

NORDIC-BALTIC
REGIONAL
EQUESTRIAN
CHAMPIONSHIPS
RULES AND
REGULATIONS

JUMPING, DRESSAGE AND
PARA DRESSAGE

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

NBECH	Nordic/Baltic Equestrian Championships
NBECH-S	Nordic/Baltic Equestrian Championships – Jumping
NBECH-D	Nordic/Baltic Equestrian Championships – Dressage
NBECH-PD	Nordic-Baltic Equestrian Championships – Para Dressage
NBEC	Nordic/Baltic Equestrian Conference
NBE	Nordic Baltic Equestrian
NBECF	Nordic/Baltic Equestrian Federation (National Federation of a Nordic/Baltic country)
NBEC-OC	Nordic/Baltic Equestrian Conference Organising Committee (NBEC and EEF OC Team)
CD	Dressage
CPE	Para Dressage
Ch	Children
CS	Jumping
EEF	European Equestrian Federation
FEI	Fédération Équestre Internationale
GR	General Regulations
J	Juniors
NF	National Federation
OC	Organising Committee (Host NBECH Federation OC)
OF	Organising Federation (Host NBECH Federation)
S	Seniors
SR	Special Regulations
TD	Technical Delegate
CD	Course Designer
TV	Treating Veterinarian
VD	Veterinary Delegate
GB	Governing Body – (EEF, European Equestrian Federation)
GJ	Ground Jury

PREAMBLE

The NBECH are open to all nations, the Equestrian Federations which are members of the FEI, and their national territory is totally or partially situated within the Nordic/Baltic region, and their Equestrian Federations have accepted the provisions of the present Special Regulations. Currently the members are: Equestrian Federations of Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway and Sweden. They have decided to amend and codify with the present text, the Regulations under which the NORDIC/BALTIC EQUESTRIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (NBECH) are organised.

The Nordic Federations have been organising competitions for the Nordic countries for many decades. Since 2003 Baltic countries have been part of these events.

These regulations govern the organisation of the Nordic/Baltic Equestrian Championships in 3 equestrian disciplines and are effective from 1st January 2024. As from this date all other texts covering the similar matters issued previously are superseded.

These Regulations have been written in the effort to attain the best possible conduct of equestrian events. Nevertheless, the success of these events must be based on the long-term co-operation of the people living in the Nordic/Baltic region, who include the large family of Athletes and Officials of Equestrian Sports.

As stated in the FEI General Regulations (Article 104.3.3): "Regional Championships shall be run according to the FEI Rules and Regulations and to the specific rules of the relevant Regional Group (the Regional Championships Rules)".

The FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse

The FEI and EEF require all those involved in international equestrian sport to adhere to the FEI Code of Conduct and to acknowledge and accept that at all times the welfare of the Horse must be paramount. Welfare of the horse must never be subordinated to competitive or commercial influences. The following points must be particularly adhered to:

1. General Welfare:

a) Good Horse management

Stabling and feeding must be compatible with the best Horse management practices. Clean and good quality hay, feed and water must always be available.

b) Training methods

Horses must only undergo training that matches their physical capabilities and level of maturity for their respective disciplines. They must not be subjected to methods which are abusive or cause fear.

c) Farriery and tack

Foot care and shoeing must be of a high standard. Tack must be designed and fitted to avoid the risk of pain or injury.

d) Transport

During transportation, Horses must be fully protected against injuries and other health risks. Vehicles must be safe, well ventilated, maintained to a high standard, disinfected regularly and driven by competent personnel. Competent handlers must always be available to manage the Horses.

e) Transit

All journeys must be planned carefully, and Horses allowed regular rest periods with access to food and water in line with current FEI guidelines.

2. Fitness to compete:

a) Fitness and competence

Participation in Competition must be restricted to fit Horses and Athletes of proven competence. Horses must be allowed suitable rest period between training and competitions; additional rest periods should be allowed following travelling.

b) Health status

No Horse deemed unfit to compete may compete or continue to compete; veterinary advice must be sought whenever there is any doubt.

c) Doping and Medication

Any action or intent of doping and illicit use of medication constitute a serious welfare issue and will not be tolerated. After any veterinary treatment, sufficient time must be allowed for full recovery before Competition.

d) Surgical procedures

Any surgical procedures that threaten a competing Horse's welfare or the safety of other Horses and/or Athletes must not be allowed.

e) Pregnant/recently foaled mares

Mares must not compete after their fourth month of pregnancy or with foal at foot.

f) Misuse of aids

Abuse of a Horse using natural riding aids or artificial aids (e.g. whips, spurs, etc.) will not be tolerated.

3. Events must not prejudice Horse welfare:

a) Competition areas

Horses must be trained and compete on suitable and safe surfaces. All obstacles and competition conditions must be designed with the safety of the Horse in mind.

b) Ground surfaces

All ground surfaces on which Horses walk, train or compete must be designed and maintained to reduce factors that could lead to injury.

c) Extreme weather

Competitions must not take place in extreme weather conditions that may compromise welfare or safety of the Horse. Provision must be made for cooling conditions and equipment for Horses after competing.

d) Stabling at Events

Stables must be safe, hygienic, comfortable, well ventilated and of sufficient size for the type and disposition of the Horse. Washing-down areas and water must always be available.

4. Humane treatment of horses:

a) Veterinary treatment

Veterinary expertise must always be available at an Event. If a Horse is injured or exhausted during a Competition, the Athlete must stop competing and a veterinary evaluation must be performed.

b) Referral centres

Wherever necessary, Horses should be collected by ambulance and transported to the nearest relevant treatment centre for further assessment and therapy. Injured Horses must be given full supportive treatment before being transported.

c) Competition injuries

The incidence of injuries sustained in Competition should be monitored. Ground surface conditions, frequency of Competitions and any other risk factors should be examined carefully to indicate ways to minimize injuries.

d) Euthanasia

If injuries are sufficiently severe a Horse may need to be euthanized on humane grounds by a veterinarian as soon as possible, with the sole aim of minimizing suffering.

e) Retirement

Horses must be treated sympathetically and humanely when they retire from Competition.

5. Education:

The FEI and EEF urges all those involved in equestrian sport to attain the highest possible levels of education in areas of expertise relevant to the care and management of the Competition Horse.

This Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse may be modified from time to time and the views of all are welcomed. Particular attention will be paid to new research findings and the FEI and EEF encourages further funding and support for welfare studies.

CHAPTER I. GENERAL

Article 1. DEFINITIONS – PURPOSE – SCOPE OF REGULATIONS

The Championships organised in the particular way provided in the present Regulations are hereby defined as the NORDIC/BALTIC EQUESTRIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (NBECH) and are classified as Regional Championships by the EEF and within the meaning of Article 104.3.1 of the FEI General Regulations (GR).

The NBECH aims at promoting the Equestrian Sports within the geographical region of the Nordic/Baltic countries, expanding the collaboration and strengthening the friendly ties between these nations and their equestrian athletes as well as between all persons involved in any capacity in the Equestrian Sports (course designers, judges, stewards, veterinarians, officials, equestrian federations etc.).

These Special Regulations are drafted with the common agreement of the Equestrian Federations of the Nordic/Baltic Nations in order to secure uniformity in the organisation of the NBECH and to minimise as much as possible any differences in the cost of their organisation.

Article 2. DISCIPLINES PROVIDED FOR IN THE NBECH REGULATIONS – NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

The NBECH are organised with a minimum of 4 countries, a minimum of 3 Teams per category, and a minimum of 8 individuals per category participating to be considered Championships (GR Art. 104.3.3.) in the disciplines of Jumping and Dressage. For Para Dressage a minimum of 3 individuals per grade.

In Jumping (NBECH-S), up to a maximum of five Athletes in the Team and two additional individual Athletes per invited Nation for each category in the Pony, Children, Junior and Young Rider categories, and up to a maximum of four Athletes in the Team and two additional individual Athletes in the Senior category. An NF which cannot send a full team may enter one or two individual Athletes per category with one Horse or Pony each. See also Article 37.11.

