

**PROPOSALS FOR RULES CHANGES OF
DRESSAGE RULES 2023**

14 October 2022

Dear National Federations,

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

In the following document you will find 2 sections as follows:

- A.** [Proposed Rules changes to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022;](#)
and
- B.** [Proposed Rules changes that have been rejected or deferred to a future Rules revision.](#)

Sincerely,

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A. PROPOSED RULES CHANGES TO BE VOTED AT THE FEI GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2022

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
FEI
Article Number – Article Name
Chapter I - Dressage
Explanation for Proposed Change
This chapter was removed from the Rules and would be turned into Guidelines/Directives.
Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022
N/A
Comments received by 24 August 2022
FEI feedback
N/A
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022
N/A

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
FEI
Article Number – Article Name
Chapter VII Officials
Explanation for Proposed Change
The *rating system of Officials has been changed to Levels as per the General Regulations and Education system, across all disciplines.
Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022
See Chapter VII
Comments received by 24 August 2022
<p>AUS - Australia does not support the change to an L rating system and believe it would be both divisive and disruptive and offers no benefits.</p> <p>The use of STARS * is universally recognised worldwide (regardless of language) as a descriptor of quality, importance or expertise. Thus, it has become a highly meaningful and an important marketing tool and indicator of status influencing all stakeholders, riders, judges, trainers and organisers plus spectators. Using the STAR rating is also consistent with the way competitions are described, 1* thru 5*. --> Retain current 5* judging rating system.</p> <p>NZL - NZL does not support the proposed draft</p>

This proposed article change seeks to change the descriptor from the current Star nomenclature (2* to 5*) to Level 1 to Level 4.

This change to an L rating system appears to offer no benefits to the sport and may cause confusion in a well accepted system for dressage.

The use of STARS * is universally recognized worldwide (regardless of language) as a descriptor of quality. Thus it has become a highly meaningful and an important marketing tool and indicator of status influencing all stakeholders, riders, judges, trainers, organizers and spectators. The L descriptor carries no connotation nor context. 5* is recognised universally, L4 suggests nothing how many L's are there? Using the STAR rating is also consistent with the way competitions are described, 1* thru 5*. --> No change

ARG - WE REJECT THE PROPOSAL

This article seeks to change the descriptor from the current Star nomenclature (2* to 5*) to L1 to L4.

This change to an L rating system would be both divisive and disruptive and offers no benefits. Although this may seem a trivial issue it has important implications. The use of STARS * is universally recognized worldwide (regardless of language) as a descriptor of quality, importance or expertise. Thus it has become a highly meaningful and an important marketing tool and indicator of status influencing all stakeholders, riders, judges, trainers and organizers plus spectators. The L descriptor carries no connotation nor context. 5* connotes ne plus ultra universally, L4 suggests nothing how many L's are there? Using the STAR

rating is also consistent with the way competitions are described, 1* thru 5* --> We propose maintenance of the traditional star rating.

ESP - We are strongly opposed to the change from categorization of officials by stars to categorization by levels. The same comment applies to all other articles where this change has been implemented (ie Art. 441 & 446)

RUS - We propose to keep the Star rating system for Dressage judges. We greatly prefer the Star nomenclature (2* to 5*) to the levels. We believe that changing to a L rating system offers no benefits. The use of Stars (*) is worldwide recognized as a description of quality and expertise. It is a meaningful and important marketing tool and indicator of status influencing all stakeholders: riders, judges, trainers, organizers, plus spectators and sponsors. *(For example, the presence of 5* judges elevates the overall standing of a Competition).* The L descriptor carries no connotation and suggests nothing.

Judging plays an integral part in dressage Competition and differs substantially from judging of other equestrian disciplines. Thus the goal of harmonization among disciplines is misleading. There is no contradiction with the General Regulations which recognize the possibility that there will be variations amongst disciplines and leaves the determination of levels to the disciplines via the Sport Rules.

Proposed wording:

Keeping the Stars nomenclature throughout the Dressage Rules and other documents

Art. 441

Judges are divided into four (4) categories: ~~Level 1 (L1), Level 2 (L2), level 3 (L3) and Level 4 (L4)~~ 2*, 3*, 4*, 5*. The qualifications and minimum requirements for ~~L1, L2, L3 and L4~~ 2*, 3*, 4* and 5* Judges shall be published separately by FEI and shall be governed by the FEI Dressage Judges Education System.

POR - We fully support the IDRC and IDTC proposal to reinstate the 5* classification for the highest level of Dressage Judge. The change to an "L" rating system would be both divisive and disruptive and offers no benefits. The use of STARS * is universally recognized worldwide (regardless of language) as a descriptor of quality, importance or

expertise. Thus it has become a highly meaningful and an important marketing tool and indicator of status influencing all stakeholders, riders, judges, trainers and organizers plus spectators. The L descriptor carries no connotation nor context. Using the STAR rating is also consistent with the way competitions are described, 1* thru 5*

Proposed wording:

"At all international Dressage Competitions, the Ground Jury must consist of a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of seven (7) members as described in Annex 7. Members of the Ground Jury shall be International Judges from the FEI list. Judges are defined in four (4) categories: 2* (new), 3* (formerly International Candidate), 4* (formerly International) and 5* (formerly Official international) Judges."

NOR - We see the rationale in harmonising the categories of officials across the disciplines, into 4 levels, as it was decided at the GA last year. However, we do not agree to rename the categories of judges in dressage from a star rating 2*-5* to L1-L4. Our reasoning for this decision is in accordance with the arguments received from the stakeholder groups in dressage, IDTC, IDRC, IDOC and AIDEO.

JPN - The use of STARS * is universally recognized worldwide (regardless of language) as a descriptor of quality, importance or expertise. Therefore, we think that we will continue to use The STARS *.

Proposed wording:

1. Judges are divided into four (4) categories: ~~Level 1 (L1)~~ 2* (new), ~~Level 2 (L2)~~ 3* (formerly International Candidate), ~~level 3 (L3)~~ 4* (formerly International) and ~~Level 4 (L4)~~ 5* (formerly Official international). The qualifications and minimum requirements for ~~L1, L2, L3 and L4~~ Judges shall be published separately by FEI and shall be governed by the FEI Dressage Judges Education System.

HON - We are asking you to REJECT the proposal to change the rating descriptor for the FEI Dressage Judges as listed in Chapter VII Officials Article 440.

EST - The Estonian NF is supporting the initiative of IDOC, IDRC, IDTC and AIDEO to reject the proposal to change the descriptor from the current Star nomenclature (2* to 5*) to L1 to L4.

We are of the opinion that the current STAR system is well suited for dressage, as it expresses better the essence of more complex dressage judging as opposed to the more technical LEVELS in show jumping and stewarding. Also, it works well for the dressage community and as an unnecessary change, it would be a waste of resources that could be located elsewhere, e.g, officials education, etc.

CAN - Canada supports the letter from IDOC submitted August 2022

COL - We reject the proposal in the Rule Revision Proposal Draft which would change the name designation for FEI Dressage Judges. We propose judges continue to be designated using a Star rating system and ask FEI to remove this change from the DRAFT RULE REVISION PROPOSALS. --> No changes to actual wording of Judges Categories.

MEX - keeping star levels

BEL - This change to an L rating system would be both divisive and disruptive and offers no benefits. Although this may seem a trivial issue it has important implications. The use of STARS* is universally recognized worldwide (regardless of language) as a descriptor of quality, importance or expertise.

Proposed wording:

Reinstate the 5* classification for the highest level of dressage judge.

IDTC /IDRC / EEF/ GRE - We object to elimination of the Star * descriptors for the Judges. This descriptor has meaning and value to all stakeholders and is easily understood by spectators worldwide. It can be used as a marketing tool both within and outside of the dressage community.

There is no compensating benefit for the shift to Levels. If harmonization is important then it makes sense to maintain the Star designation as that is how the competitions are described. Issues regarding harmonization should be consumer-facing and not for internal purposes. The Dressage Committee as well as the Stakeholder Clubs are united in their opposition to this change

Proposed wording:

Article 440 Judges are divided into four categories: 2 Star, 3 Star, 4 Star and 5 Star.....

Wording throughout Article 441 Ground Jury should be appropriately adjusted to reflect the maintenance of the Star designator

NED - We see no benefit and necessity in this name change from * to Levels. The star system is used throughout the complete FEI infrastructure and immediately gives everyone a sense of importance, either for a judge or competition. This is due to the worldwide recognition of a star system as a prove of certain quality. We do not agree with the rationale from the FEI and reject this proposal

USA - We have received a strong lobby from Judges requesting the star system is retained rather than Levels. However, we understand the wish to have universality across the disciplines.

AUT - The AUT NF REJECTS the proposal to change the rating descriptor for the FEI Dressage Judges as listed in Chapter VII Officials Article 440.

We strongly support the opinion of all stakeholder clubs IDOC, IDTC, IDRC, AIDEO in this case and ask the FEI to remove this from the DRAFT RULE REVISION PROPOSALS:

ARTICLE 440 JUDGES CATEGORIES

1. Judges are divided into four (4) categories: Level1 (L1), Level 2 (L2), level 3 (L3) and Level 4 (L4). The qualifications and minimum requirements for L1, L2, L3 and L4 Judges shall be published separately by FEI and shall be governed by the FEI Dressage Judges Education System.

This article seeks to change the descriptor from the current Star nomenclature (2* to 5*) to L1 to L4.

This change to an L rating system would be both divisive and disruptive and offers no benefits.

Although this may seem a trivial issue it has important implications. The use of STARS * is universally recognized worldwide (regardless of language) as a descriptor of quality, importance or expertise. Thus it has become a highly meaningful and an important marketing tool and indicator of status influencing all stakeholders, riders, judges, trainers and organizers plus spectators. The L descriptor carries no connotation nor context. 5* connotes nec plus ultra universally, L4 suggests nothing how many L's are there? Using the STAR rating is also consistent with the way competitions are described, 1* thru 5*. The FEI's rationale for this change is to be consistent with the General Regulation Chapter VII Article 145- Judge point 3. *Unless the Sport Rules provide otherwise, there shall be four (4) levels of Judges. The necessary qualifications for each Level are set forth in the Education System for each Discipline.*

This rationale is misleading. The above regulation stipulates NO specific descriptor for the 4 levels and also provides flexibility for the disciplines if they so please. Therefore, there is no requirement to change any descriptor.

It is also important to highlight that this change does NOT have the endorsement from the FEI Dressage Committee.

Regarding this Article as AUT NF we also like to support the letter of Linda Keenan and go with her opinion (End of the doc):

Article 145 Judge

3. Unless the Sport Rules provide otherwise, there shall be four (4) Levels of Judges. The necessary qualifications for each Level are set forth in the Education System for each Discipline'

Discussion

1. ARTICLE REINFORCES STATUS QUO

-There is no mention of how the levels may (must) be identified

-The principle of Sport Rule precedence is clearly stated

-Dressage currently has 4 levels of officials

it can be reasonably inferred that this wording simply reinforces the status quo and the NF's would not have believed that they were imposing anything new on the dressage discipline.

2. NAME CHANGE WAS NOT SOUGHT IN SPORT RULES

because no change was made in the Sport Rules where the 4 levels of judges continues to be referred to using the * designation; and the principle of Sport Rule precedence is affirmed in the General Regulations several times it is unreasonable to assume that the NF's would anticipate any required change in naming convention for any of the disciplines nor that they were creating a mandate for a name change

3. SPORT RULE PRECEDENCE

Even if, Article **145.3** did include a direction as to the designation of judges the fact of **no change in the Sport Rules** would mean that the designation as written in the Sport Rules should dominate. No expectation or any name change on behalf of the NF's would have been created.

'Article 144.5in the event of any conflict the *Sport Rules shall take precedence*'

'Article 145.3 *Unless the Sport Rules provide otherwise*.....'

'Article 146.4 *Unless the Sport Rules of the relevant Discipline provide otherwise*.....'

'Article 146.5 *Unless the Sport Rules of the relevant Discipline provide otherwise*.....'

All that can be concluded from the approval of Article 145 is that the NF's supported having 4 levels of judges and other officials. The only implication is that some disciplines/officials would have to add an additional level.

Harmonization is beneficial if it improves clarity, has a positive outcome and provides sufficient flexibility for future growth and development. There is no point in forcing square pegs in round holes just to be able to produce a tidy organization chart. Structure must follow function.

GBR - We do not believe that there is the justification or a sound rationale to change the judge category descriptors from the current star status (2* to 5*) to L1 to L4. While we understand the wish to align this to the education system, this could still sit alongside and support the existing star status without any changes required.

Changing to a L rating system would be divisive, disruptive and offers no real benefits in terms of wider public perception or recognition. The use of stars is universally recognised internationally (regardless of language) to indicate quality, importance, or expertise. It is a meaningful tool to convey the level of experience and status of judges to all stakeholders, including riders, trainers, organisers, and spectators alike.

The L descriptor would undermine this and create unnecessary confusion, especially without any real context for the public to understand. Whereas 5* status universally

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denotes the ultimate level that can be achieved, L4 is meaningless – it could be viewed as a demotion for highly respected judges and carry less prestige or importance.

Using the star rating is also consistent with the way competitions are described, from 1* through to 5*, so this measure is already universally recognised and understood in the sport. There is therefore no reason to change this valuable and important reference to judge status and we believe it would be counter-productive.

Proposed wording:

We would recommend that L1 to L4 is utilised in the context of the training and education system only, and that the judge star status remains in place, as at present.

FEI feedback

The FEI Board had agreed in June that Levels shall be used but that the L4/5* reference could be used in all working documents

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022

The proposal above remains unchanged.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI

Article Number – Article Name

Article 401 Categories of Events

Explanation for Proposed Change

The DC proposed to change the formats for CDIs to show more progression through the levels. This was both to encourage Athletes to start at an appropriate level to develop the lower levels of events, as well as to make each level Events clear is what it offers.

Small Tour, Medium Tour and Big Tour are now each separate CDI *rating level and no longer called ST, MT and BT.

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022

Article 401.1

Types of Events for Senior Athletes:

In conformity with the FEI GRs, the International Dressage Events are divided into CDI1* to CDI5*, CDI-Ws, CDIO1* to CDIO5*, CDIO-NC, CDIYH, CDIAm, FEI Championships, Regional and Olympic Games which must be held according to the Rules given in the following articles, unless otherwise stated in the pre-emptive Rules for any of these Events, such as the Olympic Games or Paralympic Games.

For details of the Competitions, Dressage tests, qualification requirements and prize money at each CDI level, please refer to the table in article 401.7

Comments received by 24 August 2022

N/A

FEI feedback

N/A

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022

Proposal remains the same as above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
FEI
Article Number – Article Name
401 Categories of Events and Competitions
Explanation for Proposed Change
In CDIs and CDIOs, the last individual Competition will be open to the eighteen (18) best from the second Competition across all categories. In the current rules, the last Competition is open to either the best 15 or best 18, and the DC is proposing to harmonize this across all.
The Draw for the last Individual Competition will be done in four groups instead of three.
Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022
See relevant section in articles 401 to 409
Example Art. 407.2.5
<u>Third Competition:</u> This Competition shall be open to the six (6) (minimum) to fifteen eitheneigheten (1518) (maximum including ties for 15th-18th place) best Athlete/horse combinations who qualified in <u>the second</u> Competition. It is at the discretion of the OC to make the <u>third test</u> mandatory or not. This must be stated in the Schedule.
<u>The minimum qualification score for must be applied.</u>
Example Art. 417.7.3
<u>For the Children Individual Competition and all Youth Freestyle Competitions there will be a draw within four (4) groups, in reverse order from the rankings of the previous Competition. First drawn is a group of three (3), with athletes placed 18th to 16th. The Athletes in the group ranked 18th to 16th will start first, followed by the group ranked 15th to 11th, and so on.</u>
Comments received by 24 August 2022
FEI feedback
N/A
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022
Proposal remains the same as above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
FEI
Article Number – Article Name
Article 401 Categories of Events – FEI Championships
Explanation for Proposed Change
The formats that may be proposed in Continental (excluding Europe) and Regional Championships/Games are described in Article 401.6

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This is to give better guidance to OCs and ensure a progression into and throughout the FEI Levels.

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022

- 6.1- Continental (excluding Europe)/Regional Championships/Games. The rules (Technical handbook) must be approved by the FEI.
- 6.1.1 For Seniors, the formats may be chosen from either CDIO1*, CDIO2* or CDIO3* and may include hybrid Teams with Athletes competing in maximum two different levels. This must be defined in the specific Rules for these Championships/Games Rules (technical handbook) and in the approved FEI Schedule.

Comments received by 24 August 2022

FEI feedback

N/A

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022

Proposal remains the same as above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI

Article Number – Article Name

Article 401 Categories of Events

Explanation for Proposed Change

The DC propose to introduce a Qualification criteria for CDIO4* in line with the new Competition structure. This was already in force for CDIO5*.

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022

CDIO4*/ CDIO4*	<u>Athlete/Horse combination must qualify at a CDIO3* (65 % in 1 GP or GPS)</u>	
CDIO5*/ CDIO5*	<u>Athlete/Horse combination must qualify at a CDIO3* or CDIO4* (65 % in 1 GP or GPS)</u>	
CDIO-W WEL	<u>Athlete/Horse combination must qualify at a CDIO3*, CDIO4* or CDIO5* (65 % in one GP or GPS)</u>	

Comments received by 24 August 2022
USA - We recommend 62% or 63% (instead of 65%) to participate in a CDI4* and qualify for the final test in a CDI4*. If the data proves this is too low after several years, then it can be raised; however, since this would be a new requirement, a lower percentage is suggested. Consideration should be given to the impact on athlete/horse combinations seeking a start in a CDI4* and the number of potential CDI4*s going forward to the calendar for the 2023 competition year prior to these rules being approved.
FEI feedback
The DC supports the proposal and agrees to the following amendments: CDI4*/CDIO4* change to 63% as a minimum qualification requirement, keep 65% for the others.
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022
<u>CDI4*/CDIO4*</u> <u>Athlete/Horse combination must qualify at a CDI3* (63% in 1 GP or GPS)</u>

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
FEI
Article Number – Article Name
402.1.4 FEI Championships, Minimum Participation
Explanation for Proposed Change
The DC agreed to include Minimum participation for FEI Championships to harmonise with other disciplines and provide legitimacy to the Championships.
Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022
1.4 Minimum participation: 1.4.1 FEI World Championships may only be held if at least six (6) National Federations are represented by Teams at the first Horse Inspection. <u>1.4.2 FEI Continental Championships can only be held if at least three (3) National Federations and/or Regional Teams are represented at the first Horse Inspection.</u>
Comments received by 24 August 2022
FEI feedback
N/A
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022
Proposal remains the same as above.

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Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
FEI
Article Number – Article Name
Article 403 FEI Championships - Youth
Explanation for Proposed Change
The DC agreed to include Minimum participation for FEI Championships to harmonise with other disciplines and provide legitimacy to the Championships.
Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022
<p>1.43 Minimum participation:</p> <p>1.43.1 <u>Continental Championships can only be held if at least three (3) National Federations and/or Regional Teams are represented at the first Horse Inspection.</u></p> <p>1.3.2 <u>Outside Europe, Continental Championships/Games for U25, Young Riders, Juniors, Children and Pony Riders may be held with any number of Regional Teams from at least two (2) National Federations.</u></p>
Comments received by 24 August 2022
FEI feedback
N/A
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022
Proposal remains the same as above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
FEI
Article Number – Article Name
Article 404 Dressage Tests – Specific Requirements
Explanation for Proposed Change
The DC proposed that using the FEI Freestyle Degree of Difficulty (DOD) system should be mandatory at CDI5* and above.
Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022
<p>Specific Requirements</p> <p>3.1 Degree of Difficulty: The FEI Freestyle <u>Degree of Difficulty (DOD)</u> must be used at Championships, Games, Finals, <u>CDI5*</u> and CDI-W WEL in Grand Prix Level. The system may be used at CDIs/CDIOs, at Grand Prix level Competitions at the discretion of the OC. Whenever used, it must be announced in the FEI approved Schedule. See FEI Freestyle System appliance guidelines published on the FEI Website.</p>
Comments received by 24 August 2022
<p>GBR - The DOD may not be used at Youth Championships, only at Senior level.</p> <p><u>Proposed wording:</u></p>

Degree of Difficulty: The FEI Freestyle Degree of Difficulty (DOD) must be used at Championships (**other than at Youth level**), Games, Finals, CDI5* and CDI – W WEL in Grand Prix Level

FEI feedback

The DC agrees to add the word "Senior" before Grand Prix Level to avoid misunderstanding and add more clarity.

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022

.1 Degree of Difficulty: The FEI Freestyle Degree of Difficulty (DOD) must be used at Championships, Games, Finals, CDI5* and CDI-W WEL in **senior** Grand Prix Level.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI

Article Number – Article Name

Article 411 Arena and Footing

Explanation for Proposed Change

The DC proposed to add as article to ensure that Judges Huts always provide shelter and appropriate working conditions.

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022

Art. 411.7 Judges Huts

7.2 The OC must ensure that the Judges' huts provide shelter, are suitably heated or cooled depending on weather conditions.

Comments received by 24 August 2022

AUT - This is not possible for all OCs and therefore we should add: whenever possible.

USA - We support the aim that the Judges' huts should provide for suitable cover/shelter; however, there are situations where it would be impossible or at least, very expensive, to provide heating or cooling in Judges huts at all levels. It is suggested that wording is added to allow a practical and realistic approach.

Proposed wording:

The OC must ensure that the Judges' huts provide shelter. **The Judges' huts should be suitably heated or cooled depending on weather conditions to the extent feasible.**

FEI feedback

The DC believes that the wording (suitably) is fine and that it is important that the judges can perform their duty in good conditions.

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022

Proposal remains the same as above and keeps original proposal "suitably heated or cooled".

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI

Article Number – Article Name

Article 412 Invitations and Entries

Explanation for Proposed Change

Mistake that needed to be corrected.

