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PREAMBLE

These rules set forth the detailed rules of the FEI Dressage World Cup™, which are to read in conjunction with the pertinent FEI Statutes, FEI General Regulations, FEI Dressage Rules and FEI Veterinary Regulations.

It is acknowledged that every eventuality cannot be provided for in these Rules and in any unforeseen or exceptional circumstances it is the duty of those responsible to make a decision in a sporting spirit and approaching as nearly as possible the intention of these Rules and of the General Regulations.

The FEI may therefore make exceptions to the rules, taking fairness and development of the sport into account.

CHAPTER I. DRESSAGE WORLD CUP™ MATTERS

Dressage World Cup™ matters are approved by the FEI Board upon recommendation of the FEI Dressage Committee.

CHAPTER II. GENERAL INFORMATION - ALL LEAGUES

Art. 1. Principles:

1. The FEI Dressage World Cup™ is a series of competitions at Grand Prix level, comprising a number of CDI-W qualifiers and a Final. The FEI Dressage Rules apply, except where stated differently in these rules. Moreover, these rules must be read in conjunction with the FEI valid Statutes, General Regulations and Veterinary Regulations.
2. The FEI has established four (4) Leagues, i.e., the Western European League - WEL, the Central European League - CEL, the North American League - NAL, and the Pacific League -PAL. Further Leagues may be established.
3. Any changes regarding League Qualification Procedure and these Rules must be decided by the FEI and approved by the FEI Board, the year before they are to become effective (the deadline for submission to the FEI is end of March).

Art. 2. Calendar and Numbers of CDI-W qualifiers in each League:

1. The Qualifying period is to begin following the preceding FEI Dressage World Cup™ Final and end two (2) weeks prior to the current season's FEI Dressage World Cup™ Final.
2. Organising Committees (OCs) must apply for a CDI-W qualifier through their respective NF to the FEI, according to the established application procedures.
3. In case of date clashes, CDI-W qualifiers will prevail over CDI4*s and above in the same league. No CDI5* or above is allowed on the same dates as the FEI Dressage World Cup™ Final.

WEL:

4. The number of CDI-W qualifiers in the WEL will be annually decided by the FEI and approved by the FEI Board.
5. CDI-W qualifiers in the WEL may be organised at a limited number of two (2) CDI-W qualifiers per NF.

CEL:

6. The number of CDI-W qualifiers in the CEL will be proposed yearly by the respective NFs for approval by the FEI.
7. CDI-W qualifiers in the CEL may be organised at a limited number of three (3) CDI-W qualifiers per NF.

NAL:

8. The number of CDI-W qualifiers in the NAL is ten (10) in total, divided as following, approved by the FEI:
 - Six to eight (6-8) in the United States of America
 - One to three (1-3) in Canada
 - One (1) in Mexico
9. A Bid Process may be conducted to determine the qualifiers. An evaluation process may also be conducted of the current CDI-W qualifiers.
10. Maximum of three (3) qualifiers per OC (entity recognized by the applicable NF held to be responsible for the management of any event) per World Cup™ qualifying season.
11. CDI-W qualifier applications will be required per the normal FEI protocols for calendar submissions.

PAL:

12. The number of CDI-W qualifiers in the PAL as well as the PAL Final, will be proposed yearly by the respective NFs for approval by the FEI.

Art. 3. Participation of Athletes:

1. Reference is made to General Regulations "Definite Entries", whereby any NF or athlete, after accepting an invitation in writing and failing to compete without good reason, must be reported by the OC and the Foreign Judge to the Secretary General of the FEI for the attention of the FEI Legal Department/FEI Tribunal.
2. If an athlete changes nationality during a FEI Dressage World Cup™ season, they must continue to qualify under the system in which they had started the season. The FEI reserves the right to judge each case individually.
3. In any League, an athlete/horse combination may only start in six (6) CDI-W qualifiers.
4. A Western European athlete is allowed to participate with more than one (1) horse in the CDI-W qualifiers of the season, but only with one (1) horse in each event.

5. Outside Western Europe an athlete, including athletes from Western Europe, may start with a maximum of two (2) horses in the qualifying Short Grand Prix or Grand Prix and Grand Prix Freestyle to Music of an event. The best result of the two (2) horses will be counted in the FEI Dressage World Cup™ Standing. In a League Final, an athlete may start with a maximum of two (2) horses in the qualifying Short Grand Prix or Grand Prix. They may, however, only opt to qualify with one (1) horse for the Grand Prix Freestyle to Music. A declaration as to the choice of their horse must be made prior to entering the Short Grand Prix or Grand Prix.

