

PROPOSALS FOR RULES CHANGES OF PARA EQUESTRIAN CLASSIFICATION RULES 2023

Introduction

Further to the approval of the FEI Periodical Rules Revision Policy at the 2019 General Assembly (available here: <https://inside.fei.org/fei/about-fei/governance/rules-revision-process>) the full revision of the Para Dressage Rules took place in 2022. Consequently, for this year's revision process NFs and MOU stakeholders were invited to propose only modifications that fulfilled the following criteria:

1. Urgent repairs, i.e., changes in the Rules that cannot await because of their impact on the welfare of the Horses or the safety of the Athletes;
2. Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc.
3. New/recently introduced rule that has proven to be problematic in its implementation;
4. Implementation of new technology development(s) relevant to the specific set of Rules;
5. IOC, IPC, WADA, ASOIF and similar organisations' policies' implementation;
6. Other scenarios not foreseen by this Policy as considered and approved by the Board.

In addition, the FEI Headquarters and the Para Equestrian Committee have a number of proposals put forward based also on the above mentioned criteria.

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

- A. **[Rules Proposals received from NFs/MOU Stakeholders by 1 March 2023](#)**. In this section you will find each of the Rules Proposals received from NFs/MOU Stakeholders addressed by the FEI with the relevant feedback from the Para Equestrian Committee; and
- B. **[Rules Proposals put forward by the FEI](#)**

Sincerely Yours,



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A. Rules Proposals received from NFs/MOU Stakeholders by 1 March 2023

Rules Proposal Submitted By
None received
Article No.–Article Name
Explanation for Proposed Change
Proposed Wording
FEI Feedback
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)

B. Rules Proposals put forward by the FEI

Article No.–Article Name
Chapter II: Classification Working Group
Explanation for Proposed Change
With the role of Head of Classification requiring so much work, the FEI introduced a Deputy, and this needed to be covered in the Rules.
Proposed Wording
The Head of Classification - a Para Equestrian Classifier with at least 5 years' experience at international level. <u>The FEI has the discretion to appoint a Deputy Head of Classification to support the Head of Classification</u>

Article No.–Article Name
Chapter IV: Athlete Evaluation and the Classification Panel
Explanation for Proposed Change
Fixing an error, this information is available in both discipline rules.
Proposed Wording
A Classification Panel comprising two FEI Para Equestrian Classifiers will be appointed for FEI CPEDI/ <u>CPEAI</u> s and Championships as described in the FEI Para-Dressage <u>Discipline</u> Rules

Article No.–Article Name
Observation in Competition
Explanation for Proposed Change
Fixing an error.
Proposed Wording
14.3 The impact of an Athlete changing Grade after First Appearance on medals, records and results is detailed in the FEI Para-Dressage <u>discipline</u> Rules.

Article No.–Article Name
16.Mutliple Grades
Explanation for Proposed Change
Fixing an error.

Proposed Wording

16.1 An Athlete can only hold one Grade per discipline at a time within a Para Equestrian sport.

16.2 Where an Athlete is competing in Para Dressage (five Grades Available) and Para Driving (two Grades available) the Athlete may be eligible to hold different Grades across the two ~~sports~~disciplines.