

**PROPOSALS FOR RULES CHANGES OF
EVENTING RULES 2024**

16 October 2024

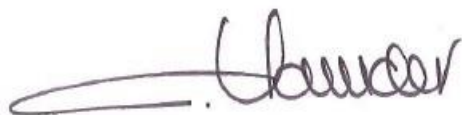
Dear National Federations,

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 2024;](#)
and
- B.** [Proposed Rules changes that have been rejected or deferred to a future Rules revision.](#)

Sincerely,



Catrin Norinder,
Eventing Director

A. PROPOSED RULES CHANGES TO BE VOTED AT THE FEI GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2024

Important: It is suggested to change the revision cycle of the Eventing Rules and bring the revision forward one year to 2025 for implementation on 1 January 2026. According to the current policy, Eventing rules would only be revised in 2026 for implementation in 2027.

This change would allow any new rules to be enforced for the 2026 World Championships in view of the LA28 Olympic Games.

Proposal from
FEI
Article No.–Article Name
501.3.3 Levels of difficulty
Explanation for Proposed Change – 26 June 2024
This proposal is to adapt to a progressive development of the level applicable currently for Continental & Regional Games also to Championships in Continents/Regions with less opportunities.
Proposed Wording on 26 June 2024
501.3.3 Levels of difficulty The level of difficulty of Championships will be as follows: a) Ponies - CCIP2*-L b) Young Horses (six year) - CCI2*-L c) Young Horses (seven year) - CCI3*-L d) Junior - CCI2*-L e) Young Riders - CCI3*-L f) Continental/Regional Championships and Games will be decided by the Eventing Committee after consultation with the relevant National Federations. A Hybrid format with Dressage and Jumping tests of a higher star level than the Cross country test will be reviewed and approved by the Technical Committee. In this case the MER requirements will be aligned with the Cross country test technical level. g) World Championships - please refer to Art. 501.3.4
Comments Received by 21 August 2024
No comments received
FEI Feedback – 16 October
No further feedback from FEI as no comments have been received.
Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2024
As above (proposed wording on 26 June 2024).

Rules Proposal Submitted By
EEF - European Equestrian Federation
Article No.–Article Name
513 Appointment of Officials
Explanation for Proposed Change - 1 March 2024
<p><u>3. New/recently introduced rule that has proven to be problematic in its implementation</u></p> <p>It's still needing efforts of the governing bodies and Senior officials to develop national officials into the new Level 1. Several of those national officials choose not to go this route.</p> <p>The EEF Eventing Working Group is still worried that for 2025's events there will not be enough International officials available and therefore wants to start the discussion again to check whether another transition year of some sort is needed. This could be a stronger tool for the development than the current prolongation of the old rules.</p> <p>It is then strongly recommended to still allow one national official in CCI1*-CCI3* while one would be from the FEI list.</p>
Proposed Wording -1 March 2024
Revert back to previous wording.
FEI Feedback – 26 June 2024
<p>Further to the exceptional decision of the GA in December 2023 to prolong the possibility of national Judges to officiate was <u>throughout 2024 ONLY</u>, the FEI Eventing Committee did not support the above request for further prolongation.</p> <p>It should be mentioned that only International listed officials are able to function in other FEI disciplines. The reasons to only allow FEI listed officials to function has been previously shared and it was felt as a priority to ensure that the level of knowledge of Officials be adapted to the requirements of international level.</p>
Proposed Wording on 26 June 2024 (if applicable)
NA
Comments Received by 21 August 2024
No comments received
FEI Feedback - 16 October 2024
The rule introduced in 2023 to be implemented as approved for 2025.

Rules Proposal Submitted By
BEL NF and EEF European Equestrian Federation
Article No.–Article Name
513.10 Conflict of interest
Explanation for Proposed Change - 1 March 2024
<p>The revised conflict of interest rule is a step in the right direction but should be accompanied by a guideline to clarify possibilities how to deal with a potential conflict and how this could be balanced in a sensible way also for the higher levels.</p> <p>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</p>

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.

We believe that this could help to use the full expertise of the small eventing world while securing a fair and transparent sport especially at the higher levels.

