

**PROPOSALS FOR RULES CHANGES OF  
GENERAL REGULATIONS 2022**

**Introduction**

In the present document you will find 2 sections as follows:

- A. [Rules Proposals received from NFs/MOU Stakeholders by 1 March 2022](#).** In this section you will find each of the Rules Proposals received from NFs/MOU Stakeholders with the relevant feedback from the FEI; and
- B. [Rules Proposals put forward by the FEI](#)**

Dear National Federations and FEI Stakeholders,

Please find hereinafter the proposed changes to the FEI General Regulations.

In addition, please see also the Jumping Calendar Task Force's Recommendations for an Improved Jumping Calendar's Memo and the proposed changes to Article 112 of the GRs and Appendix K in the separate documents.

Kindly note also that pending the approval of the proposed changes to the General Regulations by the FEI General Assembly, certain articles in the Sport Rules will be updated accordingly.

Should you have any comments, please ensure that you provide them in the FEI Rules Revision 2022 Platform by 24 August 2022 (for more information, please see <https://inside.fei.org/fei/about-fei/governance/rules-revision>).

Yours sincerely,



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## A. Rules Proposals received from NFs/MOU Stakeholders by 1 March 2022

<b>Rules Proposal Submitted By</b>
FRA NF
<b>Article No.—Article Name</b>
Appendix E - CIMs
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>2. Correction of inconsistencies, manifest errors, contradictions, etc.</p> <p>3. New/recently introduced rule(s) that has(ve) proven to be problematic in its implementation;</p> <p>CEI2* as major level events.</p> <p>The goals for the change proposed by the FEI at the last GA have not been reached. The drifts have not been counter. The side effects were for all worldwide stakeholders to endorse the costs (complexity, finance) of it.</p> <p>As there is no positive results of the change we believe it is important to review this problematic implementation</p>
<b>Proposed Wording</b>
Bring back CEI2* within CIMs listed levels inside the table.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
The FEI's opinion is that the CEI2* Events should remain major level events and thus should not be considered as CIMs and that it is probably an item to be discussed as part of the full revision of the FEI Endurance Rules next year.
<b>FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)</b>
N/A

## B. Rules Proposals put forward by the FEI

Article No.–Article Name
<b>Art. 104 – FEI Championships</b>
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Further to discussions regarding the Asian Championships 2023, it is proposed to amend the minimum number of NFs competing for Senior Continental Championships as it currently states "<i>Unless the Sport Rules of the relevant Discipline provide otherwise, at least six (6) national or regional teams must have been represented at the first Horse inspection.</i>"</p> <p>The proposal is to have a minimum of three (3) NFs or regional teams presented at the first Horse Inspection.</p>
Proposed Wording
<p>2.1.1 (...) Unless the Sport Rules of the relevant Discipline provide otherwise, at least <del>six (6)</del><u>three (3)</u> national or regional teams must have been <del>r</del>epresented at the first Horse inspection.</p>

Article No.–Article Name
<b>Article 112 – Official Calendar</b>
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>The FEI suggests to include a Rule giving the FEI Secretary General the power to decline to enter an event in the FEI Calendar (or to subsequently remove it) if the FEI Secretary General reasonably believes that the entity/person(s) involved in the management of the event have been involved with an event at that venue (or another venue) where the financial obligations of the OC to the Athletes, FEI Officials or the FEI were not met. The FEI could impose certain conditions (e.g. escrow account/deposit) in order to accept the event in the FEI Calendar.</p> <p>Please see also the Jumping Calendar Task Force's Recommendations for an Improved Jumping Calendar's Memo and all the proposed changes to Article 112 of the GRs and Appendix K in the separate document.</p>
Proposed Wording
<p>Please refer to the Jumping Calendar Task Force's Recommendations for an Improved Jumping Calendar's Memo.</p>

**Article No.–Article Name**
**Article 119.6.1 – (Host NF status)**
**Explanation for Proposed Change**

The proposal is to restrict the Host NF option so that it only applies to CIMs (as in practice this is how it is implemented and it seems that the NFs want such Host NF status restricted to CIMs). Therefore the provisions in the GRs should be aligned as currently the Host NF status applies to any CIs.

**Proposed Wording**

6. Athletes Living outside their country of nationality:
- 6.1 An Adult Athlete Living outside their country of nationality can have their entries processed by their “host-NF” for participation in CNS, and CIMs ~~as well as CIs~~ if the Athlete is given permission of their own NF and the FEI. The Athlete, while keeping their own NF, comes under the jurisdiction of the host NF for the above-mentioned Events and must take part according to the relevant Sport Rules. This administrative facility is not a change of sport nationality. The Athlete will in all circumstances keep their “own NF”, and always compete under its flag.

**Article No.–Article Name**
**Article 125 - Ceremonies**
**Explanation for Proposed Change**

To include a wording allowing unmounted options for prize giving ceremonies.

**Proposed Wording**

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3. Unless (a) the relevant Sports Rules provide otherwise, or (b) safety considerations warrant otherwise as determined by the President of the Ground Jury, all Athletes invited to be present at a Prize-giving ceremony must remain mounted on the Horses on which they have competed, or on their carriages. If a podium is used for the ceremony (as for the Olympic Games), the prize winners may be asked to dismount. The Ground Jury should have the ability to approve a substitution in the interest of either safety or horse welfare.

