

**PROPOSALS FOR 2020 RULES CHANGES  
PARA DRESSAGE**

22 October 2019

Dear National Federations,

Dear Stakeholders,

Please find below a summary of the proposed changes to the FEI Para Dressage Rules together with the corresponding explanations, the comments received as well as the reasoning for accepting or not accepting each comment.

The proposed change will be submitted for voting at the FEI General Assembly 2019.

Sincerely,

Bettina de Rham

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## CHAPTER I DRESSAGE

<b>Article No. 8413.3 The Half-Pirouette And Turn On The Haunches</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<b>Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:</b>  Piaffe is not allowed to be used in Para Dressage.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
3. Pirouettes (Half-pirouettes) are usually carried out at collected walk or canter, <del>but can also be executed at Piaffe.</del>
<b>Comments received</b>
No comments received
<b>FEI feedback</b>
N/A
<b>Proposed Final Wording</b>
Wording remains as in proposal above.

<b>Article No. 8417.2 The Submission/The Impulsion, 8418.2.1 and 8418.3 The Position and aids of the Athlete</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Please see explanation for Article 8432.4 below.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
8417.2. Putting out the tongue, keeping it above the bit or drawing it up altogether, as well as grinding the teeth and swishing the tail are mostly signs of nervousness, tenseness or resistance on the part of the Horse and must be taken into account by the Judges in their marks for the movement concerned <del>as well as in the collective mark for "submission" (No. 1).</del>
8418.2.1 A discreet 'pat on the neck' for a well performed exercise, or for reassurance, is perfectly acceptable (as is the situation of an Athlete needing to wipe a fly from their eye, or other situations such as adjusting clothing, saddle pads etc). However, if the rider intentionally takes the reins into one hand in order to use either the reins or the other hand to produce more impulsion from the Horse, or to promote applause from the spectators during the test, it will be considered a fault and will be reflected in the mark for both the movement and the <u>"General Impression"</u> collective mark <del>for 'Rider'</del> .
If foot reins are used, neither the hands nor arms may be used.
8418.3. Voice – Athletes in Grades I, II and III may use their voice as an aid <del>whilst riding in their allocated Grade</del> , provided they do so in moderation. Athletes in Grades IV and V

may not use their voice at any time during the execution of their Test. Once a Test has started the Athlete shall not speak to any other person, unless spoken to by the Judge. Such a fault will be penalized by the deduction of at least two (2) marks by each Judge from those that would otherwise have been awarded for the movement where this occurred

**Comments received**

No comments received

**FEI feedback**

N/A

**Proposed Final Wording**

As per the proposal below for Collective marks, the wording remains as in FEI Para Dressage Rules 2019, except for 8418.3 which remains as in proposal above.

## CHAPTER II PARA DRESSAGE EVENTS

Article No. 8420.1 Categories of Para Dressage Events
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<b>Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:</b>
To align with FEI Dressage Rules and FEI General Regulations.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>1. In conformity with the FEI GRs, the <u>International</u> Para Dressage Events are divided into <u>CPEDI1* to CPEDI3*, FEI Championships and Paralympic Games which must be held according to the Rules given in the following articles, unless otherwise stated in the pre-emptive Rules for any of these Events, such as the Paralympic Game.:</u></p> <p>1.1. National Events. <u>Refer to FEI GR article 101. This Rules does not apply to foreign Athletes (Athletes living outside his country of nationality as defined in the FEI GRs) who are domiciled for part of the year in the host country and hold a guest licence with the host NF.</u></p> <p><b>CPEDN</b> (Para Equestrian Dressage National): <u>where non-nationals may be invited refer to FEI GRs.</u></p> <p><b>CPEPDE</b> (Promotional Para Equestrian Dressage Event): Organised by countries outside Western Europe and North America (see below). These Events may also be held on Horses that are all borrowed.</p> <p>1.2. International Events (lower level)</p> <p><b>CPEDI1*</b> <u>International Event</u>, where there are a minimum of four (4) NFs invited, <u>to include host NF.</u></p> <p><b>CPEDI2*</b> Where there are a minimum of four (4) NFs invited, <u>to include host NF.</u></p> <p>1.3. International Events (higher level)</p> <p><b>CPEDI3*</b> Where there are a minimum of six (6) NFs, <u>including host NF,</u> invited plus a team Competition.</p>
<b>Comments received</b>
No comments received
<b>FEI feedback</b>
N/A
<b>Proposed Final Wording</b>
Wording remains as in proposal above.

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<b>Article No. 8421.2.4.1 Dressage Tests</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p><b>Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:</b></p> <p>The PETC determined that if an Athlete is competing with two Horses and both qualify for the Freestyle the Athlete should have the choice of which Horse to ride in the Freestyle. A clarification was also necessary for the sanctions if an Athlete does not participate, without legitimate reasons, if qualified.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>2.4.1. The Freestyle to Music Tests are Competitions that can be used by all Grades at all levels. Each Grade has its own Test.</p> <p>At CPEDI 3* only the best one third of the Athlete/Horse combinations per Grade of the total number of Athletes are qualified to participate in the Freestyle (based on the total result of the Team and Individual tests). Where one third of the class is less than eight (8) Athletes, then eight (8) will be allowed to compete. However, all participants must have reached a minimum score of sixty percent (60%) as an average of the Team and Individual tests. Athletes may only compete with one (1) Horse in the Freestyle Competition and for those with more than one (1) Horse qualified; they <del>must</del><u>may choose one of the qualified Horses on which to compete and must declare the Horse at the latest one hour after the end of the previous competition. participate on the highest placed Horse (based on qualification results).</u> Should a qualified combination withdraw or be disqualified etc. the next qualified combination may compete.</p> <p>At CPEDI 1* and 2*, <del>there is no limit</del><u>all Athletes may compete in the Freestyle,</u> unless otherwise defined in the Schedule.</p> <p>At all levels of Events, it is mandatory to participate if qualified, unless otherwise supported by a Veterinary or Doctor's Certificate. An Athlete who does not participate without legitimate reasons in a Competition where the participation is mandatory, will lose their placing and prize money from the previous Competition(s) in the Event <u>and will be disqualified from the Event.</u></p>
<b>Comments received</b>
No comments received
<b>FEI feedback</b>
N/A
<b>Proposed Final Wording</b>
Wording remains as in proposal above.

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<b>Article No. 8422.1.3 Conditions of Participation</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<b>Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:</b>
A clarification of which Statuses are assigned following Classification.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
1.3. Following Classification Athletes will be assigned a Tracking Code of Observation Assessment (OA) or a Grade Status of Review (R) <u>or Review with a Fixed Review Date</u> or Confirmed (C) and all relevant details will be included on the FEI Classification Master List and published on the FEI website.
<b>Comments received</b>
No comments received
<b>FEI feedback</b>
N/A
<b>Proposed Final Wording</b>
Wording remains as in proposal above.

<b>Article No. 8422.2.1 Conditions of Participation</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<b>Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:</b>
A clarification on the penalty for riding in a different Grade.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
2. <i>Competing in a different Grade.</i>
2.1 Any Athlete who changes Grade as a result of a Classification Evaluation will be required to compete in their allocated Grade from the time that it appears on the FEI Masterlist. Where the new Grade is allocated at a Competition, the Athlete can choose to compete in their new Grade or compete in the entered Grade. Where the entered Grade is lower than the newly allocated Grade, each of the Athlete's test's final <del>percentage</del> <del>result</del> will be reduced by ten (10%) percentage points. Such a decision must be reported to the PGJ and FTD/FJ by the Chief Classifier. The Athlete <del>may only</del> <del>must</del> compete in a Championship or Paralympic Games in their newly assigned Grade, providing that they meet the qualification requirements.
<b>Comments received</b>
No comments received
<b>FEI feedback</b>
N/A
<b>Proposed Final Wording</b>
Wording remains as in proposal above.

