

PROPOSALS FOR RULES CHANGES OF REGULATIONS FOR EQUESTRIAN EVENTS AT PARALYMPIC GAMES

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 Regulations for Equestrian Events at the Paralympic Games 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 Para Equestrian 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 Para Equestrian Committee; and
- B. [Rules Proposals put forward by the FEI](#)**

Sincerely Yours,



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

Rules Proposal Submitted By
None Received
Article No.–Article Name
Explanation for Proposed Change
Proposed Wording
FEI Feedback
FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)

B. Rules Proposals put forward by the FEI

Article No.–Article Name
Article 610.1 JUDGES
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>The Para Equestrian Technical Committee (PETC) had discussed the introduction of a Judges Supervisory Panel (JSP) during the full Rules Revision process in 2022. However, with the Board approval of 21-22 June 2022, this topic was delayed to the Rules Revision process of 2023 to allow for full testing and simulation of the proposed change. The FEI Board approved the proposal put forward in the FEI Board meeting 6-7 June 2023.</p> <p>Within Para Dressage globally, the % margins between top nations and competitors have become increasingly small, with medals being won or lost on fractions of a percentage. The PETC reviewed if there was a role for a JSP for Para Dressage at the Paralympic Games.</p> <p>Based on data analysis on the differences in scores between Judges at recent major championships, the FEI Para Equestrian Committee identified the need to add a JSP to ensure fairness in Judging at the Paralympic Games. It is proposed the JSP would be composed of a panel of two members who would only be tasked to implement a 6% Rule, based on a unanimous decision by the Panel.</p> <p>A simulation will be run at CH-EU-PED Riesenbeck.</p>
Proposed Wording
<p>1. JUDGES</p> <p><u>GROUND JURY</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seven (7) Ground Jury (President and Members) and one (1) travelling reserve <p><u>JUDGES SUPERVISORY PANEL (JSP)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>The purpose of the JSP is to ensure fair judging.</u> <u>The FEI Board is responsible for the appointment of members of the JSP further to consultation with the Dressage Committee.</u> <u>A JSP Member who is not a FEI Dressage Judge shall have the status, rights and responsibilities of an FEI Official and is accordingly bound by the relevant provision of the FEI Rules and Regulations.</u> <u>The JSP appointed for an FEI Event should consist of two (2) members appointed by the FEI. All JSP members must be independent and experienced, well respected and diplomatic, adhere to the Codex, have integrity and communication skills. There can be a maximum of one (1) JSP member per NF on the same panel.</u> <u>If a judge's final score for a Horse/Athlete combination varies (above or below) by six (6) % or more from the average of the scores of the other Judges for the same combination, the JSP may, by unanimous decision, change that particular score to be the same as the next closest score. The JSP must inform the judges immediately after the Competition which scores have been changed. A signed form with the correction will be added to the normal sheets and made available to the Athletes, and given to the Judge, whose score has been changed.</u> <u>At events, the JSP should have a good view of the entire arena and be provided with computer screens showing the Judges' marks instantly.</u> <u>At events, the Organiser must ensure that the JSP members have:</u>

- A direct and clear sight of the arena;
- A screen with the live video feed of the whole performance of each competitor from the same camera, the recommended position being at the field of play level. Such video should be replayed live during the performance.