

**PROPOSALS FOR RULES CHANGES OF
GENERAL REGULATIONS 2023**

14 October 2022

Dear National Federations,

Please find below a summary of the proposed changes to the General Regulations together with the corresponding explanations, the comments received as well as the reasoning for accepting or not accepting each proposal.

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

- A.** [Proposed Rules changes to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022;](#)
and
- B.** [Proposed Rules changes that have been rejected or deferred to a future Rules revision.](#)

Sincerely,



Mikael Rentsch,

Legal Director

A. PROPOSED RULES CHANGES TO BE VOTED AT THE FEI GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2022

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
FEI
Article Number – Article Name
Art. 104 – FEI Championships
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Further to discussions regarding the Asian Championships 2023, it is proposed to amend the minimum number of NFs competing for Senior Continental Championships as it currently states "<i>Unless the Sport Rules of the relevant Discipline provide otherwise, at least six (6) national or regional teams must have been represented at the first Horse inspection.</i>"</p> <p>The proposal is to have a minimum of three (3) NFs or regional teams presented at the first Horse Inspection.</p>
Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022
<p>2.1.1 (...) Unless the Sport Rules of the relevant Discipline provide otherwise, at least six (6)<u>three (3)</u> national or regional teams must have been represented at the first Horse inspection.</p>
Comments received by 24 August 2022
N/A
FEI feedback
N/A
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022
As per the above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
FEI
Article Number – Article Name
Article 112 – Official Calendar
Explanation for Proposed Change

The FEI suggests to include a Rule giving the FEI Secretary General the power to decline to enter an event in the FEI Calendar (or to subsequently remove it) if the FEI Secretary General reasonably believes that the entity/person(s) involved in the management of the event have been involved with an event at that venue (or another venue) where the financial obligations of the OC to the Athletes, FEI Officials or the FEI were not met. The FEI could impose certain conditions (e.g. escrow account/deposit) in order to accept the event in the FEI Calendar.

Further to the Jumping Calendar Task Force’s Recommendations for an Improved Jumping Calendar’s Memo as provided on 6 July 2022, please see all the proposed changes to Article 112 of the GRs and Appendix K as per the below.

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022
Article 112 - Official Calendar

1. The Secretary General approves the official Calendar for the following year as follows: , unless the relevant Sport Rules provide other deadlines.
 - In principle by 31 July for CSI5* and CSIO5* Events
 - In principle by 30 November for any other Events in all Disciplines
2. The dates for FEI Events shall be published as soon as possible after allocation.
3. The Secretary General shall have the authority to remove any Competition and/or Event from the Calendar and/or to not accept any Competition and/or an Event in the Calendar if justified circumstances relating to a Competition or the Event are established. See also Appendix K - Calendar Application Procedure and Consequences of Cancellations of Jumping Events.
4. Applications or modifications for CIs shall be sent by the relevant NF to the Secretary General no later than:

Category of Event
CSI5* and CSIO5* Events
All other events in all Disciplines
Deadline
1 May of the year prior to the Event¹
1 October of the year prior to the Event

~~as early as possible in order that they arrive at the latest by 1 October-. The above deadlines apply unless an earlier date is specified by the relevant Sport Rules or a different date is specified in writing by the Secretary General. Only one (1) date may be proposed for each Event.~~

In the event a CI is part of a Series, the application should indicate this information.

¹ For the avoidance of any doubt, NFs may send Calendar Applications for CSI5* and CSIO5* by 1 May 2023 for Events taking place in 2024 and such Calendar Applications are not considered as Late Date Applications.

Applications for CIs that arrive after the deadline mentioned above are considered as Late Date Applications or modifications and may only be considered by the FEI within the relevant deadlines specified in the Applications for CIs and CIMs Guidelines as approved by the FEI Board and published by the FEI at least twelve (12) weeks prior to the Event, unless there is a Force Majeure eEvent. See also additional Jumping requirements in Appendix K - Calendar Application Procedure and Consequences of Cancellations of Jumping Events.

~~5.1. Application and modifications for CIMs shall be sent to the Secretary General as early as possible, and no later than four (4) weeks prior to the commencement of the Event.~~

~~6.1. Prior to the Decision on the Calendar, the Secretary General may propose modifications to the dates requested by applicants in order to establish an improved Calendar.~~

7.5. (i) For a Late Date Application and/or modification for higher level those Events in Jumping, Dressage and Eventing as defined in the relevant Rules specified under paragraph (ii) below and received after the deadline set out in paragraph 4 above, only a NF and/or OC of another same or higher level eEvent that is at the same or higher level that may be deemed to be affected by the acceptance of such Late Date Application and/or modification may be provided the opportunity to give relevant information to the Secretary General. For the avoidance of any doubt, the switch of Venues within the same FEI Named Series or FEI Series approved by the FEI on the same Dates approved in the FEI Calendar shall be accepted and not considered as Late Date Application.

After an evaluation of the information received (if any) and the Late Date Application or modification request (as the case may be), the Secretary General shall have the right to accept or reject the Late Date Application or modification. Any such Decision by the Secretary General shall be duly motivated.

(ii)

- In Jumping: CSI4*; CSI5*; CSIOs; World Cup Events
- In Dressage: CDI4*; CDI5*; CDIOs; World Cup Events
- In Eventing: CCI4*-S or L; CCI5*-L; CCIOs

6. Priority of FEI Championships and other high level Events may be regulated for each Discipline in the Sport Rules.

7. Application and modifications for CIMs shall be sent to the Secretary General as early as possible, and no later than four (4) weeks prior to the commencement of the Event within the relevant deadlines specified in the Applications for CIs and CIMs Guidelines as approved by the FEI Board and published by the FEI.