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<b>Article 8425 - Draw for the starting order</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<b>Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:</b>
For clarification of the Draw at Championships and Games.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
1. There must be a separate draw for each (Grade I to V) Competition, conducted in order of the Competition. For CPEDI3* and below, it is recommended that a draw is prepared in advance (a pre-draw) by the OC and the President of the Ground Jury, <u>for Championships and Games the draw must be conducted in a meeting that includes the President of the Ground Jury, Technical Delegate, Chief Steward and the Chef d'Equipes (or responsible persons)</u> . It shall be published and presented at a meeting that includes the President or a Member of the Ground Jury, Chief Steward and the Chef d'Equipes (or responsible persons). Unauthorised persons should not be admitted to this meeting.
<b>Comments received</b>
<b>GER</b> New proposed wording should go at the end after the sentence "It shall be published..." before "Unauthorised persons..."
<b>FEI feedback</b>
PETC agree with this proposal and will change the position of the inserted wording.
<b>Proposed Final Wording</b>
1. There must be a separate draw for each (Grade I to V) Competition, conducted in order of the Competition. For CPEDI3* and below, it is recommended that a draw is prepared in advance (a pre-draw) by the OC and the President of the Ground Jury. It shall be published and presented at a meeting that includes the President or a Member of the Ground Jury, Chief Steward and the Chef d'Equipes (or responsible persons). <u>For Championships and Games the draw must be conducted in a meeting that includes the President of the Ground Jury, Technical Delegate, Chief Steward and the Chef d'Equipes (or responsible persons)</u> . Unauthorised persons should not be admitted to this meeting.

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<b>Article 8427.5 - Dress – Colours</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<b>PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM NFs AND/OR SHs:</b>
<b>NED NF</b> We would like to suggest that the stock or tie will be optional instead of compulsory
<b>FEI FEEDBACK:</b> The PETC agree to this suggestion
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
Stock or tie: <u>optional, must be</u> white, off-white or same colour as coat.
<b>Comments received</b>
No comments received
<b>FEI feedback</b>
N/A
<b>Proposed Final Wording</b>
Wording remains as in proposal above.

<b>Article No. 8428.1.1.2 and 8428.1.3 Equipment</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<b>Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:</b>
Following the change made in FEI Dressage Rules.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
1.1.2 Stirrups must have closed branches, and no attachments. Safety stirrups <del>must have closed branches</del> <u>may have a small opening on the outside branch</u> . The stirrup leathers must have a release mechanism where they are attached to the saddle. Unless stated on the FEI Masterlist, Stirrup leathers must be on the outside of the saddle flap.
<b>1.3 Bits</b>
Snaffle, Bridoon and curb bits must <del>be have a</del> smooth <del>with a solid</del> surface. Twisted and wire bits are prohibited. Bits must be made of metal, and/or rigid plastic, or durable synthetic material and may be covered with rubber/latex. Bits must not place mechanical restraint upon the tongue. The diameter of the mouthpiece of the bridoon/snaffle and/or curb must be such so as not to hurt the Horse. Minimum diameter of mouthpiece to be twelve millimetres (12 mm) for curb bit and ten millimetres (10 mm) for bridoon bit. Snaffles must have a minimum diameter of <del>fourteen-twelve</del> millimetres ( <u>124</u> mm) for Horses and ten millimetres (10mm) for <u>P</u> ponies. The diameter of the mouthpiece is measured adjacent to the rings or the cheeks of the mouthpiece.
<b>1.3.1 Snaffle Bits</b>

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1.3.1.1 Snaffle bits may be used with loose ring, D-Ring, ~~and~~ Eggbutt and hanging cheeks. Single or double jointed snaffles may also be used with upper or lower cheeks, ~~hanging cheeks~~, full cheeks or Fulmer cheeks. Loose rings may have a sleeve fitted around part of the ring.

#### Comments received

##### NOR

**1.3 Bits:** "The diameter of the mouthpiece is measured adjacent to the rings or the cheeks of the mouthpiece."

Difficult to measure. How close to the rings/cheeks? Some bits are wide close to the rings, but taper quickly and may be quite thin where the bit works on the horse's mouth.

##### 8428 Equipment and compensating aids.

1.1.2 Stirrups must have closed branches, and no attachments. Safety stirrups may have a small opening on the outside branch...

The Nor NF is happy to read that safety stirrups now are allowed for para as well as for other disciplines.

Regarding our remark under article 8428, we find it necessary to add a comment about safety stirrups. As long as the word "small" is used, there will always be discussions about what is small or not. We therefore mean that this should be clarified.

The best would be if you could add the following in the rules: " On safety stirrups with open branches, each branch must be at least 10 cm high, measuring from the footplate"

##### GER

##### Art 8428.1.3 Bits

As some Para Athletes are not able to control their hand position and aids in a quiet way, it would be better regarding the welfare of the horse to stay with the minimum diameter of 14 mm for the snaffle.

#### FEI feedback

The PETC feel that measuring the bit anywhere other than adjacent to the rings would be very difficult for Stewards to carry out. This system of measuring adjacent to the rings has been in place for several years already without issue.

The size of 12mm is a minimum diameter, Athletes who are not able to control their hand position would still be allowed to use larger diameter bits. This is a choice for the Athlete and Trainer to determine what works best for the Horse. PETC would not support going back to a minimum of 14mm as strong proposals have been received to go to a smaller minimum.

The PETC follow the Dressage rules for the wording on safety stirrups, and so remove the word "small", a safety stirrup may have any size of opening on the outside. This will be monitored to see if any problems arise.

#### Proposed Final Wording

1.1.2 Stirrups must have closed branches, and no attachments. Safety stirrups ~~must have closed branches~~may have an opening on the outside branch. The stirrup leathers must have a release mechanism where they are attached to the saddle. Unless stated on the FEI Masterlist, Stirrup leathers must be on the outside of the saddle flap.

##### 1.3. Bits

Snaffle, Bridoon and curb bits must ~~be have a~~ smooth ~~with a solid~~ surface. Twisted and wire bits are prohibited. Bits must be made of metal, and/or rigid plastic, or durable synthetic material and may be covered with rubber/latex. Bits must not place mechanical restraint upon the tongue. The diameter of the mouthpiece of the bridoon/snaffle and/or curb must be such so as not to hurt the Horse. Minimum diameter of mouthpiece to be twelve millimetres (12 mm) for curb bit and ten millimetres (10 mm) for bridoon bit.

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Snaffles must have a minimum diameter of ~~fourteen-twelve~~ millimetres (124mm) for ~~H~~orses and ten millimetres (10mm) for ~~P~~ponies. The diameter of the mouthpiece is measured adjacent to the rings or the cheeks of the mouthpiece.

#### 1.3.1 Snaffle Bits

1.3.1.1 Snaffle bits may be used with loose ring, D-Ring, ~~and~~ Eggbutt ~~and hanging~~ cheeks. Single or double jointed snaffles may also be used with upper or lower cheeks, ~~hanging cheeks~~, full cheeks or Fulmer cheeks. Loose rings may have a sleeve fitted around part of the ring.

#### Article No. 8428.1.4.3 Ear Plugs

##### Explanation for Proposed Change

##### **Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:**

To follow a change in the FEI Veterinary Regulations.

##### Proposed Wording

1.4.3. **Ear plugs** on Horses are allowed at horse inspections and prize giving ceremonies only.

##### Comments received

No comments received

##### FEI feedback

In view of the feedback, the FEI/Veterinary Committee believes that horses should behave sufficiently to not need ear hoods or plugs for safety reasons and promotes harmonisation between disciplines.

##### Proposed Final Wording

The proposal will be removed from the Rules.

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<b>Article No. 8428.2.1.2 Compensating Aids</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p><b>Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:</b></p> <p>Clarification was required that Athletes can make further requests for profile-specific compensating aids after their Classification Evaluation, but that this must be approved before being added to the Masterlist.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>2.1.2 <b>Profile-specific compensating aids</b> are aids or equipment, other than approved saddlery, which may be used by nominated profiles and must be noted on the FEI Masterlist following Classification evaluation. <u>Requests for profile-specific compensating aids can be made to the FEI or to the Chief Classifier at an Event.</u> These are listed in the summary table of Annex IX.</p>
<b>Comments received</b>
<p><b>GER</b></p> <p>This additional application has always caused some irritation and confusion. It would make more sense and be more in the interest of all Athletes that all specific compensating aids that are listed on the summary table of Annex IX for a certain profile go automatically on the FEI Master List. All Athletes of the same profile should be allowed the same profile-specific compensating aids regarding the principle of equality. Whether they want to use it or not is the decision of the Athlete.</p>
<b>FEI feedback</b>
<p>The PETC agree that profile-specific compensating aids cause confusion when they are listed wrongly or missing from the Masterlist. Profile specific compensating aids must be approved by Classifiers to be used. A project to update Compensating aids is being launched, but this will be from 2021.</p>
<b>Proposed Final Wording</b>
<p>Wording remains as in proposal above.</p>

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<b>Article No. 8428.2.1.4 and 2.1.3.2 Compensating Aids</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<b>Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:</b>
For clarification and to correct a mistake in which compensating aids need to be noted on the Masterlist.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
2.1.3.2 For Athletes who have not previously undergone a Classification Evaluation, at their first competition (where they are being Classified) non-standard compensating aids may be approved by the Chief Steward, Chief Classifier and President of the Ground Jury. To be used at all <del>following competitions</del> <u>subsequent Events</u> , the full request must be made to the Compensating Aids Panel and listed on the FEI Masterlist.
2.1.4 Subject to the noted provisions, all saddlery and special equipment used in competition shall correspond to that allowed under FEI Dressage Rules. It is the responsibility of the Athlete to ensure that all special equipment/compensating aids they use in competition meet the requirements under the Para Dressage rules, and that any <u>non</u> -standard or profile-specific compensating aids used are noted for that Athlete on the FEI Classification Master List.
<b>Comments received</b>
No comments received
<b>FEI feedback</b>
N/A
<b>Proposed Final Wording</b>
Wording remains as in proposal above.