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022

CDI3* to CDI5*

At least six (6) NFs, including the host NF, plus three (3) reserve countries, with a minimum of ~~one-two~~ (12) Athletes each must be invited and accepted or twelve (12) NFs with a minimum of one (1) Athlete each. For Events with up to 15 Athletes, the OC may invite minimum four (4) NFs, including the host NF. An OC may never invite more home than foreign Athletes.

Comments received by 24 August 2022

FEI feedback

N/A

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022

Proposal remains the same as above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI

Article Number – Article Name

Article 414 Entry Fee

Explanation for Proposed Change

The DC aligned with other FEI disciplines to define the entry fees that could be charged by OCs.

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022

ARTICLE 414 ENTRY FEE

1.1 Compulsory Fee: Compulsory Fees are fees that may be charged by the OC for costs/services not included in the Entry Fee. Compulsory Fees, if charged, must be paid by the Athletes concerned as outlined below. Only the following Compulsory Fees may be charged by the OC, provided that full details of the amount to be charged are included in the Schedule and approved by the FEI:

- FEI EADCMR fee if applicable (OC to indicate in the Schedule if the EADCMR fee is included in the Entry Fee or not)
- Fee for health/customs-related documents for Horses if these have been requested by the Athlete.
- Fee for manure disposal (maximum € 40 per horse per Event). For Events at the same venue over consecutive weekends, maximum 40 euros per horse may be charged for the first event and 20 euros for each subsequent Event.
- Fee for lorry parking if applicable (The fee indicated in the Schedule may only be charged per lorry not per Athlete.)
- Fee for electric hook-up for lorry (The fee indicated in the Schedule may only be charged per lorry, not per Athlete.)

1.2 Discretionary Fee: Discretionary Fees are fees that may be charged for optional commodities/services that may be purchased by an Athlete if they so choose and that do not affect the equity of the Athlete's right to compete at the Event or the well-being of the Horse, such as:

- VIP or premium parking
- VIP table
- Extra box for tack or for non-competing Horse
- Extra bedding and/or fodder (details to be included e.g. shavings, straw, hay)
- Premium stabling (all stabling at the Event must meet minimum FEI requirements)

1.3 Entry Fee: The Entry Fee is the fee charged to participate in an Event with one Horse and covers the following:

- Stabling of one Horse for the duration of the Event (includes cleaning and disinfecting stables before the event, water and electricity in the stables, first bedding or a fixed amount of bedding depending on the type of event, and 24 hour security services for the stables if applicable)
- Use of all facilities at the Event (no infrastructure fees may be charged)
- Right to participate in all Competitions in accordance with the conditions in the Schedule (no nomination fees or start fees may be charged)
- Administrative/Office fees (includes all services relating to administration of the Event and running of the Competitions: data/results/timing services, bookkeeping and accreditation services)

Comments received by 24 August 2022

AUT - The restructuring of the Entry Fee in this way will lead to a dramatically increase for the riders.

IDRC /GER - We agree. It should only be standardised that the entry fee stated in the rules is either including or excluding VAT across all disciplines. At the moment the maximum entry fee in Jumping is excel.

USA - We believe that language should be added under the Discretionary Fees section that gives the examples of fees such as:

- early arrival/late departure fees for stabling
- National Federation fees required.

FEI feedback

The DC suggests to keep original proposal and monitor in 2023.

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022

Proposal remains the same as above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI

Article Number – Article Name

Article 415 Expenses and privileges

Explanation for Proposed Change

As discussed during the Sports Forum, the DC have added trainer where applicable.

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022

Example art. 415.3.1

3. CDIOs

3.1. Expenses and Privileges are extended to Athletes, Grooms, trainers*, Chefs d'Equipe* and Team Veterinarians* (*1 per Nation).

Comments received by 24 August 2022

FEI feedback

N/A

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022

Proposal remains the same as above.

Name of National Federation or Stakeholder

GBR (ADD)

Article 415.7.3 Expenses & Privileges FEI Championships for Youth

Art. 415.7.3 Expenses & Privileges FEI Championships for Youth

7. FEI Championships for Youth

7.1 For the OCs, the same applies as for FEI Championships for Seniors but with the following minimum to be included in the global entry fee:

7.2 At least one main meal per day (preferably in the evening) shall be extended to Athletes and Chefs d'Equipe.

7.3 If the Athletes are not lodged in private homes the Chefs d'Equipe must stay with their teams and/or individuals.

Comment and Rationale

"If the Athletes are not lodged in private homes, the Chefs d'Equipe must stay with their teams and / or individuals." This is not always practical, or indeed desirable, especially if the team/ individuals are staying in their lorries. It is very much dependent on the logistics and operational requirements at each individual venue.

Proposed wording:

If the athletes are not lodged in private homes, **it is recommended that the Chefs d'Equipe should, where practical and possible,** stay with their team and / or individuals.

FEI feedback

The DC agrees to the GBR NF's proposal as a clarification to an existing Rule.

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7.3 If the Athletes are not lodged in private homes, ~~the Chefs d'Equipe must stay~~ **it is recommended that the Chefs d'Equipe should, where practical and possible,** stay with their teams and/or individuals.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI

Article Number – Article Name

Article 416 Declaration of starters

Explanation for Proposed Change

A clarification is added in case an Athlete/Horse combination withdraws from the last Competition and is replaced by the next best Athlete/Horse combination, and to clarify which slot the new combination will take in the order to go.

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5. For Competitions where a maximum number of Athletes may compete upon qualification from the previous Competition at the same Event, the next best ranked Athlete will replace the withdrawn Athlete and in case the start list of the Competition list has already been produced, the replacement Athlete/Horse combination will take the place in the order to go of the withdrawn Athlete/Horse combination.

Comments received by 24 August 2022

NED - There is a proposal to clarify that when an Athlete/Horse combination withdraws from the last Competition and is replaced by the next best Athlete/Horse combination, plus a proposal to clarify which slot the new combination will take in the order to go. We would like to add to this clarification that this should also apply to the Grand Prix Special during Championships, when an Athlete/Horse combination withdraws from the competition and therefore leaves a spot for the next best Athlete/Horse combination.

Proposed wording:

For **all** Competitions where a maximum number of Athletes may compete upon qualification from the previous Competition at the same Event, the next best ranked Athlete will replace the withdrawn Athlete and in case the start list of the Competition list

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has already been produced, the replacement Athlete/Horse combination will take the place in the order to go of the withdrawn Athlete/Horse combination.

FEI feedback

The DC agrees to the NED NF proposal to add "all"

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5. For all Competitions where a maximum number of Athletes may compete upon qualification from the previous Competition at the same Event, the next best ranked Athlete will replace the withdrawn Athlete and in case the start list of the Competition ~~list has already been produced, the replacement Athlete/Horse combination will take the place in the order to go of the withdrawn Athlete/Horse combination.~~

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)**FEI****Article Number – Article Name****Article 418 PRE-COMPETITION WARM-UP****Explanation for Proposed Change**

The DC proposed to add an article on Familiarisation, as this is an important part of the warm-up for a Competition

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022

5. **Familiarisation**
At Championships, Games and Finals, a time schedule for familiarisation is mandatory, in the fully set-up Competition arena, including filming equipment (if applicable) where possible. Familiarisation is also recommended at CDIs.

Comments received by 24 August 2022

USA - We request that a time schedule for familiarization is also mandatory for CDIO/Nations Cup events. Nations Cups are also key events and can also be important Championship Selection Events for NFs.

Proposed wording:

At Championships, Games, Finals **and** **CDIOs**, a time schedule for familiarisation is mandatory, in the fully set-up Competition arena, including filming equipment (if applicable) where possible. Familiarisation is also recommended at CDIs.

GBR - The proposed new rule should include filming equipment "and camera operator". It is often the swinging camera that can disturb horses. It is not unreasonable to expect a fully set up at Championships, Games and Finals prior to arena familiarisation.

We would also support a more clearly defined protocol at CDI competition.

Proposed wording:

At Championships, Games and Finals, a time schedule for familiarisation is mandatory, in **the fully set-up** Competition arena, including filming equipment (if applicable) **and camera operators** ~~where possible~~. Familiarisation **following the same protocol** is also recommended at CDI's.

FEI feedback

The DC doesn't support to make familiarisation mandatory for CDIOs for the moment, but as for CDIs, it should be recommended.

The DC doesn't support the proposal of the NF GBR to add the camera operators and this can be difficult to do in many circumstances.

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5. Familiarisation

At Championships, Games, Finals, a time schedule for familiarisation is mandatory, in the fully set-up Competition arena, including filming equipment (if applicable) where possible. Familiarisation is also recommended at CDIs and CDIOs.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI

Article Number – Article Name

Article 419 and 420

Explanation for Proposed Change

Clarifications

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022

- 419.2.3 In the event that the Horse starts to defecate or urinate, after the judge rang the bell, but before the start of the test, the clock will be stopped until the Horse is ready to continue at which point the clock will be restarted.
- 419.4.3 At the beginning and end of a Freestyle Test a halt for the salute is compulsory on the centreline, facing the Judge at C. The test time will start after the Athlete moves forward after the halt and stop with the final salute.
- 420.2.4 If an Athlete has to restart an ordinary in a Freestyle test, they can choose to start from the beginning of the test or from where stopped. In any other test, the Athlete must restart from where they were stopped. Any scores given before the interruption remain.

Comments received by 24 August 2022

USA – 420.2.4

We suggest that an athlete be permitted to restart from where they were stopped or from the beginning of the test in any test. Depending on where an athlete is stopped and how long the competition has been on hold, it may be unfair to ask the athlete to start where they were stopped.

It is proposed that if the athlete has to leave the arena and then go through there warm up again (for example prolonged severe weather break) they should be given the option to ride their whole Test again. If the athlete is not required to leave the arena than it makes sense to restart from where they were stopped.

Proposed wording:

If an Athlete has to restart a Freestyle test, they can choose to start from the beginning of the test or from where stopped. In any other test, the Athlete must restart from where they were stopped unless the Athlete was required to leave the Arena and warm up again, in which case the Athlete must be given the option to start their test from the beginning or from where they were stopped. Any scores given before the interruption remain.

AUT - 420.2.4

We think the Athlete has to have the choice also in an ordinary test to choose to start from the beginning or from where stopped.

FEI feedback

The DC agrees to the wording proposed by USA NF for Art 420.2.4 and to the rationale behind it.

420.2.4 If an Athlete has to restart a Freestyle test, they can choose to start from the beginning of the test or from where stopped. In any other test, the Athlete must restart from where they were stopped unless the Athlete was required to leave the Arena and warm up again, in which case the Athlete must be given the option to start their test from the beginning or from where they were stopped. Any scores given before the interruption remain.

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420.2.4 If an Athlete has to restart ~~an ordinary in-a Freestyle~~ test, they can choose to start from the beginning of the test or from where stopped. In any other test, the Athlete must restart from where they were stopped unless the Athlete was required to leave the Arena, in which case the Athlete must be given the option to start their test from the beginning or from where they were stopped. Any scores given before the interruption remain.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI

Article Number – Article Name

Article 422 Paperless Judging

Explanation for Proposed Change

Clarification in line with the current FEI results systems approval process.

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022

2. Only FEI approved paperless judging systems as per the FEI requirements posted on the FEI Website may be used. Failure to use an FEI approved system may lead to the FEI invalidating the results and the FEI may sanction the OC as well.

Comments received by 24 August 2022

Dressage Organisers - The dressage organisers do not agree to get a sanction if there are problems by the Black Horse system.

It is the only program we are allowed to use, so you can't make us responsible for their problems. The Black Horse system should be 'strong' enough and also cheaper.

Proposed wording:

Only FEI approved paperless judging systems as per the FEI requirements posted on the FEI Website may be used. Failure to use an FEI approved system may lead to the FEI invalidating the results. and the FEI may sanction the OC as well.

IDRC / GER - Is there sufficient capacity (timewise) in the FEI to check and approve applicants' systems?

FEI feedback

The DC agrees to reword the sentence for more clarity:
Only FEI approved paperless judging systems as per the FEI requirements posted on the FEI Website may be used. ~~Failure to use an~~ Using a system that has not been approved by the ~~FEI approved system~~ may lead to the FEI invalidating the results and the FEI may sanction the OC as well.

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2. Only FEI approved paperless judging systems as per the FEI requirements posted on the FEI Website may be used. ~~Failure to use an FEI approved-Using a system that has not been approved by the FEI may lead to the FEI invalidating the results and the FEI may sanction the OC as well.~~

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI

Article Number – Article Name

Article 423 Marking

Explanation for Proposed Change

Clarification for YH Dressage tests and Children

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022

7. In tests for five (5) and six (6) year old Young Horses, decimals to 0.1 may be used. In tests for seven (7) year old Horses decimals to 0.1 may be used in the marking sheet for quality of paces.
8. In tests for Children decimals to 0.1 may be used in the marking sheet for Quality of riding.

Comments received by 24 August 2022

FEI feedback

N/A

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022

Proposal remains the same as above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI

Article Number – Article Name

Article 424 Penalties – Error - Elimination

Explanation for Proposed Change

Clarification

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022

Penalties4.1 "Error of Course" and error of test/execution.4.1.1 Every "error of course" or error of test/execution, whether the bell is sounded or not, must be penalised, except as noted above.**Comments received by 24 August 2022****FEI feedback**

N/A

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022

Proposal remains the same as above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)**FEI****Article Number – Article Name****Article 424 Penalties – Error - Elimination****Explanation for Proposed Change**

Clarification

Proposed Wording on 6 July 20225.5 **Unauthorised Assistance**Any outside help by voice, signs, etc. (earphone and/or electronic communication devices included) is considered as illegal or unauthorized assistance. Illegal or unauthorised assistance will result in elimination of that combination.**Comments received by 24 August 2022****FEI feedback**

N/A

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Proposal remains the same as above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)**FEI****Article Number – Article Name****Article 425 Results and calculation of scores****Explanation for Proposed Change**

Clarification on the calculation of ties in Freestyle

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022

Ties in Freestyle:

2.2.1 In case of equality of percentage in a Freestyle Test for the first three (3) places, the higher artistic marks will decide on the better placing. Should the artistic mark be the same, the higher mark for harmony will decide. If still tied the higher mark for choreography will decide.

Comments received by 24 August 2022

AUT - General remark: The case when there is a tie in points but a difference in percentage by 0.001 due to rounding issues by the 3/5/7 judges is still not solved.

FEI feedback

This would be a new rule change and therefore cannot be considered at this point. The AUT NF may propose this for 2024 with proof that what they mention may occur. No change for now.

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022

Proposal remains the same as above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI

Article Number – Article Name**Article 425 Results and calculation of scores****Explanation for Proposed Change**

Clarification on the calculation in Team Classification, to ensure that the scores remain in percentages and not points.

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022**4. Team Classification (CDIOs, Championships and Continental/Regional Games)**

4.1 The Team Classification is decided as follows: in all team Competitions the winning team is the one having the highest total ~~points-scores~~ of their three (3) best Athletes, the second placed team is the one with the next highest ~~total score~~ and so on.

4.2 **Ties.** In case of equality of ~~pointsscores~~, the higher ranked team will be the one whose lowest classified Athlete out of the three (3) has the best result.

Comments received by 24 August 2022**FEI feedback**

N/A

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Proposal remains the same as above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI

Article Number – Article Name	
Article 425 Results and calculation of scores	
Explanation for Proposed Change	
Clarification	
Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022	
5.2	The total score for the classification is obtained by adding the total points on each of the Judges' sheets, eventually corrected for changes by the JSP, and converted to percentage. Penalty percentage points for errors of course <u>and technical faults</u> are deducted from the total score (per Judge). All results and scores (to include artistic, and technical <u>and quality</u> % scores) must be published in percentages with numbers to three (3) places after the decimal point.
Comments received by 24 August 2022	
EEF/IDRC/GER/ESP/ IDTC - Request clarification regarding the definition of "technical faults"	
FEI feedback	
Technical faults are listed in the rules under Art 424.4.2 and can be consulted under that article.	
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022	
Proposal remains the same as above.	

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)	
FEI	
Article Number – Article Name	
Article 426 Publishing of results	
Explanation for Proposed Change	
Clarification in the wording used	
Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022	
3.	If an Athlete withdraws prior to a Competition, <u>retires, is</u> eliminated <u>during his their performance</u> or <u>does not present for the test</u> (a "no show"), the words "withdrawn" " <u>retired</u> ", "eliminated" or "no show" must appear after the Athlete's name in the result sheet.
Comments received by 24 August 2022	
USA - It should be noted how a combination is listed in results when they do not pass the Horse Inspection. Technically, this would not fit the Withdrawn or Retired definitions.	
AUT - This is a good clarification. But from my perspective there is one case missing: Not accepted in the horse inspection.	
FEI feedback	
Results of the Horse Inspection are not recorded in the FEI database. If a Horse does not pass the HI, it will not be on the starting list.	
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Proposal remains the same as above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)	
FEI	
Article Number – Article Name	
Article 428 Prize-money and prizes	
Explanation for Proposed Change	
In line with other disciplines with Children category, the DC suggests to remove the article stating that at FEI Children Championships, only prizes in kind were allowed.	
Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022	
428.2	<u>Prize-money and prizes in kind must be referenced in the approved FEI Schedule.</u> Children: Preferably prizes in kind at CDIs for Children. At FEI Championships only FEI medals and prizes in kind can be awarded; prize money is not allowed.
Comments received by 24 August 2022	
FEI feedback	
N/A	
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022	
Proposal remains the same as above.	

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)	
FEI	
Article Number – Article Name	
Article 434 Saddlery - Equipment	
Explanation for Proposed Change	
This article was updated with some minor changes, including that Pommel straps are allowed. A full review of the saddlery and equipment rules will take place in 2023 across all disciplines.	
Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022	
See article 434 <u>below</u>	
Comments received by 24 August 2022	
FEI feedback	
N/A	
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022	
Proposal remains the same as above.	

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Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)	
FEI	
Article Number – Article Name	
Article 434 Saddlery and Equipment	
Explanation for Proposed Change	
<p>The DC proposed changes in the process on false tails, ear hood checks etc. and clarifications to other elements.</p> <p>The Annex 11 is removed, as it is to be replaced by and will be included in the “FEI Dressage and Para Dressage Guidelines for Use of Tack, Equipment and Dress”, to be published on the FEI website.</p>	
Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022	
The following are compulsory:	
1.	Dressage saddle , which must be close to the Horse <u>must be well-fitting</u> and have long, near-vertical flaps, English-style or safety stirrups <u>and a girth</u> .
1.1	Stirrups must have closed branches, and no attachments. <u>Safety stirrups may have an opening on the outside branch</u> . The foot must not be fully or partially enclosed and must in no way be attached to the stirrups (for example with magnets).
1.2	Saddle pads should be white <u>or off-white</u> . Plain colour saddle pads may be used . Contrast colouring and piping is allowed. Striped or multi coloured pads are not permitted.
1.3	No saddle covers are allowed.
1.4	<u>Pommel straps are allowed.</u>
2.1.6	<u>Any piece of tack that impairs the ears to move freely is forbidden.</u>
2.1.7	A double bridle <u>must have a</u> cavesson noseband <u>and</u> bridoon and curb with curb chain. A combined noseband may be used without the lower “flash” strap. 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*, <u>CDIO1*</u> , CDIO2*, CDIJ, CDIOJ, CDIY, CDIOY, and CDIYH for seven (7) year old Horses, and Junior and Young Rider Championships.
3.	Bits . Snaffle, Bridoon and curb bits must have a smooth surface. Twisted and wire bits are prohibited. Bits must be made of metal, <u>rigid-durable</u> plastic <u>flexible rubber</u> or synthetic material. Bits 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 twelve millimetres (12 mm) 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.

- 4.1 Upon arrival on the showground, only the Athlete when riding, walking in hand, leading or lunging a Horse (lunge whip allowed), is allowed to use a whip (maximum one meter and twenty -1.20 m-/ponies maximum one --1 m-) ~~anywhere on the showground in connection with the training of the Horse~~. The groom may also walk, lead and lunge a Horse as above. ~~Other parties are allowed to carry a whip, provided it is not in connection with the training of the Horse.~~ For safety reasons, whips at prize-giving ceremonies are allowed
- 6.1 False tails/tail extensions are permitted. False tails may not contain any metal parts, (except for hooks and eyelets), or extra added weight. Random checks will be conducted and contravening this rule will entail a Yellow Warning Card and Elimination.
- 6.2 Ear hoods are permitted for all Events and may also provide noise reduction. However, ear hoods must not cover the horse's eyes. The ear hoods should be discreet in colour and design. Ear hoods may not be attached to the noseband.
- 6.2.1 Earplugs on Horses are forbidden but are allowed at Horse Inspections and prize-giving ceremonies only for safety reasons. Random checks will be conducted and contravening this rule will entail a Yellow Warning Card and Elimination
- 6.3 Any artificial decoration of the Horse is not allowed. It is not allowed to paint any part of the horse's body. ~~Using coloured wound spray and ointment if necessary is permitted, but it cannot be used nor is it allowed~~ to obscure an existing wound or injury. Contravening this rule will entail a Yellow Warning Card and Elimination.
- 6.4 it is strictly forbidden to use any type of ~~white~~-substance (like "marshmallow fluff", shaving cream etc.) around the horse's mouth to imitate foaming; contravening this rule will entail a Yellow Warning Card and Elimination.
7. Fly masks: fly masks are forbidden in the ~~training and~~ Competition arena but may be allowed in warm-up and training arenas at the discretion of the Chief Steward and President of the Ground Jury.
- 8.1 It shall be the Athlete's/groom's responsibility to remove ear hoods when required.
The Steward must use disposable surgical/protective gloves when checking the bridle (~~one (1)~~ a new pair of gloves must be used per Horse).
10. **Identification number.** Each Horse keeps the same identification number provided by the Athlete throughout the Event. It is compulsory that this number is worn by the Horse while actively competing and at any time while working in the exercise and schooling areas or being hand walked (from the time of their arrival until the end of the Event) so that they can be identified by all Officials including the Stewards. Failure to display this number incurs firstly a warning and, in the case of a repeated offence, a fine imposed on the Athlete by the Ground Jury. The identification numbers shall be discreet on white

background, the colour of the numbers may vary. The identification number must be displayed at least on one side of the horse.

