

**PROPOSALS FOR RULES CHANGES OF
EVENTING RULES 2023**

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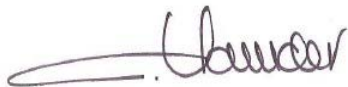
Dear National Federations,

Please find below a summary of the proposed changes to the Eventing 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,



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Eventing Director

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

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
FRA NF
Article Number – Article Name
503.4 Age of Horses
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p><u>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; (Risk Management)</u></p> <p>We propose to increase of one year the minimum age of horses to participate at a European Championship or a CCI5* in order to emphasise on the progressive pathway needed to access to that level. It contributes to horse welfare measures.</p>
Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023
<p>503.4 Age of Horses</p> <p><i>The following minimum age of Horses will apply for all Competitions.</i></p> <p>a) CCI1* Level Competitions: a Horse may compete in 1* Competitions from the beginning of the calendar year in which the Horse reaches the age of five</p> <p>b) CCI2*/3* level Competitions: a Horse may compete in 2*, 3* Competitions from the beginning of the calendar year in which the Horse reaches the age of six.</p> <p>c) CCI4*level Competitions: a Horse may compete in Competitions of four star level from the beginning of the calendar year in which the Horse reaches the age of seven.</p> <p>d) CCI5*level Competitions and Four star Level Championships: a Horse may compete in Competitions of five star level or four star Championship from the beginning of the calendar year in which the Horse reaches the age of eight. Nine</p> <p>FEI Feedback:</p> <p>Extractions provided by the IT Department showed that since 2015 only 4 horses of 8 years of age participated at 4* Championships and 5* competitions and 22 horses of 7 years of age took part in 4* level competitions. It was also confirmed that for Jumping major Championships the minimum age was 9 years old.</p> <p>The Committee decided in favour of the proposal of the 9 years of minimum age for 4* Championships and 5* competitions as this change would be beneficial from a horse welfare point of view.</p>
Comments Received by 16 August 2023
<p>AUS NF: Not in support of proposed rule change to age of horses from 8 year olds to 9 year old for CCI5* level Competitions and 4* level Championships without more evidence being provided.</p> <p>Leave as it currently is in the FEI Eventing Rules effective 1st January 2023</p>
FEI Feedback
<p>The EC agreed to maintain this proposed rule change based on the information provided by FEI IT.</p>
Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023
<p>EC confirmed the proposed wording of 28 June as above.</p>

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

USA NF

Article Number – Article Name

513 Appointment of Officials -513.7.2 Assistant Stewards

Explanation for Proposed Change

2- Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc.

The following changes are clarifications and do not contain any substantive changes. These changes remove the potential for misunderstandings and differing interpretations. These proposed changes:

- Clarifies that L1 judges can be used on the Ground Jury for 2*S since they are permitted for a 2*L
- Applies the same formatting and language standards across all charts for consistency (Jumping CD references)
- Clarifies that starting 1 January 2024, all stewards will be required to have FEI status, so having the CS instruct someone that doesn't have FEI status will no longer meet the requirements outlined in the charts
- Clarifies that if a national Jumping CD is permitted, FEI Jumping CDs should be permitted as well.

Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023

513.2 Short Format (CCIs-S and CCIOs-S)

Short format competition	4 star	3 star	2 star
Ground Jury	2 or 3 Judges		
	L2, L3 or L4 Judges President GJ – L3 or L4	L2, L3, or L4 Judges President GJ- L2, L3 or L4	L1, L2, L3, or L4 Judges President GJ- L2, L3 or L4
Jumping Course Designer	Jumping CD from National or FEI List	Jumping CD from National or FEI list recommended	

513.3 Long Format (CCIs-L and CCIOs-L)

Long format competition	5 star	4 star	3 star	2 star
Jumping Course Designer	L3 or L4 FEI Jumping CD from FEI 3&4 Jumping list	Jumping CD from National or FEI list	Jumping CD from National or FEI list recommended	

513.5 Championships & Games

Championships & Games	W-CH & Olympic Games	4 star	3 star	2 star
Jumping Course Designer	L3 or L4 FEI Jumping CD from 3 & 4 FEI Jumping list	Jumping CD from National or FEI list		

513.7 Stewards

513.7.2 Assistant Stewards

According to the size (number of overall competitors at the Event) and type of Event, a sufficient number of Assistant Stewards must be appointed by the Organising Committee in consultation with the Chief Steward.

All Assistant Stewards at international Events ~~should preferably~~ **must** hold **FEI status in accordance with the rules above. ~~-at least a Level 1 status.~~ ~~If this is not the case~~**

~~they must have received formal instruction in their specific responsibility from the Chief Steward.~~

At CCI 4&5*-L (Long) format international Events, Assistant Stewards to whom important tasks such as warm-up arenas, boot and bandage control, stable duties are allocated, must hold at least a Level 2 status.

FEI Feedback:

The Committee agreed to the proposed changes as it corrected inconsistencies of the review wording.

Comments Received by 16 August 2023

GBR NF: We do not agree that all Assistant Stewards must hold FEI Status in accordance with the rules above.

We have concerns about how the sport will encourage the next generation of Officials if they cannot get the experience of an event while having a hands-on experience.

Chief Stewards are more than capable of offering suitable positions at an event for Assistant Stewards to watch, observe and gain important experience and therefore we would like to maintain the opportunity for National Stewards to still be utilised at FEI Events where appropriate.

Proposed Wording by GBR NF: We would recommend that we maintain the ruling as it currently stands in 2023.

IEOC: The IEOC believes the proposed change will be a barrier to the next generation learning, the best way to learn is in the field as an assistant. It will also be an additional expense for OCs especially in those countries with low numbers of stewards.

Proposed Wording by IEOC:

According to the size (number of overall competitors at the Event) and type of Event, a sufficient number of Assistant Stewards must be appointed by the Organizing Committee in consultation with the Chief Steward.

All Assistant Stewards at international Events **should preferably** hold FEI status **at least a Level 1 status**. **If this is not the case they must have received formal instruction in their specific responsibility from the Chief Steward.**

At CCI 4&5*-L (Long) format international Events, Assistant Stewards to whom important tasks such as warm-up arenas, boot and bandage control, stable duties are allocated, must hold at least a Level 2 status.

FEI Feedback

Inconsistencies will be addressed while updating the table with the removal of the national officials, see FEI proposed wording for Article 513 - reference table further down in this document.

The certification to become an L1 Official guarantees basic education and consists of an online course, questionnaires and a short interview.

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

For Articles 513.2 - 513.3 - 513.5 please see FEI proposed wording

For Article 513.7, the EC confirmed the proposed wording of 28 June as above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
FEI
Article No.–Article Name
Art. 513 Appointment of Officials
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p><u>2- Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc.</u></p> <p>To line up with the FEI Eventing Officials Education System implemented in 2023. Reference to the below updates was included in the Rules Revision for 2023</p>
Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023
<p>513 Appointment of Officials</p> <p>Officials will be appointed by the FEI or by the Organising Committee according to the different types and level of Competitions and in accordance with the following tables.</p> <p>*Note: National Officials can only be appointed for CCI1*, 2* and 3* if specifically mentioned in the tables below until 31.12.2023. If National Officials are appointed, these must be from the Host country (except for Assistant Technical Delegate, Assistant Course Designer & Assistant Steward providing they have insurance coverage) unless if directly appointed by the FEI for the purpose of Educational Programmes.</p> <p>Note: For events with several competitions/sections, Organising Committees can offer alternative composition of Officials to the requirements listed in the below tables and/or provisions in Art 513.9 with the objective to reduce costs. Such proposals shall be provided with the Schedule and approved by FEI HQ.</p> <p>To ensure that International standards are respected, proposals must comply with the following minimum requirements:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a) For the overall event, a minimum of one International Official shall be appointed for each category of Officials (Judge, TD and Course Designer) of the level of the highest competition organised. These Officials will be responsible and will report back to FEI on the overall event.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">*Note: National Officials can still be appointed where specified in the tables below until 31.12.2023</p> <p>Note: Transition Period: from 01 January 2023 until the 14 December 2023.</p> <p>Existing Level 3 Eventing Judges, Technical Delegates & Course Designers fulfilling the L4 Transfer-up requirements can officiate as Level 4 Officials.</p> <p>Such provision does not apply for Championships and Games of any level.</p>

513.1 CCI 1*-Intro (Unified Level)

	CCI 1*-Intro
	2 or 3 Judges
Ground Jury	L2, L3 or L4 Judges list (all Judges can be national* /L1 Judges if a FEI TD L2, L3 or L4 is appointed).
Technical Delegate	L2, L3 or L4 TD list (or national* /L1 TD if one Judge L2, L3 or L4 is appointed) Foreign requirements not compulsory
Course Designer	Can be national* CD or From FEI list
Jumping Course Designer	Jumping CD from National list recommended
Veterinary Delegate	FEI Official Veterinarian in accordance with the Veterinary Regulations
Veterinary Services Manager (VSM)	From FEI list of Level 1 Official Veterinarians Treating Veterinarian(s), Veterinary Control Officer and/ or Course Veterinarian(s), as required
Chief Steward	From FEI list
Assistant Steward	Can be national* or From FEI list

~~*Note: National Officials can still be appointed where specified in the tables until 31.12.2023~~

513.2 Short Format (CCIs-S and CCIOs-S)

Short format competition	4 star	3 star	2 star
Ground Jury	2 or 3 Judges		
	L2, L3 or L4 Judges President GJ – L3 or L4	FEI list Judges President GJ: L2, L3 or L4	
Technical Delegate	L3 or L4 TD	L2, L3 or L4 TD	From FEI list
	Either Foreign TD or Foreign Member of GJ compulsory	Foreign requirement not compulsory	
Assistant Technical Delegate	L2, L3 or L4 TD	If appointed, TD from FEI list or national* Technical Delegate	
AUS & NZL Exceptional case only for cost reasons	Foreign requirement not compulsory, however 2 Judges, TD and CD must L3 or L4		
Course Designer	L3 or L4 CD	L2, L3 or L4 CD	National* CD or From FEI list
Jumping Course Designer	Jumping CD from National List	Jumping CD from National list recommended	
Veterinary	FEI Official Veterinarian(s) in accordance with the Veterinary Regulations.		

