

**PROPOSALS FOR 2020 MODIFICATIONS TO THE
DRESSAGE RULES**

22 October 2019

Dear National Federations,

Dear Stakeholders,

Please find below a summary of the proposed changes to the FEI Dressage Rules together with the corresponding explanations, the comments received as well as the reasoning for accepting or not accepting each comment.

The proposed change will be submitted for voting at the FEI General Assembly 2019.

Sincerely,

Bettina de Rham

PROPOSALS FROM DRESSAGE COMMITTEE / FEI HQ

1. Annexes on Youth categories
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Proposal from HQ for the following reason:</p> <p>The Youth annexes have been harmonised and reviewed as following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The competition scheduling details are now included in article 422 to facilitate scheduling possibilities for OCs allowing to find all necessary information in one article - The starting possibilities for Youth categories in Championships have been harmonised and simplified and are outlined in Annex 1 – Youth Athletes Categories - As much as possible, repeated rules have been aligned and deleted when duplicated - Content of Articles referred to the GRs and/or VRs are now stated as reference to the related Rules and no longer duplicated. - Any references to saddlery in Youth categories are no added to article 428
Proposed Wording
See relevant articles
FEI feedback
Proposed Final Wording 08.07.2019
N/A
Comments received
NZL: Supported
FEI feedback
Proposed Final Wording 22.10.2019
As above

2. Appeal Committee
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Proposal from HQ for the following reason:</p> <p>In line with the proposed Rules changes in the General Regulations, any details about Appeal committee are now amended to reference to the GRs.</p>
Proposed Wording
See relevant articles
FEI feedback
Proposed Final Wording 08.07.2019
As above
Comments received
NZL: Supported
FEI feedback
Proposed Final Wording 22.10.2019
As above

3. Article No. 428.1.1 – Saddlery (Dressage Saddle)	
Explanation for Proposed Change	
<p>Proposal from HQ for the following reason:</p> <p>Safety stirrups often have a flexible branch which is open at the top so is not closed. This rule was not intended to exclude those from use in FEI Dressage competitions. Safety stirrups which have a branch with a small opening to release the foot should be allowed in competition.</p>	
Proposed Wording	
<p>Stirrups and safety stirrups must have closed branches, and no attachments. The foot must not be fully or partially enclosed and must in no way be attached to the stirrups (for example with magnets). Safety stirrups must have closed branches <u>may have a small opening</u>.</p>	
FEI feedback	
<p>Supported, but remove the word "small" as not specific enough. Add "on the outside".</p>	
Proposed Final Wording	
<p>Stirrups and safety stirrups must have closed branches, and no attachments. The foot must not be fully or partially enclosed and must in no way be attached to the stirrups (for example with magnets). Safety stirrups <u>may have an opening on the outside branch</u>.</p>	
Proposed Final Wording 08.07.2019	
<p>As above</p>	
Comments received	
<p>GBR NF: Article 428.1.1 Agreed, safety is of paramount importance and high priority; design will support this.</p> <p>NZL NF: Supported</p>	
FEI feedback	
<p></p>	
Proposed Final Wording 22.10.2019	
<p>As above</p>	

4. Article No. 428.2.2 – Saddlery (Bridle with noseband)	
Explanation for Proposed Change	
Some categories of events were not listed in this article and so it was not clear which bridles were allowed for all categories.	
Proposed Wording	
<p>2.2 For CDI/<u>CDIO 3*/4*/5*/U25, CDI-Ws</u> and Championships/Games <u>for Seniors, Young Riders, U25, and Juniors</u> (except Ponies and Children), a double bridle with cavesson noseband is mandatory i.e. bridoon and curb with curb chain. A combined noseband may be used without the lower “flash” strap. The curb chain can be made of metal, leather or a combination. Lip strap and rubber, leather or sheepskin cover for curb chain are optional. Neither a cavesson noseband nor a curb chain may ever be as tightly fixed so as to harm the Horse.</p> <p>2.2.1 A snaffle bridle or double bridle is allowed in CDI1* and 2*, <u>CDIO2*</u>, CDIJ, <u>CDIOJ</u>, and CDIY, <u>CDIOY, CDIAm and CDIYH for 7 year old horses</u>.</p> <p>2.2.2 For CDIP/Ch, <u>CDIOP/Ch</u>, Ponies and Children Championships, - CDIYH for 4-6 year old horses, and as marked on test sheets, a snaffle bridle is to be used.</p>	
FEI feedback	
Supported, with the addition of CDIAm under 2.2.1. CDIYH is for 5-6 year old horses.	
Proposed Final Wording 08.07.2019	
<p>2.2 For CDI/<u>CDIO 3*/4*/5*/U25, CDI-Ws</u> and Championships/Games (except Ponies and Children, <u>Juniors and Young Riders</u>), a double bridle with cavesson noseband is mandatory i.e. bridoon and curb with curb chain. A combined noseband may be used without the lower “flash” strap. The curb chain can be made of metal, leather or a combination. Lip strap and rubber, leather or sheepskin cover for curb chain are optional. Neither a cavesson noseband nor a curb chain may ever be as tightly fixed so as to harm the Horse.</p> <p>2.2.1 A snaffle bridle or double bridle is allowed in CDI1* and 2*, <u>CDIO2*</u>, CDIJ, <u>CDIOJ</u>, and CDIY, <u>CDIOY, CDIAm and CDIYH for 7 year old horses</u>.</p> <p>2.2.2 For CDIP/Ch, <u>CDIOP/Ch</u>, Ponies and Children Championships, - CDIYH for 5-6 year old horses, and as marked on test sheets, a snaffle bridle is to be used.</p>	
Comments received	
<p>GBR NF: Article 428.2.2 Agreed.</p> <p>AIDEO: Art. 428.2.2. Saddlery The use of a snaffle bridle should not be determined by the division but by the level. We would suggest that in all divisions with GP the double bridle is mandatory. At all other levels a snaffle bridle is optional. That would make the life of the officials much easier than today.</p> <p>NZL NF: Supported</p>	
FEI feedback	
<p>Addition of “Junior/Young Rider Championships” to Art 428.2.2.1 AIDEO comment: Taken on board, but to be part of a more extended revision at a future date.</p>	

Proposed Final Wording 22.10.2019

2.2 For CDI/CDIO 3*/4*/5*/U25, CDI-Ws and Championships/Games (except Ponies and Children, Juniors and Young Riders), a double bridle with cavesson noseband is mandatory i.e. bridoon and curb with curb chain. A combined noseband may be used without the lower "flash" strap. The curb chain can be made of metal, leather or a combination. Lip strap and rubber, leather or sheepskin cover for curb chain are optional. Neither a cavesson noseband nor a curb chain may ever be as tightly fixed so as to harm the Horse.

2.2.1 A snaffle bridle or double bridle is allowed in CDI1* and 2*, CDIO2*, CDIJ, CDIOJ, ~~and~~ CDIY, CDIOY, CDIAm, CDIYH for 7 year old horses and Junior and Young Rider Championships.

2.2.2 For CDIP/Ch, CDIOP/Ch, Ponies and Children Championships, - CDIYH for 5-6 year old horses, and as marked on test sheets, a snaffle bridle is to be used.

5. Article No. 428.6.3
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Proposal from FEI Veterinary department based on proposal from IDOC for VRs: INTERNATIONAL DRESSAGE OFFICIALS CLUB: would like to suggest that for safety reasons, ear plugs/hoods should be permitted during vet inspection. The sole purpose of the vet check is to assess fitness to compete; possible health concerns (e.g. ring worms) should be identified during the inspection on arrival.</p>
Proposed Wording
FEI feedback
Following discussion, the FEI is in favour of the proposal.
Proposed Final Wording 08.07.2019
Earplugs on Horses are allowed at Horse inspections and prize-giving ceremonies only.
Comments received
<p>GBR NF: <u>Article 428.6.3</u> Agreed.</p> <p>USA NF : <u>Article 428.6.3</u>. The USEF are supportive of allowing the use of earplugs during the Horse Inspection. We also understand that fly hoods were also requested to be used, a proposal we also support.</p> <p>NZL NF: Supports this proposal but notes that the explanation for the proposed change and the proposed final wording relates to "ear plugs/hoods". There is a greater prospect of hiding potential issues if hoods are permitted. NZL could seek clarification from the FEI Veterinary Department as to how that would be managed.</p>
FEI feedback
<u>In view of the feedback, the FEI/Veterinary Committee believes that horses should behave sufficiently to not need ear hoods or plugs for safety reasons and promotes harmonisation between disciplines.</u>
Proposed Final Wording 22.10.2019
The proposal will be removed from the rules.

6. Article No. 433 Judges Sheets	
Explanation for Proposed Change	
<p>Proposal from HQ for the following reason:</p> <p>Additional information on paperless Judging</p>	
Proposed Wording	
<p><u>3. Paperless Judging</u></p> <p><u>3.1 The use of a paperless judging system is subject to FEI Approval and must be stated in the Event sSchedule.</u></p> <p><u>3.2 Only FEI approved paperless judging systems as per the FEI requirements posted on the FEI Website may be used.</u></p> <p><u>3.3 In any event, a paper version of the Dressage tests must be available to the Judges during competition as backup.</u></p> <p><u>3.4 The electronic judges' sheets will be made available to the Athletes in an electronic format via the FEI platform after the competition.</u></p>	
FEI feedback	
Proposed Final Wording 08.07.2019	
As above	
Comments received	
<p>GBR NF: Article 433.3.4 Propose that in CDIO competitions the electronic judges sheets also made be available to Chefs d'Equipe be formalised. Hard copies should also be provided to individual riders at the competition itself, not post-event on the FEI website. We would question whether it is appropriate to post judges remarks on the FEI platform, unless privacy and confidentiality can be guaranteed.</p> <p>USA NF: Article 433 – Judges Sheets (Paperless Judging). The USEF supports the paperless judging systems; however, it is felt that this rule needs some additional clarification before full support can be given.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There needs to be additional information on the FEI requirements for paperless systems. There are multiple paperless judging systems utilized in the U.S. and perhaps other countries. Criteria for paperless systems should be published with enough notice for 2020 FEI Dressage Event organizers and creators of paperless systems to adjust/make plans as necessary. - The rule states that electronic judges' sheets will be made available to athletes via an electronic format via the FEI platform after the competition. As per current practice, email copies should be sent to the athletes or Chefs d'Equipe within the Appeals Period to allow athletes and Chefs to check the Sheets. - The rule should be clear that the Judges' comments will remain private to the rider (or Chef d'Equipe at Team Competitions). <p>NOR NF: <u>433.3. Paperless Judging</u> This proposal is difficult to evaluate without a closer description. We are concerned that paperless judging may take away the judge's control over the marks being correctly recorded. However, we know that the present system today includes comments and feedback from the judges.</p>	

AIDEO: Art. 433 Judges Sheets

3.1. and 3.2.