Art. 4. Competitions:

1. At all CDI-W qualifiers, the OC may choose to offer the Grand Prix or the Short Grand Prix as the qualifying test to the Grand Prix Freestyle to Music. This must be specified in the FEI approved schedule. The Grand Prix Freestyle to Music is the competition in which standings points can be earned.
2. For the Grand Prix Freestyle to Music test, all FEI Dressage Rules for execution of this test apply.
3. The Grand Prix Freestyle to Music Competition must always be the highlight of an event, also as far as prize-money and prizes in kind are concerned and must always be held on a main day at mid-day or in the afternoon or evening. Exceptions to the rules must be approved by the FEI.
4. The Grand Prix Freestyle to Music may be interrupted by a short break or a small display, but never by another competition. All breaks longer than thirty (30) minutes must be approved by the FEI.
5. One (1) rest day between the Short Grand Prix or Grand Prix and the Grand Prix Freestyle to Music Competitions is permitted.
6. The number of athletes/horses to take part in the Grand Prix Freestyle to Music is limited to and compulsory for the fifteen (15) best combinations in the qualifying Short Grand Prix or Grand Prix at the event, plus those who tie for the fifteen (15th) place.
7. Failure to start in the Grand Prix Freestyle to Music for reasons other than illness of athlete or horse (in which case the move-up system applies) would mean that the athlete loses their Short Grand Prix or Grand Prix classification and FEI Dressage World Ranking List (WRDL) points for the Short Grand Prix or Grand Prix.
8. A draw for the order of starting is compulsory for both Competitions.

Draw for all CDI-W qualifiers:

- For the Short Grand Prix or Grand Prix, the draw (in groups of five (5) must be in reverse order of the FEI Dressage World Ranking

List for Horses. Not listed Horses to be drawn first.

- For the Grand Prix Freestyle to Music, the draw must be in reverse order of the placing of the Short Grand Prix or Grand Prix Competition (in groups of five (5)).

Art. 5. Qualification within each CDI-W qualifier:

1. In WEL at CDI-W qualifiers, all combinations must achieve minimum 65% in the first test to qualify for the second test.
2. In all other league at CDI-W qualifiers, all combinations must achieve minimum 60% in the first test to qualify for the second test.

CHAPTER III. WESTERN EUROPEAN LEAGUE - WEL.

Art. 6. - Principles:

1. Although Central Europe, North America, Australia/New Zealand have their own independent Leagues, athletes from these Leagues and from countries not belonging to any League may also qualify in the WEL. The NF concerned will have to inform the FEI, in writing before the start of the season, which athletes wish to qualify in Western Europe. In that case they will be treated like the Western European athletes.
2. However, athletes from non-WEL qualifying in the WEL cannot take away places in the Final from WEL athletes and they will compete in the FEI Dressage World Cup™ Final as additional athletes.
3. CDI-W qualifiers must be exclusively indoor events.

Art. 7. – Invitations:

- The title defender has the automatic right to compete in every qualifier.
- The Top ten (10) WEL athletes of the FEI Dressage World Ranking List (DWRL). If one (1) of the athletes decides not to compete at an event, that athlete will be replaced by the next placed on the DWRL, provided the replacement athlete is ranked within the top thirty (30) of the DWRL.
- For the events organized in the first half of the season (e.g., events starting before 31 December) the DWRL list from August-September will be used and for the second half of the season (e.g., events starting since 1st January) the DWRL list from December will be used. (Max one (1) horse per athlete).