8. Prior to the Decision on the Calendar, the Secretary General may propose modifications to the dates requested by applicants in order to establish an improved Calendar.

9. No NF or OC may organise any International Event which has not been published in the Official Calendar or approved by the Secretary General.

Appendix K – Calendar Application Procedure and consequences of cancellations of Jumping Events

All references to 5*, 4* and 3* Jumping Events in this Appendix include:

- o CSI;
- o CSIO; and
- o FEI World Cup Events.

1.1. Calendar Application Fees and Calendar Application Deposit

A. The Calendar Application Fees as specified in FEI Financial Charges apply.

B. Each Calendar Application for a 3*, 4* and 5* Jumping Event taking place on or after 1 January 2024 is subject to the payment of a deposit (a "Calendar Application Deposit") in the amount specified in the table below.

Upon receipt of the Calendar Application, the FEI will issue an invoice to the NF for the applicable Calendar Application Deposit, such invoice to be paid within 30 days.

The Calendar Application Deposit paid in relation to an Event will be credited against the related Organising Dues payable to the FEI after that Event has taken place.

<u>CALENDAR APPLICATION DEPOSIT</u>	
<u>5*:</u>	<u>CHF 10'000</u>
<u>4*:</u>	<u>CHF 5'000</u>
<u>3*:</u>	<u>CHF 2'500</u>

If the Event is cancelled (other than by reason of a Force Majeure Event), the FEI will retain the Calendar Application Deposit and it will not be credited against Organising Dues of future Events of the Organiser (or Related Organiser). For more details about Cancellations see section 1.4 below.

1.2. Late Date Application Fee and Date Changes to the Approved Calendar

Any Late Date Application Fee and Date Changes to the- Calendar Fee as specified in the FEI Financial Charges shall apply. Calendar Application Deposits are also payable for Late Date Applications and the process set out in paragraph [] above shall apply, it being understood and agreed that the FEI Secretary General may take appropriate action including the removal of the Event if the applicable Calendar Application Deposit has not been paid.

1.3. Calendar Applications for 5* Jumping Events

Applications for all CSI5* and CSIO5* Events must be received by the FEI Secretary General by 1 May prior to the year in which the Event takes place².

Dates must be subsequently confirmed by the National Federations/OCs by 1 June of the year before the Event takes place. The FEI Secretary General shall then approve the Calendar for all 5* Jumping Events for the following year by 15 July. If 15 July falls on a non-business day in Lausanne, Switzerland, the Calendar shall be approved on the following business day.

² For the avoidance of any doubt, NFs may send Calendar Applications for CSI5* and CSIO5* by 1 May 2023 for Events taking place in 2024 and such Calendar Applications are not considered as Late Date Applications.

For all other Jumping Events, the FEI Secretary General shall receive Calendar Applications by 1 October prior to the year in which the Event will take place.

1.4. Cancellations of 5* and 4* Jumping Events

The below Cancellation Fees apply for 5* and 4* Jumping Events only. These Cancellation Fees do not apply to cancellations due to *Force Majeure Event*. It shall be for the FEI Secretary General to decide in their sole discretion if the stated reason for the cancellation of an Event qualifies as a Force Majeure Event. Any other cancellation of other Jumping Events or for Events in any categories in the other FEI Disciplines may be dealt with according to other provisions of the FEI Rules and Regulations.

(all amounts below are in CHF)

1st CANCELLATION:

As of 1 January 2024: OC's first cancellation during a Calendar Year

	Cancellation more than 12 weeks before the Event	Cancellation less than 12 weeks but more than 8 weeks before the Event	Cancellation less than 8 weeks but more than 4 weeks before the Event	Cancellation during the period 4 weeks before the Event week up until the start of the Event & during the Event
<u>5*</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2'500</u>	<u>7'500</u>	<u>12'500</u>
<u>4*</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>2'500</u>	<u>7'500</u>

Any Cancellation Fee stated above shall be paid within 30 days of receipt of an invoice from the FEI. If the amount is not paid within the 30 day deadline, the next Jumping Show of the OC (or Related OC) (after the 30 day deadline) in the Calendar will be removed (and the Calendar Application Deposit related to the cancelled Event and the removed Show will be lost). Any OC that is fined under this mechanism shall not be entitled to make a Late Date Application for the current year either directly or via a Related OC.

The above penalty mechanism will not apply in case of cancellation due to a Force Majeure Event.

2nd CANCELLATION:

As of 1 January 2024: OC's (or Related OC's) second cancellation within a 365 day period after the 1st Cancellation.

	Cancellation more than 12 weeks before the Event	Cancellation less than 12 weeks but more than 8 weeks before the Event	Cancellation less than 8 weeks but more than 4 weeks before the Event	Cancellation during the period 4 weeks before the Event week up until the start of the Event & during the Event
<u>5*</u>	<u>2'500</u>	<u>7'500</u>	<u>12'500</u>	<u>20'000</u>
<u>4*</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>2'500</u>	<u>7'500</u>	<u>12'500</u>

Any Cancellation Fee stated above shall be paid within 30 days upon receipt of an invoice from the FEI. If the amount is not paid within the 30 day deadline, the next Jumping Show of the OC (or Related OC) (after the 30 day deadline) in the Calendar will be removed (and

the Calendar Application Deposit related to the cancelled Event and the removed Show will be lost). Any OC that is fined under this mechanism shall not be entitled to make a Late Date Application for the current year either directly or via a Related OC.

The above penalty mechanism will not apply in case of cancellation due to a Force Majeure Event.

3rd CANCELLATION:

As of 1 January 2024: OC's (or Related OC's) third cancellation in a 365 days period after the 2nd Cancellation.