From our point of view this is a contradiction. If a system is approved by the FEI, the OCs should be able to use it and cannot then be subject to approval in the event schedule again. We agree that all systems should have the general approval of the FEI. Maybe like the list of timing systems in Jumping.

3.4. As long as the remarks are confidential to the riders, we having trouble to provide more than the marks to the FEI. We would like to postpone this part of the rule and have a further discussion with the IDRC/Riders.

NZL NF: Supports this proposal in principle. NZL seeks more information about the cost structure and whether best practice guidelines have been followed. NZL seeks consultation opportunities with other countries to discuss 'lessons learned'.

EEF: Paperless judging (Art. 433)

It is supported that any paperless judging system shall be officially approved by the FEI according to pre-set standards in order to secure technical reliability and quality.

Objection is raised against the proposed Article 3.4 which requires further discussions, particularly with the athletes, before it can be considered. As stated in Article 1.2 "Remarks are intended for the information of the Athlete" and it is questionable that the athletes wish to have their remarks submitted into an FEI platform. The following wording of Article 3.4 is proposed:

"The electronic judges' sheets will be made available to the Athletes in an electronic format via the FEI platform after the competition."

FEI feedback

3.1-3.2: These points are not contradictory as the FEI will have a list of approved systems and the OC will need to provide the name of the system used in the Event Schedule. Data safety is one of the criteria for a system to be approved.

3.4.: Add clarification that only the Athlete's own marks are available to them on the FEI platform (with a log in and password); i.e. the marks/sheets remain private to each Athlete.

Proposed Final Wording 22.10.2019

3.1-3.3 as above

3.4 The electronic judges' sheets will be made available to the Athletes in an electronic format via the FEI platform after the competition. The access to the Athletes' electronic judges' sheets is strictly personal.

7. Article No. 434 Classification
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Proposal from DC/HQ for the following reason:</p> <p>Clarification on how to handle ties in YH competitions</p>
Proposed Wording
<p><u>Ties in Young Horses Competitions.</u></p> <p><u>In case of equality of percentage for the first three (3) places, the following system must be used to break the tie: add the marks for "submission" and "perspective", and divide by two; the Athlete/Horse combination with the higher average mark will be ranked highest. If still tied, the "submission" mark will decide. If still tied, the combinations will be equally placed.</u></p>
FEI feedback
Proposed Final Wording 08.07.2019
As above
Comments received
<p>NZL: Supported</p> <p>GER NF: Art. 434 / Ties in YH competitions In normal competitions they would be equally placed anyway. Why not here?</p>
FEI feedback
Proposal intended for Young Horse Championships, wording changed accordingly
Proposed Final Wording 22.10.2019
<p><u>Ties in Young Horses Championships.</u></p> <p><u>In case of equality of percentage for the first three (3) places, the following system must be used to break the tie: add the marks for "submission" and "perspective", and divide by two; the Athlete/Horse combination with the higher average mark will be ranked highest. If still tied, the "submission" mark will decide. If still tied, the combinations will be equally placed.</u></p>

8. Article No 438 Judges Supervisory Panel
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Proposal from HQ for the following reason:</p> <p>Add the possibility to have a JSP not only at CDI, but in addition at CDIOs and all other Championships/Games</p>
Proposed Wording
<p>A Judges Supervisory Panel (JSP) is mandatory for Olympic Games, World Equestrian Games and Continental Championships on Grand Prix level and World Cup Finals. A JSP may be present at all CDIs, <u>CDIOs and other Championships/Games than those listed above.</u></p>
FEI feedback
Proposed Final Wording 08.07.2019
As above
Comments received
<p>GBR NF: <u>Article 438</u> A good suggestion and fully supported.</p> <p>NZL NF: Supports this proposal in principle but seeks clarification as to what the makeup would be at the CDI ? Who makes that appointment? What FEI framework will be available to support CDI other than main championships, noting extensive electronic resources would be required?</p> <p>CAN NF: <u>Article 438</u> – Judges Supervisory Panel (JSP) Add Regional Championships. Pan American Games are often the deciding factor for Olympic qualification therefore, the JSP should be mandatory.</p>
FEI feedback
<p>The JSP is a valuable addition and according to this Article, may already be used at all Dressage Events. Regarding the comment by the CAN NF, this will be looked into when the restructuring of the JSP is done.</p>
Proposed Final Wording 22.10.2019
As proposed above

9. Article No 439 Appeal Committee
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Proposal from HQ for the following reason:</p> <p>Reference to the GRs and proposal to remove the Appeal Committee</p>
Proposed Wording
Ref to GRs
FEI feedback
Proposed Final Wording 08.07.2019
As above
Comments received
Proposed Final Wording 22.10.2019
As proposed above

10. Article No. 446 – FEI Championships - Organisation	
Explanation for Change	
The Dressage Committee agreed to follow the principle by which one set of Individual Medals and one set of Team Medals are awarded at Championships.	
Proposed Wording	
4.	The Grand Prix (Team Championship Competition <u>and first Individual qualifier</u>) the Grand Prix Special (<u>Second Individual competition qualifier</u>) and the Grand Prix Freestyle Test (individual <u>Final</u> Competition) comprise the Competitions for the FEI Championships.
4.1	Medals will be awarded for <u>all three (3) Competitions the Team Final (Grand Prix) and the Individual Final (Grand Prix Freestyle).</u>
FEI feedback	
Proposed Final Wording 08.07.2019	
As above	
Comments received	
<p>GBR NF: Article 446 GBR would like to register our strong objection to eliminate the Individual Medal for the Grand Prix Special at FEI Championships. The Grand Prix Special is a discipline in its own right, maintaining the fundamental classic principles of dressage, and therefore worthy of recognition in terms of medals. The degree of difficulty for the GPS makes it a unique test, which should be preserved.</p> <p>Removing medals would further undermine the value of the GPS and may inadvertently result in the dilution of quality of dressage competition overall, if the Grand Prix Freestyle competition is viewed as more important and prestigious. In addition, the more medal opportunities that are available at championships, the more chance there will be of achieving a variety of different winners and more flags on the podium.</p> <p>Denmark would not have received a valuable individual bronze medal for Cathrine Dufour at the recent European Championships in Rotterdam without the GPS, resulting in another medal clean sweep for Germany only. It cannot be good for the overall health of the sport for one nation to be seen to be so dominant. In addition, there are horses that excel in the GPS more than the Freestyle, as demonstrated by the 5th position of Judy Reynolds and 7th place for Gareth Hughes in Rotterdam. This variety of riders and nations contesting for medals is to be welcomed and encouraged, particularly when funding at national level is often measured by medal success.</p> <p>This proposal appears to contradict Article 446.4.2 which refers to the Grand Prix Special as an Individual Championship Competition. This would also have implications for the Nation's Cup format where GP & GPS form team outcomes, as well as the new Olympic format. It does not therefore seem to be consistent with the other aims of the FEI, when we have previously been assured that the format for the European Championships and World Equestrian Games would not be affected by the changes implemented for the Olympics.</p>	

While the Olympics is the 'shop window' for our sport, these other equestrian championships are aimed at a more informed and sophisticated audience. There is no reason why they should follow the same format, or have the same number of medals. Different formats and medal categories apply in many sports at European / World championship level without causing any conflict or confusion with the Olympics.

IDTC: Objection to the proposed change of Article 446- FEI Championships which would eliminate the Individual Medal for the Grand Prix Special at FEI Championships. As a reminder, two individual medals were introduced at the onset of the inclusion of the Freestyle in Championship competition. The rationale for the two medals was to insure that the classic principles of dressage were maintained and the Freestyle did not encourage the sport to veer towards 'circus' training. Thus maintaining the Special as a medal test (previously it did determine Individual Championships) reinforced the importance of and respect for the fundamental principles of dressage. This rationale remains relevant today.....especially as there is increasing interest in the Degree of Difficulty and riders are seeking more and more creative and challenging patterns. The Headquarter review of this rule change fails to give any rationale for the change. This is telling and begs the question what is motivating the change? The idea that spectators find it confusing to have different formats for championships and the Olympic Games borders on an insult to the intelligence of the dressage fan base whether casual or 'die hard'. Many sports have different formats for different types of competition.. From a National Federation perspective, the more medal opportunities available the better the chance of more flags on the podium. Medal attainment (or goals) can be a critical factor in obtaining funding for many Federations and the FEI owes a duty to support its member federations fiscal health. The recent European Championships are an excellent example. Had there been no medal for the Special, the podium for both prize givings would have been exclusively German. Whilst their success was certainly well deserved, it is never good for any sport to be dominated entirely by one country. Also note, had there been no Individual Medal at the Tryon WEG there would not have been ANY individual winner!! Having the Special serve only as a qualifier severely denigrates the value of the test. Without the ability to produce a medal sponsors are more difficult to find and there is little incentive for media coverage and after competition press follow up. It could lead to the demise of the Special entirely. The thought that a sport can be best promoted by producing less sport leaves us dumbfounded!

IDRC: The IDRC fully supports the IDTCs position on the proposed rule change of Article 446-FEI Championships. This would eliminate the Individual Medals for the GPS at Championships, the IDRC does not support a rule change like that.

FIN NF: The Equestrian Federation Finland fully supports the proposal of Dressage Trainers Club.

USA NF: Article No. 446 – FEI Championships – Organisation (Medals). The USEF does not support removing a Medal from the World Championships.