- The OC has the right to limit the number of starters per foreign NF to three (3) or four (4) per NF. This must be mentioned in the approved schedule.
 - The home NF has the right to nominate up to five (5) athletes unless this quota has been filled as per above.
 - One (1) FEI wildcard for an athlete of a NF not already entered.
 - The OC has the right to invite other athletes until the maximum number of athletes invited in the schedule has been filled.
1. All athlete/horse combinations must qualify at a CDI3*/CDI4* or CDI5* with 65% in one Grand Prix or Grand Prix Special to be able to participate in a WEL CDI-W qualifier.
 2. The FEI may request the OC of CDI-W qualifiers to accept two (2) additional wild cards for overseas athletes and Central European athletes. This must be done, if possible, before, or shortly after, the definite entries date of the CDI-W qualifier in question.
 3. An athlete placed in the top ten (10) on the FEI Dressage World Cup™ Standing list (DWCS) and not having completed the allowed number of Western European CDI-W qualifiers and wishing to compete at any of the last CDI-W qualifier between 1st January and the FEI Dressage World Cup™ Final, cannot be refused by an Organising Committee up to until twenty-three (23) days before the start of the Event.
 4. Athletes qualifying through the WEL who still have a reasonable chance to qualify for the FEI Dressage World Cup™ Final, have priority to compete in the last CDI-W qualifiers.
 5. The OC of the last CDI-W qualifier in the WEL must offer starting places to athletes from other Leagues who are already qualified for the FEI Dressage World Cup™ Final and who request a starting place as a warm-up for the FEI Dressage World Cup™ Final.
 6. Athletes from non-WEL, already qualified for the FEI Dressage World Cup™ Final through their own League, who are participating in a WEL CDI-W qualifier, will not receive any points and their points would be attributed to the next placed athlete. They are, however, eligible for the prizes according to their placings.

CHAPTER IV. CENTRAL EUROPEAN LEAGUE - CEL.

Art. 8. - Principles:

CDI-W qualifiers may be either indoors or outdoors.

CHAPTER V. NORTH AMERICAN LEAGUE – NAL

Art. 9. - Principles:

CDI-W qualifiers may be either indoors or outdoors.

CHAPTER VI. PACIFIC LEAGUE – PAL

Art. 10. - Principles:

1. The qualifying period will be from 1st January to 31st December each year.
2. The CDI-W qualifiers may be indoors or outdoors and are classified either as CDI-W qualifiers or as CDI3* or higher events.

Art. 11. - PAL Athletes based outside the PAL region:

1. PAL athletes competing in the region in which they are domiciled must inform the FEI in writing through their NF before the start of the season if they wish to qualify in a league other than the Pacific League.
2. Any athletes competing outside the PAL and wishing to be eligible for nomination by their NF as an extra starting place in the FEI Dressage World Cup™ Final, must also have started and qualified in at least two Grand Prix Freestyle to Music competitions. This must be achieved in the current season and the combination must have obtained the minimum qualification criteria of 68% in the two (2) Grand Prix Freestyle to Music.

Art. 12. – Qualification System for the PAL Final:

1. To be eligible for the PAL Final, combinations must have competed at a CDI-W qualifier or CDI3* or higher on at least one (1) occasion in the preceding twelve (12) months and gained a minimum of at least 68% in the Grand Prix Freestyle to Music.
2. The Pacific League Final will consist of a maximum of fifteen (15) eligible combinations:
 - Up to five (5) places will be reserved for visiting combinations. In the event the visiting NF requests more than five (5) places, the Chairman of Dressage from each NF or their nominated representative will determine the numbers from each country based on performance in the preceding twelve (12) months.
 - Host NF-qualified combinations may complete the field.

For AUS combinations: Equestrian Australia National Dressage Selectors will select the AUS combinations.

For NZL combinations: The ESNZ National Dressage Selectors will select the NZL combinations.

Art. 13. – PAL Final:

1. The Pacific League Final should be held in November, December, January or February either in Australia or New Zealand, subject to agreement between the AUS and NZL NFs and the final approval of the FEI.
2. Every third year the Pacific League Final may be held in New Zealand.
3. The date and venue of should be determined at least eighteen (18) months prior to the Pacific League Final shall be agreed and should be done in negotiation between the AUS and NZL NFs and the final approval of the FEI.
4. Two members from each NF Dressage Committee (or their nominated representative) should be appointed to negotiate the venue for the Pacific League Final if required.
5. At the Pacific League Final, an athlete may ride two (2) horses in the Short Grand Prix or Grand Prix, however, must declare to the OC prior to the Short Grand Prix or Grand Prix draw which of the two (2) horses is their nominated choice for the Grand Prix Freestyle to Music.
6. Only one (1) horse per athlete is permitted in the Grand Prix Freestyle to Music.
7. The highest placed combination from the PAL Final is eligible to represent the PAL at the FEI Dressage World Cup™ Final of the season, provided they have reached the minimum qualification criteria of having scored at least 68% in the Grand Prix Freestyle to Music in a CDI-W qualifier, including the PAL Final on two different occasions.
8. In the event that the winning combination is unable to travel to the FEI Dressage World Cup™ Final, the next placed athlete/horse combination from the Pacific League Final may represent the League at the FEI Dressage World Cup™ Final.
9. In the event that neither combination as stated in Art 13.7 and 13.8 is able to take part in the FEI Dressage World Cup™ Final, the AUS and NZL NF Selectors may nominate an Athlete/Horse combination from the PAL region which is domiciled in another NF and has declared prior to the start of the season to qualify for the PAL (Athlete/Horse combination is subject to having scored at least 68% in the Grand

