



**THE
FEI VAULTING WORLD CUP™ RULES
In effect for the season 2018-2019**

1. Introduction / General

1.1. These Rules must be read in connection with the FEI Rules and Regulations such as but not only the FEI General Regulations, the FEI Vaulting Rules, the FEI Vaulting Guidelines (effective March 2018), the FEI Veterinary Regulations, the Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations and the Anti-Doping Rules for Human Athletes.

1.2. The FEI Vaulting World Cup™ (hereinafter the “Series”) is divided into two phases:

Phase One: the FEI Vaulting World Cup™ Legs (hereinafter “Legs”); and

Phase Two: the FEI Vaulting World Cup™ Final (hereinafter “Final”).

1.2.1 At each Event, Competitions for Individual Females and Individual Males must be organised.

1.2.2 Individual Male and Female Athletes

- FEI Vaulting World Cup™ Legs:

There are two to eight FEI World Cup™ Legs for each of the top Senior Male and Senior Female individual Athletes.

- FEI Vaulting World Cup™ Final

The Final is open to the top eight Senior Male and the top eight Senior Female Individual Athletes in the rankings after completion of all the Legs.

For each Athlete, their best two results from the Legs count for the classification for the Final.

In the event that two or more Athletes are placed in 6th position in either the male or female ranking, having equal points at the end of Phase 1, the available position (Male or Female) in the Final will be given to the Athlete with the highest placing(s) achieved during the Legs. Any further ties will be decided by the FEI Vaulting Technical Committee.

1.2.4 Pas-de-Deux

FEI Vaulting World Cup™ Legs

- There are two to six Legs for each Pas-de-Deux as determined by the FEI.

FEI Vaulting World Cup™ Final

- The Final is open to the top four Pas-de-Deux after completion of all the Legs.

For each Pas-de-Deux, the best two results of Legs count for the classification for the Final.

In the event that two or more Pas-de-Deux are placed in 4th position, having equal points at the end of Phase 1, the available position in the Final will be given to the Pas-de-Deux with the highest placing(s) achieved during the Legs. Any further ties will be decided by the FEI Vaulting Technical Committee.

- 1.3. The Maximum number of Individual Athletes at any Leg is 20.

- 1.3.1. Individual Male and Female Athletes

At each Leg up to 20 Individual Athletes may compete. Individual Athletes must have qualified either via the Qualifying Competitions held from 1 October to 30 September or as winner of the previous FEI Vaulting World Cup™ Final. (See Article 2.1 below). If spots are available, Male and Female Individual Athletes may compete with Wild Cards, in accordance with the procedure set out in Article 3 below. However, the maximum number of Individual Athletes at any Leg is twenty. (See Article 1.3 above).

- 1.4. The maximum number of Pas-de-Deux at any Leg is eight.

- 1.4.1 Pas-de-Deux

At each of the Legs, up to eight Pas-de-Deux may compete. Pas-de-Deux must have qualified either via the Qualifying Competition held from 1 October to 30 September (See Article 2.1 below) or as winners of the previous FEI Vaulting World Cup™ Final. If spots are available, Pas-de-Deux may compete with Wild Cards (as set forth below). However, the maximum number of Pas-de-Deux at any Leg is eight (See Article 1.4 above).

2. The Qualification for the Series

- 2.1. The qualification for the Series takes place at CV13* Senior Competitions and above (Masterclasses and FEI World Cup Classes are excluded) taking place from 1 October to 30 September (collectively the "Qualifying Competitions") in the respective classes.
- 2.2. Five bonus points are awarded for CV104*s and FEI Championships.
- 2.3. Points are awarded for placings at Qualifying Competitions. The best four results will count.
- 2.4. There is no maximum number of Qualifying Competitions.
- 2.5. There is no restriction on the number of Qualifying Competitions per country.
- 2.6. The top Male and Female Individual Athletes and Pas-de-Deux from Qualifying Competitions qualify to compete in the Series (numbers to be confirmed by the FEI).
- 2.7. The number of Athletes that qualify directly for the Series is confirmed by the FEI and relates to the number of Qualifying Competitions.