- Medals are the oxygen of publicity and Dressage most certainly needs publicity.
- Competitions with Medals are more exciting and better attract spectators, media, TV and sponsors.
- The GPS and GPF are two different competitions.
- No logical reason has been given as to why this change should be implemented.
- The argument of "one Champion" carries some weight but is not consistent with other sports where there are multiple champions resulting from very similar competitions. Is there less difference between the Dressage "Special" and "Freestyle" than the difference between the Swimming freestyle at 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m and 1500m

- Do the athletes & owners mind having a GPS Champion and a GPF Champion? Instead of discarding Medals and the excitement Medal Competitions bring, the focus should be on looking at differing nomenclature between GPS and GPF. Maybe "*Dressage World Compulsories Champion & Dressage World Freestyle Champion*"?

IRL NF: The IRL NF is concerned with the proposal to remove medals from the Grand Prix Special. The IRL NF would consider the proposal sufficient if the individual medals are decided on a combination of Special and Kur, at a championship the winner should provide form over multiple rounds.

AUT NF: This to register the FN Austria objection to the proposed change of Article 446- FEI Championships which would eliminate the Individual Medal for the Grand Prix Special at FEI Championships.

As a reminder, two individual medals were introduced at the onset of the inclusion of the Freestyle in Championship competition. The rationale for the two medals was to insure that the classic principles of dressage were maintained and the Freestyle did not encourage the sport to veer towards 'circus' training. Thus maintaining the Special as a medal test (previously it did determine Individual Championships) reinforced the importance of and respect for the fundamental principles of dressage. This rationale remains relevant today, especially as there is increasing interest in the Degree of Difficulty and riders are seeking more and more creative and challenging patterns.

The Headquarter review of this rule change fails to give any rationale for the change. This is telling and begs the question what is motivating the change? The idea that spectators find it confusing to have different formats for championships and the Olympic Games borders on an insult to the intelligence of the dressage fan base whether casual or 'die hard'. Many sports have different formats for different types of competition.

From a National Federation perspective, the more medal opportunities available the better the chance of more flags on the podium. Medal attainment (or goals) can be a critical factor in obtaining funding for many Federations and the FEI owes a duty to support its member federations' fiscal health. The recent European Championships are an excellent example. Had there been no medal for the Special, the podium for both prize givings would have been exclusively German. Whilst their success was certainly well deserved, it is never good for any sport to be dominated entirely by one country. Also note, had there been no Individual Medal at the Tryon WEG there would not have been ANY individual winner!

Having the Special serve only as a qualifier severely denigrates the value of the test. Without the ability to produce a medal sponsors are more difficult to find and there is little incentive for media coverage and after competition press follow up. It could lead to the demise of the Special entirely.

CZE NF: This to register the CZE NF objection to the proposed change of Article 446- FEI Championships which would eliminate the Individual Medal for the Grand Prix Special at FEI Championships.

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ESP NF: Our federation is not agree with the change proposed of article 446. We would like to keep the current formula.

ITA NF: Art. 446.2.2 Fei Championship Senior. We do not agree with the elimination of the Grand Prix Special medals as individual technical Ch title.

SWE NF: Art. 446.4 The SWE NF supports the IDCT in their objections to change of Article 446 which would eliminate the individual Medal for the Grand Prix Special at FEI Championships.

We fully agree with the IDCT on this matter and urge the FEI to keep the Medal for the Grand Prix Special at FEI Championships in the interest of the Sport.

NED NF: Article 446

As we plead already for years for more harmonization between the disciplines, so please proceed with one set of individual medals and one set of team medals in every discipline.

NOR NF: Art 446. This matter has been discussed among trainers and riders, and we strongly support to maintain the two present medals, one for the GP Special and one for the GP Freestyle.

AIDEO: Art. 446 FEI Championships - Organisation

We are objecting this rule change. It does not make sense to reduce the GPS just to a qualifier for the GPFS. It will hurt the OCs of Championships in ticket sales when there is no medal decision that day. We understand the idea behind the rule change, but this would need a full revision of the format for World and European Championships. We also support the IDTC and arguments used in this regard.

NZL: Supported

COL NF: Objection to the proposed change of Article 446- FEI Championships which would eliminate the Individual Medal for the Grand Prix Special at FEI Championships. First of all, we would also like to know if this proposal would impact the Bolivarian, Central American and Pan American Games, eliminating the medal for the second day of competition.

From a National Federation perspective, the more medal opportunities available the better the chance of more flags on the podium. Medal attainment (or goals) can be a critical factor in obtaining funding for many Federations and we expect the FEI to support its member federations in obtaining funds. NOCs are always looking for more medals and they decide fundings according to the number of possible medals to be obtained in each Championship, therefore less medal = less funding.

CAN NF: Art. 446 – FEI Championships – Organisation

Equestrian Canada respectfully objects to the FEI proposed change to Article 446 which would eliminate the Individual Medal for the Grand Prix Special at FEI Championships.

IDOC: Opposes this change (feedback came in 04/09/2019)

FEI feedback

The FEI Dressage Committee respects the strong opinions expressed and that the majority of the feedback received is objecting to the removal of the GPS medals. The DC recommends that this rule change proposal will be reviewed in 2020 and no change is done in the 2020 Dressage rules.

Proposed Final Wording 22.10.2019

No change to the wording in article 446 which remains as in the current Dressage Rules, effective 1 January 2019.

11. Annex 2 – International Dressage Judges
Explanation for Change
With the removal of age limit for Officials, we have removed any reference to age limit in this annex.
Proposed Wording
See Annex in the Rules.
FEI feedback
Proposed Final Wording 08.07.2019
As above
Comments received
<p>ITA NF: <u>Annex 2.1</u>: Judges. We are convinced that the current transitional FEI rules for the judges' age limit must be maintained until the new FEI regulation will be approved.</p> <p>NED NF: <u>Annex 2.1</u>: Judges 2.1. In itself we support the removal of the age limit for judges as suggested. However, this gives us some reason for concern. The age limit provides a continuing and steady flow within the population and therefore creates possibilities for judges to progress to the next level. There is a risk that an entire generation of judges may be passed over as judges will stay on longer. We would like to know how the FEI provides for this not to happen?</p> <p>NZL: Supported</p>
FEI feedback
Feedback from Education Dept. to NED NF comment: It was a decision of the FEI Board to remove the age limit for discrimination reasons. The age limit is replaced by the Competency Based System. Once the online schedule comes into use, a rotation system can be used to ensure opportunities for all Officials.
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As above

PROPOSALS RECEIVED FROM NFS

12.Article No. 428.2.2 – Saddlery
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM NED NF</p> <p>For the Young Riders and Juniors it is confusing when they are allowed to compete with a snaffle bridle in a normal CDIY / CDIJ, but are mandatory to compete with double bridle in the Championships. Our proposal is to let the rider choose between a snaffle bridle or double bridle (at a normal CDIY/J or Championships)</p>
Proposed Wording
<p>2.2 For CDI3*/4*/5*/U25 and Championships/Games (except Ponies and Children, Juniors and Young Riders), a double bridle with cavesson noseband is mandatory i.e. bridoon and curb with curb chain. A combined noseband may be used without the lower "flash" strap. The curb chain can be made of metal, leather or a combination. Lip strap and rubber, leather or sheepskin cover for curb chain are optional. Neither a cavesson noseband nor a curb chain may ever be as tightly fixed so as to harm the Horse.</p> <p>2.2.1 A snaffle bridle or double bridle is allowed in CDI1* and 2*.</p> <p><u>2.2.1.1 Juniors and Young Riders may choose between snaffle bridle and double bridle.</u></p>
FEI feedback
Supported.
Proposed Final Wording 08.07.2019
Final wording as in proposal 4 above
Comments received
<p>GBR NF: <u>Article 428.2.2.1.1. NED NF proposal</u> We believe that Juniors & Young Riders choosing between snaffle bridles and double bridle will inhibit the learning at this level. This will adversely affect a rider's ability to learn how to train and ride a horse in a double bridle, which is then necessary at the higher levels and at Championships.</p> <p>ITA NF: <u>Art. 428.2.2 Saddlery.</u> We support the possibility only for Juniors and Young Riders to choose between snaffle bridle and double bridle also in FEI Championships, because for them it is allowed in CDI. For Under 25 and Seniors, the riders must demonstrate to be able to use double bridle without causing problems to the horses!</p> <p>NED NF: <u>Article No. 428.2.2 Saddlery</u> We support this proposal and also think it's opportune to consider to allow a snaffle bridle for all levels of dressage. In the Netherlands we're allowing it already for many years and it works very well. It is important that judging stays totally equal whether there will be ridden with a snaffle or a double bridle.</p> <p>NZL: Supported</p> <p>GER NF: <u>Art. 428.2.2 Saddlery; Bridle with Noseband</u> The regulations are clearly described for Senior and U25 Championships (see 2.2) as well as for P, Ch and YH (see 2.2.2). The regulations for J and Y are not clear from the text; in 2.2.1 "Championships" are missing. We do not oppose to the proposal to offer the choice of using either a snaffle bridle or double bridle in J and Y Championships as well. However, we only do so because the</p>

hitherto existing wording was incomplete. We would not agree to allow this at Grand Prix level.