Delegate		
Veterinary Services Manager (VSM)	From FEI list of Level 1 Official Veterinarians Treating Veterinarian(s), Veterinary Control Officer and/ or Course Veterinarian(s), as required	
Chief Steward	L3 or L4 Eventing Steward	L2, L3 or L4 Eventing Steward
Assistant Steward	From FEI list	National* Assistant Stewards or From FEI list

~~*Note: National Officials can still be appointed where specified in the tables until 31.12.2023~~

513.3 Long Format (CCIs-L and CCIOs-L)

Long format competition	5 star	4 star	3 star	2 star
Ground Jury	3 Judges		2 or 3 Judges	
	L3 or L4 Judges President GJ – L4	L3 or L4 Judges	Judges from L2, L3 or L4 List	National* /L1, or FEI list Judges President GJ: L2, L3 or L4
	Foreign member of GJ compulsory		Foreign Official compulsory (either GJ, TD or CD)	
Technical Delegate	L4 TD	L3 or L4 TD	L2, L3 or L4 TD	
Assistant Technical Delegate	L2, L3 or L4 TD		If appointed, TD from FEI list or national* Technical Delegate	
Course Designer	L4 CD	L3 or L4 CD	L2, L3 or L4 CD	CD may be national* or From FEI list
	Assistant Course Designer From FEI List			
Jumping Course Designer	Jumping CD from FEI 3&4 Jumping list	Jumping CD from National list	Jumping CD from National list recommended	
Veterinary Delegate	FEI Official Veterinarian(s) in accordance with the Veterinary Regulations.			
Veterinary Services Manager	From FEI list of Level 1 Official Veterinarians Treating Veterinarian(s), Veterinary Control Officer and/ or Course Veterinarian(s), as required			

Chief Steward	L4 Eventing Steward	L3 or L4 Eventing Steward	L2, L3 or L4 Eventing Steward
Assistant Steward	L2, L3 or L4 Eventing Steward	From FEI list or National* Eventing Steward	From FEI list or National* Eventing Steward

~~*Note: National Officials can still be appointed where specified in the tables until 31.12.2023~~

513.4 Ground Jury President Appointment - Additional Requirements

For 4&5 star Competitions the highest FEI Level 3 or 4 Judge must be appointed as President of the Ground Jury.

513.4.1 CCI5*-L

The Ground Jury and Technical Delegate for 5 star events will be appointed by the Organising Committee in consultation with the FEI according to requirements set by the Eventing Committee and published on the FEI Website.

513.5 Championships & Games

Championships & Games	W-CH & Olympic Games	4 star	3 star	2 star
Ground Jury	L4 Judges	L3 or L4 Judges President GJ –L4	L3 or L4 Judges	
	Minimum one Foreign GJ member			
	Jumping Judge from FEI list is compulsory			
Technical Delegate	L4 TD		L3 or L4 TD	
Assistant Technical Delegate	L2, L3 or L4 TD		From FEI TD list or national* Technical Delegate	
Course Designer	L4 CD		L3 or L4 CD	
Assistant Course Designer	From FEI List			
Jumping Course Designer	Jumping CD from 3 & 4 FEI Jumping list		Jumping CD from national list	
Veterinary Commission	Foreign Veterinary Delegate and additional Veterinary delegate in accordance with the Veterinary Regulations			
Veterinary Services Manager (VSM)	From FEI list of Level 1 Official Veterinarian Treating Veterinarian(s), Veterinary Control Officer and/ or Course Veterinarian(s), as required			
Chief Steward	L4 Eventing Steward		L3 or L4 Eventing Steward	
Assistant Steward	L2, L3 or L4 Eventing Steward			

~~*Note: National Officials can still be appointed where specified in the tables until 31.12.2023~~

513.5.1 Championships and Games

The Ground Jury, Foreign Technical Delegate will be appointed by the FEI in consultation with the Organising Committee. All Eventing Officials must be selected from the FEI Level 3 and 4 list. The Veterinary Commission and/or Foreign Veterinary Delegate will be appointed in accordance with the VRs.

513.8.3 Number of Technical Delegates per Event

In the case of more than one Competition (international and national) at the same Event:

- a) One Technical Delegate must be appointed for two Competitions.
- b) Two Technical Delegates must be appointed in the case of three or four Competitions.
- c) Three Technical Delegates must be appointed in the case of five Competitions or more.

In the case of an Event with 100 or more competitors, at least two Technical Delegates must be appointed.

The main Technical Delegate must be selected from the FEI TD list in accordance with the requirements set out in this Article 513, additional Technical Delegates can be appointed from ~~the national* list or the~~ FEI Technical Delegates list (L1 to L4).

~~*Note: national TD still allowed until 31.12.2023~~

Different sections are considered to be the same Competition.

In case of more than one Technical Delegate appointed at the same Event, one overall Technical Delegate must be selected. The Technical Delegate will be responsible for coordinating the job of the Technical Delegates and the reporting to the FEI for the whole Event.

513.8.4 Assistant Technical Delegate

An Assistant Technical Delegate must be appointed by the Organising Committee for all Games, Championships, Series Finals, CIOs and 4&5 star level CCIs and may be appointed at other international Competitions.

The Assistant Technical Delegate ~~may~~ must be selected from the FEI lists ~~or may be a national* Technical Delegate.~~ ~~*Note: national TD still allowed until 31.12.2023~~

At Games, Championships, Series Finals and 5 star level Competitions the Assistant Technical Delegate must be of a different nationality to the Technical Delegate

513.9 1, 2 & 3 star Competitions with Several Sections of the Same Level

One, two and three star Competitions can be divided in several sections of the same level and be treated as a single entity according to specific provisions.

If several sections of Competitions at the same level are organised, the whole Competition will be treated as a single entity and Officials will be appointed as follows:

- a) Where there is more than one section of an Event, it is possible to appoint only one Ground Jury for the Event, consisting of a President and one or two members who will be responsible for all decisions common to the various sections.
- b) Additional Dressage Judges (not Ground Jury Member) will be appointed to assist in the judging of the Dressage Test, if necessary to make up the Horse Inspection panels and if required, to help judge the Jumping Test. ~~These additional Judges may be taken from the FEI lists of Officials, or may be national* Judges.~~
~~*Note: national Officials still allowed until 31.12.2023~~
- c) At a Long Format Competition (CCIs-L), at least one member of the Ground Jury must officiate at each Horse Inspection. All Horses in any section must be inspected by the same Veterinarian and Ground Jury member at all inspections.

- d) There must be only one Technical Delegate to officiate in all sections of an Event organised at the same star level.

The Ground Jury must consist of members selected by the Organising Committee in accordance with the rules for the relevant star level.

Comments Received by 16 August 2023

EEF and GER NF: It's extremely difficult to develop national officials into the new Level 1 and many of them don't want to go this route. So far the number of those who have reached the new Level 1 which is far behind what was expected. The EEF Working Group is very worried that next year's events will not have enough officials available and is therefore requiring one more transition year.

It is strongly recommended to still allow one national official in CCI1*-CCI3*, and while one would be from the FEI list. Full international requirement for 1-3* should be postponed, longer transition period is needed as there are not enough L1 Officials and this would lead to a loss of FEI competitions.

GBR NF: ~~*Note:- National Officials can only be appointed for CCI1*, 2* and 3* if specifically mentioned in the tables below until 31.12.2023. If National Officials are appointed, these must be from the Host country (except for Assistant Technical Delegate, Assistant Course Designer & Assistant Steward providing they have insurance coverage) unless if directly appointed by the FEI for the purpose of an Educational Program.~~

We would ask the FEI how we can appoint National Officials for the purpose of the Educational Programme when National officials will not be recognised by the FEI in 2024.

NZL NF: Ground Jury for 3*-S: only L2, L3 and L4 have been listed – appears that L1 has been omitted.

513.2 Short Format (CCIs-S and CCIOs-S)

Short format competition	4 star	3 star	2 star
Ground Jury	2 or 3 Judges		
	L2, L3 or L4 Judges President GJ – L3 or L4	L2, L3, or L4 Judges President GJ- L2, L3 or L4	L1, L2, L3, or L4 Judges President GJ- L2, L3 or L4

Proposed Wording by NZL NF: L1, L2, L3 or L4 Judges

President GJ- L2, L3 or L4

OR

Ground Jury from the FEI List (as per wording on page 24)

FEI Feedback

*FEI List Judges/TD/CD/stewards = L1, L2, L3 or L4

The certification to become an L1 Official provides basic education and consists of an online course, questionnaires and a short interview.

The FEI will discuss the shortening of the L1 course and examination process to ensure a smooth transition.

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

As proposed by Eventing Committee 28 June except for Articles 513.3 and 513.5 as below.

