



How to deal with potential issues – Jumping

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1. DECISION MAKING PROCESS

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- Art. 157.2 GRs:

*“Before reaching a Decision on any Protest or Appeal the relevant body must examine the **available evidence**, whether written or oral, **hear all the parties** concerned where appropriate under the rules (provided they are available) and take into account all relevant material, in every case trying to reach a **fair and equitable Decision.**”*

1. DECISION MAKING PROCESS

- Jurisdiction

- Art. 157.2 GRs:

“Where one party asserts that the body appealed to **does not have jurisdiction** and/or the body itself questions its jurisdiction, the body must **consider the arguments for and against jurisdiction** and render a **Decision on jurisdiction prior** to considering the **merits** of the dispute”

1. DECISION MAKING PROCESS

- Any decision can only come after the GJ or Appeal Committee has **examined/listened to the initial evidence** and has **heard the relevant parties even if you initially believe** that there is no Protest/Appeal allowed, or that there is **no jurisdiction**.

1. DECISION MAKING PROCESS

- If there is an **informal objection/protest** to a decision made by an official, the official should **provide** relevant **information** on the **correct procedure** and refer to the relevant provisions of the General Regulations (art. 163, 165, etc).
- If the person objecting is not the appropriate one, this should be pointed out.

1. DECISION MAKING PROCESS

Notification of Decision

Art.159.6 GRs:

Decisions must be **orally** delivered or **notified in writing** to the parties concerned.

1. DECISION MAKING PROCESS

- **Template Forms**
- Protest and Appeal Forms are available on the FEI website (at <http://fei.org/fei/your-role/officials>) and it would be useful to have printed copies available at the show office.
- The FEI Legal Department has also prepared Template Forms for Ground Jury Decisions and Appeal Committee Decisions.
- I will provide them to the IJOC so that you will all receive them



2. Field of Play Decisions

Art. 233.1:

“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.”

Art. 233.3:

“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”

2. Field of Play decisions

If you were in the Ground Jury...?

- Would you have rung the bell?
- When the Protest is lodged, would you then review the video footage?
- Would you hear the rider? The Chef d'Equipe? The Volunteer who was on the way? Anybody else?

2. Field of Play decisions

Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS)

“The referee's bona fide exercise of judgment or discretion is beyond challenge otherwise than in so far as the rules of the game themselves provide.”

“Factors that support such an approach include the CAS arbitrators' lack of technical expertise, the inevitable element of subjectivity, the need to avoid constant interruption of competitions, the opening of floodgates, and the difficulties of rewriting records and results after the fact.”

2. Field of Play decisions

Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS)

The CAS jurisprudence states that the participants are entitled to have referees make honest decisions, but not necessarily correct ones.

“In short Courts may interfere only if an official's field of play decision is tainted **by fraud or arbitrariness or corruption**; otherwise although a Court may have jurisdiction it will abstain as a matter of policy from exercising it.”



3. Yellow Warning Cards

YELLOW WARNING CARD

Event

Date

Person Responsible (art. 118.3, GRs):

Name

FEI ID

OFFENCE (please tick one)

FEI General Regulations (GRs), 23rd edition, 1 January 2009, updates effective 1 January 2019 and FEI Eventing Rules, 25th edition, effective 1 January 2019

- Abuse of Horse**
GRs Art. 142 & 169.6.2 and/or Eventing Rules Art. 526
- Incorrect behaviour**
GRs Art. 169.6.3
- Dangerous Riding**
Eventing Rules Art. 526
- Continuing after elimination**
Eventing Rules Art. 527
- Non-Compliance with Protective Headgear Rules**
GRs Art. 140
- Non-Compliance with applicable Sport Rules** (specify)
GRs Art. 169.7

Signature of Official

Signature of Person Responsible

YELLOW WARNING CARD



Extract of Art. 169.7, FEI General Regulations (GRs)

23rd edition, 1 January 2009, updates effective 1 January 2019

"7. In cases of offences mentioned in paragraphs 6.2 and 6.3 above and which are of a less serious nature and/or in cases specified in the Sport Rules and/or as mentioned in Article 140:

7.1 The President of the Ground Jury, the President of the Appeal Committee, the Chief Steward or the Technical Delegate must notify the Person Responsible during the Period of the Event that he will receive a Yellow Warning Card, which will be delivered either by hand or by any other suitable means. If after reasonable efforts the Athlete cannot be notified during the Period of the Event that he has received a Yellow Warning Card, the Athlete must be notified in writing within fourteen (14) days of the Event. A Yellow Warning Card may be issued in addition to any other sanction(s) that may be issued in accordance with these GRs and/or the relevant Sport Rules.