Prix Freestyle to Music in a CDI-W qualifier on two (2) different occasions). This place will not be considered as an extra starting place, but as the PAL place. If the AUS and NZL Selectors cannot agree on which Athlete/Horse combination to nominate (as per the process above), the FEI will select the AUS or NZL Athlete (provided they have fulfilled the AUS/NZL requirement to declare as above) with the highest ranking on the FEI World Ranking List – Athletes for February of the year of the FEI Dressage World Cup™ Final.

CHAPTER VII. QUALIFICATION STANDINGS POINTS SYSTEM (WEL, CEL and NAL).

Art. 14. – Standings Points:

1. The four best results obtained in the CDI-W qualifiers will count in the WEL and CEL, while the three best results will count in NAL.
2. An athlete can no longer earn points in another league, after the date of the last CDI-W qualifier of their own league approved in the FEI Calendar by the statutory deadline.
3. In all CDI-W qualifiers, the points to the athletes who have competed in the Grand Prix Freestyle to Music will be awarded as follows:

1 st	20 pts	
2 nd	17 pts	
3 rd	15 pts	
4 th	13 pts	
5 th	12 pts	
6 th	11 pts	
7 th	10 pts	
8 th	9 pts	
9 th	8 pts	
10 th	7 pts	
11 th	6 pts	
12 th	5 pts	
13 th	4 pts	
14 th	3 pts	
15 th	2 pts	(in case of a tie for 15 th place, 2 pts for each)

4. Ties: in case of ties within the fifteen (15) places, the points for the tied place are added to those of the next place and divided by two (2). Each tied athlete is awarded the number of points resulting from this division.
5. Ties in overall point totals at the end of the qualifying season will be broken by the highest CDI-W Grand Prix Freestyle to Music score earned by the tied athletes.

WEL:

6. Athletes from the WEL competing in CDI-W qualifiers in any other League, may also obtain points for their own League. However, at one (1) CDI-W qualifier where they may obtain 100% of the points and 50% of the points from a second CDI-W qualifier. (In case of participation at several events, the event where the best result was achieved will count 100%).
7. Athletes from non-WEL may also obtain points by participating in WEL CDI-W qualifiers as extra invited athletes but cannot take starting places from WEL athletes and transferring them to their own League. These points from a maximum of three (3) WEL CDI-W qualifiers may count in their own League.

CEL:

8. Athletes from the CEL competing in CDI-W qualifiers in any other League, may also obtain points for their own League. However, at one (1) CDI-W qualifier where they may obtain 100% of the points and 50% of the points from a second CDI-W qualifier. (In case of participation at several events, the event where the best result was achieved will count 100%).
9. At CEL CDI-W qualifiers, the standing points for the CEL Athletes will be allocated from a separate ranking, which excludes all non-CEL Athletes. The DWCS points for the non-CEL Athletes will be allocated from standard rankings, which include all participants of the event.
10. Non-CEL Athletes are, however, eligible for the prizes according to their placings.
11. The number of athletes qualified in the CEL CDI-W qualifier Grand Prix Freestyle must be increased by the number of participating WEL athletes, up to a maximum of three (3) next ranked athletes from CEL (eighteen (18) starters). If there are more than three (3) qualified WEL athletes, the number of starters in the Freestyle cannot exceed eighteen (18).
12. The CEL DWCS points list will count as the end result, following the last CEL CDI-W qualifier. Maximum one (1) Athlete/Horse combination per NF can qualify for the FEI Dressage World Cup™ Final from the CEL.

13. CEL Athletes may earn points in maximum two (2) events in one same Country during the CEL season. The two (2) best results count toward the CEL Standings.

