

**PROPOSALS FOR 2020 RULES CHANGES
VAULTING RULES**

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Dear National Federations,

Dear Stakeholders,

Please find below a summary of the proposed changes to the FEI Vaulting 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,

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FEI Vaulting Director

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Article 700 General
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:</p> <p>Since 2008 we had established the Junior Individual class. Back then, it seemed to be a reasonable decision and there was no need for other transitions to the Seniors at first. But today, we can see a lot of changes in comparison to how it was ten years ago:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vaulters are active for longer until a higher age and keep and raise up their level still • the peak of their performances is by then mostly around 25 or even later, because artistic, expression, experience and management count more and more • the transition from compulsory and freestyle (in J2*) to the full range of all three programs including technical (3*) makes some vaulters struggle for a long time, • as a result we do see technical tests that are not ready yet for some years • the distance from Junior to Senior is thus very far and it takes 3-6 years until they have reached their own best performance level in all three tests • the danger of drop-outs is very high, because it takes a long time to finally “arrive” in the Senior Class (3*) with reasonable scores and individual success <p>therefore the VC suggests the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • create a new class according to Riding which would be a category for under 21 vaulter (“Young Riders”) “Young Vaulters” • Introduce a methodical approach to learn Tech Test • Minimize the risk of drop out of young athletes who now in the current system end up quitting after 5 years waiting for a chance
Proposed Wording
<p>The constant development and evolution of the International Vaulting Sport continues to necessitate significant adjustment to the Rules for International Vaulting Events. The following are intended to standardise the Discipline, ensure the well-being of the Horse and facilitate and the professional organisation of Vaulting Competitions as competitive Equestrian Sporting Events.</p> <p>Separate Competitions for Senior, <u>Young Vaulters</u>, Junior and Children Vaulters do exist in Vaulting. Given the Discipline specific complexities, however, Minors (in terms of age) often compete on what are referred to as Senior Squads in Senior Competitions at Vaulting Events. Although there are neither maximum nor minimum ages governing such participation, NFs must, nonetheless, adhere to the General Regulations with regard to age-specific issues such as Change of Nationality, Persons Responsible and other.</p>
Comments received
Comments received added to article 701.5+6+7
FEI feedback
FEI feedback added to article 701.5+6+7
Proposed Final Wording
Wording remains as in proposal above.

Article 701.5+6+7 Events and Competition
Explanation for Proposed Change
Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:
Clarification and new proposed category (see Article 700)
Proposed Wording
<p>5. CVI2*</p> <p>At CVI2* the following Competitions are obligatory<u>must be scheduled</u>:</p> <p>Male Individual Vaulting Competition Senior 2* Female Individual Vaulting Competition Senior 2*</p> <p>The following Competitions may be scheduled in addition:</p> <p>Squad Vaulting Competition Senior 2* Pas-de-Deux Vaulting Competition Senior 2*</p> <p>6. CVIY2* <u>At CVIY2* the following Competitions must be scheduled:</u></p> <p><u>Male Individual Vaulting Competition Young Vaultler 2*</u> <u>Female Individual Vaulting Competition Young Vaultler 2*</u></p> <p>6-7. CVI3*</p> <p>At CVI3* the following Competitions are obligatory<u>must be scheduled</u>:</p> <p>Squad Vaulting Competition Senior 3* Male Individual Vaulting Competition Senior 3* Female Individual Vaulting Competition Senior 3* Pas-de-Deux Vaulting Competition Senior 3*</p>
Comments received
<p>NED - 701.6. CVIY2* what is the reason that this new class is only for the individual vaulters and not for a Pas-de-Deux? And why is this only for the 2* and not 3*? This can create un-clarity.</p> <p>SVK - New category Young vaulter is named CVIY2*, but performing compulsory test 3, this might be confusing as we are used to name the individuals competitions based on compulsory their performing. <u>Proposed</u> to rename CVIY2* to CVIY3*.</p>
FEI feedback
<p>The transition from Pas-de-Deux Juniors to Pas-de-Deux Senior is smoother than for the Individual as there is no Technical test in Pas-de-Deux. This is the reason why this new category is only open to Individual athletes.</p> <p>The VTC agreed with SVK NF to change the proposed Compulsory test 3 to Compulsory test 2 for the CVIY2*. This modification to be seen in article 743.</p>

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In the future the VTC might propose to include new star levels for this category if the outcome is relevant. The VTC feels that this category fits best to 2* event.

Proposed Final Wording

Wording remains as in proposal above.

Article 701.10 CVIO4* + 712 Type of Competitions

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

To be in line with the other disciplines.

Proposed Wording

~~Nations~~ Official Team

Comments received

NED - It is written that the name Nations Team will be changed to Official Team, please make this consistent in the rules. On some pages the numbers are changed and some not, please make this also consistent.

FEI feedback

"Nation" has been removed in this context throughout the proposed rules for 2020.

Proposed Final Wording

Amendments done where needed

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Article 701.10.7 ~~World Equestrian Games and Senior Championships- Nations-Official Team Format:~~

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

World Equestrian Games has been removed as it is by default included in Senior Championships.

In some parts of this article - Compulsories test has been changed to Compulsory test to be consistent.

Clarification on the declaration of Team and on the number of qualified Squads.

Proposed Wording

Session 1:

Declaration of ~~Nations-Team~~ **(1 per NF)** after compulsory tests. Starting order: refer to 10.5.

Session 4:

Free test - Starting order: **Top 15 of all Squads**, reverse order of rankings of average of previous two tests. ~~All-Squads-~~

Comments received

No comments received

FEI feedback

N/A

Proposed Final Wording

Wording remains as in proposal above.

Article 701.10. 8/10.9/10.10 CVIO 4* & Senior Championships Official Team Format

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

For Clarification of the procedure.

Proposed Wording

~~10.4-8~~ The Official Team Competition will be open to the best eight (8) Teams based on the results of the first tests of the selected two Individuals and selected Squad or Pas-de-Deux.

In case of equality in the ~~Nations-Team~~ results, the Squad or Pas-de-Deux results count (see article 742.3 for Team or 753.3 for Pas-de-Deux). If two ~~nations-Teams~~ are still tied, the best Individual score will count, then the second best.

~~10.59.~~ Starting order Nations Team Free test: the starting order per Nation will be the reverse order of the ranking after the first tests. This ranking is determined by adding the Test 1 scores of the two (2) Individuals to the Test 1 score of the Squad or of the Pas-de-Deux, and dividing that total by three (3).

10.610 at World and Continental Championships, each NF may enter only one Team.

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10.611. For ~~World Equestrian Games and~~ Senior Championships, the same Panel of Judges must sit at the same Judges Table for Test 2 of the Individual athletes and Squad of the Non-Nations Team Competition as for the ~~Nations~~ Team Competition.

Comments received

AUT - The point "10.7 Senior Championships- Official Team Format" should go to point "11. SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (CH-V)" (it has nothing to do with the CVIOs).

701.10: The Official Team Competition will be open to the best eight (8) Teams based on the results of the first tests of the selected two Individuals and selected Squad or Pas-de-Deux. Remark: This para should be split in one for the CVIOs and one for the Championships. CVIOs: The OC may fix in the schedule, how many Teams may compete. Championships: There should be no reduction in the number of the Teams. We want many nations in the Official Team Competition. If we allow only 8 nations to compete, teams of smaller nations or nations outside Europe could not compete.

701.10.10 At World and Continental Championships only one team can be entered by NF, meaning more can be entered for CVIOS.

701.10.11 For ~~World Equestrian Games and~~ Senior Championships, the same Panel of Judges must sit at the same Judges Table for Test 2 of the Individual athletes and Squads ~~not on Official Teams of the Non Nations Team Competition~~ as for the ~~Official Teams Nations Team Competition~~.

FEI feedback

At the 2018 FEI World Equestrian Games, the Official Team Competition was too long. ~~By~~ reducing the number of qualified Official Teams to 8 it will guarantee the quality and it will reduce the time of this Competition which is necessary. CVIOs never had more than 8 Team competing at the Official Team Competition. It will be monitored at the next Championships and CVIOs.

To answer AUT NF's question about the number of Team per Nation at CVIOs – yes, it means that for CVIOs NFs can send more than one Team.

The VTC agree to review the numbering of this article for clarification.

