

**PROPOSALS FOR RULES CHANGES OF  
VAULTING RULES 2024**

16 October 2024

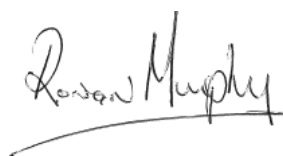
Dear National Federations,

Please find below a summary of the proposed changes to the Vaulting 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 1 section as follows:

- A.** [Proposed Rules changes to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2024;](#)  
and

Sincerely,



Ronan Murphy,  
Vaulting Director

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

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
FEI
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
719.2.1.5 – Equipment; Bridle with Noseband
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
This is covered in Article 1044.8 of the FEI Veterinary Regulations
<b>Proposed Wording on 26 June 2024</b>
<del>2.1.5. At any level of competition, a noseband may never be so tightly fixed that it causes harm to the horse and must be checked as per the Stewards Manual noseband protocol.</del>
2.1.5 Article 1044.8 of the FEI Veterinary Regulations applies in relation to the permitted tightness of the noseband
<b>Comments Received by 21 August 2024</b>
<b>US NF:</b> 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.  Wording FEI to determine wording for phased implementation period utilizing the warning system.
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
Please refer to the Veterinary Rules memo which will detail the processes of implementation of the noseband tightness.
<b>Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2024</b>
As per original wording proposed on 26 June.

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
FEI Vaulting Technical Committee
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
Article 703 - QUALIFICATION PROCEDURE AND CERTIFICATES OF CAPABILITY
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
Wording correction. Youth = Juniors and Young Vaulters
<b>Proposed Wording on 26 June 2024</b>
1.2. FEI World (CH-M-V J) & Continental Championships (CH-EU-J -V) for <del>Juniors</del> -Youth
<b>Comments Received by 21 August 2024</b>
none
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<b>Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2024</b>
As per comment above.

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
FEI Vaulting Technical Committee
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
719 – EQUIPMENT
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
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<b>Proposed Wording on 26 June 2024</b>
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none
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<b>Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2024</b>
As per comment above.

**Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)**

FEI Vaulting Technical Committee

**Article Number – Article Name**

719 – EQUIPMENT

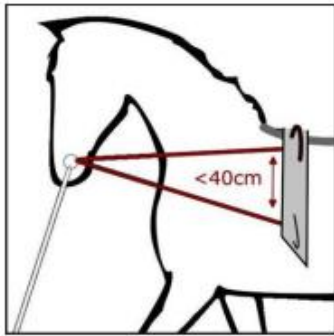
**Explanation for Proposed Change**

The VTC has decided to change the name of the equipment currently known as draw reins (which was introduced in the FEI Vaulting Rules in 2024). According to the Tack app, the term "draw reins" is used differently to how it is used in Vaulting. For the sake of clarity, the VTC has chosen a new name that is not used for any other equipment in the Tack app or other FEI Sports Rules.

**Proposed Wording on 26 June 2024**

2.5 Either two side reins, or ~~Draw~~ **Three-Points** reins, are permitted. **Three-Points** ~~Draw~~ reins are attached from the surcingle through the bit rings back to the surcingle on the same side. The distance between the two attached points (top and bottom) on each side of the surcingle must not be greater than 40 centimeters. ~~The Three-Points draw~~ reins must be adjustable only as per manufacture and any homemade modification of the adjustments of the **Three-Points draw** reins (for example making a knot) is not permitted. (Standing reins or auxiliary reins are not permitted).

\*pictogram of allowed **Three-Points draw** reins:



**Comments Received by 21 August 2024**

none

**FEI Feedback**

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

As per comment above.

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
FEI Vaulting Technical Committee
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
Article 736 - SQUAD COMPULSORY TESTS Article 739 - INDIVIDUAL COMPULSORY TESTS Article 743 - INDIVIDUAL COMPULSORY TEST FOR PAS-DE-DEUX 1*
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
The VTC proposes to omit the specific leg position from the name of the exercise, in accordance with the FEI Vaulting Guidelines 2024 where the exercise is already described without prescribing leg positions. This text applies to all situations where the names of exercises is harmonised (Articles 736, 739 and 743 as mentioned above)
<b>Proposed Wording on 26 June 2024</b>
2. Squad Comp Test 1/ Individual Comp Test 1/ Pas de Deux Comp Test  Exercises to be shown: 1. Vault On 2. Basic Seat 3. Flag 4. Stand 5. Swing Forwards <del>legs-closed</del> 6. Half Mill 7. Swing Backwards <del>legs-open</del> , followed by dismount to inside
<b>Comments Received by 21 August 2024</b>
none
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<b>Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2024</b>
As per comment above.

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
FEI Vaulting Technical Committee
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
Article 737 - SQUAD FREE TESTS
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
This clarification is necessary as there has been misinterpretation regarding the rule. It was incorrectly assumed that a single exercise performed on horseback would not be scored. This is not the intention of the rule.
<b>Proposed Wording on 26 June 2024</b>
1. Each Vaultler must perform at least one exercise.  No more than three (3) Vaulters may be on the Horse at one time. At least two of <del>the three</del> Vaulters must remain in contact with the Horse, otherwise these elements of the exercises are not scored. A Free Test consists of static and dynamic exercises, as well as transitions. Mounts and dismounts carried out with assistance from the ground will receive a deduction (see Guidelines).
<b>Comments Received by 21 August 2024</b>
none
<b>FEI Feedback</b>
<b>Proposed Final Wording to be Voted at the FEI General Assembly 2024</b>
As per comment above.