No Athlete can compete in more than one category except for Athletes that compete in the Pony category who are also allowed to compete in the Children Category. Team and individual competitions in the following categories are held:

- 1.1 Seniors
- 1.2 Young Riders
- 1.3 Juniors
- 1.4 Children
- 1.5 Ponies

In Dressage (NBECH-D), Maximum 4 riders from each country can participate in each category. The Team consists of 3-4 Athletes and the best 3 scores count towards the overall Team result. No Athlete can compete in more than one category. Team and individual competitions in the following categories are held:

- 2.1 Seniors
- 2.2 U-25
- 2.3 Young Riders
- 2.4 Juniors
- 2.5 Children
- 2.6 Ponies

In Para-dressage (NBECH-PD), Maximum 6 riders from each country can participate in their respective grade. Each Team consists of 4 Athletes and 4 Horses, or 3 Athletes and 3 Horses. According to article 8410 2.2 in the FEI Para Dressage Rules, at least one (1) Team member must be classified either Grade I, II or III. A Team may not include more than two (2) Athletes from any one (1) Grade. In a Team composed of four (4) Athletes the three (3) best total scores only count for the team result. Team and individual competitions are held in the following grades:

- 3.1 Grade I
- 3.2 Grade II
- 3.3 Grade III
- 3.4 Grade IV
- 3.5 Grade V

Article 3. DATES AND ROTATION IN THE ORGANISATION OF NBECH

The NBECH-S; D and PD are organised every year during week 26 (usually the last days of June to the first days of July) and includes all categories in the discipline of Jumping, Dressage and Para Dressage as set in Article 2.

The OF is rotated between the Nordic Countries according to an agreed rotation (See Appendix 1) Changes in the above dates, organisation or rotation order must be made during an Ordinary Nordic/Baltic Annual Meeting or, Extraordinary Nordic/Baltic Annual Meeting with majority votes.

In case of unforeseen circumstances decisions for changes in the dates and organisation of the NBECH could be made by e-mails or a conference call, but with majority consent of the Nordic/Baltic Federations which are Organising Nordic/Baltic Championships.

Article 4. RULES TO BE IMPLEMENTED

The NBECH are subjected to be in the correlation with the Rules and Regulations of the FEI, in their most recent edition with all effective amendments as published on the FEI website.

In addition to the above, the NFs participating in the NBECH must also comply with these present Special Regulations of the NBECH.

Language of the NBECH Regulations: The present NBECH Regulations are in English.

All Athletes entered in the NBECH are supposed to have knowledge and to accept the terms and conditions of the present Regulations as well as of the approved FEI Schedule of the Regional Championships.

CHAPTER II. CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION TO NBECH

Article 5. GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR THE PARTICIPATION AT THE NBECH

1. Only Athletes and horses/ponies registered with the FEI, and entered by their NFs, as members of their official team may participate at the NBECH.
2. The NBECH may be organised in any Discipline and Category if there are at least four (4) NFs participating.
3. No Athlete is allowed to participate in more than one category in the same NBECH except Athletes participating in the Children and Ponies Championships and in Jumping only.
 - 3.1 Each Athlete is allowed to ride only one horse in Jumping, Dressage and Para Dressage.
 - 3.2 However, an Athlete is allowed to compete in different disciplines, but in the frame of the same age category.
4. Age of Athletes: Athletes participating in all categories are subject to age restrictions as laid down in the FEI General Regulations Article 124; the FEI Jumping Rules Article 255 and Annex IX Article 3 and 3.3., Annex XI Article 3.1. and Annex XII Article 3.1.; the FEI Dressage Rules Article 429; the FEI Para Dressage Rules Article 8426.
 - Ponies from the beginning of the calendar year they reach the age of 12 until the end of the calendar year they reach the age of 16.
 - Children from the beginning of the calendar year they reach the age of 12 until the end of the calendar year they reach the age of 14.
 - Juniors from the beginning of the calendar year they reach the age of 14 until the end of the calendar year they reach the age of 18.
 - Young Riders from the beginning of the calendar year they reach the age of 16 until the end of the calendar year they reach the age of 21.
 - NBECH-S: Seniors from the beginning of the calendar year they reach the age of 18.
 - NBECH-D: U25 from the beginning of the calendar year they reach the age of 16 until the end of the calendar year they reach the age of 25. Seniors from the beginning of the calendar year they reach the age of 16.
 - NBECH-PD: From the calendar year the Athletes reach the age of 14.
5. Age of Horses/Ponies: Horses/Ponies entered for any discipline in the NBECH must be at least at the age as follows:
 - 5.1 NBECH - S

P	7 years (one year older than in Annex XI, Chapter II Art. 4.2. JR)
Ch	7 years (one year older than in Annex XII, Chapter IV Art. 21.1. JR)
J	7 years (Annex IX, Chapter III Art. 15.1.1. JR)
Y	8 years (Annex IX, Chapter III Art. 15.1.1. JR, as 1.45 m in the Individual Final)
S	8 years (Article 254.1.1 JR)

5.2 NBECH - D

Ch, J, P	6 years (Article 433, DR)
Y	7 years (Article 433, DR)
S, U-25	8 years (Article 433, DR)

5.3 NBECH - PD

Grade I-V	6 years (Article 84.30 PDR)
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[Article 6. NUMBER OF ACCREDITED OFFICIALS \(CHEF D'EQUIPE, VETERINERIAN AND COACHES\)](#)

NBECH-S, NBECH-D, NBECH-PD:

Every invited NBEF can participate with as many Officials as they want on their own expenses but the OC /host NF keeps the right to limit the number of the Officials.

[Article 7. NUMBER OF GROOMS AND LORRY-DRIVERS](#)

NBECH-S, NBECH-D, NBECH-PD

The grooms and drivers are at their own expenses.

[Article 8. ENTRIES](#)

The Definite Entries must include the exact number of Athletes and horses allowed to participate in the NBECH and must reach the OF according to the rules for each discipline. The definite entries may not exceed the number listed. Following receipt of the definite entries, substitutions of Horses and/or Athletes may only be made with the express permission of the OC. The OC must print in the Schedule the latest date for substitution of Horse (s) and Athlete(s), which may not be later than the day of the Horse inspection.

If NFs enter more Athletes and Horses than the number allowed in the official Team, the Chef d'Equipe must designate the Athletes and Horses selected for the official Team (4 Athletes) at the latest following the first Horse Inspection. Or as stated in the Technical Conditions for each discipline.

For Passports, equine identification and vaccinations see the FEI General Regulations Article 137 and the FEI Veterinary Regulations Articles 1086, 1001, 1002 and 1003.

[Article 9 ENTRY FORMS](#)

Federations participating in the NBECH have to send entries according to the FEI regulations for each discipline.

Any relevant information that will help the OC to welcome the invited teams that are entered such as: dates and time of arrival, entry point in the organising country (especially for horses arriving with Lorries) dates and times of return.

[Article 10. LIABILITIES](#)

The OC decline every liability in connection with accident, fire, theft or any other case of similar nature which may occur during the championship, to persons, horses, and any other property of the participants.

CHAPTER III. ALLOCATIONS OF THE COST AND VARIOUS OBLIGATIONS CONCERNING THE ORGANISING FEDERATION OF NBECH

Article 11. OBLIGATIONS CONCERNING ACCOMMODATION, MEALS, AND FEES

1. NBECH-S

1.1 FEI Officials are appointed according to the FEI Jumping Rules Article 259 with preference of the Nordic and Baltic Countries due to the fact of constructive education purposes along with cost efficiency for the Championship's FEI Officials. Each Nordic NF is responsible to send a total of two FEI Officials and pay for their per diem allowance. If a Nordic country, for any reason, cannot send two FEI Officials the respective NF must pay the per diem allowance for another FEI Official as agreed with the OF. Every Baltic NF is responsible to send one Official and pay for their per diem allowance (or pay 300 Euro to the OC) if the Nation is participating in the NBECH-S.

1.2 FEI Officials from outside the Nordic/Baltic countries is the responsibility of the OF, both in terms of travel expenses and per diem allowance.

1.3 The OF is obliged to cover all expenses (accommodation and food) and shuttle service from the day of the Horse Inspection to the morning after the closing ceremony.

1.4 FEI Officials must be lodged one person per room in minimum a 3* hotel.

1.5 The deadline for the entry fees to be paid is with the definite entries (i.e. four days before the start of the Championship, Article 116 FEI GR)). In order for the transaction to be handled in a smooth way, in the Schedule of each NBECH the host Federation will give a Bank account for the entry fees to be paid in.

2. NBECH-D and NBECH-PD

2.1. FEI Officials should preferably be invited from Nordic and Baltic Countries due to the fact of constructive education purposes along with cost efficiency for the Championship's FEI Officials. Each Nordic NF is responsible to send a total of two FEI Officials and pay for their per diem allowance. If a Nordic country, for any reason, cannot send two FEI Officials the respective NF must pay the per diem allowance for another FEI Official as agreed with the OF. Every Baltic NF is responsible to send one Official and pay for their per diem (or pay 300 Euro to the OC) if the Nation is participating in the NBECH-D and PD.

2.2. FEI Officials from outside the Nordic/Baltic countries is the responsibility of the OF, both in terms of travel expenses and per diem allowance.