513.3 Long Format (CCIs-L and CCIOs-L)

Long format competition	5 star	4 star	3 star	2 star
Ground Jury	3 Judges		2 or 3 Judges	

	L3 or L4 Judges President GJ – L4	L3 or L4 Judges	Judges from L2, L3 or L4 List	National* L1, or FEI list Judges President GJ: L2, L3 or L4
	Foreign member of GJ compulsory		Foreign Official compulsory (either GJ, TD or CD)	
Technical Delegate	L4 TD	L3 or L4 TD	L2, L3 or L4 TD	
Assistant Technical Delegate	L2, L3 or L4 TD		If appointed, TD from FEI list or national* Technical Delegate	
Course Designer	L4 CD	L3 or L4 CD	L2, L3 or L4 CD	CD may be national* or From FEI list
Assistant Course Designer	From FEI List			
Jumping Course Designer	Jumping CD from FEI 3&4 Jumping list	Jumping CD from National list	Jumping CD from National list recommended	
Veterinary Delegate	FEI Official Veterinarian(s) in accordance with the Veterinary Regulations.			
Veterinary Services Manager	From FEI list of Level 1 Official Veterinarians Treating Veterinarian(s), Veterinary Control Officer and/ or Course Veterinarian(s), as required			
Chief Steward	L4 Eventing Steward	L3 or L4 Eventing Steward	L2, L3 or L4 Eventing Steward	
Assistant Steward	L2, L3 or L4 Eventing Steward	From FEI list or National* Eventing Steward	From FEI list or National* Eventing Steward	

513.5 Championships & Games

Championships & Games	W-CH & Olympic Games	4 star	3 star	2 star
Ground Jury	L4 Judges	L3 or L4 Judges President GJ –L4	L3 or L4 Judges	
	Minimum one Foreign GJ member			
	Jumping Judge from FEI list is compulsory			

Technical Delegate	L4 TD	L3 or L4 TD
Assistant Technical Delegate	L2, L3 or L4 TD	From FEI TD list or national* Technical Delegate
Course Designer	L4 CD	L3 or L4 CD
Assistant Course Designer	From FEI List	
Jumping Course Designer	Jumping CD from 3 & 4 FEI Jumping list	Jumping CD from national list
Veterinary Commission	Foreign Veterinary Delegate and additional Veterinary delegate in accordance with the Veterinary Regulations	
Veterinary Services Manager (VSM)	From FEI list of Level 1 Official Veterinarian Treating Veterinarian(s), Veterinary Control Officer and/ or Course Veterinarian(s), as required	
Chief Steward	L4 Eventing Steward	L3 or L4 Eventing Steward
Assistant Steward	L2, L3 or L4 Eventing Steward	

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

European Equestrian Federation (EEF)/GER NF

Article Number – Article Name

513.8.3 Number of Technical Delegates per Event

Explanation for Proposed Change

3- New/recently introduced rule that has proven to be problematic in its implementation.

This rule change will produce a lot of problems and unnecessary costs for the organisers and will hit especially the CCI2*-S/ CCI3*-S or CCI1*/CCI2*-S events.

The TDs have not seen any problem with dealing with these numbers of starters. Furthermore if the number of entries reaches above 100 the OC has to find a second TD maybe at the last minute.

In order not to put any further costs on the OCs of especially that level we would welcome an urgent change back to the original wording or just without the sentence.

Original wording from 2022: In the case of an Event with 100 or less competitors, in no case more than two Technical Delegates are required.

Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023

513.8.3 Number of Technical Delegates per Event

In the case of more than one Competition (international and national) at the same Event:

- a) *One Technical Delegate must be appointed for two Competitions.*
- b) *Two Technical Delegates must be appointed in the case of three or four Competitions.*
- c) *Three Technical Delegates must be appointed in the case of five Competitions or more.*

~~*In the case of an Event with 100 or more competitors, at least two Technical Delegates must be appointed.*~~

FEI Feedback:

The Committee felt that the key factor was the total number of competitions at a same event rather than the total number of competitors per levels. The appointment of an experienced Ass. TD is also important.

The EC agreed on the EEF proposed wording to remove extra sentence.

Comments Received by 16 August 2023

AUS NF: Agree with the proposed rule change.

GBR NF: We support and agree with the proposed wording from the EEF and GER National Federation and the removal of the figure relating to the total number competitors.

Proposed wording by GBR NF: As per the proposal from EEF & GER National Federations.

USA NF: There is concern that this FEI rule is counting FEI and national competitions. If the FEI permits FEI TDs to act as an official for both national and international competitions, it should be up to each NF to determine if allowing such provides a safe environment for the national competition and the officials are not being spread too thin to properly conduct their duties.

FEI Feedback

The EC agreed to maintain this proposed rule change.

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

EC confirmed the proposed wording of 28 June as above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

European Equestrian Federation (EEF)/GER NF

Article Number – Article Name

513.10 Conflict of interest

Explanation for Proposed Change

3- New/recently introduced rule that has proven to be problematic in its implementation

EEF/GER NF: The current conflict of interest rule in the sport rules is referring to the sport rules and therefore showing loop as the sport rules refer to “the relevant sport rules”.

For Eventing the rule should be more open due to eventing being a smaller community and to still secure the expertise in the officiating team concerning the severity or the impact of the possible conflict of interest. It is agreed that Course Designers, TDs and Stewards should be treated less strict than Judges and Veterinary Delegates, who have a much higher impact on the decision-making process. Furthermore, it is important that officials that are affected use the common sense and try to not bring themselves into difficult situations.

Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023

513.10 Conflict of Interest

Conflicts must be avoided whenever practicable. However, conflicts may be linked to experience and expertise that is necessary to qualify Officials.

The specific balance between conflict and expertise shall be regulated by the relevant Sport Rules. (FEI General Regulations, Appendix H-FEI Officials' code of conduct

The FEI will review requests (on a case by case basis) from Officials to act as a Course Designer at a lower level Event (i.e. below 4* level) in a situation where they might otherwise have an actual or perceived conflict of interest (as described in the FEI Officials' Code of Conduct) and where the conflict is unavoidable provided that the Course Designer

declares the conflict and makes the request in writing to the FEI Eventing Department in good time (and no later than 4 weeks prior to the Event).

FEI Feedback:

The EC does not propose to significantly amend the Conflict of Interest rules. The FEI is aware of the issues regarding the relatively small pool of Officials in Eventing but it is important to maintain the general Conflict of Interest principles for all Officials. In practice TDs can have a significant influence on a competition given that they have the power under the rules to stop a combination during Cross Country. The FEI is aware of some specific issues that have arisen with Course Designers particularly in regions where there is a shortage of Course Designers. Therefore, the FEI proposes to add the above clarification which would apply where the conflict is unavoidable and is declared in advance.

We have deleted the reference to the balance being regulated in the Sports Rules as this wording is only required in the FEI GRs, not the Eventing Rules.

Comments Received by 16 August 2023

AUS NF: Agree with the proposed rule change.

EEF and GER NF: Thank you for this proposal. It could be applied to Technical Delegates and Stewards as well.

FEI Feedback

The above proposal is maintained.

As stated above TD's have a significant influence on competition decisions and therefore cannot be exempt from the Conflict of Interest principle.

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

The proposed wording of 28 June as above is maintained.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI

Article No.–Article Name

New Article Art. 515.4.3 Reporting to the FEI

Explanation for Proposed Change

2- Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc.

To line up with the responsibilities given to the Course designers.

Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023

Course Designer

Art. 515.4.3 Reporting to the FEI

The Course Designer is responsible for providing the Cross-Country related reports to FEI Headquarters within 10 days following the end of the Event.

Comments Received by 16 August 2023

No comments received.

FEI Feedback

This proposal is maintained.

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

As proposed by EC 28 June 2023

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
FEI
Article No.–Article Name
518.3 CCI4*-S/L and CCI5*-L additional requirements
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p><u>3- New/recently introduced rule that has proven to be problematic in its implementation</u></p> <p>The implementation of this rule beginning 2023 has caused confusion. The following clarification is proposed by the EC to address the “cascading effect” of the requirement to complete two competitions before entering a CCI4*-L and CCI5*-L after a break of 13 months.</p> <p>The proposal is to include a clarification to adjust the requirement depending of the level completed and the MER obtained by the Horse.</p>
Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023
<p>518.3 CCI4*-S/L and CCI5*-L additional requirements</p> <p>Horses having not competed completed at a FEI Competition for a period of 13 consecutive months or more will have to complete an event at a lower level before entering a CCI4*-S/L or CCI5*-L event as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CCI4*-S: must complete a CCI3*-S/L - CCI4*-L: must complete a CCI4*-S - CCI5*-L: must complete a CCI4*-S/L <p>Horses having obtained a MER at <u>CCI4*-S or CCI3*-S/L</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to enter a CCI4*-S: must complete a CCI3*-S/L <p>Horses having obtained a MER at <u>CCI4*-L</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to enter a CCI4*-L or CCI5*: must complete a CCI4*-S <p>Horses having obtained a MER at <u>CCI5*-L</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to enter a CCI5*-L: must complete a CCI4*-S/L
Comments Received by 16 August 2023
<p>AUS NF: Agree with FEI Proposed clarification on the requirements.</p> <p>EEF and GER NF: This new rule was meant to have a risk management function and therefore should only concentrate on completing the XC test of a competition.</p> <p>Proposed wording by EEF and GER NF:</p> <p>Horses having not completed the XC test of an FEI Competition ...</p> <p>Horses having obtained a MER at CCI4*-S or CCI3*-S/L:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to enter a CCI4*-S: must complete the XC test of a CCI3*-S/L <p>Horses having obtained a MER at CCI4*-L:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to enter a CCI4*-L or CCI5*: must complete the XC test of a CCI4*-S <p>Horses having obtained a MER at CCI5*-L:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to enter a CCI5*-L: must complete the XC test of a CCI4*-S/L <p>GBR NF: We would like more clarification in wording to make it clearer when the 13-month period commences and finishes. We would request that consideration is given</p>

to extending the 13-month period to 18 months or that a note is added to say that in exceptional circumstances a National equivalent competition (as per the TCN rule) maybe used as an alternative.

Proposed Wording by GBR NF: Horses having not **completed the Cross Country phase** of a FEI Competition for a period of ~~43~~ **18** consecutive months or more will have to complete an event at a lower level before entering a CCI4* S/L or CCI5*-L event as follows:

To enter a CCI4*-S: must complete the cross country of a CCI3*-S/L.

To enter a CCI4*-L: must complete the cross country of a CCI4*-S

To enter a CCI5*-L: must complete the cross country of a CCI4*-S/L

In exceptional circumstances and where appropriate Article 520 relating to TCNs may be used as an alternative method of gaining the necessary requalification.