Comments received by 24 August 2022

ESP - We recommend clarification that a groom is allowed to carry the whip and give it to the rider if he/she only wants to use it for a short time and not for the entire ride. According to the understanding of the current article this would not be allowed.

EEF - We recommend clarification that a groom is allowed to carry the whip and give it to the rider if he/she only wants to use it for a short time and not for the entire ride. According to the understanding of the current article this would not be allowed.

CAN - Support the changes to 6.1 False tails/tail extensions are permitted. False tails may not contain any metal parts, (except for hooks and eyelets), or extra added weight. Random checks will be conducted and contravening this rule will entail a Yellow Warning Card and Elimination.

USA -

Dressage saddle:

We are concerned that this may be too subjective and beyond the scope of the officials' duties to determine if a saddle is well fitted.

AUT - From the Stewards Department Point of view:

Check of false tails will usually be conducted at the horse check immediately after the horse leaves the arena, the same is true for 6.3 earplugs: as bonnets have to be removed and, as far as the safety from horse, rider and steward allows, the ears are checked.

A random check during warm-up is hardly possible without interrupting the riders concentration, and in art 434.8 it is stated, that a (visual) check is not compulsory before the athlete enters the field of play. A voluntary review of the tack is always possible and is often being asked from riders.

Anyhow I agree that contravening the rules about false tail/extensions or extra added weight, earplugs, artificial decoration and fly masks should be penalized with Yellow Warning Card and Elimination.

add to Art 434.6.5 to - like "marshmallow fluff", shaving cream, hay and grass -

GBR - We would suggest that if the groom is busy leading the horses with the rider on board, occasionally another member of the support team (such as the Chef d'Equipe) may carry the whip or pick it up on behalf of the rider or groom. The article, as it stands now, is also contradicted by Article 439.1 which allows the trainer to lunge the horse (who may carry a lunge whip).

Proposed wording :

Upon arrival on the showground, only the Athlete when riding, ~~when~~ walking in hand, leading or lunging a Horse (lunge whip allowed), is allowed to ~~use~~ a whip anywhere on the showground in connection with the training of the Horse. The groom may also walk, lead and lunge a Horse as above, ~~and may also carry the whip on behalf of the rider. In addition, a member of the support team (such as trainer, Chef d'Equipe) may also carry a whip on behalf of the rider, if required.~~ A whip may be maximum one meter and twenty - 1.20 m-/ponies maximum one --1 m-.

FEI feedback

USA NF comment: No change to the wording "a well fitted saddle"; it is a general principle.

AUT NF comment: Random checks are made after the test, not during warm-up. "hay and grass" would be a new addition and therefore cannot be added at this point; the AUS NF may propose this addition for 2024.

GBR NF: Carrying the whip: as a clarification, reinstatement of the deleted sentence "other parties are allowed."

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As above except:

- 4.1 Upon arrival on the showground, only the Athlete when riding, walking in hand, leading or lunging a Horse (lunge whip allowed), is allowed to use a whip (maximum one meter and twenty -1.20 m-/ponies maximum one --1 m-) ~~anywhere on the showground in connection with the training of the Horse~~. The groom may also walk, lead and lunge a Horse as above. ~~Other parties are allowed to carry a whip, provided it is not in connection with the training of the Horse.~~ Other parties are allowed to carry a whip, provided it is not in connection with the training of the Horse. For safety reasons, whips at prize-giving ceremonies are allowed
- 6.1 False tails/tail extensions are permitted. False tails may not contain any metal parts, (except for hooks and eyelets), or extra added weight. Random checks will be conducted during the equipment check at the end of the test and contravening this rule will entail a Yellow Warning Card and Elimination.
- 6.3 Earplugs on Horses are forbidden but are allowed at Horse Inspections and prize-giving ceremonies only for safety reasons. Random checks will be conducted during the equipment check at the end of the test and contravening this rule will entail a Yellow Warning Card and Elimination

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI

Article Number – Article Name

Article 439.2 Schooling of Horses

Explanation for Proposed Change

The DC has added a sanction for the purpose of clarification

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022

439.2 Under no circumstances is it permitted to school the Horses in other areas than the official training arenas. No schooling is permitted in any area which cannot be supervised by the Stewards. Contravening this rule will entail a Yellow Warning Card and Elimination.

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FEI feedback

N/A

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Proposal remains the same as above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
FEI
Article Number – Article Name
Article 441.4
Explanation for Proposed Change
As e-Dressage is more and more commonly used, the DC proposed to add a sentence to ensure that Scribes have electronic system users skills
Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022
441.4 Each Judge must be assisted by a secretary who speaks and writes English. <u>Scribes must be able to operate electronic Dressage scoring systems when applicable.</u>
Comments received by 24 August 2022
FEI feedback
N/A
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022
Proposal remains the same as above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
FEI
Article Number – Article Name
Article 441
Explanation for Proposed Change
The DC proposed a clarification on the number of foreign Judges in Youth Competitions.
Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022
9.12 For CDIU25. Minimum three (3) FEI Judges. The President and the other members of the Ground Jury are appointed by the OC from the FEI lists of <u>L4, L3 and L2</u> Judges. One (1) active (as determined by the NF) National Grand Prix Judge from the host NF may also be appointed in a Ground Jury of five (5). In a Ground Jury of three (3) members there must be at least two (2) Judges of different foreign nationalities and in a Ground Jury of five (5) members there must be at least two-three <u>(23)</u> foreign Judges of different nationalities. <u>For CDIU25, three (3) Judges must be foreign and represent different nationalities.</u>
9.13 For CDIY/CDIJ/CDIP/CDICh. Minimum three (3) Judges. The President and the other members of the Ground Jury are appointed by the OC from the list of <u>L4, L3, L2 and L1</u> Judges. In a Ground Jury of five (5) members, one (1) active (as determined by the NF) National Judge from the host NF may also be appointed. In a Ground Jury of three (3) members, there must be at least two (2) Judges of different foreign nationalities and in a Ground Jury of five (5) members there

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must be at least two-three (23) foreign Judges of different nationalities. Outside Europe, there must be at least one (1) foreign Judge in a Ground Jury of three (3) members. <u>For CDIO, three (3) Judges must be foreign and represent different nationalities.</u>
Comments received by 24 August 2022
AUT - We think this is wrong. There must be 6 foreign judges instead of only 3!
FEI feedback
DC: in a Ground Jury of five (5), three (3) must be foreign. We are not sure what the 6 foreign judges refers to.
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022
Proposal remains the same as above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
FEI
Article Number – Article Name
Article 441.11
Explanation for Proposed Change
The DC proposes to add a clarification on the presence of the PGJ and/or FJ on Events, in line with the duties in case of protest, and the period of jurisdiction of an Event.
Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022
11. The President(s) and/or the FEI nominated Foreign Judge must arrive in time for the Horse inspection <u>and stay on-site until at least 30 minutes after the end of the last</u> Competition. In the case this is not possible, they have the possibility to delegate this to another member of the Ground Jury in accordance with FEI and the OC.
Comments received by 24 August 2022
FEI feedback
N/A
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022
Proposal remains the same as above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
FEI
Article Number – Article Name
Article 442 Judges Supervisory Panel (JSP)
Explanation for Proposed Change
Given the growing number of Championships at which a JSP must be present and the need to involve more Officials and trainers, the DC proposes a clarification to the wording to allow active Judges and trainers to be on the panel.

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022
2. The JSP should consist of three (3) members, ideally two (2) judges and one (1) trainer/Athlete. All JSP members must be independent and experienced (judges: 5* <u>4</u>), well respected and diplomatic, adhere to the judges' codex, have integrity and communication skills. Active judges, trainers and Athletes must take time off judging, riding and training participants for equestrian events as specified in the JSP Job description during their term as JSP members. There can be a maximum of one (1) JSP member per NF on the same panel.
Comments received by 24 August 2022
FEI feedback
N/A
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022
Proposal remains the same as above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
FEI
Article Number – Article Name
Annex 3
Explanation for Proposed Change
As proposed at the Sports Forum, the DC proposed a full new section on Amateurs.
Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022
See Annex 3 – Amateurs
Comments received by 24 August 2022
ESP - What was the rationale behind taking out the entire Annex 3?
EEF - What was the rationale behind taking out the entire Annex 3?
FEI feedback
The DC believes the new structure of the Rules helps find the information easily and summarizing the rules in an annex made the management of changes more prone to error. There are more tables in the rules to help have a quick understanding of structures of CDIs, appointment of Officials etc...
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022
Proposal remains the same as above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)	
FEI	
Article Number – Article Name	
Annex 4 Derby	
Explanation for Proposed Change	
The DC has moved the article on Derby to Annex 4 and had made some minor clarifications.	
Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022	
1.	A Derby with change of Horses may be organised and <u>must be listed in the FEI approved schedule.</u>
2.	It shall be open to and compulsory for the three (3) best Athlete/Horse combinations from one (1) or two (2) (to be specified in the Schedule) qualifying Competitions.
3.	No change of saddle, bridle and bit is permitted.
4.	The Horses must always be ridden in the same saddle, bridle and bit.
5.	Each Horse will be started by each Athlete, first by its own Athlete, then by the other Athletes by draw.
6.	This class will not count for the World Ranking list. Athletes may start with another horse that has not necessarily been ridden by the same Athlete in a qualifying Competition.
7.	<u>Each warm up may not last longer than 10 min.</u>
Comments received by 24 August 2022	
N/A	
FEI feedback	
N/A	
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022	
Proposal remains the same as above	

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)	
FEI	
Article Number – Article Name	
Annex 5 Sanctions - summary	
Explanation for Proposed Change	
The Rules propose a summarised list of all sanctions in this annex	
Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022	
See Annex 5	
Comments received by 24 August 2022	
CAN - Supports ANNEX 5 SANCTIONS – SUMMARY. Provides clarity	
FEI feedback	

N/A
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022
Proposal remains the same as above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
IDTC
Article Number – Article Name
421.7.1 Short Grand Prix Annex 7 - CDI5*, CDI-W, CDI05*
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Explanation</p> <p>The short Grand Prix was developed to enable Grand Prix classes to be scheduled during Prime Time. Experience has shown that this has not been the result. The short Grand Prix compromises horse welfare as the movements are too close together. It is also a more difficult test and thus disadvantages weaker riders.</p> <p>Proposal</p> <p>The short Grand Prix must ONLY be used <u>when</u> the Grand Prix is scheduled during Prime Time (e.g. end of afternoon sessions or evening session) <u>and</u> there are clear restrictions in arena availability. These 2 conditions must be met it permit use of the Short Grand Prix</p> <p>Feedback</p> <p>DC - Discussed with the Stakeholders. The FEI Board on 25 May 2022 approved the following proposed modifications to the FEI Dressage World Cup™ 2022/2023.</p> <p>"The Organisers of FEI Dressage World Cup™ Qualifiers may opt to offer either the Short Grand Prix or the Grand Prix at each Qualifier. The Grand Prix test will be used at the Final, instead of the Short Grand Prix."</p>
Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022
As per the FEI Board decision above
Comments received by 24 August 2022
FEI feedback
N/A
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022
Proposal remains the same as above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
USA NF
Article Number – Article Name

421.7.1 Short Grand Prix
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Explanation We believe the use of the Short Grand Prix should be evaluated. It is possible that there have been unintended consequences and there should be further feedback gathered from the Stakeholder groups and the NFs.</p> <p>Proposal Suggest evaluation of the Short Grand Prix after the 2022 FEI World Cup Final and for there to be discussion during the Sports Forum.</p> <p>Feedback DC - See previous point.</p>
Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022
See previous point
Comments received by 24 August 2022
FEI feedback
N/A
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022
Proposal remains the same as above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
GER NF, IDRC
Article Number – Article Name
421.7.1 Short Grand Prix Annex 7 - CDI5*, CDI-W, CDI05*
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Explanation Abolishment of the Short GP. Justification: It has become apparent that the Short GP is not in the horses' best interest. The sequence of the individual exercises is too close together. Furthermore, it is clearly more difficult to ride than the normal GP and thus disadvantages weaker riders.</p> <p>Proposal To be deleted</p> <p>Feedback DC - See previous point.</p>
Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022
See previous point.
Comments received by 24 August 2022

FEI feedback
N/A
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022
Proposal remains the same as above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
British Equestrian (British Dressage)
Article Number – Article Name
421 – Tests 7.1 Short Grand Prix
Explanation for Proposed Change
Explanation Usage of the Short Grand Prix We believe there should be further discussion about the relevance of the short grand prix test, and / or the limited use of this test in Competition, as it does little to enhance the sport for spectators and is not widely supported by riders. Proposal - Feedback DC - See previous point.
Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022
See previous point.
Comments received by 24 August 2022
FEI feedback
N/A
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022
Proposal remains the same as above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
British Equestrian (British Dressage)
Article Number – Article Name
422 – Conditions of Participation
Explanation for Proposed Change
Explanation Suggest wording is expanded to include that the same horse may not be ridden at two level / age categories (e.g. Senior and Junior) during the same International Dressage

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Event. Currently this would be possible within the rules if the classes were held on different days and would not be in line with horse welfare.

Proposal

Horses may only take part in one (1) Competition per day at International Dressage Events **and may only compete at one level / age categories at each International Dressage Event. In addition,** they may not start in a National Dressage Competition/Event from the start of the Horse Inspection until the day after completing their last International Competition at the same Event.

Feedback

DC – Clarification, supported. Article 405.3.6 is amended accordingly

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022

3.6 Horses/Ponies may only take part in one (1) Competition per day at International Dressage Events and may only compete at one level/age categories at each International Dressage Event. In addition Horses may not start in a National Dressage Competition/Event from the start time of the Horse inspection until the day after completing their last international Competition at the same Event.

Comments received by 24 August 2022**FEI feedback**

N/A

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022

Proposal remains the same as above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

CAN NF

Article Number – Article Name

Article 427.1

Explanation for Proposed Change**Explanation**

Remove redundant words.

Proposal

Protective Headgear* ~~and top-hat/bowler:~~

1.1 As a general rule, a properly fastened Protective Headgear* has to be worn by all Athletes (as well as any other person) at all times when mounted and by Children, Pony riders, Juniors, Young riders and U25 for the Horse inspection. It is recommended to be worn by any other person presenting the Horse in a Horse Inspection.

1.2 Any Athlete (as well as any other person) violating this provision must immediately be prohibited from further riding until the Protective Headgear is properly in place.

If an Athlete chooses to remove their Headgear at any time, whether permitted or not by these rules, such removal shall always be entirely at their own risk.

Feedback

DC - Agreed.

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022

As per the above proposal.

Comments received by 24 August 2022

FEI feedback

N/A

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022

Proposal remains the same as above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

BEL NF

Article Number – Article Name

434.3 Bits

Explanation for Proposed Change

Explanation

Clarification necessary!

Proposal

Art 428 - 3

... Bits must be made of metal, rigid plastic, or durable synthetic material and may be covered with rubber/latex.

Art 428 - 3.1.2

Flexible rubber or synthetic mouthpieces are permitted.

Feedback

DC - This clarification is supported by the DC

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022

Bits. Snaffle, Bridoon and curb bits must have a smooth surface. Twisted and wire bits are prohibited. Bits must be made of metal, ~~rigid-durable~~ plastic, flexible rubber or ~~durable~~-synthetic material. Bits and may be covered with rubber/latex.

Comments received by 24 August 2022

NOR - Regarding the following sentence: "Bits must be made of metal, durable plastic, flexible rubber or synthetic material. Bits may be covered with rubber/latex."

There might be a need for clarification. Does "flexible" refer to rubber only, or also to synthetic material? If this is the case the words should be in the opposite order: "synthetic material or flexible rubber".

Why is latex in added to rubber (rubber/latex) in the second sentence but not in the first sentence? Latex is also a synthetic material.

Proposed wording :

If the word flexible only goes with rubber, we propose the following wording:

"Bits must be made of metal, durable plastic, synthetic material or flexible rubber. Bits may be covered with rubber/latex."

USA - Is durable meant to mean the bit should withstand chewing/pressure/etc.? It is possible for something to be both durable and flexible and we have concern that the wording proposed would allow for flexible curbs mouthpieces – is that the intention?

GBR - We would support USA NF & BEL NF amendments to wording.
Please also refer to our comments under general regulations – Multi Discipline and Tack.

FEI feedback

The DC agrees with the wording proposal of the NF NOR. A full revision of tack and equipment across all disciplines will take place in 2023.

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022

Bits. Snaffle, Bridoon and curb bits must have a smooth surface. Twisted and wire bits are prohibited. Bits must be made of metal, durable plastic, synthetic material or flexible rubber ~~or synthetic material~~. Bits may be covered with rubber/latex.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

GER NF, IDRC

Article Number – Article Name

428 Saddlery
 .5 Gadgets
 .9 Warming-Up and training areas
430 Execution of the Tests
 6.2 Other Penalties – Technical Faults
 7.7 Riding with non-permitted equipment

Explanation for Proposed Change

Explanation

At the front of their saddle, some riders have attached a "safety strap" which can be used to hold on to when the rider loses balance.

Occasionally at Competitions, Stewards have classified the safety strap on the saddle as prohibited equipment or gadget.

It goes without saying that it may not be used during a Competition, but in the warm-up area and during award ceremonies, it can be helpful in preventing accidents.

Proposal

To be determined

Feedback

DC - The DC supports this strap being allowed for safety reasons. Proposal of name from all the suggestions: "pommel strap" (neutral and indicates where on the saddle this strap is permitted)

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022

New sub-point in the Saddlery Art:

1.4 Pommel straps are allowed.

Comments received by 24 August 2022

FEI feedback

N/A

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Proposal remains the same as above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

British Equestrian (British Dressage)

Article Number – Article Name

428 – Saddlery
1 Balance strap

Explanation for Proposed Change
Explanation

We propose that balance straps are permitted (attached to the D rings) for health & safety reasons.

Proposal

Dressage saddle, which must be close to the horse and have, near vertical flaps, and English style or safety stirrups. **Balance straps attached to the D ring are allowed.**

Feedback

DC - See above.

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022

See above

Comments received by 24 August 2022
FEI feedback

N/A

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Proposal remains the same as above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

IDTC

Article Number – Article Name

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.5 Gadgets

Explanation for Proposed Change
Explanation

In the interest of athlete welfare, a pommel strap can provide additional security in the case of a major disobedience or unexpected behaviour (spooking) by the horse.

Proposal

Pommel straps are permitted in both the warm-up and Competition arenas and during prize-givings

Feedback
DC - See above.
Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022
See above
Comments received by 24 August 2022
FEI feedback
N/A
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022
Proposal remains the same as above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
USA NF
Article Number – Article Name
Article 428.6.1 Saddlery – False Tails No <u>(old Art Nr)</u>
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Explanation</p> <p>We recommend the FEI evaluate this process. We do not feel it is necessary for a veterinary certificate to be submitted. Also – currently, the approval letters expire after one (1) year. We would also be supportive of eliminating the pre-approval process and instead require athletes to present the tail at the Horse Inspection. This would allow an examination to ensure the false tail does not have metal parts or extra weight.</p> <p>Proposal</p> <p>6.1 False tails/tail extensions are permitted only with the prior permission of the FEI. Requests for such permission should be directed to the FEI Dressage department accompanied by photographs and a veterinary certificate. False tails may not contain any metal parts, (except for hooks and eyelets), or extra added weight.</p> <p>Feedback</p> <p>DC - The DC supports this proposal and has reviewed the related article and process as outlined below:</p>
Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022
<p>Saddlery Article:</p> <p>6.1 False tails/tail extensions are permitted. False tails may not contain any metal parts, (except for hooks and eyelets), or extra added weight. <u>Random checks will be conducted and contravening this rule will entail a Yellow Warning Card and Elimination.</u></p>
Comments received by 24 August 2022
IDRC /GER - We are in line with the FEI feedback
FEI feedback
N/A
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022
Proposal remains the same as above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
CAN NF
Article Number – Article Name
Article 428.6.1 Saddlery – False Tails
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Explanation</p> <p>6.1 False tails/tail extensions are permitted only with the prior permission of the FEI. Requests for such permission should be directed to the FEI Dressage department accompanied by photographs and a veterinary certificate. False tails may not contain any metal parts, (except for hooks and eyelets), or extra added weight.</p> <p><i>– Recommend that this permission be granted for career of horse. Avoid submitting the same documentation annually.</i></p> <p>Proposal</p> <p>-</p> <p>Feedback</p> <p>DC - See above.</p>
Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022
See above
Comments received by 24 August 2022
FEI feedback
N/A
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022
Proposal remains the same as above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
British Equestrian (British Dressage)
Article Number – Article Name
<p>428 – Saddlery</p> <p>6 – Additional Items</p> <p>6.1 – False tails / extensions</p>
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Explanation</p> <p>It is proposed that the need for a veterinary certificate be removed from the request for permission use of a false tail or tail extension. This would streamline and ease the process for the FEI and athletes.</p> <p>Proposal</p> <p>False tail/tail extensions are permitted only with the prior permission of the FEI. Requests for such permission should be directed to the FEI dressage department accompanied by photographs and a veterinary certificate. False tails may not contain any metal parts (except for hooks and eyelet) or extra added weight.</p>

Feedback
DC - See above.
Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022
See above
Comments received by 24 August 2022
FEI feedback
N/A
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022
Proposal remains the same as above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
IDRC, IDTC
Article Number – Article Name
428 Saddlery 7. Fly masks
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Explanation To further horse welfare, in circumstances where flies/insects are a significant problem a full face fly mask should be allowed in the warm-up. This should be at the discretion of the Steward.</p> <p>Proposal Fly masks: fly masks are forbidden in the training and Competition area EXCEPT in circumstances where flies/insects are a significant problem, the Steward or President of the Ground Jury may allow their use in the outdoor warm-up arena. Fly masks are never allowed in the Competition arena.</p> <p>Feedback The DC agrees in principle with a slight change in the wording.</p>
Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022
<p>Article 434</p> <p>7. Fly masks: fly masks are forbidden in the training and Competition arena <u>but may be allowed in warm-up and training arenas at the discretion of the Chief Steward and President of the Ground Jury.</u></p>
Comments received by 24 August 2022
<p>IDRC /GER - We are in line with the FEI feedback</p> <p>USA - We recommend that rather than leaving the decision whether or not to allow fly masks to the discretion of certain officials, fly masks should be allowed. Conditions change through the day and there can be times when the insects are prolific and times when they are not. Proposed wording:</p>

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Fly masks: fly masks are forbidden in the training and Competition arena but may be allowed in warm-up and training arenas at the discretion of the Chief Steward and President of the Ground Jury.