2.3. The OF is obliged to cover expenses for accommodation and meals for all officials from the day of the Horse Inspection to the next morning after closing ceremony as it is laid down in the FEI rules.

2.4. FEI Officials must be lodged one person per room in minimum a 3* hotel.

2.5. The deadline for the entry fees to be paid is with the definite entries (i.e. four days before the start of the Championship, Article 116 FEI General Regulations). In order for the transaction to be handled in a smooth way, in the Schedule of each NBECH the OC will give a Bank account for the entry fees to be paid in.

Article 12. HORSES STABLING

For details see the FEI Veterinary Regulations Article 1008.

OC provides the first bedding free of charge.

OC could provide, but not compulsory, one tack room per 10 horses for each participating NF.

Article 13. OBLIGATIONS CONCERNING TRAVELLING COSTS

1. Travelling of invited Chef d'Equipes and Athletes

Each participating NF undertakes the travelling cost of its Chef d'Equipes, and Athletes up to the town where the NBECH takes place. The OF has no obligation whatsoever in connection with said travelling expenses.

The participating NFs are requested to give all necessary instructions about their travelling plan to the OC for planning of arrivals.

2. Travelling of grooms and transport of horses

Each participating NF must secure the transport and cost of transport both ways for its grooms and horses up to the town where the NBECH takes place. The OC and OF have no obligation whatsoever in connection with said travelling expenses.

Article 14. OTHER OBLIGATIONS OF THE OF

1. The OF must secure every approval for the Championships which they organise. For that reason, the OF must file a request with the Nordic/Baltic NFs and EEF, the latest in mid-September, the year before the date scheduled for the Championships, in order that the organisation by such OF is decided by the NBEC-OC and the EEF Board. The EEF is proceeding with application to the FEI Calendar and for the FEI Schedule approval.

2. The request for the organisation must include application form, sent by the GB.

3. All OFs must also address a request to the FEI in order to obtain the appointment of a Technical Delegate for the disciplines that require it. TDs must be appointed from the respective FEI lists. In Jumping the TD is appointed by the FEI Jumping Director in consultation with the Jumping Committee (Article 259).

4. All OFs must also address a request to the EEF Dressage Committee in order to appoint the Dressage and Para Dressage Ground Jury, in consultation with the NBECH OC.

All other officials must be chosen according to the provisions of Chapter IV of the present Rules and Regulations, and the FEI Sports Rules for each discipline as well as the Veterinary Regulations.

5. It is the responsibility of the OF/OC to appoint the Course Designer for Jumping according to the FEI Jumping Rules Article 259 with the agreement of the FEI as well as to assure the availability of obstacle material for the competitions and training areas.

CHAPTER IV. NBECH ORGANISING COMMITTEE – OFFICIALS – JURIES AND ACTING COMMITTEES DURING THE NBECH

Article 15. GENERAL

1. NBECH Organising Committee

1.1. It is composed by members of the OF or by persons delegated by the same.

1.2. The names of its Honorary President, of its President and of its Secretary must be included in the NBECH Schedule.

1.3. An Event Director must be appointed.

2. Officials

All Officials must be approved by the EEF and the FEI before they are contracted for the event. The Officials must be chosen according to the relevant articles of the FEI General Regulations and Sports rules for each discipline and the FEI Veterinary Regulations.

Officials can be proposed by the Organising Committee, that list of proposed Officials will then be submitted to the EEF for its review/feedback and then the proposed final list of Officials will be submitted to the FEI for final approval; the FEI can request changes to the list.

The Level of the FEI Officials are appointed according to the respective Sports Rules with preference of Officials from the Nordic and Baltic region due to the fact of constructive education purposes along with cost efficiency for the Championships

2.1. NBECH-S

2.1.1. A Foreign Technical Delegate of the NBECH-S, will be selected from the FEI list and be selected from the list of at least Level 3 Technical Delegates and appointed by the FEI Jumping Director in consultation with the Jumping Committee, is compulsory (Jumping Rules Article 259.4.2.1).

2.1.2. The President of the Ground Jury, who will also act as Foreign Judge is appointed by the OC in agreement with the EEF and the FEI, and chosen from the FEI list, and being at least Level 3 and must be foreign.

2.1.3. The Course Designer is appointed by the relevant NF/OC in agreement with the FEI and chosen from the FEI list and be at least Level 3.

2.1.4. Members of the Ground Jury, at least 4 (four), have to be chosen from the FEI list and appointed by the NBECH OC.

2.1.5. Members of the Veterinary Commission are chosen in accordance with the FEI Veterinary Regulations Annex IX from the FEI list and appointed by the OC.

2.1.6. Assistant CDs are appointed by the NBECH OC.

2.1.7. The Veterinary Services Manager is appointed by the NBECH OC in accordance with the FEI Veterinary Regulations Annex IX and the Treating Veterinarian is appointed by the NBECH OC, chosen from the FEI list.

2.1.8. The Chief Steward chosen from the FEI list, appointed by the NBECH OC and at least Level 3.

2.1.9. A Timetable for the NBECH-S is suggested below, one of the two different formats (in the columns) must be used for all categories. The five different categories must be split 3:2 for the two different Timetables shown.

	Seniors, Young Riders, Juniors	Ponies, Children
Weekday		
Monday	Possibility for arrival	Possibility for arrival
Tuesday	Arrival and 1st Horse Inspection	Arrival
	Chef d'Equipe Meeting	Chef d'Equipe Meeting
Wednesday	Reinspection	1st Horse Inspection
	Morning: Familiarisation	Reinspection
	Afternoon: First Competition	Morning: Familiarisation (to go last)
	Evening: Opening Ceremony	
Thursday	Second Competition including Team Final	First Competition
Friday	Rest Day	Second Competition including Team Final
	2nd Horse Inspection	
Saturday	Farewell Competition	Rest Day
	Third Competition including Individual Final	2nd Horse Inspection
Sunday		Farewell Competition
		Third Competition including Individual Final

2.2. NBECH-D

2.2.1. Ground Jury, appointed by NBECH-OC.

2.2.2. President of the Ground Jury, appointed by NBECH OC, preferably chosen from countries within the Nordic/Baltic region

2.2.3 A Technical Delegate who is not a member of the Ground Jury, shall be appointed.

2.2.4. Members of the Veterinary Commission are chosen in accordance with the FEI Veterinary Regulations Annex IX from the FEI list and appointed by the OC.

2.2.5. The Veterinary Services Manager is appointed by the NBECH OC in accordance with the FEI Veterinary Regulations Annex IX and the Treating Veterinarian appointed by the NBECH OC, chosen from the FEI list.

2.2.6. The Chief Steward is chosen from the FEI list and must be at least Level 3.

2.3. NBECH-PD

2.3.1. Ground Jury, appointed by NBECH OC.

2.3.2. President of Ground Jury, appointed by NBECH OC, chosen from countries within of the Nordic/Baltic region

2.3.3. The NBECH OC must have knowledge of Para Dressage and be familiar with accessibility for the athletes.

2.3.4. Members of the Veterinary Commission are chosen in accordance with the FEI Veterinary Regulations Annex IX from the FEI list and appointed by the OC.

2.3.5. The Veterinary Services Manager is appointed by the NBECH OC in accordance with the FEI Veterinary Regulations Annex IX and the Treating Veterinarian is appointed by the NBECH OC, chosen from the FEI list.

2.3.6. Chief Classifier and Assistant Classifier to be chosen according to PDR article 8440.5.

2.3.7. Chief Steward chosen from the FEI list and appointed by the OC.

Article 16. THE GROUND JURY FOR JUMPING COMPETITIONS

All Officials must be approved by the EEF & FEI before they are contracted for the event.

1. The Ground Jury for Jumping competitions consists of 5 (five) judges, including the President who also acts as the Foreign Judge.
2. The Ground Jury for the Jumping competitions will be appointed according to Article 259 in the FEI Jumping Rules.
3. For the constitution of the Ground Jury the OF, before issuing the Schedule, must contact the invited Federations and ask for the names of the Officials they wish to include in the NBECH.
4. The OC must appoint a secretary to assist the Ground Jury.

Article 17. THE GROUND JURY FOR THE DRESSAGE COMPETITIONS

All Officials must be approved by the EEF & FEI before they are contracted for the event.

1. The Ground Jury for the Dressage competitions is composed of 5 (five) Judges, including the President. For P/Ch/J/Y a panel of three Judges may be used for each Competition, equivalent to the criteria for CDIO P/Ch/J/Y.
2. The Ground Jury for the Dressage competitions is appointed by the NBEC OC, chosen from FEI list.
3. The President of the GJ has to be Judge Level 3/Level 4, and members of the Ground Jury must be at least an FEI Judge Level 2. For Seniors five Judges, minimum two Level 4 Judges, where at least one from outside the Nordic and Baltic Countries.
4. The OF must appoint a secretary to assist each member of the Ground Jury, speaking the same official FEI language.