FEI feedback

"Junior/Young Rider Championships" added to Art 428.2.2.1

Proposed Final Wording 22.10.2019

Please see rule change proposal point 4

13.Article No.428.3 –Saddlery (Bits)
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Proposal from HQ: The minimum diameter of the snaffle should be considered. Previously only children and pony riders were allowed to use snaffle and the minimum was 14mm. Now that CDI1*, 2*, J and Y are allowed, should a smaller diameter snaffle be accepted? DTC to discuss.</p>
Proposed Wording
<p>Snaffle, Bridoon and curb bits must be smooth with a solid surface. Twisted and wire bits are prohibited. Bits must be made of metal, rigid plastic, or durable synthetic material and may be covered with rubber/latex. Bits must not place mechanical restraint upon the tongue. The diameter of the mouthpiece of the bridoon/snaffle and/or curb must be such so as not to hurt the Horse. Minimum diameter of mouthpiece to be twelve millimetres (12 mm) for curb bit, and ten millimetres (10 mm) for bridoon bit. Snaffles must have a minimum diameter of fourteen millimetres (10/12/14mm) for horses and ten millimetres (10mm) for ponies. The diameter of the mouthpiece is measured adjacent to the rings or the cheeks of the mouthpiece.</p>
FEI feedback
<p>Snaffles to have a minimum diameter of 12 mm for Horses (all).</p>
Proposed Final Wording 08.07.2019
<p>Snaffle, Bridoon and curb bits must be smooth with a solid surface. Twisted and wire bits are prohibited. Bits must be made of metal, rigid plastic, or durable synthetic material and may be covered with rubber/latex. Bits must not place mechanical restraint upon the tongue. The diameter of the mouthpiece of the bridoon/snaffle and/or curb must be such so as not to hurt the Horse. Minimum diameter of mouthpiece to be twelve millimetres (12 mm) for curb bit, and ten millimetres (10 mm) for bridoon bit. Snaffles must have a minimum diameter of fourteen-twelve millimetres (10/12/14mm) for horses and ten millimetres (10mm) for ponies. The diameter of the mouthpiece is measured adjacent to the rings or the cheeks of the mouthpiece.</p>
Comments received
<p>GBR NF: <u>Article 428.3</u> Agreed and we welcome the 12mm proposal for mouthpieces.</p> <p>NZL: Supported</p> <p>BRA NF: <u>Article No 428.3 Saddlery (Bits)</u> - It would be interesting to include pictures.</p>
FEI feedback
Proposed Final Wording 22.10.2019
<p>As above, snaffle diameter min. 12 mm for Horses</p>

14.Article No. 428.3 –Saddley (Bits)
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Proposal from NZL NF:</p> <p>Minimum 14mm snaffles may not suit all horses, particularly smaller horses</p>
Proposed Wording
<p>Snaffle must have a minimum diameter of fourteen <u>twelve</u> millimetres of 14 <u>12</u> mm.....for horses</p>
FEI feedback
<p>Supported, see above</p>
Proposed Final Wording 08.07.2019
<p>As above</p>
Comments received
<p>NZL: Supported</p>
FEI feedback
Proposed Final Wording 22.10.2019
<p>As pt. 12 above</p>

15.Article No. 428.3 –Saddley (Bits)
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Proposal from GBR NF:</p> <p>The ruling on the minimum diameter of the snaffle bits of 14mm for a horse and 10mm for a pony should be decreased for horses. This renders a number of bits on the FEI approved list being no longer legal such as some of the Myler bits.</p> <p>With the recent scientific research carried out on mouth conformation, having less in a horses mouth has proved better for those horses with small muzzles and fleshier mouths. Some horses ways of going could be compromised by their bits if they are ridden in thicker snaffles leading to a lack of harmony between horse and rider and potential welfare issues being caused.</p>
Proposed Wording
Rule to remain the same although with minimum diameter of either 10mm for horses and ponies or 12mm for horses and 10mm for ponies.
FEI feedback
Supported, see above
Proposed Final Wording 08.07.2019
As above
Comments received
FEI feedback
Proposed Final Wording 22.10.2019
As pt. 12 above

16. Article No. 428.3 –Saddley (Bits)
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Proposal from USA NF:</p> <p>Prior to 1.1.19, snaffles were only required to have a minimum diameter of 14 mm when used in Young Horse and Children competitions. As currently written, the 14 mm diameter would apply to all snaffles on horses, including when used in schooling, competition and for veterinary inspections. Many popular brands of snaffles are normally manufactured with a 12 mm mouthpiece diameter. We recommend allowing a 12 mm mouthpiece for horses except when used in Young Horse and Children classes.</p>
Proposed Wording
<p>3.Bits. Snaffle, Bridoon and curb bits must be smooth with a solid surface. Twisted and wire bits are prohibited. Bits must be made of metal, rigid plastic, or durable synthetic material and may be covered with rubber/latex. Bits must not place mechanical restraint upon the tongue. The diameter of the mouthpiece of the bridoon/snaffle and/or curb must be such so as not to hurt the Horse.</p> <p>Minimum diameter of mouthpiece to be twelve millimetres (12 mm) for curb bit, and ten millimetres (10 mm) for bridoon bit. Snaffles must have a minimum diameter of twelve millimetres (12 mm) for horses except snaffles used in Young Horse and Children Competitions must have a minimum diameter of fourteen millimetres (14mm). for horses and For Ponies the minimum diameter shall be ten millimetres (10mm) for ponies. The diameter of the mouthpiece is measured adjacent to the rings or the cheeks of the mouthpiece.</p>
FEI feedback
Partly supported, 12 mm for all Horses and 10 mm for Ponies
Proposed Final Wording 08.07.2019
Please see above
Comments received
<p>NOR NF: 428.3 Bits : "The diameter of the mouthpiece is measured adjacent to the rings or the cheeks of the mouthpiece."</p> <p>Difficult to measure. How close to the rings/cheeks? Some bits are wide close to the rings, but taper quickly and may be quite thin where the bit works on the horse's mouth.</p>
FEI feedback
NOR NF: This is a stewarding issue. The wording as in pt. 12 will be maintained, and this will be monitored. So far no measuring issues have been reported in the Chief Steward reports.
Proposed Final Wording 22.10.2019
As pt. 12 above

17.Article No. 428.3 –Saddley (Bits)
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Proposal from NZL NF:</p> <p>Please Clarify Intent: Current rule states "Snaffle, Bridoon and bridoon and curb bits must be smooth and with a solid surface.... Bits must be made of metal, rigid plastic, or durable synthetic material and may be covered with rubber/latex"</p> <p><i>It is understood via correspondence with the FEI that it is permissible to "wrap" bits with latex bandage. This does not appear to be consistent with the clause requiring bits to have a "solid surface" depending on how the FEI defines "solid surface"</i></p> <p>NF NZL requests discussion on the "wrapping" or "covering" of bits in relation to the this clause, and the ability of stewards to ensure the welfare of the horse at bit checks if the bit is no longer in the manufactured state</p> <p>In addition, if a permitted bridoon is fully wrapped or covered tightly in this manner with latex, it has the ability to act as a locking snaffle</p>
Proposed Wording
<p>No proposed change in wording at this point until the intent of the rule is clarified by the FEI</p> <p>Raised for discussion / clarification in order amendment may be made in the next round of consultation</p>
FEI feedback
<p>Modification of the wording to make the sentence clearer.</p>
Proposed Final Wording 08.07.2019
<p>Snaffle, Bridoon and bridoon and curb bits must be have a smooth and with a solid surface.... Bits must be made of metal, rigid plastic, or durable synthetic material and may be covered with rubber/latex.</p>
Comments received
<p>NZL NF: Of the view that the wrapping can affect the measurement of the bit. A narrow bit becomes wider once it is wrapped. NZL <u>does not support</u> the additional wrapping or covering of bits beyond their manufactured state</p>
FEI feedback
<p>This is to be addressed in more detail in 2021. The bit has to have the minimum diameter as per the rules before any wrapping/covering.</p>
Proposed Final Wording 22.10.2019
<p>As above</p>

17. Article No. 428.3.1.1 – Saddlery (Bits)**Explanation for Proposed Change****Proposal from HQ:**

In 2018 a bit with heart shaped cheeks (the Sweetheart bit) was approved by the equipment working group. This then did not fall under any of the cheeks allowed in the 2019 rules. Should these be allowed, or considered as bit guards?

**Proposed Wording**

Snaffle bits may be used with loose ring, D-Ring and Eggbutt cheeks. Single or double jointed snaffles may also be used with upper or lower cheeks, hanging cheeks, full cheeks or Fulmer cheeks. Loose rings may have a sleeve fitted around part of the ring.

FEI feedback

Allowed, sides not considered as bit guards as you can see through them.

Proposed Final Wording 08.07.2019

No change to wording for 2020.

Comments received**NZL NF:** Lack of information:

NZL requests that the Equestrian Working Group provide the research into this bit.

New Zealand does not support the approval of the Sweetheart bit.

Information from the bit manufacturer suggests that this bit is non-compliant as they state that the diameter of the bit is thinner than other bits. It is also unclear whether the mouthpiece is consistent with 12mm minimum proposed.

The manufacturer's website also acknowledges pressure on the cheeks. The rings of the bit are not consistent with those approved by the FEI in 2019. with a portion of the ring being forward from the line of the mouthpiece



New Zealand seeks information from the Equestrian Working Group and the rationale for approval.


FEI feedback

This is to be addressed in more detail in 2021; to be monitored until then.

Proposed Final Wording 22.10.2019

As above, no change to wording for 2020.

18. Article No. 428.3.1.1 – Saddlery (Bits)	
Explanation for Proposed Change	
<p>Proposal from HQ:</p> <p>In 2018 an unjointed (ported) snaffle with hanging cheeks was approved, this was not included in the “allowed” cheeks:</p>	
 	
Proposed Wording	
<p>Snaffle bits may be used with loose ring, D-Ring and Eggbutt cheeks. Single or double jointed snaffles may also be used with upper or lower cheeks, hanging cheeks, full cheeks or Fulmer cheeks. <u>Unjointed snaffles may also be used with hanging cheeks.</u> Loose rings may have a sleeve fitted around part of the ring.</p>	
FEI feedback	
<p>Detailed definition of snaffle bits to be discussed for 2021.</p>	
Proposed Final Wording 08.07.2019	
<p>Snaffle bits may be used with loose ring, D-Ring and, Eggbutt <u>and hanging</u> cheeks. Single or double jointed snaffles may also be used with upper or lower cheeks, hanging cheeks, full cheeks or Fulmer cheeks. Loose rings may have a sleeve fitted around part of the ring.</p>	
Comments received	
<p>NZL NF: Supports the detailed definition of snaffle bits to be discussed for 2021. Has the FEI equipment working group prepared a testing report?</p>	
FEI feedback	
<p>To be addressed more in detail in 2021. A testing report is not yet at hand. <u>The Rules reflect what is and has been in place.</u></p>	
Proposed Final Wording 22.10.2019	
<p>As above</p>	

19. Article No. 428.3.1.4 and 3.3.3 – Saddlery (Bits)	
Explanation for Proposed Change	
<p>It has been brought up that the 30mm maximum height deviation is limiting, with no reasoning behind the size (which was taken from USEF saddlery rules). Eg of bit which would no longer be allowed for use:</p>	
	
Proposed Wording	
<p>428.3.1.4: A double jointed snaffle or snaffle with rotating mouthpiece may be shaped to allow tongue relief. The maximum height of the deviation is 30mm from the lower part of tongue side to the highest part of the deviation. The widest part of the deviation must be where the mouthpiece contacts the tongue and must have a minimum width of 30mm. The mouthpiece of a jointed or unjointed snaffle may be shaped in a curve within the dimensions specified above.</p>	
FEI feedback	
<p>A more accurate way of measure to be discussed for 2021.</p>	
Proposed Final Wording 08.07.2019	
<p>As above, no change.</p>	
Comments received	
FEI feedback	
Proposed Final Wording 22.10.2019	
<p>As above</p>	

20. Article No. 428.3.3.3 – Saddlery (Bits)**Explanation for Proposed Change****Proposal from GER NF:**

The rule that the deviation, measured from the lowest part of the tongue side to the highest part of the deviation, may not be higher than 30 mm excludes the use of one of the most popular Weymouth bits: the Bemelmans Weymouth.