Proposed Final Wording

~~9.10.~~ ~~→ CVIO-4* and Senior Championships~~

~~9.1.10.1.~~ ~~→ CVIO's must be organised in accordance with the General Regulations.~~

~~9.2.10.2.~~ ~~→ In principle CVIOs are open to Athletes from any NF which applies to send an officially selected representative Teams.~~

10.3 An Official ~~Nation's~~ Team Competition must be scheduled. The Team must consist of three competitive units, one of which must be a Squad or a Pas-de-Deux (Male, Female, Squad or Pas-de-Deux) in CVIs and a Team must consist of three competitive units, one of which must be a Squad for Senior Championships. The OC must announce in advance, in the Schedule, the composition of the Official Team combinations for CVIOs. No reserve combinations are allowed.

10.3.1 At Senior Championships, each NF may only enter one Team.

~~10.3.2~~ The three results count for the Team classification (~~2 Individuals and 1 Squad or Pas-de-Deux as per Schedule~~) and are added and divided by three to determine the Team final score. The Team with the highest score wins. In case of ties, see art. 701.10.4.

10.4 The following formats are available for CVIOs:

~~11~~ ~~CVIO4*~~

~~10.4.1~~ **CVIO4* Format - with Squads**

							Nations Official Team Competition	CVIO Nations Official Team Results
	Test 1	Test2						
Individual Male	All Athletes	All Athletes		All Athletes	CVI Results	Nations-Official Team declaration/Starting order, refer to 10.5	Test 4	2 Ind. Male /Female and 1 Squad per NationTeam
Individual Female	All Athletes	All Athletes		All Athletes	(3 Tests)		Test 4	
Squads	All Squads	All Squads		N/A	CVI Results Squads		Test 3	

~~10.154.1.1~~ A Consolation test may be organised for Squads not declared on the Nations Official Team. The results of this consolation test will count as a separate competition.

~~10.4.2~~ **CVIO4* - Format with Pas-de-Deux**

							Nations Official Team Competition	CVIO Nations Official Team Results
	Test 1	Test2						
Individual Male	All Athletes	All Athletes		All Athletes	CVI Results	Nations Official Team declaration/ Starting order, refer to 10.5	Test 4	2 Ind. Male /Female and 1 PDD per NationTeam
Individual Female	All Athletes	All Athletes		All Athletes	(3 Tests)		Test 4	
Pas-de-deux	All PDD	All PDD		N/A	CVI Results PDD		Test 3	

~~10.24.2.1~~ A Consolation test may be organised for Pas-de-Deux not declared on the Nations-Official Team. The results of this consolation test will count as a separate competition.

10.5 The following format is compulsory for Senior Championships:

~~10.3 World Equestrian Games and Senior Championships – Nations Team Format:~~

	Pas-de-Deux	Individual Male & Female	Squads	Nations-Official Teams
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Session 1		Compulsory ies test starting order: draw	Compulsory ies test starting order: draw	Declaration of Nations-Team (1 per NF) after compulsory tests. Starting order: refer to 10.5.
Session 2	Free test starting order: draw	Free test starting order: reverse order of rankings Comp. Test. Only individuals not on Nations-Official Team.		Free test Nations Team starting order within the team: two individual first (order to be decided by Nation) squad last
				Medals Nations-Official Team
Session 3	Free test Starting order: reverse order of rankings Free test	Technical Test Starting order: Top 15 Individual Female and Male Athletes in reverse order of rankings of average of previous two tests	Free test Starting order: reverse order of rankings Comp test. Only Squads not in Nations-a Team	
	Medals Pas-de-Deux			
Session 4		Free Test Starting order: Top 15 Individual Female and Male Athletes in reverse order of rankings of average of previous three tests	Free test Starting order: Top 15 of all Squads reverse order of rankings of average of previous two tests. All Squads.	
		Medals Individual Female and Male	Medals Squads	

10.46 The Official Team Competition will be open to the best eight (8) Teams based on the results of the first tests of the selected two Individuals and selected Squad or Pas-de-Deux.

In case of equality in the ~~Nations~~-Team results, the Squad or Pas-de-Deux results count (see article 742.3 for Team or 753.3 for Pas-de-Deux). If two ~~nations-Teams~~ are still tied, the best Individual score will count, then the second best.

10.57. Starting order ~~Nations-Official~~ Team Free test: the starting order per Nation will be the reverse order of the ranking after the first tests. This ranking is determined by adding the Test 1 scores of the two (2) Individuals to the Test 1 score of the Squad or of the Pas-de-Deux, and dividing that total by three (3).

10.68. For ~~World Equestrian Games and~~ Senior Championships, the same Panel of Judges must sit at the same Judges Table for Test 2 of the Individual athletes and Squad of the Non-~~NationsOfficial~~ Team Competition as for the ~~Nations-Official~~ Team Competition.

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Article 702 Age of Vaulters
Explanation for Proposed Change
Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason: New proposed category (see Article 700)
Proposed Wording
Young Vaulters – Individual Competition – 16-21 years old
Comments received
NED - Proposed is to set the age of the Young Vaulters – Individual Competition – to 16-21 years old. This means it is allowed for 16 -18 year old vaulters to start in the three different categories, Junior, Young and Senior competition? We are proposing to change the age of the senior vaulter to 18 and up. Further there is no minimum age stated for teams. Our proposal is for the Junior Teams a minimum age of six years old. Senior Teams we propose a minimum age of 10 years old.
FEI feedback
Categories of age are ruled by the FEI General Regulations. It will be monitored in 2020 and might be reconsidered for the next rules revision of the FEI Vaulting rules/FEI General Regulations.
Proposed Final Wording
Wording remains as in proposal above.

Article 703.2.2 Qualification for CVIs
Explanation for Proposed Change
Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason: A time frame is added for clarification purposes
Proposed Wording
<u>Once the Vaulters(s) has/have reached their qualifying score in their class and are eligible to start in a higher class, the vVaulters(s) must compete in that higher class within the next 18 months. If they do not comply with the above, and they wish to compete in the higher level after the 18 months period, they must requalify for the higher level.</u>
Comments received
AUS - Would this be up to OCs to check this? Equestrian Australia (EA) are concerned that the Rule change 2.2 regarding qualification for CVI's will disadvantage our Australian Competitors (and other peripheral countries). Considering Australia (and some other non-European countries) may only be able to provide a CVI Competition every 1-2 years. This rule would force Australian athletes into the expensive situation of having to travel overseas to compete and maintain their qualified level. EA believe the period should be extended beyond 18 months to allow for Australia and other countries that can only run CVI Competition every one to two years, to provide their athletes with similar opportunities as the European competitors and not be forced the expense of travelling overseas just to maintain CVI qualifications.

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NED - Qualification for CVIs. When a vaulter is eligible to start in a higher class, is it still allowed for them to compete in a lower class once started in a higher one? We cannot find that in the proposition.

ITA - This is not clear. Can a Vaulter, after being qualified for the higher class choose if he wants to compete or not in that class? Can he choose which class he wishes to compete in?

SVK - We understand the need of requalification after 18th months. This doesn't say anything that the vaulters cannot start in lower categories. We would like to confirm our understanding of qualification process. We believe that vaulters are eligible to compete at one CVI competition in 3* category and at another CVI in 1*. We would like to ask committee to mention in this article that vaulter may start at CVI in different categories than they were qualified for Championships (e.g. starts in senior PDD or individual 3* at CVIs but have been qualified with intention to compete as junior 2* at championships).

AUT - Question – does that only apply for the first start ever? Meaning after that first start the vaulter can pause as long as he/she wants and will not lose the qualification? What sense does that make?

FEI feedback

The VTC agreed to extend the qualification period to 24 months. Based on the above comments, the VTC have clarified the proposed wording. SVK please refer to article 702.2 "Starting possibilities" of the FEI Vaulting rules.

Proposed Final Wording

When the Vaulters(s) has/have reached a qualifying score for a class, the qualification must be confirmed by participating in this class once, within the following 24 months. After this confirmation, the qualification is fully achieved and applicable indefinitely. If a qualification score has not been confirmed within 24 months, its validity expires, and a new must be earned according to the rules in place at that point in time. At CVIs, Vaulter(s) can choose to compete at the highest level he is qualified for, as well any other level below that (within the appropriate age category/ies).

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Article 705.3 Entries for Championships and FEI World Equestrian Games
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:</p> <p>See article 701.10</p>
Proposed Wording
<p>3.1. Entries for Championships and FEI World Equestrian Games must be made in accordance with the FEI General Regulations Art. 116.2</p> <p>3.2. Entries per NF – numbers for FEI Championships and World Equestrian Games</p> <p>3.2.2 World Equestrian GamesMulti-Discipines Championships: Maximum 2 reserve Lungers and Horses per NF in total. The number of reserve Athletes is as per Article 705.3.2.</p>
Comments received
No comments received
FEI feedback
N/A
Proposed Final Wording
Wording remains as in proposal above.