Article 18. THE GROUND JURY FOR THE PARA DRESSAGE COMPETITIONS

All Officials must be approved by the EEF & FEI before they are contracted for the event.

1. The Ground Jury for the Para Dressage competitions is composed of 5 (five) judges, including the President.

2. The Ground Jury for the Para Dressage competitions is appointed by the NBEC OC, chosen from FEI list.
3. The President of the GJ has to be Judge Level 4, and members of the Ground Jury must be at least an FEI Judge Level 3.
4. The OF must appoint a secretary to assist each member of the Ground Jury, speaking the same official FEI language.

Article 19. COURSE DESIGNER & TECHNICAL DELEGATE FOR THE JUMPING DISCIPLINE

All Officials must be approved by the EEF and the FEI before they are contracted for the event.

1. Course Designer

1.1. The Course Designer (CD) of the NBECH-S, must be selected from the FEI list and appointed by the relevant NF/OC in agreement with the FEI. The CD has to be at least Level 3.

1.2. Assistants to the CD can be National or FEI CD(s) chosen by the OF among the Nordic and Baltic countries.

1.3. Care should be taken by the OF in the assignments so that a back-up plan is in place in case the Course Designer is hindered from his/her assignment in any way.

2. Technical Delegate

2.1. A Foreign Technical Delegate of the NBECH-S selected from the list of at least Level 3 Technical Delegates and appointed by the FEI Jumping Director in consultation with the Jumping Committee, is compulsory (Jumping Rules Article 259.4.2.1).

Article 20. THE TECHNICAL DELEGATE FOR THE DRESSAGE DISCIPLINE

All Officials must be approved by the EEF & FEI before they are contracted for the event.

Technical Delegate

1. The Foreign Technical Delegate of the NBECH for Dressage must be selected from the FEI list and will be appointed by the NBEC OC in consultation with the OF.

Article 21. THE VETERINARY COMMISSION & TREATING VETERINARIAN(S)

1. The Veterinary Commission of an NBECH shall consist of at least three veterinarians from the FEI list of Officials Veterinarians and meet the requirements of the FEI Veterinary Regulations Annex IX.
2. The Veterinary Commission will include:
 - 2.1. The President appointed by the OF and chosen from the FEI list.
 - 2.2. The Member(s) appointed by the OF and chosen from the list of FEI Official Veterinarians of the OF.

Article 22. ARRIVAL & EXPENSES OF THE OFFICIALS

1. The OC must receive the FEI Officials appointed by NBEC OC prior to the first Horse Inspection, the commencement of the first competition and will cover travelling expenses. It is noted that the CD and Technical Delegates may arrive some days before the Championship. The expenses of the pre-visit of the TD will be covered by the OC.
2. The OC welcomes all the above, independently from the other officials of each of the NFs and meets, accommodation and meals expenses.

Article 23. THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

All announcements made over the loudspeakers system must be made in the language of the OF and in English. The system must be clearly heard in all arenas (main arenas and practice arena(s)).

Article 24. PROTESTS – REPORTS – APPEALS

These will be made and dealt with, according to the FEI GR and Rules for the disciplines of Jumping, Dressage, and Para-Dressage as well as the FEI Veterinary Regulations.

CHAPTER V. SCHEDULE AND PROGRAMME OF THE NBECH

Article 25. THE SCHEDULE OF THE NBECH – GENERAL

1. According to Article 110 of the FEI GR, every OF must draw up the Schedule of the NBECH and send it to the FEI Secretariat for final approval no later than 10 weeks before the event takes place. Before doing so, the Schedule must be submitted to the EEF for a review.
2. As soon as the approval of the FEI is received the OF must send a copy of the schedule to every NF member of the NBECH and to every other NF invited to the specific NBECH and to the Officials, appointed by OC.

Article 26. SPECIFICATIONS CONCERNING THE ORGANISATION OF THE NBECH

The OF must provide the following information on specifications relevant to the Organisation of the NBECH:

1. Dates of the NBECH
2. Name of the town and venue hosting the NBECH
Names and addresses of hotels where the officials, guests and Athletes will be accommodated, names and addresses of hotels where the grooms and drivers will be accommodated, place(s) where the competitions will be held.
3. The composition of the Teams invited to the NBECH
4. The limit dates for the Entries in principle, Nominated entries and Definite entries
5. The conditions of participation and entry fee.
6. The expenses and cost assumed by the OF
7. The day-by-day schedule of the NBECH including all manifestations (Conferences, dinners etc) and, without great details, the dates and times of schooling, familiarisation and competitions.
8. The programme of the opening and closing ceremonies.
9. The daily feed which the OF will provide per horse.
10. The custom formalities to be fulfilled and whether a visa is required.

In the attempt to attain swift and unhindered passage through national borders, for horses, and knowing the difficulties at all custom stations, it would be helpful for the OF to send to all invited NF, the typical Veterinary forms asked for, at the border of their country.

Article 27. TECHNICAL CONDITIONS OF COMPETITIONS

In addition to a FEI CS, CD and CPD Schedule the OC must provide the following information in the schedule on the Technical Conditions of the Competitions:

1. The daily programme of the competitions including all technical conditions as they are mentioned in the technical part of this NBECH Regulations.
2. The conditions of participation to the NBECH.
3. The procedure of determining the starting order of the different competitions.
4. The mode of classification for the team and individual competitions.
5. The medals, titles awarded and the prizes distributed.

Article 28. PROGRAMME OF THE NBECH

1. As soon as the approval of the Schedule by the EEF & FEI is received, the OF must compose and print the programme of the NBECH it is organising.

2. The programme is drawn up in the language of the organising Federation and in the NBECH official language ENGLISH.
3. The programme is distributed to the teams as soon as they arrive, and it must include at least the following information:
 - 3.1. Names, surnames, titles, and functions of Officials (Honorary Committee, Organising Committee, Chefs d'Equipe, Technical Delegate, Foreign Judge, Ground Jury, Veterinary Commission, Course Designer, Official Doctor, Chief Steward, Secretaries etc.)
 - 3.2. Names, surnames of Athletes entered by their NF with precision of the Team and category they compete in.
 - 3.3. Names of entered horses for the NBECH with the number allocated to them and which they will carry throughout the NBECH (Names of horses must be mentioned in relation to their riders)
 - 3.4. The general programme of the organisation, as well as the programme of the competitions mentioning dates and times and giving the technical conditions of the competitions.
 - 3.5. The mode of classification for the team and individual competitions.
 - 3.6. The prizes for each category.

Article 29. STARTING LIST AND RESULTS

The OC will distribute every day before the starting of the first competition a bulletin with the starting lists for all competitions of the day and all results of the previous day.

CHAPTER VI. VETERINARY EXAMINATIONS, INSPECTIONS AND PASSPORT CONTROLS.

Article 30. INTERNATIONAL PASSPORTS FOR HORSES

See the FEI General Regulations Article 137 and the FEI Veterinary Regulations Article 1086.

Article 31. VETERINARY EXAMINATIONS, INSPECTIONS AND PASSPORT CONTROLS

All Examinations, Inspections and Passport Controls must be carried out in accordance with Chapter IV of the FEI Veterinary Regulations and with the Sport Rules of the relevant disciplines.

Article 32. SAMPLING PROCEDURE FOR PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES.

1. The FEI Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Rules and FEI Veterinary Regulations will apply throughout the Event and sampling for anti-doping and controlled medication will be conducted accordingly.
2. The OF must provide all installations and facilities required by the FEI for the implementation of the sampling procedure.

CHAPTER VII. PROVISIONS REGARDING THE FLAGS AND THE CEREMONIES OF THE NBECH

Article 33. THE FLAGS

1. During the NBECH the OF flag and the national flags of all participating Nordic and Baltic Nations must be hoisted in the arenas where the NBECH take place, from the beginning of the Opening Ceremony up to the end of the Event.
2. Before the opening of the NBECH the host National Federation must ensure enough flags of the Participating Nations for each discipline that is organised in that NBECH. For Prize Giving ceremonies either real flags or digital flags may be used in honour of the medal winners of every official competition.