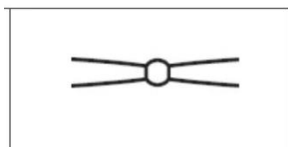
Even if it has a fairly high port the special design of the bit ensures that it is comfortable for the horse. The port is angled forward and therefore cannot press into the palate of the horse. In fact this is a very soft and tongue-friendly Weymouth, suitable for sensitive horses and for horses that don't like too much pressure on the tongue.

Many of the world's leading 3* and 4* Dressage Riders are using the Bemelmans Weymouth in FEI competitions on their sensitive horses.

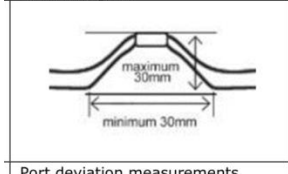
Proposed Wording

The mouthpiece may be straight or shaped to allow tongue relief. The maximum height of the deviation is 40mm from the lower part of tongue the tongue side to the highest part of the deviation. The widest part of the deviation must have a minimum width of 30mm.

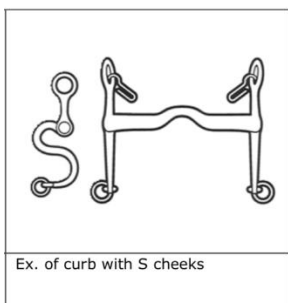
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Ex. of ball joint



Port deviation measurements



Ex. of curb with S cheeks

FEI feedback

See above, 40 mm not supported

Proposed Final Wording 08.07.2019

As above.

Comments received

NZL NF: Supported. Has the FEI equipment working group prepared a testing report?

GER NF: Art. 428.3.3 Saddlery; Bits

We repeat our explanation and still believe these are good reasons to allow the Bemelmans Weymouth bit.

FEI feedback

Proposed Final Wording 22.10.2019

As above

21. Article No.428.3.2.3 –Saddlery (Bits, locking bridoons)
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Proposal from NZL NF:</p> <p>NZL NF understands that the addition of this para did not change the intent of the rule; that a (a) mullen mouth bridoon or (b) any bridoon that may have the effect of a mullen mouth is not permissible</p> <p>Many competitors have requested the FEI clearly explain the rationale for bits as above (a) and (b) not being permitted as a bridoon</p>
Proposed Wording
<p>No proposed change in wording at this point until the intent of the rule is clarified by the FEI</p> <p>Raised for discussion / clarification in order amendment may be made in the next round of consultation</p>
FEI feedback
<p>No change in wording; no unjointed bridoons are permitted. In a double bridle a single-jointed or double-jointed bridoon has a softer, more sympathetic effect and due to its mobility will take up less space and easier conform to the horse's mouth. A locking jointed snaffle bridoon would act like a mullen mouth.</p>
Proposed Final Wording 08.07.2019
<p>No change.</p>
Comments received
<p>NZL NF: NZL requests a copy of the Equestrian Working Group report regarding the use of lock up snaffles.</p>
FEI feedback
<p>Report not yet at hand. <u>The Rules reflect what is and has been in place.</u></p>
Proposed Final Wording 22.10.2019
<p>No change</p>

22. Article No. 430.7.6 – Execution of the Tests
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Proposal from USA NF:</p> <p>The current rule is clear about what happens when fresh blood is discovered <u>anywhere on the horse</u> during the test. It is also clear that the horse is eliminated by the judge at C if fresh blood is discovered by the FEI Steward in the Horse's mouth or in the spur area immediately after the test. The rule is also clear that an FEI Veterinarian must examine the eliminated horse to determine if it is eligible to continue in a subsequent test. If there is no subsequent competition, the rule presumes that the FEI Veterinarian should not need to examine the horse (unless, of course, it is significantly injured).</p> <p>However, the rule does not address fresh blood found anywhere other than the mouth or spur area, except when found during the test. What happens when the FEI Steward discovers fresh blood in other areas after the test, including blood resulting from a whip before entering the arena space, nosebleed, leg injuries during the test, or even environmental causes such as bug bites?</p> <p>Some Judges, FEI Veterinarians and Stewards have interpreted this to mean that fresh blood found anywhere other than the mouth or spur area cannot be penalized unless the horse is examined by the Judge at C during the test. Other Judges, FEI Veterinarians and Stewards believe that Stewards have the responsibility to report the blood to the judge at C, who determines if the horse should be eliminated.</p> <p>This is a sensitive issue when fresh blood is observed by spectators and other competitors during the test, but not noticed by the judges, especially when it appears to be the result of injury or stress. The current rule is unclear and a clarification, as above, is recommended.</p> <p>Below in bold is one possible addition that has been suggested but will require further discussion and analysis.</p>
Proposed Wording
<p>7.6. Bleeding:</p> <p>7.6.1 If the Judge at C suspects fresh blood anywhere on the Horse during the test, he will stop the Horse to check for blood. If the Horse shows fresh blood, it will be eliminated. The elimination is final. If the Judge through examination clarifies that the Horse has no fresh blood, the Horse may resume and finish its test.</p> <p>7.6.2 If the FEI Steward discovers fresh blood in the Horse's mouth or in the area of the spurs during the check at the end of the test (Article 430. 9), he informs the Judge at C, who will eliminate the Horse and the/Athlete. Fresh blood discovered by the FEI Steward anywhere else on the Horse, except when due to environmental causes, will also be cause for elimination by the Judge at C. If there is blood on the Horse, an FEI Veterinarian is to be called to decide if the Horse is fit to continue in following competition(s) in the Event.</p> <p>7.6.3 If the Horse is eliminated pursuant to the above, or if the Horse is injured during the test and starts bleeding after finishing the test, it should be examined by an FEI Veterinarian prior to the next Competition to determine if it is fit to continue in the Event the following day(s). The decision of the FEI Veterinarian is not subject to appeal.</p>
FEI feedback
<p>To be discussed with the FEI Veterinary Dept.</p>

Proposed Final Wording 08.07.2019

7.6.2 If the FEI Steward discovers fresh blood in the Horse's mouth or in the area of the spurs during the check at the end of the test (Article 430.9), he informs the Judge at C, who will eliminate the Horse and the Athlete. If the FEI Steward discovers fresh blood anywhere else on the Horse's body at the end of the test the Horse is not automatically eliminated, but the Ground Jury may eliminate the Athlete/Horse combination. If there is blood on the Horse, an FEI Veterinarian is to be called to ~~decide-examine the horse and advise the Ground Jury whether it if the Horse~~ is fit to continue in following competition(s) in the Event.

Comments received**GBR NF:** Article 430.7.6.2

Agree with the principle and feel that this is a positive and fair step. However, we would request further clarity around under the circumstances that may result in the FEI Veterinarian advising the Ground Jury that the athlete/horse combination should be eliminated and/or allowed to continue in the following competition(s) in the event. More specific definitions are required.

USA NF: Article 430.7.6 – Execution of the Tests (Bleeding). The USEF is supportive of the additional clarifications to this rule; however, we believe additional clarifications are needed.

- Why does it go to the Ground Jury instead of the Judge at C if blood is found anywhere else on the horse?
- Please confirm that the FEI Veterinarian is only called (to examine the horse and then advise the Ground Jury if the horse is fit to continue in following competitions) in cases when blood is found 'anywhere else' - not when blood is found in spur area and/or mouth.

IRL NF: The proposed wording is provides for different approaches to the "blood rule". The IRL NF strongly suggests that a systematic approach across disciplines be taken in respect of the Blood Protocol.

The IRL NF would like to refer to the earlier submission to the FEI in respect of blood reference vis-à- vis the FEI Stewards Manual. The IRL NF considered the Stewards Manual (January 2019), Annex XVI, concerning blood in the context of the above proposal. While we note that FEI feedback is that the Committee is aware of the discrepancy and advise that 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 IRL NF suggests that further consideration should be taken in respect of the Veterinary Delegate being present at the time of adjudication on the presence of blood.

The IRL NF would reiterate their position that the practice of having a veterinary delegate present is 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.

BRA NF: Article No 430.7.6 Execution of the tests - Examples could be used to make it clearer like:

blood noticed by the judge at C or the Steward, caused by use of whip or nosebleed should result in elimination, while blood caused by bug bites should Not . Legs injury

during the test, noticed by the judge at C or the steward should be communicated to the judge at C who will decide if the injury is for elimination or not. In all cases the FEI Veterinarian has to examine the horse to check if the horse is fit to compete on the next day.

ITA NF: Art. 430.7.6 Execution of the Tests (blood). We are convinced that if the Steward discovers fresh blood, anywhere on the horse's body, at the end of the Test, the horse must be eliminated without any judgment discretion; otherwise we would have in future too many problems because of this rule if applied subjectively! Furthermore, we would like to advise to harmonise the blood rules of all eight disciplines wherever possible. Unity in the rules will create more clarity for all parties involved and will lead to less questions and/or issues in the sport.