<b>Article No. 8428.2.4.5 Compensating Aids</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<b>Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:</b>
The Compensating Aids Panel have received many requests for knotted reins and the PETC have determined that one knot on each rein can be considered a standard compensating aid.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<u>2.4.5 Knotted reins may be used as a standard compensating aid. Each rein may only have one knot to consist of one twist/tie of the rein. Any larger knots, or more knots in each rein, will be considered a non-standard compensating aid.</u>
<b>Comments received</b>
No comments received

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<b>FEI feedback</b>
N/A
<b>Proposed Final Wording</b>
Wording remains as in proposal above.

<b>Article No. 8428.2.5.3 Compensating Aids</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<b>Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:</b>
A clarification on the use of Velcro for safety reasons.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
2.5.3 The total amount of overlapping Velcro, or similar material, used by any Athlete, must not exceed fifty square centimetres (50 sq. Cm). Each overlap contact must not exceed the dimensions of three centimetres by six centimetres (3cmx6cm). The total area of overlapping Velcro or similar material per leg must not exceed three centimetres (3cm) wide by six centimetres (6cm) of overlap contact. For safety reasons it is recommended that it is fastened in a 'V' shape. <u>Velcro cannot be passed through a ring or strap and folded back onto itself.</u>
<b>Comments received</b>
No comments received
<b>FEI feedback</b>
N/A
<b>Proposed Final Wording</b>
Wording remains as in proposal above.

<b>Article No. 8429.6 Arena and Exercise areas</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<b>Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:</b>
A clarification on who organises the positions of the Judges.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
6. When five (5) Judges are used, three (3) Judges must be placed along the short side, on the outside of and a maximum of five meters (5 m), minimum of three meters (3 m) from the arena at outdoor Competitions and preferably a minimum of three meters (3 m) at indoor Competitions; the Judge at C on the prolongation of the centre line, the two (2) others (M and H) two meters fifty (2.50 m) from and on the inside of the prolongation of the long sides. The two (2) Side-Judges (B and E) must be placed on the outside of and a

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maximum of five meters (5 m), minimum three meters (3 m) from the arena at B and E respectively; at indoor Competitions preferably a minimum of two meters (2 m). When three (3) Judges are used one should sit on the long side. The President of the Ground Jury decides on the placing of the Judges.

**Comments received****GER**

Parallel to Art 8448 we would like to add: " **The PGJ allocates the Ground Jury for each competition** and decided on the placing of the judges.

**FEI feedback**

The PETC agree to this proposal.

**Proposed Final Wording**

6. When five (5) Judges are used, three (3) Judges must be placed along the short side, on the outside of and a maximum of five meters (5 m), minimum of three meters (3 m) from the arena at outdoor Competitions and preferably a minimum of three meters (3 m) at indoor Competitions; the Judge at C on the prolongation of the centre line, the two (2) others (M and H) two meters fifty (2.50 m) from and on the inside of the prolongation of the long sides. The two (2) Side-Judges (B and E) must be placed on the outside of and a maximum of five meters (5 m), minimum three meters (3 m) from the arena at B and E respectively; at indoor Competitions preferably a minimum of two meters (2 m). When three (3) Judges are used one should sit on the long side. The President of the Ground Jury allocates the Ground Jury for each competition and decides on the placing of the Judges.

**Article No. 8430.3.2.2 Other Penalties****Explanation for Proposed Change****Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:**

There was previously no clear sanction for use of incorrect equipment or compensating aids.

**Proposed Wording**

3.2.2 It is the responsibility of the Athlete to ensure that all equipment and compensating aids they use in competition meet the requirements under the Para Dressage Rules article 8428. The penalty for competing with incorrect equipment or compensating aids is ten (10) percentage points deducted from the final total percentage mark.

**Comments received****HKG**

We would like to propose a change to the wording of the Para Dressage Rules 8428.3.2.2. to the Para Committee if they could consider modifying the wording of the rule to separate penalties for "incorrect equipment" from Incorrect "compensating aids". Eg rules for incorrect equipment such as wrong bits and boots is normally elimination and the proposal in the rule is that both incorrect equipment and incorrect compensating aids will have a deduction of 10 percentage marks. In other words the rule doesn't make sense.

**GER**

Our sport has developed a lot and has become more competitive so that we think that this is not the right way to react to these cases. These disallowed equipment or compensating aids would already be used during warm-up and then in the competition arena. Those Athletes who try to cheat should not be supported/encouraged by this rule.

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There are some aspects that need to be considered:

- There is a clash with Art 8430.3.2 regarding "Entering the arena with boots . . ." which leads to a deduction of 2 points - - according to Art 8428 boots are equipment and would lead then to a 10 % deduction with the new rule. This would need clarification.
- Using disallowed equipment or compensating aids can affect:
  - The safety of the Athletes
  - The welfare of the Horse
- Further clarification for the 10 % deduction would be necessary if this applies whether it is noticed when entering the Field of Play, during the test or after the test when the stewards check the equipment.

We therefore propose to modify after the 1st sentence (It is the responsibility...): **The use of incorrect equipment will lead to elimination. The penalty for use of incorrect compensating aids will be minus 10 (ten) percentage points deducted from the final total percentage mark.**

#### FEI feedback

The PETC agree with this proposition that incorrect equipment and incorrect compensating aids should have different penalties.

#### Proposed Final Wording

3.2.2 It is the responsibility of the Athlete to ensure that all equipment and compensating aids they use in competition meet the requirements under the Para Dressage Rules article 8428. The penalty for competing with incorrect equipment (not referenced in 8430.3.2) is elimination. Competing with incorrect compensating aids entails a penalty of ten (10) percentage points deducted from the final total percentage mark.

#### Article No. 8430.11.4 Bleeding

##### Explanation for Proposed Change

##### Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

To align with changes in the FEI Dressage Rules.

##### Proposed Wording

11.4. Bleeding: If the Judge at C suspects fresh blood anywhere on the Horse during the Test, he will stop the Horse to check for blood. If the Horse shows fresh blood, it will be Eliminated. The Elimination is final. If the Judge through examination clarifies that the Horse has no fresh blood, the Horse may resume and finish its Test.

If the FEI Steward discovers fresh blood in the Horse's mouth or in the area of the spurs during the equipment check at the end of the Test (Art. 8430.12), he must inform the Judge at C, who will Eliminate the Horse and the Athlete. If the FEI Steward discovers fresh blood anywhere else on the Horse's body at the end of the test the Horse is not automatically eliminated. there-If there is blood on the Horse, an FEI Veterinarian is to be called to ~~decide~~ examine if the Horse and advise the Ground Jury whether it is fit to continue in following Competition(s) in the Event.

##### Comments received

No comments received

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**FEI feedback**

Following comments in the FEI Dressage Rules, the blood rule has been amended to align.

**Proposed Final Wording**

11.4. Bleeding: If the Judge at C suspects fresh blood anywhere on the Horse during the Test, he will stop the Horse to check for blood. If the Horse shows fresh blood, it will be Eliminated. The Elimination is final. If the Judge through examination clarifies that the Horse has no fresh blood, the Horse may resume and finish its Test.

