

## PROPOSALS FOR RULES CHANGES OF VETERINARY REGULATIONS 2023

### Introduction

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

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

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

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

**A. Rules Proposals received from NFs/MOU Stakeholders by 1 March 2023.** In this section you will find each of the Rules Proposals received from NFs/MOU Stakeholders addressed by the FEI with the relevant feedback from the Veterinary Committee; and

**B. Rules Proposals put forward by the FEI**



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

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
GER NF
<b>Article No. – Article Name</b>
Article 1039 - Morning Re-Inspection
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>Correction of inconsistency</p> <p>Especially due to high costs of the whole participation and possible issues after travelling, also Eventing horses should be given a second chance (including the possibility of taking an MCP control). This is easy to realize and like in most other disciplines could be very helpful.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In Dressage, Para-Equestrian Dressage, Jumping, <u>Eventing</u>, Driving and Vaulting Events a Morning Re-inspections may be permitted on the morning of the first Competition.</li> <li>2. Morning Re-inspections must be carried out as described in Article 10386 No re-inspection is permitted following the Morning Re-inspection.</li> <li>3. The Inspection Panel's decision is final and binding; no appeal can be lodged.</li> <li>4. Horses that are accepted at Morning Re-inspections may undergo EADCM sampling</li> </ol>
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<p>The FEI is not in agreement with allowing a morning re-inspection for Eventing. The current Eventing rules, Article 524.3 (Horse Welfare During the Competition) and Article 515.2.1 allow the Ground Jury to review any horses whose fitness is doubtful with the possibility of eliminating them for this reason at any stage of the competition.</p>
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
IRL
<b>Article No. – Article Name</b>
Article 1039 - Morning Re-Inspection
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>

Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc.

Due to high costs of the whole participation and possible issues after travelling it is agreed that giving horses a second chance (including the possibility of taking an MCP control) is easy to realize and like in most other disciplines could be very helpful in the Eventing Discipline. The addition of "where applicable" considers short format events.

#### Proposed Wording

1. In Dressage, Para-Equestrian Dressage, Jumping, Eventing, Driving and Vaulting Events a Morning Re-inspections may be permitted, where applicable, on the morning of the first Competition.

#### FEI Feedback

The FEI is not in agreement with allowing a morning re-inspection for Eventing. The current Eventing rules, Article 524.3 (Horse Welfare During the Competition) and Article 515.2.1 allow the Ground Jury to review any horses whose fitness is doubtful with the possibility of eliminating them for this reason at any stage of the competition.

#### FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)

N/A

#### Rules Proposal Submitted By

GER NF

#### Article No. – Article Name

Article 1044 - Bandages and Tack

#### Explanation for Proposed Change

Newly introduced rule that is problematic in its implementation

The new rule regarding bits will cause confusion. The Veterinary Regulations should not mix with the relevant sport rules and only restrict horse welfare issues etc.

#### Proposed Wording

1. In addition to these VRs, the prohibitions and requirements regarding specific types of tack are also regulated according to the various Sport Rules.
2. The FVD/VD may be required to advise on health and welfare matters concerning tack.
3. The following items of tack are prohibited for use at any time during the Period of the Event:
  - a) tongue ties
  - b) mouth guards which cover the teeth
4. Throat support devices such as Cornell collars are allowed for use during Events however a written statement from a veterinarian must be provided to certify that the Horse requires such a device for welfare reasons. The statement must be received by the

FEI Veterinary Department at least 4 weeks before first use at an Event. A copy of the statement must be retained at all times for inspection during an Event.

5. Tongue guards are only allowed for use during Events provided they are correctly used. They are prohibited for use in Dressage Events. ~~Additional items or changes made to the bit that affects its function are not permitted.~~

6. Horses are not permitted to wear glasses or visors outside the FEI Stables Area

#### FEI Feedback

The FEI is not in agreement with the suggested removal of text and believes it should remain for clarity and supports with the alignment of all discipline rules.

#### FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)

N/A

## B. Rules Proposals put forward by the FEI

#### Article No. – Article Name

Article 1007 – Veterinary Services

#### Explanation for Proposed Change

A clarification has been made to paragraph 2(j) to ensure that recumbent horses can be transported where necessary to enable the highest level of veterinary care.

#### Proposed Wording

- j) There must be a suitable designated Horse ambulance with a dedicated driver available immediately adjacent to the Field of Play at all times during Competition. The Horse ambulance must include a winch for the loading of recumbent Horses. If the Horse ambulance is a trailer then it must be attached to a towing vehicle.

#### Article No.–Article Name

Article 1008 - Stables

#### Explanation for Proposed Change

Paragraph 1: A clarification has been made to the provision of stables for Vaulting horses. With respect to their size, the FEI proposes that they are all stabled in larger stables for their welfare.

Paragraph 5: The FEI would like to introduce a new annex to the Veterinary Regulations in support of the Key Event Requirements project. The aim of the new annex is to ensure FEI stables are cleaned and disinfected correctly and to harmonise these procedures.

Paragraph 6: Changes to this paragraph have been made in support of the key event requirements project.

Paragraph 10: Changes have been made to align with the proposed changes to the Endurance Rules.

Paragraph 11 (b): Following the introduction of 'accompanying horses' in the 2023 version of the rules, the FEI proposes the concept to become a defined term with a definition being included in the Glossary. An amendment has been made for clarity regarding FEI horses competing in national classes.

Paragraph 13: Changes have been made to align with the proposed changes to the Endurance Rules.