OC's (or Related OC's) Shows in all FEI Disciplines in the Calendar for the next 365 day period shall be removed from the FEI Calendar (and the Calendar Application Deposit related to the cancelled Event and the removed Show(s) will be lost). Any OC that is fined under this mechanism shall not be entitled to include any Event in any FEI Discipline in the FEI Calendar during that 365 day period either directly or via a Related OC.

The above penalty mechanism will not applied in case of cancellation due to a Force Majeure Event.

New Definitions or updated Definitions to be added in the Definitions section of the GRs:

Calendar Application: A formal request from an OC, through their NF, to organise an FEI Event or FEI Events on specific date(s) and to be considered by the FEI to be included in the FEI Calendar.

Force Majeure Event: Any event or circumstance arising from or attributable to acts, events, omission or accidents which are not reasonably foreseeable by, and which are beyond the reasonable control of and which could not have been reasonably prevented by, a party-, including, by way of example, any abnormally inclement weather, flood, lightning, storm, fire, explosion, earthquake, subsidence, structural damage, epidemic, pandemic or other natural physical disaster, war, military operations, riot, crowd disorder, strike (save for any strike affecting a party's own employees or sub-contractors), lock-outs or other industrial action, terrorist action, civil commotion and any legislation, regulation, ruling, decision or omission (including failure to grant any necessary permissions except where the ability to grant such permission is within that party's control) of any relevant government, court or any competent national or international authority.

Related Organiser: An Organiser is considered as a 'Related Organiser' of another Organiser if:

- (i) It is, *de facto*, run or controlled, directly or indirectly, by some (or all) of the same Person/entities as who, *de facto*, run or control, directly or indirectly, the other Organiser (past or present); or
- (ii) It (or the Person running the Event(s) it organises (or proposes to organise)) acts in accordance with the directions or instruction of the other Organiser (past or present); or
- (iii) It (or the people running the Event(s) it organises (or proposes to organise)) acts (or has acted) in accordance with the directions or instructions of some (or all) of the same Person/entities who, *de facto*, run or control (or have run and/or controlled), directly or indirectly, the other Organiser (past or present)

It shall be for the FEI Secretary General to determine, in their sole discretion, whether or not an Organiser is considered as a "Related Organiser" of another Organiser. Factors that the FEI Secretary General may consider in determining this include, but are not limited to:

- The overlap of Persons involved in the de facto organisation of the Events of the two Organisers (regardless of whether or not those people hold formal positions in the organising entity);
- Family relationships;
- Common venue(s);
- Common sponsor(s);
- Common/similar Event date(s);
- Information provided by the relevant National Federation(s);

Comments received by 24 August 2022

European Equestrian Federation (EEF):

A significant number of EEF Member NFs are very concerned about the proposed deposits for Jumping OCs as it is felt that this would create a significant challenge for OCs that would have to pay the deposits in the beginning of the year before any cashflow is generated through the event itself later in the year. However, the EEF Board decided not to oppose the proposal because the Equestrian Organizers (EO), the stakeholder club speaking on behalf of all OCs, is supportive of the proposed deposit payments.

GER NF:

We support the proposed changes.

NOR NF:

We do not agree to the proposed introduction of a Calendar Application Deposit to be paid when making a calendar application for a 3*,4*and 5* jumping event taking from 1. January 2024.

This will mean an additional expense for the organisers, and in worst case result in less shows being organised.

SWE NF:

The SWE NF don't agree with the deposit of a Calendar Fee as OCs will be exposed to huge expense and it will also increase the administrative work at the NFs to manage bank operations and bank fees etc.

Withdraw the proposal of a Calendar deposit.

NED NF:

Appendix K, article 1.1. Calendar Application Fees and Calendar Application Deposit

Although we understand the need to get a grip on organizers who frequently cancel their high level events, we feel that this measure is out of proportion. It will cause an extra burden on NF's in regards to the administrative work but foremost it will be a lot of extra work in chasing the organizers to make the deposit in time. Although we understand the consequence is for the organizer when the event will not get in the calendar due to a non-payment, the route towards that point, will only rest on the NF. We feel it would be better to take actions towards organizers who are known to do this, which will be possible with the new possibility for the Secretary General to refuse any event in the calendar if it deems necessary.

Appendix K, article 1.4. Cancellations of 5*and 4* Jumping Events.

We do not agree with the incremental fees for subsequent cancellations, i.e. the fee should be always the same for any cancellation. We definitely do not agree to the Incremental (cumulative) Cancellation Fee be imposed after the 1st cancellation by the same Organiser.

Article 112 - Official Calendar, point 3

With reference to the possibility for the Secretary General to refuse the application for any Competition and/or Event in the calendar, we agree **only** if such a power of refusal is subject to the agreement of the NF that should be hosting the event.

ITA NF:

We have no objections to the establishment of a **Cancellation Fee for 4* and 5* Events** that are cancelled close to the date of Event and the philosophy of penalizing "the closer to the event the higher amount" those OCs that cancel/downgrade their 4* & 5* Jumping Events (while no cancellation be established in case of more than 12 weeks or due to force majeure reasons) – we would propose though that **less harsh amounts** be imposed for cancellations (see amounts indicated below).

We definitely do not agree to the Incremental (cumulative) Cancellation Fee be imposed after the 1st cancellation by the same Organiser.

We do not agree with the incremental fees for more cancellations, i.e. the fee should be always as follows for any cancellation.

With reference to the possibility for the Secretary General to refuse the application for any Competition and/or Event in the calendar, **we agree only if such a power of refusal is subject to the agreement of the NF that should be hosting the event.**

We definitely do not agree to the increase of the Calendar Application, to the Approved Calendar for 4* & 5* Jumping Events taking place as of 1 January 2024, as according to the proposed Financial Charges document.