If the FEI Steward discovers fresh blood in the Horse's mouth or in the area of the spurs during the equipment check at the end of the Test (Art. 8430.12), he must inform the Judge at C, who will Eliminate the Horse and the Athlete. If the FEI Steward discovers fresh blood anywhere else on the Horse's body (i.e. other than the Horse's mouth or in the area of the spurs) during the check at the end of the test, the Athlete/Horse combination is not automatically eliminated. The FEI Steward shall inform the Judge at C and ~~there~~ ~~if there is blood on the Horse,~~ an FEI Veterinarian ~~is to~~ ~~must~~ be called to ~~decide~~ ~~examine if~~ the Horse and advise the Judge at C whether the Horse is fit to continue in following Competition(s) in the Event. The Judge at C will take a decision on the Horse's fitness to continue, based on the FEI Veterinarian's advice. If the Judge at C decides the Horse is not fit to continue, the Horse will not be permitted to take part in any further Competition(s) or tests at the event but the result(s) obtained by the Athlete/Horse combination in any Competition(s) or tests already completed shall stand.

**Article No. 8430.13.1, 8430.13.2 and 8430.13.9 Commanders, Callers and Electronic Devices****Explanation for Proposed Change****Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:**

With changes in technology the sport of Para Dressage needs to remain up to date in terms of compensating aids. These changes were required for more accessibility to electronic compensating aids.

**Proposed Wording****13. Commanders and, Callers and Electronic Devices**

13.1. Definitions: Commanders read a Test; callers (which may be human or electronic) call out the letters to those Athletes with classified visual impairment who need this assistance.

13.8. Callers may only call the name of the letter(s). Only the lead caller (who may also Command where approved as in 13.3) may be in the centre of the arena and may not move around except for a safe distance to avoid the path of the Horse. All other Callers must be positioned outside the arena, and may move from one marker to another, provided they do not restrict the vision of any of the Judges. There shall be no more than thirteen (13) Callers, but Athletes with classified visual impairment are encouraged to use as few Callers as possible. The Caller at C may be exchanged for a beacon beeper which is to be provided by the Athlete. The OC must be notified if electronic callers are being used and the set-up of such devices must not affect the running of the competition, nor cause any disturbance to other Athletes.

13.9 Athletes with a hearing impairment who wish to use a vibrotactile (haptic) vest to be able to feel the beat of the music, must apply to the Compensating Aids Panel clearly stating the reason for the need and providing supporting documentation. The make and model of the vest must be stated, any upgrade in the equipment will require a new request to the

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CAP. Permission to use a vibrotactile vest must be stated on the FEI Classification Master List.

#### Comments received

No comments received

#### FEI feedback

Some safety issues have been brought up with vibrotactile vests, so this proposed article 13.9 will be put on hold and will not be included in the 2020 Rules.

#### Proposed Final Wording

13.8. Callers may only call the name of the letter(s). Only the lead caller (who may also Command where approved as in 13.3) may be in the centre of the arena and may not move around except for a safe distance to avoid the path of the Horse. All other Callers must be positioned outside the arena, and may move from one marker to another, provided they do not restrict the vision of any of the Judges. There shall be no more than thirteen (13) Callers, but Athletes with classified visual impairment are encouraged to use as few Callers as possible. The Caller at C may be exchanged for a beacon beeper which is to be provided by the Athlete. The OC must be notified if electronic callers are being used and the set-up of such devices must not affect the running of the competition, nor cause any disturbance to other Athletes.

#### Article No. 8430.14.4 Other Outside assistance

#### Explanation for Proposed Change

##### **Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:**

The PETC determined that the placing of the companion Horse needs to be defined before the start of the competition.

#### Proposed Wording

14.4. For Grade I, II and III, if circumstances allow a companion Horse may stand adjacent to the arena. The area where a companion Horse may stand must be designated by the President of the Ground Jury prior to the start of the competition.

#### Comments received

No comments received

#### FEI feedback

N/A

#### Proposed Final Wording

Wording remains as in proposal above.

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<b>Article No. 8432.4 Marking</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p><b>Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:</b></p> <p>Following the removal of Collective marks, which was supported by the DJWG recommendations, the PETC have decided to also reduce the collective marks to just one "General Impression" mark. This change has been made throughout the document.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>4. Collective marks <del>are awarded,;</del> after the Athlete has finished <del>his</del> <u>their</u> performance, <del>a collective mark is awarded for General Impression for:</del></p> <p>1) <del>Paces.</del>  2) <del>Activity.</del>  3) <del>Submission.</del></p> <p>4) Equestrian feel and skill of the Athlete. <del>Accuracy. Each</del> <u>The</u> collective mark is awarded from zero (0) to ten (10).</p> <p>5. <del>Some</del> <u>The</u> collective marks, as well as certain difficult movements, can be given a coefficient, which is fixed by the FEI.</p>
<b>Comments received</b>
<p><b>NOR</b></p> <p><b>8432 Marking: 4. Collective mark:</b> After the Athlete has finished his performance, a collective mark is awarded for the Athlete's position and seat; correctness and effect of the aids ("General impression").</p> <p>This will be a very difficult mark for the judges. One might predict great differences. If this mark is meant to be summary of the test, it is difficult to see the rationale behind it. Will it really give anything extra compared to the marks for each movement? Ref the reasons FEI gave for taking away the collective marks for gaits, impulsion and submission in dressage. Norway considers the loss of these three marks as negative. They may not be important on the very top senior level of the sport, but they are very important for giving feedback to horses and riders on lower levels.</p> <p>Norway finds the current collective mark for the Athlete more informative and helpful than the new proposal. However, the rider mark needs an explanation. The horse's performance will reflect the correctness and effect of the aids. Therefore, Norway's impression is that the judges tend to put elements from the former mark for submission into the rider's mark, which we think is OK, but it is not formalized in the rules.</p> <p>With this new collective mark, it will be even more difficult to have a common understanding of what it is meant to cover. Norway's priorities are therefore:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maintain the system with 4 collective marks, at least for ponies, children, juniors and young riders. But the wording could be adjusted to be more in line with the training scale.</li> <li>2. Introduce one collective mark for the rider, but give a description of what the mark is meant to cover. This could be given in the rule book or on the judge's sheets</li> <li>3. The proposed mark for General impression needs a proper description of what it is meant to cover. This could be given in the rule book or on the judge's sheets</li> </ol> <p><b>GER</b></p> <p><b>Art 8434.3.2 Calculation of scores and results</b></p> <p>Regarding ties, the Article does not need to be adjusted to "marks" - instead, we suggest to align with Dressage Rules Art 434.3.1:</p> <p>"In case of equality of percentage for the first three (3) places, the highest total median score of the Judges will decide the placing. The median score is the middle number. To calculate the median of a set of scores, the scores need to be put in ascending numerical order. E.g. 68.5 % - 69 % - <b>70 %</b> - 70.5 % - 71 %; 70 % is the median score in this case."</p>

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<b>FEI feedback</b>
PETC agree to postpone this change to 2021, to make the change at the beginning of the next Paralympic cycle. All proposed changes concerning the collective marks are removed from the 2020 Rules, and the recommendations from NOR and GER will be considered for 2021.
<b>Proposed Final Wording</b>
Wording remains as in FEI Para Dressage Rules 2019 with no changes to collective marks.

<b>Article No. 8433 Judges' sheets</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<b>Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:</b>
As per above, the sport of Para Dressage should develop alongside changes in technology, and the PETC wish to promote the use of E-Dressage in Para Dressage, and are aligning with the FEI Dressage Rules.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<b>Article 8433 Judges' sheets</b>
<b>1. General</b>
<b>1.1</b> The Judges' sheets have two (2) columns: the first for the Judge's original mark, the second for the corrected score. Any corrected score must be initialled by the Judge having made the correction. Judges' scores must be <del>recorded in ink</del> <u>endorsed by the Judge</u> .
<b>1.2.</b> There is also a column for the Judge's remarks, where the Judge, as far as possible, should state the reason for <del>his</del> <u>the</u> judgment. <u>Remarks must be in English. Giving remarks is strongly recommended,</u> at least when giving marks of five (5) and below. <u>Remarks are intended for the information of the Athlete.</u>
<b>1.3.</b> <u>The original of the Judges' sheets of the placed Athlete/Horse combinations from the Paralympic Games must be sent to the FEI by the OC, together with the results of each Competition, including a list where the total percentage awarded by each Judge for each Athlete must be clearly shown. A copy of the Judges' sheets should be available to the Athletes.</u> <del>The above should be done for all other competitions, with a copy to the President of the Ground Jury.</del>
<b>1.4</b> <u>The final results of the class must be signed off by the President of the Ground Jury or the Foreign Judge/TD as appropriate.</u>
<b>1.5.</b> All Dressage Tests can be downloaded from the FEI website ( <a href="http://www.fei.org">www.fei.org</a> ).
<b>2. Paper Judging</b>
<b>2.1</b> <u>The original Judges' sheets from CPEDIs should be available to the Athletes after the Competition. No copies are required by the FEI.</u>
<b>3 Paperless Judging</b>
<b>3.1</b> <u>The use of a paperless judging system is subject to FEI approval and must be stated in the Event schedule.</u>
<b>3.2.</b> <u>Only FEI approved paperless judging systems as per the FEI requirements posted on the FEI website may be used.</u>
<b>3.3.</b> <u>In any event, a paper version of the Para Dressage tests must be available to the Judges during competition as backup.</u>
<b>3.4.</b> The electronic judges' sheets will be made available to the Athletes <u>in an electronic format via the FEI platform after the competition.</u>

**Comments received****NOR****8433.3. Paperless Judging**

This proposal is difficult to evaluate without a closer description. We are concerned that paperless judging may take away the judge's control over the marks being correctly recorded. However, we know that the present system today includes comments and feedback from the judges. Due to the extensive use of social media, we think there should be some guidelines for commenting when using paperless judging.