### Proposed Wording

1. Stables/ loose boxes must be provided within the Event venue and be at least 3m x 3m. An adequate number of stables must be at least 4m x 3m to accommodate the larger Horses. All Vaulting Horses are to be housed in stables of at least 4m x 3m. The stables must be of high quality and well-constructed to provide a safe environment for the Horse.
5. The FEI Stables Area and all stables must be cleaned, and disinfected, in accordance with Annex X and sealed before the arrival of Horses, ensuring they are free of contamination and disease vectors
6. The FEI Stables Area must adhere to biosecurity requirements as described in Article 1027 and, include the following facilities:
  - a) ~~adequate~~ lighting of at least 250 lux, safe electrical points throughout the stables;
  - b) ~~adequate~~ ventilation should allow a constant airflow and maintain an air change rate to prevent excessive heat and moisture levels and to remove dust and gas contaminants that can be damaging to Horses and people. This must be achieved without producing air movement that causes discomfort to the Horses.
  - c) fresh, low-dust-free straw, wood shavings and/or paper bedding;
  - d) good quality, clean water and feed;
  - e) clean supply of drinking water that meets standards for human consumption. There must be sufficient access/number and distribution of water outlets with a water flow rate of at least 8L/min available throughout the FEI Stables Area
  - f) fire precautions and a stables evacuation plan in compliance with local fire regulations including instructions and information on, but not limited to, a Horse evacuation plan including routes and holding area(s), placement of fire extinguishers, alarm points and procedures, any smoke detectors and first aid boxes, a schedule of planned inspections, and fire/emergency vehicle access/routes;
  - g) sufficient number of Horse wash down facilities, so that Horses do not wait more than 10 minutes to be washed; and
  - h) sufficient space between stables allocated in the FEI Stables Area for the storage of Horse/ Athlete equipment
  - i) and sufficient space to allow for the safe movement of Horses and people throughout around the FEI Stable Areas, including any aisles between stables. Any route where two horses may reasonably be expected to pass should be of

minimum unobstructed width of 4m; if less than 4m, a one-way system should be implemented; and

h) closure of the FEI Stables Area for 6 consecutive hours overnight with minimal lighting and noise to allow the Horses to rest adequately.

10. All Events must comply with the following stabling requirements except for Events held over 1 day in all Disciplines, and CCI1\*-S, CCI2\*-S, and CCI3\*-S, CAI1\*, CAI2\* and CAI3\* events (except for CAI3\* World Cup Qualifiers) and CEI\* and CEI2\* CIM Events.

- a) an FEI Stables Area must be provided for Horses within the Event venue and must be demarcated by the OC. The demarcation may be changed on request of the VC/VD;
- b) the designated FEI Stables Area will be subject to 24 hour supervision by Stewards;
- c) only authorised persons, as described in Article 1009, are allowed within the FEI Stables Area.

A derogation may be given by the FEI Veterinary Department to allow Horses competing in CCI4\*-S Events, to be stabled away from the Event venue. The Horse's location must be recorded in the FEI HorseApp to permit stewarding and EADCM testing at the location in which the Horse is stabled

11. The following stabling arrangements for Horses must be implemented:

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- b) Horses that are not registered with the FEI are not permitted access to the FEI Stables Area.

FEI Registered Horses that are (i) not Aaccompanying Horses and (ii) that are only competing in other competitions e.g. national and regional competitions at the same Event venue are not permitted to enter the FEI Stables Area.

FEI Registered Horses which satisfy the criteria of Accompanying Horses and are companion Horses, in-transit Horses, that are accompanying Horses or Horses competing in FEI-national classes are permitted to access the FEI Stables Area provided that they meet the health requirements in Articles 1002, 1027 and 1029.

13. Stable security as described below is required at all Events, with the following exceptions:

Dressage: CDI1\*, CDI2\*, CDIch, CDI-P, CDI-J, CDI-Y, CDI-YH and CDI3\* outside Europe

Driving: CAI 1\*, CAI 2\* and CAI3\*

Endurance: CEI1\* and CEI2\* CIM

Eventing: CCI\*-Intro, CCI2\*-S, CCI2\*-L, CCI3\*-S, CCI3\*-L, and CCI4\*-S

Para Equestrian Dressage: All CPEDI except Championships and Games

Vaulting: CVI 1\*, CVI 2\*, CVI 3\* CVI-Ch and CVI-J

#### Article No. – Article Name

Article 1010 – Examination on Arrival Area

#### Explanation for Proposed Change

Clarifications have been made to the existing rule to support the highest levels of equine welfare.

#### Proposed Wording

1. OCs must organise facilities for the Examination on Arrival of all Horses at the venue which allows them to be unloaded within 1hr of arriving at the venue.
2. The Examination on Arrival area must include:
  - a) sufficient space for the minimal contact and safe movement of Horses throughout the area;
  - a)b) safe non-slip footing and
  - b)c) a covered area for the collection of Horse passports.

#### Article No. – Article Name

Article 1023 - Veterinary Medication and Supportive Therapies

#### Explanation for Proposed Change

Correction of an inconsistency is proposed regarding the Treatment Boxes. The term Treatment Boxes will be used in place of Designated Treatment Boxes throughout the rules document.

#### Proposed Wording

4. ~~Designated~~ Treatment Boxes are subject to intermittent monitoring by Stewards.

#### Article No. – Article Name

Article 1027 – Biosecurity at FEI Events

#### Explanation for Proposed Change

Paragraph 2: The FEI would like to clarify that Veterinary Delegates may request for a horse's temperature to be checked at any time during the Event and supervised temperature-taking takes place where horses are stables for longer periods of time. These changes are to support enhanced equine welfare where horses undergo longer periods of time in which close contacts with others may take place.

Paragraph 12: An article has been added to prohibit grooming and tacking-up of horses in stable aisles. This is for safety reasons and to allow the rapid evacuation of stables in an emergency.

