

**PROPOSALS FOR 2020 RULE CHANGES
JUMPING RULES**

8 July 2019

Dear Member Federations,

Please find below a summary of the proposed changes to the Jumping Rules and the Rules for Jumping Championships and Games together with the corresponding explanations. Proposed modifications to the text are indicated in red print; text that has been moved from one location to another is indicated in green.

Kindly note that in view of the number of modifications made to the rules each year, it has become increasingly difficult for athletes and officials to keep abreast of the rules that apply from year to year. For this reason the Committee is in favour of the FEI Board's recommendation to maintain the official rule revision cycle of every four years according to the Olympic cycle, i.e. that major changes be considered during the full revision to be carried out during the Olympic year with the new edition to take effect on 1 January of the year following the Olympic year, and that in the interim, only clarifications, corrections and modifications deemed to be urgent for the sport or for horse and/or human welfare should be taken into consideration.

The Committee has therefore recommended to defer a number of proposals received until the 2020 revision. For 2019 a total of 47 rule change proposals were received from NFs and MOU stakeholders within the deadline of 1 March 2019. In addition to these are the Committee's proposals further to matters arising in the sport as well as a number of proposals submitted to the Committee last year after the deadline for inclusion in the 2019 rules. In light of the overall number of proposed modifications there has not been sufficient time for a detailed review of the text by the FEI Legal Department prior to publication of this first draft. The exact wording to be included in the final draft of the rules to be published in October will be established after a full review of the proposed wording of this first draft and the comments received.

We would appreciate any comments you may have on these proposed rule changes by 30 August 2018. Thank you for sending your comments, in Word format, directly to Deborah Riplinger (deborah.riplinger@fei.org).

Sincerely,



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BEL NF: Art 201 - Practice obstacles

Art 201.4.1 – Ground Lines

Explanation for Proposed Change

It is needed to clarify in the article about the Ground Lines the restrictions for vertical obstacles and oxers. Now the article looks as if this would be authorized for any obstacle. As a result we propose the following modification.

Proposed Wording

4.1. Ground lines may be placed directly underneath the first part of an obstacle or up to one metre away on the take-off side. If there is a ground line on the take-off side of a vertical obstacle, a ground line may be placed on the landing side of the obstacle at an equal distance up to a maximum of 1.00 m. This specific additional ground line is not authorized for an oxer.

FEI FEEDBACK

The Committee supports the proposal and has added additional clarification.

Proposed Final Wording

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NED NF : ARTICLE 201 ARENA, SCHOOLING AREAS AND PRACTICE OBSTACLES

Paragraph 4.5.

Explanation for Proposed Change

With the welfare of the horses in mind we believe that there is no need for a possibility to jump obstacles in the practice arena that are wider than the obstacles of the Competition in progress.

Proposed Wording

For Competitions where the maximum obstacle height is 1.40m or less, the obstacles in the practice arena may not exceed in height ~~and width~~ ten centimetres more than the actual maximum height ~~and width~~ of the obstacles of the Competition in progress. If the obstacle height of the Competition in progress is greater than 1.40 m, the obstacles in the practice arena may not exceed **in width and** 1.60 m in height ~~and 1.80 m in width~~.

FEI FEEDBACK

The proposal is not supported; the Committee feels that it would not be practical to implement as the rules do not indicate a maximum width allowed per competition, but have always included the provision that the spread must be in proportion to the height.

GER NF: ARTICLE 202 ACCESS TO THE ARENA

Explanation for Proposed Change

Sometimes the next starter is already admitted to the arena while a competitor completes his round, sometimes he is not. Uniform rules should be valid for all FEI Jumping competitions.

Proposed Wording

Provided the size of the arena allows for it, the Ground Jury and the OC may give permission for the next starter to enter the competition arena already while the current competitor is completing the course. Permission must be announced prior to the start of the competition and is valid throughout the whole competition.

FEI FEEDBACK

The proposal is deferred for consideration during the 2020 revision.

IJOC: ARTICLE.204.3 COURSE AND MEASURING, ARTICLE 211.7 WATER JUMP, WATER JUMP WITH VERTICAL AND LIVERPOOL and ARTICLE 222 Run-Out

Explanation for Proposed Change

Art.204.3.

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.

Article 211.7 WATER JUMP, WATER JUMP WITH VERTICAL AND LIVERPOOL

If one of the four 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 seconds will be added in accordance with JRs Art. 232.

Article 222 Run-Out

When **a Horse** jumps an obstacle between two red flags or between two 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.

The reason for proposal: inconsistent explanation who has to be between the flags – the horse or the rider to consider the fence is jumped correctly.

Proposed Wording

Proposal: The Combination athlete/horse should be between the flags to consider the fence is jumped clear.

FEI FEEDBACK

The proposal is deferred for consideration during the 2020 revision.

JUMPING COMMITTEE: ARTICLE 208 OBSTACLES

Explanation for Proposed Change

Correction to paragraph 5 in alignment with the maximum spread of the water jump established for Championships and Olympic Games.

Proposed Wording

5. Under no circumstances, except in Six-Bar, Puissance and Power and Skill Competitions may any obstacle exceed 1.70 m in height. Spread obstacles must not exceed 2.00 m in spread with the exception of triple bars which may have a maximum spread of 2.20 m. This applies also in the case of one or of several jump-offs. The water jump may not exceed 4.504.00 m in spread including the take-off element.

IJOC: ARTICLE 211 WATER JUMP, WATER JUMP WITH VERTICAL AND LIVERPOOL

Art. 211.1

Explanation for Proposed Change

1. For an obstacle to be called a water jump, there must be no obstacle in front, in the middle or behind the water. The water must have a minimum **spread** in excess of 2.00 m and must be dug into the ground. For details of how the water jump should be constructed refer to Annex VII. If the water jump does not meet the specifications as described in Annex VII, a vertical obstacle must be placed over the water as described in JRs Art. 211.10.

2. A take-off element (brush, small wall), with a minimum height of 40 cm and a maximum height of 50 cm, must be erected on the take-off side. The width of the front of the water jump must be at least 30% greater than the **length**.

Reason: Two paragraphs – we have two different words, explaining the same: **spread and length**. We have to be consistent in the wording. Note that the annex VII uses Spread throughout.

Proposed Wording

To use the word **spread**

FEI FEEDBACK

The Committee does not feel that clarification is needed to the paragraph defining the width of the front of the water jump in relation to its length and that using the words width and spread in the same paragraph might be more confusing; nevertheless the proposal will be further reviewed during the 2020 revision.

IRL NF: Article 211 Water Jump

Article 211.5

Explanation for Proposed Change

Under the current rule 5.1 when a Horse puts one or several feet on the lath defining the limit of the water jump. It is a Fault when the foot or the shoe touches the lath and leaves an impression; impression of the fetlock joint or boot does not constitute a fault. This rule is clearly unworkable as the identification of what exactly touches the Lath is to the naked eye problematic and unfair to both the water jump judge and the competitor alike. It has become increasingly difficult for Countries to encourage their best riders to participate in Division 1 Nations Cups. We see that the water jump is intrinsic to our sport and keeps it in touch with our roots. It is a useful tool for the Course Designer, encourages honesty and demands rideability from our horses.

We would suggest to the Jumping Committee to amend the rule as follows and make the provision of Video Assistance compulsory at least for Division 1 Nations Cups and Grand Prix's, such technology as Hawk Eye.

Proposed Wording

5.1. When a Horse leaves any impression on the lath defining the limit of the water jump it is a fault.

FEI FEEDBACK

The Jumping Committee agreed that hawk-eye cameras must be used at the water jump at a minimum at all Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup events in 2019; this policy has been implemented. The proposal regarding the fault at the lath is deferred for consideration during the 2020 revision.

USA NF: Article 224 - Falls

Explanation for Proposed Change

Assuming that this rule was put in place partly to address head concussion concerns, the sooner that an athlete can be checked by a medical professional, the better. With concussion injuries, the further from the accident the more difficult it is to diagnose accurately.

Proposed Wording

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 ~~inspected cleared~~ by the Event’s medical service ~~within 30 minutes of the fall, unless circumstances beyond the athlete’s control prevent this, respectively the Veterinary Delegate,~~ and before the Athlete ~~and/or the Horse~~ may be permitted to take part in the next round or Competition at the Event ~~he must be cleared by the Event’s medical service. The Horse must be cleared by the Veterinary Delegate before the Horse may be permitted to take part in the next round or Competition at the Event.~~

FEI FEEDBACK

The proposal is not supported as written due to concerns about the consequences if for any reason the stated timeframe cannot be respected, particularly in case of a fall at a championship or Olympic Games; furthermore as the rules relating to falls could apply to other disciplines, the Committee recommends that the Legal Department review the proposal. The Committee proposes the clarifications below with regard to the need for the athlete to be checked by the event’s medical service, following which, in case of doubt as to the athlete’s fitness to compete, it is the athlete’s responsibility to obtain medical clearance from a medical doctor.

Proposed Final Wording

Art. 224 FALLS

1. Fall of an Athlete

1.1 Fall of an Athlete in the Competition arena

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.

1.2 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. Fall of an Athlete anywhere outside of the Competition arena

~~An Athlete is considered to have fallen when, involuntarily, he is separated from his Horse. If an Athlete has voluntarily dismounted, it is not considered a Fall.~~

23. Fall of a Horse

A Horse is considered to have fallen when the shoulder and quarters have touched the ground or the obstacle and the ground.

34. 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 checked~~ by the Event’s medical service, respectively ~~the Horse must be cleared by~~ 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. ~~The Ground Jury reserves the right to exclude the Athlete from participating further in the Competition and/or Event in accordance with Article 140.2 of the FEI General Regulations.~~

JUMPING COMMITTEE: ARTICLE 229 TIMING OF THE ROUND

Explanation for Proposed Change

Clarification to paragraph 2.

Proposed Wording

2. Two digital stopwatches are required in the Ground Jury box in case the electronic timing system breaks down and a third watch to measure the time taken to resume the round after the bell has been rung for Disobediences, interruptions, the time taken between two consecutive obstacles and the time limit for a Resistance. The President or a member of the Ground Jury must have a digital stopwatch.

JUMPING COMMITTEE: ARTICLE 235 FAULTS

Explanation for Proposed Change

Clarification to paragraphs 3 and 4 in alignment with proposed clarifications to Art. 224.

Proposed Wording

1. Faults made between the starting line and the finishing line must be taken into consideration. Exception: A knock down of the last obstacle will be considered a fault if the upper element falls from one or both of its supports prior to the time the Athlete leaves the arena or until the bell is rung for the next Athlete to commence his round, whichever occurs first. Definition of Faults according to JRs Art. 217 and 218.

2. Disobediences committed during the time when the round is interrupted (see JRs Art. 231.2) are not penalised.

3. Disobediences occurring between the signal to start and up until the moment the Athlete/Horse combination crosses the starting line in the correct direction are not penalised. However, in the event of a fall of an Athlete and/or Horse from the moment the combination enters the arena up until the moment they cross the starting line in the correct direction once the signal to start has been given, the combination will not be able to take part in the round or Competition in question. Furthermore, in the event of a fall of an Athlete and/or Horse at any time in the Competition arena, whether the signal to start has been given or not, the Athlete ~~and/or the Horse~~ must be ~~cleared-checked~~ by the Event's medical service, respectively the Horse must be cleared by the Veterinary Delegate at the Event, before the Athlete and/or Horse can be permitted to take part in the next round or Competition at the Event. (Refer also to JRs Art. 224.3.) The Ground Jury reserves the right to exclude the Athlete from participating further in the Event in accordance with Article 140.2 of the FEI General Regulations.

4. A fall of the Athlete and/or Horse after crossing the finish line does not incur Elimination. However, in the event of a fall after the finish line, the following applies:

4.1. In case of a fall of an Athlete and/or Horse after crossing the finish line in a Competition with an immediate jump-off, the Athlete/Horse combination is eliminated from the jump-off, and will be placed equal last in the jump-off with Athletes who have withdrawn, retired or been eliminated from the jump-off. The Athlete ~~and/or the Horse~~ must be ~~cleared-checked~~ by the Event's medical service, respectively the Horse must be cleared by the Veterinary Delegate, before the Athlete and/or Horse can be permitted to take part in any further Competition at the Event.

4.2. In case of a fall of an Athlete and/or Horse after crossing the finish line in a Competition with a jump-off (but not an immediate jump-off) or after crossing the finish line of the first round of a two-round Competition, the Athlete ~~and/or the Horse~~ must be ~~cleared-checked~~ by the Event's medical service, respectively the Horse must be cleared by the Veterinary Delegate, before the Athlete and/or Horse can be permitted to take part in the jump-off, respectively in the second round.

4.3. In case of a fall of the Athlete after crossing the finish line of a jump-off, or after crossing the finish line of the initial round if the combination did not qualify for the jump off, or after crossing the finish line in a Competition with no jump-off, the Athlete ~~and/or~~

~~the Horse~~ must be ~~cleared~~~~checked~~ by the Event's medical service, respectively the Horse must be cleared by the Veterinary Delegate, before the Athlete and/or Horse can be permitted to take part in any further Competition at the Event.

4.4 In all cases outlined under Art. 235.4 above, the Ground Jury reserves the right to exclude the Athlete from participating further in the Competition and/or Event in accordance with Article 140.2 of the FEI General Regulations.

USA NF: Article 236.1 – Table A - vii

Explanation for Proposed Change

Time is an important factor in our sport and the penalties should be commensurate of the effort made to be as close to the time allowed. There is a big difference in how an athlete rides a course being .5 seconds over versus 3.5 seconds over the time allowed.

Proposed Wording

(vii) Exceeding the time allowed in the first and second rounds and jump-offs not against the clock

One Penalty for every ~~one four~~ seconds commenced

FEI FEEDBACK

The proposal is deferred for consideration during the 2020 revision.

USA NF: Article 236.1 – Table A - viii

Explanation for Proposed Change

The second phase against the clock of a Two Phase is equivalent to a jump-off and should be treated the same in terms of time penalties.

Proposed Wording

(viii) Exceeding the time allowed in a jump-off against the clock ~~and in the second phase of a Two Phase against the clock.~~

One Penalty for each second or commenced fraction of a second

FEI FEEDBACK

The proposal is deferred for consideration during the 2020 revision.

GER NF: 239 Table C

Paragraph 2(i):

Height of obstacles 1.50 m: **two***, three or four **seconds**, at the discretion of the OC, to be specified in the Schedule.

* The two second penalty may only be applied if at least 50% of obstacles on the course have a height of 1.50 m; if there are fewer than 50% of obstacles at 1.50 m, the three (or four) second penalty must be applied.

Explanation for Proposed Change

Since the penalty seconds have been reduced to 2, competitions tend to look like flat races.

Proposed Wording

Delete "two", potentially also delete "three"

FEI FEEDBACK

The Committee supports the proposal to delete the two second penalty, but recommends maintaining the three second penalty for indoor competitions.