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Article 708 Draw for the order of start
Explanation for Proposed Change
Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:
For clarification.
Proposed Wording
708 -- Draw for the order of start
1. <u>Start list: the starting time must be indicated on the official start list for each Horse for Championships and is recommended for CVIs.</u>
1-2. <u>Draw for the order of start:</u> The draw for the order of starting will be conducted in the following manner:
Comments received
DEN - Thank you for suggesting use of starting times. This may seem like a small thing or even potentially inconvenient to some judges, since it may generate brief waiting times, but for the trainers, lungers, vaulters and chef d'équipe's this is a massive help when planning warm up. CHIO Aachen has used starting times for many years, and starting times are standard in dressage. May we suggest that the committee considers adding provisional standard times to the Guidelines for OCs to use for reference (of course with a caveat that times will have to be adjusted according to the arena setup (e.g. length of run in)).
AUT - 708.1. Starting times must be indicated for Championships and for CVIs it is recommended - Are these times fix and the judge A <u>must</u> wait for the bell.
FEI feedback
The starting time will be monitored in 2020 and if clarification is necessary for Organisers it will be added to the Guidelines. The Chair will explain how to deal with starting time at the FEI Judges Seminar in October 2019. The fixed Starting time can be delayed for various reason but must never start earlier then the fixed time.
Proposed Final Wording
Wording remains as in proposal above.

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Article 713 Dress Code
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM NFs AND/OR SHs:</p> <p>GBR NF Children unitards/leotards are restricted in a way that makes affordable 'off the peg' or 'on line' purchases unsuitable for use according to the current rules. High necks can be extremely hot for vaulters in certain summer temperatures.</p> <p>Children performing and being photographed with nude legs and a knicker line dress is unsuitable for the age group.</p> <p>2.7.1 When is it permitted to have nude arms and legs? This needs clarification or removing.</p> <p>The modesty and safety of this age group must be protected by the rules which should be easy to interpret.</p> <p>GBR proposed wording: 2.7.2 In Children competitions the dress may have a peep hole fastening on the back neck line, max 10cm from base of neck. The neckline may be 'boat neck' or 'scoop neck' but may not be more than 10cm from the base of the neck.</p> <p>2.7.3 In children classes the dress should not have nude legs unless accompanied by a coloured skirt and/or shorts.</p> <p>FEI FEEDBACK: The VTC do not support this proposal because we believe there is enough clarity in this rules. The new proposal would be too complex to check</p>
Proposed Wording
N/A
Comments received
<p>EEF - Dress code (Art. 713) There is serious concern about children performing and being photographed with nude legs, especially in terms of safety for this age group. The comment made by the GBR NF is strongly supported</p>
FEI feedback
The VTC understand the comments of EEF but they have the feeling that the rules are clear enough to avoid any ambiguity and in a Sport where Gymnastic is the essence of the athletes' performance on the horse, nude legs and arms are allowed in Gymnastic competition at early age. The VTC emphasise that the responsibility of Children's dress apart from the rules are in the hands of the athletes' trainers and their parents.
Proposed Final Wording
N/A

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Article 713.2 – Dress Code
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:</p> <p>Amendment to give the opportunity to the Athletes to wear a number of their own.</p>
Proposed Wording
<p>2.1 <u>At CVI's</u> Individual Vaulters must wear a start number on the right arm or leg which are provided by the OC. <u>After receiving the start number from the Organiser, the Vaulters may choose to make their own arm band or leg band, using the number provided by the Organiser.</u> Failure to comply will entail a Warning from Judge at A or President of Ground Jury.</p>
Comments received
<p>BEL - We propose in addition that the number must be good readable for the judges.</p> <p>NED - The individual vaulters may choose to make their own arm or leg band, using the number provided by the organizer. There should be a remark about the size and readability of this homemade arm and/or leg band.</p> <p>AUT - At CVIs Vaulters must wear a number on the right arm or leg but is allowed to replace it by an own arm band or leg band using the same number</p>
FEI feedback
<p>The VTC agree to clarify this proposal.</p>
Proposed Final Wording
<p><u>At CVI's</u>, Individual Vaulters must wear a start number on the right arm or leg which is allocated by the <u>Organiser</u>. <u>Vaulters may choose to use their own arm or leg band, displaying the number provided by the Organiser; the number <u>must</u> be 10-12 cm high and clearly legible from a distance.</u> Failure to comply will entail a Warning from Judge at A or President of Ground Jury.</p>

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Article 716.5.7 Timing / Bell
Explanation for Proposed Change
Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:
Clarification to help the Athlete distinguish why the bell has been rung.
Proposed Wording
To give the signal to stop an Athlete or Performance in unforeseen circumstances which includes repair or adjustment of equipment or any other situation requiring immediate attention. The timing and the music is stopped. The Test must be continued within 30 seconds after the signal to resume; <u>or to give the signal indicate by prolonged and repeated ringing that the Athlete has been eliminated.</u>
Comments received
NED - Giving the signal by prolonged and repeated ringing that the Athlete has been eliminated. Is this also to eliminate the horse after the trot round? We can imagine this might cause confusion.
USA - The additional wording related to elimination is supported but it is suggested that it is separately numbered so it would read;
5.7. To give the signal to stop an Athlete or Performance in unforeseen circumstances which includes repair or adjustment of equipment or any other situation requiring immediate attention. The timing and the music is stopped. The Test must be continued within 30 seconds after the signal to resume;
5.8. Or to give the signal by prolonged and repeated ringing that the Athlete has been eliminated.
5.9. After an interruption the clock is started again when the Vaultier touches the handle, the pad or the Horse.
REASONING: This sets the new language out and makes it more noticeable when reading the rules.
AUT - <u>or to give the signal indicate by prolonged and repeated ringing that the Athlete has been eliminated.</u> – his sentence should become an own point – 716.5.8.
FEI feedback
The VTC agree to separate the numbering for more clarity.
Proposed Final Wording
5.7. To give the signal to stop an Athlete or Performance in unforeseen circumstances which includes repair or adjustment of equipment or any other situation requiring immediate attention. The timing and the music is stopped. The Test must be continued within 30 seconds after the signal to resume;
<u>5.8. To give the signal by prolonged and repeated ringing that the Athlete has been eliminated.</u>
5.9. After an interruption the clock is started again when the Vaultier touches the handle, the pad or the Horse.
6. In unclear situations the Judge at A and/or Lunger/Vaultier may communicate.

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Article 719/image caption Equipment of the Vaulting Horse
Explanation for Proposed Change
Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:
Clarification in line with the Dressage rules as per the change in the minimum width of the snaffles for horses in Competition and in the Warm up.
Deletion of article 719.3.1 which was a duplication of article 719.2.1
Proposed Wording
<p>2.1 Bridle with noseband and smooth snaffle bit, with no more than 2 joints. Rubber bit guards are permitted. If an unjointed rubber snaffle is used, the bit must be flexible. (See Annex 1 and 2 plus all snaffle bits allowed in the FEI Dressage Rules). Minimum diameter of mouthpiece to be <u>minimum 14mm 12mm</u> for horses and 10mm for Ponies. The diameter of the mouthpiece is measured adjacent to the rings or the cheeks of the mouthpiece at the widest point.</p> <p>1. <i>Maximum width of weight bearing flat face of surcingle to be no greater than 180mm.</i></p> <p>3.1 Bridle with noseband and smooth snaffle bit, with no more than 2 joints. Rubber bit guards are permitted. If an unjointed rubber snaffle is used, the bit must be flexible. (See Annex 1 and 2 plus all snaffle bits allowed in the FEI Dressage Rules). Minimum diameter of mouthpiece to be <u>minimum 14mm 12mm</u> for horses and 10mm for Ponies. The diameter of the mouthpiece is measured adjacent to the rings or the cheeks of the mouthpiece at the widest point.</p>
Comments received
AUT - 719.2.1. mount piece for horses minimum 12 mm, Ponies 10 mm
FEI feedback
The VTC keep their proposed wording.
Proposed Final Wording
Wording remains as in proposal above.

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Article 723.1.4 & 10.3 Ground Jury

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

For clarification.

