

PROPOSALS FOR RULES CHANGES OF VAULTING RULES 2024

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 Vaulting Rules took place in 2021. 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 Vaulting Technical 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 2024. 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 Vaulting Technical Committee; and

B. Rules Proposals put forward by the FEI

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A. Proposals received from NFs/MOU Stakeholders by 1 March 2024

None Received.

B. Proposals put forward by the FEI Vaulting Technical Committee

Article No.–Article Name
Article 703 - QUALIFICATION PROCEDURE AND CERTIFICATES OF CAPABILITY
Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria
Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc.
Explanation for Proposed Change
Wording correction. Youth = Juniors and Young Vaulters
Proposed Wording
1.2. FEI World (CH-M-V J) & Continental Championships (CH-EU-J -V) for Juniors Youth

Article No.–Article Name
719 – EQUIPMENT
Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria
Implementation of new technology development(s) relevant to the specific set of Rules
Explanation for Proposed Change
This is covered in Article 1044.8 of the FEI Veterinary Regulations
Proposed Wording
2.1.5. At any level of competition, a noseband may never be so tightly fixed that it causes harm to the horse and must be checked as per the Stewards Manual noseband protocol.
2.1.5 Article 1044.8 of the FEI Veterinary Regulations applies in relation to the permitted tightness of the noseband

Article No.–Article Name
719 – EQUIPMENT
Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria
New/recently introduced rule(s) that has(ve) proven to be problematic in its implementation

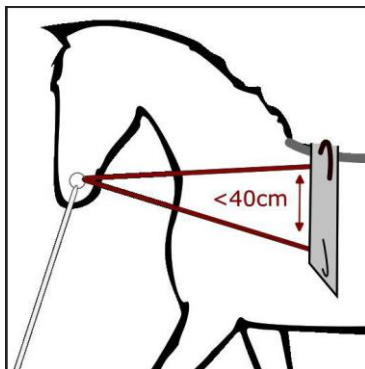
Explanation for Proposed Change

The VTC has decided to change the name of the equipment currently known as draw reins (which was introduced in the FEI Vaulting Rules in 2024). According to the Tack app, the term "draw reins" is used differently to how it is used in Vaulting. For the sake of clarity, the VTC has chosen a new name that is not used for any other equipment in the Tack app or other FEI Sports Rules.

Proposed Wording

2.5 Either two side reins, or **Draw Three points** reins, are permitted. **Three points Draw** reins are attached from the surcingle through the bit rings back to the surcingle on the same side. The distance between the two attached points (top and bottom) on each side of the surcingle must not be greater than 40 centimeters. **The Three points draw** reins must be adjustable only as per manufacture and any homemade modification of the adjustments of the **Three points draw reins** (for example making a knot) is not permitted. (Standing reins or auxiliary reins are not permitted).

*pictogram of allowed **Three points draw** reins:



Article No.–Article Name

- Article 736 - SQUAD COMPULSORY TESTS
- Article 739 - INDIVIDUAL COMPULSORY TESTS
- Article 743 - INDIVIDUAL COMPULSORY TEST FOR PAS-DE-DEUX 1*

Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc.

Explanation for Proposed Change

The VTC proposes to omit the specific leg position from the name of the exercise, in accordance with the FEI Vaulting Guidelines 2024 where the exercise is already described without prescribing leg positions. This text applies to all situations where the names of exercises is harmonised (Articles 736, 739 and 743 as mentioned above)

Proposed Wording

2. Squad Comp Test 1/ Individual Comp Test 1/ Pas de Deux Comp Test

Exercises to be shown:

1. Vault On
2. Basic Seat
3. Flag
4. Stand
5. Swing Forwards ~~legs-closed~~
6. Half Mill
7. Swing Backwards ~~legs-open~~, followed by dismount to inside

Article No.–Article Name

Article 737 - SQUAD FREE TESTS

Periodical Rules Revision Policy Criteria

Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc

Explanation for Proposed Change

This clarification is necessary as there has been misinterpretation regarding the rule. It was incorrectly assumed that a single exercise performed on horseback would not be scored. This is not the intention of the rule.

Proposed Wording

1. Each Vaultler must perform at least one exercise.

No more than three (3) Vaultlers may be on the Horse at one time. At least two of ~~the three~~ Vaultlers must remain in contact with the Horse, otherwise these elements of the exercises are not scored.

A Free Test consists of static and dynamic exercises, as well as transitions. Mounts and dismounts carried out with assistance from the ground will receive a deduction (see Guidelines).