**Article No.–Article Name**
**Article 135 - Advertising on Athletes and Horses and Promotion**
**Explanation for Proposed Change**

To clarify that the name/logo may appear horizontally, provided the dimensions are complied with.

**Proposed Wording**
**2.2. Identification of Sponsors**

2.2.1. While present in the Competition area and during the prize-giving ceremonies the name and/or logo of the Athlete's sponsor(s), their team sponsor(s) and/or their NF's sponsor(s) may appear on a surface area not exceeding:

(...)

(ix) one hundred twenty five square centimeters (125 cm<sup>2</sup>) (maximum twenty five centimeters - 25 cm- long, maximum five centimeters -5 cm- wide) vertically in the middle part of the hard hat for the Jumping Events and for the Jumping and Cross-Country tests of Eventing and for the Endurance Events; Note: The name and/or logo may appear horizontally, provided the dimensions are complied with.

**Article No.–Article Name**
**Article 163.4 ff Administrative Disciplinary Procedure**
**Explanation for Proposed Change**

To add that if the person does not respond to the "Notice of Charge" within 14 days, then the sanctions as proposed automatically apply (instead of having the case be dealt with by the FEI Tribunal as it currently stands, as the goal of the Administrative Disciplinary Procedure is to avoid minor cases ~~to be being~~ dealt with by the FEI Tribunal).

**Proposed Wording**

163.7 (i) If the accused person does not provide the above confirmation within the applicable deadline, the proposed Minor Sanction(s) shall automatically apply.

(ii) -or-otherwise If the accused person informs the FEI that ~~the accused person~~ they does not want to have their case processed under the Administrative Disciplinary Procedure, the FEI will submit the case to the FEI Tribunal for adjudication in accordance with the Internal Regulations of the FEI Tribunal. Once the case has been submitted to the FEI Tribunal, the offence shall no longer be considered as "Minor". If, following the disciplinary proceedings before the FEI Tribunal, the FEI Tribunal upholds the charge and finds that the accused person has committed the offence in question, the FEI Tribunal shall impose a higher Sanction/Sanctions than those provided for in the list of Minor Sanctions.

**Article No.–Article Name**
**Article 164.7 Suspension**
**Explanation for Proposed Change**

Currently the definition of Suspension only specifically mentions Athletes, Horses, and Officials. However, other persons, such as Trainers, Support Personnel can be suspended as well and therefore it is suggested to clarify the wording so that there is no doubt that the consequences of a suspension apply to all persons serving a Suspension.

**Proposed Wording**
**164.7 Suspension**

(a) During the period of a Suspension the ~~p~~Person, Horse and/or body suspended may take no part in any Competitions or Events and/or in any activities related to any Competition or Event, as an Athlete, Support Personnel, Horse and/or Official or in the organisation of, any Competition or Event under the jurisdiction of the FEI or any Competition or Event under the jurisdiction of an NF in accordance with the Statutes or in any FEI and/or NF related activity (e.g. FEI courses, meetings, General Assembly etc.). For the avoidance of any doubt, training FEI Athletes and/or FEI Horses (whether at FEI Events or anywhere else) is to be considered as an FEI related activity. Persons are entitled to train their own Horses at their own facilities or at private facilities (i.e. not linked to any FEI or national Events/trainings' facilities).

(b) If so specified in the relevant Notification/Decision, the ~~p~~Person may be barred temporarily or for a specific period of time from participating in or attending, in any capacity, including as a spectator, any Competition or Event and/or any activities related to any Competition or Event that is authorised or organised by the FEI or any National Federation.

(c) The Suspension may be provisional or final and may be imposed on such terms and subject to conditions as the FEI Tribunal, the FEI Headquarters or the FEI Secretary General, as the case may be, may impose. In certain cases a Provisional or Final Suspension may be automatic under the Statutes, GRs or Sport Rules.

**Article No.–Article Name**
**Appendix B - Olympic Charter: Rule 40 and by-law to Rule 40**
**Explanation for Proposed Change**

To update the wording in order to align with the changes to the Olympic Charter.

**Proposed Wording**
**APPENDIX B - Olympic Charter: Rule 40 and by-law to Rule 40**

(Extract from the Olympic Charter, current version ~~in force as from 9 October 2018~~)

**40 Participation in the Olympic Games\***

To participate in the Olympic Games, a competitor, team official or other team personnel must respect and comply with the Olympic Charter, ~~and the~~ World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions, including the conditions of participation established by the IOC, as well as with the rules of the relevant IF as approved by the IOC, and the competitor, team official or other team personnel must be entered by his NOC.