FEI feedback

The DC recommends to rely on the decision of the Chief Steward and PGJ regarding the training and warm-up arenas.

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022

Proposal remains the same as above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)**British Equestrian (British Dressage)****Article Number – Article Name****432 – Marking****Additional point as raised in the July 2021 rules revision process****Explanation for Proposed Change****Explanation**

To ensure fair judging at all FEI events. We believe this point is worthy of further discussion and clarity.

Proposal

Article 425

6. If a judge's final score for the Horse / athlete combination varies (above or below) by five (5)% or more from the average of the scores of the other judges for the same combination, that particular score will automatically be changed to be the same as the next closest score.

As raised at July 2021 rules revision process.

Feedback

Agreed for Youth Championships

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022

As above

Comments received by 24 August 2022**FEI feedback**

N/A

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022

Proposal remains the same as above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)**British Equestrian (British Dressage)**

Article Number – Article Name	
432 – Marking	
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Explanation for Proposed Change	
Explanation	
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Proposal	
3. The scale of marks is as follows:	
10 Excellent	7 Fairly good
9 Very good	6 Satisfactory
8 Good	5 Sufficient
4 Insufficient	1 Very bad
3 Fairly Bad	0 Not executed
2 Bad	
All half marks from 0.5 – 9.5 may also be used for both movements, at the discretion of the judge.	
“Not executed” means that practically nothing of the required movement has been performed.	
In Freestyle Tests, half marks may be used for all marks and 0.1 decimals may be used for the artistic marks.	
In tests for Young Horses, decimals to 0.1 may be used.	
Certain difficult movements can be given a coefficient, which is fixed by the FEI.	
Feedback	
Not supported, except the part on clarifying the decimal use in YH and Children tests.	
Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022	
Art 423	
7.	<u>In tests for five (5) and six (6) year old Young Horses, decimals to 0.1 may be used. In tests for seven (7) year old Horses decimals to 0.1 may be used in the marking sheet for quality of paces.</u>
8.	<u>In tests for Children decimals to 0.1 may be used in the marking sheet for Quality of riding.</u>
Comments received by 24 August 2022	
FEI feedback	
N/A	
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022	
Proposal remains the same as above.	

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
NOR NF
Article Number – Article Name
434.2.2 (old Art Nr)

Explanation for Proposed Change**Explanation**

With reference to earlier discussions and proposals regarding large deviations in the scores among the judges, the NOR NF, would like to bring forward again our proposal from 2018. That implies that we propose to add a new 2.2.

Proposal

2.2.

For Ground Juries of 5 or more judges: If a judge's final score for a Horse/Athlete combination varies (above or below) by five (5) % or more from the average of the scores of the other judges for the same combination, that particular score will be changed to the same as the next closest score

Feedback

DC in favour of this for all Continental Youth CHs. Simulations based on previous Youth CHs carried out; discussed at the Sports Forum.

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022

Art 425.5.10:

Youth Championships

At Youth Championships, with a Ground Jury of five, if a judge's final score for a Horse/Athlete combination varies (above or below) by five (5) % or more from the average of the scores of the other judges for the same combination, that particular score will be changed to the same as the next closest score

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POR - FEI is proposing the following wording: "Art 425.5.10: Youth Championships At Youth Championships, with a Ground Jury of five, if a judge's final score for a Horse/Athlete combination varies (above or below) by five (5) % or more from the average of the scores of the other judges for the same combination, that particular score will be changed to the same as the next closest score."

Considering the different judging system of the Children category, this provision should not be applicable to the Children category.

Proposed wording:

"Art 425.5.10: Youth Championships At Youth Championships, with a Ground Jury of five, if a judge's final score for a Horse/Athlete combination varies (above or below) by five (5) % or more from the average of the scores of the other judges for the same combination, that particular score will be changed to the same as the next closest score.

This provision is not applicable to the Children Category"

NOR - With reference to earlier discussions and proposals regarding large deviations in the scores among the judges, the NOR NF, brought forward again our proposal from 2018, proposing a new point 2.2. to the art. 434 Classification.

It is important for us to state that our proposal was not intended used especially for Youth Championships. We would appreciate feedback based on our initial proposal.

IDRC /GER - We are in line with the FEI feedback

USA - We are not supportive of this proposal. While we believe there is reasoning to use this tool when there is a JSP present and there are 7 judges, we do not think an 'automatic' score change is necessary at Youth Championships. There are times in a panel of 5, when one judge may see something (example: tongue) and the others do not due to where they are seated.

AUT - It looks like to us that they now using the kids as guinea pigs with that rule. Do we want that or not?

FEI feedback

POR NF: Correct that not applicable to Children classes, to be added.

NOR NF: The DC doesn't support the idea of using the 5% rule at all shows all over the world for the following reasons:

- In some countries the OC doesn't use special counting computer programs which can without mistakes select such large deviations and quickly correct them while the show is continuing to run. Some still count manually and this can cause mistakes and delays.
- Many shows are judged with 3 judges only and this rule cannot be applied. Quite often within one show some classes are judged with 3 judges some with 5. We want to avoid situations when this rule is applied in one class and then not applied in the other class within the same show, because it can cause confusion.
- At smaller shows we cannot guarantee that all invited judges will be on the same level of experience. We might have a case, when, for example, only one very experienced 5* judge is invited, and the other judges are less experienced and want to learn from him/her. The marks of this judge might at times be different. We want to avoid the situation when the results of this most experienced judge are changed. We believe that the less experienced judges should learn from him/her, and the riders would like to get the result of this judge as well.

The DC does support applying the 5% rule to Youth Championships for the following reasons:

- The CHs are always judged by 5 judges,
- All judges are very experienced, carefully selected by the JSP and appointed by DC;
- There is always an excellent computer system used, which can deal with large deviations without any mistakes or delays.

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Art 425.5.10:

Youth Championships

At Youth Championships, with a Ground Jury of five, if a judge's final score for a Horse/Athlete combination varies (above or below) by five (5) % or more from the average of the scores of the other judges for the same combination, that particular score will be changed to the same as the next closest score. This provision is not applicable to the Children Category.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

USA NF

Article Number – Article Name

Article 436 Prize Giving

Explanation for Proposed Change

Explanation

We believe this rule could be re-written in order to encourage organizers to be creative for prize-giving ceremonies whilst maintaining athlete/horse safety (including the possibility of having unmounted ceremonies without horses – while still recognizing the horse). We believe it is necessary that safety and welfare concerns cited by the athlete must be considered a reason when permitting exceptions.

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Also, we believe there is a need to clarify that boots are permitted as they may provide more protection for the horse.

Proposal

Art. 436.1

Participation in the prize-giving ceremony of placed **Athletes and/or Athlete/Horse** combinations is **compulsory at the discretion of the Event Organizer and must be stated in the FEI Definite Schedule for the Event. Ceremonies must always be planned with Athlete/Horse/Groom safety first. If participation is required, failure to participate do so** entails losing the classification (rosette, plaque, prize in kind, prize money). Exception to this rule **may** ~~can only~~ be granted by the President of the Ground Jury/Foreign Technical Delegate and/or the Judge at C for the particular Competition **for Athlete and/or Horse safety/welfare reasons**. Dress and saddlery have to be the same as in the Competition **unless stated otherwise in the FEI Definite Schedule, however** Black or white bandages **or boots**, earplugs on horses, and carrying a whip are allowed. For safety reasons Athletes are not allowed to carry flags or other items during prize giving. Only winner rugs/blankets are allowed to be worn by Horses during prize-giving.

Feedback

Agree to allow also boots. Participation to remain compulsory as the prize giving is important for the audience. For safety reasons, there is already a provision to use another horse.

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022

Art. 427.2

Dress and saddlery have to be the same as in the Competition, however black or white bandages, boots, earplugs on Horses and carrying a whip are allowed. For safety reasons Athletes are not allowed to carry flags or other items during prize giving. Only winner rugs/blankets are allowed to be worn by Horses during prize-giving.

Comments received by 24 August 2022

IDRC /GER - We are in line with the FEI feedback

FEI feedback

N/A

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The proposal remains as above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

British Equestrian (British Dressage)

Article Number – Article Name

436 – Prize Giving

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Explanation for Proposed Change**Explanation**

Suggest that horses should be able to wear boots in prizegivings

Proposal

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, however black or white bandages, **boots**, earplugs on horses and carrying a whip are allowed. For safety reasons Athletes are not allowed to carry flags or other items during prize giving. Only winner rugs/blankets are allowed to be worn by Horses during the prize giving.

Feedback

See above

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022

Art 427 Prize Giving (number TBC)

1. Participation in the prize-giving ceremony of placed Athlete/Horse combinations is compulsory. Failure to do so entails losing the classification and prizes (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 or Chief Steward for the particular Competition.
2. Dress and saddlery have to be the same as in the Competition, however black or white bandages, boots, earplugs on horses and carrying a whip are allowed. For safety reasons Athletes are not allowed to carry flags or other items during prize giving. Only winner rugs/blankets are allowed to be worn by Horses during prize-giving.
3. Rosettes should be placed on the ~~Horses' bridles~~Horses prior to prize-giving.

Comments received by 24 August 2022**FEI feedback**

N/A

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022

The proposal remains as above.

Name of National Federation or Stakeholder

GBR (ADD)

Article No.–Article Name**Article 441.9.6– Appointment of Judges**

- 9.6 For CDIOs, 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 L4 and L3 Judges.

Comment and Rationale

Please clarify whether the level of judge outlined in the above articles refers to the CDIO-NC and Non-NC.

FEI feedback

13 November 2022, Cape Town (RSA)

The DC confirms that this is the case. As a clarification "(including NC)" will be added.

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022

- 9.6 For CDIOs (including NC), 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 L4 and L3 Judges.

Name of National Federation or Stakeholder

AUT (ADD)

Article No.–Article Name

Art. 446.3 DIRECTIVES FOR OFFICIALS

~~3*/4*/5*~~Level 2/3/4 Judges may never act as secretaries or assistants to the President or any other member of a Ground Jury at international Dressage Events, but ~~2*, 3*~~Level 1, 2 and ~~4*3~~ Judges may sit in. ~~2*~~Level 2 Judges may act as secretaries or assistants in Intermediate II and above.

Comment and Rationale

NF AUT: We think another mistake here „Level 1 Judges may act a secretaries or assistants in I2 or above“ instead of level 2.

FEI feedback

Indeed there is a mistake, will be corrected.

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022

Level 1 Judges may act as secretaries or assistants in Intermediate II and above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

USA NF

Article Number – Article Name

Annex 7 – Categories of International Dressage Events (Chart)

Ground Jury	Judges: 5 from FEI list of 5* and 4* Judges. At least 3 foreign Judges of different nationalities. Minimum three 5* Judges. 7 FEI Judges may be used, at least 4 foreign and max. 2 from the same NF. Per diem for Judges: EUR 120*	Judges: 5 from FEI list of 5* and 4* Judges. At least 3 foreign Judges of different nationalities. Minimum two 5* Judges. 7 FEI Judges may be used, at least 4 foreign and max. 2 from the same NF. Per diem for Judges: EUR 120*	Judges: 5 from FEI list of 5* and 4* Judges. At least 3 foreign Judges of different nationalities. 7 FEI Judges may be used, at least 4 foreign and max. 2 from the same NF. Per diem for Judges: EUR 120*	Judges: 5 from FEI list of 3*, 4* and 5* Judges. At least 3 foreign Judges of different nationalities Minimum 2, 4* or 5* Judges. Per diem for Judges: EUR 120*	Judges: Minimum 3 FEI Judges. One National Judge from host NF may also be appointed in a ground jury of five. In a jury of three members there must be at least two Judges of different foreign nationalities and in a jury of five members there must be at least two foreign Judges of different nationalities. Per diem for Judges: EUR 120*
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Explanation for Proposed Change

Explanation

Add a row to note how many, and which rating of Stewards should officiate at the different level of Competitions or change the 'Ground Jury' line to 'Officials' and include Stewards in this row. This should include the Per Diem requirement for Stewards as well.

Proposal

See explanation above.

Feedback

Not possible to rule on a specific number of stewards for each category as it depends on various factors such as venue size and layout. The Chief Steward to inform the OC if more stewards were needed.

Annex 10 mentions that the per diem is for "Officials" (Judges, Technical Delegates and Stewards).

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022

Change "Per diem for Judges" to "Per diem for Officials" in this Annex.

Comments received by 24 August 2022**FEI feedback**

N/A

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022

The proposal remains as above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

GER NF, IDRC, IDTC (comment from DO at end)

Article Number – Article Name

- to be determined - Amateurs

Explanation for Proposed Change**Explanation**

This was proposed by us last year and deferred to the 2022 full revision:

The goal is to find an "Amateur" definition that is valid for international Competitions in all three Olympic disciplines of Dressage, Jumping and Eventing. Amateurs should be offered a range of events/Competitions that are exclusively open to this target group, where they can compete under fair and equal conditions, at their level and not against professionals.

The proposal is based on ANNEX XIII RULES FOR AMATEUR OWNER CATEGORY of the FEI Jumping Rules, 26th edition, updates effective 1 January 2021, however it should be part of all three Olympic discipline rules and/or the General Regulations. It is not deemed necessary to define the Amateur status for any of the other FEI disciplines.

The term "Amateur" instead of "Amateur Owner" should be used.
There is no concrete definition what "immediate family members" and "sponsored Horses" are. Therefore it would be best not to use these terms.

Proposal**ARTICLE 1 REQUIREMENTS**

1. To be considered an "Amateur ~~Owner~~" :

~~1.1. The Athlete must be the owner of the Horse(s) with which he/she competes. Ownership may be extended to the immediate family members.~~

1.2.1. The Athlete must possess a valid licence granted by his/her NF and be registered with the FEI. Horses must be registered with the FEI and, if competing in a country outside the Horse's country of residence, have a valid FEI passport or a national passport with an FEI recognition card. Horses competing in Amateur Events in their country of residence do not need an FEI passport or FEI recognition card but must be registered and identifiable (see GRs 137.2).

1.2.1.1. An "Amateur-~~Owner's~~" license will only be granted by NFs to an Athlete who has formally signed a statement that he/she does not earn money for riding other people's Horses, giving riding lessons, ~~riding sponsored Horses~~, or for publicity or commercial purposes, etc. The buying and selling of Horses, as well as receiving prize money in cash, are not forbidden providing they do not constitute the Athlete's ~~only~~ main source of income.

1.3.2. The "Amateur-~~Owner~~" status limits participation in other Competitions and Championships. Athletes having obtained or renewed the "Amateur-~~Owner~~" license, will not be allowed to continue participating as an Amateur during the current calendar year if - in Jumping:

They have taken part in international or national Competitions in which the height of obstacles in the initial round is 1.50 m or greater.

This means for example that a Young Rider who has obtained his/her Amateur license and who reaches the Individual Final Competition at the Continental Championships for Young Riders may no longer participate as an Amateur for the remainder of that year. An Athlete may apply to his/her NF to reinstate his/her Amateur Owner license after a waiting period according to the regulations of the NF but under no circumstances during the same calendar year.

- In Dressage:

The Athlete/Horse combination has obtained 3 results with a score of at least 73 % in international non-Amateur Grand Prix Competitions.

- in Eventing:

Currently not applicable, to be determined; could be related to the rider's category or results of the rider/horse combination.

1.4.3. Age of competitors:

- in Jumping:

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

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

- in Dressage:

To be determined

- in Eventing:

To be determined; currently not applicable

2. Age of Horses:**- in Jumping:**

Horses must be minimum six years old to take part in CSI Amateur Events and minimum seven years old to take part in Amateur Championships. *(This should be added to Article 254.1 in order to have a complete overview in one article.)*

- in Dressage:

In line with the respective FEI Rules for non-Amateur Competitions

- in Eventing:

In line with the respective FEI Rules for non-Amateur Competitions

ARTICLE 2 INTERNATIONAL EVENTS**1.**

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

Dressage: International Events for "Amateurs" may be organised as CDIAm Events at any level.

Eventing: International Events for "Amateurs" may be organised.

2. International Events are open to individual Athletes of the host NF and a limited number of foreign Athletes.

3. Maximum global entry fee per Horse per Event: € 1500 (one thousand five hundred Euros).

4. International Events must comply with the FEI **discipline-specific sport** rules ~~for International Jumping Events~~. All Event draft Schedules must be submitted to the FEI for approval.

If the definition shall be part of the GRs, the below Articles 3 to 5 are dispensable for the GRs and could be part of the discipline rules.

ARTICLE 3 CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. When Continental or Regional Championships for this Category are organised, the Competition formula to be used must follow the formula for Continental Championships for Seniors.

ARTICLE 4 OFFICIALS ~~COURSE-DESIGNERS~~

1. **In Jumping**, the Course Designer is appointed by the OC, chosen from the list of FEI Level 3 Course Designers at least.

ARTICLE 5 FACILITIES

1. All expenses relating to Competitions, transportation, travel, hotel accommodation and expenses at border crossings are borne by the Athlete.

New comments received by 1 March 2022:

DO:

Amateur Definition

In 2021, the GER NF proposed an update to the Amateur definition to include;

- *In Dressage: the Athlete/Horse combination has obtained 3 results with a score of at least 73 % in international non-Amateur Grand Prix Competitions.*
- *Define athlete age*
- *Dressage: International Events for "Amateurs" may be organized as CDIAm Events at any level.*

FEI Comment: The new definition of Amateurs will be included in the General Regulations (see General Regulations memo) with the following minor amendment for the Age of Competitors for Dressage in line with the relevant Dressage Rules. For Dressage the review of the Amateur criteria will be carried out in connection with next year's full rule revision.

The Dressage Organizers believe this proposal is too complicated and not easily understood. We believe that any change must be an improvement to the current requirements and must be easily understood in order to be supported by riders and organizers.

Feedback

The Amateurs chapter/document to be an annex of the Dressage rules. Discussed at the Sports Forum; proposal below created.

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022**RULES FOR DRESSAGE AMATEUR CLASSES CDIAm****Article 1 GENERAL PRINCIPLES**

The objective of the following set of regulations is to standardize types of Competitions for Amateur riders throughout the world, taking into account specific conditions applying exclusively to this level of riders. The FEI Rules for dressage events apply to all international dressage events for Amateur riders except where stated differently below. When judging Amateur classes judges have to use exactly the same principles and judging criteria as at all other CDIs.

DEFINITION OF AN AMATEUR RIDER

An Amateur rider is an athlete, who does not earn most of his/hers income from within the equestrian sport, such as giving riding lessons, training horses for third parties, professional horse dealing/breeding, doesn't hold any valid riding instructor/trainer license and is not getting an education as a professional rider/trainer. The buying and selling of horses, as well as receiving prize money in cash, is not forbidden providing they do not constitute the athlete's main source of income.

ARTICLE 2 CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION**1. Registration**

Athletes must be registered with the FEI. Horses must be registered with the FEI and, if competing in a country outside the Horse's country of residence, have a valid FEI passport or a national passport with the FEI recognition card. Horses competing in Amateur Events in their country of residence do not need a FEI passport or FEI recognition card but must be registered and identifiable.

2. Amateur's license

The Athlete must possess a valid Amateur's license granted by their NF. The Amateur's license must be renewed by the NF every year. The NFs are responsible for verifying all the data provided by the Athlete.

An Amateur's license can only be granted by NFs to the Athlete who has signed a statement that the Athlete does not earn most of his/hers income from within the sport such as giving riding lessons, training horses for third parties, professional horse dealing/breeding, doesn't hold any valid riding instructor/trainer license and is not getting an education as a professional rider/trainer, etc. The buying and selling of Horses, as well as receiving prize money in cash, are not forbidden providing they do not constitute the Athlete's main source of income.

An Amateur's license cannot be granted or can be suspended in the following cases:

- the Athlete participated in international non-Amateur Grand Prix Competitions in Grand Prix or Grand Prix Special with a result of 68% and over more than twice in the last 5 years. The rider is not eligible to get an Amateur's license for 5 years from the date when the second result was earned.
- the rider has participated in the FEI Senior Continental Championships, World Championships, World Cup Finals, Olympic Games in the discipline of Dressage within the last 5 years.

3. Age of Athletes

An athlete may compete as an amateur rider from the beginning of the calendar year in which he reaches the age of twenty six (26).

4. Age of horses

In line with the FEI Dressage Rules Art 422.1.4.

ARTICLE 3 DRESSAGE TESTS

1. CDIAm: Senior tests up to and including FEI GP and GP Freestyle, excluding GP Special.

It is at the discretion of the OC to decide which levels of tests to schedule and to make the Freestyle mandatory or not. This must be stated in the Schedule. Maximum three tests allowed, opting will be possible if three tests are scheduled.

At any event, the same athlete/horse combination can, however, only take part in Competitions of the same level, as defined below:

Small Tour: Prix St. Georges – Intermediate I – Intermediate I Free Style

Medium Tour: Intermediate II - Intermediate A – Intermediate B – Intermediate A/B Freestyle

Big Tour: Intermediate II – Grand Prix – Grand Prix Free Style.