Article 34. PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE OPENING AND CLOSING CEREMONIES OF THE NBECH

The OF of the NBECH must organise an opening ceremony. The opening ceremony will take place day before CH or on the first official day. These ceremonies will be conducted as follows:

1. Opening Ceremony.
 - 1.1. At the opening ceremony will participate for each NBEF, a representative team consisting of the Chefs d'Equipe and Athletes minimum five without horses.
 - 1.2. During this ceremony the invited Teams enter the arena in alphabetical order, in accordance of the GB order of Nations. The home Team enters last.
 - 1.3. Each Team marches following its flag to the place assigned to them.
 - 1.4. The Chefs d'Equipe takes place in front of their Teams to attend the ceremony.
 - 1.5. When all the Teams are lined up in their assigned places, for the opening ceremony, the names of the Chefs d'Equipe and all participating Athletes are announced, the music will play the national anthems, in the same alphabetical order, and the respective national flags will be hoisted. During the opening ceremony, speeches will be made only by the representative of the OF and the Mayor (or his representative) of the host city, maximum 3 minutes each.

SECOND PART: COMPETITION REGULATIONS

CHAPTER VIII. TECHNICAL CONDITIONS – CEREMONIES – PRIZES FOR THE JUMPING COMPETITIONS OF THE NBECH

Article 35. GENERAL TECHNICAL CONDITIONS – FOR THE NBECH

1. The Championship comprises three Competitions. The total Penalties incurred by the three best placed Athletes of each Team in the first Competition and in each round of the second Competition count towards the Team placing, and the total Penalties incurred by each Athlete in each of the three Competitions count towards the individual placing.
2. The design and construction of all obstacles with regard to safety and technical suitability must be approved by the Technical Delegate and Course Designer. Should a dispute arise relating to these obstacles, the Technical Delegate has the final decision. The minimum diameter of poles used in all Championship Competitions must be at least 9 cm.

The water jump must be used a minimum two times and a maximum three times in the Championship. It is compulsory in the first round of the second Competition. The Course Designer will, at his/her discretion, decide in which other Competition(s) or rounds the water jump will be used.

For Juniors and Ponies a vertical obstacle, consisting of any number of poles but all with the use of FEI-approved safety cups (refer to Art. 211.10 for the depth of safety cups), must be placed over the water jump in the second round of the Team Final, or in the second round of the Individual Final if the water jump is used in the first round of the Individual Final. The obstacle is judged as a vertical and not as a water jump (see JRs Art. 211.10). For Juniors the vertical must not be placed further than two metres from the front of this obstacle.

For Children a water jump with a maximum spread of 2.10 m, over which there is always placed a vertical obstacle having any number of poles but all with the use of FEI-approved safety cups (refer to Art. 211.10 for the depth of safety cups), is allowed; this obstacle is judged as a vertical obstacle, not as a water jump (see JRs Art. 211.10).

The number of sponsored efforts shall be decided by the FEI in accordance with the FEI Sponsored Obstacles Guidelines. A sponsored obstacle is defined as in the FEI Jumping Rules, Article 208.3.

3. The following Jumping Competitions, are organised for each category of Athletes of the NBECH-S and judged according to the FEI Jumping Rules, the description also includes the Familiarisation.
 - 3.1. Familiarisation: after the completion of the Horse Inspection, Familiarisation will be scheduled and the arena will be open with 8 to 9 obstacles, including a combination, and every rider will have 90 sec for the use of the arena. The open water to be used for each category shall be available with a pole(s), as one of the obstacles during the Familiarisation. The Familiarisation will take place per Nation and category in alphabetical order with the Host Nation starting last (Combined Nations if less than four Athletes per category for a Nation and a maximum of eight Athletes in a group). Just the Chef d'Equipe(s) for each Nation(s) and category is allowed in the arena during the familiarisation. The same obstacles will be set at 5 cm less than the height for

each first Championship Competition for each category. Dress is informal; boots, breeches, shirt and protective headgear must be worn.

- 3.2. A first Individual Qualifier Competition under Table A, Article 238.2.1 for Ponies and Children and under Table C, Article 239, for Juniors, Young Riders and Seniors. The Table C results will be converted into points according to the FEI provisions for Championships (see Article 36.1.2 below).
- 3.3. A Team Competition run over two rounds, following each other without significant interruption, identical or different, with the same degree of difficulty in the second round according to Table A not against the clock with a jump-off against the clock in case of equality for first, second and/or third place in the overall classification for the Team Championship. All Teams which are not eliminated, take part in the second round with all their Athletes. The Athletes who have completed the first round, but their Team is eliminated can start in the second round as individuals.
- 3.4. An Individual Final Competition, conducted under Table A not against the clock over two different successive rounds, without a jump-off in the event of equality of Penalties for first place in the classification of the Competition; in the event of equality of Penalties for first, second and third place in the overall classification for the Championship, there will be one jump-off against the clock. Jump-off for third place proceeds jump-off for first place.

Article 36. FIRST COMPETITION (TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS)

1. This first Competition is conducted under Table A (Ponies and Children) and under Table C (Juniors, Young Riders and Seniors) without a jump-off in the event of equality for first place.
 - 1.1. for Ponies and Children: Table A against the clock (Art. 238.2.1). NB an Athlete competing in the NBECH for Ponies is also allowed to compete with a horse in the Children category.
 - 1.2. for Juniors, Young Riders and Seniors: This first Competition is conducted over a Table A course judged under Table C (Art. 239). The scores obtained by each Athlete will be converted into points by multiplying the time of each Athlete by the coefficient 0.50; the points must be rounded to 2 decimal places. The second decimal place will be rounded up from 0,005 and rounded down from 0,004. The Athlete with the lowest number of points after this conversion will be given 0 (zero) Penalties. The other Athletes are credited with the number of Penalties representing the difference in points between each of them and the leading rider. If an Athlete is eliminated or does not complete their round for any reason, they will be penalised with 20 Penalties more than the Athlete who has been the most severely penalised. In Table C this is done after the times of all Athletes who completed the Competition have been converted into Penalties.
2. Participation: Up to a maximum of five Athletes in the Team and two additional individual Athletes per invited Nation in the Pony, Children, Junior and Young Rider categories, and up to a maximum of four Athletes in the Team and two additional individual Athletes in the Senior category. An NF which cannot send a full team may enter one or two individual Athletes per category with one Horse or Pony each.
3. Speed: 350 m/min for Ponies and Children.

4. Obstacles:

4.1. Number:

Ponies and Children: 10-12 obstacles including one triple- and one double combination or two doubles

All other categories: 11-12 obstacles, including one triple- and one double combination or three doubles.

4.2. Dimensions:

Category	Max height/m	Max spread/m	Max spread triple bar/m	Max spread water jump/m
Ponies	1,25	1,30	1,50	2,50
Children	1,20	1,20	-	with pole(s) 2,10
Juniors	1,35	1,45	1,60	3,50
Young Riders	1,40	1,50	1,70	3,50
Seniors	1,45	1,55	1,90	3,50

For further details on the water jump for Ponies, Children and Juniors see Article 35.2.

5. Starting Order: The starting order is determined by a draw, at the Chef d'Equipe Meeting. The draw (for each category separately, for Teams and individual Athletes) will be done according to Article 252 in the FEI Jumping Rules.

6. Placing:

6.1. Ponies and Children: according to the faults and the time of the round. In the event of equality of faults and time there will be no jump-off.

6.2. Juniors, Young Riders and Seniors: according to the converted scores as described in Article 36.1.2 above.

7. Prizes: Rosettes to placed Athletes according to the FEI Jumping Rules. Prize Giving Ceremony with National Anthem for the first five Athletes. Any further prizes are according to the Schedule and is the responsibility of the OF/OC.

Article 37. SECOND COMPETITION (TEAM FINAL COMPETITION, SECOND INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION)

1. This Competition is run over two rounds, following each other without significant interruption, identical or different, with the same degree of difficulty in the second round according to Table A not against the clock with a jump-off against the clock in case of equality for first, second and/or third place in the overall classification for the Team Championship.
2. This Competition is to be open only to Athletes and Horses which have taken part in the first Competition (Article 36 above), the Team classification only affecting the members of the Teams who have declared to start.
3. The Chefs d'Equipe must declare the composition of their Team (minimum three, maximum four Athletes/Horses) to the OC in writing, before 18.00 h, on the day preceding the second Competition (Team Final). The fifth and sixth pair (Athlete/Horse, sixth pair only for P, Ch, J and Y) may take part

in the second Competition as an individual and in the third (Individual Final) Competition if qualified.