FEI Feedback

This modification was introduced for 2023 to ensure that horses were sufficiently prepared after a break. Further to implementation and many comments and discussion the Eventing Committee proposes to clarify the article to concentrate on completing the XC test of the competition as well as clarifying the timeline between events.

In addition to address the proposal of the GBR NF, the EC proposes to reduce the 4 weeks deadline to 10 days for an application of a Targeted CNs and amend the note under article 520.

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

518.3 CCI4*-S/L and CCI5*-L additional requirements

Horses having not ~~completed~~ **completed the Cross Country test of at an** FEI Competition for a period* of 13 consecutive months or more will have to complete an event at a lower level before entering a CCI4*-S/L or CCI5*-L event as follows:

~~-CCI4*-S: must complete a CCI3*-S/L~~

~~-CCI4*-L: must complete a CCI4*-S~~

~~-CCI5*-L: must complete a CCI4*-S/L~~

Horses having obtained a MER at CCI4*-S or CCI3*-S/L:

- to enter a CCI4*-S: must complete the Cross Country test of a CCI3*-S/L

Horses having obtained a MER at CCI4*-L:

- to enter a CCI4*-L or CCI5*: must complete the Cross Country test of a CCI4*-S

Horses having obtained a MER at CCI5*-L:

- to enter a CCI5*-L: must complete the Cross Country test of a CCI4*-S/L

**Period calculated from the date of the cross-country test of the first event to the date of the cross-country test of the following event.*

520 Minimum Eligibility Requirements for CIs and CIOs

NOTE: NFs have the option to apply to use CNs (National Competitions) for qualification purposes only to replace events cancelled due weather conditions and/or exceptional circumstances.

Targeted CNs are those for which the FEI has received and approved a request from the relevant NF for this specific purpose. MERs obtained at the specific targeted national Events will only count for upgrade in the same year and not for Athletes categorisation. The application must be sent a minimum of **10 days** ~~4 weeks~~ before the Event.

An FEI Level 3 Technical Delegate must function at the Event taking responsibility for the technical standards/level of the Competition and must report to the FEI (TD report) including full results.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
European Equestrian Federation (EEF)/GER NF
Article Number – Article Name
539.2 Dressage Test 539.2.3 Forbidden
Explanation for Proposed Change
<u>2- Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc.</u> EEF/GER NF: This has probably been overseen and is a contradiction to the rules in Art.539.2.2 g) and the Guidelines for tack and saddlery.
Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023
539.2.3 Forbidden Martingales, bit guards, any kind of gadgets (such as bearing, side, running or balancing reins, etc.), any form of blinkers, earplugs, nose-covers and saddle covers, are under penalty of elimination, strictly forbidden. FEI Feedback: It was specified that nose nets were already permitted for Eventing Dressage since 2023. The EEF consider that the term “nose cover” and “nose-net” means the same thing. The Committee agreed to the proposal to remove the “nose cover” mention as there seems to be a confusion of terms.
Comments Received by 16 August 2023
No comments received.
FEI Feedback
This proposal is maintained.
Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023
EC confirmed the proposed wording of 28 June as above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
FEI
Article No.–Article Name
Art 541.2 f. and General Regs art 135.2.2.1, ix Advertising and Publicity on Athletes and Horses
Explanation for Proposed Change
<u>2- Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc.</u> For the dressage phase in eventing, it does not specify the alignment of the logo on the helmet. Proposal from Stewards to including the possibly that the sponsor logo may appear horizontally or vertically on the protective headgear also for the Eventing Dressage test in the Eventing Rules Art 541.2 f. and General Regs art 135.2.2.1, ix
Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023
Art 541.2 f: f) One hundred twenty five square centimetres (125 cm ²) vertically in the middle of the hard hat for the Dressage , Jumping and Cross-Country tests of Eventing;

Art 135.2.2.1: (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.

FEI Feedback:

The proposal will be included in the Gen.Regis document.

Comments Received by 16 August 2023

EEF and GER NF: To avoid having different wordings, these specifications should appear in only one set of Rules, i. e. in the General Regulations.

FEI Feedback

The feedback of the EEF and the GER NF is noted. However, it is more user friendly for NFs/Athletes to have their discipline specific rules in the Eventing rulebook. The corresponding update will be made to the FEI General Regulations.

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

Wording remains as proposed on 28 June 2023.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI

Article No.–Article Name

NEW Art. 549.4.1 Representing a frangible fence after a Disobedience

Explanation for Proposed Change

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; (Risk Management)

No activated frangible fence element should be jumped if not correctly set up.
Principle temporary covered by the “FAQ Judging fences with frangible technology”.

Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023

Art. 549.4. Representing after a Disobedience

After being penalised for a refusal, run-out or circle, an Athlete, in order to make another attempt, is permitted to circle one or more times without penalty, until the Athlete again presents their Horse at the obstacle.

At an obstacle composed of several elements if the Athlete refuses, runs out or circles at any element, the Athlete is permitted to retake any elements already jumped, although the Athlete is liable to be penalised for any fault even if the Athlete has previously jumped an element successfully.

If after a refusal, run-out or circle, the Athlete wishes to pass through flags in the wrong direction in order to retake an element, the Athlete may do so without penalty.

NEW Art. 549.4.1 Representing a frangible fence after a Disobedience

Jumping an activated frangible fence element not correctly set up will result in elimination.

Comments Received by 16 August 2023

AUS NF: Agree with FEI proposed wording of:

NEW Art. 549.4.1 Representing a frangible fence after a Disobedience

Jumping an activated frangible fence element not correctly set up will result in elimination.

GBR NF: We would like the wording of the title, and that activation must be by the same combination, to be clarified as there could be a possible loophole.

Proposed Wording by GBR NF:

*NEW Art. 549.4.1 Representing **at** a frangible fence after a Disobedience.*

Jumping an activated (by that athlete and horse combination) frangible fence not correctly set up will result in eliminations.

IEOC: The IEOC feels this new article is badly worded.

If only one clip has been broken or the clip has a flag activation, it is impossible for the rider to know. Therefore, the elimination should only apply if the original dimensions of the fence have been altered.

Proposed Wording by IEOC:

Jumping an activated frangible fence element **that has resulted in the original dimensions of the fence being altered** ~~not correctly set up~~ will result in elimination

IRL NF: The IRL supports the proposal but wish to suggest alternative wording for the proposal for discussion by the FEI.

Proposed Wording by IRL NF: Jumping an activated frangible fence element not ~~set up~~ **correctly restored to its original condition** will result in elimination.

NZL NF: It is assumed that the time of the rider will be taken whilst the activated frangible fence is restored but believe that this needs to be clearly stated in the rules.

Further clarity is required in the rules: if a horse activates the frangible fence but momentum carries the horse over the activated fence through the flags, does this still result in elimination?

Proposed Wording by NZL NF: Jumping an activated frangible fence element not correctly set up will result in elimination **and the time of the combination will be taken for the frangible fence to be reinstated.**

FEI Feedback

Based on the above comments the EC agrees that the combination should be eliminated only if the rider in question initially activated the frangible device.

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

NEW Art. 549.4.1 Representing a frangible fence after a Disobedience

Reattempting an activated frangible fence element not correctly restored to its original condition will result in elimination.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI

Article No.–Article Name

552.1 Type of Obstacles

Explanation for Proposed Change

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;

According to **Art. 550 “FEI Jumping Rules” from Eventing Rules**, The FEI Jumping Rules apply for the Eventing Jumping Test except where otherwise provided in these Eventing Rules. **Any modification introduced to the FEI Jumping Rules during the year will be evaluated for inclusion in these Eventing Rules from 1st January the following year.**

FEI Jumping Rules Art. 208.6:

As of 1 January 2023, the support must have a depth of **minimum 18 mm and a depth of 20 mm maximum**. This also applies for safety cups (refer to Art. 210.1 for details). For special obstacle material and planks, balustrades, barriers, gates, etc. the diameter of the supports must be more open or even flat.

FEI Eventing memorandum:

CHAPTER IV- JUMPING TEST

1. Obstacles. c) Check the construction of the obstacles (secured); check that the cups are neither too shallow nor too deep - **a depth of 2.5cm is recommended**; safety cups must be used for back poles of spread obstacles according to the Rules for Jumping. In case of mishap, check that all the obstacles can be repaired without affecting their solidity for the competitors to follow. For the parts of the artificial walls that can be knocked down, it is necessary that they be sufficiently heavy that they do not fall too easily and fit together so that they can be put back in the exact place after each fault.

The lining up to the Jumping Rules regarding depth of Cups must be reviewed by the Eventing committee.

While standard cups were available on the market, it was understood that the cups should not be too deep. This parameter should also be understood in correlation with the length or the weight of the pole.

The EC agreed to 20 mm as minimum depth and 25 mm as maximum depth for the jumping cups. It was also agreed to delete the recommendation in the memorandum.

Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023

552.1 Type of Obstacles

The obstacles will be standard Jumping obstacles.

The obstacles should have a balance of vertical and spread obstacles and shall include two or three doubles or a double and a treble.

Closed combinations are not permitted. A water jump is not permitted, but a water ditch with rails over is allowed.

FEI approved safety cups must be used as support for back poles of spread obstacles, and in the case of a triple bar, to support the centre and back pole of the obstacle.

The jumping cups must have a depth of minimum 20 mm and maximum 25 mm. This also applies for safety cups.

Alternative obstacles are permitted. These jumps are to be marked on the course plan with the same number and with the word "Alternative".

Comments Received by 16 August 2023

AUS NF: Agree with and strongly support the FEI Proposed wording of:

The jumping cups must have a depth of minimum 20 mm and maximum 25 mm. This also applies for safety cups.

FEI Feedback

This proposal is maintained.

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

As proposed above by EC 28 June.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

NOR NF

Article Number – Article Name

Eventing Annex H.1.2 Pony Measurement and 503.5.1 Definition

FEI General Regulations

Explanation for Proposed Change

2- Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc.