Proposed Final Wording

2. Penalties under Table C

FAULT	PENALTY
(i) Obstacle knocked down while jumping, one or more feet in the water jump or on the lath defining its limits on the landing side;	<p>Four seconds (three seconds for two-phase Competitions, knock-out Competitions and for any jump-off under table C) <u>for outdoor Competitions;</u></p> <p>Three seconds. For indoor Competitions the following penalties apply:</p> <p>Height of obstacles up to 1.40 m: four seconds;</p> <p>Height of obstacles 1.45 m: three or four seconds, at the discretion of the OC, to be specified in the Schedule;</p> <p>Height of obstacles 1.50 m: two*, three or four seconds, at the discretion of the OC, to be specified in the Schedule.</p> <p>* The two second penalty may only be applied if at least 50% of obstacles on the course have a height of 1.50 m; if there are fewer than 50% of obstacles at 1.50 m, the three (or four) second penalty must be applied.</p>

IJOC: ARTICLE 239 TABLE C

Explanation for Proposed Change

2. Penalties under Table C

Four seconds (three seconds **for two-phase Competitions**, knock-out Competitions and for any jump-off under table C)

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4. Scores under Table C

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

Reason: Inconsistent wording. In the first case – three seconds for every phase, in the second case three seconds only for second phase

Proposed Wording

Proposal: In both places to use: **the second phase of a two-phase Competition**

FEI FEEDBACK

The clarification is not deemed necessary, as the time penalty can only apply to the second phase of a Two-Phase competition in any case as the first phase is always run under Table A; nevertheless the clarification can be added to paragraph 2 for the sake of consistency.

IRL NF: Article 242 Disqualification & FEI Jumping Stewards Manual

Explanation for Proposed Change

The IRL NF considered the FEI Jumping Stewards Manual (January 2019), Annex XVI, concerning blood in the context of the above proposal. We note that under paragraph 3 (a) it states that "On his arrival, the Chief Steward will:

a) Examine the area in question making sure that he is wearing an unused latex glove. And under paragraph 3 (f) it states that

"The Chief Steward will then report the incident to the Ground Jury member designated to handle such cases and show him the photographs".

The IRL NF note that there is no reference to veterinary involvement in this section but Article 1047 (6) of the Veterinary Regulations states:

"The examination involves: (f) the Steward contacting the Veterinary Delegate, who, in turn, must notify the Ground Jury, should the presence of blood be identified". Furthermore, the Foreword to the Veterinary Regulations says:

"From January 1st 2019, if there is a conflict between the VRs, Discipline Rules and Guidance Notes, the VRs will prevail"

The IRL NF suggest that the ambiguity should be removed from the FEI Jumping Stewards Manual, in favour of the Veterinary Regulations. The IRL NF would consider this practice as consistent with the procedures for Head Injury Assessment in Rugby and fitness issues at the start of a horse race, where the medics and the vets are the ones advising the referee or the Chairman of the Stewards.

It would be our position that the Blood Protocol has equal standing to the Limb Sensitivity Protocol (Art. 1048.1) VR's, in terms of its objectives which are (i) safeguard the welfare of the horse, according to the Code of Conduct for the Horse, and (ii) to ensure a level playing field for all athletes. As such, we would suggest that the Veterinary Delegate should be present to provide a professional recommendation to the Ground Jury Member. The decision that follows therefore is an informed decision grounded on veterinary opinion, the expertise knowledge of the Ground Member and clear unbiased application of the Rule.

Proposed Wording

[see comments above]

FEI FEEDBACK

The Committee is aware of the discrepancy; the Stewards' protocol concerning cases of blood on a horse's flank does not call for the presence of the Veterinary Delegate as the purpose of the protocol is only to detect the presence of blood, not to determine fitness to compete. The Committee has asked the Veterinary Director to raise the issue with the Veterinary Committee so that the necessary modification can be made to the Veterinary Regulations.

JUMPING COMMITTEE: ARTICLE 244 BOOT AND BANDAGE CONTROL

Explanation for Proposed Change

Include provision to Art. 244.1 for mandatory boot control also in Puissance and Six-Bar competitions, as these are competitions where boots are likely to be tightened.

Proposed Wording

1. Stewarding – Boot and Bandage Control (see also JRs Art. 257.2.3-257.2.5 and VRs Art. 1023, 1046, 1047)

It is obligatory to carry out boot and bandage control on all Horses taking part in the Grand Prix, Nations Cup, Puissance and Six-Bar Competitions, and during the Competition with the highest prize money at each Event. It is also 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.

IJOC: ARTICLE 245 JUMP-OFFS – GENERAL

Art. 245.2

Explanation for Proposed Change

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.

The reason: The Jump off is part of the competition

Proposed Wording

Proposal: to change “the original Competition” with “**the preliminary round(s)**”

FEI FEEDBACK

The proposal is supported.

USA NF: Article 247 – Elimination or Withdrawal from a Jump-Off or Second Round

Paragraph 2

Explanation for Proposed Change

Athletes who retire and/or are eliminated on course actually participated in the Round and should be given more credit for having done so opposed to an Athlete who did not attempt the course.

Proposed Wording

An Athlete, who with the permission of the Ground Jury withdraws from a jump-off, must always be placed ~~below equal with~~ an Athlete eliminated or who retires on the course.

FEI FEEDBACK

The proposal is not supported; there are valid reasons for withdrawal, e.g injury to horse or athlete; only athletes who withdraw without permission or without informing the Ground Jury should be placed lower than the others. The Committee recommends the following clarifications to Art. 247.

Proposed Final Wording

Art. 247 ELIMINATION, RETIREMENT OR WITHDRAWAL FROM A JUMP-OFF, ~~OR~~ SECOND ROUND OR WINNING ROUND

1. An Athlete/team that retires, is eliminated or ~~that retires in~~withdraws with the permission of the Ground Jury from a jump-off or second round or winning round will be placed equal last in the jump-off/second round/winning round.

2. ~~An Athlete, who with the permission of the Ground Jury withdraws from a jump-off, must always be placed equal with an Athlete eliminated or who retires on the course.~~ An Athlete/team that withdraws from a jump-off, second round or winning round without the permission of the Ground Jury or without informing the Ground Jury will be placed after Athletes/teams that have retired or been eliminated in the jump-off/second round/winning round.

3. If before a deciding jump-off, two 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.

IJOC: ARTICLE 251 ENTRIES (see also GRs Art. 116)

Explanation for Proposed Change

NFs are responsible for selecting and entering qualified Horses and Athletes. This includes the fitness and capability of the Horses and the Athletes to participate in **the Competitions** for which they are entered. It is the NF's responsibility to ensure that Horses and Athletes are of the required age for the Event in which they are entered.

NF do not enter athletes/horses for Competitions, they enter athletes/horses for Event by Category CSI5*, CSI1*... For example: If NF enters a child to take part at CSI1* (he can jump up to 135), and the coach enters the child at 145 class how NF is responsible?

Proposed Wording

Proposal to change **the Competitions** with **the Event**

FEI FEEDBACK

The proposal is deferred for consideration during the 2020 revision.

JUMPING COMMITTEE: ARTICLE 249 INVITATIONS TO CSIOs

Explanation for Proposed Change

Provision added to paragraph 3 allowing CSIOs in North America to invite additional individual athletes from CAN, MEX and USA; due to geographical distances, there are not always enough home athletes to fill the events. Deletion of sentence in paragraph 8 as the provision applies to FEI Nations Cup™ events and is covered in the series rules.

Proposed Wording

3. CSIO Events in North America

3.1 If five or more teams are invited (host team included), foreign individual Athletes may be invited in accordance with JRs Art. 249.5. The following is applicable specifically to CSIO Events in Canada, Mexico and the United States of America at which five or more teams are invited:

The number of individual Athletes that the OC of a CSIO in Canada, Mexico, respectively the United States of America, may invite from each of the other two NFs in addition to the official teams, is not limited to two per NF. The number that will be invited from each of the other two NFs must be indicated in the Schedule and must be the same for each of these NFs.

3.2 If four teams are invited (host team included), only a maximum of two foreign individual Athletes may be invited.

3.3 If there are less than four teams invited (host team included), no foreign individual Athletes may be invited.

(...)

8. FEI Wildcards

8.1. The FEI has the right to nominate one of the foreign teams to be invited by the OC as a wild card.

8.2. The FEI has the right to nominate two individual athletes from NF(s) not represented by a team as wild cards. ~~For FEI Nations Cup™ Division 1 Events, the individual wild cards must be included in the maximum quota of 65 Athletes permitted to take part in the CSIO.~~ If the FEI does not allocate one or both of these wild cards, the places are returned to the OC which may extend the vacant place(s) to NF(s) not represented by a team.

NED NF : ARTICLE 251 ENTRIES

Paragraph 9.2

Explanation for Proposed Change

In our opinion there should always be a possibility to substitute a horse during a show with the express permission of the OC.

A situation can occur in which a horse has been entered incorrectly, and the involved persons found out about it during the show. Provided the OC gives permission, we believe that it must be possible for the NF to correct the mistake in the FEI entry system.

Proposed Wording

For all other Events including CSIOs definite entries must be made within the deadlines indicated below; other deadlines for NFs to indicate their intent to participate may be requested by the NF/OC in the Schedule.

Definite entries must be made by the date mentioned in the Schedule. This date may not be earlier than four weeks prior to the beginning of the Event and later than four 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 represent the final selection of Athletes and Horses that may participate in the Event. 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~~

FEI FEEDBACK

The proposal is not supported; the Committee feels that removing the latest date for substitutions from the rules could potentially lead to abuse of the system.

GER NF: Article 254 - PARTICIPATION AND NUMBER OF HORSES

2. Number of horses per Event

Explanation for Proposed Change

The numbers of horses should be specified in the schedule and should be left at the discretion of the OCs. OCs do not understand why OCs with two consecutive events are allowed to admit up to 12 horses per CSI "a maximum of four Horses in each category (Small/Medium/Big Tour)" whereas if they schedule a single event they are allowed to admit max. of 3 horses. Maybe for single events the wording could be altered to 3 per Tour instead of 3 per CSI.

If this is not possible to be altered accordingly, it would be good, if an additional horse cannot only be taken for Puissance Competitions, Derby Competitions or Competitions for stallions, but also for Six Bar Competitions and Knock Out Competitions which are also more show competitions. Until last year it was possible to have combined Events, thus it was possible to have athletes for example from a CSI1* and from a CSI3*, however as of this year it is no longer possible.

Proposed Wording

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 **per tour (e. g. Small/Medium/Big Tour)**. CSI or CSIO Events may include Competitions for Young Horses open only to the Athletes entered in the CSI or CSIO; for these Competition Athletes may enter two Horses in addition to the three Horses allowed for the CSI or CSIO. Participation of these additional Horses is limited to the Young Horses Competitions only. ~~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 per Category.~~ Separate CSIs for Young

Horses (CSIYH) may be organised at these Events; Athletes entered in the CSIYH are allowed to enter three Horses **per age group** specifically for the Young Horses Competitions. The above does not apply to CSI Events held at the same venue over several consecutive weekends; for these Events each Athlete may start a maximum of four Horses in each category (Small/Medium/Big Tour) during each CSI. At these Events a maximum of nine Horses per Athlete may be entered for the CSIYH Competitions, of which maximum three may start in each age category per CSI.

If this is not possible then:

At stand-alone CSIYH Events, that is CSIYH Events that are not organised concurrently with another CSI at the same venue on the same weekend, Athletes may enter three Horses per YH age category. If the Schedule of a CSI or a CSIO includes a Puissance Competition, **Six Bar Competition, Knock-Out Competition**, a Derby and/or a special Competition 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. The Schedule may also allow extra Athletes to be invited solely for the Puissance Competition, **Six Bar Competition, Knock-Out Competition** and/or a special Competition for stallions.

FEI FEEDBACK

The proposal modification (as per the first option proposed) is not supported. Stand alone events are designed to provide entertainment and good sport for the public; the Committee feels that increasing the number of horses per athlete would result in competitions with a large number of horses, and lack of spectator interest. The situation is different with regard to Tours, as these are part of the industry, designed for athletes.

The request to allow athletes to bring an additional horse for the Six Bar competition has been considered in the past and was not supported due to concern that athletes/horses who are not up to the level could take part in the competition. The proposal to allow an additional horse for the Knock-Out competition is deferred for consideration during the 2020 revision.

BEL NF: Art 254 – Participation, Age and Number of Horses

Art 254.4. Change of rider during an event

Explanation for Proposed Change

We would propose to allow changes of riders WITHOUT being of the same NF, naturally in accordance with the provisions of the schedule. We notice our sport becoming more and more global and would like to see this reflected in this article.

Proposed Wording

Changing horses by individuals at CSIOs and CSIs is allowed 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 is irreversible.

FEI FEEDBACK

The proposal is deferred for consideration during the 2020 revision.

GER NF: Article 254 - PARTICIPATION AND NUMBER OF HORSES

Paragraphs 5 and 6

Explanation for Proposed Change

Often CSI1* Events are scheduled in addition to CSI3* or higher events in order to give athletes the possibilities to bring more than 3 horses to the event. The main competition of this event in general is the Grand Prix or the competition with the highest prize-money of the higher level CSI. Often in CSI1* the competition with the highest prize-money is 5.000 € or less.

Proposed Wording

5. 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 Horse in each of these Competitions, except when this Competition is a Derby, in which case more than one Horse per Athlete may be ridden.

6. The above paragraph also applies at CSIs **with competitions counting for the Longines Rankings**. However, if in the Grand Prix or in similar Competitions listed in paragraph 5 above, there are 50 Athletes or less entered (subject to the remaining provisions of this article), the OC may allow each Athlete to ride two Horses in the Competition concerned, provided that this is indicated in the Schedule and that the total number of potential starters would not exceed the maximum allowed for the Grand Prix or Competition in question. With respect to the Grand Prix specifically, the following applies:

- **CSI1*/CSI2* with competitions counting for the Longines Rankings**: If there are 50 starters or less, each Athlete may ride two Horses (maximum 100 in the Grand Prix)
- **CSI3*/CSI4***: If there are 30 starters or less, each Athlete may ride two Horses (maximum 60 in the Grand Prix)
- **CSI5***: If there are 25 starters or less, each Athlete may ride two Horses (maximum 50 in the Grand Prix)

If there is no Grand Prix or no competition with the highest prize money at an Event, but there are several Competitions with the same prize money, the number of Horses per Athlete is not restricted in these Competitions.

These provisions do not apply to **CSI1* Events, CSI2* Events without competitions counting for the Longines Rankings, CSIYH Events, CSI-Amateur Events**, at which the OC may allow Athletes to ride more than one Horse in all Competitions.

FEI FEEDBACK

While the Committee is supportive of the principle that only one horse per athlete should be ridden in the Grand Prix or the competition with the highest prize money, the proposal is not supported as it would hinder the sport in North America, where the option for two horses per athlete to fill the competition. Furthermore, in accordance with JRs Annex VI (CSI/CSIO Requirements) all events as of CSI2* level and above must offer Longines Ranking competitions, aside from CSI1*/CSIYH/CSIAm events, it is not possible for a CSI to be held without Longines Ranking competitions.

GER NF: Article 255 - PARTICIPATION OF MINOR ATHLETES IN SENIOR COMPETITIONS

Paragraph 2.1

Explanation for Proposed Change

Following the alteration of the CSIAm events in Annex XIII

Proposed Wording

2.1. From the year in which they reach their 12th birthday until the end of the year in which they reach their 13th birthday Athletes may take part in certain Competitions at CSI and CSIO 1* to 5* **and CSIAm A+B** Events (excluding those listed above) providing the height of obstacles in the initial round does not exceed 1.30 m.