4. All Teams take part in the second round with all their Athletes (if the Team is not eliminated). If the Team is eliminated and the individual Athletes have completed the first round, they can take part as Individuals.
5. Participation: One Team of four (4) or three (3) Athletes per invited nation for each category of Athletes of the NBECH as well as the individual Athletes. If one or more NFs participate in any category only with one or two individual Athletes, these Athletes, in order to be placed in the Individual Championships, must start in the Team competition.
6. Speed:
 - 5.1. Ponies and Children: 350 m/min
 - 5.2. Juniors, Young Riders and Seniors: 375 m/min
7. Obstacles:
 - 7.1. Numbers in the first round: Ponies and Children: 10-12 obstacles including one triple- and one double combination or two doubles. All other categories: 11-12 obstacles, including one triple- and one double combination or three doubles.
 - 7.2. Dimensions:

Category	Max height/m	Max spread/m	Max spread triple bar/m	Max spread water jump/m
Ponies	1,25	1,30	1,50	2,50
Children	1,20	1,30	1,40	with pole 2,10
Juniors	1,35	1,45	1,60	3,50
Young Riders	1,40	1,50	1,70	3,50
Seniors	1,45	1,55	1,90	3,50

For further details on the water jump for Ponies, Children and Juniors see Article 35.2.

8. Starting Order for Teams: The starting order for the Teams' first round is determined by a draw at the Chef d'Equipe Meeting. The Chefs d'Equipe of the Teams determine the starting order of the Athletes in the Team. The Chefs d'Equipe of Teams comprising only three Athletes may choose in which of the three positions out of four they will start their Athletes.
The starting order of the Teams in the second round is according to the reverse order of the total Penalties of the best three Athletes per Team incurred in the first Competition and of the best three Athletes per team in the first round of the second Competition. In case of equality of total Penalties teams retain the same starting order as in the first round.
9. Starting Order for Individuals: There will be a separate draw for the individual Athletes which will be drawn in the Chef d'Equipe Meeting. Individual Athletes will start before the Teams in both rounds. The Team Athletes who have completed the first round, but their Team is eliminated can take part in the second round as individuals.
The starting order for those qualified to participate as individuals in the second round is according to the reverse order of total Penalties incurred in the first Competition and the first round of the

second Competition. In case of Athletes with equality of Penalties, the Score (P and Ch) or Time (J, Y and S) of the first Competition will decide their starting order.

10. Inspecting the Course for the Second Round

Athletes will be invited to inspect the course for the Second Round at the conclusion of the First Round if the course is different from the First Round.

11. The Team classification is decided by adding the Penalties incurred for the best three Athletes from among the five of each Nation (P, Ch, J and Y) and from the four of each Nation (S) in the first Competition (Article 36 above) and the Penalties incurred by the best three Athletes per team in each of the two rounds of the Team Final. If a Team is being eliminated it will not be placed and it will not take part in the prize giving ceremony.

In case of a tie for first, second and/or third place, there will be a Jump-off against the clock in which all Team Athletes participating in the Second Competition may take part. The starting order in the jump-off is the same as in the previous round. Teams on equality of penalties for any other placing will be placed equal. The added penalties and time for the best three Athletes in the jump-off decide the final placing. If the penalties and time are equal in the Jump-off, the Teams are placed equal.

12. Prizes: there will be a ceremony for the medal winners in the Team Championship of the (combined) Team Competition. The Ceremony will be held immediately after the relevant Team competition for each category.
13. In addition to the team classification there will be an individual classification with prizes for the second Competition, there will be no prize giving ceremony for the classification of the second Competition.

14. Championship Ceremony, concerning the final results of the Team Competition:

14.1 Number of Teams invited for the Championship Ceremony are as follows

Number of Teams in Championship	Ceremony: Medals and Rosettes
3	1-3
4	1-3, rosettes only to 4th placed
5-7	1-3, rosettes only to 4th and 5th placed

14.2 Additur Prizes

The OC may have additur prize money for the Championship. These are stated in the Schedule and can be given to Juniors, Young Riders, and Seniors.

14.3 The National Anthem of the Nordic/Baltic Jumping Team Champions will be played while the National flags of the three Nordic/Baltic Team Jumping medal winners will be hoisted.

Article 38. THIRD COMPETITION (INDIVIDUAL FINAL COMPETITION)

Qualified to participate in the third Competition are the top 60% of the Athletes that started in the first Competition (including those placed equal tied for the last qualification place) according to the cumulative Penalties over the first and the second qualifying Competitions. The number of Athletes permitted to participate must not be less than 15 and not more than 25. However, all Athletes with equal Penalties for the last qualification place are allowed to participate in the Individual Final even if the number of starters would then be more than 25.

To be eligible for the Individual Final, Athletes must have taken part in the first Competition (completed or not) and have completed both rounds of the second Competition (without having been eliminated or having retired). If, for any reason, one or more of the qualified Athletes are unable to start, they will not be replaced by followers.

All horses participating in the Individual Final must have passed the second Horse Inspection.

1. This Competition is run over two rounds, following each other without significant interruption, different courses, with the same degree of difficulty in the second round according to Table A not against the clock. All Athletes who complete the first round in the third Competition go forward to the second round.

In the event of equality for first, second and/or third place in the overall classification for the Individual Championship there will be a jump-off.

2. Speed:

3.1. Children and Ponies: 350 m/min

3.2. Juniors, Young Riders & Seniors: 375 m/min

3. Obstacles:

3.1 Number:

Children and Ponies: 10-12 obstacles in the first round and 8-10 obstacles in the second round including one triple and one double or two doubles.

Juniors and Young Riders: 10-12 obstacles in the first round and 8-10 obstacles in the second round, including one triple- and one double combination or three doubles.

Seniors: 10-12 obstacles in the first round including one triple- and one double combination or three doubles.

3.2 Dimensions:

Category	Max height/m 1st+2nd round	Max spread/m	Max spread triple bar/m	Max spread water jump/m
Ponies	1,25+1,30	1,35+1,40	1,50	2,50
Children	1,20+1,25	1,30+1,35	1,40	with pole(s) 2,10
Juniors	1,35+1,40	1,55+1,60	1,90	3,50
Young Riders	1,40+1,45	1,60+1,65	1,90	3,50
Seniors	1,45+1,45	1,65+1,65	1,90	3,50

For further details on the water jump for Ponies, Children and Juniors see Article 35.2.

4. **Starting Order:** The starting order for the first round will be in reverse order of aggregate penalties from the First and Second Competition. In case of equality of aggregate penalties, the First Competition placings will be the deciding factor for the starting order. In case of equality of aggregate Penalties, and equality of the results of the First Competition the starting order will be the same as in the First Competition.
The starting order of the Athletes in the second round is according to the reverse order of their aggregated penalties incurred in the First and Second Competition and the first round of the Third Competition. In case of equality of total Penalties individuals retain the same starting order as in the first round. The starting order for the jump-off is the same as in the previous round (the second round of the Third Competition).
5. **Inspecting the Course for the Second Round**
Athletes will be invited to inspect the course for the Second Round at the conclusion of the First Round if the course is different from the first round.
6. **Placing for the Grand Prix Competition, the third Competition, for Seniors:**
Athletes will be placed according to the FEI Jumping Rules, Article 238.1.2. There may be one jump-off for the Grand Prix but in case of a tie for first, second and/or third place in the Championship, there will be a Jump-off against the clock (see 39.8. below). Any jump-off for medals precedes the jump-off for the Grand Prix.
7. **Individual Placing for the Championship:**
The Individual Placing for the Championship is according the aggregate penalties from the First, Second and Third Competitions. In case of a tie for first, second and/or third place, there will be a Jump-off against the clock. The starting order for the jump-off is the same as in the previous round (the second round of the Third Competition). If the penalties and time are equal in the jump-off, the Athletes are placed equal. Athletes on equality of penalties for any other placing will be placed equal.
8. **Championship Ceremony, concerning the final results of the Individual Competition:**
 - 8.1 The Medal winners will be invited for the Championship Ceremony. One separate Ceremony for each Category following immediately after the final competition and the final results are announced. There will be medals and rosettes for first, second and third.
 - 8.2 The number of placed Individual Athletes in the Individual Finals is depending on the number of Individual Athletes starting in the Championship, i.e. the First Competition and is according to the FEI General Regulations Chapter III Articles 126-128.
 - 8.3 The National Anthem of the Nordic/Baltic Jumping Individual Champion will be played while the National flags of the three Nordic/Baltic Jumping medal winners will be hoisted.
 - 8.4 **Additur Prizes**
The OC may have additur prize money, and Prizes in kind for the Championship. These are stated in the Schedule and can be given to Juniors, Young Riders, and Seniors.

Article 39. FAREWELL COMPETITIONS

In the morning of one of the last days for each category (see Article 15, 2.1.9. above) there will be a Farewell Competition at 10 cm lower than the Second Competition's first round. For S, Y and J this will be Scheduled as one Competition with different sections of heights for the different categories, the speed for this Competition should be 350 m/min. Eligible to enter the Farewell Competition is any Athlete-Horse combination in all Categories that has not qualified for the Individual Final Competition, or chooses not to participate in the Individual Final Competition. The Farewell Competitions shall be judged under Article 238.2.1.