Regulations valid across disciplines should be given only once to avoid inconsistencies and contradictions.

For pony height and measuring, the full text is given in the Veterinary Regulations

The reference should be given with the same wording – ref FEI Driving rules Chapter VI Article 930.1 as an example.

Proposed Wording on 28June 2023

Dressage: "For maximum height and measuring, please refer to the FEI Veterinary Regulations CHAPTER IX - PONY MEASURING. »

Jumping : "For maximum height and measuring, please refer to the FEI Veterinary Regulations CHAPTER IX - PONY MEASURING. »

Eventing : "For maximum height and measuring, please refer to the FEI Veterinary Regulations CHAPTER IX - PONY MEASURING. »

FEI Feedback:

FEI Veterinary Department confirmed that the proposed wording is appropriate.

Comments Received by 16 August 2023

No comments received.

FEI Feedback

This proposal is maintained.

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

EC confirmed the proposed wording of 28 June as above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI

Article No.–Article Name

FEI TackApp (PREAMBLE - 539 Saddlery / Dress- Annex H Rules for Eventing Pony Rider & Events)

Explanation for Proposed Change

2- Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc.

With the release of the FEI TackApp and FEI Tack, Equipment and Dress database in April 2023, 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

PREAMBLE

Although these Eventing Rules set out the detailed rules of the FEI for international Eventing Competitions, they must be read in conjunction with any other FEI Rules and Regulations, including but not limited to:

~~FEI Eventing Guidelines on Use of Tack, Equipment and Dress~~ FEI Tack App

539 Saddlery / Dress

Please also refer to ~~FEI TackApp FEI Eventing Guidelines on Use of Tack, Equipment and Dress for latest clarifications, published on the FEI website.~~ See also Art. 538.2.1.

Annex H Rules for Eventing Pony Rider & Events

3. Saddlery

... Cross-country and Jumping Tests - Article 539.3 applies except that curb, double bridle, hackamores, bit less bridle, wire, double wire and chain bits are not allowed. ~~(See reference in FEI Eventing Guidelines on Use of Tack, Equipment and Dress on Eventing Rules page published on FEI Website).~~ (Please refer to FEI TackApp).

Comments Received by 16 August 2023

AUS NF: Feedback for FEI: Very confusing due to missing info and not currently up to date.

EEF and GER NF: For those who have no access to a mobile device, it must be possible to do print-outs from the FEI Tack, Equipment and Dress Database.

The EEF proposal regarding the dress was just meant to be a clarification. Of course, the heel of the boot is very important for safety reasons.

GBR NF: We have commented in the General Regulations template.

We fully support the implementation of new technologies including the FEI Tack App which can be very easily updated however, we would request that the App needs to be up to date with all the latest rules and updates before the Tack Guidelines document is discontinued.

We would also have concerns at an event if there is no internet/phone signal that the latest version may not be available to competitors and officials.

IRL NF: The IRL NF welcome the Tack App release and acknowledge that there is a great amount of work and effort being put in to further develop and improve the App but wish to note that there are ongoing issues with the App around reliability which will need to be corrected prior to full roll out.

FEI Feedback

Please refer to the General Regulations rule change proposals.

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

As per wording proposed on 28 June above.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI

Article No.–Article Name
Annex E Organising Requirements for Eventing 5 star Level Events
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p><u>2- Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc.</u></p> <p>The Committee agreed at the online Eventing Committee meeting held on 7 September 2022 on the proposal to reintroduce the minimum amount of prize money requirement of EUR 125'000 for 2023 and 2024 and to increase it to EUR 150'000 from 2025 onwards.</p>
Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023
<p>Annex E- Requirements:</p> <p>k) Minimum level of prize money: €125'000 for 2020 2024 and 2021, € 150'000 by 2022 2025.</p>
Comments Received by 16 August 2023
No comments received.
FEI Feedback
As proposed by EC 28 June
Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2023
As per wording proposed 28 June above.

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

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
NOR NF
Article Number – Article Name
Eventing: Article 503.1 Pony, Junior, Young Rider and U25 Competitions
FEI General Regulations
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p><u>2- Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc.</u></p> <p>Regulations valid across disciplines should be given only once to avoid inconsistencies and contradictions.</p> <p>In the Dressage Rules, the definitions of Athletes' Ages are inaccurate.</p> <p>For Endurance, there are no definitions and no reference.</p> <p>For Driving, the max age limit is unclear</p> <p>For rider's age (pony, junior, Young rider, U25, children) the definition is given in the General Regulations Appendix A - Definitions. Reference should rather be given to these definitions in each rule book and with the same wording, instead of the variation in the current texts.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>Eventing :</p> <p>503.1.1: «For Pony Rider's age, please refer to the FEI General Regulations Appendix A – Definitions. »</p> <p>503.1.2: « For Junior Rider's age, please refer to the FEI General Regulations Appendix A – Definitions. «</p> <p>503.1.3: "For Young Rider's age, please refer to the FEI General Regulations Appendix A – Definitions."</p> <p>503.1.4: "For U25 Rider's age, please refer to the FEI General Regulations Appendix A – Definitions."</p>
Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023
<p>No change to the current wording is proposed.</p> <p>FEI Feedback:</p> <p>No change to the current wording is proposed.</p> <p>There is no need to introduce this change as the ages in the Eventing Rules are aligned with the ages in the FEI GRs.</p>
Comments Received by 16 August 2023
No comments received.
FEI Feedback
No change to the Eventing rules is proposed.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
European Equestrian Federation (EEF)/GER NF/ IRL NF/ ITA NF/ POL NF
Article No.–Article Name
513.8.6 Course Designers
Explanation for Proposed Change

3- New/recently introduced rule that has proven to be problematic in its implementation.

EEF: As it is well understood that organizers want to employ the course designers they want it should be rather a recommendation than a rule. The members of the working group agree with the original meaning of the rule to encourage new course designers and give a chance to the upcoming ones.

The EEF WG therefore does not favour a major change in this article and also supports the proposal from the POL NF concerning an assistant course designer and a mentoring system for CCI4*-L and CCI5*-L as it could be freshening up the system.

GER NF: The GER NF agrees with the original meaning of the rule to encourage new course designers and give more officiating chances to the upcoming ones.

The GER NF therefore supports the idea in this article and also the proposal from the POL NF concerning an assistant course designer and a mentoring system for CCI4*-L and CCI5*-L.

From an organiser's point of view it should rather be a strong recommendation than a strictly applied rule as the CDs are usually employed by the OCs and especially at the higher levels it often takes several years until the CD is fully familiar with the venue and the right level of the XC.

IRL NF: The IRL NF propose an amendment to this rule under Criteria 3. New/recently introduced rule(s) that has(ve) proven to be problematic in its implementation. The IRL NF agree with the original meaning of the rule to encourage new course designers and give more officiating chances to the upcoming ones.

ITA NF: It is very difficult to implement this art. to the rules as this fundamentally changes the principles in relationship between OC and CD.

POL NF: Unfortunately this it's impossible to implement to the rules as this its change fundamental principles in relationship between OC and CD.

ITA NF/ POL NF:

It's understood that the intention of new art. 513.8.6 for Course Designers is to encourage the development of new Course Designers.

But the application of this new rule raises different concerns and, more importantly, will not produce any effect before 6 or even 8 years!!! and this is far too late. We need more urgent action.

New article 513.8.6 similar to restrictions already set out in the Eventing Rules for the appointment of Ground Juries and Technical Delegates sets out new restrictions also for the appointment of Course Designers.

This is, in our opinion, not feasible for the very different nature of Course Designers and other Officials and for the substantial difference in their relationship with the Organising Committee.

While Ground Juries, Technical Delegates, Stewards, and Course Designers are all FEI Officials they have a very different working status and relationship with the Organising Committees:

1. FEI Ground Juries, Technical Delegates or Stewards are volunteers that receive a "per-diem" fixed by the FEI and reimbursement of expenses for officiating the competition on behalf of the FEI.

2. Course Designers, in addition of being FEI Officials, are also professionals contracted and paid for their services according to private agreements with the Organising Committee.

For these clear differences, while it is reasonable and acceptable for the FEI to impose restrictions for the appointment of all other Officials, we find that it is not acceptable and

may be not legally possible for the FEI to impose restrictions on the appointment of Course Designers.

In fact, limiting the possible duration of their professional contract with the Organising Committee the FEI is limiting their “right to work” (Article 23.1 Universal Declaration of Human Rights) and this cannot be satisfactory.

Once Course Designers have fulfilled all their obligations to be on the FEI list only the free market can decide where they will be working and for how long.

For this reason, a different approach when dealing with Course Designers compared to other Officials is not new to the FEI who purposely appoints directly Ground Juries and Technical Delegates for Major Championships and Olympic Games while leaving the choice for Course Designer to the Organising Committee (also if, in the case of the Olympic Games from a restricted list).

Additionally we have to remember:

- ⇒ Special close relationship between CD and Organising Committee is very important and should not be dictated by the FEI.
- ⇒ There is also a concern that instead of increasing access to competitions for the next generation, experienced CDs will switch places in different OCs, while increasing only the already high costs of organising competitions.
- ⇒ Risk management – venue knowledge, understanding different ground conditions is a fundamental part of risk management.

Just like the FEI, we see the need to support the education of the next generations of CDs.

For these reasons and to be proactive we would like to propose a different approach to fulfil the same intention. This approach is intended to produce immediate results while avoiding the abovementioned concerns.

EEF: 513.8.6 Course Designers

A Course Designer must not officiate at the same Venue for more than six (6) consecutive years at CCI4-S and CCI4*-L including Championships and for more than eight (8) consecutive years at CCI5*-L. The Course Designer may officiate again after a break of 3 years.*

Note: this requirement is included as of 1st January 2023 and will not apply retroactively.