FEI FEEDBACK

The proposal is supported in alignment with the corrections made to JRs Annex XIII.

BEL NF: Art 255 – Participation of Minor Athletes in Competitions for Seniors

Art. 255.1 – 255.3 Children, Juniors and Young Riders (Refer also to Annexes IX and XII)

Explanation for Proposed Change

We notice in the current level of show jumping that the quality of the horses increases, as well as the competency level of younger athletes. As a result we propose to change this article with regards to the restrictions of younger athletes. These changes would also align the rules with the heights as they are being constructed at for instance European Championships for these Athletes.

Proposed Wording

1. *Subject to the exclusions mentioned in paragraphs 2 and 3 below, Athletes may, with the express permission of their NF, take part in certain Competitions for Seniors from the year in which they reach their 12th birthday.*
2. *A Junior or Pony Rider or Child may never ride in Competitions for their category and in a Senior Competition, a Competition for Amateurs or a Competition for Young Horses at the same Event.*
3. *Before the year in which they reach their 18th birthday Athletes may not take part in:*
 - *a Grand Prix at a CSI4* to CSI5*;*
 - *a Grand Prix at a CSIO1* to CSIO5*;*
 - *a Nations Cup Competition at CSIO1* to CSIO5*;*
 - *an FEI World Cup™ Competition;*
 - *a Power and Skill Competition;*
 - *a Derby;*
 - *the Competition with the highest prize money at a CSI3* to CSI5* and CSIO1* to CSIO5**

if this is not one of the Competitions listed.
- 3.1 *From the year in which they reach their 12th birthday until the end of the year in which they reach their 13th birthday Athletes may take part in certain Competitions at CSI and CSIO 1* to 5* Events providing the height of obstacles in the initial round does not exceed ~~130~~1.35 m. (NB: A separate classification must be established for Children Athletes as prize money for Children’s Competitions is not allowed.)*
- 3.2 *From the year in which they reach their 14th birthday until the end of the year in which they reach their 15th birthday Athletes may participate in all Competitions at CSI1* Events (excluding those listed above in Art. 255.3), and in certain Competitions at CSI2* to CSI5* and CSIO 1* to 5* Events providing the height of obstacles in the initial round does not exceed ~~140~~1.45 m.*
- 3.3 *From the year in which they reach their 16th birthday, Athletes may participate in all Competitions at CSI1* and CSI2* Events (excluding those listed above in Art. 255.3). From the year in which they reach their 16th birthday until the end of the year in which they reach their 17th birthday Athletes may take part in certain Competitions at CSI3* to CSI5* and CSIO1* to CSIO5* Events.*

FEI FEEDBACK

The proposal is not supported. The rules must apply worldwide; allowing young athletes to jump in Senior competitions higher than what is allowed at their respective championships would significantly complicate the task of the Course Designer of such competitions. It should also be borne in mind that the restrictions on hind boots will apply to all youth categories as of 2020, i.e. boots designed to enhance performance will no longer be allowed, and as such the Committee does not recommend allowing younger athletes to jump higher. The Jumping Committee takes this opportunity to address the statement that the European Championships for the categories in question are being built higher than the maximum heights indicated in the rules. This is in reference to a championship that occurred four years ago, following which the FEI intervened to ensure that it does not happen again and it has not happened since.

JUMPING COMMITTEE: ARTICLE 256 DRESS, PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR & SALUTE

Explanation for Proposed Change

Clarification to rules on jackets.

Introduction of rule prohibiting rowel spurs with notched or serrated edges, based on statistics gathered of cases of blood on the flanks over the past year.

Proposed Wording

1.5. Civilians are required to wear the uniform or clothing approved by their NF, a jacket (Competition jackets may be any colour but must have a lapel collar and outward facing buttons; the collar may be the same colour as the jacket or a different colour), white or light fawn breeches, black or brown boots. Other dark coloured boots may be approved at the discretion of the FEI. Boots must have a heel. Shirts may have long or short sleeves and must have a white collar; long-sleeved shirts must have white cuffs. A white tie or choker must be worn. If a jacket is not worn (refer to Art. 256.1.3 for exceptions due to weather), shirts must have sleeves; either short or long sleeves are permitted.

(...)

11. Rowel spurs with discs that have notched or serrated edges are not authorised anywhere within the grounds of international Jumping Events; rowel spurs with discs that have smooth, even edges are allowed.

JUMPING COMMITTEE: ARTICLE 257 SADDLERY

Art. 257.1 In the Competition arena

Explanation for Proposed Change

Introduction of a provision to prevent possibility for a running martingale to function as a standing martingale.

Proposed Wording

1. In the Competition arena

1.1. Blinkers and fly masks that cover the Horse's eyes are forbidden.

1.2. Leather, sheepskin or similar material may be used on each cheek piece of the bridle providing the material does not exceed three centimetres in diameter measured from the Horse's cheek.

1.3. Only unrestricted running martingales are allowed; no more than one martingale stopper per rein may be used. Reins may not be configured in such a way as to cause a running martingale to function as a standing martingale.

BEL NF: Art 257.2.1. Saddlery

Art. 257.2.1 Dress

Explanation for Proposed Change

This sentence in the rules needs clarification or a change to enable riders to use for example the so-called airbag systems that ties their inflatable body protector to the saddle.

Proposed Wording

The Athlete must not directly or indirectly tie any part of his body to the saddlery.

FEI FEEDBACK

Riding with an inflatable body protector which must be clipped to the saddle in order for it to inflate in case of a fall of the athlete is not considered tying the athlete's body to the saddlery. Clarification to this effect will be added to the Jumping Stewards' manual.

IRL NF: Art. 257 Saddlery

1.5 Draw reins (running reins) are forbidden in the Competition arena except during prize giving ceremonies and march-past parades.

Explanation for Proposed Change

The IRL NF suggests that Pony Riders and Children on Horses athletes should be forbidden from using Draw Reins (running reins) at all times.

Proposed Wording

1.5 Draw reins (running reins) are forbidden in the Competition arena except during prize giving ceremonies and march-past parades. **Draw reins (running reins) are forbidden at all times for Pony Riders and Children on Horses athletes.**

FEI FEEDBACK

The proposal is deferred for consideration during the 2020 revision at which time a full revision of the rules on saddlery for all categories will be carried out.

BEL NF: Art 257 – Saddlery (Hind Boots)

Art. 257.2.3 - For all FEI Jumping Competitions

Explanation for Proposed Change

To make it more clear, we suggest to bundle the limitations for all boots in article 257.3. In the article 257.4 we can explain the limitations for young horses (which we also propose to finetune) and in article 257.5 the limitations for the other categories (as we move forward) will be listed.

Proposed Wording

The following criteria must be respected in relation to boots worn in all competitions:

- *The inside of the boot must be **smooth**, that is, the surface must be even and there may **not be any pressure points** on the inside of the boot; for the avoidance of doubt, stitching on the inside of the protective element that attaches the inner lining to the boot, is permitted.*
- ***No additional elements may be added to or inserted in the boot itself,***
- *The total **maximum weight** of equipment allowed to be placed on a Horse's leg, front or hind (single or multiple boots, fetlock rings, etc), is 500 grams (shoe excluded).*
- ***Fetlock rings or straps may be used** for protective purposes providing they are properly adjusted and providing the total weight of equipment on the horse's leg does **not exceed 500 grams** (see JRs 257.2.3).*
- ***Fasteners must be one-directional**, that is, the fastener must be attached directly from one side of the boot to the other side and may not wrap around the entire boot; no mechanism permitting the fastener to double back on itself is permitted*

FEI FEEDBACK

The Committee feels that the rules can be sufficiently clarified without restructuring the entire article. Refer to the Committee's feedback to the BEL NF's proposed modifications to Art. 257.2.4 and 257.2.5 below.

BEL NF: Art 257 – Saddlery (Hind Boots)

Art 257.2.4. - For all FEI Jumping Competitions for Young Horses (five, six, seven and eight year old Horses):

Explanation for Proposed Change

See above.

Proposed Wording

On top of the limitations outlined in 257.2.3, the following criteria must be respected in relation to hind boots worn in international Young Horses Competitions:

- All hind leg protections must have a **maximum interior length of 16 centimetres** (refer to FEI Jumping Stewards' Manual on the FEI website for diagram).
- The rounded protective element of the boot must be placed around the **inside of the fetlock**.
- Following type of **fasteners** are permitted;
 - **One single velcro-type** (elastic or non-elastic) fastener. In this case the width of the fastener must be **at least five centimetre**.
 - **Two fasteners (elastic or non-elastic) with a minimum width of 2.5 cm each.** Only stud-type fasteners (straps with a hole at the end that fits over a button) or velcro type fasteners are allowed
- A protective flap, providing it is soft and clearly intended for protection only, may be added to the boot.

BEL NF: Art 257 – Saddlery (Hind Boots)

Art 257.2.5. - At all FEI Jumping Events for Pony Riders, Children, Juniors, Young Riders, U-25, Amateur Owners and Veterans, only hind boots meeting the following descriptions may be used:

Explanation for Proposed Change

See above.

Proposed Wording

2.5.1. **Boots as** described in Art. 257.2.4 for FEI Jumping Competitions **for Young Horses**.

2.5.2. Boots that have a protective element on the inside and outside, that is, **double-shell boots** that wrap around the back of the fetlock, are permitted providing they meet the following criteria:

- The boot must have a **maximum length of 16 centimetres**.
- The **rounded protective part** of the boot must be placed **around the fetlock**.
- Following type of **fasteners** are permitted;
 - **One single velcro-type** (elastic or non-elastic) fastener. In this case the width of the fastener must be **at least five centimetre**.
 - **Two fasteners (elastic or non-elastic) with a minimum width of 2.5 cm each.** Only stud-type fasteners (straps with a hole at the end that fits over a button) or velcro type fasteners are allowed

FEI FEEDBACK

The Committee recommends adding clarifications to Art. 257.2.4 and 257.2.5 as indicated below.

Proposed Final Wording Art. 257.2.4 and 257.2.5

2.4. For all FEI Jumping Competitions for Young Horses (five, six, seven and eight year old Horses):

The following criteria must be respected in relation to hind boots worn in international Young Horses Competitions:

All hind leg protections ~~Hind boots that have a protective element on the inside only are the only type of hind boot allowed.~~ The boot must have a maximum interior length of 16 centimetres; the width of the fastener must be at least five centimetres. Hind boots with additional protection for the pastern that extends below the rounded shell on the inside of the boot are allowed providing the protection is made of soft pliable material. The pastern protection that extends below the rounded shell on the inside is not taken into account when measuring the length of the boot. (refer to FEI Jumping Stewards' Manual on the FEI website for diagram~~photographs~~).

The rounded protective element of the boot must be placed around the inside of the fetlock.

The inside of the boot must be smooth, that is, the surface must be even and there may not be any pressure points on the inside of the boot; for the avoidance of doubt, stitching on the inside of the protective element that attaches the inner lining to the boot, is permitted. Sheepskin linings are allowed.

Only non-elastic Velcro-type fasteners are permitted; no hooks, buckles, clips or other methods of attaching the fasteners may be used.

No additional elements may be added to or inserted in the boot itself, ~~other than a protective flap, providing it is soft and clearly intended for protection only.~~

Fetlock rings may be used for protective purposes providing they are properly adjusted and providing the total weight of equipment on the horse's leg does not exceed 500 grams (see JRs 257.2.3). ~~Pastern strips may not be used.~~

2.5 At all FEI Jumping Events for U-25, Young Riders, Juniors, Pony Riders, Children, Amateur Owners and Veterans, and at all FEI World Jumping Challenge Events, only hind boots meeting the following descriptions may be used:

2.5.1 Boots as described in Art. 257.2.4 ~~for FEI Jumping Competitions for Young Horses.~~




2.5.2 Boots that have a protective element on the inside only, and boots with a protective element on the inside and outside, that is, double-shell boots that wrap around the back of the fetlock, are permitted providing they meet the following criteria:

The boot must have a maximum length of 20 centimetres at its longest point (refer to the FEI Jumping Stewards' Manual for instructions on how to measure the length of the boot correctly).

The rounded protective part of the boot must be placed around the fetlock (for boots with a protective element on one side only, the protective element must be placed around the inside of the fetlock).

The inside of the boot must be smooth, that is, the surface must be even and there may not be any pressure points on the inside of the boot; for the avoidance of doubt, stitching on the inside of the protective element that attaches the inner lining to the boot, is permitted. Sheepskin linings are allowed.

The boot must have a maximum of two ~~elastic~~ fasteners ~~with a minimum width of 2.5 cm each.~~ Only the following types of fasteners are permitted:

<p><u>Velcro-type fasteners:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Straps must:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o <u>Have a Velcro or Velcro-type fastening system</u> o <u>Have a minimum width of 2.5 cm if there are two straps or</u> o <u>Have a minimum width of 5 cm if there is only one strap</u> - <u>For boots with a protective element only on the inside of the fetlock, straps may be elastic or non-elastic</u> - <u>For double-shell boots, the straps must be elastic</u> 	
<p>Stud-type fasteners: straps with holes at the end that fit over a stud</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Straps must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Be made of elastic o Have a minimum width of 2.5 cm o Have holes that fit over a stud on the boot 	
<p>Hook-and-eye-type fasteners: straps with a hook at the end that fits into an "eyelet".</p>	

- Straps must:
 - o Be made of elastic
 - o Have a minimum width of 2.5 cm
 - o Have a hook at the end that fits into an "eyelet" on the boot



All Fasteners must be one-directional, that is, the fastener must be attached directly from one side of the boot to the other side ~~and may~~ **but must** not wrap around the entire boot; no mechanism ~~permitting that allows~~ the fastener to double back on itself is permitted.

No additional elements may be added to or inserted in the boot itself.

Fetlock rings may be used for protective purposes providing they are properly adjusted and providing the total weight of equipment on the horse's leg does not exceed 500 grams (see JRs 257.2.3). Pastern strips may not be used.

2.6. ~~For implementation as of 1 January 2020: Only hind boots as described in JRs Art. 257.2.4 and 257.2.5, may be used at FEI Jumping Events for Juniors, Young Riders and U-25.~~ For implementation as of 1 January 2021: Only hind boots as described in JRs Art. 257.2.4 and 257.2.5, may be used at FEI-international Jumping Events.

IJOC: ARTICLE 257 SADDLERY

Explanation for Proposed Change

Current rules do not allow some very soft boots for example:



Proposed Wording

Suggestion to revisit the definition of hind boots for the category of rider to further allow: double shell boot with one elastic strap, single shell boot with two elastic straps.

FEI FEEDBACK

Refer to the Committee's proposed modifications to Art. 257.2.5 above.

IRL NF: Art. 257 Saddlery

2.3. The total maximum weight of equipment allowed to be placed on a Horse's leg, front or hind (single or multiple boots, fetlock rings, etc), is 500 grams (shoe excluded).....)