New proposal for wording:

Wherever a potential COI or a perceived COI might come into play for a CD, TD or Chief Steward, either the Assistant CD, Assistant TD or Assistant Chief Steward must be of the same level or above as well as from another nationality or the relevant TD (in regard to an affected CD or CS) or PGJ (in regard to an affected TD) must be of different nationality.

Decisions must be taken together and in consent - the FEI is authorised to demand a report from the relevant official representing the different nationality.

Proposed Wording - 1 March 2024

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.

In order to secure fair sport and use the expertise please see guidelines in case of a potential conflict of interest.

FEI Feedback – 26 June 2024

This proposal postponed to the full revision of the Eventing Rules as not in line with the criteria established for the 2024 Rules modification.

FEI HQ were not in support of re-opening the discussion as last year some quite significant concessions were made to accommodate the specificities of Eventing.

Proposed Wording on 26 June 2024 (if applicable)

No change to the current wording is proposed.

FEI Feedback / Comments Received by 21 August 2024

Further to several situations to be managed in the 1st half of 2024, the EC agreed to support a more open provision in regard to the conflict of interest for Course Designer in line with the below explanation.

For Eventing, the application of the conflict-of-interest rule to Course Designers is a recurrent question that has been raised since the conflict-of-interest was introduced for all officials. The conflict of interest has been previously modified for Eventing Course Designers to be allowed for lower-level events only. However,

- The number of Course Designers at the high level is limited
- The time required to create a high-level Cross-Country course (1-2 years)
- Major Events and Championships are the events that need more than others an early appointment of the Course Designer
- Knowing one/two years in advance the possible list of riders/horses/owners participating at a specific event is impossible
- Changing at the last minute a Course Designer that has been working on a project in the field (landscaping etc) for one/two years is not reasonable as they are under contract
- General acceptance in the Eventing Discipline that a Cross country course involves many additional factors (weather, variable footing and terrain), making unfeasible to design a course that favors a close relationship

Concerns regarding the practical applicability of the current rule

As mentioned above the typical timing of appointment and work of Eventing Course Designers is very different from the one of Jumping Course Designer that can be appointed or changed if necessary, at a late date. This is particularly true for major competitions and Championships.

The current provision that limits to Lower-Level Events (i.e. below 4* level) the possibility for Course Designers to request an exemption from the general rule for conflicts of interest is particularly impractical for the following:

- Major Events and Championships are the events that need more than others an early appointment of the Course Designer
- Knowing one/two years in advance the possible list of riders/horses/owners participating is simply impossible
- Changing at the last minute a Course Designer that has been working on a project for one/two years is not reasonable

Eventing Course Design requirements are different from Jumping Course Design

For Eventing: the process of designing and building a XC course can have a great variety of approaches and timing depending on many factors and mainly:

1. the previous existence or not of a cross-country venue
2. the need/will of creating/modifying permanent features (water complexes, banks, ditches, etc)
3. the main style of construction (fixed or mobile fences)

New venue In case of a completely new venue the work must start well ahead to identify and carry out the planning and execution of all the necessary ground works for the preparation of the track and all permanent features (water complexes, banks, ditches, etc). This normally needs to be started at least two years before to allow ground works to settle and have enough time to establish a good grass footing.

Historically this has been the case for all Olympic venues, where the Olympic Course Designer for Eventing is normally appointed two/three years in advance

Modification of existing permanent features Similar timing applies, for the same reasons, when there is a need/will to create new or modify existing permanent features. This is the normal case for the great majority of major events and Championships and when a new designer is called to design in an existing venue appointed at least one year prior to the competition for the planning and execution of the preparatory ground works.

Main style of construction Cross country obstacles can be built permanently (fixed) or as transportable obstacles (mobile). The timing for construction is different and while the fixed obstacles need to be planned and build well in advance the mobile obstacles can be positioned at a closer time to the competition. The variety and complexity in design and construction of mobile fences is not comparable with the planning and construction of Show Jumping obstacles

Proposal

- **Remove** the limitation "at a lower-level Event (i.e. below 4* level)" from the current rule
- **Add** that the exemption from the general rule for conflicts of interest cannot be granted to Course Designers acting as a Chef d'Equipe or Official Trainers of teams and/or individuals participating at that Event.
- **Add** that in the case the exemption is granted the duty of building the Jumping course "must be delegated to a Jumping Course Designer according to tables in Art 513"

Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2024

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 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).