7.2 Should the same Person Responsible receive one (1) more Yellow Warning Card at the same or any other International Event within one year of the delivery of the first Yellow Warning Card, the Person Responsible shall be automatically suspended for a period of two (2) months after official notification from the FEI Secretary General."

Extract of Art. 527, FEI Eventing Rules

25th edition effective 1 January 2019

"[...] Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the General Regulations, should the same Person Responsible receive one more Yellow Warning Card at the same or any other International Event within one year of the delivery of the first Yellow Warning Card for the same offence, the Person Responsible shall automatically be suspended for a period of four months after official notification from FEI Secretary General."

3. YELLOW WARNING CARDS

- Link on FEI's website: <http://fei.org/fei/your-role/officials>
- Can consult the lists of Athletes who have already received FEI Yellow Warning Card(s)
- Yellow Warning Cards may be issued by:
 - President of Ground Jury
 - President of Appeal Committee
 - Chief Steward
 - Technical Delegate
- Inform Person Responsible. Give opportunity to explain. Notify
- Refusal of PR to sign does not invalidate the YWC.



4. Blood

4. BLOOD

- Elimination:

- Blood on the Horse's **flank(s)**;
- Horses **bleeding** in the **mouth** (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 Athlete to continue; any further evidence of blood in the mouth will result in Elimination);

4. BLOOD

Disqualification is **mandatory** in the following cases (Art 242.3 JRs):

- 3.1. **marks** indicating **excessive use of spurs or of the whip anywhere** on the Horse; additional sanctions may also apply (see JRs Art. 243);

4. BLOOD

- Be aware of the protocol for Stewards for handling cases of blood on the horse's flank/marks indicating excessive use of spurs.
- Annex XVI to latest version of the FEI Manual for Jumping Stewards.
- Sets out step-by-step approach of what a steward is to do if a horse is found to have blood on the flank(s) and/or marks indicating excessive use of the spur(s)



5. Abnormal Limb Sensitivity

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- Limb Sensitivity Protocol (art. 1048 VRs) is applicable
- If the Initial Examination indicates that the horse has an abnormal limb sensitivity, the **Examining Vets** will inform the PR of the **opportunity to withdraw** the Horse from the Event **without** any further consequences
- If the Horse is not withdrawn, the Examining Vets will proceed to a **final examination** with the **GJ** and the **Vet Delegate** to decide whether the horse should be allowed to **continue** in the competition **or** be **disqualified**

5. ABNORMAL LIMB SENSITIVITY

- **Final Examination** will be **video recorded**. The PR, and/or their representative, will have the right to be heard and the opportunity to present any information and/or evidence they wish;
- The notification that the PR has been Disqualified (“**Disqualification Form**”) will be provided to the PR or their representative and **signed by the Examining Vets, the FVD/VD, and one member of the GJ**; The PR may also request that at least one member of the Appeal Committee attend the Final Examination.
- Disqualification Form must be **signed by the PR**. Refusing to sign will not invalidate the Disqualification

5. ABNORMAL LIMB SENSITIVITY

- **No appeal** against the Decision of the GJ, following a Final Examination, to Disqualify a Horse for abnormal limb sensitivity examination;
- However, if a horse is Disqualified more than 12 hours prior to a Competition for which it is qualified to compete, the Person Responsible **may request** that the Horse be **re-examined**;
- Such a request must be made within 30 minutes of the notification by the GJ of the horse's Disqualification

5. ABNORMAL LIMB SENSITIVITY

- Horses may **not be retroactively Disqualified** from a Competition **unless** the Examination is commenced **within sixty (60) minutes** of the time the Horse last **competed**.
- In such cases, the Ground Jury or Appeal Committee if present may exercise its **discretion to retroactively Disqualify** the Horse from that Competition;



6. Technical Assistance

6. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- General Principles (General Regulations)
 - For **video recordings** to be accepted under FEI Rules for purposes of a Protest, they must be presented **within the required time period**. Relying on video evidence to alter the outcome of any Competition after the results have been communicated, must contain **irrefutable evidence** that the original ruling or Decision was incorrect.

6. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- Videos must be presented to the **President** of the **Ground Jury within 30 minutes** after the **official results** are announced. (See JRs Art 200.5)
- A video recording may **never** be used to **establish** the **time** of an Athlete's round (see JRs Art. 229.5)
- With reference to the water jump the decision of the **water jump judge** is **final**. (see JRs Art. 211.8)

6. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- An **official video recording** - Made by the designated **HB** and/or any other **accredited broadcaster** and/or a designated **official video recording company** as named by the OC and/or the FEI
- Videos recorded by **any other entity** are **NOT acceptable** under any circumstances.
- A **review** of the video is solely at the **discretion** of the **President of the GJ**



7. Falls

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New provision in Article 224

“In case of a fall of an Athlete and/or a Horse at any time in the Competition arena, in the practice arena or elsewhere within the grounds of the Event, the Athlete and/or the Horse must be cleared by the Event’s medical service, respectively the Veterinary Delegate, before the Athlete and/or the Horse may be permitted to take part in the next round or Competition at the Event.”

To be read in conjunction with the GRs

Art. 140 GRs:

“The Ground Jury after consultation with the responsible medical officer may at any time exclude from further participation in a Competition or an entire Event any Athlete or Participating Support Personnel who is unfit to continue by reason of a serious or potentially serious injury, impairment, or health condition.”

Online Person Injury Reporting

- The form is available in the [FEI Doctors' Pack](#), which is a resource for OCs, medical services and FEI Officials. This document is accessible from the “Your role – Official” menu on the home page for the website.
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- The Online Person Injury Reporting system is described at <https://inside.fei.org/fei/your-role/medical-safety/info-fei-officials>. This page is also accessible from the “Your role – Official” menu on the home page for the website.

Person Injury Report Form



Person Information

FEI ID:

First Name:

Family Name:

Is the person injured an athlete or FEI Official?

Athlete

FEI Official

Date of Injury:

/ /

Time of Injury:

: :

Where did the injury occur (competition or practise arena, other – please specify)?

Was the person on foot or riding? /

Description in general of the mechanism of the injury:

For Jumping Athletes

Does the athlete appear to be fit to further participate in this event?

- Yes No
- Not Applicable



8. FEI Safeguarding Policy Against Harassment & Abuse

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- Effective as of 1 January 2019
- Appendix I of the GRs
- It applies to Athletes, Accredited Persons, FEI Representatives, **Officials**, Organisers, Person responsible and Support Personnel (Coaches, Trainers, Horse Owners, Stewards, Chef d'Equipe, Veterinarian, etc).

8. FEI Safeguarding Policy Against Harassment & Abuse

Reporting, including at FEI Events:

- The FEI and/or the ECIU will take a report in the way that is most comfortable for the person initiating the report including an anonymous, in-person, verbal, or written report.
- FEI Incident Reporting Form
- Email: safeguarding@fei.org

FEI INCIDENT REPORTING FORM

Please fill out the information below to the best of your knowledge. Out of respect for the importance of this issue and to encourage honest and effective reporting, knowingly making a false or vindictive report will not be tolerated and may be a violation of the FEI's Rules & Regulations.

PERSON BEING REPORTED		
Name: (First)	<input type="text"/>	(Last) <input type="text"/>
FEI #(if applicable):	Gender:	Age (or approx):
Discipline (if applicable): <input type="text"/>		
Position this individual holds or held: <input type="checkbox"/> Coach <input type="checkbox"/> FEI Official <input type="checkbox"/> Trainer <input type="checkbox"/> Athlete <input type="checkbox"/> FEI Staff <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="text"/>		
ALLEGED OFFENCE INFORMATION		
Type of offence (check all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> Psychological Abuse <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Abuse <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual Harassment <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual Abuse <input type="checkbox"/> Neglect <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="text"/>		



9. Review of the FEI Legal System

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- To be discussed at the FEI Sports Forum on 15 April 2019
- Goal will be to simplify the current system and have clear provisions
- You are the best placed to give us feedback, about your experience/challenges, so we need your input!



Questions?

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