Proposed Wording

CVI 1*	CVI 2*	CVI 3*- 4*/Masterclass	Championships
CVI J 1* CVI Ch 1*	CVI J 2* CVI Ch 2* CVI J 2*		
<p>One or three National or FEI 1* Judge(s) <u>or above</u> and one FEI 3*</p> <p><i>For CVIs in Europe only:</i></p> <p><i>The FEI3* Judge has to be foreign</i></p>	<p>one National or FEI 1* Judge <u>or above</u> and two FEI 2* Judges and one FEI 3* Judges (PGJ)</p> <p><i>one FEI3* Judge has to be foreign</i></p>	<p>one FEI 2* Judge and two FEI 3* Judges and one FEI 4* Judge (PGJ)</p> <p><i>CVIs in Europe:</i></p> <p><i>two of the FEI3* and/or FEI4* Judges have to be foreign</i></p> <p><i>CVIs outside Europe: only the FEI 4* Judge has to be foreign.</i></p>	<p>Continental & World Championships:</p> <p>Eight Judges</p> <p>five 3* (or above) Judges and min three 4* Judges (PGJ)</p> <p>appointed by FEI</p> <p><i>max two from one country</i></p>

Each Judge must be assisted by a secretary who speaks and writes the same official language as the Judge (either English or French). A 1* or 2* FEI Judge may serve as a secretary. No higher level active FEI Judge is allowed to serve as a secretary.

- 10.3 The President of the Ground Jury or Judge at A may at any time exclude from further participation in a Competition or an entire Event any Athlete who is unfit to continue by reason of a serious or potentially serious injury, impairment, or health condition.

Comments received

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AUS - In the Judge allocation table for CVI 1* and 2*, National Judge has been replaced with FEI 1* Judge. Please define FEI1* Judge.

ITA - FEI 1* Judge instead of National Judge: what is the procedure to become FEI 1* judge? Where is this defined? Which courses do they have to do?

AUT - Question: We currently have no official description of a 1* FEI Judge nor do we have an education for it. Will that be delivered as of January 1st 2020 as well to go along with the change? (DK: I know it might now!!!)

AUT - 723.1.4. 1* and 2* Judges may serve as a secretary but not higher.

FEI feedback

To keep National Judge in the Rules for 2020, as FEI 1* should be introduced in 2020 but we do not know when and how yet.

Proposed Final Wording

CVI 1*	CVI 2*	CVI 3*- 4*/Masterclass	Championships
CVI J 1* CVI Ch 1*	CVI J 2* CVI Ch 2* CVI J 2*		
One or three National or FEI Judge(s) and one FEI 3* <i>For CVIs in Europe only: The FEI3* Judge has to be foreign</i>	one National or FEI Judge and two FEI 2* Judges and one FEI 3* Judges (PGJ) <i>one FEI3* Judge has to be foreign</i>	one FEI 2* Judge and two FEI 3* Judges and one FEI 4* Judge (PGJ) <i>CVIs in Europe: two of the FEI3* and/or FEI4* Judges have to be foreign</i> <i>CVIs outside Europe: only the FEI 4* Judge has to be foreign.</i>	Continental & World Championships: Eight Judges five 3* (or above) Judges and min three 4* Judges (PGJ) appointed by FEI <i>max two from one country</i>

Each Judge must be assisted by a secretary who speaks and writes the same official language as the Judge (either English or French). A 2* FEI Judge may serve as a secretary. No higher level active FEI Judge is allowed to serve as a secretary.

10.3 The President of the Ground Jury or the Judge at A may at any time exclude from further participation in a Competition or an entire Event any Athlete who is unfit to continue by reason of a serious or potentially serious injury, impairment, or health condition

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Article 724 Expenses and Privileges
Explanation for Proposed Change
Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:
For clarification.
Proposed Wording
<p>2. Expenses and Privileges</p> <p>Organising Committees of World and Continental Championships may accept responsibility for meeting the travelling and living expenses of Athletes, horses, grooms and team Officials (Chefs d'Equipe and Veterinarians) to be invited according to the rules from the day before the First Horse Inspection until the day after the end of the Championships. This must be published in the schedule.</p> <p>Organising Committees of World Equestrian Games <u>multi discipline Championships</u> must accept responsibility for meeting the living expenses of Athletes, horses, grooms and team Officials (Chefs d'Equipe and Veterinarians) to be invited according to the rules from the day before the First Horse Inspection until the day after the end of the Championships. This must be published in the Schedule.</p>
Comments received
No comments received
FEI feedback
N/A
Proposed Final Wording
Wording remains as in proposal above.

Article 731.5 General
Explanation for Proposed Change
Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:
For clarification.
Proposed Wording
If the Ground Jury consists of <u>up to</u> four Judges, each Judge will give one score.
Comments received
<p>USA - the intent of the change is supported but it is suggested the wording is as follows;</p> <p>If the Ground Jury consists of up to less than four Judges (CVI1* and CVIJ/CH1*), each Judge will give one score all scores.</p> <p>REASONING: This clarifies the intent of the rule. The way it is written, "each Judge will give one score, begs the question "which score shall they give?" Each Judge (when less than 4) will score everything – all scores for all tests.</p>

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AUT - 731.5. If the Ground Jury consists of up to four Judges, each Judge will give one score. If the Ground Jury consists of two Judges, each Judge will give all (four) scores. (According to 723.1.4 the Ground Jury can consist of 2 judges at CVI1*.)

FEI feedback

The VTC agree to the proposal of the AUT NF.

Proposed Final Wording

If the Ground Jury consists of four Judges, each Judge will give one score for each test (technique, artistic or horse score). If the Ground Jury consists of two Judges, each Judge will give technique, artistic and horse scores for all tests.

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Article 737 Judges' <u>Scoresheets and results</u>Sheets
Explanation for Proposed Change
Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason: Clarification of the procedure.
Proposed Wording
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. The original <u>Judges' scoresheets</u> should be handed to the Athletes <u>at the end of the Competition</u>. 5. The scoring office must have copies of the test sheets available for a period of one year. 6. <u>Official results are signed by the President of the Ground Jury.</u> 7. <u>Once signed, the results must be officially published with a date and time.</u>
Comments received
AUT - Combined article 737.6 and 737.7.
FEI feedback
The VTC agree to the proposal of the AUT NF.
Proposed Final Wording
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. The original <u>Judges' scoresheets</u> should be handed to the Athletes <u>at the end of the Competition</u>. 5. The scoring office must have copies of the test sheets available for a period of one year. 6. <u>Official results are signed by the President of the Ground Jury. Once signed, the results must be officially published with a date and time.</u>

Article 738 Squad Vaulting Competition
Explanation for Proposed Change
Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason: For Clarification.
Proposed Wording
) The 12-15 best Squads of the first round, number may be increased upon the discretion of the Ground Jury. Note: for CVIO4 ref to Article 701.10
Comments received
No comments received
FEI feedback
N/A
Proposed Final Wording
Wording remains as in proposal above.

Article 740.3 Squad Free Tests**Explanation for Proposed Change****Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:**

This is described in the guidelines and so can be removed from the rules.

Proposed Wording

A Squad Free Test 1 may include single, double and triple exercise, with a maximum of 6 static triple exercises. ~~20 free-style exercises will be considered.~~

Comments received

AUS - by removing the 20 exercises from the test 1, this is not consistent across all categories.

BEL - The number of exercises (20) for Free test 1 is discarded by no new amount given. For Free test 2 a number (25) is indicated. It's not clear what number is counted for Free test 1.

NED - Article 740 Squad Free Test - 740.4. Squad Free Test 2. 25 freestyle exercises will be considered. Shouldn't this phrase be deleted as is done in article 740-3?

ITA - Squad Free Test 1: Why will 20 exercises no longer be considered? How is the calculation for DOD? How many exercises will be considered? This means that also the score sheets and calculating will change?

AUT - Question: Why? And what is the calculation now, the same as senior?

AUT - 740.4. Squad Free Test 2 - A Squad Free Test 2 may include single, double and triple exercise. ~~25 free-style exercises will be considered.~~ Remark: According to 740.3 the second sentence must be scratched. The number of counting exercises is mentioned under 741.3.4 and 741.3.5

FEI feedback

This is described in the guidelines and so can be removed from the rules. The same applies to articles 740.4, 741.3.4 and 741.3.5.

Proposed Final Wording

740.3 - Wording remains as in proposal above.