#### Proposed Wording

2. While Horses are present on the Event venue, their rectal temperature must be taken at least twice daily and recorded by the PR using FEI HorseApp. The VC/VD may request the Horse's temperature is taken at any time during the Event on their request and must organise supervised temperature-taking of 5% of Horses each day at Events where Horses are stabled for more than 1 week. Other methods of evaluating the Horse's body temperature must be FEI approved. Any change in the health status of the Horse should be immediately reported to the VD.

12. Grooming, tacking-up of Horses and any other similar activities must not take place in stable aisles

#### Article No. – Article Name

Article 1029 – Examination on Arrival

#### Explanation for Proposed Change

The abbreviation EVT has been replaced with EVTO, to align with Annex 1, following the clarification of the incoming change for 2023. The change will be made to all abbreviations in the document, with an example shown below.

#### Proposed Wording

2. The FVD/PVC/VD, VSM or TV/EVTO appointed by the VSM, must examine all Horses arriving at the Event venue and collect their Passports, before they are allowed to enter the stables.

#### Article No. – Article Name

Article 1033 – Horse Inspections' Timings

#### Explanation for Proposed Change

Changes have been made to this article to align with proposed changes to the Endurance Rules.

#### Proposed Wording

Horse Inspections' timings for the various Disciplines are as follows:

<b><u>DISCIPLINE</u></b>	<b><u>FIRST HORSE INSPECTION</u></b>	<b><u>ADDITIONAL</u></b>
<b>Dressage and Para-Equestrian Dressage</b>	Within 24 hours of the start of the first competition*	<b>Second Horse Inspection:</b> takes place at Championships and Games, within 24 hours of the start of the last competition



<b>Driving</b>	Within 24 hours of the start of first competition	<p><b>In Harness Horse Inspection:</b> prior to the start of section A/Controlled Warm-Up of the marathon.</p> <p><b>In Harness Examination:</b> between 10-15 minutes after the Athlete has entered the Cool Down area.</p> <p><b>In Harness inspection before Cones:</b> before the Cones test where it does not take place on the same day as Dressage</p>
<b>Endurance</b>	For CEI1* and CEI2* <u>CIM</u> Events: Within 24 hours before the start of the first loop For <u>non-CIM CEI2* and</u> CEI3* Events and above, including Championships: no less than 12 hours before and no longer than 24hrs before the start of the first loop	<p><b>Vet Gate Inspection:</b> at the end of each phase</p> <p><b>Final Horse Inspection:</b> at the end of the competition.</p>
<b>Eventing (CCI-L)</b>	Within 24 hours of the start of first competition	<p><b>Veterinary examination:</b> after Cross country</p> <p><b>Second Horse Inspection:</b> takes place on the same day as the Jumping Test, before the start of the Jumping Test</p>
<b>Eventing (CCI-S)</b>	The First Horse Inspection is optional however where organised, takes place within 24 hours of the first competition	<b>Second Horse Inspection:</b> must take place where the Jumping Test is the last test, on the same day as the Jumping Test, before the start of the Jumping Test.
<b>Jumping</b>	Within 24 hours of the start of first competition	<b>Second Horse Inspection:</b> before the start of the final Competition at FEI World Cup™ Finals, World, Continental Championships and Olympic Games.
<b>Vaulting</b>	Within 24 hours of the start of first competition	None

	or official training, whichever is the earliest	
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\*The First Horse Inspection in Dressage at the Olympic Games may take place within 48 hours of the start of the first competition.

**Article No. – Article Name**

Article 1038 – Re-Inspection

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

Paragraph 3: A clarification has been made to the paragraph to better explain the intention of the rule

Paragraph 4: A clarification has been made to ensure the rule is correctly interpreted.

**Proposed Wording**

3. Horses whose fitness to compete is still deemed questionable following Re-Inspection may be ~~requested~~permitted to undergo a Morning Re-Inspection. Morning Re-Inspection is not possible for Horses that were not accepted to compete.
4. Morning Re-inspections are not permitted following the Second Horse Inspection that takes place before final Competitions.

**Article No. – Article Name**

Article 1043 – Endurance

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

Paragraphs 11, 21 (f) (iv), 26, 27 and 41: Changes have been made to align with proposed changes to the Endurance rules

**Proposed Wording**

11. The OC must indicate in the Draft schedule that is submitted to the FEI whether a one or two-phase veterinary inspection will be performed at the Competition. The OC must confirm in the Schedule the number of Heart Rate Assessment Veterinarians that will be present should a two-phase veterinary inspection be chosen. Where in the opinion of the PGJ, in consultation with the VC, the type of veterinary inspection selected by the OC is not appropriate or would cause logistical issues, the PGJ can decided to change the type of veterinary inspection initially selected by the OC (from one phase to two-phase, or vice versa). Any such change must be made prior to the start of the Competition and must be communicated at the pre-ride briefing.

a) One-phase veterinary inspection

When the Horse enters the Vetting Area, it must be taken directly from the Vetting Area entrance to a designated Veterinarian in the vet lane (as instructed by the Stewards)

showing constant forward motion. The inspection decorum in the Vetting Area must be respected at all times (see paragraph 10 of Annex 5 of the Endurance Rules).

b) Two-phase veterinary inspection

When the Horse enters the Vetting Area, it must be taken directly from the Vetting Area entrance (as instructed by the Officials) to the designated Veterinarian in the vet lane showing constant forward motion. Should all the vetting lanes be occupied, the Horse will be assessed by a designated Heart Rate Assessment Veterinarian (who must be a member of the Veterinary Commission). If there is a sufficient number of Heart Rate Assessment Veterinarians present, all Horses can present first to them and then proceed to the Veterinarian in the lane. The inspection decorum in the Vetting Area must be respected at all times (see paragraph 10 of Annex 5 of the Endurance Rules).