The exemption from the general rule for conflicts of interest cannot be granted to Course Designers acting as a Chef d'Equipe or Official Trainers of teams and/or individuals participating at that Event (Official Code of Conduct).

In the case the exemption is granted, the duty of building the Jumping course must be delegated to a Jumping Course Designer according to tables in Art 513.

Proposal from

FEI

Article No.–Article Name

517.b) - Minimum Eligibility Requirement (MER) – Cross- Country Test

Explanation for Proposed Change – 26 June 2024

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;

- A maximum time exceeding the optimum time on XC should also be included for CCI1* events.

Proposed Wording on 26 June 2024

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, **one**, two, three and four star level Competitions and 100 seconds in the case of five star level Competitions.

c) Jumping test: not more than 16 penalties at obstacles.

Comments Received by 21 August 2024

No comments received

FEI Feedback – 16 October 2024

No further feedback from FEI as no comments have been received.

Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2024

As above (proposed wording on 26 June 2024).

Proposal from

FEI

Article No.–Article Name

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

Explanation for Proposed Change – 26 June 2024

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

Article 518.3 needed to be clarified for **Horses qualified for CCI4*-L** level but having not obtained a CCI4*-L MER (only CCI4*-S and CCI3*-L MERs).

Article 518.3	Level to enter		
	4*-S	4*-L	5*-L
MER Obtained by the Horse			
4*S or 3*S/L MER	must complete the Cross Country test of a CCI 3*S/L	must complete the Cross Country test of a CCI 3*S/L + CCI 4*-S	Not qualified
4*-L MER	No additional requirement	must complete the Cross Country test of a CCI4*-S	must complete the Cross Country test of a CCI4*-S
5*-L MER	No additional requirement	No additional requirement	must complete the Cross Country test of a CCI4*-S/L

Proposed Wording on 26 June 2024

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

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

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

Horses having obtained a MER at CCI4*-L:

- to enter a CCI4*-L or CCI5*-L: 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.

Comments Received by 21 August 2024

GBR NF:

Please can the additional requirement (in red) for 2025 be clarified? Earlier this year, when we inquired about this rule for one of our riders, we were informed that it was not necessary for them to complete both a 4*S and a 3* S/L. Thank you.

FEI Feedback – 16 October 2024

The change constituted a clarification to cover a gap in the 2024 Eventing Rules.

Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2024

As above (proposed wording on 26 June 2024).

Proposal from

FEI

Article No.–Article Name

522.2 Reverse Qualification- Athlete

Explanation for Proposed Change – 26 June 2024

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

Proposal to clarify that One XC elimination can trigger 2 reverse qualifications if it fulfils the criteria of 2 consecutive Cross Country eliminations and Three within a twelve months rolling period.

Proposed Wording on 26 June 2024

522.2 Reverse Qualification – Athlete

In addition to the above, should an Athlete be fully involved with two (2) reverse qualifications within a twelve (12) months rolling period of time, their category (Art 519) will drop down one (1) level for one (1) year, as of the date of the second reverse qualification.

One XC elimination can trigger 2 reverse qualifications if it fulfils the criteria of 2 consecutive Cross Country eliminations and Three within a twelve months rolling period.

Comments Received by 21 August 2024

No comments received

FEI Feedback - 16 October 2024

No further feedback from FEI as no comments have been received.

Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2024

As above (proposed wording on 26 June 2024).

Proposal from

FEI

Article No.–Article Name

New article 524.3 (new: .3)- Horse Fall systematic interview

Explanation for Proposed Change – 26 June 2024

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;

The Eventing Committee and Risk Management Steering Group are proposing to include the following as recommendation for 2024 and as a Rule for 2025.

The aim is educational to understand the circumstances and to be proactive in the risk management program. Horse falls are a serious risk factor for athlete, horse and our sport and need to be minimised. The discussion is to be recorded in the Judge and/or TD report. The FEI outlined that the interview could also happen over the phone retroactively.