**EEF****Paperless judging (Art. 8433)**

The introduction of paperless judging for Para-Dressage is welcomed and supported. It is also supported that any paperless judging system shall be officially approved by the FEI according to pre-set standards in order to secure technical reliability and quality.

Objection is raised against the proposed Article 3.4 which requires further discussions, particularly with the athletes, before it can be considered. As stated in Article 1.2 "Remarks are intended for the information of the Athlete" and it is questionable that the athletes wish to have their remarks submitted into an FEI platform. The following wording of Article 3.4 is proposed:

*"The electronic judges' sheets will be made available to the Athletes in an electronic format via the FEI platform after the competition."*

**FEI feedback**

Paperless Judging has been tested very successfully in Dressage Events. There is no problem with taking away the Judge's control over the marks being correctly recorded – no difference between the scribe typing or writing correctly.

Only the Athlete's own marks are available to them on the FEI platform (with a login and password). The mark/sheets remain private to each Athlete. A phrase has been added to clarify this.

**Proposed Final Wording****1. General**

**1.1** The Judges' sheets have two (2) columns: the first for the Judge's original mark, the second for the corrected score. Any corrected score must be initialled by the Judge having made the correction. Judges' scores must be ~~recorded in ink~~dorsed by the Judge.

**1.2.** There is also a column for the Judge's remarks, where the Judge, as far as possible, should state the reason for ~~his~~the judgment. Remarks must be in English. Giving remarks is strongly recommended, at least when giving marks of five (5) and below. Remarks are intended for the information of the Athlete.

**1.3.** The original of the Judges' sheets of the placed Athlete/Horse combinations from the Paralympic Games must be sent to the FEI by the OC, together with the results of each Competition, including a list where the total percentage awarded by each Judge for each Athlete must be clearly shown. A copy of the Judges' sheets should be available to the Athletes.~~The above should be done for all other competitions, with a copy to the President of the Ground Jury.~~

**1.4** The final results of the class must be signed off by the President of the Ground Jury or the Foreign Judge/TD as appropriate.

**1.5.** All Dressage Tests can be downloaded from the FEI website ([www.fei.org](http://www.fei.org)).

**2. Paper Judging**

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2.1 The original Judges' sheets from CPEDIs should be available to the Athletes after the Competition. No copies are required by the FEI.

### **3 Paperless Judging**

3.1 The use of a paperless judging system is subject to FEI approval and must be stated in the Event schedule.

3.2. Only FEI approved paperless judging systems as per the FEI requirements posted on the FEI website may be used.

3.3. In any event, a paper version of the Para Dressage tests must be available to the Judges during competition as backup.

3.4. The electronic judges' sheets will be made available to the Athletes in an electronic format via the FEI platform after the competition. The Athletes' access to the electronic Judges' sheets is strictly personal.

## **Article No. 8436.2 Prize-Giving**

### **Explanation for Proposed Change**

#### **Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:**

The PETC want to support OCs by having all Athletes required for the Prize Giving ceremony to remain on site. A regulation was necessary to sanction not attending the Prize giving ceremony.

### **Proposed Wording**

2. Participation in the Prize giving Ceremony of placed Athletes is compulsory. Failure to do so, unless otherwise supported with a Doctor's or Veterinary certificate will entail the disqualification of the Athlete from the relevant Competition with the consequence that any placing and prizes will be lost. ~~entails losing the placing and prize.~~

### **Comments received**

#### **USA**

The intent of the Article is supported but it is suggested that the President of the GJ should be able to give permission for an athlete to not be present in extenuating circumstances.

### **FEI feedback**

This is would be writing a rule allowing for exceptions. As in the rule revision, Athletes can be excused with support from a Doctor or Veterinary certificate. In extenuating situations the President of the Ground Jury would be able to take the necessary decision. This rule is allowing for Athletes to be excused, where previously there was no flexibility. The PETC decided not to make a change.

### **Proposed Final Wording**

Wording remains as in proposal above.

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**CHAPTER III GROUND JURY, APPEAL COMMITTEE, FOREIGN TECHNICAL DELEGATE, CLASSIFIERS, VETERINARY COMMISSION AND VETERINARY DELEGATE, STEWARDS AND ABUSE OF HORSES**

<b>Article No. 8437.6 Ground Jury</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p><b>PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM NFs AND/OR SHs:</b></p> <p><b>GER NF</b> We propose a clarification that this does not refer to the panel of each test of the event.</p> <p>In the past, there were CPEDI3* approved despite not having the required number of 3* Para Judges. Often the 5* Judges are invited, the 3* Judges considered and the 4* Judges do not get many invitations. Therefore, for each event, at least one 3* and one 4* Judge should be invited and be part of the respective panel of the competition.</p> <p><b>FEI FEEDBACK</b> The PETC want to clarify that the Ground Jury for each competition should have the required mix of Judges as per the rules. In this case clarification was needed to remove the word "Panel" which has the same meaning as Ground Jury – meaning the Judges sitting around the arena for each competition, not the full group as invited in the schedule. The representation detailed in article 8437 is per Ground Jury, enough Judges of each level must be invited to ensure the correct representation.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>6. For CPEDI3*, the President and the other members of the Ground Jury must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be appointed by the NF and the OC, in agreement with the FEI;</li> <li>• be an International Jury (see Art. 8437.10).</li> <li>• when a <del>Ground Jury</del>panel of five (5) Judges is used, three (3) or more must be 4* or 5*, can have one (1) or two (2) 3* Judges. One (1) 4* Judge is mandatory. In Western Europe, one (1) 3* Judge is also mandatory; outside Western Europe one (1) 3* Judge is recommended.</li> <li>• When a <del>panel</del>Ground Jury of three (3) Judges are used, two (2) or more must be 4* or 5*, one (1) can be 3* Judge. In Western Europe, one (1) 3* Judge is mandatory; outside Western Europe one (1) 3* Judge is recommended.</li> </ul>
<b>Comments received</b>
No comments received
<b>FEI feedback</b>
N/A
<b>Proposed Final Wording</b>
Wording remains as in proposal above.

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<b>Article No. 8437.10 Ground Jury</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<b>PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM NFs AND/OR SHs:</b>
<p><b>GER NF</b></p> <p>We propose to amend that the same requirements apply for Ground Juries in and outside Western Europe.</p> <p>It is difficult to find qualified Judges for Para-Dressage competitions and costly to provide travel expenses if they come a long way. It should not be mandatory that they are of completely different nationalities; like outside Western Europe, it should be allowed to have two of the same nationality.</p> <p><b>FEI FEEDBACK</b></p> <p>Based on the numbers of judges available the PETC agree that it is difficult to have Judges from all different nationalities. PETC agree with proposal.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
10. A Ground Jury is considered to be international if there are at least two (2) Foreign Judges in a Ground Jury of three (3) members, and there are at least three (3) Foreign Judges in a Ground Jury of five (5) members. <del>In Western Europe, all</del> All foreign Judges need to be of different nationalities. <u>In CPEDI3* and below on each Ground Jury; Outside Western Europe,</u> two (2) of the foreign Judges may be of the same nationality.
<b>Comments received</b>
No comments received
<b>FEI feedback</b>
N/A
<b>Proposed Final Wording</b>
Wording remains as in proposal above.