- Velcro-type fasteners: straps may be elastic or non-elastic.
- Stud-type fasteners: straps with holes at the end that fit over a stud; straps must be elastic.
- Hook-and-eye type fasteners: straps with a hook at the end that fits into an "eyelet"; straps must be elastic.

Explanation for Proposed Change

The attached boot is currently not allowed under rule JR 257 for VETs/AMs/COH/Pony The IRL NF consider this boot to be a mild boot and should be allowed. The strap is 5cms and 2 straps are allowed at 2.5 each



Proposed Wording

See above.

FEI FEEDBACK

Refer to the Committee's proposed modifications to Art. 257.2.5 above.

JUMPING COMMITTEE: ARTICLE 257 SADDLERY

Art. 257.2 Anywhere within the grounds of the event

Explanation for Proposed Change

Provision that "glasses for horses" are not allowed, on the one hand out of concern of a horse's fitness to compete if it has eye problems and on the other hand out of concern of potential injury to the horse if the plastic piece covering the eye cracks or breaks e.g. during a fall.

Proposed Wording

2. Anywhere within the grounds of the Event (restricted area) under control of the OC, the following provisions apply:

(...)

2.7. Plastic shields that cover the horse's eyes (i.e. glasses or sunglasses for horses) are forbidden.

2.78. The use of a tongue-strap is forbidden. For the use of tongue guards, see VRs Art. 1046.5.

2.89. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of Art. 257.2.1 – 257.2.6–8 in the Competition arena will incur Elimination (see JRs Art. 241.3.21).

JUMPING COMMITTEE: ARTICLE 259 OFFICIALS

Art. 259.1 Ground Jury, Art. 259.5 Course Designers

Explanation for Proposed Change

National Judges should only be permitted to officiate at CSI1* and CSIJ/J/Ch/V/Am Cat. B events; many do not speak English and allowing their appointment at CSIOs and CSI2*/3*/4* deprives FEI Judges of opportunities to officiate. Rule relating to retirement age of judges is deleted as it will be replaced by the competency evaluation system. Clarification to policy for events/shows at which two Course Designers are appointed.

Proposed Wording

1. Ground Jury

Events	Number of Judges ¹	President of Ground Jury	Foreign Judge	Members	Additional Members	President of Competition	Water Jump Judge
	Minimum	Minimum Qualification	Minimum Qualification	Minimum Qualification	Minimum Qualification	Minimum Qualification	Minimum Qualification
(...)							
CSI01* - 2* <u>CSIO-Y/J/P/Ch</u>	President + Foreign Judge (**) + 3 Members	Level 3 Preferably from host nation	Level 3	Min. one Level 3; one Level 2; one National or Level 1	National or Level 1	Level 2	Level 2
CSI5*	President + Foreign Judge (**) + 2 Members	Level 3 Preferably from host nation	Level 3	Min. one Level 3; one Level 1	Level 1	Level 3	Level 2
CSI4*, CSI3*	President + Foreign Judge (**) + 2 Members (*)	Level 3 Preferably from host nation	Level 3	Min. one Level 3; one National or Level 1	National or Level 1	Level 2	Level 2
CSI2* / CSIH2* CSIU25 Cat. A & B CSIJ/J/Ch/V/Am Cat. A CSIP	President + Foreign Judge + 2 Members (*)	Level 3 Preferably from host nation	Level 3	Min. one Level 2; one National or Level 1	National or Level 1	Level 2	Level 2
CSI1* / CSIH1* CSIJ/J/Ch/V/Am Cat. B	President + 3 Members (*)	Level 3 Preferably from host nation	Appointment of Foreign Judge recommended but not compulsory, Level 3	Min. two National or Level 1 if FJ appointed; Min. three National or Level 1 if FJ not appointed	National or Level 1	National or Level 1	National or Level 1

(...)

~~1.3. — Age of retirement for all Judges is 70 years. This applies also to National Judges officiating on the Ground Jury at International Jumping Events. A two-year extension period may be granted by the FEI Jumping Director in agreement with the Technical Committee a maximum of two times; the last extension period is valid until the end of the year in which the Judge reaches the age of 74.~~

5. Course Designers

(...)

5.1.7 OCs of Events with Competitions taking place in more than one arena and/or OCs of multiple Events held concurrently at the same venue may appoint more than one Course Designer. However, only one Course Designer may be appointed as the official Course Designer for each Event. Only the Course Designer who will be responsible for building the Grand Prix (and the Nations Cup for CSIOs) at the Event may be named in the Schedule as the official Course Designer for that particular category of Event. Additional Course Designer(s) at such Event(s) may not build courses for Competitions of a higher star level than their qualification allows.

5.1.78. Promotion of Course Designers

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

IJOC: ARTICLE 259 OFFICIALS

Explanation for Proposed Change

1.3. Age of retirement for all Judges is 70 years.

There is = FEI board decision for remove of the age limit of the officials.

Proposed Wording

This Paragraph has to be changed according the FEI board decision for remove of the age limit.

FEI FEEDBACK

The reference to the age limit has been removed as it will be replaced by the competency evaluation system; refer to the Committee’s proposed modifications to Art. 259 above.

IJOC: ARTICLE 259 OFFICIALS

Explanation for Proposed Change

5.2.3. A Technical Delegate (**Foreign or National**),
The reason: National means he is national official, but not FEI

Proposed Wording

The text to be (**Foreign or from the hosting country**),

FEI FEEDBACK

The proposal is supported.

GER NF: Article 259 – Officials

6. - Stewards

Explanation for Proposed Change

To have 6 Stewards at one minor event is definitively too many.

Proposed Wording

6.2. Foreign Steward

A Foreign Steward will be appointed by the FEI for all 5* Events and for all Events of Tours (FEI Jumping Events organised by the same OC at the same venue on at least two consecutive weekends), regardless of the star level; the Foreign Steward appointment ~~is included in the number of Stewards in addition to the appointment of the Chief Steward and the Assistant Stewards.~~

6.3. Assistant Stewards

All Assistant Stewards appointed to international Events must hold the status of Level 1 Steward at least. A minimum of four Assistant Stewards ~~- in case of the appointment of a Foreign Steward a minimum of three Assistant Stewards -~~ must be appointed for each Event; additional Assistant Stewards may need to be appointed, depending on the number of Events running concurrently at the same venue and/or the number of Competitions per day and/or the number of arenas operating at the same time and the number of horses entered for the Event and the size and layout of the venue.

FEI FEEDBACK

The proposal is deferred for consideration during the 2020 revision.

JUMPING COMMITTEE: ARTICLE 261 NORMAL COMPETITIONS AND GRAND PRIX COMPETITIONS

Explanation for Proposed Change

Clarification that the winner of the previous year's Grand Prix at a CSIO3* is also pre-qualified for the GP at that event the following year, in alignment with the policy for CSIO3* GPs.

Proposed Wording

4. Qualification for Grand Prix

4.1. If qualification conditions for Athlete/Horse are scheduled for the Grand Prix at a CSIO, it is compulsory that the formula given below is referred to.

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

4.1.1. The individual Jumping medal winners (Athletes) of the last Olympic and Pan American Games, of the last World and Continental Championships and the first placed Athlete/Horse combination in the last FEI World Cup™ Jumping Final.

4.1.2. 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 12 months.

4.1.3. 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* CSIO Event during the previous 12 months.

4.1.4. Eligible to participate in Grand Prix Competitions at 3* CSIO Events is the winner (Athlete/Horse combination) of the Grand Prix at that Event's Grand Prix the previous year, providing the previous year's Event was the same star level or a higher star level.

GER NF: Article 261 NORMAL COMPETITIONS AND GRAND PRIX COMPETITIONS

Explanation for Proposed Change

Editorial change. The edition “or under Table A with one or two jump-offs” gives doubt whether competitions with winning round, in two phases or over two rounds may also be scheduled as qualifying competitions for a Grand Prix.

Proposed Wording

4.3. 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 or two jump-offs **or with two rounds or with winning round or in two phase competitions (both phases Table A).**

FEI FEEDBACK

The proposal is supported but additional clarification has been added (in bold below).

Proposed Final Wording

4.3. 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 or two jump-offs **or with two rounds (Art. 273) or with winning round (Art. 276) or in normal two phase competitions (Art. 274.1.5.1-Art. 274.1.5.3, both phases Table A). Competitions in groups with winning round (Art. 275) and special two-phase Competitions (Art. 274.1.2) may not be used as qualifying competitions for the Grand Prix.**

GER NF: Article 261 - NORMAL COMPETITIONS AND GRAND PRIX COMPETITIONS

Paragraph 4.4

Explanation for Proposed Change

editorial change

Proposed Wording

4.4. All Athletes taking part in a Grand Prix at a CSIO or a CSI must have completed, with their Grand Prix Horse, the initial round of at least one FEI Competition among those listed below* prior to the Grand Prix. If an Athlete/Horse combination has completed the initial round of ~~an FEI one of the~~ **Competitions listed below*** prior to the Grand Prix (...)

FEI FEEDBACK

A clarification to this effect was already included in the 2019 rules:

4.4. All Athletes taking part in a Grand Prix at a CSIO or a CSI must have completed, with their Grand Prix Horse, the initial round of at least one FEI Competition among those listed below* prior to the Grand Prix. If an Athlete/Horse combination has completed the initial round of ~~an FEI one of these~~ **Competitions** prior to the Grand Prix (...)

IJOC: Art. 262 Power and skill competitions

1. General

Explanation for Proposed Change

1.6 Actual: There cannot be a fourth jump-off if Athletes have not had a faultless round in the third jump-off
Horse welfare issue

Proposed Wording

Suggested: There cannot be a **following** jump-off if Athletes have not had a faultless round in the **previous** jump-off

FEI FEEDBACK

This would change the concept of competitions with a jump-off in case of equality of penalties for first place; the proposal is deferred for consideration during the 2020 revision.

JUMPING COMMITTEE: ARTICLE 264 NATIONS CUP

Art. 264.4 Athletes

Explanation for Proposed Change

Clarification further to modifications to rules relating to falls (Art. 224 and 235).

Proposed Wording

4. Athletes

4.1. A full Nations Cup team comprises four 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 8.3 relating to a fall prior to crossing the start line.

4.2. If a team, comprising four 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.

8. Elimination and retirement

(...)

8.3. If a team is qualified to take part in the second round, an Athlete eliminated or retired or having had a fall prior to crossing the start line in the first round may start in the second round providing (in case of a fall prior to crossing the start line in the first round), the Athlete has been checked by the Event's medical service, and/or the Horse has been cleared by the Veterinary Delegate at the Event (Art.235.3). Refer to JRs Art. 264.1.5 for details relating to prize money for teams eliminated in the second round.

In case of a fall in the practice arena, the Ground Jury will give the Athlete in question a new starting position if considered necessary.

IJOC: ARTICLE 267 HIT-AND-HURRY COMPETITION and ARTICLE 268 RELAY

Explanation for Proposed Change

5. If an Athlete has a Disobedience and displaces or knocks down an obstacle, the fixed time must be decreased by six seconds and the bell must be rung accordingly.

Reason: If this happens when you have less than 6 sec before the end of the fixed time the procedure

Proposed Wording

Proposal: If Disobedience and displaces or knocks down an obstacle happens less than 6 sec before the end of the fixed time, the bell has to be rung immediately.

FEI FEEDBACK

The proposal is deferred for consideration during the 2020 revision.

IJOC: Art. 273 Competition over two rounds

Explanation for Proposed Change

a limited number of Athletes (either a percentage or a set number of Athletes, in any case at least 25%) return for the second round in accordance with their placing in the first round (Penalties and time or Penalties only, according to the conditions of the Schedule); the exact percentage or number of Athletes to return for the second round is to be mentioned in the Schedule.

Reason: To clarify how we calculate the number of the riders in the second round: from the declared or from the started

Proposed Wording

Suggested: 2.2. a limited number of Athletes (either a percentage or a set number of Athletes, in any case at least 25%) return for the second round in accordance with their placing in the first round (Penalties and time or Penalties only, according to the conditions of the Schedule); the exact percentage or number of Athletes to return for the second round is to be mentioned in the Schedule, **and is calculated according to the Athletes that have started in the preliminary round:**

FEI FEEDBACK

The proposal is not supported; the rule appears to be clear enough as written, i.e. that 25% (or the percentage indicated in the Schedule) will return for the second round based on their placing in the first round; this implies that the percentage is calculated based on the number that started in the first round.

JUMPING COMMITTEE: ARTICLE 274 COMPETITIONS IN TWO PHASES

Art. 274.1.6 Normal Two-Phase Competitions

Explanation for Proposed Change

Clarification to classification in case of elimination or retirement in 2nd phase added.

Proposed Wording

1. Normal Competition in Two-Phases

1.6 Athletes stopped after the first phase may only be placed after Athletes who have taken part in both phases. Athletes who are eliminated or who retire in the second phase will be placed equal last of all Athletes who completed the second phase.

JUMPING COMMITTEE: ARTICLE 276 COMPETITIONS WINNING ROUND

Art. 276.1 Two Rounds with Winning Round and 276.2 One Round with Winning Round

Explanation for Proposed Change

Clarification that Art. 247.2 (classification of athletes who withdraw/retire/are eliminated from the jump-off or second round) also applies to competitions with winning round.

Proposed Wording

1. Competition with two rounds and winning round

1.10. Refer to JRs Art. 247.2 for details on classification of Athletes who withdraw from the winning round or who are eliminated or who retire in the winning round~~will be placed equal last in the winning round.~~

2. Competition with one round and winning round (winning round: Athletes start with zero Penalties)

2.6 Refer to JRs Art. 247.2 for details on classification of Athletes who withdraw from the winning round or who are eliminated or who retire in the winning round~~will be placed equal last in the winning round.~~

IJOC: ANNEX IV REQUIREMENTS FOR TIMING EQUIPMENT AND SCOREBOARDS

Explanation for Proposed Change

For all Jumping events in the FEI Calendar, electronic timers, photocells and wireless transmission systems homologated by the FEI must be used. A list of these approved devices is published on the FEI website. Events using timing equipment other than those on the homologated FEI list will not be considered for FEI evaluation unless an exception has been authorised by the FEI Jumping Director (see JRs Art. 229.1). Specifications and procedures for timing are more fully described in the **Memorandum** for International Jumping Events, published on the FEI website.

2.2.1. Electronic Timing

See the **Memorandum** for International Jumping Events published on the FEI website for

Reason: Memorandum does not exist.

Proposed Wording

Proposal: Needs clarification

FEI FEEDBACK

References to the Memorandum will be removed from the rules as it has become obsolete further to the development of FEI Campus.

Jumping Committee: ANNEX VI CSI/CSIO REQUIREMENTS

Art. 1 CSI Requirements Worldwide

Explanation for Proposed Change

Clarification that the prize money requirements for the Grand Prix apply to the FEI World Cup™ competition at CSI-W events as it has the status of a GP.

Proposed Wording:

	CSIAm	CSI1*-2*	CSI 3*	CSI4*	CSI5*
Min. prize money for the GP ³	n/a	n/a	According to min. required for Longines Ranking point Group C	According to min. required for Longines Ranking point Group B	According to min. required for Longines Ranking point Group A

(...)