Proposed Wording on 26 June 2024

New article 524.3

Following any Horse Fall on Cross Country, a systematic interview/discussion must take place between the Athlete and the Ground Jury (President or Member) and/or the Technical Delegate.

Comments Received by 21 August 2024

USA NF:

We agree with the concept of this proposal; however, we have some concerns with the logistics of how it will be implemented. We also suggest that the Athletes should have the opportunity to have a written support submitted to the FEI. The athlete's perspective is critical to understand all factors, influences, and circumstances and this must be from their point of view, as it may differ from the evaluation provided on by the officials.

Proposed Wording

Following any Horse Fall on Cross Country, a systematic interview/discussion must take place between the Athlete and the Ground Jury (President or Member) and/or the Technical Delegate. **An account from the athlete may also be submitted with the Judge and/or TD Report or directly to the FEI.**

FEI Feedback - 16 October 2024

The reason to hold a Systematic Interview with the Athlete after a Horse Fall was to allow Athletes reflect on what had happened rather than reporting back to the FEI, which would receive a Fall Report Form either way.

It is suggested that the wording is maintained, to implement the rule for 2025 and if necessary, review for the overall revision for 2026.

Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2024

As above (proposed wording on 26 June 2024).

Proposal from

FEI

Article No.–Article Name

526.1 and 527 – Abuse of Horse and Eventing Recorded Warning, Yellow Warning Cards & Suspension

Explanation for Proposed Change - 26 June 2024

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

Proposal from Risk Management steering group that "Excessive pressing of a tired horse" should be reworded "continued pressing a tired horse" for a better definition.

Proposed Wording on 26 June 2024

~~Excessive pressing of~~ Continued pressing of a tired horse

Comments Received by 21 August 2024

No comments received

FEI Feedback – 16 October 2024

No further feedback from FEI as no comments have been received.

Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2024

As above (proposed wording on 26 June 2024).

Proposal from

FEI

Article No.–Article Name

543.1.2 Championships and Games

Explanation for Proposed Change - 26 June 2024

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

Proposal to amend Art. 543.1.2 wording following the addition in 2024 of additional Dressage tests.

Proposed Wording on 26 June 2024

543.1.2 Championships and Games

For all Championships and Games ~~the "B" test will be used unless specified differently by the FEI.~~ the Dressage test shall be selected by the Eventing Committee in the beginning of the year of the Championship and Games.

Comments Received by 21 August 2024

EEF WG /GER NF:

The relevant dressage test at the Championship will determine the dressage tests both at selection events as well as in early training during winter. Therefore it should be selected as soon as possible.

Proposed wording:

543.1.2 Championships and Games

For all Championships and Games ~~the "B" test will be used unless specified differently by the FEI.~~ the Dressage test shall be selected by the Eventing Committee by the 1st of January of the year of the Championship and Games.

FEI Feedback - 16 October 2024

Proposed wording submitted by EEF WG/GER NF by 21 August 2024 with clarification of timing to be accepted.

Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2024

543.1.2 Championships and Games

For all Championships and Games ~~taking place in the year the "B" test will be used unless specified differently by the FEI.~~ the Dressage test shall be selected and published by the Eventing Committee by the 1st of January.

Proposal from

FEI
Article No.–Article Name
545.4 - Pace and Dismounting
Explanation for Proposed Change - 26 June 2024
<p><u>2. Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc.</u></p> <p>Following an email from AUS NF questioning the below two articles:</p> <p>549.5 Fall</p> <p>549.5.1 Athlete</p> <p>An Athlete is considered to have fallen when the Athlete is separated from their Horse in such a way as to necessitate remounting.</p> <p>545.4 Pace and Dismounting</p> <p>Between the start and finish of the Cross Country Test, Athletes are free to choose their own pace.</p> <p>Athletes may voluntarily dismount without incurring elimination according to art. 549.5.1 to check on Horse, adjust saddlery or equipment, or when held on course.</p>
Proposed Wording on 26 June 2024
<p>545.4 Pace and Dismounting</p> <p>Between the start and finish of the Cross Country Test, Athletes are free to choose their own pace</p> <p>Athletes may voluntarily dismount (without incurring elimination according to art. 549.5.1) to check on Horse, adjust saddlery or equipment, or when held on course.</p>
Comments Received by 21 August 2024
No comments received
FEI Feedback – 16 October 2024
No further feedback from FEI as no comments have been received.
Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2024
As above (proposed wording on 26 June 2024).