We definitely do not agree to the "Calendar Application Deposit" to be paid when making a Calendar Application for a 3*, 4* and 5* Jumping Event taking place on/after 1 January 2024 for multiple reasons:

- a. We believe this constitute a potential danger of which we all must aware of: even though the purpose can be agreed upon, i.e. to deter the addition of "phantom events" on the elite sport calendar, the request of such deposit will in the end discourage the very application of all higher events from part of OCs and surely will have severe detrimental effects over the overall international sport activity in a Country, with much damage to home Jumping athletes who will not have the chance to gain LR points in home events as easily as it is now. This fact would, lastly, in the end make the Jumping Rankings even stiffer.
- b. An OC, very active internationally running manyfold events each year, would be exposed to a huge expense at once at the very beginning of the season (even though the deposit can be considered as an advance payment of the Organising dues if the event is effectively run) whereas the organizing dues currently are paid during the year after each event is run, i.e. when the OC has the cash flow subsequent to events' revenues.
- c. The administrative process (invoicing/payments) can be indeed kind of burdensome to NFs to manage, involving furthermore more bank operations and bank fees.

BEL NF:**Appendix K - Art 1.1. Calendar Application Fees and Calendar Application Deposit**

The BEL NF supports the fact that the problem of some OC's blocking the calendar needs to be addressed. However, we believe that this should be tackled in phases and that the biggest problem currently lies with the 5*. Therefore we would propose to implement the "calendar application deposit" in a first phase for CSI5*. This can then be evaluated after 1 year and see whether this is still necessary for the 4* and 3*. It should also not be forgotten that the pressure of payment is once again placed on the national federations. Of course, we will aim to first receive the money from the OCs, but in the 3* and 4* organizations this is not always so easy in order to be able to pay such sums in advance.

Appendix K - Art 1.4. Cancellations of 5* and 4* Jumping Events

Same comment and rationale as for art 1.1.

Therefore we would propose to implement the "Cancellation fees" in a first phase for CSI5*. This can then be evaluated after 1 year and see whether this is still necessary for the 4*.

AUT NF:

With reference to the FEI proposals for the Rules Revision 2022 and in particular to the outcome of the Jumping Calendar Force's recommendations, we would like first of all to congratulate on their valuable work that is the result of views shared also by the Athletes & Organisers representatives.

We do understand the rationale underlying each of the proposals concerning the calendar management and we do share the aim of having a more flexible though reliable and sound calendar, especially for the highest-level events.

At the same time, we wish to underline how the Organizing Committees are the backbone of our sporting activity; therefore, we believe that the new measures should be aimed at providing more certainties without discouraging their entrepreneurial activity.

Finally, whilst we understand the pressure caused by the widespread inflation, we believe that our measures should be aimed at containing standard costs deriving from sporting regulations, otherwise the final outcome would be to increase the financial burden on our riders – the ultimate base of our sport – whilst we support measures aimed at limiting uncertainty.

In particular:

1. **We definitely do not agree** to the increase of the Calendar Application, to the Approved Calendar for 4* & 5* Jumping Events taking place as of 1 January 2024, as according to the proposed Financial Charges document.

2. **We agree** to the increase of the Late Date Application and Date Change **fees** to the Approved Calendar for 4* & 5* Jumping Events taking place as of 1 January 2024, as according to the proposed Financial Charges document.

3. **We agree** to the Date Applications for 5* Jumping Events by the **deadline of 1 May** (the year before the Event takes place) rather than 1 October two years before the Event and the CSI5* calendar approval by 31 July in principle the year before the Event takes place.

4. **We have no objections** to the establishment of a **Cancellation Fee for 4* and 5* Events** that are cancelled close to the date of Event and the philosophy of penalizing "the closer to the event the higher amount" those OCs that cancel/downgrade their 4* & 5* Jumping Events (while no cancellation be established in case of more than 12 weeks or due to force majeure reasons) – we would propose though that **less harsh amounts** be imposed for cancellations (see amounts indicated below).

We do not agree with the incremental fees for more cancellations, i.e. the fee should be always as follows for any cancellation.

CANCELLATION:

As of 1 January 2024: OC's first cancellation during a Calendar Year Cancellation more than 12 weeks before the Event	Cancellation less than 12 weeks but more than 8 weeks before the Event	Cancellation less than 8 weeks but more than 4 weeks before the Event	Cancellation during the period 4 weeks before the Event week up until the start of the Event & during the Event
5*	0	2'500	5'000
4*	0	500	1'500
			10'000
			3'000

Any Cancellation Fee stated above shall be paid within 30 days of receipt of an invoice from the FEI. If the amount is not paid within the 30 day deadline, the next Jumping Show of the OC (or Related OC) (after the 30 day deadline) in the Calendar will be removed (and the Calendar Application Deposit related to the cancelled Event and the removed Show will be lost). Any OC that is fined under this mechanism shall not be entitled to make a Late Date Application for the current year either directly or via a Related OC. The above penalty mechanism will not apply in case of cancellation due to a Force Majeure Event.]

5. **We definitely do not agree** to the Incremental (cumulative) Cancellation Fee be imposed after the 1st cancellation by the same Organiser.

6. **We agree to** the more comprehensive definition of **Force Majeure** to be added to the General Regulations.

7. **We agree** to the new definition of a "**Related Organiser**" to specifically address those Organisers who seek to avoid the application of FEI rules by creating new entities and/or those Organisers that file for bankruptcy and do not to pay outstanding invoices, prize money, per Diems, etc and wish to organise under another entity.