2. Number of horses

At all amateur events, the number of horses that an athlete may ride in each Competition is limited to 2 (two), except for Freestyle tests in which each athlete may ride only one (1) horse.

The Athlete doesn't receive any WDRL points and cannot fulfill any qualification requirements after participating in the Amateur Big Tour Competitions.

3. Judges/Ground Jury

Amateur Competitions should be judged with three (3) judges. All members of the Ground Jury are appointed by the OC from the FEI list of judges. There must be at least one (1) judge of different foreign nationality.

Comments received by 24 August 2022

JPN - The Senior Asia Championships run up to Intermediate level tests, and some restrictions, such as the biosecurity rules, may confine the participation of some horses. Then, some riders who comply with all other conditions to be classified as amateur riders may integrate the national team for that competition.

Therefore, to avoid any questions about the rider's qualification as an amateur rider, We would like to be more specific about the FEI Senior Continental Championship or to erase the second condition, keeping only the first one.

Proposed wording:

- The Athlete participated in FEI Senior Continental Championships (**only if they are at Grand Prix or Grand Prix Special levels and the combinations get a result of 68% and over more**), World Championships, World Cup Finals, Olympic Games in the discipline of Dressage within the last 5 years.

OR

An Amateur's license cannot be granted or can be suspended if the Athlete participated in international non-Amateur Grand Prix Competitions in Grand Prix or Grand Prix Special with a result of 68% and over more than twice in the last 5 years. The rider is not eligible to get an Amateur's license for 5 years from the date when the second result was earned.

IDRC /GER - 2. Amateur's license

"is not getting an education as a professional rider/trainer" : There are Athletes who do get such education or got it in the past, but have never been working in that profession, so this should not be a reason to be excluded from Amateur status – at least not several years after their apprenticeship.

Proposed wording:

"did not get an education as a professional rider/trainer less than 5 years ago and is no longer working as such"

IDRC /GER - 2. Amateur's license cannot be granted in following cases

We agree to the FEI proposed wording, but we can also go with the comment from the EEF Working Group that if Athletes have achieved the said results in international non-Amateur competitions within one year (instead of the last 5 years), they should automatically loose their amateur license.

IDRC /GER - Article 3 Dressage Tests

Why can amateurs not do the GPS? Gold tour should be the GP, GPS and GPF.

We recommend that in the silver and gold tour only the double bridle should be allowed.

Proposed wording:

3.1 CDIAm: Senior tests up to and including FEI GP **and**, GP Freestyle **and, excluding** GP Special

3.3 CDIAm Gold Tour: **Intermediate-II** – Grand Prix – Grand Prix Freestyle – **Grand Prix Special**

IDTC - Article 3 Dressage Tests

Similar to the IDRC we do not understand the rationale for preventing amateurs from competing in GPS. Absent more explanation, we believe the Gold tour should be the GP, GPS, and GPF. In the silver and gold tour the double bridle should be required.

Proposed wording:

3.1 CDI-Am: Senior tests up to and including FEI GP, GP Special and GP Freestyle

3.3 CDI-Am Gold Tour: GP, GPS, SPF

USA - We have concerns on how National Federations will be able to certify and grant licenses. We suggest that instead of an 'Amateur License' that we instead request the Athletes to certify their eligibility upon their entry into a CDI-Am competition. We further suggest the FEI provide guidelines/definitions for the following points as we believe it could become a cause for confusion and questions. We are unsure how 'most of his/hers income' will be determined but possibly this is something that can be determined by FEI Legal.

- *The Athlete does not earn most of his/hers income from within the sport such as giving riding lessons, training Horses for third parties, professional Horse dealing/breeding, doesn't hold any valid riding instructor/trainer license and is not getting an education as a professional rider/trainer, etc.*

Proposed wording:

Annex 3 – Amateurs

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Article 1 GENERAL PRINCIPLES

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DEFINITION OF AN AMATEUR ATHLETE

An Amateur Athlete is an athlete, who does not earn most of their income from within the equestrian sport, such as giving riding lessons, training Horses for third parties, professional Horses dealing/breeding, doesn't hold any valid riding instructor/trainer license and is not getting an education as a professional rider/trainer. The buying and selling of Horses, as well as receiving prize money in cash, is not forbidden providing they do not constitute the Athlete's main source of income.

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2. Amateur's license **Eligibility**

By entering a CDI-Am, an Athlete certifies they meet the following criteria: The Athlete must possess a valid Amateur's license granted by their NF. The Amateur's license must be renewed by the NF every year. The NFs are responsible for verifying all the data provided by the Athlete. An Amateur's license can only be granted by NFs to the Athlete who has signed a statement that the

- The Athlete does not earn most of his/hers income from within the sport such as giving riding lessons, training Horses for third parties, professional Horse dealing/breeding, doesn't hold any valid riding instructor/trainer license and is not getting an education as a professional rider/trainer, etc.
- The Athlete **has not** participated in international **(CDI)** non-Amateur Grand Prix Competitions in Grand Prix or Grand Prix Special with a result of 68% and over more than twice in the last 5 years. The rider is not eligible to get an Amateur's license for 5 years from the date when the second result was earned.
- The Athlete **has not** participated in FEI Senior Continental Championships, World Championships, World Cup Finals, Olympic Games in the discipline of Dressage within the last 5 years.

If the above criteria is violated by an Athlete, the results may be invalidated by the FEI and the Athlete subject to further sanctions.

EEF /ESP - New Annex 3

-It is proposed to add to amateurs that if they achieve a score of more than 68% three times within one year in an international dressage competition on GP level then they should automatically lose their amateur license.

- Why can amateurs not do the GPS? Gold tour should be the GP, GPS and GPF
- We recommend that in the silver and gold tour only the double bridle should be allowed

GBR - We appreciate that this information has now been included within the bulk of the rules; however, Annex 3 was a comprehensive single reference point. Would it be possible to reinstate this, in the same way as the Sanctions have been included in the bulk but summarised as a table in the Annex? This would be much appreciated.

As a more general point, annexes with tables are very useful as reference points, so we would question the rationale for removing some and adding others. This is a good opportunity to tidy up the rules, reduce duplications, clarify context, and make them easier to understand. Some of this seems to have been addressed, but in other cases there are still some rules that are either open to misinterpretation or appear contradictory.

AUT - We are having trouble with the whole new Annex. Not sure if that helps the amateurs in any way. What if the NF does not have Amateur's licenses? Who controls the requirements to be an Amateur? Do we really want to see Amateur GPFS?

FEI feedback

IDRC /GER - 2. Amateur's license

"is not getting an education as a professional rider/trainer" : There are Athletes who do get such education or got it in the past, but have never been working in that profession, so this should not be a reason to be excluded from Amateur status – at least not several years after their apprenticeship.

Proposed wording:

"did not get an education as a professional rider/trainer less than 5 years ago and is no longer working as such"

=> the DC agreed and added the proposed wording

IDRC /GER - 2. Amateur's license cannot be granted in following cases

We agree to the FEI proposed wording, but we can also go with the comment from the EEF Working Group that if Athletes have achieved the said results in international non-Amateur competitions within one year (instead of the last 5 years), they should automatically lose their amateur license.

=> the DC agreed and added the proposed wording

IDRC /GER - Article 3 Dressage Tests

Why can amateurs not do the GPS? Gold tour should be the GP, GPS and GPF.

=> the DC agrees and wording is added

We recommend that in the silver and gold tour only the double bridle should be allowed

=> the DC disagrees, it is not felt a good idea given the current times and questioning around the use of the double bridle.

JPN NF: "on Grand Prix level" added

USA NF: GPS added. Wording "Amateur Licence Eligibility" as NFs are responsible for their entries and that those who they enter comply with the rules. NF responsibility to know regarding major income.

GBR NF: An annex is part of the rules.

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022

RULES FOR DRESSAGE AMATEUR CLASSES CDIAm

The DC supports the following additional amendments as suggested above:

ARTICLE 2 CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION**2.1 Registration**

Athletes must be registered with the FEI. Horses must be registered with the FEI and, if competing in a country outside the Horse's country of residence, have a valid FEI passport or a national passport with the FEI recognition card. Horses competing in Amateur Events in their country of residence do not need a FEI passport or FEI recognition card but must be registered and identifiable.

2.2 Amateur's license Eligibility

The Athlete must possess a valid Amateur's license granted by their NF. The Amateur's license must be renewed by the NF every year. The NFs are responsible for verifying all the data provided by the Athlete.

An Amateur's license can only be granted by NFs to the Athlete who has signed a statement that the Athlete does not earn most of his/hers income from within the sport such as giving riding lessons, training horses for third parties, professional horse dealing/breeding, doesn't hold any valid riding instructor/trainer license ~~and is not getting an education as a professional rider/trainer, etc and did not get an education as a professional rider/trainer less than 5 years ago and is no longer working as such~~. The buying and selling of Horses, as well as receiving prize money in cash, are not forbidden providing they do not constitute the Athlete's main source of income.

An Amateur's license cannot be granted or can be suspended in the following cases:

- the Athlete participated in international non-Amateur Grand Prix Competitions in Grand Prix or Grand Prix Special with a result of 68% and over more than twice in the last ~~5 years~~ year. The rider is not eligible to get an Amateur's license for 5 (five) years from the date when the second result was earned.
- The Athlete has participated in the FEI Senior Continental Championships on Grand Prix level, World Championships, World Cup Finals, Olympic Games in the discipline of Dressage within the last 5 years.

ARTICLE 3 DRESSAGE TESTS

3.1 CDIAm: Senior tests up to and including FEI GP, GPS and GP Freestyle, ~~excluding GP Special~~.

3.2 It is at the discretion of the OC to decide which levels of tests to schedule and to make the Freestyle mandatory or not. This must be stated in the Schedule. Maximum three tests allowed, opting will be possible if three tests are scheduled.

3.3 At any event, the same athlete/horse combination can, however, only take part in Competitions of the same level, as defined below:

CDIAM Bronze Tour: Prix St. Georges – Intermediate I – Intermediate I Free Style
CDIAM Silver Tour: Intermediate II - Intermediate A – Intermediate B –
Intermediate A/B Freestyle
CDIAM Gold Tour: ~~Intermediate II~~ – Grand Prix – Grand Prix Special - Grand Prix
Free Style.

B. PROPOSED RULES CHANGES THAT HAVE BEEN REJECTED OR DEFERRED TO A FUTURE RULES REVISION

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
USA NF
Article Number – Article Name
FEI Dressage Tests
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Explanation</p> <p>It has been noted that the term 'Volte' is inconsistently applied to different size figures within the FEI Dressage Tests. We recommend that this is reviewed so the rules and terminology used in tests are consistent.</p> <p>"Volte" is described in Art 410.1 as "The volte is a circle of six (6), eight (8) or ten (10) metres in diameter. If larger than ten (10) metres it is a circle."</p> <p>Proposal</p> <p>See explanation above.</p> <p>Feedback</p> <p>Dc - Terminology – The DC maintains that a volte is defined as a circle-shape which is 10 metres or less in diameter, and if more than 10 metres in diameter is a circle. No change needed to the Article.</p>
Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022
N/A
Comments received by 24 August 2022
FEI feedback
N/A
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022
N/A

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
IDRC, IDTC
Article Number – Article Name
Article 401 Object and General Principles of Dressage Sport
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Explanation</p> <p>The current definition is not sufficiently relevant to competitive sport. Further, the use of the term 'happy athlete' as an objective is extremely vague, open to much variation of interpretation and encourages anthropomorphism of the horse. This can lead to a misunderstanding of the horse's needs and welfare requirements</p> <p>Proposal</p>

IDRC: The object of Dressage Sport is, through the media of various exercises, to present the elegance, grace and power of the horse which is the product of training beneficial to the horse's physical and mental wellbeing.

IDTC: The object of the equestrian sport of dressage is to provide a regulated and structured Competitions whereby participants through the execution of various exercises present the elegance, grace and power of the horse which is the product of training beneficial to the horse's physical and mental well-being.

The sport is regulated internationally by the International Equestrian Federation [FEI]. Regulations address the safeguarding of horse welfare and all participants are subject to codes of conduct, wider veterinary and general regulations together with human and equine anti-doping controls.

The sport is based upon establishing a ranking of all participants within each Competition. This is achieved by a panel of official judges awarding scores from 0-10 for movements as described in the current FEI Rules for Dressage and other official documents such as the FEI Judges Handbook and FEI Key Observations & Scores. The regularity of the horses gaits, the function of its biomechanics and body, and its mental willingness are some of the key criteria which determine the assignment of scores.

Feedback

DC - We remove the Principles of Dressage from the Dressage rules and will publish them on the website as separate guidelines. The articles on the Object of Dressage sport remain in rules, as well as the preamble and Code of Conduct.

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022

N/A

Comments received by 24 August 2022

FEI feedback

N/A

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022

N/A.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

CAN NF

Article Number – Article Name

Article 403 The Walk

Explanation for Proposed Change

Explanation

Given that description for other gaits say as follows, the 'times' for the walk seems redundant.

Proposal

ARTICLE 403 THE WALK

1. The walk is a marching pace in a regular and well-marked four (4) **times** beat with equal intervals between each beat. This regularity combined with full relaxation must be maintained throughout all walk movements

ARTICLE 404 THE TROT

1. The trot is a **two (2)-beat** pace of alternate diagonal legs (left fore and right hind leg and vice versa) separated by a moment of suspension.

ARTICLE 405 THE CANTER

The canter is a **three (3)-beat** pace where, in canter to the right, for example, the footfall is as follows: left hind, left diagonal (simultaneously left fore and right hind), right fore, followed by a moment of suspension with all four (4) feet in the air before the next stride begins.

Feedback

DC - Yes, can be updated in the guidelines in this manner.

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022

FEI - As per the proposed wording above. (401)

Comments received by 24 August 2022**FEI feedback**

N/A

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022

N/A

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

GER NF, IDRC

Article Number – Article Name

420.8 Olympic Games

CHAPTER V CDIOS, SENIOR WORLD, CONTINENTAL, REGIONAL, INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM FEI DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS AND GAMES

449.2

452.1

Explanation for Proposed Change**Explanation**

We would like to repeat that we strongly favour four-member teams with a drop score option.

Dressage naturally has less risk than Jumping or Eventing to be in need of a safety score, but given the unpredictable nature of a sport with animals, we do need it. In case a horse has a mishap and drops out, his whole team is out and all efforts spent over years to prepare for this most important event were in vain. In a four-to-a-team format, nations could still continue in the Competition if a combination was retired or eliminated.

Moreover, we want to see the best Athletes, the outstanding and top combinations. None of them should be deprived of their chance to compete for the benefit of possibly below-par performances with the argument that more flags are needed. We want to see the best ones going head to head.

Proposal

To be applied also for Olympic Games:

Article 449.2: An NF may enter one (1) team. Each team is composed of three (3) Athletes and three (3) Horses or four (4) Athletes and four (4) Horses. Reserve

combinations are not allowed. In a team composed of four (4) Athletes the three (3) best scores only count for the team result.

Article 452.1: **The Team Classification** is decided as follows: In all team Competitions the winning team is the one (1) having the highest total points of their three (3) best Athletes, the second placed team is the one (1) with the next highest total points and so on.

Feedback

Not supported, Teams of three for the 2024 OGs already decided at the FEI GA.

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022

N/A

Comments received by 24 August 2022

FEI feedback

N/A

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022

N/A

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

BEL NF

Article Number – Article Name

Art 422.1.4 Conditions of Participation

Explanation for Proposed Change

Explanation

The children test is forgotten in this article.

Proposal

Horses of any origin may take part in International Dressage Events provided they are a minimum of six (6) years of age. Junior and children tests: minimum six (6) years; Young Riders/Prix St. Georges/Intermediate I: minimum seven (7) years; tests above Intermediate I: minimum eight Horses of any origin may take part in International Dressage Events provided they are a minimum of six (6) years of age. Junior and children tests: minimum six (6) years; Young Riders/Prix St. Georges/Intermediate I: minimum seven (7) years; tests above Intermediate I: minimum eight (8).

Feedback

DC – This is clarified in the revised rules and the minimum age for horses in the Children and also Pony categories are listed together with the minimum horse ages across all categories.

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022

See Article 433.1 and 433.3

Comments received by 24 August 2022

FEI feedback

N/A
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022
N/A

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
BEL NF
Article Number – Article Name
422.2.6. Conditions of Participation
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Explanation</p> <p>An organizer should be able to choose if he organizes an Intermediate A/B or Intermediate II before the medium tour.</p> <p>At the moment it is not possible to organize an Intermediate II before the Freestyle.</p> <p>Proposal</p> <p>Intermediate A/B- Medium Tour Freestyle. This Competition can only be scheduled after an Intermediate A, or Intermediate B <u>or Intermediate II</u>. The Intermediate A/B-Medium Tour Freestyle shall be open to but not compulsory for the <u>for the best athlete/horse combinations, who qualified in the Intermediate A, Intermediate B or Intermediate II, with a maximum of fifteen (15) (maximum including ties for 15th place). six (6) (minimum) to fifteen (15) (maximum including ties for 15th place) best Athlete/horse combinations who qualified in the Intermediate A or Intermediate B.</u></p> <p>It is at the discretion of the OC to make the Freestyle mandatory or not. This must be stated in the Schedule.</p> <p>Feedback</p> <p>DC - To be looked into and clarified, e.g. right level tests linked to different star level events in the full revision</p>
Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022
Please refer to Article 407 which outlines all the scheduling possibilities within the new structure of CDI1*, CDI2*, CDI3*, CDI4* and CDI5*.
Comments received by 24 August 2022
FEI feedback
N/A
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022
N/A

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
DO
Article Number – Article Name
422.3.1. Conditions of Participation
Explanation for Proposed Change

Explanation

In order to preserve the future of the sport, the quality of freestyles must be good. The current qualifying scores are too low and do not reflect the necessary quality needed to execute a high level performance.

Proposal

3.1 Qualification score for all Freestyle tests and Grand Prix Special.

A Horse must earn **the following** a minimum scores of sixty percent (60%) in the qualifying Competition, in order to be eligible to start in a Freestyle of all levels. or a

- **CDI3* - 63%; CDI4* - 64%; CDI5* - 65% in Grand Prix, Prix St. Georges /Intermediate 1, and Intermediate A or B**
- **CDIP, J, Y, Ch and U25 - 63%**
- **CDIAm, CDI1* and 2* - 63%**

The horse must earn a minimum score of sixty percent (60%) in the qualifying Competition, in order to be eligible to start in Grand Prix Special Competition:

(Current wording:

3.1 Qualification score for all Freestyle tests and Grand Prix Special.

A Horse must earn a minimum score of sixty percent (60%) in the qualifying Competition, in order to be eligible to start in a Freestyle of all levels or a Grand Prix Special Competition.)

Feedback

DC - The DC agreed that the current percentage is too low and this is now revised in the full revision.

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022

Please refer to Article 401.7

Comments received by 24 August 2022**FEI feedback**

N/A

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022

N/A

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

NED NF – KNHS

Article Number – Article Name

Article 422.3.4 – Conditions of participation (2023 406.1.2)

Explanation for Proposed Change**Explanation**

Especially during Championships we would advise never to exceed the maximum of 40 athletes per day in a competition.

Proposal

Spreading of Competition over two (2) days. If the number of Athletes in a Competition exceeds approximately forty (40), the OC must spread this Competition over two (2) days or divide the Competition into two (2) separate Competitions, **with a maximum of forty (40) Athletes per day. In extraordinary cases with more than eighty (80) Athletes, the FEI will make the final decision how to solve the situation.**

Feedback

DC - There is not a limit for entries for Championships and so the FEI requires the need to be able to take decisions if more than 80 Athletes are competing. Scheduling days are set well in advance, and additional days could not always be added after the definite entries.

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022

N/A

Comments received by 24 August 2022**FEI feedback**

N/A

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022

N/A.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)**IDTC****Article Number – Article Name****422. Conditions of Participation****3.6.1 bis**

(429.9?).

Explanation for Proposed Change**Explanation**

Currently there is no consistency regarding the procedure for main arena familiarisation. Although individual circumstances may require deviations, a preferred protocol would be desirable.

Proposal

The desired protocol for arena familiarisation is as follows :

1. arenas must be overseen by stewards
2. every effort should be made to set up the arena identical to how it will be during the Competition . This includes: judge huts, flowers, advertising, television cameras, background music, large screen TV. Video cameras should have operators as they would during Competition. Large screens and electronic advertising should be active as they will be during Competition.
3. horses must be hand walked in a bridle and only one at a time
4. horses must be allowed to work normally
5. 5 minute and one minute warnings to end sessions should be clearly given allowing orderly exit and entry of groups
6. overcrowding should be avoided especially if a free open arena is made available. A maximum of 6 horses at a time is ideal
7. Championship shows should timetable national slots of at least 10 minutes per horse/40 minutes per team
8. trainers and grooms must have adequate access

9. horse should be separated according to Competition level i.e. Pony, Junior YR etc

Feedback

DC - The above is considered as guidelines for OCs/Stewards and could be added as discipline specific guidelines to the FEI online Knowledgebase.

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022

An article on Familiarisation is added to the Dressage Rules. Please see Article 418.5

Comments received by 24 August 2022

N/A

FEI feedback

N/A

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022

The proposal remains as above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI

Article Number – Article Name

**422. Conditions of Participation
3.6.**

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022

Horses/Ponies may only take part in one (1) Competition per day at International Dressage Events and may only compete at one level/age categories at each International Dressage Event. In addition Horses may not start in a National Dressage Competition/Event from the start time of the Horse inspection until the day after completing their last international Competition at the same Event.

Comments received by 24 August 2022

GER - We doubt that it is in the interest of sport in smaller or developing NFs where there may be very few opportunities to compete. We do not see the advantage in reducing flexibility here. --> Delete the amendment

IDRC - We doubt that it is in the interest of sport in smaller or developing NFs where there may be very few opportunities to compete. We do not see the advantage in reducing flexibility here. --> Delete the amendment

FEI feedback

The DC does not agree to delete this amendment, it is a horse welfare issue and a horse/pony should not compete more than once a day.