- 2.8. If one of the qualified Athletes/ Pas-de-Deux withdraws from the Series it must be communicated to the FEI, at the latest, 14 days after the last Qualifying Competition. The next Athlete/ Pas-de-Deux in the ranking shall replace the Athlete/ Pas-de-Deux that has withdrawn
- 2.9. Subject to Clause 2.11 below, if one of the qualified Athletes or Pas-de-Deux fails to take part without valid excuse in any of the Legs they have committed to participating at, they will be disqualified from the Series. The next qualified Athlete/Pas-de-Deux in the ranking shall replace the Athlete/Pas-de-Deux that has been disqualified. Non-participation at any Leg must be communicated to the relevant Organising Committee (hereinafter "OC") and the FEI, at the latest 15 days prior to the Leg.
- 2.10. If a Leg is cancelled once the season has started, the Athletes who have committed to compete at that Leg will not be disqualified from the Series and the selection process for these Athletes will be reviewed by the FEI Vaulting Technical Committee.
- 2.11. The Individual Female and Male Athletes and Pas-De-Deux may choose which Leg they want to enter. After the last Qualifying Competition, the top Athletes/ Pas-de-Deux are asked to select their Legs as follows:
- The Winner of the previous FEI Vaulting World Cup™ season may select his/her/their 1st Leg
 - Then the first top ranked after the Qualifying Competitions may select his/her/their 1st Leg.
 - Then the 2nd top ranked may select one Leg, then the 3rd placed, then the 4th etc.
 - Then the Winner of the previous FEI Vaulting World Cup™ season may select his/her/their second Leg, etc.

3. The Wild Cards

- 3.1. Wild Cards can only be granted in FEI Vaulting World Cup™ Legs. No Wild Cards may be granted for the FEI Vaulting World Cup™ Final.

Wild Card are allocated by the OC of the country in which the Leg is held, with approval of the FEI in agreement with the NF of the country.

- 3.2. Any Individual and/or Pas-de-Deux who is granted a Wild Card can only earn World Cup points if his final score on the leg is above 7.5.
- 3.3. All Individual and/or Pas-de-Deux Athletes who are allocated a Wild Card must have competed at least once in a Qualifying Competition held from 1 October to 30 September of the current qualifying period or must be a Championship Medal winner (Individual or PDD) in the relevant category.

4. The FEI Vaulting World Cup™ Legs

- 4.1 The Legs are held over 2 competitions:

- Competition 1: Freestyle
- Competition 2: Freestyle

- 4.2 All Athletes/ Pas-de-Deux must compete in both Competitions. In case of elimination, disqualification or withdrawal from or after Competition 1, the Athlete(s) will not be ranked and will not earn any points.
- 4.3 Competition 1 and Competition 2 must be separated by a time break of at least one hour.
- 4.4 The Freestyle tests have to be performed with music and provided according to the schedule of the Leg.
- 4.5 The starting order of Competition 1 shall be decided by draw as per the schedule of the Leg. The starting order of Competition 2 is according to the reverse order of merits of Competition 1. In both competitions there should be only one Athlete/Pas-de-Deux at one run in.
- 4.6 The time of the Horse Inspection should be in relation to the time of Competition 1. If Competition 1 takes place in the evening, the Horse Inspection should not be held the previous day, but if possible, within three to four hours before Competition 1.
- 4.7 For each Leg the score is the average of Competition 1 and Competition 2. In the case of a tie, the highest score achieved in Competition 2 will decide.
- 4.8 Freestyle tests time limit:
- 4.8.1 Individual Male and Female: 1 minute 20 seconds
- 4.8.2 Pas-de-Deux : 2 minutes
- 4.9 Within 30 seconds after the first signal (bell) is given to enter the arena, the Vaulters(s) and the lunger must salute. After the salute, the Judge at A rings the bell, and the first exercise must be commenced within 45 seconds.
- 4.9.1 The Trot Round is not required and will not be judged.

5. The FEI Vaulting World Cup™ Final

- 5.1. The Final is held over three Competitions:
- Warm-up: Freestyle
 - Competition 1: Freestyle
 - Competition 2: Freestyle
- 5.2. Starting order:
- 5.2.1. The starting order of the Warm-up Competition will be by draw as per the schedule of the Final.
- 5.2.2. The Warm-up Competition defines the starting order of Competition 1.
- 5.2.3. The starting order of Competition 1 shall be in the reverse order of the ranking after the Warm-up Competition.
- 5.2.4. The starting order of Competition 2 shall be in the reverse order of the ranking after Competition 1.
- 5.2.5. The Final can be held over 2, 3 or 4 days.
- 5.2.6. For the Final the score is the average of Competition 1 and Competition 2. In the case of a tie, the highest score achieved in Competition 2 will decide.

