

**PROPOSALS FOR RULES CHANGES OF  
PARA EQUESTRIAN CLASSIFICATION RULES 2023**

14 October 2022

Dear National Federations,

Please find below a summary of the proposed changes to the Para Equestrian Classification Rules 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:

- A.** [Proposed Rules changes to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022;](#)

Sincerely,

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

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
<b>British Equestrian (British Dressage)</b>
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
<b>Article 8422.2 / Rules 15.10 / 15.13 – Para Classification Rules</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<b>Rules 15.10 / 15.13</b> – more flexibility is required for reviews where the medical condition of the rider has deteriorated and there are concerns for the health and safety of athletes to compete in their current allocated grade. In the athlete evaluation review, the rider should be able to compete in the new Grade allocated to them (if a new Grade is allocated to them) at that CPEDI event to allow them to complete the grade status review process.
<b>Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022</b>
15.10. An Athlete with Grade Status Review (R) must complete Athlete Evaluation at any subsequent International Event at which they will appear in competition, unless the FEI specifies otherwise. <u>Where the medical condition of the rider has deteriorated and there are health and safety concerns for athletes to compete in their current allocated grade, in the Athlete Evaluation review, the rider should be able to compete in the new Grade allocated to them (if a new Grade is allocated to them) at that CPEDI event to allow them to complete the Grade Status Review process.</u>
<b>Comments received by 24 August 2022</b>
No comments were received
<b>FEI feedback</b>
N/A
<b>Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022</b>
Wording remains as in proposal above

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
<b>FEI</b>
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
Throughout the Rules
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
The Classifiers levels were updated to reflect changes in the Classifiers Education system, with the changes outlined hereafter:
<b>Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022</b>

Trainee Classifier becomes Level 1 Classifier  
 Level 1 Classifier becomes Level 2 Classifier  
 Level 2 Classifier becomes Level 3 Classifier  
 New Level 4 Classifier is created.

**Comments received by 24 August 2022**

No comments were received

**FEI feedback**

N/A

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

Wording remains as in proposal above

**Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)**

**FEI**

**Article Number – Article Name**

Article 3.6 Classification Personnel

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

The Head of Classification should have the highest level of Education system.

**Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022**

The Head of Classification is required to be a certified Level ~~2-4~~ FEI Classifier.

**Comments received by 24 August 2022**

No comments were received

**FEI feedback**

N/A

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

Wording remains as in proposal above

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
<b>FEI</b>
Article Number – Article Name
Article 10.3 – 10.8
Explanation for Proposed Change
Numbering was corrected.
Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022
Changes to numbering of articles
Comments received by 24 August 2022
No comments were received
FEI feedback
N/A
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022
Wording remains as in proposal above

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
<b>FEI</b>
Article Number – Article Name
11.3 The Classification Panel – General Provisions
Explanation for Proposed Change
The PETC determined that there needed to be more clarification as to what would allow a change in the composition of a Classification Panel. The wording was aligned with the Para Dressage Rules.
Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022
2.1 A Classification Panel must comprise at least two certified Classifiers, with one Classifier being from a <del>different nation to the Athleteforeign NF</del> . In exceptional circumstances, <u>in case of Force Majeure</u> , a Chief Classifier may provide that a Classification Panel comprise only one Classifier, subject to that Classifier holding a valid medical qualification.
Comments received by 24 August 2022
No comments were received
FEI feedback

13 November 2022, Cape Town (RSA)

N/A
<b>Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022</b>
Wording remains as in proposal above

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
<b>FEI</b>
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
41.4.2 The Classification Masterlist
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
The terminology was incorrect as to what Compensating Aids had to be marked on the Interim Results form.
<b>Proposed Wording on 6 July 2022</b>
27.1.1 The <del>standard-profile-specific</del> compensating aids the Athlete is allowed for FEI Para Equestrian Events.
<b>Comments received by 24 August 2022</b>
No comments were received
<b>FEI feedback</b>
N/A
<b>Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2022</b>
Wording remains as in proposal above