NED NF: Article No. 430.7.6 Execution of the Tests (blood)
We suggest that if the FEI Steward discovers fresh blood anywhere else on the Horse's body at the end of the test the Horse is not automatically eliminated, but the Judge at C may eliminate the Athlete/Horse combination. Furthermore we would like to advise to harmonize the blood rules of all eight disciplines wherever possible. Unity in the rules will create more clarity for all parties involved and will lead to less questions and/or issues in the sport.

AIDEO: Art. 430.7.6.2. Bleeding
Please clarify who is making the final decision about elimination, the Ground Jury? Or is it the President of the Ground Jury or the Judge at C?
We also would like to have clarification of the role of the FEI Vet in this and who he is reporting to?

GER NF: Art. 430.7.6 Execution of the Tests; Blood
NF GER: We support the proposal made by USA NF.
The final wording proposed by FEI refers only to checks AFTER the test while the USA NF proposal was for a situation DURING the test. It therefore needs adjustment.

FEI feedback

FEI Legal and Veterinary departments to be consulted for wording regarding blood found anywhere on the body (apart from mouth or area of the spurs), which has occurred after the end of the test. The FEI Vet delegate should check the horse and inform the GJ whether or not the Horse is fit to continue in the next competition or not. If not fit to continue, the result from the previous competition should remain valid, but the horse should not be allowed to continue to the next competition.

Proposed Final Wording 22.10.2019

7.6.2.1 If the FEI Steward discovers fresh blood in the Horse's mouth or in the area of the spurs during the check at the end of the test (Article 430.9), he informs the Judge at C, who will eliminate the Horse and the Athlete.

7.6.2.2 If the FEI Steward discovers fresh blood anywhere else on the Horse's body (i.e. other than the Horse's mouth or in the area of the spurs) during the check at the end of the test the Athlete/Horse combination is not automatically eliminated. The FEI Steward shall inform the Judge at C and an FEI Veterinarian is to must be called to decide examine the Horse and advise the Ground Jury-Judge at C whether it the Horse is fit to continue in following competition(s) in the Event. The Judge at C will take a decision on the Horse's fitness to continue, based on the FEI Veterinarian's advice. If the Judge at C decides the Horse is not fit to continue, the Horse will not be permitted to take part in any further Competition(s) or tests at the Event, but the result(s) obtained by the Athlete/Horse combination in any Competition(s) or tests already completed shall stand.

23. Article No. 430.7.6.2 – Execution of the Tests
Explanation for Proposed Change
Proposal from AIDEO:
Proposed Wording
If the FEI Steward discovers fresh blood in the Horse's mouth or in the area of the spurs during the check at the end of the test (Article 430. 9), he informs the Judge at C, who will eliminate the Horse and the/Athlete. <i>Fresh blood discovered by the FEI Steward anywhere else on the Horse, except when due to environmental causes, will also be cause for elimination by the Judge at C.</i> If there is blood on the Horse, an FEI Veterinarian is to be called to decide if the Horse is fit to continue in following competition(s) in the Event.
FEI feedback
See above
Proposed Final Wording 08.07.2019
See above
Proposed Final Wording
Comments received
NZL NF: Supports this AIEDO proposal but seeks a clear definition of 'environmental causes' from the FEI Vet Dept.
FEI feedback
Not supported, please see previous point.
Proposed Final Wording 22.10.2019

24. Article No. 432.4 – Marking
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Proposal from AUT NF: Re introducing the collective marks: In our opinion and the opinion of the CED Working Group, it is essential to have all four marks to evaluate a dressage test in its full depth.</p> <p>If this doesn't get a majority the one kept collective mark should be an overall impression mark for all four collectives not only a rider's mark.</p>
Proposed Wording
<p>4. Collective marks: are awarded, after the Athlete has finished his performance, collective marks are awarded for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Paces. 2) Impulsion. 3) Submission. 4) The Athlete's position and seat; correctness and effect of the aids. <p>The collectives mark is awarded from zero (0) to ten (10).</p> <p>5. The collective marks, as well as certain difficult movements, can be given a coefficient, which is fixed by the FEI.</p>
FEI feedback
<p>Proposal to reintroduce the four Collective marks not supported. Proposal to rename the one Collective mark "General impression" instead of "Rider's mark" supported</p>
Proposed Final Wording 08.07.2019
<p>Collective mark to be called "General Impression"</p>
Comments received
<p>GBR NF: <u>Article 432.4</u> Agreed the final mark should be clarified as General Impression. Please can you confirm descriptors for this mark?</p> <p>USA NF: <u>Article 432.4 – Marking.</u> The USEF support the 'Rider' collective mark being renamed the 'General Impression' collective mark; however, what will be the description of this mark be? Currently the tests read: <i>Rider's position and seat; correctives and effect of the aids.</i></p> <p>IRL NF: The IRL NF strongly disagrees with AUT NF proposal to reintroduce the four Collective marks and agrees with the FEI that this proposal is not to be supported. Proposal to rename the one Collective mark "General impression" instead of "Rider's mark" – is supported by the IRL NF.</p> <p>ITA NF: <u>Art. 432.4</u> Marking. We support the modification of the collective mark to "General Impression". However, we would like to advise to clarify on what this mark is based. The General impression must be formulated with a very precise definition, it cannot be open to multiple interpretations.</p> <p>AUT NF: <u>Article 432.4</u> Marking We support the modification of the collective mark to "General Impression". However we would like to advise to clear up on which this mark is based. The General impression</p>

must be formulated with very precisely definition, it cannot be open to multiple interpretations.

NOR NF: 432.4 Marking: Collective mark: After the Athlete has finished his performance, a collective mark is awarded for the Athlete's position and seat; correctness and effect of the aids ("General impression").

This will be a very difficult mark for the judges. One might predict great differences. If this mark is meant to be summary of the test, it is difficult to see the rationale behind it. Will it really give anything extra compared to the marks for each movement? Ref the reasons FEI gave for taking away the collective marks for gaits, impulsion and submission.

Norway considers the loss of these three marks as negative. They may not be important on the very top senior level of the sport, but they are very important for giving feedback to horses and riders on lower levels.

Norway finds the current collective mark for the Athlete more informative and helpful than the new proposal. However, the rider mark needs an explanation. The horse's performance will reflect the correctness and effect of the aids. Therefore, Norway's impression is that the judges tend to put elements from the former mark for submission into the rider's mark, which we think is OK, but it is not formalized in the rules.

With this new collective mark, it will be even more difficult to have a common understanding of what it is meant to cover. Norway's priorities are therefore:

1. Go back to the system with 4 collective marks, at least for ponies, children, juniors and young riders. But the wording could be adjusted to be more in line with the training scale.
2. Keep the current mark for the rider, but give a description of what the mark is meant to cover. This could be given in the rule book or on the judge's sheets
3. The proposed mark for General impression needs a proper description of what it is meant to cover. This could be given in the rule book or on the judge's sheets

AIDEO: Art. 432.4. Marking

We support the proposal of the AUT NF to bring back the 4 collectives.

NZL NF: NZL is concerned that a collective mark for general impression is too subjective and may result in Judges giving "popularity marks" to well-known combinations. NZL would prefer the collective mark to be for harmony not for general impression.

GER NF: Art. 432.4 Reintroduce the four collective marks

Collective mark: After the Athlete has finished his performance, a collective mark is awarded for the ~~Athlete's position and seat; correctness and effect of the aids~~ ("General impression").

NF GER: These marks should not be deleted. We support the proposal from NF AUT. Athlete's position and seat, correctness and effect of the aids are very important for fine and horse-friendly riding. If riders get marks for them, they will pay more attention to perform them well.

CAN NF: Collective Marks

There is a desire within the CAN Dressage Committee to bring back the collective marks.

FEI feedback

The proposal is to be maintained (one collective mark named "General Impression") but to come into force as of 1.1.2021 with a clear definition, in order not to change any conditions during the Olympic qualification cycle.

Proposed Final Wording 22.10.2019

As above, with a note of coming into force from 1.1.2021

25. Article No. 432.4 – Marking
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Proposal from IDOC: As discussed during the 5* Seminar, Officials are in favour of a collective mark that would reflect the harmony – or general impression – of the test.</p>
Proposed Wording
<p>Collective mark: After the Athlete has finished his performance, a collective mark is awarded for the Harmony – or general impression.</p> <p>(Riders Mark: “General impression” or “Harmony”)</p>
FEI feedback
Supported, naming the collective mark “General impression”
Proposed Final Wording 08.07.2019
See above
Comments received
NZL NF: See above. NZL is of the view that the collective mark awarded should be for the Harmony
FEI feedback
Proposed Final Wording 22.10.2019
Please see previous point.

26. Article No. 436 – Prize-giving

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from IDTC:

We would like that show Organisations have the 'option' to have Prize Givings without the horses, Still with a traditional top sport podium style ceremony.

With the advantages of:

1. Sponsorship is crucial to the survival of FEI Dressage Competitions. Therefore the sponsors must be given the greatest opportunity to benefit from their sponsorship. Unmounted prize givings give greater flexibility to showcase the sponsor/product.
2. An unmounted prize-giving allows the creation of a more 'spectacular' celebration for spectators. Emotional displays can be encouraged without fear of negative impact on the horses.
3. An unmounted prize-giving affords riders the opportunity for the riders to enjoy and concentrate on their achievement without the distraction of managing their horse..
4. The sport of dressage aligning on all levels to the principles of horse welfare and happy Athletes.

Proposed Wording

1. Participation in the prize-giving ceremony of placed Athlete/~~Horse combinations~~ is compulsory. Failure to do so entails losing the classification (rosette, plaque, prize in kind, prize money). Exception to this rule can only be granted by the President of the Ground Jury/Foreign Technical Delegate and/or the Judge at C for the particular Competition. Dress and saddlery have to be the same as in the Competition. **At the discretion of the Organizer the prize-giving may be either mounted or unmounted. In the case of mounted prize-giving ceremonies however** black or white bandages, earplugs on horses and carrying a whip are allowed. For safety reasons Athletes are not allowed to carry flags or other items during **mounted** prize giving. Only winner rungs/blankets are allowed to be worn by Horse during prize-giving.
2. Rosettes should be placed on the Horses' bridles prior to prize-giving.
3. The President of the Ground Jury or Judge at C in the Competition may be involved in the prize-giving ceremony and shall approve any exceptions to the above procedure if necessary.
4. See also recommendations for prize-giving ceremonies (FEI website). Very loud music which may excite and frighten Horses is not allowed and at all times when Horses are grouped together - prize-giving, Horse inspections, etc. - Athletes and/or grooms and everyone involved must act in a responsible way.
5. Carelessness or irresponsible behaviour may result in the giving of a Yellow Warning Card. Acts of gross irresponsibility or carelessness resulting in accident will be reported to the FEI for further action. Refer to FEI GRs.
6. It is allowed, for safety reasons, to carry a whip in the prize-giving ceremony

7. The Organisation Committee of all international events have the option to choose a podium prize giving ceremony performed without horses where all above relevant points also apply.

