

## PROPOSALS FOR RULES CHANGES OF ANTI-DOPING RULES FOR HUMAN ATHLETES 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 FEI Anti-Doping Rules for Human Athletes took place in 2020. 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.

Neither NFs nor MOU Stakeholders proposed any modifications to the Anti-Doping Rules for Human Athletes this year.

However, the FEI Headquarters have minor proposals put forward based on criteria 2 & 3.

Finally, please kindly note that any changes to the FEI Anti-Doping Rules for Human Athletes shall be approved by WADA (as the FEI is a signatory of WADA) and that the FEI is therefore liaising with WADA in parallel and that WADA might provide its comments to the proposed changes.



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## A. Rules Proposals put forward by the FEI

Article No.–Article Name
<p><b>Scope of the FEI Anti-Doping Rules for Human Athletes</b></p>
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>The definition of the Athletes who are considered to be International-Level Athletes for the purposes of the FEI Anti-Doping Rules for Human Athletes, and, therefore, the specific provisions in these Rules applicable to International-Level Athletes (e.g., Testing, TUEs, whereabouts, and Results Management) are linked to the World Rankings (between top 100 to top 500 depending of the Discipline). However, the current references to the (Discipline) World Rankings do not match the existing rankings in Vaulting (as there are rankings for Male, Female and Pas-de-deux) and Driving (as there are rankings for Pairs, Singles and Four-in-Hand).</p> <p>In addition, any Athlete who is included in either the Registered Testing Pool or the Testing Pool is also considered as International-Level Athlete. However, as Athletes are not always included in the Testing Pool or Registered Testing Pool for a whole year, we need to define a reference period otherwise this criteria is not manageable from a TUE perspective and the issue will arise in the event the athlete tests positive. To ease this problem we suggest clarifying that an athlete is considered “International-Level Athlete” from the moment they are included in the Testing Pool/Registered Testing Pool, and for the entire calendar year considered. The athlete would be informed accordingly in the Testing Pool/Registered Testing Pool inclusion notice.</p> <p>Finally, references to Reining need to be removed.</p>
Proposed Wording
<p>Within the overall pool of <i>Athletes</i> set out above who are bound by and required to comply with these Anti-Doping Rules, the following <i>Athletes</i> shall be considered to be <i>International-Level Athletes</i> for the purposes of these Anti-Doping Rules, and, therefore, the specific provisions in these Anti-Doping Rules applicable to <i>International-Level Athletes</i> (e.g., <i>Testing, TUEs, whereabouts, and Results Management</i>) shall apply to such <i>Athletes</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In Jumping: Any Athlete who is ranked in the top 500 of the <i>FEI Jumping World Rankings</i>;</li> <li>- In Dressage: Any Athlete who is ranked in the top 300 of the <i>FEI Dressage World Rankings</i>;</li> <li>- In Eventing: Any Athlete who is ranked in the top 300 of the <i>FEI Eventing World Rankings</i>;</li> <li>- In Para Dressage: Any Athlete who is ranked in the top 100 of the <i>FEI Para Dressage World Rankings</i>;</li> <li>- In Endurance: Any Athlete who is ranked in the top 100 of the <i>FEI Endurance World Rankings</i>;</li> <li>- In Driving: Any Athlete who is ranked in the top <u>20 Athletes for the FEI Driving World Ranking - Four-in-Hand Horses, in the top 40 of the FEI Driving World Ranking – Pair Horses, and in the top 40 of the FEI Driving World Ranking – Single Horses</u><del>100 of the FEI Driving World Rankings</del>;</li> <li>- In Vaulting: Any Athlete who is ranked in the top <u>40 in the FEI Vaulting World Cup™ Standings - Male, in the top 40 in the FEI Vaulting World Cup™ Standings - Female,</u></li> </ul>

or in the top 10 pairs in the FEI Vaulting World Cup™ Standings - Pas-de-deux100 of the FEI Vaulting World Rankings; and,

- ~~In Reining: Any Athlete who is ranked in the top 100 of the FEI Reining World Rankings; and~~
- Any Athlete who is included in either the Registered Testing Pool or the Testing Pool. The athlete will be considered "International-Level Athlete" from the moment they are included in the Testing Pool/Registered Testing Pool, and for the entire calendar year considered.