740.4 Squad Free Test 2 :

A Squad Free Test 2 includes single, double and triple exercise. ~~25 free-style exercises will be considered.~~

741.3.4 Difficulty - Squad Free Test 1

- The exercises are divided, according to their difficulty, into three degrees of difficulty. ~~Only the 20 exercises with the highest degree of difficulty will be scored as follows:~~

Difficult exercises	(D)	0.5 points
Medium exercises	(M)	0.3 points
Easy exercises	(E)	0.1 points

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- For scoring criteria see Guidelines

741.3.5 Difficulty Squad Free Test 2

- The exercises are divided, according to their difficulty, into three degrees of difficulty.
~~Only the 25 exercises with the highest degree of difficulty will be scored as follows:~~

Difficult exercises (D)	0.4 points
Medium exercises (M)	0.3 points
Easy exercises (E)	0.1 points

- For scoring criteria see Guidelines

Article 742.3 Final score Squad Competition

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

Clarification and in line with other categories.

Proposed Wording

In case of equality a tie, the higher mark from the ~~Test 1 last test of the first round~~ will decide. If still tied, the artistic score of the last test will decide, then the technical score and last the performance score

Comments received

ITA - Art. 742.3 & 748.5. & 753.3 - Final Scores squad/individual/PDD

Difference between "technical score "and" performance score" means: Technical score = DOD 30% with performance 70%, performance score = only the performance (deductions divided by number of exercises) score?

SVK - In the text is mention technical score, but our rules doesn't recognize word "technical" except Technical test. If we understand it good, it was meant to be Technique score (DOD + Performance). If we it is true than we suggest to change it to Technique Score.

AUT - Question: difference between technical score and performance score?

Proposal:

1. average of the artistic score
2. average of the degree of difficulty
3. and last average of the performance score of the technical score

AUT - 742.3. In case of equality a tie, the higher mark from the ~~Test 1 last test of the first round~~ will decide. If still tied, the artistic score of the last test will decide, then the technical score for difficulty and last the performance score. Remark: The Technical Score include the Performance Score.

FEI feedback

The VTC realise that it was a typo and meant to be the Technique score instead of Technical score – to be changed in the proposed wording.

Proposed Final Wording

In case of a tie, the higher mark from the last test will decide. If still tied, the artistic score of the last test will decide, then the technique score and last the performance score

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Article 743 Rounds

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

New proposed category (see Article 701.6) + Clarification

Proposed Wording

		Round 1		
		Test 1	Test 2	Test 3
Young Vaulters	CVIY 2* Individual Competition Young Vaulters 3*	Individual Comp Test 3	Individual Young Vaulters Tech test	Individual Free Test

		Round 1			Qualification for 2nd round	Round 2	
		Test 1	Test 2			Test 3	Test 4
Junior	CVIJ 1* Individual Competition Junior 1*	Individual Comp Test 1	Individual Free Test		Offering 2nd round is optional - Number of starters according to the schedule	Individual Free test	-
	CVIJ 2* Individual Competition Junior 2*	Individual Comp Test 2	Individual Free Test		Offering 2nd round is optional - Number of starters according to the schedule	Individual Free Test 2	
	Championships Individual Competition Junior	Individual Comp Test 2	Individual Free Test		15 best Vaulters	Individual Comp Test 2	Individual Free Test

Comments received

NED - Young Vaulters, Round 1, Test 1. This means the young vaulter has to perform First part of flank, push off to the inside, to Flank 2nd part! Our proposition in the 2* is, the vaulter will swing off to the outside from the seat astride. And we also would suggest two formats (A and B).

ITA - Art. 743 Rounds - Format A/B also for Young Vaulters?

SVK - New CVIY2* were added. As they have same compulsory as CVI3* we recommend to change a name to CVIY3* and also that this competition will have possibility to have Format A and Format B as CVI3*. The intention is that Young vaulters may run in together with senior vaulters.

AUT - Question: why can I not offer format A or B for young vaulters as well, like we do for Seniors?

FEI feedback

The VTC agree to change the proposed Compulsory test 3 to Compulsory test 2 for the CVIY2*.

Proposed Final Wording

		Round 1		
		Test 1	Test 2	Test 3
Young Vaulters	CVIY 2* Individual Competition Young Vaulters 2*	Individual Comp Test 2	Individual Young Vaulters Tech test	Individual Free Test

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Article 745 Individual Free Tests
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:</p> <p>New time limit proposed for CVI3* and Championships following the experience in the FEI Vaulting World Cup.</p>
Proposed Wording
<p>Time Limit: 1 minute <u>except for CVI3* and Senior Championships where the time limit is 1 minute 10 seconds.</u></p>
Comments received
<p>NED - What is the reason that the time limit for the Free Test in a CVI3* competition is the same as the time limit in the World Cup? At a World Cup there is only the Free test and at a CVI there are also the compulsory and technical test. Is this time limit fair? Why should this time limit be the same?</p> <p>745.1 The freestyle of 1m10 for 3* individual vaulters automatically creates a higher technical score and higher chances on artistic score. Will we not end up again with the same issue of dismounts in a few years? Why wouldn't you try in some competitions to keep the one minute freestyle, but to change the percentages in the technical score? In the lower classes you have no level of difficulty that counts for the technical score. There you work with a technical score of 30% and 70%. So on the highest level of vaulting why would you not work with a 40% and 60%? This seems to us as a logical step.</p> <p>ITA - Art. 745.1. Time limit individual Free Test: 1 minute 10 seconds for CVI3* and Championships: can result too much for the horse if we allow in Art. 711.4. (max starting possibilities per horse per event) 6 vaulters (or squad plus 2 vaulters and so on) on a horse!! Horse Welfare!</p> <p>AUT - Question: Why was that change? What problem did we have with 1 minute for Sr. Freestyle, I am not aware of any issues. The potential hope that the time will be used for music interpretation is wrong as strategically the vaulter has to invest into more exercises as that will uplift his degree of difficulty and the number of exercises. The higher technical score has more values than the marginal higher artistic score which the vaulter might not even get as it more un-predictable based on the taste of the judge.</p> <p>It is against the welfare of the horse as the canter time will be increased a lot. As per rule I would be able to put 6 individuals on a horse which means 1 minute more canter (which will be the same or doubled if we do that for the TT as well) in a competition and a factor more in training.</p> <p>Even if we say we do not see 6 vaulter on horse that often, it is still allowed, if I take the average what we see which is probably 3 to 4, it is still nearly 40 seconds more canter. Which poses the question again: What for?</p> <p>DEN - Proposal: longer time for 3* individual free test. Denmark opposes this proposal. The 3* senior vaulters are already able to fit up to 20 exercises into a free test with beautiful composition and music interpretation as we have just seen at the Championships in Ermelo. 10 extra seconds will in our opinion not add value to this, but rather put more pressure on both the horses and the vaulters. We are not testing stamina but technique and artistry. We have heard the argument that this works well for the World Cup, because it gives the</p>

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vaulters more time for artistic expression, but in our opinion this is only because the vaulters keep their existing freestyle and use the extra seconds for music. If the extended time becomes the normal length, then the vaulters will use the extra 10 seconds to cramp in even more moves and still run out of time.

Additional comments:

If this proposal is passed, then please reassess the horse points for 3* seniors for the welfare of our horses.

If this proposal is an attempt to spread out the top vaulters, this can be done in other ways, e.g. by changing how we calculate DOD (more R's for a 10? Or more counting exercises?).

FEI feedback

Based on the comments received, the majority of the VTC agree to postpone this addition of 10 seconds as it seems that the implication of 10 more seconds will affect various aspects of the Sport. The athlete representative for Vaulting was surprised to see the NFs comments as she received only positive feedbacks from athletes.

Proposed Final Wording

Wording remains as in FEI Vaulting Rules 2019.

Article 746 Individual Technical Tests

Explanation for Proposed Change

Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:

New Category (see article 701)

Proposed Wording

1.1 Individual Technical Test (Young Vaultler)

The Technical Test consists of any three of the five technical exercises and additional freestyle exercises chosen by the Vaultler. The Technical exercises may be shown in any order. Only the first three technical exercises shown will be scored. Any other technical exercises shown after the first three will be scored as additional freestyle exercises.

1. Time Limit: 1 minute **10 seconds for Senior Vaultler 3***

~~2.~~ Time Limit: 1 minute for Young Vaultler 3*

Comments received

NED - 746.7. States Time Limit: 1 minute for Young Vaultler 3*, isn't this supposed to be Young Vaultler 2*? Why is there a time difference between the Young Vaultler and Senior Vaultler? We propose this should be the same for both. The Time Limit of 1 minute 10 seconds for the technical test is fine because of the compulsory part.