<b>Article No. 8437.13 Ground Jury</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<b>Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:</b>
This proposal came from the Para Dressage Judge General, to have a compulsory meeting between the President and Members of the Ground Jury at Championships and Games, and recommended at CPEDI3* and below.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
13. The President or the FEI Foreign Judge must arrive in time for the Horse Inspection. <u>At Championships and Games it is compulsory that the Ground Jury should meet prior to the first competition, this is recommended at CPEDI3*s and below.</u>
<b>Comments received</b>

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No comments received
<b>FEI feedback</b>
N/A
<b>Proposed Final Wording</b>
Wording remains as in proposal above.

<b>Article No. 8438 Technical Delegate</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<b>Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:</b>
For clarification and to remove information which should be stated in the education system rather than the rules.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<b>Article 8438 <del>Foreign</del> Technical Delegate</b>
1.1. <del>A Technical Delegate may be appointed for CPEDIs.</del> A Foreign Technical Delegate must be appointed for all Championships and Games. FEI will appoint the Foreign Technical Delegate(s) for Championships and Games.
<del>1.2. A list of Foreign Technical Delegates qualified to officiate at all levels of Events will be maintained by the FEI. The qualifications for such Para Dressage Foreign Technical Delegates are as follows: to be a past or present FEI Para Dressage/IPEC Dressage Judge or being appointed by the Para Dressage Technical Committee on the grounds of their extensive knowledge of Para Dressage and the specific requirements.</del>
<b>Comments received</b>
<b>GER</b>
If a TD is appointed at a CPEDI, it will be necessary to have a clear job description and to have a clear distribution of tasks between PGJ, FJ and TD.
<b>FEI feedback</b>
Job descriptions are being developed and will include a job description for TDs.
<b>Proposed Final Wording</b>
Wording remains as in proposal above.

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<b>Article No. 8439.2 and 8439.3.1 Classifiers</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<b>Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:</b>
This precision was missing from the article about VI Classifiers. It was also not clear that the FEI appoints officials for Championships.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
2. Classification for Athletes with visual impairment (Profile 36 and 37) must be carried out by a panel of two (2) International Blind Sports Federation (IBSA) Classifiers <u>and one (1) classifier must be from a foreign NF.</u>
3.1 For <u>FEI Championships and Games</u> , the FEI will appoint one (1) Level 2 Chief Classifier <u>and one (1) Level 2 Classifier.</u> <del>A second Level 2 Classifier must be appointed by the OC in addition.</del>
<b>Comments received</b>
No comments received
<b>FEI feedback</b>
N/A
<b>Proposed Final Wording</b>
Wording remains as in proposal above.

<b>Article No. 8440 Appeal Committee</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<b>Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:</b>
This was removed so that the information is not falsely duplicated in these rules. If, at the 2019 FEI General Assembly the change is approved to remove the Appeal Committee, references will then be removed throughout the FEI Para Dressage Rules.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<b>Article 8440 Appeal Committee</b>
The FEI GRs refer to the Appeal Committee. <del>3* Judges, 4* Judges, 5* Judges and Retired Judges of any of these categories of Para Dressage Judge, as well as other suitably qualified persons approved by the Para Equestrian Committee, can be a Member of Appeal Committee.</del>
<del>At CPEDI 1*, 2* and 3* Events no Appeal Committee is required.</del>
<b>Comments received</b>
No comments received
<b>FEI feedback</b>
N/A
<b>Proposed Final Wording</b>
Wording remains as in proposal above.

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<b>Article No. 8442 Veterinary Commission and Veterinary Delegate</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<b>Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:</b>
This was removed so that the information is not falsely duplicated in these rules.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<b>Article 8442 Veterinary Commission and Veterinary Delegate</b> ( <u>please</u> see <del>also</del> FEI Veterinary Regulations) 1. <del>The composition of the Veterinary Commission, which is compulsory for all Championships and Games, and the appointment of its President and members must be in accordance with the FEI VRs.</del> 2. <del>At CPEDIs, the presence of a Veterinarian, to be regarded as the Veterinary Delegate appointed by the OC, is required in accordance with the FEI VRs. This Veterinary Delegate should conduct all veterinary examinations, including the Horse Inspection.</del> <del>Treating vet: In addition to the Veterinary Delegate, there must be a Treating Veterinarian. This person must be a different person to the Veterinary Delegate.</del>
<b>Comments received</b>
No comments received
<b>FEI feedback</b>
N/A
<b>Proposed Final Wording</b>
Wording remains as in proposal above.

<b>Article No. 8443 Stewards</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<b>Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:</b>
This was removed so that the information is not falsely duplicated in these rules.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
The FEI GRs <u>and FEI Steward Manual for Para Dressage</u> refer to the Stewards and such rules and regulations are applicable to all FEI Para Dressage Events. The Chief Steward is responsible for all the Stewards and for the timing required during training. The Chief Steward will report to the Foreign Technical Delegate when applicable. 1.1 <del>—The Chief Steward is responsible for the organisation of stewarding throughout the Event.</del> 1.2 <del>—</del> 1.3 <del>—The Chief Steward must ensure that stable security is adequate for the level of Event and that sufficient Stewards are available.</del> 1.4 <del>—</del>

~~1.5—The Chief Steward Organising Committee, Ground Jury and Foreign Technical Delegate have to ensure the smooth running of all defined functions during a Competition such as opening and closing ceremonies or any required organised function within the Competition.~~

**Comments received**

No comments received

**FEI feedback**

N/A

**Proposed Final Wording**

Wording remains as in proposal above.

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## CHAPTER V WORLD AND CONTINENTAL INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

<b>Article No. 8448 Officials</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<b>Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:</b>
This information was missing from this chapter. It will also be clarified in the Paralympic Chapter for 2021.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<b>Article 8448 <del>Foreign Technical Delegate</del>Officials</b>
<p>1. A Foreign Technical Delegate must be appointed for all Championships. The FEI will appoint the Foreign Technical Delegate(s) for all the Major Championships (as defined in the Para Dressage Rules). The Foreign Technical Delegate is in charge outside the actual Competitions. See also Article 8438 of Para Dressage Rules.</p> <p><u>2. Ground Jury. The FEI will appoint the President, members of the Ground Jury and at least one travelling reserve Judge. The numbers appointed will depend on the competition schedule and arenas. The President of the Ground Jury allocates the five Ground Jury members for each competition.</u></p>
<b>Comments received</b>
<b>GER</b> We would like to add "... and decides on the placing of the judges." as in Art 8429.6
<b>FEI feedback</b>
The PETC agree with this addition.
<b>Proposed Final Wording</b>
<b>Article 8448 <del>Foreign Technical Delegate</del>Officials</b>
<p>1. A Foreign Technical Delegate must be appointed for all Championships. The FEI will appoint the Foreign Technical Delegate(s) for all the Major Championships (as defined in the Para Dressage Rules). The Foreign Technical Delegate is in charge outside the actual Competitions. See also Article 8438 of Para Dressage Rules.</p> <p><u>2. Ground Jury. The FEI will appoint the President, members of the Ground Jury and at least one travelling reserve Judge. The numbers appointed will depend on the competition schedule and arenas. The President of the Ground Jury allocates the five Ground Jury members for each competition and decides on the placing of the Judges.</u></p>

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<b>Article No. 8449 Appeal Committee</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<b>Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:</b>
Any information about the Appeal committee will be in the General Regulations.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<del>See Article 8440 of Para Dressage Rules</del> <u>See GRs.</u>
<b>Comments received</b>
No comments received
<b>FEI feedback</b>
N/A
<b>Proposed Final Wording</b>
Wording remains as in proposal above.

<b>Article No. 8452 Expenses and Privileges</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<b>Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:</b>
The PETC have added to this article for the fairness of treatment of Para Dressage Athletes at multi-discipline Championships. They determined that OCs should still be given the choice at stand-alone Championships, but that the Para Dressage Athletes should have the same treatment as others in multi-discipline Championships.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
1. NFs pay their own expenses except as <del>below</del> <u>per the following. At stand-alone Para Dressage Championships the OC may offer to cover accommodation, three (3) meals/day, stabling, fodder and travel allowance for Athletes, Grooms (one groom to each two Horses), Chefs d'Equipe and team veterinarians. For multi-discipline Championships please refer to article 100.1 of the FEI GRs.</u>
<del>1.——2. OCs may offer to cover the living and accommodation expenses of one (1) groom to each two (2) Horses. Grooms must belong to the official Teams. Any additional grooms are the responsibility of the relevant NF.</del>
<b>Comments received</b>
No comments received
<b>FEI feedback</b>

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N/A

**Proposed Final Wording**

Wording remains as in proposal above.