- (i) The Heart Rate Assessment Veterinarian will take the Horse's Heart Rate according to the protocol outlined in Annex 5, paragraph 9.3 of the Endurance Rules (Heart rate assessment procedure).
- (ii) If the Horse meets the maximum heart rate parameters, it will then pass to the designated Veterinarian in the vet lane as instructed by the Officials showing constant forward motion in order to complete a full Veterinary Inspection including the CRI.
- (iii) The designated Veterinarian in the vet lane will carry out a full Veterinary Inspection including a CRI with the HR measurement recorded by the Heart Rate Assessment Veterinarian. To clarify, only the first heart rate measurement taken by the Heart Rate Assessment Veterinarian is considered.

For the final inspection, the Horse must proceed to the designated Veterinarian in the vet lane.

Subject to any further restrictions set out in the Competition Schedule or specified by the Ground Jury, no more than two people (of which one is preferably the Athlete) may accompany a Horse in the Vetting Area. In addition, at Championships and CEIOs, the Team Veterinarian and/or Chef d'Equipe may access the Vetting Area during the Competition provided that they report their presence to the President of the Ground Jury and only if a Horse of their country is being presented. Any persons entering the Vetting Area must be properly identified in accordance with Article 813.3.

21 (f)

(iv) If the heart rate is greater than the maximum heart parameter after the 60-second assessment:

- (A) Except for the Final Horse Inspection (where only one presentation is permitted), if there is no presentation sufficient time remaining for a second presentation (see Article 816.6 of the Endurance Rules), the Horse may be presented a second time for a heart rate re-inspection. The same procedures under paragraphs (a)-(f) above will apply to the second presentation.
- (B) If there is no presentation sufficient time remaining for a heart rate re-inspection or the Horse fails to meet the maximum heart rate parameters at the heart rate re-inspection or at the Final Horse Inspection (where only one presentation is permitted), then a confirmation procedure must be completed to confirm the failed assessment. For the confirmation procedure, the ~~Horse must be presented to a second~~ same Veterinarian will reassess the Horse's heart rate for 15 seconds immediately after the failed assessment. If an electronic heart rate monitor was used for the failed assessment, then a second electronic heart rate monitor (or,

if not available, a stethoscope) must be used, except for a Championship where there will be no confirmatory procedure. The Veterinarian will assess the Horse's heart rate for 15 seconds only. If the Horse is to be designated as 'Failed to Qualify', then the Horse's heart rate during the confirmation procedure must either be made available on a public electronic display or notified to a member of the Ground Jury. If the Horse's heart rate is greater than the maximum heart rate parameter during the confirmation procedure, the Horse will be designated as 'Failed to Qualify – metabolic' (FTQ-ME).

26. Subject to Article 816.6.6 of the Endurance Rules, if the Horse's heart rate is higher than the maximum heart rate parameters, the Horse may leave the Vetting Area and be presented a second time for a heart rate re-inspection provided that it is still within the permitted presentation time. If a Horse does not pass the second presentation it will be designated as Failed to Qualify (subject to the confirmation procedure in paragraph 9.3(f)(iv) of Annex 5 of the Endurance Rules). A third presentation is not permitted.
27. ~~At the first Vet Gate after the halfway point on the course or at the third Vet Gate (whichever comes first), and at each subsequent Vet Gate, Horses that present at the Vetting Area with a heart rate greater than 68 bpm at the first presentation must pass a heart rate re-inspection and a compulsory re-inspection before being permitted to start the next Loop and onwards, except for the Final Inspection, all Horses entering with more than 10 minutes recovery time must pass a compulsory re-inspection.~~
41. All Horses removed (voluntarily or otherwise) from Competition must be presented for Horse Inspection either to the FEI Veterinary Commission or the FEI Treatment Veterinary Panel immediately after removal, unless the President of the Veterinary Commission, President of the Treating Veterinary Commission, and Foreign Veterinary Delegate permit the Horse's immediate transfer from the Field of Play to a pre-authorized treatment centre and the Horse's veterinary records are updated accordingly. Failure to comply with this Article will result in the issue of an Endurance Yellow Warning Card to the Athlete and Trainer, Disqualification of the Combination with Horse Not Presented, imposition of a 60-day Mandatory Out of Competition Period for the Horse, and the penalty points set out in Article 864 of the Endurance Regulations.

#### Article No. – Article Name

Article 1065 – Prohibited Supportive Therapies

#### Explanation for Proposed Change

A change is proposed to a newly introduced rule that is proving problematic. The clarification of '>500W' has led to confusion in determining the laser classifications where lasers consist of multiple heads. The FEI proposes to only refer to the laser classification rather than their output.

#### Proposed Wording

1. The use of Class IV lasers (~~>~~500mW) is prohibited at FEI Events.

#### Article No. – Article Name

Article 1080 – Regulatory Height

#### Explanation for Proposed Change

A correction is to be made to paragraph 1 of the Article following the recent changes to the rules document.

#### Proposed Wording

1. FEI Ponies must be measured in at an FEI Measuring Session and be issued with an Interim or Lifetime Measuring Certificate in order to be allowed to take part in FEI Pony Competitions with the exception to the conditions described in Article 1081.1~~6~~7.

#### Article No. – Article Name

Article 1081 – Pony Measuring at FEI Measuring Sessions

#### Explanation for Proposed Change

Paragraph 10 – A clarification is required regarding the vaccination status of ponies attending FEI Measuring Sessions

Paragraph 11 – A clarification is required regarding the need for FEI Stewards to ensure FEI standards are implementes at FEI Measuring Sessions.

