

**PROPOSALS FOR RULES CHANGES OF
PARA DRESSAGE RULES 2023**

24 October 2023

Dear National Federations,

Please find below a summary of the proposed changes to the Para Dressage 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 2 sections as follows:

- A.** [Proposed Rules changes to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023;](#)
and
- B.** [Proposed Rules changes that have been rejected or deferred to a future Rules revision.](#)

Sincerely,



Ronan Murphy,

Para Dressage Director

A. PROPOSED RULES CHANGES TO BE VOTED AT THE FEI GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2023

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
FEI
Article Number – Article Name
ARTICLE 8413 DECLARATION OF STARTERS
Explanation for Proposed Change
Correction of a typo. The word “cannot” should not have been included in this article.
Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023
In the event of an accident or illness of an Athlete declared as a starter, who consequently start in a Test, this Athlete cannot may, with the approval of the OC, together with the President of the Ground Jury, start in a later Competition, but only as an individual Athlete.
Comments Received by 16 August 2023
GBR We have no comments to make on the proposals in the draft version and agree with the FEI Feedback for Articles 8403, 8413, 8416.5, 8421.4.2.1, 8421.5, 8421.5, 8421.9, 8422, 8427.10, 8431, 8431.2.8, 8431.4.2, 8432.3, 8432.5.2, 8432.5.7, 8436.4 and Annex IV.
FEI Feedback
We thank the NF for their support.
Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023
As above

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
FEI
Article Number – Article Name
ARTICLE 8416.5 EXECUTION OF TESTS
Explanation for Proposed Change
Following the change proposed in the FEI Dressage Rules, the section “The Positions and aids of the Athlete” would be returned to the FEI Para Dressage Rules, rather than the Object and General Principles of Dressage and Para Dressage.
Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023
<i>5. The positions and aids of the Athlete</i>
<i>5.1. The Athlete will be as well balanced and steady in the saddle as possible, conforming to the FEI definition of the Athlete’ position. This position makes it possible for the Athlete to show progressive riding and/or training and to show all the movements and transitions with as little effort of the Athlete as possible. The aids with which the Athlete communicates with the Horse are of great importance in Para Dressage.</i>

5.2. Where possible, Athletes will ride with both hands at all Para Dressage Events, not only when executing any of the Official Para Dressage Tests published by the FEI but also when executing any National Test that might be inserted in the program of the same event. However, when leaving the arena at a walk on a long rein, after having finished their performance, the Athlete may, at their own discretion, ride with only one (1) hand.

5.2.1 A discreet 'pat on the neck' for a well performed exercise, or for reassurance, is perfectly acceptable (as is the situation of an Athlete needing to wipe a fly from their eye, or other situations such as adjusting clothing, saddle pads etc).

However, if the rider intentionally takes the reins into one hand in order to use either the reins or the other hand to produce more impulsion from the Horse, or to promote applause from the spectators during the test, it will be considered a fault and will be reflected in the mark for both the movement and the collective mark for 'Rider'. If foot reins are used, neither the hands nor arms may be used.

5.3. Voice – Athletes in Grades I, II and III may use their voice as an aid, provided they do so in moderation. Athletes in Grades IV and V may not use their voice at any time during the execution of their Test. Once a Test has started the Athlete shall not speak to any other person, unless spoken to by the Judge. Such a fault will be penalized by the deduction of at least two (2) marks by each Judge from those that would otherwise have been awarded for the movement where this occurred.

Comments Received by 16 August 2023

GBR

We have no comments to make on the proposals in the draft version and agree with the FEI Feedback for Articles 8403, 8413, 8416.5, 8421.4.2.1, 8421.5, 8421.5, 8421.9, 8422, 8427.10, 8431, 8431.2.8, 8431.4.2, 8432.3, 8432.5.2, 8432.5.7, 8436.4 and Annex IV.

NOR

We support that the section “The Positions and aids of the Athlete” would be returned to the FEI Para Dressage Rules.

FEI Feedback

We thank the NFs for their support.

Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023

As above

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI

Article Number – Article Name

Article 8421.4.2.1 PENALTIES – ERRORS - ELIMINATIONS

Explanation for Proposed Change

An error in the full rules revision meant that the technical fault for entering the space outside the arena was removed. The Para Equestrian Technical Committee determined that using "Field of Play" then included the arena and surrounding area.

Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023

All of the following are considered technical faults, and 0.5% (zero point five percentage points) will be deducted per fault by each Judge. The deductions defined below are not cumulative and will not result in Elimination (including for Freestyle tests):

- Entering the Field of Play to start the test Dressage arena with boots/bandages on the Horse's legs or with discrepancy in dress: If the test has already started before the discrepancy has been noticed, the Judge at C stops the Athlete and if needed and possible, an assistant may enter the arena to remove the item(s). The Athlete then continues the test, either starting from the beginning (from the inside of the fence) or from the movement where they were stopped. The marks given before they were stopped are not changed;

Comments Received by 16 August 2023

BEL point 1

8421 (4.2.1) Penalties – Errors - Eliminations / Other Penalties

*Entering the space around the arena with boots/bandages on the Horse's legs or with discrepancy in dress" **disappeared from the Rules 2023 for an unknown reason***

This should be considered as a technical mistake again (followed by a deduction of 0,5% by each Judge.

BEL point 2

1st point: Entering the competition arena with boots/bandages on the Horse's legs, or with discrepancy in dress, must be considered as a "technical fault".

If the test has already started before the discrepancy has been noticed, the Judge at C stops the Athlete.

After removing, the Athlete may choose: to started again from the beginning or to start from the movement where he was stopped (however, the marks given before the Athlete was stopped are not changed).

It's a fact the possibility to start again from the beginning could still be an advantage (comparing to the other Athletes).

Why such a privilege after a technical fault?

Proposed wording: The Athlete should obligatory continue the test from the movement where he was stopped. (... like in Dressage)

GBR

We have no comments to make on the proposals in the draft version and agree with the FEI Feedback for Articles 8403, 8413, 8416.5, 8421.4.2.1, 8421.5, 8421.5, 8421.9, 8422, 8427.10, 8431, 8431.2.8, 8431.4.2, 8432.3, 8432.5.2, 8432.5.7, 8436.4 and Annex IV.

FEI Feedback

The PETC noticed that the point was missing from the technical faults and reintroduced it by combining the arena and area outside the arena by using the term "Field of Play".

Although the PETC agreed with the comment from BEL to re-start the test where it had left off, this does not fit the criteria for rules changes outside of a full rules revision year and so will go to the full rules revision in 2025.

Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023

As above

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI

Article Number – Article Name

ARTICLE 8421.5 PENALTIES – ERRORS - ELIMINATIONS

Explanation for Proposed Change

Clarification was required that eliminations were on the combination rather than the athlete, as the athlete could compete also on a second horse. The further clarification for a test being delayed due to a valid reason was added to align with Dressage. These changes would also be included in the table of sanctions in Annex V.

Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023

- 5.1 If an Athlete does not enter the arena within 120 seconds of the bell being rung, the Athlete/Horse combination will be eliminated. Except where a valid reason has been informed to the Judge at C (Horse losing a shoe, etc...)
- 5.2 In a case of marked lameness the Judge at C informs the Athlete that ~~they~~the combination are eliminated. There is no appeal against this decision.
- 5.3 In the case of a fall of Horse and/or Athlete, the ~~Athlete~~combination will be eliminated.
- 5.4 A Horse leaving the arena completely, with all four (4) feet and in a wilful manner, causing the Athlete to lose control, will be eliminated from the Competition. However, if the Athlete directs the Horse to the outside of the arena or the arena is not fully boarded, the Horse is not automatically eliminated. The decision is that of the Judge at C. Mentioned incidence will deduct the marks heavily.

Comments Received by 16 August 2023

BEL point 1

*"If an **Athlete** does not enter the arena within 120 seconds of the bell being rung, the **Athlete will be eliminated.**"*

However, that Athlete is still allowed to compete in the same Grade, with a second horse.

Proposed wording:

Twice "... **Athlete/Horse combination**..." (i.o. "Athlete") would be clearer.

BEL point 2

*"In the case of a fall of Horse and/or Athlete, the **Athlete will be eliminated.**"*

However, that Athlete is still allowed to compete in the same Grade, with a second horse.