CHAPTER IX. TECHNICAL CONDITIONS – CEREMONIES – PRIZES FOR NBECH DRESSAGE COMPETITIONS

Article 40. GENERAL

1. The following Dressage Competitions, are organized for each category of Athletes of the NBECH and judged under FEI Dressage Rules currently in use at the time of the show:

1.1. Familiarisation: the same day as the Veterinary Inspection and after the completion of the Technical Meeting. The main arena will be open, and every National Team will have 1 hour to use the arena. The timetable for the familiarization is the responsibility of the OC and President of the Ground Jury

1.2 Competitions:

1.2.1. A Team Competition for all entered participants. (Ponies, Juniors, Young Riders, U-25 & Seniors)

1.2.2. Preliminary test for Children category

1.3.1. An Individual Competition for all participants that completed the Team competition. The individual competition is also the qualification for the Freestyle Championships (Ponies, Juniors, Young Riders, U-25 & Seniors)

1.3.2. Team competition for children which is also the qualification for the Individual Championship

1.4.1. A Freestyle to Music Competition (Ponies, Juniors, Young Riders, U-25 & Seniors) – final

1.4.2. An Individual Competition for Children – final

2. Individual Championship Placing

2.1. Qualification procedure:

2.1.1. Ponies, Juniors, Young Riders, U-25 & Seniors receive qualification to participate in the final competition (Freestyle) from the individual competition, for the Athlete which have 60 % from Individual test and no more than 3 riders per Nation per category. In case of more than three per Nation are qualified, the three best from the qualifying competition shall participate.

2.1.2. Children: receive qualification to participate in the final competition (Individual test) for the Athlete which have 60 % from Team test and no more than 3 riders per Nation per category. In case more than three per Nation are qualified, the three best from the qualifying competition shall participate.

2.2. The Freestyle to Music Competitions count towards the final classification for the Freestyle Championship in Ponies, Juniors, Young Riders, U-25 & Senior category.

2.3 For the Children category the result of the Individual Competition counts for the classification in the Individual Championship.

3. Schooling of horses

It is noted in Article 439:

1. No one other than the Athlete may ride the Horse/Pony they are entered with, as of the official opening of the stables according to the FEI approved schedule as well as for the duration of the whole Event under penalty of disqualification. This means, for instance,

that a groom mounted in the saddle may walk the Horse/Pony on a long, safe rein and that lunging and verbal assistance from the ground from the trainer or their representative is permitted. An exception to this rule may only be granted under extraordinary circumstances in writing by the FEI or the President of the Ground Jury.

2. Under no circumstances is it permitted to school the Horses in other areas than the official training arenas. No schooling is permitted in any area which cannot be supervised by the Stewards. Contravening this rule will entail a Yellow Warning Card and Elimination.

3. Horses may not leave the stables, the Competition area, or the areas supervised by Stewards for any purpose unless authorised by a recognised FEI Official of the Event or a Veterinarian acting in the interest of the health and welfare of the Horse.”

Rest day – according to article 402 2.5 in the Dressage Rules, a rest day should be scheduled, preferably between Competitions two (2) and three (3) at the Grand Prix level.

[Article 41. PRELIMINARY COMPETITION FOR CHILDREN, TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR P/J/Y, U-25 AND SENIORS AND ALSO INDIVIDUAL QUALIFICATION COMPETITONS FOR U-25 AND SENIORS](#)

1. First competition

1.1. Ponies: Team Test

1.2. Children: Preliminary B Test

1.3. Juniors: Team Test

1.4. Young Riders: Team Test.

1.5. U-25: Intermediate II Test

1.6 Seniors: Grand Prix Test

2. Participation: Not more than 4 riders per Nation. Three (3) or four (4) count for Team. As this competition is also a qualifier for the Individual Championships, individual Athletes of NFs that do not have a complete Team, will also start in this competition.
3. Starting order: For the Children Preliminary B test there will be an ordinary draw according to article 417.7. The starting order for the Team competitions will be determined by a draw according to Article 417.4 and 417.7 For Grand Prix, the starting order of the teams will be drawn in groups of five, based on the average of the points of the participating Team athletes on the FEI Individual World Ranking list.

The Chef d’Equipe of each Team will determine the starting order of Team members within their Team. The Chef d’Equipe must deliver to the Event Director, at the latest two (2) hours before the draw of the Competition, a sealed envelope containing the order of go of the Athletes within their Team.

4. Placing: The total percentage obtained by the three (3) best Athletes of each Team will determine the placing in the Team championship. In case of equality of points, the winning Team is the one whose lowest classified Athlete out of the three has the best result. The total percentage given by all judges determine the placing of the individual placing for competition.
5. Prizes:

The Children Preliminary B test will have an ordinary prize- giving according to the FEI rules.

The Nordic/Baltic Team Championships for P/J/Y/U-25/S will have a prize-giving and medal ceremony conducted as per article 45.

Article 42. CHILDREN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS AND INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR P/J/Y, U-25 AND SENIORS

1. Second competition

- 1.1 Ponies: Individual Test
- 1.2. Children: Team Test
- 1.3. Juniors: Individual Test
- 1.4. Young Riders: Individual Test
- 1.5 U-25: Grand Prix 16-25 Test
- 1.6. Seniors: Grand Prix Special Test

- 2. Participation: All individual and Team riders for P/Ch/J/Y/U25 who entered and completed the Team Test/Intermediare II, and the best 30 athletes who entered and completed the Grand Prix
- 3. Starting order: For the Children Team Competition the draw will be done according to article 417.4. The starting order for the Individual Competition for P/Ch/J/Y/U-25 will be determined by a draw according to article 417. 7. The starting order for Seniors, Grand Prix Special will be in accordance with article 417.4.5, in groups of 5 in the reverse order of the result of the Grand Prix.
- 4. Placing: The total percentage given by all judges determine the placing of the competition.
- 5. Prizes:
The Nordic/Baltic Team Championships for Children and the Nordic/Baltic Individual Championships for P/J/Y/U-25/S will have a prize-giving and medal ceremony conducted as per article 44.

Article 43. INDIVIDUAL FREESTYLE CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR P/Ch/J/Y/U-25/S AND INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR CHILDREN

1. Third competition

- 1.1. Pony: Pony Freestyle Test
- 1.2. Children: Individual Test
- 1.3. Juniors: Juniors Freestyle Test
- 1.4. Young Riders: Young Riders Freestyle Test
- 1.5. U-25: Grand Prix Freestyle Test
- 1.6. Senior: Grand Prix Freestyle Test

2. Participation:

All horses and ponies must go through a second horse inspection before starting the third competition.

P/J/Y/U25/S is limited to and compulsory for the overall best eighteen (18) out of Individual test Competitions/Grand Prix 16-25/Grand Prix Special, including those who tie for 18th place. Only the three (3) best Athletes per country may participate. Children is limited and compulsory for the eighteen (18) best athletes from the Team Competition, including ties for the 18th place. Only the three best (3) Athletes per country may participate.

- 3. Starting order: For the Children Individual Competition and all Youth Freestyle Competitions there will be a draw in four (4) groups, in reverse order from the rankings of the previous Competition. First drawn is a group of three (3), with athletes placed 18th to 16th. Athletes in the group ranked 18th to 16th will start first, followed by the group ranked 15th to 11th, and so on. For Seniors Grand

Prix Freestyle, the starting order will be, in reverse order from result from Grand Prix Special, in groups of five (5).

4. Placing: The total percentage given by all judges determine the placing of the competition. In case of equality of marks, for the first three places, the higher artistic marks will decide on the better placing. Should the artistic mark be the same the mark for harmony shall decide. If still tied the mark for choreography shall decide.
5. Prizes:
The Nordic/Baltic Individual Championships for Children, and the Nordic/Baltic Freestyle Championships for P/J/Y/U-25/S will have a prize-giving ceremony conducted as per article 44.