FEI feedback

Not supported, as it is possible under the current rules to have an exception if the situation risks to be dangerous. Also the final result is a result of the combination, not only of the Athlete. Equestrian is a sport with the partner horse, we should show this also in the prize giving ceremony.

Proposed Final Wording 08.07.2019

No change.

Comments received

GBR NF: Article 436 GBR would support the Organiser being given the discretion of mounted or unmounted prize-givings on the grounds of safety and welfare of the horse. Where mounted prize giving takes place the rider should have the option of riding a "borrowed" horse – or alternatively, where the safety of those involved may be compromised, their horse may be led into the arena for the prize giving and leave before the lap of honour.

FEI feedback

Exceptions to the rule can already be granted regarding using a borrowed horse or leading the horse into the arena

Proposed Final Wording 22.10.2019

As above, no change

27. Article No. 437.9.10 – Ground Jury
Explanation for Proposed Change
AIDEO: Please clarify which classes a 3* Judge needs to judge in Big Tour.
Proposed Wording
None
FEI feedback
A 3* Judge must be on the Ground Jury in at least one Big Tour class in a CDI3*
Proposed Final Wording 08.07.2019
No change.
Comments received
<p>AIDEO: <u>Art. 437.9.10</u>. Ground Jury The FEI feedback is appreciated but this is not what the rule says. If it meant that a 3* Judge must be on the Ground Jury in at least one Big Tour Class in a CDI3* then you need to word the rule accordingly. In the current rule the word „ONE“ is missing.</p> <p>NZL NF: Comment: Art 437 does not specify that a 3* Judge must be on the GJ in at least one Big Tour Class in Western Europe. It simply states that it is mandatory for 1 x 3* judge to judge the Big tour. NZL supports the AIEDO request for clarification</p>
FEI feedback
Agree to AIDEO proposal for clarification
Proposed Final Wording 22.10.2019
<p>9.10. For CDI3*, the President and the other members of the Ground Jury are appointed by the OC, in agreement with the FEI, from the FEI lists of 5*, 4* and 3* Judges. One (1) 3* Judge is mandatory to judge <u>in at least one (1) competition</u> in the big tour in Western Europe, and recommended outside Western Europe. However no more than two (2) 3* Judges should be appointed in a Ground Jury of five (5). Minimum one (1) 4* Judge must be appointed. At least three (3) Judges should be foreign and of different nationalities. Outside Western Europe, two (2) of the three (3) foreign Judges may be of the same nationality.</p>

28. Article No. YR-7, J-7, P-16, Ch-14 – Competitions and Dressage Tests	
Explanation for Proposed Change	
<p>Proposal from AUT NF:</p> <p>The Austrian NF would like to add CDIO Youth events to their senior events and therefore would like to reduce the number of starts to give as many riders as possible the opportunity to compete at their events. At the same time, two starts per horse at the event should be guaranteed.</p>	
Proposed Wording	
<p>1. The Dressage Events for Young Riders/Juniors/Ponies and Children are held in general under the same rules as those set forth for the Dressage Events for Seniors, except for those issues specifically addressed below.</p> <p>2. Dressage Tests</p> <p>The Official FEI Dressage tests for Young Riders/Juniors/Ponies and Children are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preliminary Competition Test Open 2. Team Competition Test Open 3. Individual Competition Test Open 4. Young Riders Freestyle Test Six (6) to eighteen (18) best from Individual Competition, including ties for the highest placing <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preliminary Competition Test Open 2. Team Competition Test Open 3. Individual Competition Test Open 4. Junior Freestyle Test Six (6) to eighteen (18) best from Individual Competition, including ties for the highest placing <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preliminary Competition Test Open 2. Team Competition Test Open 3. Individual Competition Test Open 4. Pony Freestyle Test Six (6) to eighteen (18) best from Individual Competition, including ties for the highest placing <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preliminary Competition Test A Open 2. Preliminary Competition Test B Open 3. Team Competition Test Open 4. Individual Competition Test Six (6) to eighteen (18) best from Individual Competition, including ties for the highest placing <p>The tests two-four (2-4) are compulsory for CDIOY/J/CH/Ps and FEI Championships and recommended for all other International Young Riders/Juniors/Ponies and Children Dressage Events. At CDIOY/J/CH/Ps is open to the OC to limit the number of participants in test 3 and 4 but it must be guaranteed that each horse/rider combination has two starting possibilities.</p> <p>Qualification score for Individual and Freestyle competition: A Horse must earn a minimum score of sixty percent (60%) in the Team Competition test, in order to be eligible to start in an Individual competition test or Freestyle test.</p>	
FEI feedback	
<p>Not supported for the time being, similar to a Nations Cup, and Nations Cups format for Seniors to be discussed and finalised.</p>	
Proposed Final Wording 08.07.2019	

No change.

Comments received

NZL NF: Supports this proposal from NF AUT .

FEI feedback

See above, no change for 2020

Proposed Final Wording 22.10.2019

29. Article No. Ch-14 – Competition and Tests

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from GER NF:

In the judgement of Children, **seat, giving of aids, feeling, effect of aids and influence on the horse's response to the interplay of the rider's aids** should be of increased importance. These criteria are the fundamentals for the positive development as a rider which must have priority in this age group.

In this respect, the commentaries are of utmost importance. The goal is to state whether the Athlete is on the right track. Strengths and weaknesses are highlighted in order to improve the performance with concrete hints in the commentary. The skills should be commented in well understandable words, appropriate to the age of the riders addressed. Moreover, Children's competitions offer the genuine possibility to honour the skills of the child as an Athlete, irrespective of how gifted their horse is.

We propose to add to the technical test sheet a quality marking sheet (including directives) like the one used in the Dressage Test for 7-year-old Horses. This includes an assessment of five tasks with a commentary and a mark given for the accomplishment of each of the five tasks.

Separate judging. If there is a panel of three Judges, the Judge at C judges according to the quality marking sheet while the other Judges use the technical sheet. If five Judges are used, two Judges complete the quality sheet.

The results of the technical sheets count 50 % and the results of the quality sheet(s) count equally 50 %, no matter how many Judges were used.

Proposed Wording

Additional Quality Marking Sheet to be established (like the one used in the Preliminary Dressage Test for 7-year-old Horses), including an assessment of five tasks with a commentary and a mark given for the accomplishment of each of the five tasks - see attached draft.

Add in Article Ch-14 an explanation what the Judges have to do:

Separate judging. In a panel of three Judges, one judges only the quality of the rider, the other two judge only the technical execution of the test. In a panel of five Judges, two judge only the quality of the rider. The quality of the Athlete and the technical execution of the test shall be weighted each with 50 % towards the end result.

Assessment of individual tasks

(We felt the criteria should not be described too short so that it becomes clear what the focus should be laid on.)

1. Dressage seat:

Natural, stretched, secure well-balanced basic seat (shoulder, hip, heel form a vertical line). Suppleness and going with the movement, in particular swinging elastically in the middle posture, taking into consideration the position of leg and shoulder, head and hand posture.

2. Giving of aids:

Collaboration of weight, leg and rein aids in view to timing and intensity.

3. Meeting the technical requirements:

Correct preparation and execution of the movements.
Correct figures and tempi.

4. Feeling and efficiency:

Influence of the rider on the suppleness and "going" of the horse. Transitions.

Situational action while keeping suppleness and balance.

5. Overall judgement:

Overall impression, harmony of the performance, perspective as dressage rider

FEI feedback

The DTC to discuss a possible change of format of the Children competitions. Issue of test sheets, judging of Children tests not detailed in the rules

Proposed Final Wording 08.07.2019

No change in the rule book

Comments received

GBR NF: Article No. Ch-14 GBR would support GER NF proposals

NZL NF: NZL in principle supports a possible change in the future

FEI feedback

Such a new way of judging Children tests was tried out in Warendorf (GER) in September 2019 with generally good feedback although it still needs discussion, so is more likely to be an issue for 2021

Proposed Final Wording 22.10.2019

As above, this requires no change in the rule book

30. Article No. U25-7 – Competition and Tests
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Proposal from NED NF:</p> <p>In our opinion the GP 16-25 is too difficult. It is almost equal to the Grand Prix for seniors. We would advise to make it more similar to Intermediaire II level. In this way this test will be more accessible also for athletes of the so-called developing countries.</p>
Proposed Wording
N/A
FEI feedback
Not supported by the FEI DTC, but to be passed on to the Dressage Test Working Group for their opinion.
Proposed Final Wording 08.07.2019
No change_in the rules.
Comments received
FEI feedback
Proposed Final Wording 22.10.2019
As above, <u>this requires</u> no change in the rules.

31. Article No. P-16 – Competitions and Tests
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Proposal from NED NF:</p> <p>The Team Test for Pony's is a nice test, but hasn't changed for years. We would suggest to make it a little bit more difficult, by for example add canter half passes to either side.</p>
Proposed Wording
N/A
FEI feedback
As above, to DTWG for their opinion
Proposed Final Wording 08.07.2019
No change in the rules.
Comments received
<p>BRA NF: <u>Article No P-16</u> Competitions and Tests - We would like to call the attention that if the new test is too difficult it will be a problem for developing countries.</p> <p>NZL NF: Supported</p>
FEI feedback
Note taken of the comments.
Proposed Final Wording 22.10.2019
As above, no change in the rules.