8. With reference to the possibility for the Secretary General to refuse the application for any Competition and/or Event in the calendar, **we agree only if such a power of refusal is subject to the agreement of the NF that should be hosting the event.**

We definitely do not agree to the "Calendar Application Deposit" to be paid when making a Calendar Application for a 3*, 4* and 5* Jumping Event taking place on/after 1 January 2024 for multiple reasons:

a. We believe this constitute a potential danger of which we all must aware of: even though the purpose can be agreed upon, i.e. to deter the addition of "phantom events" on the elite sport calendar, the request of such deposit will in the end discourage the very application of all higher events from part of OCs and surely will have severe detrimental effects over the overall international sport activity in a Country, with much damage to home Jumping athletes who will not have the chance to gain LR points in home events as easily as it is now. This fact would, lastly, in the end make the Jumping Rankings even stiffer.

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c. The administrative process (invoicing/payments) can be indeed kind of burdensome to NFs to manage, involving furthermore more bank operations and bank fees.

AUT NF wants to reject some points of this changes as stated above.

Our Secretary General Dietrich Sifkovits also wrote a letter to the EEF about this:

I refer to Carina Mayer's mailing of July 11, 2022 with reference to the FEI Rules Revision 2022. Like you, my papers are busy reading through the planned innovations and preparing suggestions or objections. Additionally, on July 18, 2022, we received an invitation from the FEI to an FEI Webinar on FEI Jumping Caledendar Task Force Recommendations and Rules Proposals.

We as FN Austria kept the appointment on July 20, 2002 at 3:00 p.m. and the content was sent (see below) on July 22, 2022.

I picked out the changes presented in the webinar and attached them. You can also find comprehensive documents at: <https://inside.fei.org/fei/about-fei/governance/rules-revision-2022>

Without going into the entire content, I was more than shocked by the presentation of the financial charges. We as FN Austria cannot accept such a massive increase in fees in times of the fortunately fading COVID 19 situation, the increases in energy prices - for whatever reason - and in which EU citizens are being asked by the EU officials in Brussels to limit themselves.

In part, I may discuss the increases; further information can be found in the attachments:

1. Calendar Application Fees 1.1 Applicable for all events as published in the calendar should be increased from CHF 500 to CHF 750 for Jumping Events at CSI5* and CSIO5* Events, as well as CSI4* and CSIO4* Events.
2. This should also be the case with late date applications.
3. The same should also be the case with Date Changes Applications The calendar application deposit is also worth mentioning, depending on whether it is 3* (CHF 2,500,-), 4* (CHF 5,000,-) or 5* (CHF 10,000,-) in case of cancellation, the deposit is lost...
4. In addition, there are cancellation fees of between CHF 500 and 20,000.

If these increases are implemented in this way, all our organizers will have to reckon with high financial burdens. As a result, we can all expect that some organizers will no longer be able to support this and that, in connection with this, there will certainly be fewer show jumping events in this classes.

Therefore, the FN Austria asks those responsible for the EEF and all other parties involved to take on this topic in order to develop a uniform procedure in the EEF group for the application to the FEI.

FEI feedback

Given the various and mixed comments from the National Federations and Stakeholders where on one hand there is support on most of the proposed changes (including support from the Equestrian Organizers) but on the other hand some National Federations disagree on some of the proposals, the FEI proposes to discuss during the Rules Session at the FEI General Assembly. In the meantime, the FEI suggests to keep the wording as per the Memo on 6 July 2022, except for art. 112.3 where it is suggested to add that the Secretary General will consult with the NF (see the wording below) when deciding to remove a Competition from the FEI Calendar and/or not accept a Competition in the FEI Calendar.

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022

As per the above.

Art.112.3: The Secretary General **will consult with the NF, and** shall have the authority to remove any Competition and/or Event from the Calendar **and/or to not accept any Competition and/or an Event in the Calendar if justified circumstances relating to a Competition or the Event are established. See also Appendix K - Calendar Application Procedure and Consequences of Cancellations of Jumping Events.**

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)	
FEI	
Article Number – Article Name	
Article 119.6.1 – (Host NF status)	
Explanation for Proposed Change	
The proposal is to restrict the Host NF option so that it only applies to CIMs (as in practice this is how it is implemented and it seems that the NFs want such Host NF status restricted to CIMs). Therefore the provisions in the GRs should be aligned as currently the Host NF status applies to any CIs.	
Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022	
6.	Athletes Living outside their country of nationality:
6.1	An Adult Athlete Living outside their country of nationality can have their entries processed by their "host-NF" for participation in CNS, <u>and</u> CIMs as well as CIs if the Athlete is given permission of their own NF and the FEI. The Athlete, while keeping their own NF, comes under the jurisdiction of the host NF for the above-mentioned Events and must take part according to the relevant Sport Rules. This administrative facility is not a change of sport nationality. The Athlete will in all circumstances keep their "own NF", and always compete under its flag.
Comments received by 24 August 2022	
N/A	
FEI feedback	
N/A	
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022	
As per the above.	

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)	
FEI	
Article Number – Article Name	
Article 125 – Ceremonies	
Explanation for Proposed Change	
To include a wording allowing unmounted options for prize giving ceremonies.	

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022

(...)

3. Unless (a) the relevant Sports Rules provide otherwise, or (b) safety considerations warrant otherwise as determined by the President of the Ground Jury, all Athletes invited to be present at a Prize-giving ceremony must remain mounted on the Horses on which they have competed, or on their carriages. If a podium is used for the ceremony (as for the Olympic Games), the prize winners may be asked to dismount. The Ground Jury should have the ability to approve a substitution in the interest of either safety or horse welfare.