³ As all FEI World Cup™ Competitions have the status of a Grand Prix, the minimum prize money requirements indicated above for the Grand Prix are applicable to the FEI World Cup™ Competition. For CSI-W Events with a Grand Prix Competition in addition to the FEI World Cup™ Competition, the minimum prize money requirements ~~indicated above~~ for the Grand Prix apply only to the FEI World Cup™ Competition ~~as it has the status of a Grand Prix~~; the Grand Prix Competition at such Events cannot offer more prize money than the prize money offered for the FEI World Cup™ Competition. Refer to the FEI Jumping World Cup™ rules for details relating to date of implementation of this rule at CSI-W Events.

[The same clarification to be added to the CSIO requirements, i.e. for CSIO-W events.]

Jumping Committee: ANNEX VI CSI/CSIO REQUIREMENTS

Footing Requirements

Explanation for Proposed Change

On-site testing of the footing to be carried out at all 5* events as recommended by the FEI Footing Standard Working Group. Testing and evaluation of the functional properties of the competition arena surface, based on analysing and quantifying the interaction between hoof and surface to ensure that the arena surface meets the requirements as laid down in the FEI Footing Standard Document.

Proposed Wording:

	CSIAm	CSI1*-2*	CSI 3*	CSI4*	CSI5*
Footing	According to minimum standards				<u>On-site footing testing as established in the FEI Footing Standard; at OC expense</u>

[The same clarification to be added to the CSIO requirements, i.e. for CSIO5 events.]*

Jumping Committee: ANNEX VI CSI/CSIO REQUIREMENTS

Art. 2.2 Additional CSI Requirements for Europe

Explanation for Proposed Change

Clarification that the OC of CSI5* events should not have to pay for groom's hotel accommodation if the groom stays in the lorry and gives the room to someone else.

Proposed Wording:

	CSI1*-2*	CSI 3*	CSI4*	CSI5*
Accommodation for Grooms	At own expense	At own expense	At own expense	At OC expense <u>(if requested with the entries and providing the room is for the groom; if the groom transfers the room to another person the athlete's NF will be liable to reimburse the OC for the cost of the room)</u>
[The same clarification to be added to the CSIO requirements, i.e. for CSIO5* events.]				

USA NF: Annex VI 1 & 3 – Combined CSI/CSIOs

Explanation for Proposed Change

The majority of FEI events in North American are run in conjunction with a national event to ensure their viability. In most instances, the FEI event runs over a shorter period of time and offers few classes. This formula meets the needs of the athletes on both the national and international side; however, the national classes that are held prior to the beginning of the FEI event are beneficial for FEI horses as there are limited options in the FEI event.

Proposed Wording

Horses may take part in national Competitions and international Competitions at the same Event only under the following conditions:

- Horses may take part in national events up to 2 hours prior to the start of the international event's horse inspection ;
- ~~- If the national Event ends at the latest one hour prior to the start of the Horse Inspection of the international Event, Horses may take part in both;~~
- ~~- If the national Event ends later than one hour prior to the start of the Horse Inspection at the international Event, Horses may not take part in national Competitions and international Competitions;~~
- If the national Event includes Competitions on the day after the international Event ends, Horses having taken part in the international Event may take part in national Competitions on that day only, i.e. following the conclusion of the international Event.

FEI FEEDBACK

The proposal is supported with an additional clarification to the last sentence as indicated in red bold print below.

Proposed Final Wording

Horses may take part in national Competitions and international Competitions at the same Event only under the following conditions:

- Horses may take part in national events up to 2 hours prior to the start of the international event's horse inspection ;
- ~~- If the national Event ends at the latest one hour prior to the start of the Horse Inspection of the international Event, Horses may take part in both;~~
- ~~- If the national Event ends later than one hour prior to the start of the Horse Inspection at the international Event, Horses may not take part in national Competitions and international Competitions;~~
- If the national Event includes Competitions on the day after the international Event ends, Horses having taken part in the international Event may take part in national Competitions on that day only, i.e. **on the day** following the conclusion of the international Event.

GER NF: Annex VI CSI/CSIO REQUIREMENTS

Explanation for Proposed Change

Chart CSI Requirements the wording "below" has been altered. The competition has to be split as of 121 starters. In case there are 101 to 120 starters, additional prize-money has to be provided.

Proposed Wording

Max. N° of starters per competition
 Maximum 100 starters per Competition other than the GP (see below). ~~If more than 100 declared starters, the Competition must be split and additional prize money provided for the additional Competition.~~

FEI FEEDBACK

The proposal is deferred for consideration during the 2020 revision.

GER NF: Annex VI CSI/CSIO REQUIREMENTS

Explanation for Proposed Change

CSIAM events in general do not have a Grand Prix. The rule max. 1 horse per Athlete does not apply for CSIAM events either (see Art. 254.6, last sentence)

Proposed Wording

Requirements ~~CSIAM Amateur Owner~~

Max. N° of starters in Grand Prix: ~~n/a~~100

FEI FEEDBACK

Although it may be unlikely that Amateur events include a GP, the rules do not prohibit it. The proposal is deferred for consideration during the 2020 revision.

JUMPING COMMITTEE: ANNEX VIII QUALIFICATION PROCEDURES FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS AND GAMES

Minimum Eligibility Requirements for the World and Continental Championships

Explanation for Proposed Change

Stricter criteria for achieving the Minimum Eligibility Requirements for the World and Continental Championships are proposed, applicable for the 2021 CH-EU-S and 2022 WEG. The criteria for fulfilling the MERs for the Olympic Games will be reviewed after the 2020 Olympics.

Proposed Wording

3. **For the World Championship** Athletes/Horses must achieve the minimum eligibility requirements between 1 January of the year preceding the World Championship until the closing date for nominated entries, or a date established by the FEI. 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 penalties in the team Competition (first or second round) at the last European or World Championships or Pan American Games or Olympic Games or other Continental Championships for Seniors.

3.2. Athletes and Horses that have completed the ~~third Competition individual Final~~ at the last World Championship, or the individual Final at the last European Championship or Pan American Games or Olympic Games or other Continental Championships for Seniors.

3.3. Athletes and Horses with a Score of zero penalties in the first round of ~~two-three~~ FEI World Cup™ Competitions at selected outdoor CSI1*-W, CSI2*-W and CSI3*-W Events. Athletes and Horses that have completed the first round of ~~an two~~ FEI World Cup™ Competitions at ~~a~~ selected outdoor CSI4*-W Events with a Score of ~~not more than four zero~~ penalties. Athletes and Horses that have completed the first round of an FEI World Cup™

Competition at a selected outdoor CSI5*-W Event with a Score of not more than ~~eight-four~~ penalties.

3.4. Athletes and Horses with a Score of zero penalties in the first round of ~~two-three~~ Grand Prix Competitions at selected CSI3* outdoor Events.

3.5. Athletes and Horses with a Score of ~~not more than four-zero~~ penalties in the first round of ~~a-two~~ Grand Prix Competitions at ~~a~~ CSI4* outdoor Events.

3.6. Athletes and Horses with a Score of not more than ~~eight-four~~ penalties in the first round of a Grand Prix Competition at a CSI5* outdoor Event.

3.7. Athletes and Horses with a Score of zero Penalties in the first or second round of a Nations Cup Competition at three selected CSIO3* outdoor Events, or with a Score of zero Penalties in the first round of the Grand Prix Competition at three selected CSIO3* outdoor Events (or in the first round of the FEI World Cup™ Competition if it is the Grand Prix at the Event), provided the courses of these Competitions are built according to the specifications set forth in paragraph 6 below. The course plans of these Competitions must be sent to the FEI Jumping Director for approval prior to the Event.

3.8 Athletes and Horses with a Score of ~~not more than four-zero~~ Penalties in the first or second round or zero Penalties in the second round of a Nations Cup Competition at ~~a selected CSIO3* or two selected~~ CSIO4* outdoor Events, or with a Score of ~~not more than four-zero~~ Penalties in the first round of the Grand Prix Competition at ~~the same two selected~~ CSIO4* outdoor Events (or in the first round of the FEI World Cup™ Competition if it is the Grand Prix at ~~this the~~ Event), provided the courses of these Competitions are built according to the specifications set forth in paragraph 6 below. The course plans of these Competitions must be sent to the FEI for approval prior to the Event.

3.89. Athletes and Horses with a Score of not more than ~~eight-four~~ penalties in the first or second round of a Nations Cup Competition at a CSI5* outdoor Event, or with a Score of not more than ~~eight-four~~ penalties in the first round of the Grand Prix Competition at ~~the same a~~ CSIO5* Event (or in the first round of the FEI World Cup™ Competition if it is the Grand Prix at ~~this the~~ Event).

3.10 For the avoidance of doubt, Athletes and Horses that need to achieve a minimum score in the first round of more than one Grand Prix, FEI World Cup™ or Nations Cup Competition at selected CSI, CSI-W or CSIO3* and CSIO4* Events in order to earn a Certificate of Capability (paragraphs 3.3-3.5 and 3.6-3.8 above) may count the results obtained in the respective Grand Prix/FEI World Cup™/Nations Cup Competitions towards the overall total of minimum results required according to the star level of the Event. For example, Athletes and Horses with a score of zero penalties in the first round of one FEI World Cup™ Competition at a selected CSI1*/2*/3*-W Event and a score of zero penalties in the first round of a Grand Prix Competition at a selected CSI3* Event and a score of zero penalties in the first round of a Nations Cup Competition at a selected CSIO3* Event are considered to have fulfilled the minimum requirements for earning a Certificate of Capability at 3* Events.

3.11 Courses of selected Nations Cup, Grand Prix and FEI World Cup™ Competitions must comply at least with the minimum dimensions and technical requirements outlined under the mandatory requirements for courses of special qualifying competitions included in Art. 8 of this Annex. (At Events where the Schedule indicates that the height of obstacles in a qualifying Competition, e.g. the Grand Prix at a CSI3*, is 1.50 m, a special mention may be added to the Event Schedule that if the Competition is listed as a qualifying Competition for the Olympic Games, the World or Continental Championship, the compulsory two verticals at 1.60 m will be included in the course without it being considered to have exceeded the dimensions listed in the Schedule.)

4. **For the Continental Championship** Athletes/Horses must achieve the minimum eligibility requirements between 1 January of the year preceding the Continental Championship until the closing date for nominated entries, or a date established by the FEI. 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 Penalties in the team Competition (first or second round) at the last European or World Championships or Pan American Games or Olympic Games or other 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 the last European Championship or Pan American Games or Olympic Games or other Continental Championships for Seniors.
- 4.3. Athletes and Horses with a Score of zero Penalties in the first round of ~~an~~ three FEI World Cup™ Competitions at ~~a~~ selected outdoor CSI1*-W, CSI2*-W or CSI3*-W Events. Athletes and Horses that have completed the first round of ~~an~~ two FEI World Cup™ Competitions at ~~a~~ selected outdoor CSI4*-W Events with a Score of not more than four Penalties. ~~or Athletes and Horses that have completed the first round of an FEI World Cup™ Competition at a selected outdoor~~ CSI5*-W Event with a ~~total~~ Score of not more than eight penalties.
- 4.4. Athletes and Horses must have completed the first round of a Grand Prix Competition at ~~a~~ three selected CSI3* outdoor Events with a Score of zero Penalties.
- 4.5. Athletes and Horses must have completed the first round of a Grand Prix Competition at a two CSI4* or CSI5* outdoor Events with a Score of not more than eight zero Penalties.
- 4.6 Athletes and Horses with a Score of not more than eight four penalties in the first round of a Grand Prix Competition at a CSI5* outdoor Event.
- 4.67. Athletes and Horses with a Score of zero Penalties in the first or second round of a Nations Cup Competition at three selected CSIO3* outdoor Events, or with a Score of zero Penalties in the first round of the Grand Prix Competition at three selected CSIO3* outdoor Events (or in the first round of the FEI World Cup™ Competition if it is the Grand Prix at the Event), provided the courses of these Competitions are built according to the specifications set forth in paragraph 6 below. The course plans of these Competitions must be sent to the FEI Jumping Director for approval prior to the Event.
- 4.8 Athletes and Horses with a Score of not more than four zero Penalties in the first or second round of a Nations Cup Competition at a selected CSIO3* or two selected CSIO4* outdoor Events, or with a Score of not more than four zero Penalties in the first round of the Grand Prix Competition at the same two selected CSIO4* outdoor Events (or in the first round of the FEI World Cup™ Competition if it is the Grand Prix at this the Event), provided the courses of these Competitions are built according to the dimensions set forth in paragraph 6 below. The course plans of these Competitions must be sent to the FEI Jumping Director for approval prior to the Event.
- 4.79. Athletes and Horses with a Score of not more than eight zero Penalties in the first or second round of a Nations Cup Competition at a CSIO5* two selected CSIO4* outdoor Events, or with a Score of not more than eight zero Penalties in the first round of the Grand Prix Competition at the same two selected CSIO4* outdoor Events (or in the first round of the FEI World Cup™ Competition if it is the Grand Prix at this the Event), provided the courses of these Competitions are built according to the specifications set forth in paragraph 6 below. The course plans of these Competitions must be sent to the FEI for approval prior to the Event.
- 4.10 Athletes and Horses with a Score of not more than eight four penalties in the first or second round of a Nations Cup Competition at a CSIO5* outdoor Event, or with a Score of not more than eight four penalties in the first round of the Grand Prix Competition at the same a CSIO5* Event (or in the first round of the FEI World Cup™ Competition if it is the Grand Prix at this the Event).
- 4.11 For the avoidance of doubt, Athletes and Horses that need to achieve a minimum score in the first round of more than one Grand Prix, FEI World Cup™ or Nations Cup Competition at selected CSI, CSI-W or CSIO 3* and 4* Events in order to earn a Certificate of Capability (paragraphs (paragraphs 4.3-4.5 and 4.7-4.9 above) may count the results obtained in the respective Grand Prix/FEI World Cup™/Nations Cup Competitions towards the overall total of minimum results required according to the star level of the Event. For example, Athletes and

Horses with a score of zero penalties in the first round of one FEI World Cup™ Competition at a selected CSI1*/2*/3*-W Event **and** a score of zero penalties in the first round of a Grand Prix Competition at a selected CSI3* Event **and** a score of zero penalties in the first round of a Nations Cup Competition at a selected CSIO3* Event are considered to have fulfilled the minimum requirements for earning a Certificate of Capability at 3* Events.

~~6.4.12 Selected Nations Cup, Grand Prix Competitions and FEI World Cup™ qualifying Competitions must meet the following specifications: consist of at least 12 obstacles which may vary in height between 1.40 m and 1.60 m. The spread obstacles must have spreads of between 1.50 m to two metres and 2.00 m (2.20 m for the triple bar). At least two vertical obstacles must be provided with a minimum height of 1.60 m. (At Events where the Schedule indicates that the height of obstacles in a qualifying Competition, e.g. the Grand Prix at a CSI3*, is 1.50 m, a special mention may be added to the Event Schedule that if the Competition is listed as a qualifying Competition for the Olympic Games, the World or Continental Championship, the compulsory two verticals at 1.60 m will be included in the course without it being considered to have exceeded the dimensions listed in the Schedule.)~~

5. For CSI and CSIO Events mentioned above, selection will be made from Events which take place from the 1 January the year preceding the 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 by the FEI in the year preceding the Olympic Games or FEI Championship.