**Article No. 8453 Tests to be ridden****Explanation for Proposed Change****Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:**

Following discussions at the FEI Para Equestrian Forum the PETC have decided to change the competition format for Championships, to give riders the possibility to ride both the first and second test. To make it clearer who the Champions are, there will be one set of Team medals and one set of Individual medals. The tests will be revised for 2021 and will be renamed so as to remove confusion caused by the names of tests being ridden in competitions of the opposite name.

**Proposed Wording**

1. Each Grade rides its own Tests.

2. The order of the Tests will be:

~~2.1. Individual Tests— all five Grades. Open to all Athletes. Individual medals will be given for each Grade.~~

~~2.2. Team Tests to music— all five (5) Grades. Only open to team Athletes. Team medals will be given based on the results of the Team Test only.~~

~~2.3. Freestyle Tests— all five Grades. Open to the eight (8) best Athletes per grade from the Individual Test. Freestyle medals will be given for each Grade.~~

~~2.1 Competition 1 (current Team Test) – all five Grades. To be ridden by all Athletes. First Qualifier for Individual Final.~~

~~2.2 Team Final (current Individual Test) – all five Grades. To be ridden by all Athletes who started in Competition 1, second qualifier for the Individual Final. Team medals will be given based on the results of this test only.~~

~~2.3 The results of the first and second competitions are combined to determine the top 8 Athletes from each Grade qualified to compete in the Freestyle test.~~

~~2.4 Individual Final, Freestyle Test – all five Grades. Open to the eight (8) best Athletes (including those tied for the 8<sup>th</sup> place) per grade from the Test 1 + Test 2 results. Individual medals will be given for each Grade.~~

**3. Ties:**

~~**Individual Tests:** In case of equality of percentage in the first three places, the higher collective mark will decide on the better placing. If the collective mark are equal, the collective mark of the Judge at C will be decisive.~~

~~**Team Tests:** In the case of equality of percentages the winning team is the one whose lowest classified team Athlete has the best result in the Team Test. If still tied the same rule will be applied to the second lowest classified Athlete in the Team Test.~~

~~**Freestyle Tests:** In case of equality of percentage, the higher artistic marks shall decide. If still tied the higher marks for harmony shall decide. If still tied the higher marks for choreography shall decide.~~

**Comments received**

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**USA**

Article 8453. Tests To Be Ridden (Individual Medals). The USEF very strongly opposes removing Individual Medals from Competition 1 (current Team Test). The reasoning applies equally to the Paralympic Games, as it is understood a reduction in medals is planned for Paris 2024. This will be detrimental to the sport and to athletes for the following reasons;

- This is a retrograde step for the Sport. In recent years more and more Nations are reaching the Podium and that encourages growth and demonstrates globalization.
- Medals are the oxygen of publicity for NFs, NPCs and most importantly for athletes.
- Competitions with Medals better attract spectators, media and sponsors.
- With less Medals available in 2024 so support from NPCs is likely to reduce. There is already a discrepancy between the Olympics and Paralympics when it comes to Accreditation and the lack of Training Venue (Access) Passes for the Paralympic Games. The cost of sending athletes to the Games escalates with each Games (Tokyo will be the most expensive Games in the modern era) – reducing the number of Medals will lead NPC and possibly NFs to consider whether the investment in Para is worthwhile.
- The focus should be on developing and delivering Tests that differ in the way the GP and GPS do.
- No logical reason has been given as to why this change should be implemented other than (from a FEI Press Release) “harmonisation”.
- The argument of “one Champion” carries some weight but is not consistent with other sports where there are multiple champions resulting from very, very similar competitions. Is there less difference between the Dressage “Special” and “Freestyle” than the difference between the Swimming freestyle at 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m and 1500m
- More countries should be encouraging Para Equestrian Dressage – it really is not that difficult to start programs. However, when the number of Gold medals are slashed from 11 to 6 it is hardly a motivator.
- For those Nations that have sought to support, encourage and develop Para Dressage, stripping 45.5% of the medals from the slate is a major setback.
- Do the athletes mind having two Champions per Grade?

FACT. Once the U.S. had won their first ever medals on “own horses” (WEG 2018). The US NOC / NPC started investing significantly in the Program, the number of Owners increased, the sponsorship increased and the number of OCs (at national level) willing to run Para competitions increased. Funding has been invested in coaching programs and clinics to support grass root athletes as well as international athletes. The sport has grown, there is a stronger link with the therapeutic riding community and the Veterans Association. Medals were the oxygen the sport needed to grow.

**GER**

2.3 The combined results of Test 1 and 2 to qualify for the Freestyle. We would recommend that there is an average score of 60 % to qualify.

3. Ties: We would recommend to take over from the Dressage Rules Art 434.3.1

“In case of equality of percentage for the first three (3) places, the highest total median score of the Judges will decide the placing. The median score is the middle number. To calculate the median of a set of scores, the scores need to be put in ascending numerical order. E.g. 68.5 % - 69 % - **70 %** - 70.5 % - 71 %; 70 % is the median score in this case.”

**FEI feedback**

USA comments - PETC want to clarify that there are is no intention to reduce the numbers of medals in the Paralympic Games, this would only be for FEI Championships and is following a directive throughout the FEI Disciplines to have one Individual Champion at Championships. This will make the sport easier to understand and more attractive and so help to grow the sport. Although the PETC understand that medals are important for funding, having multiple medals for the same Championship diminishes the importance of the medal.

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GER comment – PETC agree to add the qualifying score of 60% for the Freestyle. The rule for Ties does not require a change as there is already a relevant tie-break rule.

The Directives to have one Medal for Teams and one for Individuals is upheld by the Board, but it is agreed that this will be reviewed again in 2020 to be enforced in 2021. Therefore the wording will reflect this in the rules for 2020.

#### Proposed Final Wording

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2.3 The results of the first and second competitions are combined to determine the top 8 Athletes from each Grade qualified to compete in the Freestyle test.

2.4 Individual Final, Freestyle Test – all five Grades. Open to the eight (8) best Athletes (including those tied for the 8<sup>th</sup> place) per grade from the Test 1 + Test 2 results. All participants must have reached a minimum score of sixty percent (60%) as an average of the two tests to be eligible to compete in the Freestyle. Individual medals will be given for each Grade.

3. Ties:

Individual Tests: In case of equality of percentage in the first three places, the higher collective marks will decide on the better placing. If the collective mark are equal, the collective mark of the Judge at C will be decisive.

Team Tests: In the case of equality of percentages the winning team is the one whose lowest classified team Athlete has the best result in the Team Test. If still tied the same rule will be applied to the second lowest classified Athlete in the Team Test.

Freestyle Tests: In case of equality of percentage, the higher artistic marks shall decide. If still tied the higher marks for harmony shall decide. If still tied the higher marks for choreography shall decide.

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<b>Article No. Chapter V Championships</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p><b>PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM NFs AND/OR SHs:</b></p> <p><b>GBR NF –</b> The comments relating to the Individual vs Team competition and the music issue are as a direct result of our experiences in WEG at Tryon.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Better communication is needed of the new format. There are still a number of nations who are unaware of the requirements and implications. Order of tests did not really work effectively.</li> <li>2. There is a general feeling across Nations that it is unfair and potentially expensive for individual competitors to potentially only compete in one test. To be further discussed.</li> <li>3. The Team Test music was disappointing: a lack of volume (agreed) and no explanation to the audience of its purpose. Six Nations had not prepared music, in contravention of the rules, so this was not a level playing field (This was provided by the OC on this occasion).</li> <li>4. Only 63 competitors from a max potentially of 76, as well as reduced class sizes in the Team Test.</li> </ol> <p><b>FEI FEEDBACK</b> The Championship format has been reviewed. Please see above</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
N/A
<b>Comments received</b>
No comments received
<b>FEI feedback</b>
N/A
<b>Proposed Final Wording</b>
N/A

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## CHAPTER VI PARALYMPIC GAMES

<b>Article No. 8458 Order of Starting</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<b>Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:</b>  The information about the draw is noted in article 8425, not in the Chapter for Championships.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<del>The Draw for Para Dressage events at the Paralympic Games is held in the same manner as the Draw for Championships. Please see article 8425.</del>
<b>Comments received</b>
No comments received
<b>FEI feedback</b>
N/A
<b>Proposed Final Wording</b>
Wording remains as in proposal above.