32. Article No. Annex 12 – CDIAm
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Proposal from IDRC:</p> <p>Currently, CDI-Am competitions are open to all Athletes and Horses registered with the FEI. The idea of a CDI-Am is to allow amateur riders to compete at CDIs alongside the CDI riders but in their own amateur class. However, the current wording allows much more competent CDI riders to compete in the CDI-Am class. This has led to a small number of professional riders competing in the CDI-Am class which has caused disillusionment and discontent amongst the genuine amateur riders.</p>
Proposed Wording
<p>Any horse/Athlete combination that achieves 2 x 68% in a non-freestyle test at a CDI 3* or above will be ineligible to compete in a CDI-Am 30 days after receiving their second qualifying score. The Athlete will be ineligible to compete in a CDI- Am for a period of 5 years on any horse. CDI-Am riders must be 26 years of age or older.</p>
FEI feedback
<p>The FEI DTC is currently discussing the Amateur category in general.</p>
Proposed Final Wording 08.07.2019
<p>No change.</p>
Comments received
<p>EEF: Amateurs (Annex 12 CDIAm)</p> <p>It would be desirable to define the Amateur category in a better way and, if possible, even across disciplines.</p>
FEI feedback
<p>The different discipline Directors are to provide the FEI Board with the definitions of "Amateur", after which the Technical Committees will discuss the various competitions for this category.</p>
Proposed Final Wording 22.10.2019
<p>No change for 2020.</p>

33. Article No. Annex 15 – Per Diem
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Proposal from IDOC:</p> <p>The current rules only mention the Chief Steward, leaving the remuneration – if any – of the other stewards to the goodwill of the organizers. FEI stewards in jumping are all considered FEI officials and all receive the 120 € per diem. Out of fairness for the dressage stewards, who are no less knowledgeable and hardworking than their jumping colleagues, the rule should be modified to include all stewards.</p>
Proposed Wording
<p>Per Diem for Judges, Technical Delegate and Stewards:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Per diem of EUR 120 per day, (remuneration for miscellaneous costs. This amount is net after relevant taxes being borne by the OC). The per diem is due for all officiating days, plus one. At the discretion of the Official, the per diem for this additional day may be forfeited if the Official can conveniently travel on the officiating days. 2. Judges: for more details see Annex 7 3. Veterinary Delegates: see VR
FEI feedback
Supported; per diem of EUR 120 for all FEI Officials listed in the draft schedule.
Proposed Final Wording 08.07.2019
Per Diem for Judges, Technical Delegate and Stewards <u>FEI Officials</u> :
Comments received
<p>USA NF: <u>Annex 10 (new Annex 10, previously Annex 15)</u> – Per Diem. Why has the new Annex 7 (previously Annex 12) changed from 'Officials' to 'Ground Jury'? Will another row be added to confirm the Per Diem for all Officials? Or will the per diem language be removed completely from the chart since it is already mentioned in Annex 15? The change in the titling of the row makes it slightly misleading of the intention to give a Per Diem to all officials. If there is an intention to only pay those officials listed in the FEI Definite Schedule, then there should be a requirement to list all stewards in the FEI Definite Schedule.</p>
FEI feedback
The intention of this amendment is not to leave out the FEI Stewards who should also receive a per diem and were unintentionally left out in the previous rule amendment.
Proposed Final Wording 22.10.2019
Per Diem for Judges, Technical Delegate and Chief <u>Steward</u> s

34. Article No.–Article Name
FEI Dressage Nations Cup Rules
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Proposal from IDOC:</p> <p>We would like to suggest to add a Final for the Nations Cup, same as Jumping. This will make it more exciting and attractive for the riders. And also increasing the prize money will make the Nations Cup more attractive to riders.</p>
Proposed Wording
N/A
FEI feedback
The Nations Cup is under discussion in the DTC.
Proposed Final Wording 08.07.2019
No change
Comments received
<p>GBR NF: <u>FEI Dressage Nations Cup Rules</u></p> <p>All nations have discussed for some years that there should be a Nations Cup Final for dressage to enable the competition to be promoted within the sport, to achieve the same status, profile and level of importance that it enjoys in showjumping.</p>
FEI feedback
Proposed Final Wording 22.10.2019
<p><u>No change for 2020. The Nations Cup Rules are currently being reviewed and a new format should be proposed for 2021.</u></p>

"The following comments and/or proposals submitted by 30 August 2019 are not in relation to amendments and/or proposals referenced in the July Draft. Consequently, as per Phase III of the Rules Revision Policy (published in inside.fei.org [here](#)), are not considered for the 2020 Rules Revision"

ADDITIONAL feedback for 20 Oct 2019

GBR NF:

Article 422.3.2

Requires renumbering in wording.

FEI Comment: will be addressed

Article 422.3.7

GBR would propose that FEI World Equestrian Games and European Championships results might count as a confirmation of capability, providing that they fall within the capability period.

FEI Comment: This will be reviewed in 2020

Article 425.3

Please provide further clarification. We interpret this to mean that CDIO Individual World Ranking points are not relevant in the draw and it will be an open draw taking the team positions into account? Is this correct?

FEI Comment: For the Individual Athletes, the WR points are only taken into consideration if the Competition is held over two days, in which case the Athletes are divided in two groups, with the highest placed drawn on the second day.

USA NF: Article 437.9.11-16 – Ground Jury (Appointment of Judges & Technical Delegates)

It is assumed 'active' means 'active as determined by the NF' but may possibly need additional clarification if not.

FEI Comment: Yes, correct

Article 437.15 – Ground Jury (Technical Delegate). Will the FEI not also appoint a Technical Delegate for Series "Finals" such as the World Cup Finals?

FEI Comment: Yes, correct, we will amend this article to reflect that.

IRL NF: Olympic Format. The IRL NF wishes to voice it's concern that some horse/athlete combinations will compete in 1 round less than others (while getting to the final), especially considering the weather conditions that will be present in Tokyo.

NOR NF: CHAPTER II ELIGIBILITY AT INTERNATIONAL EVENTS, ARTICLE 3 GENERAL

1. For the age of Athletes, please refer to the FEI General Regulations.

Norway strongly supports this change. All rules relevant across all disciplines should be given in the General regulations or Veterinary regulations, and not in the rules for each discipline. This remark applies to the regulations for all disciplines, not only dressage.

4.3 PONY RIDERS

1. Pony height and measurements: ref. to VRs.

Norway strongly supports this change. See remark above.

GER NF:

NEW

(on request of Bettina de Rham after conversation with Gaby Wentrup, in the context of the schedule of Donaueschingen):

ARTICLE 422.2.8

2.8. Grand Prix. This Competition is either open to all Horses or, if the Grand Prix has been scheduled after an Intermediate A, B or Intermediate II, the Grand Prix must be open to but not compulsory for the minimum six (6) (minimum) best Athlete/Horse combinations who qualified in the Intermediate A, B or Intermediate II competition ~~This Competition is open to all Horses.~~

FEI Comment: This will be reviewed in 2020 for 2021.

General proposals for 20 Oct 2019**GBR NF:**Proposal on periodic rules revision

A simplified and streamlined rules revision process is to be welcomed; however, we would have concerns that reducing this to once every four years is too long and would be too limiting. Changing competition formats and headline principles governing each discipline every four years would be acceptable, but there are other rules that may need to be updated or reviewed annually, such as those that require expert veterinary advice, or to reflect the latest technical specification for tack and equipment. In addition, for dressage specifically, if we are to introduce a code of points and new judging system, then this will need to be reviewed and modified annually to ensure that any initial issues or teething problems are addressed. These will need to be resolved swiftly and should not be postponed to the end of a cycle for purely administrative reasons.

GBR NF: FEI Judge Code of Points

It is our understanding that the FEI is still planning to introduce the new Code of Points for dressage judging in 2021. We would strongly recommend that there needs to be a clearly defined period for the trial, education, transition and introduction of this new system before embarking on full implementation. This will require careful consideration and consultation with NFs and other stakeholders, as well as a clear feedback and rules revision process to ensure that it monitored, reviewed and evaluated outside of any four year cycle for general rules changes. Adapting and adjusting this new system as required during the initial implementation phase will be critical to ensure it is a success.

JSP: At least the three judges who are at C at a Championships MUST be present at the horse inspection and that the OCs need to prepare for this _

FEI Comment : this will be addressed in 2020 (new Rule)

AUS NF: The EA Dressage Committee are happy with proposed modifications and have no further feedback or comment.

BRA NF: ** it is not on the rules revision for 2019, and maybe this matter has to be brought up by march 1st, 2020, for the new rules revision, but the only reference to spurs size/measure is for children category, there is no reference for how big spurs can be for other classes (SR/Y/J/Am) including Young horses.

FEI Comment : Please mention this again for by March 2020

AIDEO: White foam

We understand the issue of how to monitor the use of white foam in competition. Maybe it would be good if the Vet Committee and/or the Steward General could be involved and find a good wording as well as a way to monitor it.

CDs - Does that need to go into the rules somewhere?

NOR NF: With reference to the FEI 2019 Rules revision – General Regulation, the NOR NF has no further proposals or comments. However, we only have a remark regarding the following proposed change in the Dressage rules:

CHAPTER II ELIGIBILITY AT INTERNATIONAL EVENTS, ARTICLE 3 GENERAL

1. For the age of Athletes, please refer to the FEI General Regulations.

Norway strongly supports this change. All rules relevant across all disciplines should be given in the General regulations or Veterinary regulations, and not in the rules for each discipline. This remark applies to the regulations for all disciplines, not only dressage.

General proposals for 8 July 2019**AIDEO:**

- Full Revision of the CDI* System for 2021. (**NZL NF**: Supported)

- Full Revision of the FEI Dressage World Cup 2020/21 including all Leagues and the qualification system for the Final. –

FEI Comment : **DC supported** (**NZL NF**: Supported and request that all Leagues have representation and opportunity to have input into the review)

- The DC and VC should look into the use of substances like egg white or marshmallows to cover up contact or tongue issues in competition.

FEI Comment : **DC supported in principle, but ~~how to monitor?~~needs to discuss with Vets or other committees to find a way to monitor** (**NZL NF**: Supported in principle - this investigation by the DC & VC and the means by which this to be monitored if deemed to be not permitted?)

- The OCs should be able to offer other ways to provide freestyle music to the riders than CDs. Leave it up to OC to decide.

FEI Comment : **DC supported** (**NZL NF**: Supported)