### Bye-Law To Rule 40

1. Each IF establishes its sport's rules for participation in the Olympic Games, including qualification criteria, in accordance with the Olympic Charter. Such criteria must be submitted to the IOC Executive Board for approval.
2. The application of the qualification criteria lies with the IFs, their affiliated national federations and the NOCs in the fields of their respective responsibilities.
3. ~~Except as permitted by the IOC Executive Board, no competitor, team official or other team personnel who participates in the Olympic Games may allow his person, name, picture or sports performances to be used for advertising purposes during the Olympic Games.~~ Competitors, team officials and other team personnel who participate in the Olympic Games may allow their person, name, picture or sports performances to be used for advertising purposes during the Olympic Games in accordance with the principles determined by the IOC Executive Board.
4. The entry or participation of a competitor in the Olympic Games shall not be conditional on any financial consideration.

\* Indicates that there is a Bye-law to the Rules

### Article No.—Article Name

#### Appendix I – FEI Safeguarding Policy Against Harassment and Abuse

#### Explanation for Proposed Change

To amend the wording to ensure that the Safeguarding Policy applies to offences that occurred prior to the implementation of the FEI Safeguarding Policy (i.e before 1 January 2019).

In addition, to include a wording confirming the authority of FEI to recognise Provisional Suspensions imposed by other bodies (eg. NFs) and to confirm the power of the FEI Tribunal to be entitled to lift such Provisional Suspensions.

#### Proposed Wording

**1.1.2. Covered Individual** means any person in one or more of the following categories ~~at the time of the alleged misconduct:~~

- a. **Athlete** as defined in Appendix A of the GRs;
- b. **Accredited Persons** at an FEI Event and/or FEI Meeting
- c. **FEI Representatives**, such as FEI Board Members, Members of a Technical or Standing Committee or Sub-Committee thereof, other members of a body or group designated by any of the former to act on behalf of or advise the FEI (including but not limited to working groups and task forces), and FEI employees;
- d. **Officials** as defined in Appendix A of the GRs;
- e. **Organiser** as defined in Appendix A of the GRs;
- f. **Person Responsible** as defined in Article 118 of the GRs;
- g. **Support Personnel** means any Coach, Trainer, Athlete, Horse Owner, Groom, Steward, Chef d'Equipe, team staff, Official, Veterinarian, medical, or paramedical personnel or any other person assisting in any fashion a Person Responsible participating in or preparing for an FEI Event.

**1.1.3. Protected Person** means any individual participant in equestrian sport, including Athletes, Support Personnel, Coaches, Trainers, Grooms, Officials, volunteers and staff in all equestrian Disciplines.

(...)

## ARTICLE 2 – Violations\*

The following conduct constitutes a violation of this Policy:

2.1 Psychological Abuse;

2.2 Physical Abuse;

2.3 Sexual Harassment;

2.4 Sexual Abuse;

2.5 Neglect;

2.6 Engaging, or attempting or threatening to engage, in conduct that directly harms the physical and/or mental welfare and/or safety of one or more Protected Persons;

2.7 Posing a risk of harm to the physical and/or mental welfare and/or safety of one or more Protected Persons.

2.8 Complicity, i.e. assisting, encouraging, aiding, abetting, conspiring, covering up or any other type of intentional complicity involving a violation of this Policy.  
(...)

\* 'Harm' is not a narrow concept and can mean different things in different contexts, but (in very general terms) it can be considered as meaning ill-treatment or the impairment of health, welfare or development. Harassment and abuse are examples of conduct that cause harm.

It is not necessary for conduct (or attempted or threatened conduct) to take place in the context of equestrian sport. For example (and without limitation), in the event that a Covered Individual has at any time been convicted of, warned/cautioned for, or charged with, any offence that concerns harm to other individuals (whether or not those individuals are Protected Persons), that may form the basis of action under this Policy as a result of that Covered Individual posing a risk of harm (regardless of whether or not the relevant offence, or alleged offence, took place in the context of equestrian sport). For the avoidance of doubt, conduct that took place prior to this Policy coming into effect may indicate a risk of harm within the meaning of Article 2.7.

(...)

## ARTICLE 7 – Provisional Measures

7.1. The FEI may impose provisional measures, including a provisional suspension, on the Covered Individual. The FEI shall also be entitled to recognise and apply Provisional Suspensions and/or provisional measures imposed by other bodies, such as National Federations or Safeguarding authorities. Where a provisional measure is imposed or recognised and applied by the FEI, a Covered Individual shall be entitled to apply to the FEI Tribunal for relief against such provisional measures, including the lifting of a ~~p~~Provisional ~~s~~Suspension.

7.2. Where a provisional measure is imposed, this shall be taken into consideration in the determination of any sanction which may ultimately be imposed.

**Article No.—Article Name****Multi-Discipline item: Tack and Equipment****Explanation for Proposed Change**

To add a wording in the relevant Discipline Rules clarifying that if a tack or equipment is not specifically described/approved in the Rules, it is not allowed, unless the FEI has specifically approved it.

This proposal is to assist FEI Officials and Stewards to justify their decision not to allow a specific equipment at FEI Events as the practice has shown that Athletes, Grooms and even manufacturers are challenging FEI Officials' decisions on-site, arguing that if an equipment is not specifically forbidden it should be allowed.

The specific wording will be added in the relevant Discipline Rules if this "concept" is approved by the National Federations.

**Proposed Wording**