FEI Freestyle System Appliance Guidelines

Dear Organisers,

From 1 January 2018, you can choose to use the FEI Freestyle System for your Grand Prix level competition. It is the intention of the FEI to use this system at Championships as well, from 2019 and onwards.

Athletes are required to login, using their own credentials, to http://dressagefreestyle.fei.org to create or assign their Grand Prix Freestyle floorplan.

You/your IT provider can retrieve those floorplans to print the individual score sheets and display them in mark input applications. Judges will then score athletes movement by movement like in standard tests.

Benefits from the FEI Freestyle System are that the degree of difficulty mark is automatically determined based on the planned difficulties and the success of the execution. Furthermore, the preliminary result can be announced up to 50 seconds earlier which stimulates audience engagement, and running scores can be shown on in-field displays and on stream which is a highly interesting feature for the spectators.

In order to secure a smooth running of the FEI Freestyle System, you will find guidelines below.

These guidelines state the requirements for the use of the system.

The FEI Freestyle System can currently be operated by the IT Providers Longines Timing (direct integration), Equipe and SCG. These IT Providers supply the required software as well as the necessary hardware. Black Horse One, developer of the FEI Floorplan Creator platform and the mark input solution currently used by the former IT Providers in the FEI World Cup™ in the Western European League and Final, is able to provide the software directly, if none of the formerly mentioned providers are on site. Black Horse One will in this case send educated experts to operate the software. Input hardware can be requested.

The FEI Freestyle System requires well-schooled Scribes. Their task, in using this system, goes beyond the ordinary. Scribes need to announce certain combinations of movements indicated on the score sheets to their judges. A short introduction (available through your IT provider or online through Black Horse One) beforehand is indispensable if the scribe has no experience with the FEI Freestyle System.

Necessary tasks on your side (may be done by your IT Provider):

1. Indicate that you will be using the DoD Freestyle System at your event in the relevant section of the approved schedule.

2. Ask your IT provider - additional costs might apply.

3. Inform athletes about the deadline of the floorplan submission (also stated in the approved schedule).

4. Inform Judges and Scribes.

5. Print the individual floorplans before the Freestyle test for all Judges/Scribes.

6. Send the results to the FEI in the usual Freestyle format.

Please address any questions you might have to the FEI Dressage department.

We are looking forward to see the system applied at your show.