#### Proposed Wording

10. Horses attending Pony Measurements are subject to testing under the EADCM Regulations. For the purpose of the application of the EADCM Regulations to a Horse attending a Pony Measurement, a Horse shall be considered as being "In-Competition" from the time of its arrival at the Pony Measurement Station until its departure from the Pony Measurement Station following completion of the Pony Measurement process (including all related paperwork) and EADCMP testing (where applicable) (the "Pony Measurement Period"). The pony must therefore be vaccinated in accordance with Article 1003. In addition to the consequences foreseen for violation of the EAD Rules and/or the ECM Rules under the EADCM Regulations, a violation of the EAD Rules and/or ECM Rules in connection with a test taken at a Pony Measurement may, at the discretion of the FEI, lead to the invalidation of the results of the relevant Pony Measurement.

11. A minimum of 3 Stewards, of which at least 1 must be an FEI Steward, must be appointed by the NF to facilitate the Pony Measuring procedure and ensure the safety of all participants. This includes and is not limited to: ensuring the efficient movement of Ponies into and out of the Measuring Area, assisting with identification, ensuring the Measuring Area does not become unnecessarily crowded and observing the Ponies in the lungeing / riding area.

#### Article No. – Article Name

Article 1082 - Ponies' Presentation

#### Explanation for Proposed Change

The recent implementation of FEI Measuring Sessions has presented the need to place a limit on the maximum number of ponies measures in each session in order to respect best practices.

#### Proposed Wording

6. The maximum presentation time for the measurement is 10 minutes per Pony and a maximum of 60 ponies should be measured in each FEI Measuring Session. In the event of a Pony failing to relax sufficiently to be measured, the PR may request a 20 minute presentation time at the next measurement subject to approval by the FEI Veterinary Department.

#### Article No. – Article Name

Article 1098 – Officiating Veterinarians

#### Explanation for Proposed Change

Following recent changes to the Veterinary Regulations regarding pony measuring, Measuring Veterinarians officiate at FEI Measuring Session and the proposed change reflects this situation.

#### Proposed Wording

1. Officiating Veterinarians include Official Veterinarians, Endurance Official Veterinarians, Endurance Veterinary Treating Officials, Testing Veterinarians, Measuring Veterinarians and Examining Veterinarians. Only Officiating Veterinarians can act as FEI Veterinary Officials at FEI Events and/or FEI Measuring Sessions.

**Article No. – Article Name**

Article 1103 – Treating Veterinarians

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

An additional paragraph has been added to the article to align with proposed changes to the Endurance Rules.

**Proposed Wording**

8. A TV who has been appointed on the approved Endurance Event Schedule may assist in conducting the veterinary inspections on the vet lanes when there is a high number of Horses arriving together, provided this TV has the required level (EOV) to perform this function, and provided there are no Horses that need treatment. As soon as this TV is needed to treat a Horse, they may no longer be part of the Veterinary Commission in the vet lane. Priority must always be given to Horses in need of treatment.

**Article No. – Article Name**

Article 1106 – Veterinary Delegates

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

The FEI proposes to remove redundant text from paragraph 3 since pony measuring now no longer takes place at FEI events.

**Proposed Wording**

3. VCs/ VDs must be satisfied that the OC and VSM, have provided all facilities, ~~including Pony Measuring facilities where applicable,~~ to an adequate standard before the arrival of the Horses and throughout the Event. The VD must also review with the VSM their emergency plan for the venue incidents.

**Article No. – Article Name**

1108 – National Head Veterinarians

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

Changes are proposed to paragraph 1, parts b) and d) with respect to the OIE having been re-named as WOAH.

### Proposed Wording

- b) liaise with their national veterinary authority and its officials and be aware of regulations governing the temporary importation and re-entry of Horses; be fully aware of and distribute any special measures that may apply to the international movement of FEI registered Horses that are issued by national governments or by ~~the OIE/WOAH~~;
- d) distribute information and educational material provided by the FEI to FEI Veterinarians, including FEI Veterinarian Courses, FEI Updates and any special communications received from their national governments, ~~the OIE/WOAH~~ or other official bodies;

### Article No. – Article Name

#### Article 1116 – FEI Appointed Veterinarians

### Explanation for Proposed Change

Following recent changes to the Veterinary Regulations regarding pony measuring, Measuring Veterinarians officiate at FEI Measuring Session and the proposed change reflects this situation.

### Proposed Wording

1. The FEI Veterinary Department appoints the following OV's to Events and/or FEI Measuring Sessions:
  - a) Testing Veterinarians;
  - b) Foreign Veterinary Delegates (FVDs) and VDs:
    - i. may be appointed to Events at the discretion of the FEI Veterinary Department. Events may be selected at random or in a targeted manner;
    - ii. in accordance with the GRs and in consultation with the Veterinary Committee as specified in Annex IX;
  - c) Presidents and Members of the Veterinary Commission in consultation with the Endurance Department as specified in Annex IX;
  - d) Presidents and Members of the Treating Veterinary Commission in consultation with the Endurance Department as specified in Annex IX;
  - e) Examining Veterinarians; and
  - f) Measuring Veterinarians.

### Article No. – Article Name

Annex I – List of Abbreviations

### Explanation for Proposed Change



Changes are proposed with respect to the OIE having been re-named as WOAH.