POL - Principally it's a very good idea to score only three of five technical exercises, however if the YV would like to get technical score also for another two technical exercises he/she should prepare two or more technical programs for showing three other technical elements on the beginning. Time Limit: 1 minute **10 seconds for Young Vaultler 3***.

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The most difficult thing by execution of the Technical Test is the combination between the difficulties of the technical elements/exercises and fulfill the criteria of the artistic score, especially complexity, originality and connectivity by execution of technical test. For the Vaulters who are not fit enough in performance of the technical exercises it is the greatest problem. In our opinion the time limit of 1 minute 10 seconds will be helpful for both: execution of technical elements and make possible to get better artistic score.

ITA - 746.1.1. Individual Technical Test Young Vaulters

How will this work for the scoring office? We do not know in advance which exercises the vaulter shows. New score sheet? Probably the same difficulty for the artistic judge.

AUT - Question: What is the reason to increase the time in a TT. It is already a high demand for a horse and vaulter. It is a decision against the well fare of the horse to gain maybe a slightly higher artistic score which is not even given. Again we are not adding just 10 seconds, we are adding 10 seconds per vaulter and on a normal CVI we can see more than one 3* vaulter on a horse, so it can be up to 40 or as allowed per rules up to 60 seconds more (although that might be theoretically)

According Time limit 1:10 in general - Perhaps it could be a compromise to only increase the TT (not so many national Vaulters do TT and Vaulters could have the benefit to repeat one Tech exercise) but leave Free Test at 1:00.

746.1.1. Individual Technical Test (Young Vaulters): The Technical Test consists of any three of the five technical exercises and additional freestyle exercises chosen by the Vaulter. The Technical exercises may be shown in any order. Only the first three technical exercises shown will be scored. Any other technical exercises shown after the first three will be scored as additional freestyle exercises.

DEN - Denmark opposes this proposal with the same argument as above.

In addition to the above arguments, changes were already made to address the time used for the tech exercises with the new rule of only 2 canter strides in two of the exercises, and there has not been adequate time to assess the effect of this change. In our opinion, making additional changes would be hasty. If the committee finds that time is still an issue in tech test, we could consider having static technical exercises be only 3 canter strides or having only 4 tech exercises.

FEI feedback

Time limit - Same FEI Feedback as for article 745.

Composition of Technical exercises for Young Vaulter – the judges will score the first four (4) sequences show in a similar way as currently judged in the 3* Technical Test (clarification and details will be outlined in the 2020 FEI Vaulting Guidelines).

Proposed Final Wording

Time limit - Wording remains as in FEI Vaulting Rules 2019.

The wording about the composition of the Technical exercises for Young Vaulter remains as in proposal above.

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Article 747.3 Scoring Individual Competition
Explanation for Proposed Change
Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:
This is described in the guidelines and so can be removed from the rules.
Proposed Wording
Individual Technical Test
Mark for the "Horse" Two marks for the "Exercises" The scores for the Technical Exercises (83.3%) and the score for the performance of additional exercises (16.7%) are added. The sum of these scores is divided by six. Mark for the "Artistic"
Comments received
No comments received
FEI feedback
N/A
Proposed Final Wording
Wording remains as in proposal above.

Article 747.4 Scoring Individual Competition
Explanation for Proposed Change
Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:
New Category (see article 701)
Proposed Wording
1. Technique Score
In CVI1* Competitions (Children, Junior and Senior) the Technique Score represents only the Performance of the Free Style Exercises.
In CVI2* and higher Competitions (Children, Junior, <u>Young Vaulters</u> and Senior), the Technique Score is divided into the Performance (70%) and the Difficulty (30%).
Comments received
No comments received
FEI feedback
N/A
Proposed Final Wording
Wording remains as in proposal above.

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Article 748.5 Final Score - Individual Competition					
Explanation for Proposed Change					
Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:					
Clarification and in line with other categories.					
Proposed Wording					
In case of a tie, the higher mark from the last test will decide. If still tied, the artistic score of the last test will decide, then the technical score and last the performance score.					
Comments received					
<p>ITA - Art. 742.3 & 748.5. & 753.3 - Final Scores squad/individual/PDD Difference between "technical score "and" performance score "means: Technical score = DOD 30% with performance 70%, performance score = only the performance (deductions divided by number of exercises) score?</p> <p>SVK - In the text is mention technical score, but our rules doesn't recognize word "technical" except Technical test. If we understand it good, it was meant to be Technique score (DOD + Performance). If we it is true than we suggest to change it to Technique Score.</p>					
FEI feedback					
The VTC realise that it was a typo and meant to be the Technique score instead of Technical score – to be changed in the proposed wording.					
Proposed Final Wording					
In case of a tie, the higher mark from the last test will decide. If still tied, the artistic score of the last test will decide, then the <u>technique</u> score and last the performance score.					
Article 749.3 Pas-de-Deux Competition					
Explanation for Proposed Change					
Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:					
For clarification.					
Proposed Wording					
		Round 1		Qualification for 2nd round	Round 2
		Test 1	Test 2		Test 2
Senior	CVI 1* Pas-de-Deux Competition Senior 1*	PdD Comp Test	PdD Free Test <u>12</u>	No 2nd round	no
	CVI 2* Pas-de-Deux Competition Senior 2*	PdD Free Test <u>21</u>	no	Number of starters according to the schedule	PdD Free Test <u>12</u>

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		CVI 3*	PdD Free Test 2	no	<i>Number of starters according to the schedule</i>	PdD Free Test 2
		Championships Pas-de-Deux Competition Senior	PdD Free Test 2	no	<i>15 best Pas-de-Deux</i>	PdD Free Test 2
Comments received						
No comments received						
FEI feedback						
N/A						
Proposed Final Wording						
Wording remains as in proposal above.						

Article 751.2 – Pas-de-Deux Free Test		
Explanation for Proposed Change		
Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:		
For clarification.		
Proposed Wording		
Time Limit:		
-	Pas-de-Deux Free Test 1— Juniors	1 1/2 minutes
-	Pas-de-Deux Free Test 2— Seniors	2 minutes
Comments received		
No comments received		
FEI feedback		
N/A		
Proposed Final Wording		
Wording remains as in proposal above.		

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Article 752.5.2 + 5.3– Scoring Pas-de-Deux Competitions																		
Explanation for Proposed Change																		
Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:																		
For clarification.																		
Proposed Wording																		
<p>2. Free Test 1 –Juniors</p> <p>Only the 10 exercises with the highest degree of difficulty will be scored as follows:</p> <table> <tbody> <tr> <td>Difficult exercises</td> <td>(D)</td> <td>1.0 points</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Medium exercises</td> <td>(M)</td> <td>0.5 points</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Easy exercises</td> <td>(E)</td> <td>0.0 points</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>For scoring criteria see Guidelines</p> <p>3. Free Test 2 –Seniors</p> <p>Only the 13 exercises with the highest degree of difficulty will be scored as follows:</p> <table> <tbody> <tr> <td>Difficult exercises</td> <td>(D)</td> <td>0.8 points</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Medium exercises</td> <td>(M)</td> <td>0.4 points</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Easy exercises</td> <td>(E)</td> <td>0.0 points</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>For scoring criteria see Guidelines</p>	Difficult exercises	(D)	1.0 points	Medium exercises	(M)	0.5 points	Easy exercises	(E)	0.0 points	Difficult exercises	(D)	0.8 points	Medium exercises	(M)	0.4 points	Easy exercises	(E)	0.0 points
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Comments received																		
No comments received																		
FEI feedback																		
N/A																		
Proposed Final Wording																		
Wording remains as in proposal above.																		

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Article 753 Final Score – Pas-de-Deux Competition
Explanation for Proposed Change
Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:
For clarification and in line with other categories.
Proposed Wording
<i>In case of a tie, the higher mark from the last test will decide. If still tied, the artistic score of the last test will decide, then the technical score and last the performance score.</i>
Comments received
<p>NED - Article 753.5.2 Scoring Pas-de-Deux Competitions - 752.5.3. Free Test 2. Is the scoring correct? 13×0.8 points = 10.4?</p> <p>ITA - Art. 742.3 & 748.5. & 753.3 - Final Scores squad/individual/PDD Difference between "technical score "and" performance score "means: Technical score = DOD 30% with performance 70%, performance score = only the performance (deductions divided by number of exercises) score?</p> <p>SVK - In the text is mention technical score, but our rules doesn't recognize word "technical" except Technical test. If we understand it good, it was meant to be Technique score (DOD + Performance). If we it is true than we suggest to change it to Technique Score.</p>
FEI feedback
The VTC realise that it was a typo and meant to be the Technique score instead of Technical score – to be changed in the proposed wording.
Proposed Final Wording
<i>In case of a tie, the higher mark from the last test will decide. If still tied, the artistic score of the last test will decide, then the <u>technique</u> score and last the performance score.</i>

Annex 1 Permitted Bits
Explanation for Proposed Change
Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:
The VTC decided that snaffle bits are bits with no leverage, so Hanging cheeks would not be allowed.
Proposed Wording
Hanging cheek snaffle
Comments received
AUS - Is it possible to clarify the reasoning behind the removal of this bit?
FEI feedback
Hanging cheek snaffle cannot be used properly on the luge.
Proposed Final Wording
Wording remains as in proposal above.