Proposed wording:

*"In the case of a fall of Horse and/or Athlete, the **Athlete/Horse combination** will be eliminated."* would be clearer.

BEL point 3

*"A **Horse** leaving the arena completely, with all four (4) feet and in a wilful manner, causing the Athlete to lose control, **will be eliminated.**"*

*However, if the Athlete directs the Horse to the outside of the arena or the arena is not fully boarded, the **Horse** is not automatically **eliminated.**"*

The decision is that of the Judge at C. Mentioned incidence will deduct the marks heavily."

- a) The Horse is eliminated in the considered class only! However, the same horse is allowed to compete in an optional second class (another Grade with another rider of the same N.F.).
- b) If the Athletes have to start from inside because of some specific reason (no possibility to turn around the competition arena for example) and a Horse is leaving the arena before the Judge at C rings the bell, the combination should not be eliminated.

Proposed wording:

An **Athlete/Horse combination** leaving the arena completely, **between the beginning and the end of a Test**, with all four (4) feet and in a willful manner, causing the Athlete to lose control, will be eliminated.

GBR

We have no comments to make on the proposals in the draft version and agree with the FEI Feedback for Articles 8403, 8413, 8416.5, 8421.4.2.1, 8421.5, 8421.5, 8421.9, 8422, 8427.10, 8431, 8431.2.8, 8431.4.2, 8432.3, 8432.5.2, 8432.5.7, 8436.4 and Annex IV.

IRL

The IRL NF would like to suggest that an additional line be added along the lines of "if the Athlete takes the most direct route possible from the bell ringing into the arena they will not be penalised". At the moment if the horse is at C when the bell rings and the rider does not make it to A in time due to not being able to trot, they are penalised.

Proposed wording:

5.1 If an Athlete does not enter the arena within 120 seconds of the bell being rung, the Athlete/Horse combination will be eliminated. **Except where a valid reason has been informed to the Judge at C (Horse losing a shoe, etc...). If the Athlete takes the most direct route possible from the bell ringing into the arena they will not be penalised.**

FEI Feedback

The PETC have taken into account already the points mentioned by BEL.

The PETC did not agree to change the rule to allow more flexibility for athletes as suggested by IRL, and this would lead to the process being too ambiguous. It was noted that Judges ring the bell at the same point for each athlete, giving them enough time to enter the arena within 120 seconds. At this level of competition the rules need to be explicit and not ambiguous on this.

Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023

As above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI

Article Number – Article Name

ARTICLE 8421.5 PENALTIES – ERRORS - ELIMINATIONS

Explanation for Proposed Change

To ensure the welfare of the horse, the following articles are proposed to be included from the FEI Dressage Rules. This would also be included in the table of sanctions in Annex V.

Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023

5.5 Athlete/Horse combination not being able to fulfil the requirements of the level.

5.6 The performance is against the welfare of the Horse and/or shows abusive riding.

Comments Received by 16 August 2023

BEL

Some more situations of elimination could be mentioned in this article.

Horse and Athlete combination not being able to fulfil the requirements of the Grade.
The performance is against the welfare of the Horse and/or shows abusive riding.
Horse and Athlete combination not entering the competition arena within 120 seconds after the bell. Except where a valid reason thereto has been informed to the Judge at C (Horse losing a shoe, etc...)

GBR

We have no comments to make on the proposals in the draft version and agree with the FEI Feedback for Articles 8403, 8413, 8416.5, 8421.4.2.1, 8421.5, 8421.5, 8421.9, 8422, 8427.10, 8431, 8431.2.8, 8431.4.2, 8432.3, 8432.5.2, 8432.5.7, 8436.4 and Annex IV.

NOR

The proposed change is important to ensure the welfare of the horses.

FEI Feedback

We thank the NFs for their support.

Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023

As above

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI

Article Number – Article Name

Article 8421.9 PENALTIES – ERRORS – ELIMINATIONS

Explanation for Proposed Change

Correcting an error. The article was moved from the section "Unauthorised Assistance" and the wording concerning Compensating aids was removed as that is covered under penalties and does not incur an elimination.

Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023

5.9 It is the responsibility of the Athlete to ensure that all equipment ~~and compensating aids~~ they use in Competition meets the requirements under the Para Dressage Rules. The penalty for competing with incorrect equipment is elimination of the Athlete/Horse combination.

Comments Received by 16 August 2023

BEL

*"It is the responsibility of the Athlete to ensure that all equipment and compensating aids they use in Competition meet the requirement under the Para Dressage Rules.
The penalty for competing with incorrect equipment is elimination."*

Nothing to do with the Unauthorised Outside Assistance.

Proposed wording

Incorrect equipment should be mentioned in art. 8421.5 (Eliminations).

Incorrect compensating aids is already mentioned in 8421.4 (other penalties).

BEL further proposal

Annex V – Sanctions – Summary

This annex could be adapted accordingly to the here above possible modifications

GBR

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FEI Feedback

The changes were made to the section of unauthorised outside assistance above and the section on sanctions will be updated where necessary.

Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023

As above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI

Article Number – Article Name

Article 8422 RESULTS & CALCULATIONS OF SCORES

Explanation for Proposed Change

Correction needed where there was still a reference to the Team test.

Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023

1. Team Results

The Team results for CPEDI3*s are calculated as follows: In all Team Competitions the winning team is the one having the highest combined percentage scores from the Para Grand Prix A and Para Grand Prix B added together of their three best Athletes, the second placed team is the one with the next highest percentage, and so on. In case of equality of percentages, the winning team is the one (1) whose third placed Athlete out of the best three (3) has the best result Para Grand Prix A & Para Grand Prix B added together.

- 1.1 The Team results for Championships: In the case of equality of percentages the winning team is the one whose lowest classified team Athlete has the best result in the Para Grand Prix B. If still tied the same rule will be applied to the second lowest classified Athlete in the ~~Team Test~~ Para Grand Prix B.

Comments Received by 16 August 2023

BEL

"The Team results for Championships: In case of equality of percentages, the winning team is the one whose lowest classified team Athlete has the best result in the Para Grand Prix B.

*If still tied, the same rule will be applied to the second lowest classified Athlete in the **Team Test.**"*

- a) The Para Grand Prix A should replace the old Team Test.
 b) However, why should we take the result of the **lowest classified** team Athletes in the **Para Grand Prix B** to make the team placing in case of equality of team percentages BUT ... the result of the **second lowest classified** team Athletes in the **Para Grand Prix A** if still tied?

Proposed wording:

*... If still tied, the same rule will be applied to the second lowest classified Athlete in the **Para Grand Prix A** (or B?)*

GBR

We have no comments to make on the proposals in the draft version and agree with the FEI Feedback for Articles 8403, 8413, 8416.5, 8421.4.2.1, 8421.5, 8421.5, 8421.9, 8422, 8427.10, 8431, 8431.2.8, 8431.4.2, 8432.3, 8432.5.2, 8432.5.7, 8436.4 and Annex IV.

FEI Feedback

The PETC deferred this change suggested by BEL to be discussed at the full rules revision as it did not fit any criteria this year.

Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023

As above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI

Article Number – Article Name

ARTICLE 8427.10 DRESS

Explanation for Proposed Change

Clarification on the wording for spurs to include updates in current equipment.

Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023

Spurs are optional as a standard compensating Aid. Spurs must be made of metal. The shank must be either curved or straight, pointing directly back from the centre of the spur when on the Athlete's boot. Spurs must not be offset, unless allowed as a non-standard compensating aid and noted on the FEI Classification Master List. The arm of the spur must be smooth and blunt. If rowels are used, they must be blunt, smooth (no sharp edges) and free to rotate. Metal spurs with round hard ~~plastic~~-knobs are allowed and may rotate ('Impuls' spurs). ~~or~~ "Dummy" spurs with no shank are also allowed.

Comments Received by 16 August 2023

GBR

We have no comments to make on the proposals in the draft version and agree with the FEI Feedback for Articles 8403, 8413, 8416.5, 8421.4.2.1, 8421.5, 8421.5, 8421.9, 8422, 8427.10, 8431, 8431.2.8, 8431.4.2, 8432.3, 8432.5.2, 8432.5.7, 8436.4 and Annex IV.