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**ANNEX II INTERNATIONAL PARA DRESSAGE JUDGES**

<b>Article No. Annex II article 1</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<b>Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:</b>
To remove all mentions of age, as this is to be replaced by a competency based system.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
1. Judges are divided into three (3) Categories: Para Dressage 3* Judges, Para Dressage 4* Judges and Para Dressage 5* Judges (see FEI GRs - Judges). <del>The age limit for all Categories is seventy (70) years.</del>
<b>Comments received</b>
<b>NED</b> In itself we support the removal of the age limit for judges as suggested. However, this gives us some reason for concern. The age limit provides a continuing and steady flow within the population and therefore creates possibilities for judges to progress to the next level. There is a risk that an entire generation of judges may be passed over as judges will possibly stay on longer. We would like to know how the FEI provides for this not to happen.
<b>FEI feedback</b>
The removal of the Age limits is in place across all FEI disciplines. It is being replaced with a Competency Evaluation System which will be in place from 1 January 2020. Age limits are considered a discriminatory practice, and the CES will allow for progress and flow through the levels.
<b>Proposed Final Wording</b>
Wording remains as in proposal above.

**ANNEX IV CATEGORIES OF EVENTS**

Article No. Annex VI Stable Security				
Explanation for Proposed Change				
<p><b>Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:</b></p> <p>Following above changes.</p> <p>There is a proposal in the GRs to remove Appeal Committees in all disciplines at all levels of Competitions. If this proposed change is approved at the FEI General Assembly, all Sports Rules will be updated accordingly.</p>				
Proposed Wording				
<p><b>Ground Jury</b></p>	<p>3 or 5 Judges of 3*, 4* or 5 * level, one Foreign Judge out of 3, or two out of 5. Two national judges allowed. Appointed by NF and OC, approved by FEI.</p>	<p>3 or 5 Judges of 3*, 4* or 5 * level, one Foreign Judge out of 3, or two out of 5. One national judge out of three and two out of five allowed. Appointed by NF and OC, approved by FEI.</p>	<p>If five (5) Judges are used, three (3) or more must be 4* or 5*, can have one (1) or two (2) 3* Judges. One (1) 4* Judge mandatory. In Western Europe, one (1) 3* Judge is mandatory; in the rest of the world recommended. Three (3) or more have to be Foreign Judges, in Western Europe all of different nationalities; outside Western Europe two (2) Foreign Judges may be of the same nationality If three (3) Judges are used, two (2) or more</p>	<p>5 Judges of 5 * level (<u>4* and 5* for Continental Championships</u>), three Foreign Judges out of 5. Appointed by <del>NF and Organiser, approved by FEI;</del> <u>for Championships and Paralympics appointed by FEI.</u></p>

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			<p>must be 4* or 5*, one (1) can be 3* Judge. In Western Europe, one (1) 3* Judge is mandatory; in the rest of the world recommended. Two (2) or more have to be Foreign Judges. In Western Europe, they need to be of different nationalities; outside Western Europe they can be of the same nationality.</p> <p>Appointed by NF and OC, approved by FEI.</p>	
<b>Foreign Technical Delegate</b>				<p>Appointed <del>by NF and OC, approved by FEI.</del> Appointed by FEI for Championships and Games.</p>
	<b>CPEDI1*</b>	<b>CPEDI2*</b>	<b>CPEDI3*</b>	<b>. Championships and Paralympic Games</b>
<b>Appeal Committee</b>	<del>Not required</del> <a href="#">See GRs</a>	<del>Not required</del> <a href="#">See GRs</a>	<del>Not required</del> <a href="#">See GRs</a>	<p><del>3 members</del> Appointed by NF and OC, approved by FEI. Appointed by FEI for Championships and Games. <a href="#">See GRs</a></p>
<b>Chief Steward</b>	Appointed by NF and OC, approved by FEI.	Appointed by NF and OC, approved by FEI.	Appointed by NF and OC, approved by FEI.	<p>Appointed <del>by NF and OC, approved by FEI.</del> Appointed <del>by FEI for Championships and Games.</del></p>
<b>Classifiers</b>	Refer to Article 8439			

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## ANNEX VI STABLE SECURITY

<b>Article No. Annex VI Stable Security</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<b>Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:</b>  For Clarification
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<del>Requirements for CPEDI events, FEI Championships and Games refer to the FEI VRs</del> <u>Minimum Stable Security, as defined in the Veterinary Regulations is required for all International Para Dressage Events. Article 1008.III</u>
<b>Comments received</b>
No comments received
<b>FEI feedback</b>
N/A
<b>Proposed Final Wording</b>
Wording remains as in proposal above.

## ANNEX VII CODEX FOR PARA EQUESTRIAN JUDGES

<b>Article No. Annex VII Codex for Para Equestrian Judges</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<b>PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM NFs AND/OR SHs:</b>  <b>GBR NF –</b> 7. President of the ground jury – para competition needs to have a judge supervisory panel for top level international championships, given the continued disparity in marks. This requires independent review and formal feedback to the Athletes.  <b>FEI FEEDBACK</b> This is being considered by the PETC and will be looked into putting in place after Tokyo if determined necessary.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
N/A
<b>Comments received</b>
No comments received
<b>FEI feedback</b>

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N/A
<b>Proposed Final Wording</b>
N/A

**ANNEX X PER DIEM**

<b>Article No. Annex X Per Diem</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<b>Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:</b>
Clarification of Per Diems.
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
Per Diem for Judges, Technical Delegate, Classifiers and <del>Chief Stewards</del> :
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Per diem of <u>minimum</u> EUR 100 per day, (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</li> <li>2. Judges: for more details see Annex <del>72</del></li> <li>3. Veterinary Delegates: see VRs</li> </ol>
<b>Comments received</b>
No comments received
<b>FEI feedback</b>
N/A
<b>Proposed Final Wording</b>
Wording remains as in proposal above.

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## General Comments

<b>Article No. 8423, 8453 and 8457</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p><b>PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM NFs AND/OR SHs:</b></p> <p><b>GBR NF –</b>  A table of order of tests and eligibility for each at CPEDI, regional, WEG, Para would be beneficial  Should list the tests to be ridden and confirm team test music  Clarify if a team member retires in the individual, are they eligible to compete in the team test?  Does a team member have to compete in the individual?</p> <p><b>FEI FEEDBACK</b>  Table of order of tests and eligibility, this will be done when the competition structure is reviewed with the full revision of the rules for 2021. It has been clarified in the Championships section that as long as an Athlete starts in the first test they can compete in the second, as long as they have not been disqualified from the Event.</p> <p><b>PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM NFs AND/OR SHs:</b></p> <p><b>NED NF –</b>  <b>Reduce the number of mandatory officials</b>  We feel that the number of officials required for events could be decreased without negative sport impact. This Official side is costing a lot for OCs.</p> <p><b>FEI FEEDBACK</b>  This will be discussed in the change to competition formats at lower level events. Efforts have already been made to limit the numbers (e.g. removal of TD).</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
N/A
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
<p>FEI World Equestrian Games changed throughout to FEI World Championships</p> <p>Athletes with Visual Impairments changed throughout to Athletes with Classified Visual Impairments</p>
<b>Comments received</b>
<p><b>AUS</b>  On behalf of the Equestrian Australia Dressage Committee we wish to thank you for the opportunity to review the proposed rule modifications for Dressage &amp; Para Dressage for 2020. The EA Dressage Committee are happy with proposed modifications and have no further feedback or comment.</p> <p><b>ITA</b>  with reference to the proposed changes to the above rules, we would like to support the proposals sent by the EEF for Para Dressage.</p>

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**NOTE:** The following comments and/or proposals submitted by 30 August 2019 are not in relation to amendments and/or proposals referenced in the July Draft. Consequently, as per Phase III of the Rules Revision Policy (published in [inside.fei.org](http://inside.fei.org) [here](#)), are not considered for the 2020 Rules Revision.

<b>Article No. 8423</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<b>PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM NFs AND/OR SHs:</b>  <b>CAN NF</b> <b>Tests Permitted for CPEDI1* and CPDEI2* competitions</b> We recommend the following tests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CPEDI1* Competitions – 2 Novice Tests (A &amp; B)</li><li>• CPEDI2* Competitions – 1 Novice Test (A or B) and the current Team Tests</li></ul> <p>As the rules are now it is creating an issue which results in organizers not holding CPEDI1* competitions due to the fact that the riders will only enter one class (the Novice Test) as they are not ready for the current Team Test. Allowing the two Novice tests at the CPEDI1* level will allow for future development opportunities for athletes not ready for the CPEDI3* Team and Individual tests.</p>
<b>FEI feedback</b>
To be considered in 2021 if relevant.
<b>Proposed Final Wording</b>