Proposal from
FEI
Article No.–Article Name
549.4 - Representing After a Disobedience
Explanation for Proposed Change - 26 June 2024
<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;</u></p> <p>Following an email from AUS NF questioning the meaning of “pass through flags in the wrong direction” in article 549.4 the wording should be clarified as below as it is not acceptable to jump a with height flagged fence backwards.</p>
Proposed Wording on 26 June 2024

549.4 Representing After a Disobedience

If after a refusal, run-out or circle, the Athlete wishes to pass through flags of a fence without height (i.e step or ditch) in the wrong direction in order to retake an element, the Athlete may do so without penalty.

Comments Received by 21 August 2024

No comments received

FEI Feedback – 16 October 2024

No further feedback from FEI as no comments have been received.

Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2024

As above (proposed wording on 26 June 2024).

Rules Proposal Submitted By

BRA NF

Article No.–Article Name

539.2.2 – Saddlery Dressage Test MARTINGALE STOPPERS

Explanation for Proposed Change – 1 March 2024

As many riders tend to use the same bridle on the three tests, forbidding the use of martingale stoppers on the dressage test creates a useless problem and hassle to the riders and grooms.

Proposed Wording - 1 March 2024

Dressage test: ~~not permitted~~ permitted

Cross country test: one or two permitted on a rein, as long as the martingale runs unrestricted

Show jumping: no more than one martingale stopper per rein may be used. Reins may not be configuring in such a way as to cause a running martingale to function as a standing martingale.

FEI Feedback – 26 June 2024

This tack question is not covered in the Eventing rules but in the FEI Tack App.

For the Dressage test, Eventing follows the Dressage Rules, Art. 542: “the FEI Dressage Rules apply for the Eventing Dressage Test except where otherwise provided in these Eventing” and martingale stoppers are considered as a gadget in Dressage Discipline.

However, it was confirmed by the EC that martingale stopper should be permitted for the Eventing dressage test as the same bridle could be used for the three tests.

Proposed Wording on 26 June 2024 (if applicable)

539.2. Dressage Test

539.2.2 Permitted

h) One martingale stopper per rein is permitted

Comments Received by 21 August 2024

EEF WG /GER NF:

It is absolutely nonsense to even discuss the function of martingale stoppers without using a martingale for dressage.

Therefore martingale stoppers (1 or 2) per rein should be allowed.

Proposed wording:

539.2. Dressage Test

539.2.2 Permitted

h) **One or two martingale stopper(s) per rein are permitted**

GBR NF:

We agree with the proposed wording from the FEI.

FEI Feedback – 16 October 2024

Number not to be restricted as no impact on the Dressage performance.

Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2024

539.2. Dressage Test

539.2.2 Permitted

h) **martingale stoppers are permitted**

Proposal from

FEI

Article No.–Article Name

Annex A - DRESSAGE 2. Permitted Bridles for the Dressage Test

Explanation for Proposed Change - 26 June 2024

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

Article 1044.8 of the FEI Veterinary Regulations will be effective from 1st January 2025.

Proposed Wording on 26 June 2024

All Nosebands must be correctly fitted, and cannot be so tight to cause unnecessary discomfort to the Horse, ~~ref. Code of Conduct, Article 1044.8 of the FEI Veterinary Regulations~~ **applies in relation to the permitted tightness of the noseband.**

Comments Received by 21 August 2024

USA NF:

Given that there will very little time, if any, for athletes, grooms, and officials to become accustomed to the new noseband tightness device, we propose that an implementation period be considered where the warning system can be used opposed to an immediate yellow card for the first quarter of 2025.

This will give time for all to become accustomed to using the new device and provide the officials the option to use a warning system opposed to an official yellow card if there is an unintended tightening of the noseband.

Proposed wording

FEI to determine wording for phased implementation period utilizing the warning system.