~~6. Selected Nations Cup, Grand Prix Competitions and FEI World Cup™ qualifying Competitions must meet the following specifications: consist of at least 12 obstacles which may vary in height between 1.40 m and 1.60 m. The spread obstacles must have spreads of between 1.50 m to two metres (2.20 m for the triple bar). At least two vertical obstacles must be provided with a minimum height of 1.60 m. At Events where the Schedule indicates that the height of obstacles in a qualifying Competition, e.g. the Grand Prix at a CSI3*, is 1.50 m, a special mention may be added to the Event Schedule that if the Competition is listed as a qualifying Competition for the Olympic Games, the World or Continental Championship, the compulsory two verticals at 1.60 m will be included in the course without it being considered to have exceeded the dimensions listed in the Schedule.~~

76. 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 Nations Cup Competition.

97. At Nations Cup, FEI World Cup™ and Grand Prix Competitions at selected CSI-W and CSI/CSIO 3*/4*/5* Events the Foreign Judge is responsible for ensuring that the course is built to the required dimensions and will confirm in his report to the FEI that the minimum requirements for obtaining Certificates of Capability have been achieved.

8. In exceptional circumstances, if an NF finds it impossible for its Athletes to qualify as above, it may request the FEI to send a foreign assessing delegate at the expense of the NF to assess the level of performance, at a special qualifying Competition; permission for a special qualifying Competition may be granted by the Jumping Committee. Special qualifying Competitions should be held at a CSI or a CSIO and must be run in accordance with the following FEI protocol.

The OC must inform the FEI of the exact dimensions of the outdoor arena (and any fixed elements) in order for the course plan to be designed. The OC must appoint an FEI Course Designer to build the course.

The FEI will appoint a Technical Delegate.

The FEI will appoint an international (foreign) judge to act as the assessing delegate.

The FEI will appoint an FEI Veterinarian to perform a horse inspection prior to jumping.

An FEI Steward must be present to carry out the usual duties of an FEI Steward including, but not limited to, the boot and bandage control.

In addition to the above an MCP test may be carried out on participating horses.

An exact time must be established for the special qualifying Competition.

All costs for the special qualifying Competition will be at the requesting NF's expense.

The Competition must be open to Athletes from other NFs and shall consist of one round.

The FEI will select an FEI Course Designer to design the course plan according to the following dimensions and technical requirements; the course plan must be sent to the FEI Director Jumping for approval.

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS:

- The first obstacle may be a vertical minimum height 1.45 m or an oxer minimum height 1.40 m for the front pole and 1.45 m for the back pole;
- One set of planks on flat cups (an exception may be allowed by the Course Designer in agreement with the President of the Ground Jury or the TD to remove it in case of extremely windy weather);
- Triple bar minimum 1.80 m spread and 1.50 m height;
- One wall or gate;
- One narrow vertical or spread obstacle with frontal width between 2.50 to 3.00 m;
- Minimum one triple and one double combination (three doubles are not allowed);
- The triple combination must have at least one oxer minimum 1.50 m height and 1.50 m spread, and at least one one-stride distance either from A to B or from B to C;
- Approximately 50% of the efforts must be vertical obstacles and 50% must be spread obstacles (e.g. oxer, triple bar, Swedish oxer, narrow oxer etc.). Nevertheless, no more than 55% of the efforts may be vertical and no more than 60% of the efforts may be spread obstacles, including the water jump if there is one;
- Two verticals (other than the wall) must have a height of 1.60 m;
- At least two spread obstacles with minimum height of 1.50 m and minimum spread of 1.60 m;
- Two liverpool obstacles, one vertical and one spread. If the course includes a water jump, a minimum of one liverpool will be allowed;
- Bend or straight line of up to six strides between two single obstacles;
- Depth of cups: minimum 50% of cups must have a depth of 18 mm; depth of cups maximum 20 mm if poles are 350-400 cm long;
- Minimum length of course 400 meters with a minimum speed of 375m/min;
- The course will include minimum 12 and maximum 14 obstacles.

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDED CRITERIA (at least two of the following recommended criteria must be included in the course):

- One line between two obstacles should be a forward line up to five strides;
- One bend or straight line up to seven strides with minimum three obstacles;
- Double combination in a bend or straight line with an obstacle before or after at maximum seven strides;
- A related distance bend or straight line of up to eight strides leading to the triple combination or up to seven strides following the triple combination;
- One of the combinations must have a related distance (maximum seven strides) with an obstacle (before or after the combination) in a straight line.

The FEI will provide the course plan to the Course Designer appointed by the OC on the morning of the special qualifying Competition.

Immediately following the Competition, the course plan and the results duly signed and confirmed by the FEI assessing delegate, must be sent to the FEI.

Special qualifying Competitions that do not meet the above requirements will not be validated.

Athletes/Horses scoring ~~eight-four~~ 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 ~~by misfortune~~ an Athlete/Horse combination has more than ~~eight-four~~ Penalties but shows a very good performance otherwise over the course, the foreign assessing delegate may let this combination repeat a similar

course. But in no case can an Athlete qualify if he has scored more than ~~eight~~four Penalties in the second round.

~~9. At Nations Cup, FEI World Cup™ and Grand Prix Competitions at selected CSI/CSIO 3*/4*/5* Events the Foreign Judge is responsible for ensuring that the course is built to the required dimensions and will confirm in his report to the FEI that the minimum requirements for obtaining Certificates of Capability have been achieved.~~

~~109.~~ 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.

~~110.~~ 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 117.6 of the GRs.

~~1211.~~ 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.

JUMPING COMMITTEE: ANNEX IX RULES FOR U25, YOUNG RIDERS & JUNIORS

Art. 6 Eligibility at International Events and Championships

Explanation for Proposed Change

Clarifications to criteria for achieving the MERs for the European Young Rider and Junior Championships.

Proposed Wording

ARTICLE 6 ELIGIBILITY AT INTERNATIONAL EVENTS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS

(...)

7. Certificates of Capability for FEI European Jumping Championships for Young Rider and Juniors

Only those Athletes and Horses competing internationally and likely to be able to complete the 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 between 1 January of the year preceding the Championship and the closing date for the Nominated Entries in Competitions satisfying the requirements as set forth in the JRs.

The procedure for qualification, set forth hereunder, must be strictly followed. Athletes and Horses are not required to qualify as combinations.

Upon arrival at the 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 European Young Rider and Junior Championships Athletes and Horses can qualify according to any one of the following paragraphs:

- 7.1. Athletes and Horses that participated in the previous year's FEI European Championship for Young Riders and Juniors in their respective age category.
- 7.2. **For the Young Rider Championship**, Athletes and Horses may qualify according to paragraphs 7.2.1, 7.2.2, 7.4 and 7.5 below:
- 7.2.1. Athletes and Horses must have completed the first round of a Grand Prix Competition at a CSI1* to CSI5* outdoor Event, or the first round of the main Competition at a CSI1* to CSI5* outdoor Event if it is not the Grand Prix, with a Score of not more than eight Penalties, providing the height of obstacles in the initial

round of the Grand Prix or the main Competition is ~~at least 1.30 m (for Juniors) or at least 1.40 m for Young Riders.~~

7.2.2. Athletes and Horses must have completed the first round of a Grand Prix Competition or the first round of a Nations Cup or Grand Prix Competition at a CSIO1* to CSIO5* outdoor Event with a Score of not more than eight Penalties, providing the height of obstacles in the initial round of the Grand Prix is ~~at least 1.30 m (for Juniors) or at least 1.40 m for Young Riders.~~

NB: Athletes may participate in the Grand Prix at CSI1* Events from the year in which they reach their 14th birthday and in the Grand Prix at CSI2* Events from the year in which they reach their 16th birthday (see JRs Art. 255). Athletes may participate in the Grand Prix at CSI3*/4*/5* Events and in the Nations Cup and Grand Prix at CSIO1* to CSIO5* Events from the year in which they reach their 18th birthday.

7.3. **For the Junior Championship**, Athletes and Horses may qualify according to paragraphs 7.3.1 to 7.5 below:

7.3.1. **Qualification through CSIs: Athletes and Horses** must have completed the first round of a Grand Prix Competition, or the first round of the main Competition at a CSI1* to CSI5* outdoor Event if it is not the Grand Prix, with a Score of not more than eight Penalties, providing the height of obstacles in the initial round of the Grand Prix or the main Competition is at least 1.30 m.

7.3.2. **Qualification through CSIOs: Athletes** must have completed the first round of a Nations Cup or Grand Prix Competition at a CSIO1* to CSIO5* outdoor Event with a Score of not more than eight Penalties, providing the height of obstacles in the initial round of the Grand Prix is at least 1.30 m.

Horses that have completed the first round of a Nations Cup or Grand Prix Competition at a CSIO1* to CSIO5* Event in the year preceding the Championship with a Score of not more than eight Penalties are qualified for the Junior Championship. A Horse that has taken part in a Nations Cup or Grand Prix Competition at a CSIO1* to CSIO5* Event in the year of the Championship is not eligible to take part in the Junior Championship (See JRs Annex IX, Art. 15.1.2: A Championship for Juniors is open to Horses which have not competed in a Nations Cup or Grand Prix at a CSIO for Seniors during the current year.)

NB: Athletes may participate in the Grand Prix at CSI1* Events from the year in which they reach their 14th birthday and in the Grand Prix at CSI2* Events from the year in which they reach their 16th birthday (See JRs Art. 255). Athletes may participate in the Grand Prix at CSI3*/4*/5* Events and in the Nations Cup and Grand Prix of CSIO1* to CSIO5* Events from the year in which they reach their 18th birthday.

7.4. Athletes and Horses must have completed the first round of a Grand Prix Competition in their own Category at a CSIU/J outdoor Event, or must have completed the first round of a Grand Prix Competition at a CSIU25 outdoor Event, or the first round of the main U25 Competition at a CSIU25 outdoor Event if it is not the Grand Prix, with a Score of not more than eight Penalties.

NB: Athletes may participate in CSIU25 Competitions from the year in which they reach their 16th birthday; Athletes may participate in CSIU25 Competitions from the year in which they reach their 14th birthday until the end of the year in which they reach their 15th birthday if the height of obstacles in the initial round does not exceed 1.40 m.

7.5. Athletes and Horses must have completed the first or second round of a Nations Cup Competition in their own Category at a CSIOY/J outdoor Event with a Score of not more than eight Penalties, or must have completed the first round of the Grand Prix Competition of their own Category, or in the first round of the main Competition of their own Category if it is not the Grand Prix, with a Score of not more than eight Penalties.

7.6. In exceptional circumstances, if an NF finds it impossible for its Athletes to qualify as above, it may 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, run in accordance with FEI protocol, consisting of one round with the dimensions as set forth on a course plan provided by the FEI. Athletes/ Horses scoring eight 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 an Athlete/ Horse combination has more than eight Penalties but shows a very good performance otherwise over the course, the foreign assessing delegate may let this combination repeat a similar course. But in no case can an Athlete qualify if he has scored more than eight Penalties over this course.

JUMPING COMMITTEE: ANNEX IX RULES FOR U25, YOUNG RIDERS & JUNIORS

Art. 13 Entries, Art. 14 Declaration of Starters, Art. 19 Individual Classification

Explanation for Proposed Change

As the Youth rules are silent on a number of issues, clarifications to the rules for Junior and Young Rider Championships (Annex IX) are proposed. It is also proposed to add the relevant modifications to the rules for Pony Riders (Annex XI) and for Children (Annex XII).

Proposed Wording

ARTICLE 13 ENTRIES

1. After the approval of the Schedule by the FEI Jumping Director, the invitations, together with the Schedule, are sent to the appropriate NFs of the Continent or Region by the host NF.
2. Teams
 - 2.1. Each NF may enter one team of not more than five Athletes and five 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 Championship.
 - 2.2. These five Athletes and five Horses are allowed to take part in the team Competition (see Art. 14.1 of this Annex) and individual Competitions of the Championship.
3. Individuals instead of teams

An NF, which cannot send a team, may enter one or two individual Athletes with one Horse each.
4. NFs are entitled to send one groom for each two Horses with a maximum of two grooms per team.
5. Entries shall be made in two phases in accordance with the GRs Art. 116.2.2(i) – 116.2.2(ii).

The Schedule may include a date by which NFs are to indicate whether the intention is to send only a team or a team and individuals or only individuals. The maximum number of nominated and definite entries of Athletes and Horses that may be entered in the Continental Jumping Championship for Juniors or in the Continental Jumping Championship for Young Riders is as follows:

- Nominated entries: 10 Athletes and 10 Horses
- Definite entries: 5 Athletes and 5 Horses

6. Athletes and Horses entered for a Championship on the list of nominated entries (four weeks before the Championship) can be replaced and additions can be made within the limits specified in GRs Art. 116.2.3(i) until the date of definite entries (at the latest four days before the start of the Championship).

In the event of an accident or illness of an Athlete and/or Horse, substantiated by a certificate from an official recognised doctor and/or veterinarian, between the date of definite entries and one hour before the first Horse Inspection of the 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.

ARTICLE 14 DECLARATION OF STARTERS AND SUBSTITUTIONS

1. Declaration of Teams
 - 1.1. For Regional and Continental Championships in Europe, Chefs d'Equipe must declare the composition of their team (minimum three, maximum four Athletes/Horses) to the OC in writing, before 18.00 hours, on the day preceding the second Competition (Team Final). The fifth pair (Athlete/Horse) may take part in the second Competition as an individual and in the third (Individual Final) Competition if qualified.
 - 1.2. For Regional and Continental Championships outside of Europe, the Chefs d'Equipe must declare the composition of their team (minimum three, maximum four Athletes/Horses) to the OC in writing, before 18.00 hours, on the day preceding the first Competition. The fifth pair (Athlete/Horse) may take part in the first and second Competitions as an individual, and in the third (Individual Final) Competition if qualified.
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 of the four team Athletes or to one of the four Horses, provided the Chef d'Equipe obtains the approval of the Ground Jury. Such substitution may be made up to one hour before the start of the first round of the Team Final.
3. If the Championship is held during a CSI the OC may allow the Athletes participating in the Championship to take part with different Horses in the Competitions of the CSI (Article 7 above). The Horses to be ridden in the Championship must, however, be declared before arrival at the Event and may not be substituted.

4. Substitution

In the event of an accident or illness of an Athlete and/or Horse between the submission of declarations and one hour before the start of the first championship Competition, the Athlete and/or the Horse may, on presentation of a certificate from an officially recognised doctor and/or with the permission of the Veterinary Commission and after approval of the President of the Ground Jury and the Appeal Committee, be replaced by another Athlete and/or Horse formally entered with the definite entries or substituted according to Art. 13.6.

ARTICLE 19 INDIVIDUAL CLASSIFICATION

1. The overall individual placing classification is determined for each Athlete by the addition of Penalties incurred in the first Competition, the two rounds of the second Competition (disregarding the Penalties incurred in a possible jump-off) and the two 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 jump-offs are required, the jump-off for the third place shall precede the jump-off for the second and the first place.
4. ~~Two classifications for the Individual Final Competition must be provided; one for the individual Medal winners and another~~ In addition to the overall individual classification (see Art. 19.1), there will be a separate classification, with prizes, for all Athletes taking part in this the third Competition (Individual Final); For the latter for this

classification only the results from Rounds A and B count. Athletes with equality of penalties are placed equal.