NOR

We support this change, but propose a slightly different wording (grammar issue)

Proposed wording>

Spurs are optional as a standard compensating Aid. Spurs must be made of metal. The shank must be either curved or straight pointing directly back from the centre of the spur when on the Athlete's boot. Spurs must not be offset, unless allowed as a non-standard compensating aid and noted on the FEI Classification Master List. The arms of the spur must be smooth and blunt. If rowels are used, they must be blunt, smooth (no sharp edges) and free to rotate. Metal spurs with round hard plastic knobs are allowed ("Impuls" spur). The knobs may rotate. "Dummy" spurs with no shank are also allowed.

FEI Feedback

The PETC agreed to the change suggested by NOR.

Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023

10. Spurs are optional as a standard compensating Aid. Spurs must be made of metal. The shank must be either curved or straight, pointing directly back from the centre of the spur when on the Athlete's boot. Spurs must not be offset, unless allowed as a non-standard compensating aid and noted on the FEI Classification Master List. The arm of the spur must be smooth and blunt. If rowels are used, they must be blunt, smooth (no sharp edges) and free to rotate. Metal spurs with round hard plastic knobs are allowed ('Impuls' spurs). The knobs may rotate. or "Dummy" spurs with no shank are also allowed.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI

Article Number – Article Name

ARTICLE 8431 SADDLERY - EQUIPMENT

Explanation for Proposed Change

With the release of the FEI TackApp and FEI Tack, Equipment and Dress database, the Guidelines for the use of Tack, Equipment and Dress will no longer be used or published from 1 January 2024, so as not to have duplicates.

Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023

Please also refer to the FEI Dressage and Para-Dressage Guidelines for Use of Tack, Equipment and Dress Database or the FEI TackApp for latest clarifications, published on the FEI website.

Comments Received by 16 August 2023

GBR

We have no comments to make on the proposals in the draft version and agree with the FEI Feedback for Articles 8403, 8413, 8416.5, 8421.4.2.1, 8421.5, 8421.5, 8421.9, 8422, 8427.10, 8431, 8431.2.8, 8431.4.2, 8432.3, 8432.5.2, 8432.5.7, 8436.4 and Annex IV.

FEI Feedback

We thank the NF for their support.

Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023

As above

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
FEI
Article Number – Article Name
ARTICLE 8431.2.8 SADDLERY - EQUIPMENT
Explanation for Proposed Change
Urgent repairs, i.e., changes in the Rules that cannot wait because of their impact on the welfare of the Horses or the safety of the Athletes;
Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023
Please refer to the memo on the Proposed Changes to the FEI General Regulations for the explanation of the proposed new rule in relation to Nosebands. If you have comments on the proposal in relation to nosebands, please include them as part of your NF's feedback on the General Regulations.
Comments Received by 16 August 2023
GBR We have no comments to make on the proposals in the draft version and agree with the FEI Feedback for Articles 8403, 8413, 8416.5, 8421.4.2.1, 8421.5, 8421.5, 8421.9, 8422, 8427.10, 8431, 8431.2.8, 8431.4.2, 8432.3, 8432.5.2, 8432.5.7, 8436.4 and Annex IV.
FEI Feedback
We thank the NF for their support.
Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023
Please see the General Regulations Memo

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
FEI
Article Number – Article Name
ARTICLE 8431.4.2 SADDLERY – EQUIPMENT
Explanation for Proposed Change
Change to align with Dressage for Horse Welfare reasons.
Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023
Ear hoods are permitted for all Events, and may also provide noise reduction. However, ear hoods must not cover the Horse's eyes and ear plugs are not permitted. The ear hoods should be discreet in colour and design. Ear hoods may not be attached to the noseband. Ear plugs on Horses are forbidden but are allowed at prize giving ceremonies and Horse Inspections only for safety reasons. Random checks will be conducted and contravening this rule will entail a Yellow Warning Card and Elimination
Comments Received by 16 August 2023

GBR

We have no comments to make on the proposals in the draft version and agree with the FEI Feedback for Articles 8403, 8413, 8416.5, 8421.4.2.1, 8421.5, 8421.5, 8421.9, 8422, 8427.10, 8431, 8431.2.8, 8431.4.2, 8432.3, 8432.5.2, 8432.5.7, 8436.4 and Annex IV.