FEI Feedback – 16 October 2024

The wording that was approved at the FEI General Assembly 2023 and included in the FEI VRs will remain unchanged. The testing phase of the noseband has been successful and the FEI will be providing an update to the NFs and stakeholders regarding the implementation plan for the new noseband tightness measuring tool.

Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2024

As above (proposed wording on 26 June 2024).

Proposal from

FEI

Article No.–Article Name

Annex E - Organising Requirements for Eventing 5 star Level Events

Explanation for Proposed Change - 26 June 2024

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

To be aligned with Art.513 for g).

Proposed Wording on 26 June 2024

g) The proposal must include the proposed Course Designer who must be an Eventing Level ~~3~~⁴ Course Designer. The Course Designer in question must support the proposal and endorse that the venue is suitable for the Five star level.

Requirements:

k) Minimum level of prize money: ~~€125'000 for 2024~~, € 150'000 by 2025.

Comments Received by 21 August 2024

No comments received

FEI Feedback – 16 October 2024

No further feedback from FEI as no comments have been received.

Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2024

As above (proposed wording on 26 June 2024).

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

Proposal from
FEI
Article No.–Article Name
503.3 Young Horses Competitions
Explanation for Proposed Change – 26 June 2024
<p><u>2. Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc.</u></p> <p>Introduction of a category “CCI1*-Intro for 5YO” as this was most likely an omission when the CCI1* level was introduced.</p>
Proposed Wording on 26 June 2024
<p>Young Horses Competition may be organised according to the age of Horses for five, six and seven year old Horses.</p> <p>Such Competitions may only take place at CCI2* & 3*- Long or Short for six and seven years old Horses and CCI1*-Intro for five year old Horses.</p>
Comments Received by 21 August 2024
<p>EEF WG /GER NF:</p> <p>We believe that 5-y-o are very young for Intro-classes. Therefore all these classes should be open for one or two YH age groups, depending on the time of the year. The final age can be selected by the OC:</p> <p>CCI1*-Intro: 5- and 6-y-o CCI2*: 6- and 7-y-o CCI3*: 7- and 8-y-o</p> <p>Proposed wording:</p> <p>Young Horses Competition may be organised according to the age of Horses for five, six seven and eight year old Horses.</p> <p>Such Competitions may only take place at CCI1*-Intro for five and six year old Horses CCI2* Long or Short for six and seven year old Horses and CCI3* Long or Short for seven and eight year old Horses.</p>
FEI Feedback – 16 October 2024
<p>The reason for the proposed change was to line up with Art. 503.4, whereby a Horse may compete in CCI1*-Intro competitions from the beginning of the calendar year in which the Horse reaches the age of 5.</p> <p>Note: Since 2020, 367 five-year-old Horses have competed in CCI1*-Intro competitions (total 11'784 starters) approx. 3%</p> <p>The EC agreed to include the proposal for the rules revision 2026.</p>

Rules Proposal Submitted By

GBR NF

Article No.–Article Name

518.3 CCI4*-S/L and CCI5*-L additional requirements & 519 Athletes Categories

Explanation for Proposed Change - 1 March 2024

To recommend modification of FEI rule 518.3 and 519 for amendments to the 2025 FEI Eventing Rules.

To not unintentionally discriminate against athletes, of both sexes, during all phases of pregnancy and early childcare.

Issues within FEI rules 518.3 & 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 categorisation. The reduction in time period from 8 years to 4 years compresses the period and a 12 month absence therefore equates to 25% of the previous rider category.

Proposed Wording - 1 March 2024

Recommendation:

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

519 – propose a suspension of categorisation 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 – 26 June 2024

This proposal is postponed to the full revision of the Eventing Rules as not in line with the criteria established for the 2024 Rules modification.

Comments for the full rule revision: The FEI Eventing Committee was in favour to freeze Athlete categorization only (not including rankings, return to play/ article 518.3 nor MERs) for maternity leave. Other medical reasons related or unrelated to competition had been discussed and would not be considered for a suspension of categorisation. The primary focus is on Risk Management and ensuring athletes are fit for competition this include the importance of recent and up to date results. No change however to Art. 518.3 CCI4*-S/L and CCI5*-L additional requirements, could be considered.