Comments received by 24 August 2022

N/A

FEI feedback

N/A

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022

As per the above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI

Article Number – Article Name

Article 135 - Advertising on Athletes and Horses and Promotion

Explanation for Proposed Change

To clarify that the name/logo may appear horizontally, provided the dimensions are complied with.

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022

2.2. Identification of Sponsors

2.2.1. While present in the Competition area and during the prize-giving ceremonies the name and/or logo of the Athlete's sponsor(s), their team sponsor(s) and/or their NF's sponsor(s) may appear on a surface area not exceeding:

(...)

(ix) one hundred twenty five square centimeters (125 cm²) (maximum twenty five centimeters - 25 cm- long, maximum five centimeters -5 cm- wide) vertically in the middle part of the hard hat for the Jumping Events and for the Jumping and Cross-Country tests of Eventing and for the Endurance Events; Note: The name and/or logo may appear horizontally, provided the dimensions are complied with.

Comments received by 24 August 2022

N/A

FEI feedback

N/A

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022

As per the above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI

Article Number – Article Name

Article 163.4 ff Administrative Disciplinary Procedure

Explanation for Proposed Change

To add that if the person does not respond to the “Notice of Charge” within 14 days, then the sanctions as proposed automatically apply (instead of having the case be dealt with by the FEI Tribunal as it currently stands, as the goal of the Administrative Disciplinary Procedure is to avoid minor cases being dealt with by the FEI Tribunal).

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022

163.7 (i) If the accused person does not provide the above confirmation within the applicable deadline, the proposed Minor Sanction(s) shall automatically apply.

(ii) –or otherwise If the accused person informs the FEI that ~~the accused person~~ they does not want to have their case processed under the Administrative Disciplinary Procedure, the FEI will submit the case to the FEI Tribunal for adjudication in accordance with the Internal Regulations of the FEI Tribunal. Once the case has been submitted to the FEI Tribunal, the offence shall no longer be considered as “Minor”. If, following the disciplinary proceedings before the FEI Tribunal, the FEI Tribunal upholds the charge and finds that the accused person has committed the offence in question, the FEI Tribunal shall impose a higher Sanction/Sanctions than those provided for in the list of Minor Sanctions.

Comments received by 24 August 2022

FRA NF:

The article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights, prohibits the automatic application of sanctions. FEI proposition contestation would result in a serious disregard for the right of defense which could lead to many disputes on the Minor sanctions.

FEI feedback

The Person has a right to be heard, but if such right is not exercised, the proposal is that the Administrative Sanctions apply. The Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights does not apply to minor/administrative disciplinary matters. It is therefore suggested to keep the FEI’s proposal as specified in the First Draft.

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022

As per the above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
FEI
Article Number – Article Name
Article 164.7 Suspension
Explanation for Proposed Change

Currently the definition of Suspension only specifically mentions Athletes, Horses, and Officials. However, other persons, such as Trainers, Support Personnel can be suspended as well and therefore it is suggested to clarify the wording so that there is no doubt that the consequences of a suspension apply to all persons serving a Suspension.

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022
164.7 Suspension

(a) During the period of a Suspension the ~~p~~Person, Horse and/or body suspended may take no part in any Competitions or Events and/or in any activities related to any Competition or Event, as an Athlete, Support Personnel, Horse and/or Official or in the organisation of, any Competition or Event under the jurisdiction of the FEI or any Competition or Event under the jurisdiction of an NF in accordance with the Statutes or in any FEI and/or NF related activity (e.g. FEI courses, meetings, General Assembly etc.). For the avoidance of any doubt, training FEI Athletes and/or FEI Horses (whether at FEI Events or anywhere else) is to be considered as an FEI related activity. Persons are entitled to train their own Horses at their own facilities or at private facilities (i.e. not linked to any FEI or national Events/trainings' facilities).

(b) If so specified in the relevant Notification/Decision, the ~~p~~Person may be barred temporarily or for a specific period of time from participating in or attending, in any capacity, including as a spectator, any Competition or Event and/or any activities related to any Competition or Event that is authorised or organised by the FEI or any National Federation.

(c) The Suspension may be provisional or final and may be imposed on such terms and subject to conditions as the FEI Tribunal, the FEI Headquarters or the FEI Secretary General, as the case may be, may impose. In certain cases a Provisional or Final Suspension may be automatic under the Statutes, GRs or Sport Rules.

Comments received by 24 August 2022
GER NF:

We agree with the rule change, however, we would like to point out that we will not be able to reliably prevent a suspended person from acting as support personnel in national competitions. Those are not registered with or indicated to us.

FEI feedback

N/A

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022

As per the above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
FEI
Article Number – Article Name
Appendix B - Olympic Charter: Rule 40 and by-law to Rule 40
Explanation for Proposed Change

To update the wording in order to align with the changes to the Olympic Charter.

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022
APPENDIX B - Olympic Charter: Rule 40 and by-law to Rule 40

 (Extract from the Olympic Charter, current version ~~in force as from 9 October 2018~~)

40 Participation in the Olympic Games*

To participate in the Olympic Games, a competitor, team official or other team personnel must respect and comply with the Olympic Charter, ~~and the~~ World Anti-Doping Code ~~and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions~~, including the conditions of participation established by the IOC, as well as with the rules of the relevant IF as approved by the IOC, and the competitor, team official or other team personnel must be entered by his NOC.