FEI Feedback

We thank the NF for their support.

Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023

As above

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI

Article Number – Article Name

ARTICLE 8432.3 COMPENSATING AIDS

Explanation for Proposed Change

Due to updates in the use of equipment, the size of handholds is no longer current, so the PETC would clarify that the important size is the distance from the pommel and not the length of the hand hold.

Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023

Hand Holds

All Athletes may use a soft (flexible) handhold to assist the Athlete to balance. The soft hand hold must not be more ~~than thirty centimetres (30cm) in length, and no more~~ than 10 centimetres (10 cm) above the top of the pommel when held. It may be attached to the front of the saddle, in front of or above the pommel. This is a standard compensating aid.

Comments Received by 16 August 2023

GBR

We have no comments to make on the proposals in the draft version and agree with the FEI Feedback for Articles 8403, 8413, 8416.5, 8421.4.2.1, 8421.5, 8421.5, 8421.9, 8422, 8427.10, 8431, 8431.2.8, 8431.4.2, 8432.3, 8432.5.2, 8432.5.7, 8436.4 and Annex IV.

FEI Feedback

We thank the NFs for their support.

Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023

As above

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI

Article Number – Article Name
ARTICLE 8432.5.2 COMPENSATING AIDS
Explanation for Proposed Change
Clarification for a rule that was new in 2023 and has proven to need this further information for Horse welfare.
Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023
Joined reins must have a minimum of 30cm from the <u>curb</u> bit to the join in the rein. It must be formed into a single rein in the Athlete’s hand .
Comments Received by 16 August 2023
GBR We have no comments to make on the proposals in the draft version and agree with the FEI Feedback for Articles 8403, 8413, 8416.5, 8421.4.2.1, 8421.5, 8421.5, 8421.9, 8422, 8427.10, 8431, 8431.2.8, 8431.4.2, 8432.3, 8432.5.2, 8432.5.7, 8436.4 and Annex IV.
FEI Feedback
We thank the NFs for their support.
Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023
As above

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
FEI
Article Number – Article Name
ARTICLE 8432.5.7 COMPENSATING AIDS
Explanation for Proposed Change
A change that was made for 2023 has caused issues for Athletes using looped and ladder reins. The PETC, with consultation from the Compensating Aids Panel, have agreed the following. The original rationale for reducing the looped reins was for safety reasons, as with no clear guidance rein designs have been adapted in such a way that they put both horse and rider at risk should an accident occur. CAP have listened to riders concerns and, with primary rationale for safety and clarity propose, the following has been agreed. <u>Looped reins</u> Maximum of 4 loops. Each loop strap measuring no more than 30cm in length. These can be attached to the rein by a fixed attachment or by a loop that is clipped to attachments on the rein to allow for adjustment. It is felt that any more than 4 loops are a safety issue and give undue excessive weight to the reins for both horse and rider. CAP happy for reins to have up to eight attachments for loops (only four to be used at any time)

Finger loops (fixed)

Maximum of 6 'loops' stitched on to the rein. Each loop strap measuring no more than 10cm in length

Ladder reins

No more than 3 ladders

No variations of the above will be allowed and all loops must be on a single rein.

CAP feel that the reins, which is a single rein split with ladder type loops to be attached to the bit on both sides, is extremely unsafe and also works as a leverage when held and therefore do not approve.

Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023

1.1 Looped and Ladder reins are a profile-specific compensating aid.

~~1.1.1~~ Looped reins may have a maximum of three loops on each rein, and Looped Reins:

Maximum of four loops per rein. Each loop strap measuring no more than 30cm in length. These can be attached to the rein by a fixed attachment or by a loop that is clipped to attachments on the rein to allow for adjustment. There can be up to eight attachments on each rein.

or

A maximum of six fixed finger loops can be stitched to the rein. Each loop measuring no more than 10cm in length.

~~1.1.1~~ 1.1.2 Ladder reins can have a maximum of three soft rungs between the reins.

All ladders must be on a single rein.