NAL:

14. Athletes from the NAL competing in CDI-W qualifiers in any other League, may also obtain points for their own League. However, at one CDI-W qualifier where they may obtain 100% of the points and 50% of the points from a second CDI-W qualifier. (In case of participation at several events, the event where the best result was achieved will count 100%).
15. At NAL CDI-W qualifiers, the standing points for the NAL Athletes will be allocated from a separate ranking, which excludes all non-NAL Athletes. The DWCS points for the non-NAL Athletes will be allocated from standard rankings, which include all participants of the event.
16. Non-NAL Athletes are, however, eligible for the prizes according to their placings.
17. Following the last qualifying CDI-W qualifier and upon completion of final NAL standings for the current season, should an athlete become qualified for the FEI Dressage World Cup™ Final with two (2) horses, they may only start one (1) horse in the FEI Dressage World Cup™ Final (the horse with the highest total points). The second qualified horse will act as a reserve horse, in case of withdrawal for veterinary reasons, for the first horse under condition that the qualifying point total is the next highest.

CHAPTER VIII. FEI DRESSAGE WORLD CUP™ FINAL.

Art. 15. - Principles:

1. The FEI Dressage World Cup™ Final is an indoor event that must take place at the end of the FEI Dressage World Cup™ season in March or April each year.
2. The FEI Dressage World Cup™ Final consists of the compulsory Grand Prix test and the Grand Prix Freestyle to Music test. All participants who finish the Grand Prix with at least 65% will continue to the Grand Prix Freestyle to Music.

The Grand Prix competition will serve as qualifying competition to the Grand Prix Freestyle to Music.
3. The Final classification will be determined by the placings in the Grand Prix Freestyle to Music.
4. An athlete may start in the FEI Dressage World Cup™ Final with one horse only.

5. Minimum qualification criteria for all Finalist combinations, including the FEI extra starting places and the title defender:

- Having scored at least 68% in the Grand Prix Freestyle to Music in a CDI-W qualifier on two (2) different occasions, including for the title defender.
- For athletes not belonging to one (1) of the recognised Leagues, one (1) of the above results may be obtained at a CDI3*/CDI4*/CDI5*/CDIO.
- All qualification scores must be obtained in the twelve (12) months prior to the date of definite entries of the FEI Dressage World Cup™ Final.

6. In the Final, a maximum of eighteen (18) athlete/horse combinations may participate:

Western European League	9
Central European League	2
Pacific League	1
North American League	3
Non-League NFs	1
Title-Defender	1
FEI extra starting place	1
Total:	<u>18</u>

7. Non-League NFs:

The starting place for non-league NFs will be allocated to the athlete with the highest ranking on the WDRL for February of the current year on application from the respective NF. The application must reach the FEI not later than two (2) weeks following the publication of this WDRL.

8. FEI extra starting place. The allocation of extra starting place will be decided as follows:

- One (1) athlete from the host NF, if no host NF athlete is already qualified
- If the FEI extra starting place is not allocated, the place goes to a permanently domiciled non-League athlete (GRs Art. 123) who qualifies in the League where they are domiciled (max one (1) extra starting place)
- If starting places are still available, these will be allocated to the athlete/horse combination(s) with the highest ranking (as a combination) on the February of the current year FEI Dressage World Ranking List (WDRL), and who have participated in at least two (2) CDI-W qualifiers.

9. A maximum of three (3) athlete/horse combinations per NF (including the title defender) will be allowed to participate in the FEI Dressage World Cup™ Final. It will be the responsibility of the relevant NF to determine which three (3) athletes to send to the FEI Dressage World Cup™ Final in the event of more than three (3) athletes qualifying from any one (1) NF as a result of participation in their own or another League or other use of extra starting places.
10. Athletes qualifying through a standing point ~~list-system: in case of where there are~~ ties for the last qualifying place, ties will be broken by the ~~total~~ average of percentage scores given for the Aathletes at the CDI-W qualifiers. i.e., the Aathlete with the highest percentage average score ~~average~~ will qualify.
11. In case not all qualified athletes can participate in the FEI Dressage World Cup™ Final the following system applies:
 - in PAL: substitution to the 2nd place
 - in CEL: substitution to the 4th place
 - in NAL: substitution to the 6th place.
 - in WEL: substitution to the 14th place.
12. Any unused starting place will be used as an FEI extra starting place.
13. The title defender is automatically qualified with a horse of their choice. In the two (2) CDI-W qualifiers, the title defender will however not earn DWCS points and these points will be re-distributed to the next ranked Athletes.