All CCI4-L and CCI5*-L must appoint an assistant Course Designer. The role of the Assistant CD should include a pre-visit when putting out and setting out fences.*

GER NF/ IRL NF : 513.8.6 Course Designers

*A Course Designer **should** not officiate at the same Venue for more than six (6) consecutive years at CCI4*-S and CCI4*-L including Championships and for more than eight (8) consecutive years at CCI5*-L. The Course Designer may officiate again after a break of 3 years.*

Note: this requirement is included as of 1st January 2023 and will not apply retroactively.

All CCI4-L and CCI5*-L must appoint an assistant Course Designer. The role of the Assistant CD should include a pre-visit when putting out and setting out fences.*

ITA NF/ POL NF : 513.8.6 Course Designers

~~*A Course Designer must not officiate at the same Venue for more than six (6) consecutive years at CCI4*-S and CCI4*-L including Championships and for more than eight (8) consecutive years at CCI5*-L. The Course Designer may officiate again after a break of 3 years.*~~

~~*Note: this requirement is included as of 1st January 2023 and will not apply retroactively.*~~

~~*All CCI4* (L) and CCI5* must appoint an assistant Course Designer. The role of the Assistant CD has to include a pre-visit when putting out and setting out fences.*~~

Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023

513.8.6 Course Designers

A Course Designer must not officiate at the same Venue for more than six (6) consecutive years at CCI4-S and CCI4*-L including Championships and for more than eight (8) consecutive years at CCI5*-L. The Course Designer may officiate again after a break of 3 years.*

Note: this requirement is included as of 1st January 2023 and will not apply retroactively.

An assistant Course Designer is required for all CCI4-L and CCI5*-L.*

FEI Feedback:

The implementation of this requirement would not be effective until 2029 and 2030, the EC recommended to review it for the statutory rules revision in 2024.

The reason for the proposal is to encourage more new comers and increase turnover of Course Designers.

It was confirmed that the position of the Ass. CD is now an integral part of the new Education System for transfer up and maintenance and the integration of this function would be beneficial for the sport. The definition of the exact role and function of the Ass. CD is in the education system (job description).

It was agreed to include an Assistant Course Designer for CCI4*-L and CCI5*-L. Practicalities in regard to the pre-visits would need to be defined between the OC and the CD.

Comments Received by 16 August 2023

AUS NF: Agree with the proposed rule change:

An assistant Course Designer is required for all CCI4-L and CCI5*-L.*

GBR NF: We fully support the principle behind the change to encourage new Course Designers and give more officiating opportunities to up and coming ones.

We support the wording proposed by the GER/EEF/IRL National Federations particularly in relation to the Assistant Course Designer being present at a pre-event visit when putting out and setting fences.

We would agree that the logistics of the pre-event's visits would be defined between the OC & Course Designer but we would add that the attendance of the Assistant Course Designer should not be at the expense of the OC and should form part of the CPD for the Course Designer.

Proposed wording by GBR NF: As per the proposal from EEF, IRL & GER National Federations.

USA NF: The duties and responsibilities of the Assistant Course Designer need to be further specified. For example, there would be significant expense implications for the OCs if it is required that they be onsite during the competition. Additionally, clear role expectations will ensure there is an educational benefit for the Assistant Course Designer.

In Article 513, it states that the Assistant Course Designer must only be from the 'FEI List'. The USA proposes that the role of Assistant Course Designer for the CCI4*-L and CCI5*-L levels require at least a Level 2 Course Designer.

FEI Feedback

The article referring to Course Designers rotation requirement was approved by the FEI GA in November 2022 and the rotation would not become effective until 2029 and 2030. The reason for its inclusion is to encourage more new Course Designers.

The EC proposed to maintain the current rotation article and offer to rediscuss options for the next rules revision.

It was also proposed to postpone the proposal to include an Assistant Course Designer for CCI4*-L and CCI5*-L in order to defined practicalities in regard to the pre-visits and

include the overall Course Designer discussion in the consultation process for the statutory rules revision in 2024.

The position of the Ass. CD is now integrated in the new Education System for transfer up and maintenance as this function would be beneficial for the sport. The exact role and function of the Ass. CD is defined in the education system (job description).

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

European Equestrian Federation (EEF)/GER NF/IRL NF

Article Number – Article Name

514 Officials Remunerations

Explanation for Proposed Change

3- New/recently introduced rule that has proven to be problematic in its implementation

EEF/GER NF: This should not be a recommendation, but a rule at least at CCI4*/5*-competitions. It is important that both travel expenses as well as daily fees are paid to the officials to respect their pressure and responsibility and allow more professional officials.

The new generations of Eventing Officials must be motivated and encouraged to “stay on board” without having to spend their money on travels/officiating often at week days away from work and families. At times officiating at 1-3* can be even more busy and challenging as OC’s, athletes, trainers and families are often volunteers and sometimes not so experienced. Nevertheless, as a starting point it could be a rule for CCI4*/CCI5* and a strong recommendation for the lower levels where OCs often have a lower budget as well.

IRL NF: The IRL NF propose an amendment to this rule under Criteria 3. New/recently introduced rule(s) that has(ve) proven to be problematic in its implementation. The IRL NF feel that this should not be a recommendation, but a must at least at CCI4*/5*-competitions. It is important that both travel expenses as well as daily fees are paid to the officials to respect their pressure and responsibility and allow more professional officials.

EEF/IRL NF: 514 Officials Remunerations

Per-Diem for Judges, Technical Delegates and Chief Stewards:

Next to the payment of all travel expenses a per diem of EUR 100 per day (remuneration for miscellaneous costs) is compulsory for all FEI Eventing competitions at all levels. This amount is net after relevant taxes being borne by the OC). The per diem is due for all officiating days, plus one. ~~At the discretion of the Official, the per-diem may be forfeited~~

GER NF: 514 Officials Remunerations

Per-Diem for Judges, Technical Delegates (CCI1-CCI3*) and Chief Stewards:*

Next to the payment of all travel expenses a per diem of EUR 100 per day (remuneration for miscellaneous costs) is compulsory for CCI4/CCI5*-competitions and strongly recommended for all other FEI classes (remuneration for miscellaneous costs). This amount is net after relevant taxes being borne by the OC). The per diem is due for all officiating days, plus one. ~~At the discretion of the Official, the per-diem may be forfeited.~~*

Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023

No change to the current wording is proposed until discussions with other stakeholders has taken place.

Comments Received by 16 August 2023

AUS NF: Australia would like to be involved in the consultation & discussion process, please.

EEF: Especially in the UK organisers are running many national classes to finance the CCI classes. The remuneration of officials will increase the costs immensely so that there is a big risk that some events would not run enough international classes anymore. In national classes officials are paid less and there is a lower number of compulsory officials. On the other hand, there are more officials needed for the future and it's important to keep them interested.

The EEF WG agreed to disagree and there were several proposals but no consensus:

- As the lower classes are still for educational purposes the following could be recommended : CCI1*-CCI3* €50 per day, CCI4*&CCI5*: €100 per day
- Competency- based payment: L1-L2 Officials € 50 per day, L3-L4 Officials € 100 per day
- Should be OC's choice
- Recommendation for payment until end of 2025, compulsory from 2026
- All officials in all classes must be paid 100€ per day (except TDs in 4* & 5* as currently)

Proposed Wording by EEF: *To be further discussed*

GBR NF: We understand that this ruling with regard to Officials Remuneration will at some stage be implemented however we would strongly recommend that before any change to this rule is made that full consultation must take place with all Organisers and Officials of all levels of competition (1* - 5*).

We have many events in GBR where Officials are fully catered for, accommodated and looked after with no expenses incurred by Officials however, we understand that this is not always the case.

We are supportive that it is a discretionary payment at the choice of the Officials until further consultation takes place with all stakeholders.

Proposed Wording by GBR: We propose to maintain the 2023 wording.

GER NF: The remuneration of Officials will increase the costs immensely so that there is a big risk that some Events would not run enough international classes anymore. On the other hand, there are more Officials needed for the future and it's important to keep them interested.

•As the lower classes are still for educational purposes, the following could be recommended: CCI1*-CCI3* €50 per day, CCI4*&CCI5*: €100 per day

Proposed Wording by GER: *To be further discussed*

IEOC: The IEOC supports the EEF and IRL NF. This should not be a recommendation, but a rule. It is important that both travel expenses and a per diem is paid to officials. In addition, an Official should ONLY be permitted to forfeit travel expenses and/or the per diem if they are doing so in order to maintain or upgrade their status, and must declare this to the FEI.

Proposed Wording by IEOC:

Officials Remuneration

Per-Diem for Judges, Technical Delegates and Chief Stewards:

Next to the payment of travel expenses a per diem of EUR 100 per day (remuneration for miscellaneous costs) ~~is recommended~~ **is compulsory for all FEI Eventing competitions at all Levels.** This amount is net after relevant taxes being borne by the OC. The per diem is due for all officiating days, plus one. ~~At the discretion of the Official, the per diem may be forfeited.~~ **An Official may ONLY**

forfeit travel expenses and/or the per-diem if they are doing so in order to maintain or upgrade their status, and must declare this to the FEI .

IRL NF: The IRL feel very strongly about the need for remuneration for Eventing Officials in line with other disciplines but understand the need for consultation on this matter. The IRL NF request that the FEI provide a timeline for these discussions and details of which stakeholders other than Eventing Organisers will be included in proposed discussions.

NZL NF: This to remain as a recommendation rather than a ruling. The per diem of 100 Euros per day will be unviable for many OC's

Proposed Wording by NZL NF: Current wording of the 514 ruling to remain

FEI Feedback

The EC reiterated that the FEI can only review this further to consultation/agreement with the Eventing Organisers. The FEI will consult with Eventing Organisers and subject to their feedback for inclusion for the overall Eventing rules revision.

Note FEI HQ: Gen Regs: Appendix H – FEI Officials' Code of Conduct states: "I agree not to make any financial contributions, donations in cash or in-kind or otherwise to an Organiser in exchange for being appointed as an Official to the Event. For the avoidance of any doubt, the direct payment of travel expenses and/or accommodation expenses by an FEI Official is acceptable."