Annex 4 Definitions
Explanation for Proposed Change
<p>Proposal from the Technical Committee for the following reason:</p> <p>For clarification</p> <p>This is described in the guidelines</p>
Proposed Wording
<p>Event Categories: include CVI3*, 2* and 1*; <u>CVIY2*</u>; CVIJ2* and 1* and CVICh2* and 1*</p> <p>Round: a Round consists of one or two<u>three</u> Tests</p> <p>Test: Compulsory, free style or Technical test with a specific set of movements each Test receives four scores with equal value according to the special demands of the test.</p>
Comments received
<p>NED - Round. It states that a round consists of one or three Tests. But there are groups with 2 tests per round? The Compulsory and Free test. We need a description of the "arena" to avoid issues like there were on the FEI Championships in Aachen in 2015. Would it also be useful to add a definition of "hors concours"?</p> <p>SVK - If you decide to change a name category to CVIY3* it need to be changed here as well.</p> <p>AUT - Annex 4 – Round: a Round consists of <u>one, two or three</u> Tests.</p> <p>AUT - Annex 4 – Test - Compulsory, free-style <u>Free Test</u> or Technical Test with a specific set of movements. each Test receives four scores with equal value according to the special demands of the test.</p>
FEI feedback
<p>The VTC agree to review the definition of a Round. Hors Concours is defined in the FEI General Regulations.</p>
Proposed Final Wording
<p>Round: a Round consists of one <u>or more</u> Tests.</p>

Comments/proposals not considered for the 2020 Rules Revision

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 [here](#)), are not considered for the 2020 Rules Revision.

Article 701 – Events and competition

Comments received

SVK - We don't see a value of having Squads divided in to Senior 1*, 2*, 3 and Juniors 1*, 2*. Squads don't need any qualification to compete at FEI Championships therefore they do not need to go through qualification process and they may enter to any class at CVI they want. This kind of classes only make it less understandable for public and is demanding for organisers as well.

Proposal - To scratch categories Squad 1*, 2*, 3* and Junior Squad 1*, 2* and have only Junior and Senior squad with compulsory 2 for Junior squad and compulsory 3 for senior squads.

Article 701.10.7 - Nations Team competition format

Comments received

AUT - changing the execution of the Nations Team Competition. First all first Individual, then all second Individual and at last all Squads. This would be more exciting for spectators, because the leader board would change very often. It's easier for the Vaulters, horses and Lungers, starting twice and it is also to avoid injuries, when vaulters have more time for regeneration between individual test and free test.

I organize the Nations Team competition in this way at the CVIO Ebreichsdorf and have only positive from vaulters and judges.

The actual execution is due to the CVI Aachen. But Aachen has to regard for the TV, who wants the best teams compacted at the final. And for judges it is quite more difficult to switch between individuals and teams, especially by judging the Artistic score.

ITA - We would like to see a format similar to the Show Jumping Format:

- 1st to go: first individual of **each nation**
- 2nd to go: second individual of **each nation**
- 3rd to go: squad/Pdd of **each nation**

This will make for a more exciting build up to the competition.

DEN - **Denmark would like to propose a change to the Nations Team format.**

The Nations Team (NT) is a great addition to the senior vaulting championships, but Denmark has the following concerns about the current format of the competition:

- in the current format many vaulters and trainers are expressing concerns about whether the vaulters competing inside and outside of NT are competing under the same conditions, when the rounds are separated. Potentially the arena will be different: more intense

atmosphere in the NT, weather with different temperature, and the judges will have switched back and forth between categories (indv/squad). As we have seen at the championships even very small shifts in scores can change medals, when the results are so close. We do not wish to question the competences of our judges, but even if the vaulters' concerns regarding the judging or arena conditions are not justified, the appearance of a potential problem is enough to warrant a re-think in our opinion.

- in the current format the smaller nations may not have a choice not to use the same vaulters both in squad and individuals, which leaves the vaulters with very little time to adjust between performances. This may affect their performances in both, and at present the NT test counts in the overall championship for both individuals and squad. For the same reason, the best nations may choose to not enter their best NT combination to spare their vaulters. Both last year and this year there were delays in the programme for vaulters to get changed, and that stress is not good preparation for a top performance.

Proposal:

- All vaulters of the same category divided into individual female/individual male/squad should compete at the same time with non-NT and NT competitive units intermixed like in the dressage NT to ensure equal conditions for all vaulters competing for the same championship category.

- The starting order for all categories could be by Nation and could be based on the combined compulsory score of the 2 top individual vaulters (male or female) and the squad. If a nation does not have 2 individuals and 1 squad, then the combined score of the available competitive units is used. Nations that do not have a full 2+1 combination will simply not count in the NT competition, but their scores will still determine their starting place.

- The individual vaulters should be divided into male / female category. Overall starting order should still be by nation and determined by the combined compulsory score. The vaulters in each category should compete in a rotation where each nation starts with their vaulter #3 based on their individual compulsories (lowest first). After #3 vaulters from all nations have done their free tests, the next round will be all #2 vaulters, and then all #1 vaulters. If a nation e.g. only has 1 female, then she should go in the last rotation as their #1 vaulter. This will mean that the excitement keeps growing as the score board and placings keep changing – *live* Nations Team scoreboard should be available online similar to other disciplines. After the first category have completed their free tests, then the other gender will compete following the same system, and finally the squads. The squads should also go in the order of the combined compulsories, and by the end of the squads the Nations Team will be decided.

- *An additional proposal:* All individuals could be automatically entered, and the top 2 could count in the final score irrespective of gender. Thus there would be no need for NFs to select which individual vaulters are counted, and thus the truly best Nations Teams on the day would win the medals. But the current system of selecting the members of the team is also a possibility in the proposal described above – this is the current system for other disciplines, and it also adds excitement when faults creep in.

2 - Suggestion for Championship format addition – individual overall champion + individual freestyle champion (NEW)

Denmark would like to propose that we expand our classes for individuals (inspired by gymnastics and dressage) with 1 – Nations Team Championship, 2 – Overall Championship (comp+free+tech), and 3 NEW – a second final Freestyle Championship competition with only the free test (like the gymnastic discipline finals or the dressage final freestyle to music).

- Previous scores will be scratched for the freestyle final.
- Our individual vaulters already do 2 freestyles, so it would not change the demands on the vaulters or horses, but it would reward the best overall athlete and then also the best freestyle athlete. This could be the same vaulter, but we have seen several times that this is often not the case.

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This could also open up the possibility to allow more vaulters to complete the overall round (all or perhaps max. 20 or 25 go through to the tech test), and then still limit the freestyle championship to top 15.

- It would mean that we would have a medal ceremony on three out of four days at Senior Championships: day 1 compulsories for ranking and to familiarize the horses with the arena, day 2 Nations Team Championship (medal), day 3 Overall Championship (medal), and day 4 Freestyle Championship (medal).
- The same format would be possible for Y21, if this age category becomes a Championship category, and maybe also squad.
- An additional benefit of this proposal would be that the Senior Individuals Overall Championship format would be identical to the number of tests the vaulters have qualified with. In the current format, there is an advantage at Championships to vaulters with a stronger free test, since this counts twice, while the qualification competitions only have one freestyle.

Article 701.11.1 and 701.11.2 - Events

Comments received

AUT - The Official Teams should be added.

Article 702.1 - Age of Vaulters

Comments received

NED - Proposed is to set the age of the Young Vaulters - Individual Competition - to 16-21 years old. This means it is allowed for 16 -18 year old vaulters to start in the three different categories, Junior, Young and Senior competition? We are proposing to change the age of the senior vaulter to 18 and up. Further there is no minimum age stated for teams. Our proposal is for the Junior Teams a minimum age of six years old. Senior Teams we propose a minimum age of 10 years old.