Bye-Law To Rule 40

1. Each IF establishes its sport's rules for participation in the Olympic Games, including qualification criteria, in accordance with the Olympic Charter. Such criteria must be submitted to the IOC Executive Board for approval.
2. The application of the qualification criteria lies with the IFs, their affiliated national federations and the NOCs in the fields of their respective responsibilities.
- ~~3. Except as permitted by the IOC Executive Board, no competitor, team official or other team personnel who participates in the Olympic Games may allow his person, name, picture or sports performances to be used for advertising purposes during the Olympic Games. Competitors, team officials and other team personnel who participate in the Olympic Games may allow their person, name, picture or sports performances to be used for advertising purposes during the Olympic Games in accordance with the principles determined by the IOC Executive Board.~~
4. The entry or participation of a competitor in the Olympic Games shall not be conditional on any financial consideration.

* Indicates that there is a Bye-law to the Rules

Comments received by 24 August 2022

N/A

FEI feedback

N/A

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022

As per the above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
FEI
Article Number – Article Name
Appendix I – FEI Safeguarding Policy Against Harassment and Abuse
Explanation for Proposed Change

To amend the wording to ensure that the Safeguarding Policy applies to offences that occurred prior to the implementation of the FEI Safeguarding Policy (i.e before 1 January 2019).

In addition, to include a wording confirming the authority of FEI to recognise Provisional Suspensions imposed by other bodies (eg. NFs) and to confirm the power of the FEI Tribunal to be entitled to lift such Provisional Suspensions.

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022

1.1.2. Covered Individual means any person in one or more of the following categories ~~at the time of the alleged misconduct:~~

- a. **Athlete** as defined in Appendix A of the GRs;
- b. **Accredited Persons** at an FEI Event and/or FEI Meeting
- c. **FEI Representatives**, such as FEI Board Members, Members of a Technical or Standing Committee or Sub-Committee thereof, other members of a body or group designated by any of the former to act on behalf of or advise the FEI (including but not limited to working groups and task forces), and FEI employees;
- d. **Officials** as defined in Appendix A of the GRs;
- e. **Organiser** as defined in Appendix A of the GRs;
- f. **Person Responsible** as defined in Article 118 of the GRs;
- g. **Support Personnel** means any Coach, Trainer, Athlete, Horse Owner, Groom, Steward, Chef d'Equipe, team staff, Official, Veterinarian, medical, or paramedical personnel or any other person assisting in any fashion a Person Responsible participating in or preparing for an FEI Event.

1.1.3. Protected Person means any individual participant in equestrian sport, including Athletes, Support Personnel, Coaches, Trainers, Grooms, Officials, volunteers and staff in all equestrian Disciplines.

(...)

ARTICLE 2 – Violations*

The following conduct constitutes a violation of this Policy:

2.1 Psychological Abuse;

2.2 Physical Abuse;

2.3 Sexual Harassment;

2.4 Sexual Abuse;

2.5 Neglect;

2.6 Engaging, or attempting or threatening to engage, in conduct that directly harms the physical and/or mental welfare and/or safety of one or more Protected Persons;

2.7 Posing a risk of harm to the physical and/or mental welfare and/or safety of one or more Protected Persons.

~~2.6~~ 2.8 Complicity, i.e. assisting, encouraging, aiding, abetting, conspiring, covering up or any other type of intentional complicity involving a violation of this Policy.

(...)

* 'Harm' is not a narrow concept and can mean different things in different contexts, but (in very general terms) it can be considered as meaning ill-treatment or the impairment of health, welfare or development. Harassment and abuse are examples of conduct that cause harm.

It is not necessary for conduct (or attempted or threatened conduct) to take place in the context of equestrian sport. For example (and without limitation), in the event that a Covered Individual has at any time been convicted of, warned/cautioned for, or charged with, any offence that concerns harm to other individuals (whether or not those individuals are Protected Persons), that may form the basis of action under this Policy as a result of that Covered Individual posing a risk of harm (regardless of whether or not the relevant offence, or alleged offence, took place in the context of equestrian sport). For the avoidance of doubt, conduct that took place prior to this Policy coming into effect may indicate a risk of harm within the meaning of Article 2.7.

(...)

ARTICLE 7 – PROVISIONAL MEASURES

- 7.1.** The FEI may impose provisional measures, including a provisional suspension, on the Covered Individual. The FEI shall also be entitled to recognise and apply Provisional Suspensions and/or provisional measures imposed by other bodies, such as National Federations or Safeguarding authorities. Where a provisional measure is imposed or recognised and applied by the FEI, a Covered Individual shall be entitled to apply to the FEI Tribunal for relief against such provisional measures, including the lifting of a ~~p~~Provisional ~~s~~Suspension.
- 7.2.** Where a provisional measure is imposed, this shall be taken into consideration in the determination of any sanction which may ultimately be imposed.

Comments received by 24 August 2022

FRA NF:

It seems surprising that only participants in equestrian sport are considered “protected persons”. The definition of “protected persons” should extend to all persons present at an FEI event, in particular spectators.

In French and European law, it is forbidden to make retroactive laws. The proposal allowing the retroactivity of this regulation will lead to the ineffectiveness of the sanctions taken by the FEI.

GBR NF:

GBR would agree to the strengthening of the abuse/harassment rules.

GER NF:

Does this policy have a sufficient legal basis in the FEI Statutes. The question whether the combat of harassment is covered by the objectives of the federation and therefore falls within its jurisdiction has been a highly controversial issue in all our national cases dealing with harassment. In our experience it is of paramount importance provide for a solid establishment in the statutes.

The FEI statutes (naturally) have a very strong focus on equestrian sport. Art 2.3. reads: “The FEI is committed to promoting a safe sporting environment and therefore all forms of harassment and abuse are prohibited and will not be tolerated by the FEI.” It must be feared that this clause is not sufficient in order to form a basis for a Policy Against Harassment and Abuse that explicitly abandons any context with equestrian sport. We think it wise to discuss the creation of an abstract clause condemning all forms of abuse and harassment in the statutes.