Art. 16. - Draw:

1. A draw for the order of starting is compulsory for both Competitions.
2. For the Grand Prix, the draw will be done in two groups according to the table below, with the Athletes of group one (1) being drawn for the first starting places.

	<u>Group 1</u>	<u>Group 2</u>
WEL (9) 2)	5	4 (the highest on the DWCS in group 2)
CEL (2) 2)	1	1 (the highest on the DWCS in group 2)
PAL (1)		1
NAL (3) 2)	2	1 (the highest on the DWCS in group 2)
Non-League (1)	1	
Title def. (1)		1
Extra starting places (1)		1
Total	9	9

(DWCS = FEI Dressage World Cup Standing)

(WDRL = FEI Dressage World Ranking List)

If more than one (1) place is allocated to "extra starting places", these will be distributed evenly in Group one (1) and two (2) for the draw.

3. For the Grand Prix Freestyle to Music, the draw will be done in reverse order of the placing of the Grand Prix, with three (3) in the first group (the lowest placed in the Grand Prix) and five (5) for the remaining groups.
4. The Grand Prix Freestyle to Music Competition must always be the highlight of an event, also as far as prize-money and prizes in kind are concerned and must always be held on a main day at mid-day or in the afternoon or evening (Saturday). Exceptions to the rules must be approved by the FEI.
5. The Grand Prix Freestyle to Music may be interrupted by a short break or a small display, but never by another competition. All breaks longer than thirty (30) minutes must be approved by the FEI.

CHAPTER IX. FEI JUDGES.

Art. 17. - CDI-Ws.

1. There must be five (5) Judges for each CDI-W qualifiers.
2. Three (3) out of the five (5) Judges for the qualifying competitions must be of a nationality other than the host country and must be selected from the FEI list of L4 and L3 Judges. A L2 judge may only be exceptionally selected with previous approval of the FEI.
3. There must not be more than two (2) Judges of the same nationality in the Ground Jury. Exceptions for CDI-W qualifiers outside Europe must be approved by the FEI.
4. The FEI will appoint the Foreign Judge for each CDI-W qualifier in the Western European League, following proposal received from all concerned OCs.
5. For the PAL Final, the Ground Jury consisting of five (5) Judges (with a minimum of three (3) Foreign judges of different nationalities) must be appointed. The Foreign Judge is appointed by FEI.

Art. 18. - FEI DRESSAGE WORLD CUP™ FINAL.

1. The seven (7) Judges (minimum six (6) L4, one (1) L3 is permitted) required for the FEI Dressage World Cup™ Final are appointed by the FEI and must be of seven different nationalities.
2. The Judges Supervisory Panel (JSP) is also appointed by the FEI.

CHAPTER X. PRIZE-MONEY.

Art. 19. - WEL CDI-Ws

Upon special host agreement signed between the FEI and each concerned OC hosting a CDI-W qualifier.

Art. 20. - CEL CDI-Ws

No restriction.

Art. 21. - NAL CDI-Ws

A total minimum prize money of \$5'000 (In the coin of realm - USA, CAN or MEX depending on the location of the Event) must be offered for the Short Grand Prix or Grand Prix and the Grand Prix Freestyle to Music altogether.

Art. 22. - PAL CDI-Ws

No restriction.

Art. 23. - FEI Dressage World Cup™ Final.

Upon special host agreement signed between the FEI and each concerned OC hosting the FEI Dressage World Cup™ Final.

CHAPTER XI. - TRANSPORT, STABLING AND ACCOMMODATION:

Art. 24. - CDI-Ws.

For all CDI-W qualifiers, OCs are required to meet the conditions laid down in the FEI Dressage Rules and FEI General Regulations as well as per separate host agreement with the FEI (WEL CDI-W qualifiers).

Art. 25. - FEI DRESSAGE WORLD CUP™ FINAL.

For the FEI Dressage World Cup™ Final, travel, accommodation and meal expenses of athletes, grooms and horses are regulated according to a separate host agreement with the FEI and the concerned OC hosting the FEI Dressage World Cup™ Final.

CHAPTER XII. LEAGUES NFs.

WEL: Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Ireland, Iceland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxemburg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, Switzerland and Sweden.

CEL: Belarus, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia (The Former Yugoslav Republic of), Moldova (Republic of), Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Turkey and Ukraine.

NAL: Canada, Mexico and United States of America.

PAL: Australia and New-Zealand