Comments Received by 16 August 2023

GBR

We have no comments to make on the proposals in the draft version and agree with the FEI Feedback for Articles 8403, 8413, 8416.5, 8421.4.2.1, 8421.5, 8421.5, 8421.9, 8422, 8427.10, 8431, 8431.2.8, 8431.4.2, 8432.3, 8432.5.2, 8432.5.7, 8436.4 and Annex IV.

FEI Feedback

We thank the NFs for their support.

Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023

As above

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI

Article Number – Article Name

ARTICLE 8437.4 SCHOOLING OF HORSES

Explanation for Proposed Change

Clarification required for sharing of Horses, for Horse welfare reasons.

Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023

1. In no case shall Athletes in the same Grade or different NFs be permitted to share a Horse in the same star Level.

Comments Received by 16 August 2023

GBR

We have no comments to make on the proposals in the draft version and agree with the FEI Feedback for Articles 8403, 8413, 8416.5, 8421.4.2.1, 8421.5, 8421.5, 8421.9, 8422, 8427.10, 8431, 8431.2.8, 8431.4.2, 8432.3, 8432.5.2, 8432.5.7, 8436.4 and Annex IV.

USA

For clarification, the rule would be clearer if it read as proposed below.

Proposed wording:

In no case shall Athletes in the same Grade or different NFs be permitted to share **the same** a Horse in the same star Level.

FEI Feedback

The PETC agree to the change suggested by USA.

Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023

In no case shall Athletes in the same Grade or different NFs be permitted to share **a** the same Horse in the same star level.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI

Article Number – Article Name

ANNEX IV COMPENSATING AIDS SUMMARY

Explanation for Proposed Change

Two elements are proposed to be removed from the table. The electronic Communication device is linked to Callers or Commanders by the rules and does not need to be listed separately. The Beacon beeper is covered in the rules for Callers.

Reins through Ring on saddle was added as a compensating aid to the athletes in profile16.

Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023

Removal of the two columns in the Compensating aids Summary Table:

~~Electronic communication device~~
~~Beacon beeper~~

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FEI Feedback

We thank the NFs for their support.

Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023

As above

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

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
EEF
Article Number – Article Name
8403
Explanation for Proposed Change
Correction of inconsistency We would recommend to keep consistency in the new naming of the Para-Dressage tests and to follow the correct Dressage naming of the tests also for the lower level Para-Dressage tests (ie Intermediate test should then be called Intermediaire).
Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023
NA
Comments Received by 16 August 2023
FEI Feedback
The FEI Dressage tests are called Intermediate, so this request is not accepted by the PETC as the use of Intermediate is more consistent.

Name of National Federation or Stakeholder
BEL NF
Article No.–Article Name
8421.7.1 Penalties – Errors - Eliminations / Bleeding
Comment and Rationale
<i>"If the Judge at C suspects fresh blood anywhere on the Horse during the Test, they will stop the Horse to check for blood. If the Horse shows fresh blood, it will be eliminated ..."</i> The Horse is eliminated in the considered class only! However, the same horse will perhaps be allowed to compete in an optional second class (another Grade with another rider of the same N.F.). The conditions are already fixed in Art. 8421.7.3
Proposed Wording

If the Judge at C suspects fresh blood anywhere on the Horse during the Test, they will stop the Horse to check for blood.
If the Horse shows fresh blood, the **Athlete/Horse combination** will be eliminated ...
(would be clearer)

Name of National Federation or Stakeholder

BEL NF

Article No.–Article Name

8421.7.2 Penalties – Errors - Eliminations / Bleeding

Comment and Rationale

*"If the Steward discovers fresh blood in the Horse's mouth or in the area of the spurs during the equipment check at the end of the test, they must inform the Judge at C, who **will eliminate the Horse and the Athlete ...**"*

- a) The Horse is eliminated in the considered class only! However, the same horse will perhaps be allowed to compete in an optional second class (another Grade with another rider of the same N.F.). **The conditions are already fixed in Art. 8421.7.3**
- b) The Athlete is still allowed to compete in the same Grade, with a second horse.

Proposed Wording

"If the Steward discovers fresh blood in the Horse's mouth or in the area of the spurs during the equipment check at the end of the test, they must inform the Judge at C, who will eliminate the **Athlete/Horse combination** ..."