses which have taken part in the first Competition (paragraph 2). The team classification only affects the members of the teams declared to start.

#### 3.2.     Starting order in the team Competition

Starting order in the team Competition will be according to a draw, in the first round. In the second round, the order of starting will be according to the reverse order of Penalties incurred in the first round (individuals to start before teams in the second round). In case of individuals or teams with equal Penalties, the same starting order as in the first round will be used.

The starting order in a possible jump-off will revert to the starting order of the second round.

If two (2) jump-offs are required, the jump-off for the third place shall precede the jump-off for the second and first places.

The second round is only open to the ten (10) best teams in the first Competition and those teams placed *ex aequo* for tenth place.

Before the ten (10) best placed teams and those placed *ex aequo* for the tenth place begin their second round, all individuals and team members not qualified

for the second round may take part in a second round qualifier for the third Competition. There must be a break of at least thirty (30) minutes between this second round qualifier and the second round of the team Competition.

#### 4. Fourth Day

##### 4.1. Farewell Competition

Open to Athletes who are not qualified for the Individual Championship (under 4.2.1. hereunder). This Competition is judged under Table A, not against the clock, with one (1) jump-off against the clock. Speed of three hundred fifty meters (350 m) per minute (see Article 238.1.2.).

OCs must provide one (1) individual Farewell Competition for those who are not called upon to participate in the Individual Championship. The usual distribution of rosettes must be followed.

##### 4.2. Third Competition (Individual Final)

###### 4.2.1. Running

This Competition consists of two (2) rounds A and B judged under Table A, not against the clock, with a jump-off against the clock for first, second and/or third place with a speed of three hundred fifty meters (350 m) per minute (see Article 273.3.2. of the Jumping Rules).

Qualified to participate are the top sixty percent (60%) of Athletes (including those placed equal for the last qualifying place) according to the cumulative Penalties over the first and second qualifying Competitions. The number of Athletes permitted to participate must not be less than fifteen (15) and not more than thirty (30).

Athletes must have taken part in the first Competition (completed or not) and have completed the second Competitions (without having been eliminated or without retiring). If a Children is eliminated or retires from the first Competition he shall be penalised with twenty (20) points more than the Athlete with the highest number of Penalty points. If for any reason one or more of the qualified Athletes are unable to start, they will not be replaced by followers.

All Athletes who complete round A go forward to round B. The Penalties in both rounds are added.

Athletes will be invited to inspect the course of round B.

###### 4.2.2. Starting order

The starting order for round A will follow the reverse order of Penalties incurred in the first and second qualifying Competitions of the Championship. In the event of equality of Penalties for any placing, the time of the first qualifying Competition will be the deciding factor for the starting order of the Athletes. The lowest placed Athlete qualified will therefore start as number one (1).

The starting order for round B will follow the reverse order of the Penalties incurred in the first and second qualifying Competitions as well as round A. The Athlete with the greatest number of Penalties will start first, the Athlete with the

least Penalties will start last. In the event of Athletes with equal Penalties, the time of the first qualifying Competition will be the deciding factor for the starting order.

## **ARTICLE 23                      OBSTACLES AND COURSES**

1. The course for the first qualifying Competition consists of ten (10) to sixteen (16) obstacles. Height one meter twenty (1.20) m maximum, with a proportional spread between one meter (1.00 m) and one meter thirty (1.30 m).
2. The course for the team final Competition and for the second qualifying Competition of the individual Championship consists of ten (10) to seventeen (17) obstacles, including one (1) double and one (1) triple or three (3) doubles.

Speed: three hundred fifty meters (350 m) per minute.

3. In round A of the Individual Championship, the course must consist of ten (10) to twelve (12) obstacles, including three (3) doubles or one (1) double and one (1) triple, of a maximum height for one meter twenty (1.20 m) with a proportional spread between one meter (1.00 m) and one meter thirty five (1.35 m).

Height: 1.20 m maximum with a proportional spread between 1.00 m and 1.30 m.

Round B must be different from round A, consisting of eight (8) to ten (10) obstacles, including one (1) triple or one (1) double.

Height: one meter thirty (1.30 m) maximum with a proportional spread – both at the discretion of the Technical Delegate.

Speed: three hundred fifty meters (350 m) per minute.

4. In the case of a jump-off, either for team classification or for the individual classification, a reduced course over six (6) obstacles, in which the dimensions of obstacles cannot be greater than the dimensions of obstacles in round B.

Speed: three hundred fifty meters (350 m) 350 m per minute.

5. The obstacles for the preliminary and farewell Competitions must have a height of approximately one meter ten (1.10 m) and a spread of one meter twenty five (1.25 m) approximately.

Speed: three hundred fifty meters (350 m) per minute.

## **ARTICLE 24                      TEAM CLASSIFICATION**

1. The team classification is established by adding the Penalty points, incurred by the three (3) best Athletes of each team in each of the two (2) rounds of the team FEI Championship.

Team Athletes not completing the first or second round receive twenty (20) points more than the worst-placed team Athlete, who has finished that particular round (same principle as for the FEI Nations Cup).