Proposed Wording on 26 June 2024 (if applicable)

No change to the current wording is proposed at this time.

Comments Received by 21 August 2024

AUS NF:

Athletes that have been away from the sport, for many reasons, including pregnancy, illness, injury, family or work commitments and retirement of horses may lose categorisation.

Eventing NSW suggests there should be a way to renew categorisation rather than completely re-establishing categorisation.

Proposed wording:

519.1 Categorisation renewal Athletes that have lost one level categorisation level, due to time away from the sport, may renew categorisation by obtaining two (2) MER's, within a twelve (12) month period, at one level lower than their previously categorisation. Athletes that have lost more than one level of categorisation must renew their new lowest level of categorisation first by obtaining two MER's at a lower level.

GBR NF:

To not unintentionally discriminate against athletes, of both sexes, during all phases of pregnancy and early childcare.

We note the FEI Eventing Committee's comments on our rules proposal modification.

FEI Feedback – 16 October 2024

The EC proposes to continue the discussion for the Full Rules Revision.

Rules Proposal Submitted By

GBR NF

Article No.–Article Name

544 – Dressage Scoring

Explanation for Proposed Change – 1 March 2024

As in Dressage and Para Dressage, we would like to raise the proposal of forming a Judges Supervisory Panel (JSP) for Championships, 4* and 5* events (perhaps consisting of two members to keep costs down).

This would help mitigate errors and ensure a level playing field with the JSP able to correct technical mistakes and counting errors. The JSP could lower or raise marks, if necessary (i.e 1) halt, 2) reinback, 3) flying changes, 4) a clear break of gait trot, canter or extended walk). We would be willing to help with a steering group and include the following note from Sandy Phillips as part of the submission.

“This proposal has been put forward by GBR FEI Judges for both Eventing and Dressage, Sandy Phillips and Nick Burton. Both have judged Eventing at 5 level on numerous occasions and also between them judged the Olympics in London, Rio and Tokyo.*

Sandy and Nick are prepared to build and lead a steering group, and help to create a panel of relevant FEI Dressage and Eventing judges who it is proposed will work in pairs to undertake the role of JSP at 4 Championships and 5* Events. There will be some trials done this year at Badminton, Paris and Burghley with the aim of providing data going forward. These exercises can all be done online as they will not affect the scoring.*

At all multidiscipline Championships it would be assumed that Eventing could use the same technical support as Dressage. The possibility of online live judging will be explored as well as sponsorship opportunities. Thank you for your consideration of this proposal”

Sandy Phillips.

Proposed Wording - 1 March 2024

No proposed wording.

FEI Feedback – 26 June 2024

This proposal is postponed to the full revision of the Eventing Rules as not in line with the criteria established for the 2024 Rules modification.

The following points have been raised by the EC:

- Cost of JSP system to OCs considered

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - terms of reference to be considered as different from Dressage - JSP would only be consulted for designated/specific movements within the Dressage test (rein-back, flying changes, etc.) - suggestion to reinforce the current system, educate and empower the appointed Ground Juries
Proposed Wording on 26 June 2024 (if applicable)
No change to the current wording is proposed at this time.
Comments Received by 21 August 2024
No comments received
FEI Feedback - 16 October 2024
To be included in the discussions in 2025 for full rules revision 2026.

Rules Proposal Submitted By
EEF - European Equestrian Federation
Article No.–Article Name
Annex I Indoor / Arena Cross Country Rules 1 Rules for National and International competitions 5.FEI Officials
Explanation for Proposed Change – 1 March 2024
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.
Proposed Wording - 1 March 2024
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 – 26 June 2024
This proposal is postponed to the full revision of the Eventing Rules as not in line with the criteria established for the 2024 Rules modification. This request was reviewed by the Eventing Committee for the 2023 rules update in regard to the additional cost for the Organiser. The Committee and the Veterinary Dept confirmed that the appointment of a VD with an Eventing background is important for this competition and do not recommend a change of the current rules.
Proposed Wording on 26 June 2024 (if applicable)
No change to the current wording is proposed.
Comments Received by 21 August 2024
No comments received
FEI Feedback – 16 October 2024
To be included in the discussions in 2025 for full rules revision 2026.