**FRA NF: Annex IX RULES FOR UNDER 25 (U25), YOUNG RIDERS AND JUNIORS
Annex XI Rules FOR PONY RIDERS
Annex XII Rules FOR CHILDREN'S RIDERS
NC Youth rules.**

Explanation for Proposed Change

After the 2 rounds of the NC when 2 teams are leading the ranking with the same score, there is a jump off to define the winning team and the second team.

- At senior NC : the chef d'équipe determines which member of his team will participate
- At Youth NC : all riders of the 2 teams will participate at the jump off

It would be more logical to apply the same rule for youth categories as it is in senior. Especially for Children riders who jump only 1m25 during the 2 rounds, it happens regularly to have 2 or 3 teams with the same score, and so all are taking part at the jump off. In term of horse welfare it seems not the best to add an extra round to all horses. In term of safety Children riders may not all have a sufficient control and awareness to ride this jump off.

Proposed Wording

[no wording proposed]

FEI FEEDBACK

The proposal is deferred for consideration during the 2020 revision.

USA NF: ANNEX IX RULES FOR UNDER 25 (U25), YOUNG RIDERS AND JUNIORS

Article 14.1.2

Explanation for Proposed Change

The rule change which was introduced for this year had the unintended consequence of not allowing a team to declare the four athlete/horse combinations after the 1st competition as is permitted for the Europe. The proposed language addresses the concerns of solidifying the 3 to 5 athlete/horse combinations prior to the 1st Competition (which is sometimes in question as individuals may be combined to form a team).

Proposed Wording

1.2 For Regional and Continental Championships outside of Europe, the Chefs d'Equipe must declare the composition of their team (minimum three, maximum ~~five~~ ~~four~~ Athletes/Horses) to the OC in writing, before 18.00 hours, on the day preceding the first Competition. **If a Team is comprised of five athlete/horse combinations, the Chef d'Equipe must declare the four athlete/horse combinations who will compete on the Team for the second competition (Team Competition) on the day preceding the second competition.** The fifth pair (Athlete/Horse) may take part in the first and second Competitions as an individual, and in the third (Individual Final) Competition if qualified.

FEI FEEDBACK

The rules were modified for 2019 further to comments that the format used for Europe (best three of five scores counting in the first competition, declaration of teams after the first competition) which was introduced in the 2018 rules for North and South America gave an advantage to stronger NFs that were able enter teams of five. The Committee therefore recommends that the proposal be deferred for consideration during the 2020 revision.

JUMPING COMMITTEE: ANNEX IX RULES FOR U25, YOUNG RIDERS & JUNIORS

Art. 17 Competitions at Young Rider and Junior Championships

Explanation for Proposed Change

Correction in alignment with the maximum spread allowed for the water jump.

Proposed Wording

1. First qualifying Competition: *Obstacles and other technical requirements*

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

2. Team Final: *Obstacles and other technical requirements*

	Young Riders	Juniors
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
Maximum spread of the water jump (compulsory)	4.20 4.00 m	3.70 m
Minimum/maximum length of the course	500/600 m	500/600 m
Speed	400 m/min.	375 m/min.

USA NF: ANNEX IX RULES FOR UNDER 25 (U25), YOUNG RIDERS AND JUNIORS

Article 17.2 – Obstacles and Courses

Explanation for Proposed Change

For the North American Championships, it would be beneficial for the development of athletes as well as allowing for greater participation at the Championship for the First and Second Competition be held at a 1.45M. Then the Individual Final could remain at 1.50M for the strongest competitors.

Proposed Wording

2. Team Final: Obstacles and other technical requirements

Young Riders: Maximum height: ~~1.50~~1.45m

FEI FEEDBACK

The rules refer to the maximum height allowed; the height indicated in the Schedule should be established in accordance with the level of the sport in the continent concerned.

IJOC: ANNEX XI RULES FOR PONY RIDERS

Explanation for Proposed Change

The pony riders are not capable to work with double reins.

Proposed Wording

Suggestion supported i.e. to reinforce **JRs Annex XI** Art 21, 1.1 Reins must be attached to the bit or the connecting piece, or directly to the bridle. Only running unrestricted martingales are allowed. Double bridles are not allowed....

And to delete **JRs Annex XI** Art 21, 2.3 Draw reins (running reins) are forbidden in the Competition arena except during prize giving ceremonies and march-past parades.

Draw reins are never allowed for ponies anywhere on the grounds of the event.

FEI FEEDBACK

The proposal is deferred for consideration during the 2020 revision, at which time a the rules on saddlery for all categories will be fully reviewed.

USA NF: ANNEX XII RULES FOR CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Article 3.1 – Definition of Children

Explanation for Proposed Change

In order to encourage greater participation on the Children's events, we propose to raise the age by one year to 15. In the US, we want to do all we can to encourage young athletes to participate in FEI level Jumping events and we believe it would be very beneficial for Development if athletes at the age of 15 could still compete at 1.20M.

When one analyzes the current age ranges for Junior 14-18, Young Rider 16-21, U25 16-25, athletes are eligible for 5 years, 6 years and 10 years respectively and have an overlap of ages of 3 years or greater. These ages acknowledge the varying developmental needs by providing an overlap in the ages as well as providing a minimum of 5 year period for athletes to develop within a given age category. For Ch, athletes are only eligible for 3 years and the ages only overlap with J for one year. By extending the age to 15, this will allow athletes to be eligible for 4 years and allow 2 years of overlap with the J category providing for greater opportunity for athletes to develop within the abilities.

We do not believe this will impact Junior competitions and will in fact provide a more effective pathway for young athletes. We acknowledge that this change will have to be made across all disciplines and have discussed this with our dressage in the U.S.

Proposed Wording

1. An Athlete may compete in the Children's category from the beginning of the calendar year in which he reaches the age of 12 until the end of the calendar year in which he reaches the age of ~~14~~ 15.

FEI FEEDBACK

As the age range for the Children's category is defined in the GRs, the Committee recommended that the proposal be discussed by the Chairs of the disciplines concerned on the occasion of the June Board meeting. Refer to the Memo to NFs concerning the General Regulations.

GER NF: Annex XIII - RULES FOR AMATEUR OWNER CATEGORY

Article 1 – Requirements

1.4 Age of Athletes

2. Age of horses

Explanation for Proposed Change

The age of athletes and horses has to be adapted to the new categories
In all CSI1* - 5* events athletes in which they reach their 12th birthday until the end of the year in which they reach their 13th birthday may participate in all competitions providing the height of obstacles in the initial round does not exceed 1.30 m.

In all CSI1* and CSI2* events horses of 6 years and older may participate. In CSIAm events the maximum height is 1,40 m, in CSI1* events the maximum height in the initial round 1,40 m and in CSI2* event the maximum height in the initial round is 1,45 m

Proposed Wording

1.4. Athletes may participate in all ~~CSI AmAmateur~~ Competitions from the year in which they reach the age of 14 years.

Athletes from the year in which they reach their 12th birthday until the end of the year in which they reach their 13th birthday may participate in ~~CSIAmAmateur-B~~ Competitions ~~providing the height of obstacles in the initial round does not exceed 1.30 m.~~

2. Horses must be minimum seven years old to take part in ~~Category A Amateur Events and AmateurCSIAm~~ Championships and minimum six years old to take part in ~~CSIAm A and BCategory-B-Amateur~~ Events.

FEI FEEDBACK

The proposal is supported.

Proposed Final Wording

1.4. Athletes may participate in all ~~CSI Amateur~~ Competitions from the year in which they reach the age of 14 years. Athletes from the year in which they reach their 12th birthday until the end of the year in which they reach their 13th birthday may participate in ~~CSI Amateur B~~ Competitions providing the height of obstacles does not exceed 1.30 m (see JRs Art. 255.2).

2. Horses must be minimum ~~seven-six~~ years old to take part in ~~Category A CSI Amateur Events and~~ minimum seven years old to take part in Amateur Championships ~~and minimum six years old to take part in Category B Amateur Events.~~

GER NF: Annex XIII - RULES FOR AMATEUR OWNER CATEGORY

Article 2 - INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

Explanation for Proposed Change

CSIAm is meanwhile the usual term, but is not really explained in the rules

Proposed Wording

Annex XIII - RULES FOR AMATEUR OWNER CATEGORY (CSIAm)

Article 2 - INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

1. International Events for "Amateur Owners" may be organised as ~~CSIAm A-Category-A~~ events (with prize money) or as ~~CSIAm BCategory-B~~ events (without prize money). The maximum height allowed for ~~CSIAmAmateur-Owner~~ Competitions is 1.40 m, with a proportional spread not exceeding 1.55 m (except the triple bar).

FEI FEEDBACK

The proposed abbreviation "CSIAm" in Art. 2.1 is supported, but reference to Category A & B is maintained in alignment with terminology used in rules for V/Y/J/Ch categories.

Proposed Final Wording

Annex XIII - RULES FOR AMATEUR OWNER CATEGORY

Article 2 - INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

1. International Events for "Amateur Owners" may be organised as CSIAm Category A events (with prize money) or as CSIAm Category B events (without prize money). The maximum height allowed for Amateur Owner Competitions is 1.40 m, with a proportional spread not exceeding 1.55 m (except the triple bar).

FRA NF: ANNEX XIII RULES FOR AMATEUR OWNER CATEGORY

ARTICLE 1 REQUIREMENTS

Explanation for Proposed Change

As it is not anymore possible to have prize money in CSI Am B, OCs are only organizing CSI Am A which is not open to children riders.
So we suggest to open CSI Am A to children riders.

Proposed Wording

1.4. Athletes may participate in all Amateur Competitions from the year in which they reach the age of ~~14~~ **12** years.
Athletes from the year in which they reach their 12th birthday until the end of the year in which they reach their 13th birthday may participate in Amateur ~~B~~ **A** Competitions **providing the height of obstacles in the initial round does not exceed 1.30 m.**

FEI FEEDBACK

The proposal is supported; refer to proposed final wording under GER NF proposal above.

BEL NF: New competition format
Art 238.3 Competition against an ideal time
Art 269 Competition against an ideal time

Explanation for Proposed Change

In lower level classes, we have a competition format in Belgium called the "Ideal Time". We would propose to add it also to the FEI Jumping Rules as it is a good format for educational, lower level classes, creating a level playing field, based on objective criteria.

The format can be added in the table A format, but also in the accumulator classes.

Proposed Wording

Art 238.3 Competition against an ideal time

1. Athletes with equality of Penalties for any place are placed in accordance with the difference (in absolute values) in time taken to complete the round and the pre-calculated ideal time.
2. This competition does not have a time allowed, but there is a time limit. The following time limits are applicable.
 - (i) Three minutes, if the length of the course is 600m or more, OR (ii) Two minutes, if the length of the course is less than 600m.
3. The course plan does not contain the length of the course and the ideal time is not mentioned neither. The ideal time only gets announced at the end of the class for all competitors. The time limit is mentioned on the course plan. The electronic time keeping device is used to show the countdown and the time realized by the athlete.
4. In exceptional cases, and according to the limitations outlined in article 204.3, the ground jury, in consultation with the course designer, can change the ideal time after 3 combinations

Art 269 Competition against an ideal time

3. This Competition may take place either with the first round against the clock without a jump-off, or against the clock or not against the clock with a jump-off in case of equality of points for first place following the initial round, **or against an ideal time**. In case of a jump-off there will be a minimum of six 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. **If the Competition takes place against an ideal time, Athletes are placed according to the points obtained in the first round and the difference (in absolute values) in time taken to complete the round and the pre-calculated ideal time. In this last case, the principles as outlined in article 238.3 are also taken into account.***

FEI FEEDBACK

The proposal is deferred for consideration during the 2020 revision.

NED NF : NEW Article

Explanation for Proposed Change

We have the opinion that if an OC organizes an event with two ranking competitions the rider should have the opportunity to compete in at least one ranking competition in relation to the entry fee.

For example:

During CSI2 Opglabbeek was a qualifying competition for the riders on Thursday to qualify for the first ranking competition on Friday which was also the qualifier for the second ranking competition (Grand Prix) on Sunday. What means that the riders who had a 'of' day on Thursday couldn't compete in any ranking competition at all.

Proposed Wording

[no wording proposed]

FEI FEEDBACK

As the proposal relates to the Longines Rankings it must be considered by the Longines Ranking Working Group and covered in the rules for the Longines Rankings; the proposal is therefore deferred for consideration until the 2020 revision.

BEL NF: Stewarding

Explanation for Proposed Change

Stewarding has been evolving over time. Last few years, many updates to the stewarding manual have been made, but seen the evolution of modern sport, it is useful to re-evaluate some of the measures that are outlined in the manual and in different sections of the rules. Namely with regards to difference between horses and pony's and categories of riders (youth and seniors), it would make sense to review these aspects. On top of that, riders are asking for consistency by the officials in applying the rules. Because of the complexity, lots of officials are getting confused.

A few clear examples about these differences.

- Standing martingale is only allowed for children classes. Can't we remove this? It is not allowed for all other categories. Why should it be allowed for children?
- The allowed nosebands for pony's and children are very limited. What is the reasoning behind this? Why not open up the allowed nosebands for these categories as well, just like for all other age categories? What makes pony's so different to the horses classes?
- Sheepskin is not allowed for nosebands at pony events, whilst it is allowed for all other competitions. What is the reasoning behind this?
- Spurs for pony riders have clear restrictions. Wouldn't it make sense to apply universal restrictions for all categories instead of limit this to pony riders? This could also reduce the number of blood cases leading to eliminations but also creating a negative perception of our sport.

Proposed Wording

The stewarding aspect in view of the welfare of the horse is a crucial and very important aspect in the modern sport. Riders are looking for consistency across all ages and all categories and also the officials are getting lost in the numerous rules specifically because of the differences and inconsistencies between the different categories. The items outlined above could already help a lot!

FEI FEEDBACK

Clarifications with regard to saddlery were added to the rules for 2019 in an effort to harmonise the rules across all age categories. A modification has also been proposed to Art. 257 for 2020 to prohibit rowel spurs for notched edges. The rules on saddlery for all categories will be fully reviewed during the 2020 revision.

BEL NF: STEWARDING AND SAFETY IN THE WARM-UP

Explanation for Proposed Change

Sometimes we see people standing after the fence, acting as a human landing pole in the warm-up. Can we mention in the stewarding manual that this is not allowed. Unfortunately, in Belgian we had a fatal accident (on a national show) in such a situation, with a horse kicking after landing after the jump and hitting the owner of the horse. The occurred injury was fatal.

FEI FEEDBACK

The Committee considered the possibility of including a modification to Art. 201 (Schooling areas) to forbid any person to position himself behind an obstacle in the practice arena when a horse is approaching the obstacle, with a penalty of a yellow card to any athlete approaching the jump when someone is behind the obstacle on the landing side. This would not only require the presence of an additional steward in the practice arena to effectively implement the rule, but from a legal perspective a rule to this effect could potentially be abused in such a way as to sabotage a rider. Further to input from the Legal Department no proposal has been included in the rules. As a matter of good safety practices the steward has the authority to intervene, for safety reasons, if a person is standing on the landing side of the obstacle when a horse is approaching.