### Proposed Wording

~~OIE~~                      ~~Office International des Épizooties (World Organisation for Animal Health)~~  
WOAH                      World Organisation for Animal Health

### Article No. – Article Name

Annex VI – Sanctions in case of FEI Veterinary Regulation violations

### Explanation for Proposed Change

Sanction 24 – A correction has been made to due to the renumbering of the sanctions in the last revision of the rules

Three new sanctions are to be included relating to taking the horse's temperature and Elective Testing. The FEI considered the falsification of temperature records to be a serious risk to equine welfare and the use of temperature-taking methods that are not FEI approved, to be a risk to monitoring horse health. Finally, FEI laboratories may report any falsification or suspected falsification of information relating to Elective Testing

### Proposed Wording

24	1003	Equine influenza primary course (V1 and V2) not administered after receiving a Sanction <del>230</del> .	Horse not allowed to compete nor enter the FEI Stables Area
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<u>52</u>	<u>1027.2 &amp; 1029.3</u>	<u>Falsification of a temperature record</u>	<u>Disqualification and report to FEI Veterinary Department</u>
<u>53</u>	<u>1027.2 &amp; 1029.3</u>	<u>Recording a horse's temperature using a method that is not FEI approved</u>	<u>Report to FEI Veterinary Department</u>
<u>54</u>	<u>1056</u>	<u>Falsification or suspected falsification of any information relating to the submission of Elective Testing samples</u>	<u>Report to FEI Veterinary Department</u>

**Article No. – Article Name**

Annex IX – FEI Veterinarians required for Events

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

A clarification has been made to the FEI Veterinarians required regarding the roles of veterinarians at CIOs and Championships other than World Championships for disciplines other than Endurance. Furthermore, a correction has been made regarding the required veterinarians for Senior World Championships.

Changes have also been made to the table of FEI Veterinarians required for Endurance events to align with proposed changes to the Endurance Rules.

**Proposed Wording**

Disciplines: Jumping, Dressage &amp; Para-Dressage, Eventing, Driving &amp; Para-Driving, Vaulting

FEI Events	FEI Veterinarians	Minimum Level	Number	Appointment
CIMs (See Appendix E of the FEI General Regulations)	Veterinary Delegate	Level 2 OV	1	OC, subject to FEI approval
	Additional Veterinary Delegates	Level 2 OV	(See Note 1)	OC, subject to FEI approval
	Veterinary Services Manager	Level 1 OV	1	OC, subject to FEI approval
CIs Children's Classics Challenge Finals Regional Championships	Veterinary Delegate	Level 3 OV*	1 (See Note 2)	OC, subject to FEI approval
	Additional Veterinary Delegates	Level 2 OV	(See Note 1)	OC, subject to FEI approval
	Veterinary Services Manager	Level 1 OV	1	OC, subject to FEI approval
CIOs (See note 3)	Foreign Veterinary Delegate	Level 3 OV	1	OC, subject to FEI approval
	<del>Additional Veterinary Delegates</del> President of Veterinary Commission	Level 3 OV	<del>Minimum 21</del>	OC, subject to FEI approval

	<u>Member of Veterinary Commission</u>	<u>Level 3 OV</u>	<u>Minimum 1</u>	<u>OC subject to FEI approval</u>
	Veterinary Services Manager	Level 1 OV	1	OC, subject to FEI approval
Young Horse Championships Non-senior World Championships Non-senior Continental Championships and Games Non-senior Regional Games/Championships	Foreign Veterinary Delegate	Level 3 OV	1	FEI Headquarters
	<del>Additional Veterinary Delegates</del> <u>President of Veterinary Commission</u>	Level 3 OV	<del>1</del> <u>Minimum 2</u>	OC, subject to FEI approval
	<u>Member of Veterinary Commission</u>	<u>Level 3 OV</u>	<u>Minimum 1</u>	<u>OC, subject to FEI approval</u>
	Veterinary Services Manager	Level 1 OV	1	OC, subject to FEI approval
FEI Jumping Nations Cup Final FEI World Cup™ Finals <del>Senior World Championships</del> Senior Continental Championships Senior Continental Games Senior Regional Games/Championships	Foreign Veterinary Delegate	Level 4 OV**	1	FEI Headquarters
	<del>Additional Veterinary Delegates</del> <u>President of Veterinary Commission</u>	Level 3 OV	<del>Minimum 2</del> <u>1</u>	OC, subject to FEI approval
	<u>Member of Veterinary Commission</u>	<u>Level 3 OV</u>	<u>Minimum 1</u>	<u>OC, subject to FEI approval</u>
	Veterinary Services Manager	Level 1 OV	1	OC, subject to FEI approval

- (1) A minimum of one VD must be appointed for every 400 horses. The FEI Veterinary Department reserves the right to request AVDs.  
 (2) More than one VD may be appointed at Events where competitions of different disciplines take place on different Fields of Play simultaneously.  
 (3) Refer to discipline rules regarding Eventing Nations Cup requirements. In the discipline of Vaulting only 1 FVD is required in place of full Veterinary Commission at World Cup Finals

\*The FEI Veterinary Department may grant exceptions to this requirement in regions where there are no eligible or available veterinarians of the required level.

\*\*For non-Olympic Disciplines, a Level 3 OV may be appointed as the FVD.

Disciplines: Jumping, Dressage & Para-Dressage, Eventing, Driving & Para-Driving, Vaulting

FEI Events	FEI Veterinarians	Minimum Level	Number	Appointment
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World Equestrian Games & Senior World Championships	Foreign Veterinary Delegate	Level 4 OV	1 per Veterinary Commission	FEI Headquarters
	President Veterinary Commission	Level 4 OV	1 per Veterinary Commission	FEI Headquarters
	Members Veterinary Commission	Level 3 OV	(See Note 4)	FEI Headquarters
	Veterinary Services Manager	Level 1 OV	1	OC, subject to FEI approval
Olympic & Paralympic Games	Foreign Veterinary Delegate	Level 4 OV	1	FEI Headquarters
	President Veterinary Commission	Level 4 OV	1	FEI Headquarters
	Members Veterinary Commission	Level 3 OV	Minimum 1	FEI Headquarters
	Veterinary Services Manager	Level 1 OV	1	OC, subject to FEI approval

(4) The number of Members of the Veterinary Commissions is set for each edition of the World Equestrian Games/World Championships.