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022

The proposal remains as above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
GER NF, IDRC, IDTC
Article Number – Article Name
422 CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION 3.8. Scheduling possibilities at Senior Dressage Events
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Explanation</p> <p>GER NF: We made this proposal already last year and it was deferred to the 2022 full revision.</p> <p>GER NF/IDRC/IDTC: Several OCs organise Prix St. Georges and Intermediate I Competitions for 7- to 9-year-old Horses only on national level because they want to avoid the FEI requirement to schedule a normal, open Small Tour for older Horses in addition. However, they would prefer to schedule these Competitions also as international Competitions.</p> <p>Proposal</p> <p>3.8. Scheduling possibilities at Senior Dressage Events [...]</p> <p>A separate small tour for Horses age seven (7)-nine (9) years may be scheduled under the condition that a normal, open small tour is also scheduled. A separate medium tour for Horses age eight (8)-ten (10) years may be scheduled under the condition that a normal, open medium tour is also scheduled. A separate big tour for Horses age eight (8)-ten (10) years may be scheduled under the condition that a normal, open big tour is also scheduled. The big tour with age limit will not count for the World Ranking List.</p> <p>Feedback</p> <p>DC -</p> <p>Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022</p> <p>Scheduling possibilities to be revised in connection with the full rules revision, to be related to the CDIs star levels. Please refer to Article 401 to 410.</p> <p>Comments received by 24 August 2022</p> <p>IDRC - We are not sure if FEI agrees to the GER NF proposal. The wording seems very unclear. They have asked for the possibility to limit competitions to horses of a certain age, for example schedule a small tour with Prix St. Georges and Inter I for horses of 7 to 9 years and a medium/big tour for horses of 8 to 10 years, without having to schedule the whole in addition also as "open to all".</p> <p>IDTC - We agree with the IDRC that this wording is unclear find the wording unclear. Is it now possible to limit competitions to horses of a specific age? For example, a small tour with Prix St. George and Inter I for horses of 7 to 9 years and a medium/big tour for horses of 8 to 10 years, without having to schedule the whole in addition also as 'open to all'?</p> <p>FEI feedback</p> <p>There is now a new scheduling system in place and the DC doesn't believe more horse age classes should be added.</p> <p>Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022</p> <p>N/A</p>

GER NF (email 8.3.2022)**Article Number – Article Name****422 CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION****3.8. Scheduling possibilities at Senior Dressage Events****Explanation for Proposed Change****Explanation**

GER NF: it would be fine, if the Dressage Rules could be more precise with regard to a “stand alone” Grand Prix, which last year was possible without any problems. With no word it was mentioned, that it was an exception and normally this is stated whenever an exception is given.

In the rules it says, Grand Prix, including Grand Prix Special and/or Grand Prix Freestyle, in the CDI2* it says Grand Prix excluding Grand Prix Special and/or Grand Prix Freestyle. For me and also for the OC of Hagen this means that in a CDI3* it is possible to schedule Grand Prix Special and/or Grand Prix Freestyle, but not in a CDI2*.

In order to avoid any further discussion, the “stand alone” Grand Prix should be taken out from the schedule possibilities:

Big Tour:

- Intermediate II
- Intermediate II – Grand Prix
- Intermediate II – Grand Prix – Grand Prix Freestyle or Grand Prix Special
- Grand Prix

And in the categories it should read instead of:

FEI Grand Prix including FEI Grand Prix Special and/or FEI Grand Prix Freestyle. Medium and small tour may also be scheduled.

FEI Grand Prix, FEI Grand Prix Special and FEI Grand Prix Freestyle. It is compulsory to schedule a Grand Prix Freestyle and/or Grand Prix Special after the Grand Prix.

For the CDI-W you also state that the Grand Prix Freestyle is compulsory.

Proposal**3.8. Scheduling possibilities at Senior Dressage Events**

[...]

Big Tour:

- Intermediate II
- Intermediate II – Grand Prix
- Intermediate II – Grand Prix – Grand Prix Freestyle or Grand Prix Special
- Grand Prix

And in the categories [Article number ???] it should read instead of:

FEI Grand Prix including FEI Grand Prix Special and/or FEI Grand Prix Freestyle. Medium and small tour may also be scheduled.

FEI Grand Prix, FEI Grand Prix Special and FEI Grand Prix Freestyle. It is compulsory to schedule a Grand Prix Freestyle and/or Grand Prix Special after the Grand Prix.

For the CDI-W you also state that the Grand Prix Freestyle is compulsory.

Feedback

DC – The review of the event categories and scheduling possibilities is part of the full rules revision.

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022
Scheduling possibilities to be revised in connection with the full rules revision, to be related to the CDIs star levels. Please refer to Article 401 to 410.
Comments received by 24 August 2022
<p>GER - We are not sure if FEI agrees to the GER NF proposal. The wording seems very unclear. We ask for the possibility to limit competitions to horses of a certain age, for example schedule a small tour with Prix St. Georges and Inter I for horses of 7 to 9 years and a medium/big tour for horses of 8 to 10 years, without having to schedule the whole in addition also as "open to all".</p> <p>USA - We strongly recommend that an Intermediaire II – Grand Prix tour is permitted at the CDI2* level. This tour has been crucial for Organizers to develop and grow their events without the expense of additional foreign judge(s). It has become important for the riders in some developing areas to gain Grand Prix experience. The Grand Prix results from a CDI2* do not result in World Ranking points.</p>
FEI feedback
There is now a new system in place with the CDI levels and corresponding tests and this new progressive system should be tested at least during one year.
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022
N/A

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
IDRC
Article Number – Article Name
427 Dress 1. Protective Headgear and Top Hat/Bowler
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Explanation</p> <p>We repeat this request although it was not agreed to by the FEI Medical Committee and the FEI Board ("vote of 2019 GA to be respected"), because we are convinced that it is a just request.</p> <p>We propose to amend the existing obligation to wear a helmet.</p> <p>The traditional dress code with an elegant hat is a world-renowned recognition feature of Dressage sport. We do not want to give the impression that Dressage sport has become dangerous. We acknowledge the aspect of safety, however we are not aware of any head injuries that have ever occurred to top Athletes during a high-level Dressage Competition.</p> <p>Therefore, Athletes of the age category U25 and older should have the freedom to decide for themselves whether they want to wear a top hat or a helmet in the Competition. This freedom of choice should only apply to CDI4*, CDI5*, Championships and Games on Grand Prix level. For awards ceremonies and at all other times when mounted, the use of protective headgear shall remain mandatory.</p>
Proposal

1.1 As a general rule, a properly fastened Protective Headgear* has to be worn by all Athletes (as well as any other person) at all times when mounted and by Children, Pony riders, Juniors, Young riders and U25 for the Horse inspection. It is recommended to be worn by any other person presenting the Horse in a Horse Inspection.

As an exemption from the above rule, Athletes of the age category U25 and older can decide to wear a top hat or a helmet while riding in a Grand Prix level Competition at a CDI4*, CDI5*, Championship or at Games.

1.2 Any Athlete (as well as any other person) violating this provision must immediately be prohibited from further riding until the Protective Headgear is properly in place. If an Athlete chooses to remove his Headgear at any time, whether permitted or not by these rules, such removal shall always be entirely at his own risk.

1.3 A Protective Headgear formed as a top hat may be used.

Feedback

DC - Based on a FEI Board decision, and the Board would not accept any changes.

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022

N/A

Comments received by 24 August 2022

FEI feedback

N/A

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022

N/A

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

CAN NF

Article Number – Article Name

427.4 Spurs

Explanation for Proposed Change

Explanation

2. Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc. :

The FEI Jumping Rulebook allows for "flat disk" spurs according to Article 19:

"...Spurs with flat disks are allowed. The contact surface with the horse and all edges must be smooth and rounded" (pg. 105).

We propose that this be added to the FEI Dressage Rules to align with what is already permitted in the FEI Jumping Rules. This is an inconsistency that appears to be the result of an unintended omission. As well, because the rules governing spurs are based on the safety and welfare of the horse, by omitting flat disk spurs in the Dressage Rulebook we may be contradicting the very purpose of regulating what spurs are/are not permitted at FEI Events:

Article 427. 4. Spurs are compulsory except for CDIP and CDICH Events and must be made of metal. The shank must be either curved or straight pointing directly back from the centre of the spur when on the Athlete's boot. The arms of the spur must be smooth and blunt. If rowels are used, they must be blunt/smooth (no sharp edges) and free to rotate. Metal

spurs with round hard plastic knobs are allowed ("Impuls" spur). "Dummy" spurs with no shank are also allowed. **Spurs with flat disks are allowed. The contact surface with the horse and all edges must be smooth and rounded.**

Comments August 2021

GBR NF: Whilst we support the new proposed wording for this rule, we would also like to propose that the FEI considers removing the compulsory use of spurs completely. Following feedback from our members this will no longer be a mandatory requirement at national level from 2022.

With some high-profile welfare issues raised at the Tokyo Olympics, where our sports are viewed by a non-equestrian audience, some view the use of spurs as a negative aid. While we should of course focus on the educational aspect and promote the correct use of spurs, with equine welfare now paramount it could be seen as contradictory to enforce a mandatory use of spurs in the rules.

Proposed wording:

Spurs are ~~compulsory except for CDIP and CDIC~~ **optional at all FEI** Events and must be made of metal.

Proposal

- July 2021 : N/A
- GA 2021 : N/A
- FEI : N/A

Feedback

DC – For Equipment Working Group. Dummy spurs can be used by Athletes not wanting to wear spurs.

FEI - Further to a review of the DC, the conclusion was that the inner edge is making the contact – this is not allowed in the current rules. A more in-depth revision of the equipment rules should be undertaken. This will be considered for the rules revision in 2022.

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022

N/A

Comments received by 24 August 2022

NOR - Regarding spurs, we think there is a need for clarification regarding spurs designed with a kind of rotating ball, whether this is allowed or not. Please see the picture below.



IDRC / GER - We agree to the FEI proposed wording.

FEI feedback

Feedback on this point to be taken to the Equipment Working Group to be considered in the full revision of tack and equipment.

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022

N/A

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
British Equestrian (British Dressage)
Article Number – Article Name
Article No. 427.4 – Dress / Spurs
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Explanation 427.4 - Consider removing the compulsory use of spurs for all FEI Competitions</p> <p>With some high-profile welfare issues raised at the Tokyo Olympics, where our sports are viewed by a non-equestrian audience, some view the use of spurs as a negative aid. While we should of course focus on the educational aspect and promote the correct use of spurs, with equine welfare now paramount it could be seen as contradictory to enforce a mandatory use of spurs in the rules.</p> <p>427.4 – Through developing technology, allow other forms of material to be used as an alternative to metal. E.G. Polyamide a rubber-based material that is designed for more comfort for horse and rider. Must have the ability to flex in all directions to show that the spur itself does not snap. We fully support that plastic-based material that can snap are not permitted, however, there are some new items within the marketplace that would be acceptable to use and comply with any welfare concerns. Include must be worn in their manufactured state as this then allows any spur with degradation shown, falls under an elimination.</p> <p>Proposal 427.4 – Spurs are optional and can be made of metal or a flexible non-brittle material and used in their manufactured state are compulsory except for CDIP and CDICH Events and must be made of metal. The shank must be either curved or straight pointing directly back from the centre of the spur when on the Athlete's boot. The arms of the spur must be smooth and blunt. If rowels are used, they must be blunt/smooth (no sharp edges) and free to rotate. Metal spurs with round hard plastic knobs are allowed ("Impuls" spur). "Dummy" spurs with no shank are also allowed.</p> <p>Feedback DC - See above. Spurs to remain compulsory as dummy spurs are permitted.</p> <p>Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022 N/A</p> <p>Comments received by 24 August 2022 N/A</p> <p>FEI feedback N/A</p> <p>Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022 N/A</p>

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
BEL NF

Article Number – Article Name
427.4.1 Spurs
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Explanation Now the length of the spur is measured from the boot to the tip and this is not correct.</p> <p>Proposal In Children and Pony Competitions, spurs are optional but if used, only blunt metal spurs are allowed. <u>The shank may not be longer than 3,5 cm. no longer than three point five centimetres (3.5 cm) measured from the boot to the tip are allowed.</u> Spurs with rowels are not allowed.</p> <p>Feedback DC - The measurement depends on where it is measured from; from the boot 3.5 cm is OK, if only the shank, should be 3 cm. However, the FEI Steward General was consulted and his opinion was 3,5 cm spurs measured from the shank are 3,5 cm long; hence no change</p>
Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022
N/A
Comments received by 24 August 2022
<p>BEL - Agree that spurs who measure 3,5 cm are 3,5 cm !!! But NOT if measured from the boot to the tip. Tack shops sell spurs always !!! measured on the SHANK (not measured from the boot), so there is a discrepancy in spurs on the market and our rule book. <u>Proposed wording :</u> In Children and Pony Competitions, spurs are optional but if used, only blunt metal spurs are allowed. <u>The shank may not be longer than 3,5 cm. no longer than three point five centimetres (3.5 cm) measured from the boot to the tip are allowed.</u> Spurs with rowels are not allowed.</p>
FEI feedback
No change in the measuring of spur length
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022
N/A

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
IDRC, IDTC
Article Number – Article Name
428 Saddlery
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Explanation Increasingly various types of new equipment are presented to the FEI for approval. There should be more specificity and transparency regarding how the approval decision is made.</p> <p>Proposal 1. Establish qualifications for Membership to Equipment Experts Group 2. Define powers of EEG</p>

3. Publish what equipment has been submitted and reasons (including any scientific data) for approval/rejection
Feedback
DC - For the Equipment Working Group, not for the Dressage Rules.
Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022
N/A
Comments received by 24 August 2022
FEI feedback
N/A
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022
N/A, not for the Dressage rules.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
NED NF – KNHS
Article Number – Article Name
428.2.2 and 428.2.2.1 (2023 Article 434.2)
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Explanation</p> <p>Within the framework of horse welfare and based on good experiences and best practices within several national federation, we would like to propose to make the use of a snaffle bridle possible for CDI/CDIO3*/4*/5*/U25, CDI-Ws and Championships/Games.</p> <p>Proposal</p> <p>Combined:</p> <p>A snaffle bridle or double bridle is allowed in CDI1*/2*3*/4*/5*/J/Y/U25, CDIO2*/3*/4*/5*/J/Y/U25, CDIAm, CDI-Ws and CDIYH for seven (7) year old Horses and Championships/Games (except Ponies and Children). When a double bridle with cavesson noseband is used 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 is optional and rubber, leather or sheepskin cover for curb chain are optional is mandatory. Neither a cavesson noseband nor a curb chain may ever be as tightly fixed so as to harm the Horse.</p> <p>Feedback</p> <p>DC - The use of Snaffles was discussed by the Dressage Technical Committee, and they determined that CDI/CDIO3* and above should remain with double bridle, as this is the highest levels of competition.</p>
Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022
N/A
Comments received by 24 August 2022
GER - We support the proposal from the EEF Dressage WG to include qualification scores for championships and to have the double bridle mandatory from U25 to GP.

It is confusing that an U25 rider needs to ride in a double bridle in an U25 Inter II class but can ride in a snaffle in senior Inter II classes.

GBR - Is it correct that an U25 athlete can ride in a snaffle for Inter II / A&B, but has to ride in a double bridle if competing in an U25 Inter II? This would appear to be inconsistent, if we have understood correctly.

EEF / ESP – Art.401.7

- Asking for clarification why there shall be no qualification score for championships?
- A snaffle bridle is allowed for all small tour and medium tour competitions, we ask to have the double bridle mandatory from U25 up to GP.

Art. 401.8 This article is confusing because now a U25 rider needs to ride in a double bridle in a U25 Inter II class but can ride in a snaffle in senior Inter II classes.

IDTC / IDRC - We support the proposal from the EEF Dressage WG to include qualification scores for championships and to have the double bridle mandatory from U25 to GP.

It is confusing that an U25 rider needs to ride in a double bridle in an U25 Inter II class but can ride in a snaffle in senior Inter II classes.

FEI feedback

The DC supports the proposal and will amend the table in Article 401.8

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022

Art. 401.8 will be amended as following:

U25: Snaffle or Double bridle for Intermediate II and Double bridle for GP 16-25 and GP FS

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

IDTC

Article Number – Article Name

428.2.2.1 Saddlery (bridle)

Explanation for Proposed Change

Explanation

To ensure consistency and a level playing field all youth riders must compete with the same bit. This also facilitates the judging process

Proposal

A snaffle bridle is required in CDI1* and 2*, CDIO2*, CDIJ, CDIOJ and Junior Championships

A double bridle is required in CDI1* and 2*, CDIY, CDIOY, and Young Rider Championships

Feedback

DC - This is part of the full rules revision

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022

Please refer to Article 401.7

Comments received by 24 August 2022

FEI feedback

N/A

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022

The proposal remains as above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

USA NF

Article Number – Article Name

Article 428.3 Saddlery – Bits

Explanation for Proposed Change

Explanation

Bits. Snaffle, Bridoon and curb bits must have a smooth 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 twelve millimetres (12 mm) 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.

Proposal

3.1 Snaffle Bits – snaffle bits are permitted when the use of a double bridle is not required.

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

The upper cheek of a hanging cheek (baucher) snaffle (measured from the top of the mouthpiece to the top of the upper cheek) may not exceed five centimeters (5 cm).

3.1.2 Flexible rubber or synthetic mouthpieces are permitted.

3.1.3 A snaffle may have up to two joints. **In a double-jointed snaffle the center link must be smooth with rounded edges and curved on all surfaces as in a lozenge-shaped link. It may not have the effect of a tongue plate. Dr. Bristol and French link bits are not allowed. A bushing, barrel, coupling, or ball joint is permitted as the center link in a double-jointed bridoon. If the center link is a ball joint, it may have one or two joints. Only one rolling part is permitted and when present the rolling part must be in the center of the mouthpiece.** ~~A barrel or ball joint is permitted as the centre link in a double jointed snaffle, however, the surface of the centre piece must be solid with no moveable parts other than a roller. The centre link may be tilted in a different orientation from the mouthpiece but must have rounded edges. and may not have the effect of a tongue plate.~~

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.

3.2 Bridoon bits – a bridoon bit is defined as a snaffle bit that is used together with a curb bit to form a double bridle.

3.2.1 Bidoons may be used with **only** loose ring ~~and~~ **or** eggbutt cheeks.

3.2.2 Bidoons must have one or two joints. **In a double-jointed bridoon the center link must be smooth with rounded edges and curved on all surfaces as in a lozenge-shaped link. It may not have the effect of a tongue plate. Dr. Bristol, French link and D-ring bidoons are not allowed. A bushing, barrel, coupling, or ball joint is permitted as the center link in a double-jointed bridoon. If the center link is a ball joint, it may have one or two joints. Only one rolling part is permitted and when present the rolling part must be in the center of the mouthpiece. A barrel or ball joint is permitted as the centre link in a double-jointed bridoon, however, the surface of the centre piece must be solid with no moveable parts other than a roller. The centre link may not have the effect of a tongue plate.**

3.2.3 Bidoons where the centre link(s) of the bit can lock and have the effect of a mullen mouth snaffle are not permitted.

3.2.4 Flexible rubber/synthetic bidoons are not permitted.

3.3 Curb Bits

3.3.1 The length of the lever arm below the mouth piece of the curb bit is limited to ten centimetres (10 cm). The upper cheek must not be longer than the lower cheek and must not exceed five centimetres (5 cm). If the curb has a sliding mouthpiece, the lever arm of the curb bit below the mouth piece should not measure more than ten centimetres (10 cm) when the mouth piece is at the uppermost position.

3.3.2 Curbs may have straight or S-shaped cheeks. They may have rotating lever arms.

3.3.3 The mouthpiece may be straight or 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.

3.3.4 Curb chain can be made of metal or leather or a combination. Cover for curb chain can be made of leather, rubber or sheep skin. Curb chain hooks can be fixed or not fixed.

Feedback

DC - This will be reviewed during the full revision of Tack and equipment across all disciplines by the Equipment Experts working group in 2023.

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022

Postponed.

Comments received by 24 August 2022

GBR - We would support USA NF & BEL NF amendments to wording. Please also refer to our comments under general regulations – Multi Discipline and Tack.

FEI feedback

This is deferred to the full tack and equipment revision.

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022

N/A

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

NED NF – KNHS

Article Number – Article Name
Article 428.3.3.4 Saddlery (2023 Article 434.3.3.4)
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Explanation Within the framework of horse welfare we would like to propose to make the use of curb chain covers mandatory when curb chains are used.</p> <p>Proposal Curb chain can be made of metal or leather or a combination. Cover for curb chain is mandatory and can be made of leather, rubber or sheep skin. Curb chain hooks can be fixed or not fixed.</p> <p>Feedback DC - This comment would be discussed in the full equipment rules to take part in 2023.</p> <p>Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022 N/A</p> <p>Comments received by 24 August 2022</p> <p>FEI feedback N/A</p> <p>Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022 N/A.</p>

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
British Equestrian (British Dressage)
Article Number – Article Name
428 – Saddlery 6 – Additional Items 6.0 – Ear Hoods 6.3 – Ear Plugs
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Explanation Correction of inconsistencies and safety.</p> <p>The Para rules allow for ear plugs in Competition.</p> <p>We propose that the FEI permits ear plugs in Competition, in addition to horse inspections and prize-giving, to align with what is already allowed for in the Para rules.</p> <p>Competitions are becoming more and more spectator centred with intense noise (particularly indoors) with potential for causing stressful situations for horses.</p> <p>In addition, there have been several incidents where the removal of the ear hoods (to check for ear plugs, etc) during the post Competition Equipment and Health Checks have caused distress to the horse. The necessity and safety of this process as is worthy of debate.</p>

If the FEI were to permit the use of Ear Plugs and Ear Hoods during Competition this would potentially eliminate the need to remove the Ear Hoods post Competition, thus avoiding a stressful and possibly dangerous process. We would propose that random checks be made for horses returning to the stables.