Article 44. PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY FOR THE NORDIC/BALTIC DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIP

1. In connection with the ceremony concerning the final results of the NBE Team Championship:
 - 1.1. The three best placed NBE Dressage Teams will be invited to the prize giving ceremony, which takes place immediately after the relevant Team Competition for all categories.
 - 1.2. Each member of the winning team along with the title of the NBE Dressage Team Champion will receive a gold medal. The members of the second Team will receive a silver medal each and those of the third Team a bronze medal each.
 - 1.3. The horses will receive one rosette each.
 - 1.4. The national anthem of the NBE Dressage Team Champion will be played while the national flags of the three first NBE Dressage Teams will be hoisted.
2. In connection with the ceremony concerning the final results of the NBE Individual Dressage Championship and the NBE Freestyle Dressage Championships:
 - 2.1. The 25% better placed Athletes, calculated on the number of those who have entered in the arena to participate in the Individual competition and in the Freestyle Competition, with a maximum of the 5 best placed Athletes (if presented with horse) will be invited to the prize giving ceremony, which takes place immediately after the relevant Competition for all categories.
 - 2.2. The winner along with the title of the Nordic/Baltic Individual Dressage Champion and the NBE Freestyle Dressage Champion will receive a gold medal, the second a silver medal and the third a bronze medal.
 - 2.3. The horses will receive one rosette each.
 - 2.4. The national anthem of the Nordic/Baltic Individual Dressage Champion and the NBE Freestyle Dressage Champion will be played while the national flags of the three first Nordic/Baltic Individual Dressage Champions and NBE Freestyle Champions will be hoisted.

CHAPTER X. TECHNICAL CONDITIONS – CEREMONIES – PRIZES FOR NBECH PARA DRESSAGE COMPETITIONS

Article 45. GENERAL

1. The following Para Dressage Competitions, are organized for Athletes in Grade I-V of the NBECH and judged under FEI Rules for Para Dressage Events

1.1. Familiarization: the same day as the Veterinary Inspection and after the completion of the Technical Meeting. Every National Team will have dedicated time to use the arena in accordance with article 8415 6. The timetable for the familiarisation is the responsibility of the OC and the President of the Ground Jury.

1.2 Competitions:

1.2.1. An Individual Competition for all participants (Grade I-V). The Nordic/Baltic Individual Championships

1.2.2. A Team Competition, for all entered participants (Grade I-V) – The Nordic/Baltic Team Championships.

1.2.3. A Freestyle to Music Competition (Grade I-V)) – The Nordic/Baltic Individual Freestyle Championships

2. Individual Championship Placing

2.1. Qualification procedure:

2.1.1. All riders from grade I-V receive qualification to participate in the final according to Article 8404.3.2 in the FEI Para Dressage Rules.

2.1.2 The Individual Competition count towards the classification for the Individual Championships

2.1.3 The Team Competition count towards the classification for the Team Championships

2.1.4 The Freestyle to Music Competitions count towards the final classification for the Individual Freestyle Championships for all grades.

Schooling of horses:

3. Schooling of horses

The relevant rules regarding schooling of horses are covered in article 8436 in the Para Dressage Rules 4th Edition, updates effective 01 January 2023

Article 46. INDIVIDUAL MEDAL – 1. QUALIFICATION FOR FREESTYLE COMPETITION

1. First competition

Grade I: Para Grand Prix A Test from the FEI Para Dressage Rules 4th Edition, updates effective 01 January 2023

Grade II: Para Grand Prix A Test from the FEI Para Dressage Rules 4th Edition, updates effective 01 January 2023

Grade III: Para Grand Prix A Test from the FEI Para Dressage Rules 4th Edition, updates effective 01 January 2023

Grade IV: Para Grand Prix A Test from the FEI Para Dressage Rules 4th Edition, updates effective 01 January 2023

Grade V: Para Grand Prix A Test from the FEI Para Dressage Rules 4th Edition, updates effective 01 January 2023

2. Participation: All individual and Team riders.
3. Starting order: The starting order for the Individual competition will be determined by a draw according to the FEI Para Dressage Rules, Article 8414.
4. Placing: See Article 8422 in the FEI Para Dressage Rules.
5. Prizes: The NBE Para Dressage Individual Championships will have a prize-giving ceremony conducted as per article 50.

Article 47. TEAM MEDAL AND THE 2. CLASSIFICATION FOR THE FREESTYLE COMPETITION

1. Second competition

1.1 Grade I: Para Grand Prix B test from the FEI Para Dressage Rules 4th Edition, updates effective 01 January 2023

1.2 Grade II: Para Grand Prix B test from the FEI Para Dressage Rules 4th Edition, updates effective 01 January 2023

1.3 Grade III: Para Grand Prix B test from the FEI Para Dressage Rules 4th Edition, updates effective 01 January 2023

1.4 Grade IV: Para Grand Prix B test from the FEI Para Dressage Rules 4th Edition, updates effective 01 January 2023

1.5 Grade V: Para Grand Prix B test from the FEI Para Dressage Rules 4th Edition, updates effective 01 January 2023

2. Participation: All individual and Team riders.
3. Starting order: The starting order for the Team competition will be determined by a draw according to the FEI Para Dressage Rules, Article 8414.
4. Placing: The winning Team will be the one with the highest total score from the Para Grand Prix B test, added together of their three best Athletes.
5. Prizes:
The NBE Para Dressage Team Championships will have a prize-giving ceremony conducted as per article 50.

Article 48. INDIVIDUAL FREESTYLE MEDAL

1. Third competition

1.1 Grade I: Para Grand Prix Freestyle from the FEI from the FEI Para Dressage Rules 4th Edition, updates effective 01 January 2023.

1.2 Grade II: Para Grand Prix Freestyle from the FEI Para Dressage Rules 4th Edition, updates effective 01 January 2023.

1.3 Grade III: Para Grand Prix Freestyle from the FEI Para Dressage Rules 4th Edition, updates effective 01 January 2023.

1.4 Grade IV: Para Grand Prix Freestyle from the FEI Para Dressage Rules 4th Edition, updates effective 01 January 2023.

1.5 Grade V: Para Grand Prix Freestyle from the FEI Para Dressage Rules 4th Edition, updates effective 01 January 2023.

2. Participation:
All horses must go through a second horse inspection before starting the third competition.

It is limited to and compulsory for the best 1/3, max 8 per grade, of the overall best combined result from the Individual competition (Para Grand Prix A) and the Team competition (Para Grand Prix B).

3. Starting order: The starting order for the Freestyle to Music Competition according to FEI Rules will be determined by a draw according to the FEI Rules, Article 8414, 13: "The starting order for Freestyle Competitions will be drawn in groups of four (4) using the qualifying results. The first four (4) to compete in the Freestyle will be the four (4) lowest scoring combinations. The last four (4) to compete in the Freestyle will be the four (4) highest scoring combinations. Where the number of Athletes in the Grade is not divisible by four (4), the remaining Athletes (not in a group of four -4-) will be drawn as the first group. The first group will be the smaller one, the second group the larger one."
4. Placing: The total percentage given by all judges determine the placing of the competition. In case of equality of marks, for the first three places, the higher artistic marks will decide on the better placing. Should the artistic mark be the same the mark for harmony shall decide. If still tied the mark for choreography shall decide.
5. Prizes:
The NBE Para Dressage Individual Freestyle Championships will have a prize-giving ceremony conducted as per article 50.

Article 49. PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY FOR THE NORDIC/BALTIC PARA DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. In connection with the ceremony concerning the final results of the NBE Para Dressage Team Championship:
 - 1.1. The three best placed NBE Para Dressage Teams will be invited dismounted to the prize giving ceremony, which takes place immediately after the relevant Team Competition for all Grades.
 - 1.2. Each member of the winning Team along with the title of the NBE Para Dressage Team Champion will receive a gold medal. The members of the second Team will receive a silver medal each and those of the third Team a bronze medal each.
 - 1.3. The horses will receive one rosette each.
 - 1.4. The national anthem of the NBE Dressage Team Champion will be played while the national flags of the three first NBE Dressage Teams will be hoisted.
2. In connection with the ceremony concerning the final results of the NBE Individual Para Dressage Championships and the NBE Individual Para Dressage Freestyle Championships
 - 2.1. The 25% better placed Athletes, calculated on the number of those who have entered in the arena to participate in the Individual championship competition and in the Individual Freestyle Competition, with a maximum of the 5 best placed Athletes will be invited to the prize giving ceremony, which takes place immediately after the relevant Competition for all categories.
 - 2.2. The winner along with the title of the NBE Individual Para Dressage Champion and the NBE Individual Freestyle Para Dressage Champion will receive a gold medal, the second a silver medal and the third a bronze medal.
 - 2.3. The horses will receive one rosette each.
 - 2.4. The national anthem of the Nordic/Baltic Individual Dressage Champion will be played while the national flags of the three first Nordic/Baltic Individual Dressage Champions will be hoisted.

3 February 2025

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APPENDIX 1

According to Article 3: The OF is rotated between the Nordic Countries according to an agreed rotation.

Rotation of organisation Jumping, Dressage and Para Dressage

2024	Denmark
2025	Finland
2026	Sweden
2027	Norway
2028	Denmark
2029	Finland
2030	Sweden
2031	Norway