FEI feedback

The FEI Safeguarding Policy Against Harassment and Abuse can only apply when the FEI has jurisdiction over the person, reason why it covers Athletes, Support Personnel, Officials, FEI Representatives, Organisers, etc, as such persons have agreed to be bound by the FEI Rules and Regulations. Spectators are not under the jurisdiction of the FEI. However, any spectator can of course report any violation of the FEI Safeguarding Policy Against Harassment and Abuse if the alleged violation has been committed by a Covered Individual (i.e a person who is under the jurisdiction of the FEI).

As to the retroactive application of the Policy, the FEI Legal Department had asked an external law firm to draft the appropriate wording and to confirm that it was lawful, especially under Swiss law (as the FEI Legal System is under Swiss law). The FEI therefore suggests to proceed with the wording as provided in the First Draft.

Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022

As per the above.

B. PROPOSED RULES CHANGES THAT HAVE BEEN REJECTED OR DEFERRED TO A FUTURE RULES REVISION

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
FRA NF
Article Number – Article Name
Appendix E - CIMs
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>2. Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc. 3. New/recently introduced rule(s) that has(ve) proven to be problematic in its implementation;</p> <p>CEI2* as major level events. The goals for the change proposed by the FEI at the last GA have not been reached. The drifts have not been counter. The side effects were for all worldwide stakeholders to endorse the costs (complexity, finance) of it. As there is no positive results of the change we believe it is important to review this problematic implementation</p>
Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022
<p>Bring back CEI2* within CIMs listed levels inside the table.</p> <p>The FEI's opinion is that the CEI2* Events should remain major level events and thus should not be considered as CIMs and that it is probably an item to be discussed as part of the full revision of the FEI Endurance Rules next year.</p>
Comments received by 24 August 2022
<p>GBR NF: GBR agrees that removing 2* CEIs from the minor event category hasn't worked. These rules affect smaller nations disproportionately, and they have made 2* events more costly for riders and organisers. GBR agrees with ARG NF that Allowing 2* events with less than 20,000CHF prize money to be CIMs is a reasonable compromise.</p> <p>GER NF: The organisers of international rides in Germany and also the Officials cannot understand why the FEI no longer classifies CEI2* rides as CIMs. CEIYJ2* remain as CIMs, that does not seem to make sense. CIMs for an OC are much easier, less complicated and less expensive to organise. The same applies to competitors and their horses, most want to qualify for 3*Rides and do not want to go at speeds faster than 20 km/h. This is in the interest of horse welfare. On nearly all FEI European rides there is no great prize money. The FEI needs its organisers and also well qualified riders and horses. We want to support horse welfare. Please consider to classify CEI2* rides as CIMs again.</p> <p>Add CEI2* in the "level" column for the Endurance discipline.</p>

NED NF:

In the memo the FEI feedback in the Endurance rules revision about the CIM classification is standing the following: *Changes to the CIM classification are not part of the Endurance Rules revision process as the table of CIMs is in the FEI General Regulations. There are no changes proposed to the Table of CIMs in the General Regulations.*

This is mentioned in the general regulations: *The FEI’s opinion is that the CEI2* Events should remain major level events and thus should not be considered as CIMs and that it is probably an item to be discussed as part of the full revision of the FEI Endurance Rules next year.*

We would like to see that the CEI2* will reintroduced as a CIM in the General Regulations Appendix E.

In most countries the speeds at CEI2* are low to moderate and therefore a 2* is a minor event from a sportive/technical perspective.

When stakes are higher because of prize money, speed increases and the 2* can no longer be considered a minor event.

The problem with regarding all 2* events as a CI rather than a minor event is that it will be harder and more expensive to organize a 2*. This will unnecessarily hinder the development of endurance in countries where it is a small sport.

A much more elegant solution is to regard a CEI2* as a CI only when there is a substantial amount of prize money. We have entered a proposal for the endurance rules to attain this goal. We believe this proposal should be put forward this year instead of the FEI proposal to the General Regulations.

FEI feedback

The FEI’s opinion is that we should keep the FEI’s initial position and that is that the CEI2* Events should remain major level events and thus should not be considered as CIMs and that it should be an item to be discussed as part of the full revision of the FEI Endurance Rules next year.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI

Article Number – Article Name

Multi-Discipline item: Tack and Equipment

Explanation for Proposed Change

To add a wording in the relevant Discipline Rules clarifying that if a tack or equipment is not specifically described/approved in the Rules, it is not allowed, unless the FEI has specifically approved it.

This proposal is to assist FEI Officials and Stewards to justify their decision not to allow a specific equipment at FEI Events as the practice has shown that Athletes, Grooms and even manufacturers are challenging FEI Officials’ decisions on-site, arguing that if an equipment is not specifically forbidden it should be allowed.

The specific wording will be added in the relevant Discipline Rules if this “concept” is approved by the National Federations.

Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022

The specific wording will be added in the relevant Discipline Rules if this “concept” is approved by the National Federations.

Comments received by 24 August 2022**GBR NF:**

GBR would like to thank the FEI for the new guidelines, which are much appreciated. However, within the new guideline's examples are provided of the permitted cheek pieces for snaffle and curb, but not for the bridoon bit, which differ – and it is necessary to refer to Article 428.3.2 and 428.3.2.1 to recognise this.

Any proposed wording around what tack and equipment is permitted or not allowed needs to be very carefully considered and the information within the rules and Annex need to be cross-referenced to ensure that there is a consistent approach throughout.

FEI feedback

Given the work of the Equine Ethics & Wellbeing Commission (EEWB Commission) and of the Equipment Expert Group, it is proposed to defer the proposed change to a later stage when a more thorough assessment on the proposed way forward will be made.