Proposal

6.2 Ear hoods are permitted for all events and may also provide noise reduction. However, ear hoods must not cover the horse's eyes ~~and ear plugs are not permitted with the exception of Article 428.6.3.~~ The ear hoods should be discreet in colour and design. Ear hoods must not be attached to the noseband.

6.3. Earplugs on Horses are allowed at Horse Inspections, prize-giving ceremonies ~~and in Competition.~~

Feedback

Not supported. Earplugs are not allowed in Competition, please see point above.

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022

See new Dressage Rules – Article 434

Comments received by 24 August 2022

GBR - We had a fantastic Championships in Herning and a very enthusiastic crowd, showing their appreciation prior to tests finishing, which in some cases caused upset to the horse's performance and marks being impacted. This is potentially a welfare issue, as well as affecting the fairness of competition.

We would therefore respectfully repeat our request to allow ear plugs, as they are in Para Dressage.

FEI feedback

No change to this wording. Noise reduction with ear hoods is already permitted. Ear plugs may be used at Horse Inspections and Prize-giving ceremonies.

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022

N/A

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

BEL NF

Article Number – Article Name

428.6.2 Saddlery – Ear hoods

Explanation for Proposed Change

Explanation

The removal of earhoods is dangerous and no longer relevant. Earhoods can be made of soundproof material. Many horses are too nervous and then this control cannot be done in the necessary calm.

Proposal

... It shall be the Athlete's/groom's responsibility to remove ear hoods. The steward is not obliged to ask the athlete or groom to remove ear hoods, only if he/she has reason for suspicion. The check can also be done at the stable area.

Feedback

The FEI Vets Department consulted, especially regarding ear plugs and horse welfare. Check in stable area not always practical (distance).

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022

See article 434.8.1

Comments received by 24 August 2022

BEL -

- Noise reduction is already allowed on ear hoods in competition !
- The ear hood has to be removed at tack check to check for earplugs !
- It is the responsibility of the groom or the rider to remove the ear hoods

If done on the tack check this causes often dangerous situations for both horse and people

The quick check for earplugs can be done by feeling the ears, without the removal of the ear hood. If something is felt, the thorough check can be done at the stable area.

This has been confirmed by Vet department director, president of DC and FEI Dressage director at World championships Herning.

It is sufficient to scratch : It shall be the Athlete's/groom's responsibility to remove ear hoods.

The procedure can be explained in the steward manual !

Proposed wording:

Checking of Saddlery. A visual check before leaving the last warm up arena may be conducted by the Stewards to prevent Athletes going into the field of play with any forbidden equipment. A visual check can be declined, as it is designed to help Athletes but is not compulsory. However, it remains the full responsibility of the Athlete not to enter with any forbidden piece of Saddlery. A Steward must be appointed to check the Saddlery of each Horse immediately after it leaves the arena. Any discrepancy will be reported to the Judge at C and result in immediate Elimination if confirmed. The checking of the bridle must be done with the greatest caution, as some Horses are very sensitive about their mouths (see FEI Steward's Manual). It shall be the Athlete's/groom's responsibility to remove ear hoods.

The Steward must use disposable surgical/protective gloves when checking the bridle (one -1- pair of gloves per Horse).

FEI feedback

Random checks in connection with the equipment check at the end of a test have been introduced; no change to the wording

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022

N/A

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

USA NF

Article Number – Article Name

Article 428.6.2 Saddlery – Ear Hoods

Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Explanation Additional material should not be added to the ear hoods.</p> <p>Proposal 6.2 Ear hoods in their manufactured state are permitted for all Events and may also provide noise reduction. However, ear hoods must not cover the horse's eyes and ear plugs are not permitted, with the exception of Article 428.6.3. The ear hoods should be discreet in colour and design. Ear hoods may not be attached to the noseband.</p> <p>Feedback Not supported, manufactured state hard to define and verify.</p>
Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022
Please see point above.
Comments received by 24 August 2022
FEI feedback
N/A
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022
N/A

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
British Equestrian (British Dressage)
Article Number – Article Name
428.9 Warming up and training areas
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Explanation We would support the addition of a lunging bungee to be allowed lunging equipment.</p> <p>Proposal Warming-up and training areas. Paragraphs 1 to 5 above are valid also for warming-up arenas and other training areas where snaffles with a cavesson or a normal dropped noseband, Mexican noseband or a Flash noseband, boots, bandages are allowed.</p> <p>Lunging cavessons, single direct side reins or double sliding side reins (triangle/dreieck zügel) and the lunging bungee are permitted when lunging. Lunging is allowed with one (1) lunge line only, attached to either a lunging cavesson or a snaffle bridle/bridoon. Lunging with lunge line attached to the curb is not allowed.</p> <p>Feedback DC - The DC is not in favour of adding this. The DC supports regulating lunging to certain times only with a Steward always present.</p>
Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022
N/A

Comments received by 24 August 2022
IDRC /GER - We are in line with the FEI feedback not to allow a lunging bungee.
FEI feedback
N/A
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022
N/A

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
IDTC
Article Number – Article Name
428.12 (new number) Body bandages
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Explanation WELFARE Many horses have sensitive skin, especially those recently clipped, and are susceptible to inadvertent spur marks. A body bandage protects against this injury :</p> <p>12. Body Bandages are permitted in the warm-up arena but must be removed before entering the Competition arena.</p> <p>Comments August 2021 GBR NF: We support the proposal not to add this, as body bandages could hide potential injuries or the misuse of spurs. On welfare grounds we agree that this is an important addition.</p> <p>Proposal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - July 2021 N/A - GA 2021 N/A - FEI – N/A <p>Feedback DC – The DC does not support this (gadget). FEI - The DC does not support this proposal and body bandages are considered as a gadget, and gadgets are not allowed in the current rules.</p>
Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022
N/A
Comments received by 24 August 2022
IDRC /GER - We are in line with the FEI feedback not to allow body bandages
FEI feedback
N/A
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022
N/A

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

NED NF – KNHS
Article Number – Article Name
Article 430.6.3 – Penalty Percentage Points (2023 424.4.3)
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Explanation For the Children classes we would like propose to deduct the penalty percentage points only from the technical judging procedure. When deducting from both judging procedures we feel like the rider being double punished.</p> <p>Proposal The penalty percentage points are deducted on each Judge's sheet from the total points obtained by the Athlete. In Children classes and classes for 7 yo Horses, penalty percentage points have to be deducted from both judging procedures (technical judges and quality judges) In Children classes penalty percentage points have be deducted from the technical judges only.</p> <p>Feedback DC - This also concerns the Children's scoring, please see the response above. The DTC did not agree to return to a previous version of how the tests were scored, as the scoring system was well received in its current form. The way of Judging for Children's and Young Horses 7yo is the same due to their similar technical and quality level. More evidence would be needed to make such a change.</p>
Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022
N/A
Comments received by 24 August 2022
FEI feedback
N/A
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022
The proposal remains as above. <u>N/A</u>

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
NED NF – KNHS
Article Number – Article Name
Article 430.7.6.1 – Bleeding (2023 424.5.6)
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Explanation Also when riding around the arena, the Judge at C should be able to stop the Horse when fresh blood is suspected.</p> <p>Proposal If the Judge at C suspects fresh blood anywhere on the Horse when they are in the arena, they 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>

Feedback

DC - The Officials have the right to stop a horse who is bleeding at any time outside of the test, this change does not need to be included. The article refers to when a test has already begun, and is listed under the section "eliminations" so only concerns once the test has started. If a horse is bleeding then a steward or Judge will stop it before going to arena, as per the Veterinary Regulations.

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022

N/A

Comments received by 24 August 2022**FEI feedback**

N/A

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022~~The proposal remains as above.~~ N/A**Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)****NED NF – KNHS****Article Number – Article Name****Article 430.7.6.3 – Bleeding (2023 424.5.6.4)****Explanation for Proposed Change****Explanation**

"The above" could refer to all the sub articles under 7.6, this has led to discussion during competitions/championships.

Proposal

If the Horse is eliminated pursuant to **Article 430.7.6.2.2**, 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.

Feedback

DC - The article refers to "eliminated due to..." then it only refers to the article where elimination is discussed, the DTC felt this did not need to be clarified.

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022

N/A

Comments received by 24 August 2022**FEI feedback**

N/A

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022

N/A

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

SWE NF
Article Number – Article Name
ARTICLE 430 EXECUTION OF THE TESTS 7.6. Bleeding
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Explanation</p> <p>It appears that bleeding from one or two nostrils is not covered in current regulations. Nose blood can occur from bleeding in upper and/or lower airways (in racing horses not unusual with even lung bleeding, Exercise Induced Pulmonary Haemorrhage, EIPH, usually after exercise).</p> <p>To distinguish from a suspected minor bleeding due to a small laceration of a nostril, it should be checked by an FEI Veterinarian after the ride.</p> <p>Nose blood should be a reason for elimination because of the impact on Horse welfare, but also for general perception, i.e., Social License to Operate (SLO).</p> <p>Proposal</p> <p>7.6 Bleeding:</p> <p>7.6.1 If the Judge at C suspects fresh blood anywhere on the Horse during the test, they 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>7.6.2.1 If the FEI Steward discovers fresh blood in the Horse's mouth, nostril or in the area of the spurs during the check at the end of the test (Article 430.9), they inform the Judge at C, who will eliminate the Horse and the Athlete.</p> <p>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, nostril 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 Chief Steward shall inform the Judge at C whether 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.</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> <p>Feedback</p> <p>DC - This requires further investigation by the FEI Veterinary department</p> <p>Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022</p> <p>No change for now</p> <p>Comments received by 24 August 2022</p> <p>GBR - While accepting that the IDTC felt the article does not need further clarification, we would respectfully suggest that this article has the potential for misinterpretation. Our understanding is that it only relates to Article 420.5.6.4 – and yet the words "pursuant to the above" have been used which would relate to all the Articles under Bleeding.</p> <p><u>Proposed Wording:</u></p> <p>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, and the Athlete/Horse combination is not automatically eliminated, it should be</p>

examined by an FEI Veterinarian who will advise the FEI Chief Steward and the Judge at C on the horse's fitness to continue. 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 and be included in the results / ranking.

FEI feedback

The DC supports the wording proposed by the NF GBR as it adds clarity.

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022

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, and the Athlete/Horse combination is not automatically eliminated, it should be examined by an FEI Veterinarian who will advise the FEI Chief Steward and the Judge at C on the horse's fitness to continue. 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 and be included in the results / ranking.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

GER NF, IDRC, GBR

Article Number – Article Name

432 Marking

4. Collective Mark

Explanation for Proposed Change

Explanation

We repeat this request although it was not agreed to by Dressage Judging Working Group and JAG last year, because we are convinced of the need for it. As this year is the time for a full revision of the rules, time and thought should be invested to look into this proposal again.

In 2018, the FEI removed the collective marks for paces, impulsion and submission on the grounds that Judges could misuse these marks to manipulate the result. The score sheets contained explanations in brackets what exactly was meant by the terms paces, impulsion and submission. Only the mark for the "Athlete's position and seat; correctness and effect of the aids" was left with the coefficient 2.

Nowadays everything is supposed to go faster and faster, to be simplified and made as equal as possible. We think that this is not the right way to improve our sport in terms of riding and judging. For some time now, it has been apparent that some principles of riding are no longer really taken into account in the tests. In our opinion, these collective marks are missing which have served the Judges as tools to illustrate the principles of Dressage training.

With his evaluation, the Judge also gives the rider and the trainer recommendations for the further education and training. It is not enough to only judge the technical execution of the test. It is often said that the judge should also recognise and judge all the principles, but the reality is somewhat different.

Since there is a collective mark for the rider, it is the logical consequence to also give a collective mark for the horse or its training status. This would force the Judge to give an evaluation of the principles of Dressage riding at the end of each test.

Including it as «general principles» in the marks given would be an important step to ensure that the basic criteria, our principles of riding, remain paramount in judging the performance of a rider-horse combination.

In January 2021, the definition of Collective mark in the Dressage Tests has been updated in accordance with the 2021 FEI Dressage rules (Art 432.4) and now reads:

«Collective mark: General Impression (harmonious presentation of the rider/horse combination; rider's position and seat, discreet and effective influence of the aids)». This is included in our proposal. However, we have replaced «harmonious» by «**harmony of**» presentation and use this term instead of «General Impression». We have done this to avoid the misleading interpretation that it might be enough to see a «nice» harmonious ride whereas the focus should be laid on how well the interaction between horse and rider works.

The coefficient 2 shall be deleted because the new Collective mark comprises two items that each get a mark.

Proposal

4. Collective marks: After the Athlete has finished his performance, ~~a~~ collective marks ~~is~~ are awarded for the implementation of General Principles and for Harmony of Presentation. *[This change is to come into force as of 01.01.2021 with a clear definition]*

4.1 The implementation of General Principles comprises

- Freedom and regularity of the paces;
- Engagement of the hind quarters;
- Elasticity of the steps;
- Suppleness of the back;
- Acceptance of the bridle;
- Self-carriage.

4.2 Harmony of Presentation comprises

- attention and confidence of the Horse
- harmony in the presentation of the rider/horse combination;
- rider's position and seat;
- discreet and effective influence of the aids.

The Collective mark is awarded from zero (0) to ten (10).

5. The collective marks for General Principles and for Harmony of Presentation are not given a coefficient. ~~as well as~~ Certain difficult movements~~7~~ can be given a coefficient, which is fixed by the FEI.

Feedback

Discussed at the Sports Forum. Such a change would imply going back on something decided previously in the DC with a full reasoning and scientific evidence behind (DJWG).

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022

N/A

Comments received by 24 August 2022

NOR - We fully support the proposal from the GER NF, IDRC, GBR.

13 November 2022, Cape Town (RSA)

IDRC /GER - We have discussed about the topic during the FEI Sports Forum. On that occasion, we were pointed to alleged "evidence" and that it was still valid. Please remind us of this evidence, it is not present to us.

FEI feedback

A change in contradiction to evidence as provided by the Dressage Judging Working Group cannot be supported, unless supported by evidence (scientific).

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022

N/A

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)**BEL NF****Article Number – Article Name****434.3.2 Classification (ties)****Explanation for Proposed Change****Explanation**

Different formulation required

Proposal

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~~ ~~horses~~ will be equally placed.

For the individual classification at CDI Os, FEI Championships and Olympic Games, refer to Articles 452 and 459 of the Dressage Rules.

Feedback

DC - Not supported.

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022

N/A

Comments received by 24 August 2022**FEI feedback**

N/A

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022

N/A.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)**British Equestrian (British Dressage)****Article Number – Article Name****434** - Classification**435** - calculation & publishing of results

Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Explanation</p> <p>We would suggest there should be some discussion around the AIDEO proposal in July as part of the wider picture around results format. Consistency in publication of results formats is vital in retaining public understanding and interest. For instance, Team classification in Article 434.4 talks about points rather than percentages. It has already been suggested that points should be moved away from points for the Team classification at the Olympic Games and other major FEI championships, to improve understanding, presentation and communication of the sport to the general public.</p> <p>Proposal</p> <p>-</p> <p>Feedback</p> <p>DC - Agreed to the use of scores in percentages for Teams at the Olympic Games. This is addressed in the OG Rules.</p>
Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022
For the Olympic Regulations, not the Dressage rules.
Comments received by 24 August 2022
N/A
FEI feedback
This is amended in the Olympic Regulations for Dressage.
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022
N/A

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
AIDEO
Article Number – Article Name
435.2.3
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Explanation</p> <p>Based on Art. 435.2.3. it is possible that riders who have achieved the same points (not percentage) might have a different placing in a class.</p> <p>This is purely mathematical due to rounding differences possible by the existing rule.</p> <p>We would therefore suggest to change the wording of this rule to the following:</p> <p>2.3 The final percentage is obtained by adding the total average percentage points per Judge divided by the number of Judges.</p> <p>For example: 1) Total average percentage points per Judge: E= 278 points (69.500%), H= 282 points (70.500%), C= 280 points (70.000%), M= 282 points (70.500%), B= 278 points (69.500%);</p> <p>2) Final percentage: 70.000%.</p>
Comments August 2021

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Comments March 2022

DO:

Calculation of Scores -The AIDEO (DO) proposed updating Article 435.2.3 to read:

Article 435.2.3

The final percentage is obtained by adding the total average ~~percentage~~ **points** per Judge divided by the number of Judges.

The FEI stated this would be considered during the 2022 rule revision process.

The DO believes that using points vs. the percentage score for each judge to calculate the final percentage gives a more accurate result and is less likely to end up with "tied" scores. (Percentage scores for each judge are rounded to the third decimal but points do not need to be rounded up or down before calculating the final percentage score.) When percentage scores for each judge, versus points, are used to calculate the final result, it is possible to have a different placing if the scores are very close.

Proposal

- July 2021 : N/A
- GA 2021 : N/A
- FEI – N/A

Feedback

FEI - Needs further review – The idea is supported but will be addressed in the full rules revision in 2022. Also to consider tests where there are both points and percentages.

DC - **No change, keep three decimals and round according to the fourth decimal.**

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022

N/A

Comments received by 24 August 2022**FEI feedback**

N/A

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022

N/A

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)**IDRC, IDTC****Article Number – Article Name****437 Ground Jury****1.****Explanation for Proposed Change****Explanation**

Judging plays an integral part in dressage Competition and differs substantially from judging of other equestrian disciplines. Thus the goal of harmonization among disciplines

is misleading and misguided. The expression 5* is recognized worldwide as the ne plus ultra which a category status cannot convey. This is of great importance not only to the judges but to all stakeholders, competitors, spectators and sponsors. The presence of 5* judges elevates the overall standing of a Competition. The 5* classification exists for Competitions and thus the corresponding top level should be used for judges. There is consistent with the General Regulations which recognize the possibility that there will be variations amongst disciplines and leaves the determination of levels to the disciplines via the Sport Rules.

Proposal

Reinstate the 5* classification for the highest level of Dressage Judge

Feedback

Discussed with the Directors of the Legal and Education & Officials departments. DC members to inform their respective clubs as needed.

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022

N/A

Comments received by 24 August 2022

GER - To reinstate 5* is requested by IDRC, IDTC, AIDEO; why don't we follow them?

The categorisation of Officials by stars should remain in place.

FEI feedback

See earlier in this document

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The FEI Board had agreed in June that Levels shall be used but that the L4/5* reference could be used in all working documents

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

IDRC, IDTC

Article Number – Article Name

**438 Judges Supervisory Panel (JSP)
Judges Advisory Group**

Explanation for Proposed Change**Explanation**

In addition to the JSP and the Judges Advisory Group has been established. The specific role of this group and how it interfaces with the JSP and the Education department is unclear.

Proposal

1. Articulate specific qualifications for JAG
2. Identify rôle and responsibilities of JAG
3. Clarify interface between JAG, JSP and FEI Education department

Feedback

Document on the dynamics between these published on the FEI website (Dressage-Useful Documents, https://inside.fei.org/system/files/JSP_JAG_EWD_DTC_Final_2022.pdf). Not an issue for the rules.

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Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022
N/A
Comments received by 24 August 2022
FEI feedback
This is not for the Rules.
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022
N/A

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
USA NF
Article Number – Article Name
Annex 2 – International Dressage Judges
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Explanation</p> <p>To clarify the rotation rules for judges at FEI Dressage Events. If it is not intended to be after three (3) consecutive years, it needs to be specified how many years.</p> <p>Proposal</p> <p>12. Rotation of Members of the Ground Jury for each Event; In a Ground Jury of three (3): Minimum one (1) new member every year. In a Ground Jury of five (5) or seven (7): Minimum two (2) new members every year. A judge may not judge the same Event more than three (3) consecutive years but may return to the same Event after two (2) years out. A judge may return to the same Event after two (2) years out. A member of the Ground Jury may not be FEI Foreign Judge more than one (1) year in a row.</p> <p>Feedback</p> <p>The DC was in favour of rotation of the Judges, but an IT system automatically flagging the judges who have officiated too many times in a row was needed as not possible to check manually. A possibility with the online schedule once this was implemented.</p>
Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022
N/A
Comments received by 24 August 2022
FEI feedback
N/A
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022
N/A

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
British Equestrian (British Dressage)
Article Number – Article Name
Annex 11 – Equipment / saddlery Reference 428 – Saddlery
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Explanation</p> <p>The goal is to clarify for Athletes and FEI Stewards allowed equipment and saddlery. The amount/type of equipment has increased dramatically over time and some confusion exists as to which are currently permitted. As an absolute minimum we would suggest there should 3D visuals of permitted options included within the annex. Potentially it could also be considered having a combined "Saddlery" (3D visuals and written descriptor) section within the rules.</p> <p>Proposal</p> <p>-</p> <p>Feedback</p> <p>For Equipment Working Group, not rules.</p>
Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022
N/A
Comments received by 24 August 2022
N/A
FEI feedback
N/A
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022
N/A

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
NED NF – KNHS
Dressage tests Children
Directives for FEI International Competitions for Children
<p>TOTAL score in %: (Technical plus Quality divided by two)</p>
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Explanation</p> <p>In the current Dressage test for Children the Total score of the test is made up by adding the Technical to the Quality Score and divide by two. We would like to propose to make the division of the marks more evenly with a panel of 5 judges by adding the three Technical Scores and the Quality Score and divide by four.</p> <p>Proposal</p> <p>In case of a judges panel of 5:</p>

TOTAL score in %:
(3 Technical scores plus Quality divided by four)

Feedback

DC - The DTC felt that the current scoring for Children's tests worked well, and as no further comments regarding this were received there was not deemed a requirement to make such a change. The scoring has always been well received and in favour of the Athletes.

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022

N/A

Comments received by 24 August 2022

N/A

FEI feedback

N/A

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N/A

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)**NED NF – KNHS****Article Number – Article Name****New additional point****Explanation for Proposed Change****Explanation**

Children are now able to compete until the end of the year they reach the age of fourteen (14). We would like to propose to raise the maximum age to the end of the year they reach the age of fifteen (15). Within the framework of developmental psychology it would be good for the riders to have an age overlap with the Juniors, for the Children riders to make the transition to the higher level more gradually.