No change to the current wording is proposed.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FRA NF

Article Number – Article Name

517 Minimum Eligibility Requirement (MER)

547.5.3 Black Flagged Alternatives

Explanation for Proposed Change

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; (Risk Management)

We would like to add in the minimum parameters for the Minimum Eligibility Requirement, that they have to achieve the Cross Country Test with using all of the direct way and not using the black flagged alternatives. It contributes to rider safety and horse welfare measures.

547.5.3 Black Flagged Alternatives

*Alternative obstacles or elements may be flagged separately and must be identified by the same number/letter as on the direct route. In this case, both sets of flags must be marked with a black line on both sides of the flag. **If the black flagged alternative is used, the performance will not count as a MER.***

517 Minimum Eligibility Requirement (MER)

A Minimum Eligibility Requirement is achieved by completing a Competition within minimum parameters of all round performance as follows:

- a) Dressage Test: not more than 45 penalty points (or 55%).*
- b) Cross Country test:*

- *Cross Country Test: A clear round at obstacles (activating a maximum of one frangible device or having a maximum of one missing flag will maintain the MER result on Cross Country)*
- *Not more than 75 seconds exceeding the optimum time in the Cross Country Test for, two, three and four star level Competitions and 100 seconds in the case of five star level Competitions.*
- *Not using the black flagged alternatives*

c) Jumping test: not more than 16 penalties at obstacles. NOTE: All MERs obtained in previous years will be counted according to the rules in place at that time.

Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023

No change to the current wording is proposed

FEI Feedback:

The Committee clarified that black flagged alternative were defined as options at the same level of difficulty and did not necessarily mean an easier alternative. For Risk Management reasons, the CD could offer different obstacle options which were not necessarily related to time.

The Committee did not support the proposal of a MER not to be granted if a black flagged alternative was used, due to difficulty of implementation on the ground creating much inconsistency in fence judging worldwide.

Comments Received by 16 August 2023

AUS NF: Proposed change by FRA NF - Not supported, in fact strenuously opposed to this suggestion.

In agreeance with the FEI of: No change proposed.

EEF and GER NF: If discussed again, there should be a better relation between the length of the course and the maximum seconds over the optimum time. It could make sense to have different max. seconds per star level/format.

GBR NF: We agree with the FEI and the rule should be left as it currently stands.

FEI Feedback

No change to the current wording is proposed

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

GBR NF

Article Number – Article Name

518.3 and 519 Anti-discrimination proposal for amendment to FEI rules

Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023

No proposed wording from GBR NF.

Comments Received by 16 August 2023

Additional Rules proposal received by 16 August 2023.

Explanation for Proposed Change

We would like to propose the modification of FEI rule 518.3 and 519 for amendments to the 2024 FEI eventing rules to not unintentionally discriminate against athletes, of both sexes, during all phases of pregnancy and early childcare.

Issues within FEI rule 518.3 and 519:

518.3 relates to re-establishing and evidencing a combinations technical ability to compete at a level by demonstrating competency in each phase.

519 relates to the combined proven experience over time of an individual athlete. Therefore, time away from the sport for any reason effects their individual categorization. The reduction in time period from 8 years to 4 compresses the period and a 12-month absence therefore equates to 25% of the previous rider category.

Recommendation:

518.3 Does not apply and all athletes should re-establish competency as a combination.

519 Propose a suspension of categorization to all athletes at all levels on the provision of a medical certificate that can be used at any stage of pregnancy. The suspension would cease in line with EU recommendations of 14 weeks post childbirth.

FEI Feedback

Regarding the additional comments from the GBR NF, this is effectively a new proposal that cannot be considered at this stage of the rules revision process given that other NFs/stakeholders would not have the opportunity to provide their feedback on it prior to the General Assembly.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

GBR NF - Additional comments Additional comments received by 16 August 2023

Article Number – Article Name

520 Minimum Eligibility Requirements for CIs and CIOs

Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023

No proposed wording from GBR NF.

Comments Received by 16 August 2023

Additional Rules proposal received by 16 August 2023.

Explanation for Proposed Change

We have suffered significant cancellations to the FEI eventing calendar in GBR in 2023 due to weather related abandonments, this has been very difficult for athletes who are relying on these valuable MER opportunities in order to progress up the levels. Historically we have applied under Article 520 to use a national competition as per below:-

NOTE: National Federations have the option to apply to use CNs (National Competitions) for qualification purposes only to replace events cancelled due weather conditions and/or exceptional circumstances. Targeted CNs are those for which the FEI has received and approved a request from the relevant National Federations for this specific purpose. MERs obtained at the specific targeted national Events will only count for upgrade in the same year and not for Athletes categorisation. The application must be sent a minimum of 4 weeks before the Event. An FEI Level 3 Technical Delegate must function at the Event taking responsibility for the technical standards/level of the Competition and must report to the FEI (TD report) including full results.

Our international calendar is quite complex and therefore due to the requirement for a 4 week window we are unable to use this option due to the impact it will have on those FEI events already running in that period and the fact that riders will already be scheduled to go to the next event either with other horses or the same horse but will potentially need to drop down a level due to the missed MER or reroute to another event and could ultimately not be able to reach their intended goal as a result of missed MERs.

We are therefore looking for the ability to reschedule lost events with TCNs, assuming all other criteria are met, on a shorter timescale of application to enable us to replace lost

MER opportunities at very short notice which would allow athletes and horses to progress.

FEI Feedback

The EC provided a revised wording for Art 519 – Return to play and included the following note in regard to TCN (see Art 520 above)

“NOTE: National Federations have the option to apply to use CNs (National Competitions) for qualification purposes only to replace events cancelled due weather conditions and/or exceptional circumstances. Targeted CNs are those for which the FEI has received and approved a request from the relevant National Federation for this specific purpose. MERs obtained at the specific targeted national Events will only count for upgrade in the same year and not for Athletes categorisation. The application must be sent a minimum of ~~4 weeks~~ ~~7– 10 days~~ before the Event. An FEI Level 3 Technical Delegate must function at the Event taking responsibility for the technical standards/level of the Competition and must report to the FEI (TD report) including full results.”

Any further review cannot be considered at this stage given that other NFs/stakeholders would not have the opportunity to provide their feedback on it prior to the General Assembly.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FRA NF

Article Number – Article Name

532 Allocation of Starting Positions (CIOs and Championships)

Explanation for Proposed Change

3- New/recently introduced rule that has proven to be problematic in its implementation

We would remind that for all CIOs and Championships the same rule must be applied. It is not always respected in some Nations Cup.

Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023

No change to the current wording is proposed.

FEI Feedback:

It was commented that there seemed to be some confusion and that there was a difference in the rules between the allocation of starting positions in Championships (alternate individuals and team members in a specific block, see ERs) and Eventing Nations Cup (team members starting in one block and individuals separately) – see specific NC Rules with the objective to bring more attention and focus on the team concept for the public).

Comments Received by 16 August 2023

EEF: This should be clarified by the OC in the schedule and it should be at their discretion, especially if a CCIO is not part of the series.

The reverse order of teams is difficult to calculate and to explain to the public.

In any case, the team horse should do the XC first.

GER NF: This should be clarified by the OC in the schedule and it should be at their discretion, especially if a CCIO is not part of the series.

The reverse order of teams is difficult to calculate and to explain to the public and leads to confusion rather than transparency.

FEI Feedback

No change to the current wording is proposed.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)
European Equestrian Federation (EEF)/GER NF
Article Number – Article Name
538 Dress of riders
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p><u>2- Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc.</u></p> <p>IRL NF: The IRL NF propose an amendment to this rule under Criteria 2 Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc.</p> <p>EEF/ IRL NF: A conflict has been created between art. 538.1.4 Boots and the specification on boots in the next discipline specific articles. Also, an unclear situation between the guidelines on tack and equipment and dress P36 where the boot must have a clear heel (for all disciplines) as the guidance on laces and chaps and short boots and the wording now in the articles.</p> <p>We propose to use Art. 538.1.4 for those items that span all disciplines. And only leave colour differentiations in the sport specific articles.</p> <p>Black is a dark colour and should not be named specifically when naming dark colour. Referral to “at the discretion of the FEI” is an impossible rule to apply on competition as FEI is not present but the steward and ground Jury decide in name of FEI under their mandate.</p> <p>This adaptation suggestion is focussed on avoiding conflicting interpretations and does not tackle the proposed allowed colour schemes, even though this might also have to be reconsidered.</p> <p>GER NF: A conflict has been created between art. 538.1.4 Boots and the specification on boots in the next discipline specific articles. This should be clarified as per proposal of the EEF Eventing WG as follows: *****</p> <p>538 Dress</p> <p>538.1 General</p> <p>538.1.4 Boots</p> <p>Boots worn during the Dressage and Jumping Tests (other than as part of regulation service dress) must be black, brown or black with a brown top must have a well-defined heel to avoid slipping through the stirrup. Riding boots with lacing up of the same colour as the boot – are allowed, as well as the combination of short boots and matching full leather chaps of same colour as the boots.</p> <p>538.2 Dressage Test</p> <p>538.2.1 Civilian</p> <p>...</p> <p>Riding boots: must be plain and of uniform black or dark colour...</p> <p>...</p> <p>538.3 Cross-Country Test</p> <p>... Boots must have a well-defined heel to avoid slipping through the stirrup. *....</p> <p>538.4 Jumping Test</p> <p>538.4.1 Civilian</p> <p>...black or brown boots. Other Dark coloured boots may be approved at the discretion of the FEI; boots may have one contrasting colour only, around the top, heel and/or toe. Boots must have a well-defined heel to avoid slipping through the stirrup. ...</p>
Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023
No change proposed for the 2024 rules postponed for the full revision. FEI Feedback:

The inconsistencies have been noted and update will be included in the rules revision for the following year. In regard to the boots with heels, the Committee felt strongly that the sentence "*boots must have a well-defined heel to avoid slipping through the stirrup*" must remain for risk Management reasons.