2. In the case of equality between the teams for first, second and/or third place, a jump-off against the clock is necessary, in which all the team Athletes participate.
3. In case of further equality (Penalties and time), the teams will be placed equal.
4. The other teams will be placed according to their added Penalties in the two (2) rounds; those with equal Faults are placed equal.
5. In addition to the team classification there will be an individual classification with prizes for this Competition.
6. Teams taking part in Non-Open FEI Championships from countries **NFs** outside the Continent or Region in which the FEI Championship is held, may participate in the team Competition, but will not receive a team classification. They may receive prizes for the individual classification in the team Competition.

## **ARTICLE 25 INDIVIDUAL CLASSIFICATION**

1. The individual placing is determined for each Athlete by adding the Penalties incurred in the first qualifying Competition, both rounds in the second qualifying Competitions (disregarding the Penalties incurred in the jump-off, if any) and rounds A and B of the third Competition.
2. In case of equality of Penalties for the first, second and/or third place a jump-off, against the clock is compulsory (see Article 23.4. of the present Annex).

If two (2) jump-offs are required, the jump-off for the third place shall precede the jump-off for the second and first place.

3. Athletes taking part in Non-Open FEI Championships from NFs outside the Continent or Region in which the FEI Championship is held, may participate in the Final Individual Competition if qualified, but are not allowed to take part in the jump-off for individual medal placings. Their Penalties from rounds A and B are added to give them their classification in the Competition.

Two (2) classifications for this Competition must be provided; one (1) for the individual medal winners; and another for all Athletes taking part in the Competition. For the latter classification, only the results from rounds A and B count. Athletes with equality of Penalties are placed *ex-aequo*.

## **ARTICLE 26 GROUND JURY**

The President of the Ground Jury must be appointed by the FEI Jumping Department, in accordance with the GRs. The OC appoints the members of the Ground Jury in accordance with the GRs and the Jumping Rules.



At the discretion of the Ground Jury, an Athlete unable to control his Horse may be forced to retire from the Competition or the Event with the Horse in question.

## **ARTICLE 27                      TECHNICAL DELEGATE**

The Technical Delegate must be appointed by the FEI Jumping Committee in accordance with the GRs.

## **ARTICLE 28                      VETERINARY COMMISSION**

The composition of the Veterinary Commission and the appointment of the President and members must comply with the requirements of the VRs.

## **ARTICLE 29                      APPEAL COMMITTEE**

The composition of the Appeal Committee and the appointment of the President and members must comply with the requirements of the GRs.

An Appeal Committee is not compulsory at CSI-Ch Events.

## **ARTICLE 30                      FALLS**

The first fall of the Athlete or Horse eliminates the Athlete from the Competition. This includes FEI Championship Competitions, as well as FEI Nations Cup Competitions. Nevertheless, the Athlete may take part in the second round of the FEI National Cup Competition and in the second round of the team FEI Championship Competition providing that the official doctor and the Ground Jury give their approval. The Athlete eliminated is penalised with twenty (20) Penalty points more than the worst placed Athlete in the concerned round.

# **ANNEX XVII      RULES   FOR   AMATEUR   OWNER CATEGORY**

An amateur owner Category for International Events has been established.

The following criteria define amateur owner status:

## **ARTICLE 1                      REQUIREMENTS**

To be considered an "Amateur Owner" :

Athletes may participate from the year in which they reach the age of fourteen (14) years.

The Athlete must be the owner of the Horse(s) with which he competes. Ownership may be extended to the immediate family members.

The Athlete must possess a valid licence granted by his NF and be registered with the FEI. Horses must be registered with the FEI and for Category A have a valid FEI passport or a national passport with an FEI recognition card.

An "Amateur Owner's" license would only be granted by NFs to those Athletes who have formally signed a statement that he does not earn money for riding other people's Horses, giving riding lessons, riding sponsored Horses, or for publicity or commercial purposes, etc.

The buying and selling of Horses, as well as receiving prize money in cash, are not forbidden providing they do not constitute the Athlete's only source of income.

The "Amateur Owner" status will limit participation in other Competitions and championships. Athletes will not be allowed, after obtaining or renewing the "Amateur Owner" license, to take part in international or national Competitions with an initial height of one meter fifty (1.50 m) or greater.

## **ARTICLE 2                      INTERNATIONAL EVENTS**

International Events for "Amateur Owners" can be organised for a Category A group consisting of Competitions with a height of between one meter thirty (1.30 m) and one meter forty (1.40 m) maximum and a width of one meter fifty five (1.55 m) maximum (except the triple bar), and a Category B group consisting of Competitions with a height of between one meter fifteen (1.15 m) and one meter twenty five (1.25 m) maximum and with a width of one meter forty (1.40 m) maximum (except the triple bar).

International Events would be open to individual Athletes of the host NF and a limited number of foreign Athletes.

Maximum global entry fee per Horse per Event: one thousand five hundred Euros (€ 1500).

International Events must comply with the FEI rules for International Jumping Events. All Event draft schedules must be submitted to the FEI for approval.

## **ARTICLE 3                      CHAMPIONSHIPS**

When Continental or Regional Championships for this Category are organised, the Competition formula to be used must follow the formula for the FEI Continental Championships.

## **ARTICLE 4                      COURSE DESIGNERS**

The Course Designer is appointed by the OC, chosen from the list of FEI International Course Designers.

## **ARTICLE 5                      FACILITIES**

All expenses relating to Competitions, transportation, travel, hotel accommodation and expenses at border crossings are borne by the Athlete.