Article 702.2 - Starting possibilities

Comments received

NED - It is not clear in this part that this rule is only applicable when the vaulter does not yet qualify to start in a 2* competition before the competition itself starts.

SVK - We are proposing that also junior vaulter who starts at Junior championships may start also in senior PDD at the Senior Championships.

Proposed wording: However, and notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the GRs, a Vaulter competing in a Junior Individual Championship class may compete in a Senior Squad Championship class or in Senior Pas De Deux Championship class in a same calendar year (this possibility is the only exception to the rule). At Junior and Senior Championships held concurrently, such Vaulter may only compete twice in total. In Junior and Senior championships held separately, the participation of such Vaulter in the Senior Championships is strictly limited to the Squad of his Nation.

DEN - Juniors in senior squads also possible in senior PDD

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A couple of years ago, we were successful in getting an exemption for vaulting in the general regulations so that junior individuals can compete with a senior team. We would like to propose that the committee applies to the FEI GA to have this exemption expanded to include PdD, so that junior vaulters may compete in senior PdD and still also in their own individual category. The overall limit for juniors of only competing in two competitions should remain. If this requires a specific application from the NFs in addition to this list, please let us know and we will submit one.

Denmark would like to propose that the rule regarding junior individuals being able to compete in senior squad be expanded to include senior PdD.

Article 705 – Entries

Comments received

DEN - Grooms – number of accreditations at Championships

Denmark would like to propose that the number of accreditations for grooms is increased to 1 groom for each horse.

- It is important – especially at Championships where the horses must perform at their absolute best – that they are looked after by someone they know and trust. Putting the horse in an unfamiliar environment with the added stress of the intensity of the competition and then denying them their own groom does not make sense from a horse welfare perspective. In dressage 1 groom/horse is allowed. In show jumping 1 groom/2 horses is allowed, but most show jumpers bring more than one horse, so the horses will still be handled by a person they know. As a discipline we closer resemble dressage, and thus we propose 1 groom/horse.
- If OCs struggle with groom accommodation on site for the extra grooms, then the limit can be that only 1 groom per 3 horses is guaranteed accommodation on site, and remaining grooms will be accommodated off-site.

Article 706 – Declaration of Starters

Comments received

DEN - Should there be a fee or warning if starters are not declared before the deadline set by the OC at any event? We often waste a lot of time at the chef d'équipe meetings trying to sort out changes in starters because they were not declared.

Article 708.5.4 –

Comments received

AUT - 708.5.4. At CVIO ~~Nation's Official~~ Team Competition: the starting order in the last test will be the reverse order of the results of the **preceding** test of the Squad or Pas-de-deux (as applicable).

This rule is not applicable. There could not be a change in the starting order between the individuals and the Squad or Pas-de-deux.

FEI Comment: necessity of clarification will be discussed for the next Rules revision

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Article 707 – Substitutions**Comments received**

SVK - In regards of clarity, especially at Championship, we recommend to mention that substitution one hour before competition apply to respective competition and not whole event. For example: Female senior competition starts on 8am, they may substitute at 7am at the latest, Male senior competition starts at 11am, so they may substitute at 10am at the latest. If the intention of this rule was to apply to the whole event than the word "Competition" should be changed to Event. See Annex 4 - Definition: Event: a complete meeting, "show", "Championship" or "Games". Events may be organised for one or more than one discipline. Competition: Refers to each individual class in which Athletes are placed in an order of merit and for which prizes may be awarded.

Any such substitution(s) must be reported immediately to the OC who must report it to Technical delegate (TD) or if there is no TD function at the event to Foreign Judge (FJ). TD or FJ must approve the change.

FEI Comments: each category has its own Medals, so substitutions should be considered separately for each competition which is as stated in the Rules.

Article 711.4 – General**Comments received**

DEN - Number of individual starts in one run-in. Currently it is possible to run in with 6 individual vaulters. For free test this would mean approx. 16 minutes on the circle with side-reins on if there are no interruptions + run in + trot round + run out for the horse. That far exceeds the max. 10 minutes rule from the stewards guidelines.

• **Denmark would like to propose that the committee considers placing a max. of vaulters per run-in of 3 or 4.**

Article 719 - Equipment of the Vaulting Horse**Comments received**

ITA - Please define clearly the use of Cavezzon! This is not specified clearly anywhere.

DEN - Equipment (bridle/bit) used for riding/training/warm up/horse inspection at an official FEI event. The bridles and bits used for all activities at the show grounds should comply with the vaulting rules – not just in the main competition arena.

FEI Comment: the warm-up arena includes all of the arenas on the showground.

Article 723.5.8 – Chef Steward**Comments received**

SVK - Based on experiences from the CVIs and Championships during 2018 and 2019 we recommend to add a minimum number of stewards.

Proposed wording: CVIs: One steward (including Chef steward) for each used arena + 1 reserve. Example: main arena+last warm up = 1 steward, additional inside warm up arena = 1 steward, outside arena = 1 steward. If there are any additional inside/outside arenas there must be 1 steward for each arena. Plus one reserve so the steward team is able to rotate while each steward has at least one break during the day. Based on this model for

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most of the CVIs we would need 4 to 5 stewards including Chef steward. Championships: Same model as above, but 2 stewards for each arena + 1 reserve as the stewards must have also night shifts in stables (if it is not organized by Veterinarian stewards). That means 8 to 10 stewards for championships.

Article 723.10.3 – Ground Jury

Comments received

DEN - Fitness to compete assessment of the vaulters

Thank you for addressing this. We believe that this needs to be expanded even further.

On several occasions we have seen vaulters in the arena that may not be fit to compete either due to a current injury or due to an incident during the performance. How do we address this? We believe that we need better and more consistent procedures for handling these cases both outside and inside the arena.

- if a vaulter is clearly not fit to compete in the warm-up area, should the same procedure go into action as for the horses, that the stewards alert the President of the ground jury?
- if a vaulter is injured during the performance, what should be the procedure? Where do we draw the line, so that we do not have injured vaulters continuing and potentially doing irreparable damage as well as sending a less desirable image of our sport? Is there a difference between Children, Juniors and Seniors?
- head injuries: if a vaulter falls and we have even the slightest concern that they hit their head, we should have a standard procedure in place, so that we do not see any vaulters with a potential head injury getting back on the horse. The vaulters themselves or their lunger should not be making that decision, and Judge at A should have a standard procedure to follow.

An additional question: What about the fitness to compete for lungers? What are our requirements? How agile should the lunger be, and who should make that decision? Again, we need clearer definitions

Article 743 – Rounds

Comments received

DEN - *More (female) vaulters through to the final.* Our sport is growing especially in the female junior category, which currently means that a small percentage of the female vaulters qualify for the finals, while almost all male vaulters go through.

- **Denmark would like to propose that the committee considers qualification for finals based on percentages, so that the top 50 or 65 % go through to the finals, but with max. 20 finalists at World Championships and max. 15 finalists at European Championships.**

- This would expand the field of female juniors in a year like 2019, while maintaining some control over the number of starts in the final rounds for the OC. The additional number of competitors in World's compared to European's is reflected in the number of finalists.

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Article 737.5**Comments received**

AUT - 737.5. The scoring office must have copies of the test sheets available for a period of one year. Question: This rule means the scoring office must copy up to 3000 score sheets.

NEW PROPOSALS**Comments received**

DEN - Presentation of final scores as percentages instead of points to align with dressage
There are few 'aesthetic' horse disciplines in FEI. In dressage they report results as percentages, since their tests have varied amounts of available points. We realise that vaulting is different, in that all our tests are essentially scored as a percentage, since the max. points is 10, but we find scores as percentages very intuitive.

- **Denmark would like to propose that an alignment of score reporting may make it easier for non-vaulting people to relate to our results.** This would expand the field of female juniors in a year like 2019, while maintaining some control over the number of starts in the final rounds for the OC. The additional number of competitors in World's compared to European's is reflected in the number of finalists.

DEN - Re-introduction of ground jump in compulsories. In recent years we have not had ground jumps in the compulsories, but we have them as a required structure group in the free test to both sides.

- We see a lot of ground jumps both in squad, PdD and individual that are not timed with the horse's canter causing marked stress on the horses. For freestyle the ground jumps are often very difficult.

- **Denmark would like to propose that we re-introduce the simple ground jump in the compulsories, so that the vaulters will learn better timing early on.**