Discipline: Endurance				
FEI Events	FEI Veterinarians	Minimum Level	Number	Appointment
CEI1*, <u>CEI2*</u> CIM & Regional Championships (see notes 5, 6 & 7)	President Veterinary Commission	Level 3 EO <del>V</del>	1	OC, subject to FEI approval
	Members Veterinary Commission	Level 2 EO <del>V</del>	<u>Minimum 2 up to 39 entries</u> + 1 per 20 <u>additional</u> entries	OC, subject to FEI approval
	President Treating Veterinary Commission	Level 3 EVT <u>O</u>	1	OC, subject to FEI approval

	Members Treating Veterinary Commission	PTV	1 per 50 <u>additional</u> entries	OC, subject to FEI approval
	Veterinary Services Manager	Level 2 EVT <u>O</u>	1	OC, subject to FEI approval
<u>Non-CIM</u> CEI2* (see notes 5, 6 & 7)	Foreign Veterinary Delegate	Level 3 EO <u>V</u>	1	<u>FEI Headquarters</u> OC, subject to FEI approval
	President Veterinary Commission	Level 3 EO <u>V</u>	1	<u>FEI Headquarters</u> <del>OC, subject to FEI approval</del>
	Members Veterinary Commission	Level 2 EO <u>V</u>	<u>Minimum 1 up to 29 entries</u> + 1 per 20 <u>additional</u> entries	OC, subject to FEI approval
	President <del>Treating</del> Veterinary <u>Treating</u> Commission	Level 3 EVT <u>O</u>	1	<u>FEI Headquarters</u> <del>OC, subject to FEI approval</del>
	Members <del>Treating</del> Veterinary <u>Treating</u> Commission	PTV	<u>1 up to 59 entries</u> + <u>1</u> per <u>350</u> <u>additional</u> entries	OC, subject to FEI approval
	Veterinary Services Manager	Level 2 EVT <u>O</u>	1	OC, subject to FEI approval

### Discipline: Endurance

FEI Event	FEI Veterinarians Officials	Minimum Level	Number	Appointment
CEI3* (see Notes 5, 6, & 7)	Foreign Veterinary Delegate	Level 3 EO <u>V</u>	1	FEI Headquarters <del>(if more than 20 entries)</del>
	President Veterinary Commission	Level 3 EO <u>V</u>	1	FEI Headquarters <del>(if more than 20 entries)</del>
	Members Veterinary Commission	Level 2 EO <u>V</u>	<u>Minimum 1 up to 29 entries</u>	OC, subject to FEI approval

			+ 1 per 20 <u>additional</u> entries	
	President <del>Treating</del> Veterinary <u>Treating</u> Commission	Level 3 EVT <u>O</u>	1	FEI Headquarters <i>(if more than 20 entries)</i>
	Members <del>Treating</del> Veterinary <u>Treating</u> Commission	PTV	1 <u>up to 59 entries</u> + 1 per 30 <u>additional</u> entries	OC, subject to FEI approval
	Veterinary Services Manager	Level 2 EVT <u>O</u>	1	OC, subject to FEI approval
Regional Games/ Continental Championships; Championships for Seniors, Juniors, Young Riders or Young Horses (see notes 6)	Foreign Veterinary Delegate	Level 4 EO <u>V</u>	1	FEI Headquarters
	President Veterinary Commission	Level 4 EO <u>V</u>	1	FEI Headquarters
	Members Veterinary Commission	Level 3 EO <u>V</u>	<del>Minimum 3</del> <u>up to 29 entries</u> + 1 per 15 <u>additional</u> entries	FEI Headquarters
	President <del>Treating</del> Veterinary <u>Treating</u> Commission	Level 4 EVT <u>O</u>	1	FEI Headquarters
	Members <del>Treating</del> Veterinary <u>Treating</u> Commission	Level 3 EVT <u>O</u>	<del>Minimum 1</del> <u>up to 39 entries</u> + 1 per 20 <u>additional</u> entries	FEI Headquarters
	Veterinary Services Manager	Level 3 EVT <u>O</u>	1	OC, subject to FEI approval

### Discipline: Endurance

FEI Events	FEI Veterinarians	Minimum Level	Number	Appointment
World Equestrian Games	Foreign Veterinary Delegate	Level 4 EO <u>V</u>	1	FEI Headquarters

World Championships (see notes 6)	President Veterinary Commission	Level 4 EO <del>V</del>	1	FEI Headquarters
	Members Veterinary Commission	Level 3 EO <del>V</del>	<del>Minimum 3 up to 29 entries</del> + 1 per 15 <del>additional</del> entries	FEI Headquarters
	President <del>Treating</del> Veterinary <u>Treating</u> Commission	Level 4 EVT <u>Q</u>	1	FEI Headquarters
	Members <del>Treating</del> Veterinary <u>Treating</u> Commission	Level 3 EVT <u>Q</u>	<del>Minimum 1 up to 39 entries</del> + 1 per 20 <del>additional</del> entries	FEI Headquarters
	Veterinary Services Manager	Level 3 EVT <u>Q</u>	1	OC, subject to FEI approval

(5) PTVs can be appointed as members of the ~~Treating~~ Veterinary Treating Commission in regions/countries with an insufficient number of licensed EVTQs, otherwise preference should be given to Level 2 EVTQs.

