

**PROPOSALS FOR RULES CHANGES OF
INTERNAL REGULATIONS 2023**

Introduction

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

- A. [Rules Proposals received from NFs/MOU Stakeholders by 1 March 2023](#).** 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](#)**



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A. Rules Proposals received from NFs/MOU Stakeholders by 1 March 2023

Rules Proposal Submitted By
EEF, AUT NF, GBR NF, GER NF, ITA NF and SWE NF
Article No.–Article Name
6.5.2 – Discipline Committees
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>In order to recognise the importance of youth for our sport, we propose to add a mandatory youth expert to each FEI Discipline Committee. Such expert, regardless of age, shall be an experienced person who is particularly involved in the sport at youth level.</p> <p>This follows the wish expressed by Chefs d'Equipe of EEF nations and underlined in a meeting during the Jumping Nations Cup Youth Final 2022, Kronenberg (NED) 20-25 September 2022, and a subsequent discussion in the EEF Group Meeting at the 2022 FEI General Assembly.</p> <p>Following a recommendation of the FEI Strategic Planning Committee back in 2006, the Pony Riders' and Children Riders' Committees were dissolved in 2008 in a step to create a Youth Committee, which in the end has never been installed. But young people are not a static target audience. Therefore, we are not in favour of taking up again the idea of an extra Youth Committee. Instead, we are of the opinion that having a person in each of the disciplines' Committees who is aware of and speaks up for the specific needs of youth athletes is the best way forward.</p> <p>Our goals are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To attract young people to equestrian sport and maintain their interest so that they don't quit - they are our future; - To ensure equestrian sport stays relevant within a highly competitive youth market; - To accommodate the need for greater interaction with those involved in the sport at youth level; - To ensure that someone looks after all youth related activities in the respective discipline; - To take care of the needs of the younger Athletes to optimize their potential; - To increase the possibility of youth Athletes making the transition to senior level.
Proposed Wording
<p><i>"Each Discipline Committee shall be composed of the Chair and five (5) other members with proven knowledge and experience (such as but not limited to Officials, Athletes, Organisers, Chefs d'Equipe, trainers, owners, grooms, <u>youth Athletes</u>) in the relevant Discipline. <u>A youth representative and An Athlete representative must be a member of each Discipline Committee, although neither the Athlete or youth representative may not serve as Chair or Deputy Chair during their term in this capacity.</u>"</i></p>
FEI Feedback
<p>The FEI Board discussed this proposal at its in-person meeting on 6-7 June 2023. The FEI Board acknowledged the significant relevance of youth, which represent the future of the equestrian sport, as well as the need to keep on working around a range of youth initiatives. However, the FEI Board agreed that populating a specific seat in the Discipline Committees by a youth representative was not the best way of tackling this topic and many questions were raised by this proposal, e.g. what is the definition of a youth representative?</p> <p>Instead, the FEI Board is of the opinion that youth related topics can be efficiently covered through current Article 6.7 of the Internal Regulations which established that <i>"Youth shall</i></p>

be the competence of Discipline Committees and each Discipline Committee shall have Youth as a mandatory Agenda item for each meeting”.

The FEI Board requested the Technical Committees to apply Article 6.7 consistently.

In addition. A reference to Youth could be included in the Job Descriptions for Technical Committee members to also cover this subject.

FEI Proposed Wording (if applicable)

N/A

B. Rules Proposals put forward by the FEI

Article No.–Article Name

4.3.1 – Role of the Group Chairs

Explanation for Proposed Change

Clarify that Deputy Chairs can serve a maximum of three (3) full Terms, similar to the term of Regional Group Chairs.

Proposed Wording

"To nominate a Deputy Chair from among the National Federations of the Regional Group for election by the General Assembly, with whom they shall work closely and cooperate in furtherance of the tasks and responsibilities above. The Deputy Chair shall not be from the same National Federation as the Chair, and shall attend Board meetings with a vote solely in the event of unavoidable absence of the Group Chair. Deputy Chairs can serve a maximum of three (3) full Terms before a compulsory break of at least four (4) years. The Term of the Deputy Chair shall match the Term of the Chair."

Article No.–Article Name

5.2 – Internal Organisation of Headquarters

Explanation for Proposed Change

Clarify that relevant FEI Directors must convene and attend the Standing Committee meetings.

Proposed Wording

"FEI Directors (or their department representatives) must convene and attend all Standing Committee meetings."

Article No.–Article Name

Chapter 6 – Committees and Advisory Bodies

Explanation for Proposed Change

Remove "Advisory Bodies" from the title as it is not applicable anymore following the removal of Article 6.2 "Strategic Advisor"

Proposed Wording

Chapter 6 – Committees ~~and Advisory Bodies~~

Article No.–Article Name

6.5.3 – Discipline Committees

Explanation for Proposed Change

To be removed as it is not applicable anymore. Nowadays all Disciplines Committee Chairs are Board Members.

Proposed Wording

"~~Chairs of the Discipline Committees who are not Board members may attend the Board meetings held in conjunction with the ordinary annual General Assembly~~"

Article No.–Article Name

6.8.2 – Medical Committee

Explanation for Proposed Change

To align the composition of the Medical Committee with the other Technical Committees.

Proposed Wording

"The Medical Committee shall be composed of the Chair and ~~three-five (35)~~ other members. Three (3) members, including the Chair, shall be medical doctors with significant experience in sports medicine, and preferably Equestrian Sport. The Medical Committee shall strive to have one (1) representative from the Athlete's community. The three (3) medical doctors shall constitute the TUE Panel."