Rules Proposal Submitted By
EEF - European Equestrian Federation
Article No.–Article Name
U25 European Championship
Explanation for Proposed Change – 1 March 2024
<p>The EEF WG wants to emphasize the need for an European Championships U25 championship for earliest possible introduction.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pan-American format with CCI3*-L XC and CCI4* Dressage and Jumping. CCI4*-S level with classic order (SJ last) will probably not have enough entries & flags as a European Championship but maybe it could work as World Championships alternating with Europeans. • MER to participate: CCI3*-L for "Pan-Am-format"- Europeans • Age 19-25, in general only one CH per year – maybe first year no restriction • No minimum prize money
Proposed Wording - 1 March 2024
No proposed wording.
FEI Feedback – 26 June 2024
<p>This proposal is postponed to the full revision of the Eventing Rules as not in line with the criteria established for the 2024 Rules modification.</p> <p>Request made in 2023 and reviewed by the Committee as follows:</p> <p><i>The Committee agreed that the addition of 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.</i></p> <p><i>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).</i></p> <p><i>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).</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>For Risk management reasons this addition could provide an intermediate level between Young Riders and Seniors competitions.</i></p> <p><i>The proposal would need FEI Board review as the introduction of a new Championships category would have 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.</i></p>
Proposed Wording on 26 June 2024 (if applicable)
No change to the Rules proposed at this time – postponed to the full revision
Comments Received by 21 August 2024
No comments received
FEI Feedback – 16 October 2024
To be included in the discussions in 2025 for full rules revision 2026.

Rules Proposal Submitted By
SWE NF
Article No.–Article Name – 1 March 2024
GR 2024 Art 142.1-142.2 – Abuse of Horse DR 2024 Art 424.5.6.1-424.5.6.4 – Bleeding DR 2024 Art 438 – Abuse of Horse JR 2024 Art 241.3.30-241.3.31 – Eliminations JR 2024 Art 242.3-242.3.1 – Disqualifications JR 2024 Art 243.1-243-2.3 – Abuse of Horse ER 2024 Art 526.1-526.4 – Abuse of Horse; Definition, Warnings and Penalties, Use of the Whip, Blood on Horses
Explanation for Proposed Change – 1 March 2024
<u>2. Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc</u> There are obvious differences in the Rules regarding Abuse of Horse, Blood on the Horse and penalties between the Olympic disciplines Dressage, Jumping and Eventing, as well as in the General Regulations. The above-mentioned Rules are dealing with the same issue, but in different ways. The handling of blood on the flank is also different between the disciplines. In Jumping there is a specific protocol to be used in case of blood on the flank, which is found in the Steward’s Manual (Sep 2022), ANNEX XVI. This protocol is not used across the three disciplines.
Proposed Wording
Proposal, to oversee the regulations regarding Abuse of Horse with the goal to harmonise these regulations.
FEI Feedback – 26 June 2024
FEI Eventing Committee and FEI HQ do not recommend any change as the blood rule has been successfully implemented across the various disciplines. It has been agreed that each discipline is different in terms of how blood might be caused, and agreed that the same wording for the blood rule for all disciplines could not work in practice.
Proposed Wording on 26 June 2024 (if applicable)
No change to the current wording is proposed.
Comments Received by 21 August 2024
No comments received
FEI Feedback – 16 October 2024
To be included in the discussions in 2025 for full rules revision 2026.

Topics put forward by the FEI for discussion and consultation for the 2026 Rules revision

Article No.–Article Name
549.2 Run-out - Missing a flag
Explanation for Proposed Change - 26 June 2024
4. <u>Implementation of new technology development(s) relevant to the specific set of Rules; in view of LA2028</u> The Eventing Committee wish to inform that the missing/knocking of flag rule will be discussed during 2025, for potential implementation in 2026 at the time when qualifications for LA2028 would start. It is also proposed to discuss the matter at the Eventing Forum in January 2025. Possible penalty was up for discussion.
Comments Received by 16 August 2024
No comments received
FEI Feedback
No further feedback from FEI as no comments have been received.