(6) The President or a Member of the ~~Treating~~ Veterinary Treating Commission (if suitably qualified as per the requirement outlines in the table above, by being level EVTQ2 minimum) can be appointed as the VSM.

(7) The FEI reserves the right to appoint the President of the Veterinary Commission and Foreign Veterinary Delegate at all CEIOs (regardless of star level). Where a Foreign Veterinary Delegate is not required, a Primary Veterinary Delegate must be appointed to fulfil the role of the Foreign Veterinary Delegate

A derogation to the requirements of Annex IX may be given to the required officials for FEI Events of all disciplines due to unforeseen circumstances, on a case by case scenario, with the approval of the Veterinary and Legal Department.

**Article No. – Article Name**
**Annex X – Stables Cleaning and Disinfection Protocol**
**Explanation for Proposed Change**

The FEI would like to introduce a new annex to the Veterinary Regulations in support of the Key Event Requirements project. The aim of the new annex is to ensure FEI stables are cleaning and disinfected correctly and to harmonise these procedures.

**Proposed Wording**

It is essential that very high standards of hygiene are implemented in FEI stables. In accordance with the FEI Veterinary Regulations, it is necessary that stables are cleaned and disinfected before the arrival of horses to ensure they are free from contamination and disease vectors. Horse transporters and stables must also be cleaned and disinfected before they are used between different horses.

**Cleaning and disinfection protocol**

Cleaning and disinfecting stables is a multi-step process.

1. Remove all bedding and stable fittings such as feed and water buckets, haynets and rubber matting
2. Sweep the walls and floor of the stable to remove as much organic matter as possible
3. Wet all surfaces of the stable using a hose. It may be necessary to leave the stables for 30min before continuing to soften caked-on organic matter to allow for easier cleaning.
4. Clean the stables walls and floor with a detergent to emulsify organic matter and make it easier to remove. It may be necessary to manually scrub the walls and floor to loosen organic matter. Alternatively, a low pressure power washer can be used however it must be used below 120psi to prevent the production of aerosols that spread infectious agents into the air.
5. Rinse the walls from the top downwards, starting furthest away from the drain or door. It is necessary to pay close attention to corners and crevices and to rise the floor well.
6. Leave the stable to dry.
7. Dilute a phenolic disinfectant according to the manufacturer's instructions and apply it to the walls and floor. This can be carried out using a hand held sprayer or garden sprayer. Always ensure that suitable protective clothing is used when handling disinfectants.
8. Do not rinse the stable with water after applying the disinfectant. The stable should be left to dry as the contact time between the disinfectant and surfaces allow it to work effectively.
9. Ensure the stable is dry before filling it with clean bedding
10. Remember to clean and disinfect and stable fittings before replacing them e.g. rubber flooring, feed and water buckets.

**Selecting a disinfectant**

There are a number of disinfectants available for use however it is important that the most appropriate and effective disinfectant is used with respect to the horse's environment.



The ideal disinfectant must be biodegradable, safe for animals and humans, ensure it is suitable for farm use, effective in the presence of organic matter and effective with respect to the local water hardness and ambient temperature.

Phenolic disinfectants are the most preferred for use in the equine environment. Iodophores are not often used in the equine environment and more suitable for the washing of hands and equipment. Quaternary ammonium compounds, hypochlorites (e.g. bleach), chlorhexidine and pine oil are not recommended since they are ineffective in the presence of organic matter. Formaldehyde disinfectants are highly toxic and not recommended for use in the equine environment.

## Article No. – Article Name

Glossary

## Explanation for Proposed Change

Accompanying Horses: a definition has been added to the glossary for clarification to support the recent new rule.

Designated Treatment Boxes: A correction of an inconsistency has been made, as described earlier in the document.

Elective Testing: The FEI would like to offer PRs the opportunity to test for Specified Substances that are also listed as Banned Substances. A change to the definition of Elective Testing is required for this provision.

On-site Preparation Period: the term was introduced to the Veterinary Regulations during the last revision and its definition, as already stated in the General Regulations, is to be included for reference.

## Proposed Wording

### **Accompanying Horses**

FEI Registered Horses that are registered with an FEI Athlete competing in a specific FEI Event and are under the same care and management as the Horses that the Athlete is competing in this FEI Event but not itself competing in the FEI Event.

### **Designated Treatment Box**

The area or stables, in accordance with the VRs, where treatments must be undertaken. Any treatments given outside a ~~Designated~~ Treatment Box, as prescribed by the VRs (except for special exemption by the *Veterinary Delegate* or in a clinical emergency) will be subject to disciplinary action.

### **Elective Testing**

*Persons Responsible* or their representatives may, at the request of a *FEI Veterinarian*, elect to have a FEI registered *Horse* tested by an *FEI Approved Laboratory* for the presence of up to 4 ~~Controlled Medication~~ *Substances listed on the Elective Testing Substances List* in urine and blood. The application form for Elective Testing can be downloaded from the FEI website.

### **On Site Preparation Period**

The period from the opening of the stables until 1 (one) hour before the First Horse Inspection or, if the Event begins before the First Horse Inspection takes place, until 1 (one) hour before the start of the first Competition of the Event. During the On Site

Preparation Period, the Persons Responsible, Owner and other Support Personnel are supervised by the stable manager, FEI Stewards and/or FEI Veterinarians. Any Person Responsible, Owner and/or other Support Personnel who violates a FEI Rule and Regulation and/or fails to comply with the instructions of the relevant FEI Official(s) during the On Site Preparation Period is liable to be sanctioned, such sanction to be imposed by the Chief Steward, President of the Ground Jury or Technical Delegate (as applicable) once the Period of Jurisdiction has commenced.