Comments Received by 16 August 2023

EEF: The EEF proposal regarding the dress was just meant to be a clarification. Of course, the heel of the boot is very important for safety reasons.

FEI Feedback

No change proposed for the 2024 rules, postponed for the full revision.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

FEI

Article No.–Article Name

FEI Eventing Rules: Dressage (Annex A) – Noseband Tightness

Explanation for Proposed Change

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:

This is a request further to the Ethics and Horse wellbeing commission recommendation approved by the Board (6 June 2023) for inclusion and implementation in the General Regulations as a principle and in the discipline rules as of 2024:

“Noseband: To add a harmonised provision on the measurement of the tightness of the noseband in the Rules and the use of an FEI approved measuring device (probably best to include it in each Discipline Rules). The protocols describing how and when to measure the tightness of the noseband can be Discipline specific and not in the Rules so that there is flexibility in adjusting such protocols as needed.

The consequences of a tight noseband need to be agreed and added in the Rules as well:

- Pre-Competition: The horse should not be allowed to start if it is not adjusted
- During Competition: The horse should be eliminated and a Yellow Warning Card.

Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023

Please refer to the memo on the Proposed Changes to the FEI General Regulations for explanation for 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 NF: We have made comments in the General Regulations section and note that we fully support the principle behind the introduction of the ruling relating to noseband tightness.

FEI Feedback

Please refer to the General Regulations Memo.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

European Equestrian Federation (EEF)/GER NF

Article Number – Article Name

Annex I Indoor / Arena Cross Country Rules

1 Rules for National and International competitions

5.FEI Officials

Explanation for Proposed Change

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; (Risk Management)

(EEF)/GER NF: For indoor competitions a Veterinary Delegate with an Eventing qualification is required. This is not seen as necessary, and it is felt that a jumping vet can do the job in the same good way and would be much cheaper for the OC.

5. FEI Officials: One experienced FEI Eventing Course Designer or FEI Eventing Technical Delegate. Veterinarians: it is mandatory that the VSM or TV appointed be regularly involved in the treatment of horses in Eventing competitions. ~~It is necessary for the VD appointed to the CIX Event to be listed as a VD for Eventing.~~

Proposed Wording on 28June 2023

No change to the current wording is proposed.

FEI Feedback:

It was questioned if this would represent an additional cost for the Organiser. The Committee felt however that it was important to appoint a Veterinary Officials who was familiar with the discipline of Eventing. Confirmation was also given that the Veterinary Dept. did not support the change the wording.

It was confirmed that the appointment of a VD with an Eventing background was important, all the more so if indoor Eventing was to grow in future years.

The Committee agreed to keep the actual requirement.

Comments Received by 16 August 2023

EEF and GER NF: It is still felt absolutely unnecessary to have a FEI Vet with eventing experience for indoor cross-country competitions, as indoors is very much the same as jumping. Maybe the jumping vets have even more experience how to deal with accidents inside an arena.

Especially in these financially difficult times we should not put additional costs on the OCs.

Proposed wording by EEF and GER NF:

5. FEI Officials: One experienced FEI Eventing Course Designer or FEI Eventing Technical Delegate. Veterinarians: it is mandatory that the VSM or TV appointed be regularly involved in the treatment of horses in Eventing competitions. ~~It is necessary for the VD appointed to the CIX Event to be listed as a VD for Eventing.~~

FEI Feedback

The current wording is maintained as it is important to appoint a Veterinary Officials who is familiar with the discipline of Eventing.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

GER NF/IRL NF

Article Number – Article Name

U25 European Championship

Explanation for Proposed Change

2- Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc.

The GER/IRL NF strongly recommends the implementation of a U25 European Eventing Championship most preferably at CCI4*-L Level and would very much appreciate support of this idea by the FEI and offers any help to realize this idea as soon as possible.

Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023

No change proposed for the 2024 rules postponed for the full revision.

FEI Feedback:

The Committee agreed that adding a U25 Championship was a good proposal to bridge the age gap. The proposal to be included in the Eventing Rules for the next revision and a level needed to be defined.

According to the data on the number of federations with Athletes under the age of 25 (available data on U25 riders at 4*-L competitions).

A total of 19 NFs had riders under the age of 25 competed and qualified for 4*-L. GBR NF had the most riders (45) under 25 who competed at 4* level followed by the GER NF (16) and USA NF (14). Overall 5-6 nations could currently form a team. Data including the info of the past 8 years (since 2015).

The level to be CCI4*-S level/category to ensure participation and bridging the gap. The current Eventing Rules required Championships to be organised in the long format.

In the Eventing Rules a Category of age exist for "U25" (Art. 503.1.4 U25 Competitions) but no mention or description of the levels of competitions and the possibility to have a Championship.

For Risk management reasons this addition could provide an intermediate level between Young Riders and Seniors competitions.

The proposal would need review by the FEI Board as creating new Championships has cost implications for the FEI. A cross discipline discussion among the disciplines would be necessary to define when such Championships would be held– each year, every 2 years etc.

Comments Received by 16 August 2023

USA NF: While this proposal is not being considered until the 2024 revision, the USA would like consideration in future discussions that it not be restricted to a European Championship. As one of the top three nations with athletes under the age of 25 competing at the CCI4* level, USA would like consideration for eligibility to participate. If not in every cycle offered, then perhaps periodically.

FEI Feedback

No change proposed for the 2024 rules postponed for the full revision.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

European Equestrian Federation (EEF)/GER NF/IRL

Article Number – Article Name

Veterinary Regulations: Article 1039 Morning Re-Inspection

Explanation for Proposed Change

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; (Risk Management)

Especially due to high costs of the whole participation and possible issues after travelling it is agreed that giving horses a second chance (including the possibility of taking an MCP control) is easy to realize and like in most other disciplines could be very helpful.

Article 1039 Morning Re-Inspection

*1. In Dressage, Para-Equestrian Dressage, Jumping, **Eventing**, Driving and Vaulting Events a Morning Re-inspections may be permitted on the morning of the first Competition.*

IRL NF: *1. In Dressage, Para-Equestrian Dressage, Jumping, **Eventing**, Driving and Vaulting Events a Morning Re-inspections may be permitted, **where applicable**, on the morning of the first Competition.*

Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023

No change to the current wording is proposed.

FEI Feedback:

The Eventing and Veterinary Committee agreed that a next morning re-inspection for Eventing should not be allowed.

The current Eventing rules, art.524.3 (Horse Welfare During the Competition) and art. 515.2.1, allow the Ground Jury the possibility to review any horses whose fitness is doubtful with the possibility of eliminating them for this reason during the Dressage taking place the day after the 1st HI and at any stage of the competition.

The Eventing Committee supported the commitment of Eventing to be transparent and the public viewing of the Horse Inspection.

Comments Received by 16 August 2023

AUS NF: In agreeance with the FEI of no change to the current wording in the rule book.

Comments received by the FEI Vet department:

EEF/GER

We do not understand the FEI feedback on this proposal.

We do not see any contradiction in the possibility of a re-inspection and the possibility for the Ground Jury to eliminate a Horse at any time if it is judged not fit to compete in the course of the competition. The first Horse Inspection will not change at all because everyone will still want to pass at their first chance. We will still have the good appearances in Eventing.

It would be fairer to the competitors (and to all those involved with the Horse) to have a second chance in a morning re-inspection, like in other disciplines. All three Olympic disciplines should be treated the same. The Horse could have suffered a scratch during transport or has made a wrong step so that the gaits were uneven just at the time of the first inspection. There are immense costs and efforts for riders and owners around competing internationally, especially in the long formats, and it has taken a long time to prepare for the Event.

NF GER supports their original proposal and that which was also made by NF IRL

GBR NF:

As a welfare issue we support the change proposed by IRL & GER National Federations.

The ability to re-inspect has been a very positive protocol in other disciplines. We are aware of the Articles quoted in the FEI response, but these are not used on a regular basis, whereas the Re-inspection in other disciplines has been regularly used and is a valuable welfare addition to the inspection protocol. We are in support of the following text:

1. In Dressage, Para-Equestrian Dressage, Jumping, **Eventing**, Driving and Vaulting Events a Morning Re-inspections may be permitted, **where applicable**, on the morning of the first Competition.

IRL NF:

The IRL NF simply wish to note that our original submission was not intended to be another opportunity to eliminate a horse, for, as the FEI rightly point out this is covered by existing rules, but to allow an opportunity for a horse to pass the following morning. There may be incidences whereby a horse will benefit from an opportunity to recover overnight from travelling. Our intentions were positive and ask that it be re-considered within this context.

FEI Feedback

No change to the current wording is proposed.

The Eventing and Veterinary Committee agreed that a next morning re-inspection for Eventing should not be allowed.

The Eventing Committee supported the commitment of Eventing to be transparent and the public viewing of the Horse Inspection.

Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

European Equestrian Federation (EEF)/GER NF

Article Number – Article Name

Veterinary Regulations: BANDAGES AND TACK

Article 1044 Bandages and Tack

Explanation for Proposed Change

3- New/recently introduced rule that has proven to be problematic in its implementation

The new rule regarding bits will cause confusion. The Veterinary regulations should not mix with the relevant sport rules and only restrict horse welfare issues etc.

BANDAGES AND TACK

Article 1044 Bandages and Tack

5. Tongue guards are only allowed for use during Events provided they are correctly used. They are prohibited for use in Dressage Events. ~~Additional items or changes made to the bit that affects its function are not permitted.~~

Proposed Wording on 28 June 2023

No change to the current wording is proposed.

FEI Feedback:

The Veterinary Committee and the Eventing Committee did not support the proposal. It was suggested that this rule could be reinforced / clarified that no changes can be made to the bits.

Comments Received by 16 August 2023

No comments.

FEI Feedback

Please refer to the Veterinary Regulations Memo.