5.2.7. Freestyle test time limit :

Individual Male and Female: 1 minute 20 seconds

Pas-de-Deux Pas-de-Deux: 2 minutes

5.2.8 Within 30 seconds after the first signal (bell) is given to enter the arena, the Vaulters(s) and the lunge must salute. After the salute, the Judge at A rings the bell, and the first exercise must be commenced within 45 seconds.

5.2.8.1 The Trot Round is not required and will not be judged.

5.2.9 The winners of the FEI Vaulting World Cup™ Final (Individual Male, Individual Female and Pas-de-Deux) will receive an automatic invitation to compete in the following season's FEI Vaulting Word Cup™ Final, as long as the Individual and/or Pas-de-Deux has competed at a minimum of one leg in the current World Cup season and achieved a final score of at least 7.5 at anyone leg.

5.2.10 In principle, a maximum of three Athletes/Pas-de-Deux per nation excluding the winner of past season can take part in the Final in each Category.

6. Points

6.1. Both in the Qualifying Competitions and in the Legs, points are earned by the Athletes and Pas-de-Deux.

6.2. Qualifying Competitions:

6.2.1. Athletes/ Pas-de-Deux may compete in all Qualifying Competitions but only the results from their best four Qualifying Competitions will count for the overall ranking.

6.2.2. Athletes/ Pas-de-Deux will receive points as shown in the table below. The top Athletes/Pas-de-Deux will be those receiving the highest number of points in four Qualifying Competitions maximum.

6.2.3. Should a tie for points exist between Athlete/ Pas-de-Deux for any placing in the overall rank, the Athlete/ Pas-de-Deux with the greatest number of wins will be decisive. In case of a further tie the Athlete/ Pas-de-Deux with the greatest number of second places will be decisive and so on until there are no Athletes equal on points. Any further ties will be decided by the Vaulting Technical Committee.

Place/Points Number of Athletes/ Pas-de-Deux

	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	
1 st	20	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	6	4	
2 nd	17	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	3	1	
3 rd	15	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	1		
4 th	13	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1			
5 th	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1				
6 th	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1					
7 th	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1						
8 th	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1							
9 th	7	6	5	4	3	2	1								
10 th	6	5	4	3	2	1									
11 th	5	4	3	2	1										

12 th	4	3	2	1											
13 th	3	2	1												
14 th	2	1													
15 th	1														
16 th															

6.3. The FEI Vaulting World Cup™ Legs

6.3.1. Athletes/ Pas-de-Deux may compete in two to six Legs but only the results of the two best Legs will count for the overall ranking for the Final.

6.3.2. Scale of points:

1 st	15
2 nd	13
3 rd	11
4 th	9
5 th	7
6 th	5
7 th	4
8 th	3
9 th	2
10 th	1

6.3.3. The top eight Individual Athletes and the top four Pas-de-Deux qualify for the Final. In the Final all start equally with no points.

7. The Officials

- 7.1. All Officials for the Series are appointed by the OC and approved by the FEI.
- 7.2. The President of the Ground Jury must be an approved FEI International Vaulting 4* Judge. Three additional Vaulting FEI 3* (or above) Judges are also required. Two must be Foreign from different nationalities and the same foreign Judges may not be appointed two years in a row.
- 7.3. At the Final, at least four different nations must be represented on the Ground Jury.
- 7.4. The OC is responsible to appoint a Chief Steward from the list of Vaulting Stewards.

8. The Entry Fee/Prize Money

- 8.1. An OC can, if they wish, charge an entry fee per Athlete up to a maximum of Euro 50.
- 8.2. The total Prize Money at all Legs must be at least of Euro 4'500. The Final must be at least Euro 7'500.

9. Organisation Requirements for the Series

- 9.1. The OC shall cover the accommodation and meals expenses of the Athletes (Individual and Pas-de-Deux).
- 9.2. The expenses shall be covered from the day before the Horse Inspection, until the day after the end of the Event, if the Event ends after noon.

- 9.3. Should the OC not cover the expense of stabling, the maximum charge per horse should be Euro 100 in total, covering the stabling expenses from the day before the Horse Inspection until the day after the end of the Event, if the Event ends after noon.
- 9.4. A smart, clean dress code is implemented.
- 9.5. When possible, a suitable changing area should be available for the Athletes near the competition and/or warm-up arenas.
- 9.6. There should be a printed running order for the Horse Inspection.
- 9.7. All Athletes/Pas-de-Deux are invited to the draw.
- 9.8. The press center must remain open or accessible until at least one hour after the prize giving ceremony.