JUMPING COMMITTEE: GLOSSARY TO THE JUMPING RULES

Definition of Fees

Explanation for Proposed Change

Clarification to compulsory fees

Proposed Wording

- Fees:
- Compulsory Fee: Compulsory Fees are fees that may be charged by the OC for costs/services not included in the Entry Fee. Compulsory Fees, if charged, must be paid by ~~all the Athletes taking part in the Event~~ concerned as outlined below. Only the following Compulsory Fees may be charged by the OC, providing full details of the amount to be charged is included in the Schedule and approved by the FEI:
 - NF fee if applicable
 - NF medication control programme fee if applicable
 - FEI EADCMR fee if applicable (OC to indicate in the Schedule if the EADCMR fee is included in the Entry Fee or not)
 - Fee for health/customs-related documents for Horses if applicable these have been requested by the Athlete.
 - Fee for manure disposal (maximum € 40 per horse per Event)

- Fee for lorry parking if applicable (~~Athletes may opt out of this fee only if they do not have a lorry at the Event~~The fee indicated in the Schedule is to be charged per lorry not per Athlete.)
- Fee for electric hook-up for lorry (~~Athletes may opt out of this fee only if they do not have a lorry at the Event~~The fee indicated in the Schedule is to be charged per lorry, not per Athlete.)

JUMPING COMMITTEE: RULES FOR JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS AND GAMES

Art. 315/327/328 PRIZE MONEY FOR INDIVIDUAL PLACING AT WEG & CH-EU

Explanation for Proposed Change

Clarification to distribution of prize money overall Individual classification;
Clarification to distribution of prize money for Round B of the Individual Final at CH-EU;
Clarification to distribution of prize money for overall Individual classification at CH-EU.

Proposed Wording

ARTICLE 315 PRIZES & MEDALS [OVERALL INDIVIDUAL CLASSIFICATION WEG]

1. Prizes must be awarded for individual placing in each Competition. The allocation of prizes must follow the provisions of the GRs.
2. Prize money must be awarded for the overall individual placing in the Championship, and must be distributed to all Athletes taking part in the Individual Final as follows:
 - 25% of the prize money for the overall classification in the Championship will be ~~distributed in accordance with the prize money distribution table published in the Schedule, to divided equally among~~ the Athletes placed 13th to 25th in the overall individual placing in the Championship following Round A. If fewer than 25 Athletes take part in Round A, the prize money foreseen for ~~Athletes placed 13th to 25th the vacant placings~~ will be added to the prize money foreseen for Athletes placed 1st to 12th in the overall classification following Round A (see below) ~~distributed among the Athletes placed 13th to last in the overall individual placing in the Championship following round A.~~
 - 75% of the prize money for the overall classification in the Championship will be distributed to the Athletes placed 1st to 12th in the overall individual placing in the Championship following Round B. ~~If fewer than 12 Athletes take part in Round B, If one one of the 12 best placed Athletes following Round A withdraws from Round B, the prize money foreseen for the first 12 placings will be redistributed among those who do take part. he will receive the same amount of prize money as each of the Athletes placed 13th to last in the overall classification following Round A. This amount will be deducted from the prize money foreseen for the 12th placing and the balance will be redistributed among the Athletes placed 1st to 11th in Round B. If fewer than 25 Athletes take part in Round A, the prize money foreseen for the vacant placings will be added to the prize money foreseen for the Athletes placed 1st to 12th in the overall classification following Round A and will be redistributed to the Athletes taking part in Round B.~~

ARTICLE 327 THIRD COMPETITION (INDIVIDUAL FINAL) [CH-EU-S]

3. Participation
 - 3.1 Round A

Round A of the third Competition is compulsory for the 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 or more of these 25 best placed Athletes are unable to start, they will be replaced by the next best placed Athlete(s) from the reserve list of Athletes.

3.2 Round B

Round B of the third Competition is open to the 12 best placed Athletes and Horses according to the cumulative Penalties over the first and second Competitions and Round A of the third Competition. In case of Athletes with equality of Penalties for 12th place, the result in Round A of the third Competition will be the deciding factor. In case of further equality of Penalties, the time of Round A will be used to break the tie. ~~If less than 12 Athletes take part in for any reason one of the 12 best placed Athletes withdraws from Round B, he will not be replaced and he will receive the same amount of prize money as each of the Athletes placed 13th to last in the overall classification following Round A. Refer to Art. 328.2 for details on the distribution of prize money for the overall classification the prize money foreseen for the 12 placings will be redistributed among those who do take part in Round B; Athletes who do not take part in Round B are not eligible to receive prize money.~~

ARTICLE 328 PRIZES AND MEDALS [OVERALL INDIVIDUAL CLASSIFICATION CH-EU]

2. Prize money must be awarded for the overall individual placing in the Championship, and must be distributed to all Athletes taking part in the Individual Final as follows:

2.1 —25% of the prize money for the overall classification in the Championship will be ~~distributed in accordance with the prize money distribution table published in the Schedule, to divided equally among~~ the Athletes placed 13th to 25th in the overall individual placing in the Championship following Round A. If fewer than 25 Athletes take part in Round A, the prize money foreseen for ~~Athletes placed 13th to 25th the vacant placings~~ will be added to the prize money foreseen for Athletes placed 1st to 12th in the overall classification following Round A (see below) ~~distributed among the Athletes placed 13th to last in the overall individual placing in the Championship following round A.~~

2.2 —75% of the prize money for the overall classification in the Championship will be distributed to the Athletes placed 1st to 12th in the overall individual placing in the Championship following Round B. ~~If fewer than 12 Athletes take part in Round B, If one one of the 12 best placed Athletes following Round A withdraws from Round B, the prize money foreseen for the first 12 placings will be redistributed among those who do take part. he will receive the same amount of prize money as each of the Athletes placed 13th to last in the overall classification following Round A. This amount will be deducted from the prize money foreseen for the 12th placing and the balance will be redistributed among the Athletes placed 1st to 11th in Round B. If fewer than 25 Athletes take part in Round A, the prize money foreseen for the vacant placings will be added to the prize money foreseen for the Athletes placed 1st to 12th in the overall classification following Round A and will be redistributed to the Athletes taking part in Round B.~~

ITA NF: CHAPTER III CONTINENTAL & REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (Y/J)
ARTICLE 13 ENTRIES
Explanation for Proposed Change

Currently NFs are allowed to declare for the nominated entries **10 COMBINATIONS** but in our opinion it would be advisable that each NF have the possibility to enter 10 athletes with 20 horses (i.e. one athlete with 2 horses each) all of course endowed with the relative certificates of capability.

In fact there can be NFs forced to renounce, according to the current rules, to a good rider entered in the nominated entries in case his/her horse gets injured one month before the Ch-Eu and this means a loss in terms of quality of the participation.

This system would be furthermore in analogy to what already applies to Seniors:

RULES FOR JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS AND GAMES Chapter II – Continental Championship 26th edition, effective 1 January 2018
ARTICLE 319 ENTRIES

1. After approval of the Schedule by FEI Jumping Director, the invitations for this Championship together with the Schedule, are sent by the host NF to all NFs affiliated to the FEI, in the Continent where the Championship is to take place.
2. Athletes and Horses entered for a Championship on the list of nominated entries (four weeks before the Championship) can be replaced and additions can be made within the limits specified in GRs Art. 116.2.3(i) until the date of definite entries (at the latest four days before the start of the Championship). In the event of an accident or illness of an Athlete and/or Horse, substantiated by a certificate from an official recognised doctor and/or veterinarian, between the date of definite entries and one hour before the first Horse Inspection of the 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 Athletes and three Horses and at most five Athletes and 10 Horses. **Each qualified NF may enter a maximum of 10 Athletes and 20 Horses with its nominated entries** and a maximum of five Athletes and 10 Horses with its definite entries; however, each NF may only send a maximum of five Athletes, of whom four may participate in the Championship, and ten Horses. Each NF may in addition send a Chef d'Equipe to whom will be accorded the same privileges as the Athletes.

Proposed Wording

5. Entries shall be made in two phases in accordance with the GRs Art. 116.2.2(i) – 116.2.2(ii).

The Schedule may include a date by which NFs are to indicate whether the intention is to send only a team or a team and individuals or only individuals. The maximum number of nominated and definite entries of Athletes and Horses that may be entered in the Continental Jumping Championship for Juniors or in the Continental Jumping Championship for Young Riders is as follows:

- Nominated entries: 10 Athletes **and 20 Horses**
- Definite entries: 5 Athletes and 5 Horses

FEI FEEDBACK

The proposal is deferred for consideration during the 2020 revision.

**ITA NF: FEI Regulations for Equestrian Events at the Youth Olympic Games
CHAPTER II – JUMPING**

Article 20 - RULES FOR THE JUMPING COMPETITIONS 20.2.2 Second Competition – Final Individual Competition

Explanation for Proposed Change

For the purpose of deeply testing the technical value of the youngsters the 3 medals should be awarded according to the same medal allocation system traditionally used with the former WEG format, i.e. establishing a “final Three”.

In fact considering that YOG are run with **borrowed horses** and these are assigned to the riders by a draw, the classification using the “**Final Three**” format would reflect indeed the pure technical ability of a rider while minimizing the “luck” element in the whole performance: we know in fact that the quality of the horses may be uneven and varied and that unluckily a good rider could draw a bad horse and thus be disadvantaged by the very horses’ assignment and viceversa in case of a good horse. The Final Three formula would grant therefore equal grounds for the riders; besides it would not be too demanding in terms of timetabling/TV and last but not least we believe this system would increase and boost the potentials of spectacularity of the Final itself, granting grip to the public’s attention and involvement, besides providing the audience with a show of true horsemanship.

Proposed Wording

Format

Two rounds A and B judged under Table A not against the clock in the first round and against the clock in the second round with a jump-off against the clock in case of equality of penalties for 1st, 2nd and/or 3rd place. (Art. 273.3.5 and 273.4.4 of the FEI Jumping Rules).

All competitors participate in Round A.

All competitors who complete Round A go forward to Round B. The penalties in the two rounds are added. The competitors will be invited to inspect the course of Round B.

Starting order

The starting order for Round A is established according to a draw.

The starting order for Round B will follow the reverse order of the penalties incurred in Round A.

The competitor with the greatest number of penalties will start first; the competitor with the least penalties will start last.

Competitors with equality of penalties retain the same starting order as in Round A.

~~The order of starting in the possible jump-off will be the same as in Round B.~~

FINAL:

1. The three best placed Athletes for the Final are selected by adding the Penalties incurred by each Athlete in the first two rounds (A+B).

In the event of equality of Penalties for the first three places, the best score obtained in the second round will decide which Athlete qualify.

In the event of further equality the best score in the second round and time of the second round will decide.

2. The conduct and starting order of the Final Three Competition

Each Athlete must jump the course with each of the three Horses qualified for this Final, starting with his own and following the order shown in the table below.

The leading Athlete going into the Final Three Competition will start last in the first round.

3. Rotation of the Athletes

Horse C Horse B Horse A

Athlete c b a 1st round

Athlete c b a 2nd round

Athlete b a c 3rd round**4. Schooling the Horses for the Final**

Each Athlete in the Final will use the exercise or the schooling area to school his own Horse. The Athletes may school the other Horses to be ridden in subsequent rounds, for three minutes in a special enclosure built in the main arena in which there will be a vertical and a spread practice obstacle. These obstacles will not exceed 1.25 m in height or 1.35 m in spread.

After the first round, each finalist remains in the enclosure with his Horse.

Except for Officials, the only people allowed inside the enclosure are the Athlete, the Chef d'Equipe, the trainer and the groom for each Horse taking part. After each Athlete has finished the course with his own Horse, he may school the Horse he is to ride in the next round. The three-minute period will start when the Athlete mounts the Horse.

The time used of the three-minute period must be shown on the scoreboard or other display beside the arena, clearly visible for the Athlete. The end of this time will be announced to the Athlete by ringing the bell. The Athlete may only jump the vertical obstacle once and the spread obstacle once or the same obstacle twice.

5. Saddlery for the Final

Athletes are allowed to change the saddle, but the Horses must always be ridden in the same bridle, bit and boots as in the last qualifying round.

7. Accidents, Elimination or Retirement

7.1. If one of the three Athletes or Horses qualified is unable to participate for reasons of health, he will automatically be replaced by the Athlete placed 4th and so on (in the event of equality for 4th place the procedure laid above will apply).

7.2. The Athlete on the 4th place must keep himself and his Horse ready until a time to be determined by the Ground Jury in case he has to replace one of the three Athletes/Horses qualified.

7.3 If an Athlete has an accident during the Final preventing him from continuing, but the Horse with which he has the accident is able to continue, the Horse must compete in all the rounds with the other finalists.

7.4. If an Athlete is eliminated or retires and does not complete one of his rounds 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 during the same round, plus "X" Penalties. If the Athlete eliminated or who has retired had himself received the highest number of Penalties before being eliminated or retiring, "X" Penalties will be added to his score for that round. For the avoidance of doubt, the "X" Penalties will be added to the score of an eliminated or retired Athlete at the conclusion of the round, not at the time of his elimination or retirement, i.e. the score of the Athlete who has been the most severely penalised to which "X" Penalties are added for eliminated/retired Athletes, can only be determined after all Athletes have taken part in the round.

7.5. If a Horse is not fit to participate in the second or third round, the results it had obtained thus far, other than its result in the first round, are cancelled. The Athlete of the Horse that is unable to continue will not participate in the third round. In this case the total result of each Athlete is determined over two rounds, one on his own Horse and one on other Horses.

INDIVIDUAL PLACING IN THE FINAL & CLASSIFICATION

1. The Athlete who has the lowest total Penalties over all the rounds of the Final will be declared Champion.

2. In the event of equality of Penalties for first, second and/or third place there will be a jump-off against the clock over the same course, each Athlete riding his own Horse. If two jump-offs are required, the jump-off for the third place shall precede the jump-off for the first and second place.

3. If after the jump-off there is equality of penalties and time for one of the first three places, the Athletes concerned will be placed equal. If the Horse of an Athlete is prevented from participating in the jump-off for any reason, the

Athlete concerned will be placed after the Athlete(s) who participated in the jump-off.

Classification

~~The Individual classification is determined for each competitor by the addition of penalties incurred in Rounds A and B. In case of equality of penalties for first, second and/or third place, a jump off against the clock is compulsory. If more than one jump off is required to determine medal placing, the jump off for the third place will take place before the jump off for the first and second place. In case of equality of penalties and time for any of the medal placing after the first jump off, there is a second jump off over the same course. In case of equality of penalties and time after the second jump off, the competitors concerned are placed equal.~~

4. Athletes not participating in the "Final Three" **jump-off** will be placed according to aggregate Penalties over both rounds and the time incurred in the second round.

FEI FEEDBACK

The rules for the Youth Olympic Games will be fully reviewed during the Committee's fall meeting, with a view to presenting proposed modifications to the Board during the course of 2020.