Proposal

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Feedback

DC - The age categories are defined in the General Regulations, so this cannot be changed purely for one discipline.

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022

N/A

Comments received by 24 August 2022

N/A

FEI feedback

N/A

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022

N/A

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Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
IDRC, IDTC
Article Number – Article Name
N/A (new) Stakeholder Representative
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Explanation Historically the relationship between the stakeholder club representative and his constituency and the FEI has been variable. There is a need to formalize the correct communication conduit between the stakeholder clubs and the Dressage Committee.</p> <p>Proposal</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Confirm the stakeholder club representative as the primary communication channel between the club and the Dressage Committee 2. Publish the dates of Dressage Committee meetings to allow timely communication and consultation between club and representative 3. Provide meeting agendas to stakeholder clubs on a timely basis <p>Feedback This is for the MOUs, not for the Dressage rules. The clubs had representatives on the DC so that these could put forward issues brought up by the clubs. The clubs' Boards received the Minutes from the DC meetings where normally the date of the next meeting was mentioned.</p>
Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022
N/A
Comments received by 24 August 2022
N/A
FEI feedback
N/A
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022
N/A

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)							
FEI (ADD)							
Article Number – Article Name							
Article 401 CATEGORIES OF INTERNATIONAL DRESSAGE EVENTS							
7. Senior Events and Competitions:							
Event	Min. qual. requirements	Athlete age	Horse age	Prize-Money	Double bridle/ snaffle	Tests to be ridden	Qualification within show

<u>CDI1*/ CDIO1*</u>	No min qual.	Min 16yo	Min 7yo	CDI1* : no min. requirements CDIO1*: max. 14'999 CHF	Snaffle or double bridle	<u>PSG Inter I Inter I FS</u>	<u>min 60 % in the qualifying test to qualify for the final test</u>
<u>CDI2*/ CDIO2*</u>	No min qual.	Min 16yo	Min 8yo	CDI2* : no min. requirements CDIO2*: max. 32'999 CHF	Snaffle or double bridle	<u>Inter A Inter B Inter II Inter A/B FS</u>	<u>min 60 % in the qualifying test to qualify for the final test</u>
<u>CDI3*/ CDIO3*</u>	No min qual.	Min 16yo	Min 8yo	CDI3*: max. 23'999 CHF CDIO3*: max. 50'000 CHF	double bridle	GP GPS GP FS	<u>min 60 % in the qualifying test to qualify for the final test</u>
<u>CDI4*/ CDIO4*</u>	<u>Athlete/Horse combination must qualify at a CDI3* (63 % in 1 GP or GPS)</u>	Min 16yo	Min 8yo	CDI4*: min. 24'000 CHF and max. 89'999 CHF CDIO4*: min 50'001 CHF and max 99'999 CHF	Double Bridle	GP GPS GP FS	<u>min 65 % in the qualifying test to qualify for the final test</u>
<u>CDI5*/ CDIO5*</u>	<u>Athlete/Horse combination must qualify at a CDI3* or CDI4* (65 % in 1 GP or GPS)</u>	Min 16yo	Min 8yo	CDI5* Min 90'000 CHF CDIO5*: Min 100'000 CHF	Double Bridle	GP GPS GP FS	<u>min 65 % in the qualifying test to qualify for the final test</u>
<u>CDI-W WEL</u>	<u>Athlete/Horse combination must qualify at a CDI3*, CDI4* or CDI5* (65 % in one GP or GPS)</u>	Min 16yo	Min 8yo	SGP / GP: 15'000 Euros GP FS: 50'000 euros	Double Bridle	GP or SGP GP FS	<u>min 65 % in the first test to qualify for the 2nd test</u>
CDI-W CEL NAL PAL	N/A	Min 16yo	Min 8yo	no min. requirements	Double Bridle	GP or SGP GP FS	min 60 % in the first test to qualify for the 2 nd test

FEI Championships on GP level	Minimum Eligibility Requirements	Min 16yo	Min 8yo	As per Host Agreement	Double Bridle	GP GPS GP FS	N/A
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Comments received by 24 August 2022

GBR – Art. 401.7

We continue to support an evaluation of the Short Grand Prix, as do many nations. As a test it places increased physical demands on the horse due to the sequence of the individual exercises. We would respectfully ask therefore whether its use could be re-considered especially since OC's are not taking advantage of its length to offer prime time scheduling slots.

The original intention when introducing this option was as part of a wider package to add to the entertainment / spectator experience at World Cup qualifiers. If it is no longer being used for this purpose then we would recommend a return to the standard Grand Prix, in the best interests of horse welfare – and also for consistency across all legs of the competition.

If the intention is to provide a pathway as the levels of shows have defined, then the minimum qualification for a 4* should also be differentiated from a 5* competition (i.e. set at 64%). [DC: see proposal in this document](#)

GBR – Art. 401.3.2 Wording should be amended to reflect change in different star level events Proposed wording:

No CDI5*, **CDIO5*** or above is allowed on the same dates as the FEI World Cup™ Dressage Final. In Principle there may be no CDI-W (2) weeks prior to the FEI World Cup™ Dressage Final.

Art 401.4 : Article 401.4 appears to contradict Article 401.5.6

Art. 401.3.2 Wording should be amended to reflect change in different star level events Proposed wording:

No CDI5*, **CDIO5*** or above is allowed on the same dates as the FEI World Cup™ Dressage Final. In Principle there may be no CDI-W (2) weeks prior to the FEI World Cup™ Dressage Final.
: While we would understand the rationale of a clear pathway for athletes and horses, the introduction of CDIO (non-NC) could impact upon the Nations Cup series, which is already lacking in clear direction. In so doing opportunities for championship preparation may be impacted, arguably resulting in a reduced level of performance at the very time dressage has its greatest exposure to public and media (i.e., at Championships).

For several years there has been discussion that the Nations Cup series will be reviewed, but this has not yet happened. We believe that this is a missed opportunity, as a revitalised NC could have a range of benefits. The NC series should showcase and promote our sport and offer wider opportunities for athletes and combinations to get international experience, as the team events do in jumping. We respectfully suggest this should become a priority.

This article refers to CDIO2* taking priority over, for instance a CDI5*

- We would question whether the intention is that the CDIO2* (non-NC) should take priority over a CDI5*?
- Does the same also apply for a CDIO1* which is not mentioned?
- Would it make more sense to use different titles for CDIO (non-NC) to differentiate between them and avoid confusion? (may require GR amendment)

AUT – Art.401.7

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CDI2*/CDIO2* must go up to GP. This is the bridge for developing countries to GP level. Organizers of these countries will have to invest much more money to run a CDI3* instead of a CDI2*. The qualification within in the show for a CDI4*/CDIO4* with 65% is too high, it should not be more than 62/63%.

USA - We recommend 62% or 63% (instead of 65%) to participate in a CDI4* and qualify for the final test in a CDI4*. If the data proves this is too low after several years, then it can be raised; however, since this would be a new requirement, a lower percentage is suggested. Consideration should be given to the impact on athlete/horse combinations seeking a start in a CDI4* and the number of potential CDI4*s going forward to the calendar for the 2023 competition year prior to these rules being approved.

FEI feedback

GBR NF: The DC agrees to the addition of "CDIO5*" as a clarification to Art 401.3.2.

GBR NF: not sure where there is a contraction in the two rules below?

401.4: In CDI/CDI-W/CDIU25/CDIY/CDIJ/CDIP/CDICH/CDIAM no unofficial team Competitions are allowed. For official team Competitions, refer to CDIOs/-NC.

401.5.6 No additional individual Athletes from the same NF are allowed to take part in addition to the teams at CDIO-NCs. For non-NC CDIOs, NFs entering a team may enter one additional individual Athlete.

Art 401.5.2 will be modified to read that CDIO3* to 5* take precedence (not CDIO2*)

AUT NF: The new progressive CDI system does not allow for this, but at CDIs3*, no prize money is required, as explained at the 2022 Sports Forum.

AUT/USA NF: please see earlier in the document (The DC supports the proposal and agrees to the following amendments: CDI4*/CDIO4* change to 63% as a minimum qualification requirement, keep 65% for the others.)

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Art. 401.3.2

No CDI5*, **CDIO5*** or above is allowed on the same dates as the FEI World Cup™ Dressage Final. In Principle there may be no CDI-W (2) weeks prior to the FEI World Cup™ Dressage Final.

Art 401.5.2: Priority. **CDIO3*** to 5* take precedence over all CDI Events in accordance with the FEI GRs. CDIO Events for seniors on the same Continent must not clash.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI (ADD)

Article Number – Article Name

Article 403.2.3 FEI Championships- Youth Categories

Competition	Dressage Test*	Participation
Team Competition	Team Competition Test	Open to all Athletes
Individual Competition	Individual Competition Test	Open to all Athletes who successfully completed the Team Competition (included in the results and rankings)
Individual Freestyle	Freestyle Competition test	Open to the eighteen (18) best from the Individual Competition, including ties for the 18 th place

*According to youth category

Comments received by 24 August 2022

ESP /GER/ EEF/ EEF - 403.2.3 It is questioned what "successfully completed" means in the context of this article. What if a rider finishes the test but is then eliminated at the steward check for blood, tack issues, etc? The working group recommends to add the following wording to this article: "and is included in the results and ranking".

Proposed wording:

Add: "and is included in the results and ranking".

IDTC - How is 'successfully completed' defined in the context of this article? What if a rider finishes the test but is then eliminated at the steward check post-test? We recommend the following wording: Has successfully complete and has passed the post-test Steward examination

FEI feedback

The DC supports this proposal.

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Open to all Athletes who successfully completed the Team Competition (included in the results and rankings)

Competition	Dressage Test*	Participation
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*According to youth category

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI (ADD)

Article Number – Article Name

ART. 407

3 **CDI3* - CDI4* and CDI5*.**

3.1 **Scheduling possibilities:**

Competition 1	Competition 2 (Final)
Grand Prix	--
Grand Prix	Opting for Grand Prix Special or Grand Prix Freestyle
Grand Prix	Grand Prix Special

	Grand Prix	Grand Prix Freestyle
Comments received by 24 August 2022		
<p>USA – Art. 407.3.6 The sentence states “which of the following Competitions” but no Competitions are then listed (GPS / GPF) <u>Proposed wording:</u> Opting - In CDIs with 3 Competitions, the Athletes must state, at the latest at the date of definite entry, for which of the two (2) following Competitions they wish to qualify (e.g. Grand Prix Special or Grand Prix Freestyle).</p> <p>AUT - 407.3.6 Take out the sentence „The OC may also place the Athletes in the Competitions based on the results of the first competition” And change the word may in the next sentence to „must”. Art. 407.2.1 Add GP to the 2* level.</p> <p>GBR - Article 407.4.1.1 CDIOs general The article does not outline the competition format for CDIO-NC. The separate Nations Cup rules should also be referenced.</p>		
FEI feedback		
<p>The DC agrees to add a clarification as the pre comment of the USA NF (see below) opting.</p> <p>407.3.6 Opting In CDIs with 3 Competitions, the Athletes must state, at the latest at the date of definite entry, for which of the two (2) following Competitions they wish to qualify. <u>Athletes may give a 1st and 2nd choice if the OC so allows (e.g. Athlete will opt for Grand Prix Freestyle as 1st choice and Grand Prix Special as 2nd choice.)</u> The OC may also place the Athletes in the Competitions based on the results of the first Competition. If following the conclusion of the first Competition, any of the two next Competitions is oversubscribed, the Athlete may then start in the other Competition instead. Participation is, however, only possible in one (1) of the Competitions with the same Horse, and their original choice of Competition cannot be changed if there is space in that Competition.</p> <p>GBR NF: agreed – a reference is added as below</p>		
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022		
<p>407.3.6 Opting In CDIs with 3 Competitions, Athletes must participate in the first Competition and state, at the latest at the date of definite entries, for which of the remaining two Competitions they wish to <u>qualify enter</u>.</p> <p><u>Athletes may give a 1st and 2nd choice if the OC so allows (e.g. Athlete will opt for Grand Prix Freestyle as 1st choice and Grand Prix Special as 2nd choice.)</u></p> <p>The OC may also place the Athletes in the Competitions based on the results of the first Competition. If following the conclusion of the first Competition, any of the two next Competitions is oversubscribed, the Athlete may then start in the other Competition instead. Participation is, however, only possible in one (1) of</p>		

the Competitions with the same Horse, and their original choice of Competition cannot be changed if there is space in that Competition.

407.4.1 General

4.1.1.1 Levels: CDIO 1* to CDIO5* (except FEI Dressage Nations Cup – [for NCs, see separate Rules published on the FEI website](#))

Name of National Federation or Stakeholder

AUT (ADD)

Article No.–Article Name

Art. 415.7.2.

Comment and Rationale

Reintroduction of the one meal per day for Youth Championship.
Will also lead to a further increase of the Entry Fee.

FEI feedback

This is already in the rules, this isn't a new proposal

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N/A

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI (ADD)

Article Number – Article Name

Article 441 Ground Jury

9.4 For **FEI World Cup™ Dressage Finals**, the President and the other six (6) members are appointed by the FEI with the cooperation of the Dressage Technical Committee from the list of **L4 and L3** Judges. Minimum three (3) **L4** Judges and at least three (3) foreign Judges of different nationalities shall be appointed. Minimum one (1) L3 Judge must be appointed.

9.5 For FEI World Cup™ Dressage Qualifiers the Judges must be from the list of **L4 and L3 Judges**. One (1) **3*L2** Judge may be exceptionally appointed only with previous approval by the FEI. The Foreign Judge will be selected by the FEI. Refer to the FEI World Cup™ Dressage Rules. Minimum one (1) L3 Judge must be appointed.

CDI-W	FEI Championships and Games on Grand Prix level	FEI Championships and Games on any level except GP level
GJ panel of five (5)		

<p>appointed by the OC in agreement with the FEI from the list of L3 to L4 Judges</p> <p>WEL: Minimum three (3) L4 Judges must be appointed and the FJ is appointed by the FEI.</p> <p>Minimum one (1) L3 Judge must be appointed</p> <p>7 Judges may be used, at least 4 foreign and max two (2) from the same NF.</p> <p>At least three (3) judges must be foreign and represent different nationalities</p>	<p>GJ panel of seven (7) appointed by the FEI from the list of Level 4 Judges, upon recommendation of the JSP.</p> <p>The President and all members will judge all Competitions.</p> <p>All Judges must be of different nationalities.</p>	<p>GJ panel of five (5) appointed by the FEI from the list of Level 4 and Level 3 Judges, upon recommendation of the JSP.</p> <p>The President and all members will judge all Competitions.</p> <p>All Judges must be of different nationalities.</p>
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Comments received by 24 August 2022

USA - We believe there is a mistake in 9.4 and it should state that six foreign judges of different nationalities are appointed for the World Cup Final. Additionally in 9.5, the foreign judge being selected by the FEI is not applicable for the North American League.

FEI feedback

The DC agrees to both corrections highlighted by the USA NF.

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- 9.4 For **FEI World Cup™ Dressage Finals**, the President and the other six (6) members are appointed by the FEI with the cooperation of the Dressage Technical Committee from the list of L4 and L3 Judges. Minimum ~~three-six (36)~~ L4 Judges and one L3 Judge. ~~at At~~ least ~~three-six (36)~~ foreign Judges of different nationalities shall be appointed. Minimum one (1) L3 Judge must be appointed.
- 9.5 For FEI World Cup™ Dressage Qualifiers the Judges must be from the list of L4 and L3 Judges. One (1) ~~3*L2~~ Judge may be exceptionally appointed only with previous approval by the FEI. The Foreign Judge will be selected by the FEI in the WEL. Refer to the FEI World Cup™ Dressage Rules. Minimum one (1) L3 Judge must be appointed.

Name of National Federation or Stakeholder

NED (ADD)

Article No.–Article Name

Article 441.7 – Reserve Judge

Comment and Rationale

For Youth Championships it is not compulsory for the Reserve Judge to be present. We would like to propose to regulate what to do when one of the Judges cannot be present due to illness/travelling issues.

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This was the case in Bishop Burton a few years ago, in this case the Technical Delegate stepped in. In Hartpury this year was decided to continue the competition with 4 judges.

FEI feedback

The DC maintains the original text of this article. A reserve Judge on site is an additional cost to the OC, so when appointing reserve Judges, preference is given to those in nearby countries.

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022

No change to the original text.

Name of National Federation or Stakeholder

IDTC (ADD)

Article No.–Article Name**Article 442 Judges Supervisory Panel****3.1 A JSP member must be appointed by the FEI for European Championships for Youth****Comment and Rationale**

The value of the JSP for Senior competitors has been well proven and should be extended for Youth Championships. The JSP insures confidence in the accuracy and consistency of the judging. In recognition of the financial pressure on organizers of Youth Championships, we suggest that the size of the JSP be reduced to 2 members. However, these members should have the ability of make corrections in line with what is done at senior championships

Proposed Wording

Article 442 Judges Supervisory Panel

3.1 Two (2) members of the JSP must be appointed by the FEI for European Championships for Youth. They should be authorized to make adjustments in the same manner as they do for senior championships

FEI feedback

The DC rejects this proposal and concluded that this is to be further monitored and discussed. It would mean a considerable additional cost to the OCs (especially as often Youth CHs are run simultaneously on two arenas). Also the 5% rule now put in place for these CHs should lead to fewer differences.

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No change to the original rule text.

Name of National Federation or Stakeholder

NED (ADD)

Article No.–Article Name**Article 442 Judges Supervisory Panel****3.1 A JSP member must be appointed by the FEI for European Championships for Youth****Comment and Rationale**

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We would like to note that this addition is very much appreciated.
FEI feedback
N/A
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022
The rule text remains unchanged.

Name of National Federation or Stakeholder
NED (ADD)
Article No.–Article Name
Article 4.2.3 - Double bridle is compulsory in Grand Prix level Competitions.
Comment and Rationale
We would like to know the arguments of the DC to not allow riders to start with only a snaffle bridle? There are no clear arguments in the DC's feedback. The NED NF has been allowing the snaffle bridle up and including Grand Prix level competitions already for 15 years (best practice) and it works really well (good experience). To keep the curb mandatory does not comply with the welfare of the horse. If riders are convinced that it is better to compete their horse only on a single bridle, it should be allowed.
FEI feedback
This is to be discussed with the Equine Ethics and Wellbeing working group; the DC supports keeping the double bridle for Grand Prix level.
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022
No change to the rule text.

Name of National Federation or Stakeholder
AUT (ADD)
Article No.–Article Name
Regarding the Rules Change in the FEI DRESSAGE WORLD RANKING LISTS RULES
Comment and Rationale
The Austrian NF wants to reject the following change. We think it is against the welfare of the horse to ask for doing shows in a shorter period to collect points. Riders should not be forced and be rewarded to do as many shows as possible. A least it should be a 1 year period or even a better signal to the riders about caring for the welfare of the horse would be 18 months. 1.4. Points for the FEI Dressage World Ranking lists are awarded for the highest percentage scores obtained by Athletes and by Horses, in a maximum of six (6) tests over a rolling period of eight (8) months. 1.5. At the end of each month, the World Rankings are calculated on an eight (8) consecutive months basis, taking into account the results obtained during the relevant months and the previous seven consecutive (7) months (eight (8) months in total). At each calculation, one month will be dropped to always total an eight (8) months calculation basis.

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FEI feedback

The FEI World Ranking Rules were reviewed and supported by the IDRC and approved by the FEI Board at their meeting in August 2022.

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022

N/A

AUT – Letter

Letter from
Diana Wünschek
Chef d'Equipe
Dressage Committee of the AUT NF

We as AUT NF fully support her thoughts:

Dear Sir or Madam of the FEI!
Dear members of all FEI Federations!
Dear members of the EEF!

We refer to the previous numerous Email-Campaigns by the FEI, most recently on November 9, 2021 17:14 - New documents available.
In this regard, we have been dealing with it for some time and have coordinated with our experts and have also already given statements on it.

We appreciate the work of the FEI and the board, the committees and others, but the recent Email broadcasts surprised us a little, as although the individual national federations were asked for their opinions, they were more or less not taken into consideration.

It may have been misunderstood by us, but we get more and more the feeling, that this is not taken into account by the FEI committees, if we only get the statement "We decided that beforehand, we won't go back (no step back)".

Here we refer, for example, to the discussion about the helmet mandatory rule for dressage or the only 3 participants per NF at the Olympic Games.

The whole sport shouldn't be subordinated only to the television broadcast times! Such for example the mandatory short GP, in which all lessons are required, but in a shorter sequence. This is counterproductive for "horse-friendly riding". There will probably be pictures of overstrained horses and riders above all at the Olympic Games!

It is already clear to us that broadcasting times achieve sponsorship income but this shouldn't be the only goal.

Another example is in the field of dressage

https://inside.fei.org/system/files/ANNEX_17.2_GA%202021_DRESSAGE%20RULES_MEMO.pdf#page2

on page 7, point 4.3.5:

If only the best 18/15 starters are now qualified for the "Individual Test", then this regulation is no longer necessary for the freestyle, especially when there are only 18/15 starters left, so this must be done on page 23 at the top, be defined more precisely (if the Individual Test is the final one.)

But: The Individual Test in the youth classes counts, presumably not only in our country, but also in general to achieve MERs, so you can not only let the best 18 start there. Some parents and horse owners will decide that I won't even go to that shows with their children and horses only for may be riding 1 test. That is no motivation for the youth!

We are convinced that we would strengthen our sport and also the well-being of the horse more firmly, if the FEI finds back to a more open discussion and exchange with all "stakeholders", although we are also aware that the situation surrounding the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic has us firmly under control.

with sporty greetings

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FEI feedback

Much of the content of this letter has already been addressed in the rules revision

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