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Dear National Federations,

The Jumping Rules and the Rules for Jumping Championships and Games have undergone an extensive revision this year, further to widespread consultation with stakeholders.

Significant alterations have been proposed to the rules relating to the penalty to be applied for cases of blood on the horse's flank, hind boots for horses, the CSI Invitation Rules and the CSI/CSIO Requirements, which have also been restructured into worldwide requirements and additional requirements that apply only to Europe and North America. Rules for the U25 category have been introduced and several modifications have been made to the rules for Young Riders, Juniors, Children, Pony Riders and Veterans. The main modifications of a substantive nature proposed by the Jumping Committee are outlined in the summary below for your convenience.

**The major alterations to the Jumping Rules are in relation to the following topics:**

**Art. 208 Obstacles:** For competitions in which the height stated in the Schedule is 1.45 m or higher, obstacles may exceed the height indicated in the Schedule by a maximum of 3 cm.

**Art. 211 Water Jump:** The lath defining the landing side of the obstacle is to be placed in the water jump, rather than on the ground, so that horses that clear the water jump are not penalised by a fault.

**Art. 236 Table A:** A cut-off score of 16 penalties has been included as an option that may be used, providing it is clearly stated in the competition details included in the Schedule. The penalty to be applied for reaching the score of 16 penalties in a round is elimination.

**Art 241 Elimination:** Blood on the horse's flank caused unintentionally by the athlete's leg will be penalised by elimination; minor cases of blood on the flank will not incur elimination.

**Art. 242 Disqualification:** Marks and/or blood on the horse's flank as a result of an excessive use of the spur(s) will be penalised by disqualification.

**Art. 257 Saddlery (Hind Boots):** It is proposed to introduce, as of 1/1/2019 over a period of three years, restrictions on the type of hind boots that may be used, that is, as of the timelines indicated below, only boots used solely for protective purposes, as described in the Jumping Stewards' Manual, may be used:

As of 1/1/2019: the restriction will apply to Pony Riders, Children, Amateur Owners, Veterans.

As of 1/1/2020: the restriction will apply to U25, Young Riders and Juniors.

As of 1/1/2021: the restriction will apply to all categories.

The Committee's rationale for proposing the above restrictions is the consensus that certain types of boots affect the performance of the horse. This has consequences on the sport itself as well as on the equine industry, particularly the breeding industry. Course Designers find it more and more difficult to build challenging courses within the rules, given the ever increasing number of clear rounds at the highest level. The sport does not do itself justice in allowing equipment that misleads stakeholders about the innate capabilities of a horse; the Committee therefore feels a responsibility to protect the integrity of sport.

**Art. 259 Officials:** A Level 2 Judge may officiate as the Foreign Judge at CIMs and the President of the Ground Jury at CSI1\* events.

**Annex V: CSI Invitation Rules:** Further to extensive consultation with a number of NFs and other stakeholder groups represented in a Working Group appointed by the FEI following the Sports Forum, the Jumping Committee has revised the CSI Invitation Rules. The proposed quotas for athletes invited from the top of the Longines Ranking, home athletes selected by the host NF and OC invitations are the following:

Event Level	Athletes from the Longines Ranking	Athletes selected by the host NF	OC Invitations
CSI5*	60%	20%	20%
CSI4*	50%	25%	25%
CSI3*	40%	30%	30%
CSI2* Compulsory for "stand-alone" CSI2* (CSI2* that are not combined with CSI3*, 4* or 5*)	30%	30%	40%
CSI2* with no Longines Ranking Competitions (available only for CSI2* that are combined with CSI3*, 4* or 5*)	0%	20%	80%

**Annex VI CSI/CSIO Requirements:** After an in-depth consideration of the issues raised at the Sports Forum and by the Working Group subsequently appointed by the FEI, the Jumping Committee has provided a definition, applicable worldwide, of entry fees and what they cover, as well as compulsory fees (mandatory costs not included in the entry fee) and discretionary fees that may be charged by OCs. These fees are defined in the Glossary of the Jumping Rules. As the manure disposal fee will be included in the entry fee, the entry fee for European CSIs have been increased accordingly. As the entry fee includes the right to participate in all competitions at an event in accordance with the conditions of the Schedule, no nomination fees or starting fees may be charged at North American CSIs. North American CSI5\* events will not be required to cover the costs of meals and accommodations for athletes and grooms.

**Annex IX Rules for U25, Young Riders and Juniors:** Rules for the U25 category have been introduced in Annex IX. The Committee feels that the U25 category should not be an end in itself but a transition to the Senior level; therefore CSIOs and Championships are not authorised for U25, only CSIs.

At the recommendation of the Youth Development Working Group, the Table C competition at the FEI European Jumping Championships for Young Riders and Juniors will count towards the team classification. Five medals per team will be awarded and the Chef d'Equipe will be allowed to substitute the fifth athlete/horse combination for any reason after the declaration of teams; substitution may also be made between the first and second rounds.

**Annex X Rules for Veteran Athletes:** The minimum age will be the same (49 years) for male and female athletes, in keeping with the principle of gender equality.

**Annex XI Rules for Pony Riders:** Five medals per team will be awarded at the European FEI European Pony Jumping Championship and the Chef d'Equipe will be allowed to substitute the fifth athlete/pony combination for any reason after the declaration of teams; substitution may also be made between the first and second rounds. Prize money (maximum € 8000) will be allowed for the Pony Championship.

**Annex XII Rules for Children's Events:** The age range for the Children's category has been extended until the year in which athletes reach the age of 15. Five medals per team will be awarded at the FEI European Jumping Championship for Children and the Chef d'Equipe will be allowed to substitute the fifth athlete/horse combination for any reason after the declaration of teams; substitution may also be made between the first and second rounds. Prize money (maximum € 8000) will be allowed for the Children's Championship.

**The major alterations to the Rules for Championships are the following:**

**Chapter I World Championship**

**Art. 313:** The technical specifications for rounds A and B of the Individual Final have been slightly modified.

**Annex I Rules for Pan-American Games**

**Art. 10:** At the request of PAEC, the format for the Pan-Am Games will revert to the format used for the FEI European Jumping Championship. As the Pan-American Games serve as qualification for the Olympic Games, the technical specifications for the competitions have been aligned with those of the European Championship.

We ask you to carefully review all of the proposed modifications to the Jumping Rules and the Rules for Jumping Championships and Games in the mark-up document published on the FEI website. Should you have any comments on the proposed modifications to the rules we look forward to receiving these by the established deadline (18 September 2017).

Yours sincerely,



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